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Exercise Constant Vigilance 2010



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Above: Navy corpsman with U.S. Naval Hospital Okinawa wear mission oriented protective posture gear while assessing simulated wounded during a mock mass casualty exercise in support of Constant Vigilance 2010 on Camp Lester May 14. This is an annual week-long exercise conducted on all Marine Corps Bases Japan camps to test emergency response capabilities. Photo by Lance Cpl. Donminic L. Young, Combat Camera Left: Lance Cpl. Alfredo Basile, a mock victim during the May 14 mock shooter scenario at the Camp Courtney commissary, receives medical attention from two paramedics as part of the exercise. Photo by Lance Cpl. J Nava

9th ESB departs in support of Operation Enduring Freedom

Lance Cpl. Anthony Ward Jr.
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CAMP HANSEN — Marines with 9th Engineer Support Battalion, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force, drew weapons and said their goodbyes before heading to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom May 9.

The Marines gathered at the 9th ESB armory to collect their respective weapons, perform function checks and prepare to go to war.

"I am very excited. We are going to go do good things for the Marine Corps and Afghanistan," said Lance Cpl. Cody Charpentier, a logistics vehicle system operator with 9th ESB. "Providing freedom and

improving the standard of living in Afghanistan will be very rewarding."

"Training builds character, and to be deployed with the people I work with is a good thing," said Charpentier, deploying for the first time. "I know the Marine to the left and right of me and trust them with my life."

The battalion will be more than 440 Marines strong in Afghanistan with the addition of this group of more than 140 Marines, 1st Sgt. Walda Collins, company first sergeant for headquarters and service company, 9th ESB.

"Morale is high among these Marines," Collins said.

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Franklin awarded

Lance Cpl. Abigail M. Wharton
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CAMP COURTNEY — Staff Sgt. Latisha S. Franklin, mess chief, Headquarters Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force, was named food service specialist of the year for 2010.

The award is part of the Maj. Gen. W.P.T. Hill Memorial Awards Program for Food Service Excellence.

Franklin enlisted in the
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Spice brings trouble

Lance Cpl. Tyler C. Vernaza

Marines, there are too many opportunities for us to make mistakes that could damage relationships with our peers or end our career. Don't let something as insignificant as spice compromise your ability to be a part of the world's greatest fighting force.

The Marine Corps is based upon tradition and values. Marines are dedicated to mission readiness and the use, possession and distribution of substances like spice hinders the ability to be "always ready."

Substances and drugs that inhibit mental capabilities do not allow a Marine to grow as an individual or to set the example of what a Marine stands for to his or her superiors and subordinates.

According to Training and Education Order 5800, Training and Education Command in Quantico, Va., in high doses, spice and substances with similar effects can cause unconsciousness and short-term memory loss.

According to the Microgram Bulletin published by The Drug Enforcement Administration, Spice contains synthetic cannabinoid and cannabinoid mimic compounds hundreds of times more potent than tetrahydrocannabinol – the active ingredient in marijuana.

The use of spice can also lead to legal trouble.

Marine Corps Bases Japan Order 5355.1 prohibits all service members and status of forces personnel living or working on MCBJ from owning, selling, using or distributing substances "which are intended to produce a psychotropic 'high' when ingested or smoked."

This order includes spice, according to Chief Warrent Officer Timothy Dechicchis, MCB Camp Butler legal administrative officer.

Marines who possess, sell, use or distribute spice can be charged under article 92 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice of failure to obey an order or regulation and could potentially be administratively separated, Dechicchis said.

A Marine should always be on top of their game. The health and fitness of myself and the Marines I work with is a top priority.

How am I going to make sure my fellow Marines are safe and able to protect the welfare of others if they are out in town ingesting substances proven to cause hallucinations, changes in perception, loss of coordination and distortions of reality?

Well – I very well can't. So the responsibility falls on the individual and the group to keep each other accountable, safe, and physically and mentally ready to carry out any and every mission.

Vernaza is a combat correspondent with the Okinawa Marine.

This Week in History

U.S. MARINE CORPS HISTORY DIVISION

May 22, 1912- 1st Lt. Alfred A. Cunningham, the first Marine officer to be assigned to "duty in connection with aviation," reported for aviation training at the Naval Aviation Camp at Annapolis, Md., and Marine aviation had its official beginning.

May 23, 1988- The V-22 Osprey, the world's first production tilt-rotor aircraft, made its debut during rollout ceremonies at Bell Helicopter Textron's Arlington, Texas, facility. More than 1,000 representatives from the military, industry and media, gathered to hear various speakers, including Gen. Alfred Gray, Commandant of the Marine Corps, praise the versatile rotor craft designed to meet the needs of 21st Century battlefields.

May 26, 1969- Operation Pipestone Canyon began when the 1st Battalion, 26th Marine Regiment, and 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines, began sweeps in the Dodge City/Go Noi areas southwest of Da Nang, Vietnam. It terminated at the end of June with 610 enemy killed in action at a cost of 34 Marines killed.

May 27, 1917- President Woodrow Wilson directs the Commandant of the Marine Corps to order the 5th Marine Regiment to France during World War I.

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TYPHOON

Preparedness

READINESS LEVELS

Military installations use a system of nine typhoon readiness levels called Tropical Cyclone Conditions of Readiness, commonly displayed as TCCOR levels, to inform personnel of the current typhoon threat and actions they should take. The conditions are:

TCCOR 4

Destructive winds of 50 knots or greater are possible within 72 hours.

- Stock up on food, bottled water, flashlights, candles and other typhoon supplies.
- Secure items inside before going on leave or on temporary duty.

TCCOR 3

Destructive winds of 50 knots or greater are possible within 48 hours.

- Inventory all supplies.
- Prepare and fill water containers.
- Select the most centralized room in the house for a living area during the storm.
- Fill privately owned vehicle gas tanks.
- Pre-position emergency rations and supplies.
- Initiate a general clean-up around residence and office. Remove all loose items outside and secure them. Civil engineers usually travel throughout the base to ensure items such as playground equipment are put away or secured, but this requires cooperation from base residents.

TCCOR 2

Destructive winds of 50 knots or greater are anticipated within 24 hours.

- Continue to monitor storm progress.
- Locate all utility shut-off points and prepare for immediate shut-off if necessary.
- Re-check outside areas for loose items. Housing residents are responsible for securing their quarters and all items outside the home. Some of these items include outdoor toys, bicycles, barbecue grills, trash cans, tables, chairs, etc. Residents in towers also need to bring items from the balconies inside.

TCCOR 1

Destructive winds of 50 knots or greater are anticipated within 12 hours.

- Fill bathtub with water for sanitation needs during the storm.
- Move high-value items to a central point in quarters to prevent damage.
- Check emergency lights and flashlights.
- Limit outside activities.
- Continue to monitor storm progress.
- If a fire hazard exists or power fails, turn off electricity, water and gas until power returns.
- No school for Department of Defense Dependent Schools. Children will return home or remain at home.
- Refuse collection services stop. Occupants must secure their own garbage, trash cans and bulk items until "All Clear."
- Alcohol consumption prohibited.

TCCOR 1 CAUTION

Destructive winds anticipated to reach 50 knots or more within 12 hours. Actual winds of 35 to 49 knots are occurring.

- Non-mission-essential people must remain indoors unless required at duty stations.
- Secure/sandbag exterior doors/windows.
- Turn off all non-essential electrical items.
- Discontinue outdoor activities except those in direct support of urgent military missions.
- The base exchange, commissary and all other AAFES facilities close.
- Alcohol consumption prohibited.

TCCOR 1 EMERGENCY

Destructive winds of 50 knots or greater are occurring.

- All outside activities are prohibited.
- Stay tuned to American Forces Network radio and television channels.
- Alcohol consumption prohibited.

TCCOR 1 RECOVERY

The base is no longer experiencing destructive winds of 50 knots or greater. Actual winds are 34 to 49 knots. Widespread damage and hazards may still exist.

- Non-essential functions remain closed.
- No outdoor activity is authorized other than workers from predesignated emergency crews.
- TCCOR 1 Recovery Mission-Essential passes, issued to only mission-essential agencies, must be in driver's possession.
- DoDDS schools remain closed.
- Alcohol consumption prohibited until command sounds normal liberty again.

STORM WATCH

The base is still experiencing the effects of the typhoon. Hazardous conditions may still exist due to storm damage.

- Commissary and PX will resume operations unless otherwise directed by the installation commander.
- Everyone will return to work within two hours from the time Storm Watch is declared unless otherwise instructed by their commander.
- DoDDS teachers and staff will return to work during normal work hours, but students will not report until "All Clear" unless otherwise instructed.
- Alcohol consumption prohibited.

ALL CLEAR

All clear is announced by each camp commanders as they declare hazards are cleared. However, be alert to possible damage and hazardous road conditions. DoDDS teachers, staff and students will return to school during normal hours.

Typhoon season here from June 1 - Nov. 30

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CAMP FOSTER — Typhoon season officially starts on Okinawa June 1 and continues through Nov. 30, requiring service members and their families here to take proper precautions.

"We keep the warnings at TCCOR level 4, to get people ready, and since we are subject to disaster from June until November," said Air Force Master Sgt. Kelly G. Gouly with the Operations Support Squadron, 18th Wing Weather Flight on Kadena Air Base, which monitors storm activity on Okinawa. "It's important to assure the people are prepared before the storm hits."

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Service members can monitor the TCCOR on Okinawa by calling 634-4081, logging on to <http://weather.kadenaforcesupport.com>, or viewing the AMC flight information television channel.

During typhoon conditions,

tune into American Forces Network Okinawa for up-to-date information, said Staff Sgt. Rachael Garneau, AFN Okinawa's news director.

Once Kadena Weather Flight establishes a typhoon in the area is imminent, 24-hour operations begin at AFN.

A Kadena Weather Flight representative comes to the station to provide current information. Word goes out live over wave 89.1 FM, and there are updates on surf 648 AM.

On AFN television, the current TCCOR level will appear on screen with the sea condition icon. For special closures or other emergency situations, announcements will scroll along the bottom of the screen.

Marine Corps Bases Japan/III Marine Expeditionary Force Order 1050.7, the Liberty Campaign Order, page 5-6, number 11, states consumption of alcohol is prohibited during Typhoon Conditions One, One Caution, One Emergency, and Storm Watch. This applies to all personnel in government housing and off-base residence, to include the barracks. Alcohol consumption will be allowed once the member's command sounds normal liberty again.

DISASTER KIT

The following disaster kit is based on recommendations from the National Hurricane Center.

BOTTLED WATER

At least one gallon daily per person for up to seven days.

FOOD

Stock enough food for at least seven days. Food should consist of non-perishable packaged or canned foods and juices and any special foods for infants or the elderly.

MISC. ITEMS

- Non-electric can opener
- Gas powered cooker with fuel
- Disposable plates and utensils
- Blankets and pillows
- Clothing to include rain gear and sturdy shoes
- First-aid kit
- Toiletries and hygiene items
- Flashlights and batteries

- Battery-operated radio
- Charged cell phone, extra battery
- Cash (dollars and yen)
- Credit Cards (Banks and bank teller machines may not be accessible)
- Prescriptions
- Towels, rags and mops
- Keys
- Books, games and toys
- Place important documents such as insurance papers, medical records, banking information and Social Security cards in a waterproof container

FOR THOSE WITH PETS

- Proper identification, immunization records and medications
- Ample food and water
- A carrier or cage
- A muzzle and leash

BRIEFS

JSVRO'S ROAD TAX COLLECTION SCHEDULE

- **Torii Station's Soldiers Center,**
May 21, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
- **Camp Hansen's The Palms,**
May 24, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
- **Camp Schwab's Camp Services Building,**
May 25, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

POST OFFICE HOURS FOR HOLIDAY WEEKEND

In observance of Memorial Day, the following are the hours of operation for base post offices:

May 29 - Parcel pick up will be open from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and retail service will be available from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

May 31 - Closed

June 1 - Parcel pick up will be open from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and retail service will be available from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Normal business hours will resume June 2.

For more information, call 637-0124.

DEPLOYED AUGMENTEE, FAMILY APPRECIATION

A family appreciation event is scheduled May 22 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at U.S. Naval Hospital Okinawa for all deployed augmentees, regardless of branch of service, and their families on Okinawa. Target audience for this event are any augmentees who have returned within the last 90 days from an augment deployment, is currently deployed on as an augment or who will be deployed on as an augment within the next 90 days. However, everyone is welcome to come out and show community appreciation to all augmentees and their families.

This event is free and open to all services. There will be hands-on activities, a taiko drumming performance, a dunk booth, face painting, bouncy castles, information and resources and much more.

For more information, call your unit family readiness point of contact or 645-7494/2106.

CREDO QUARTERLY SUICIDE AWARENESS & PREVENTION WORKSHOP FOR LEADERS

On June 9 from 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., the CREDO will host a Quarterly Suicide Awareness and Prevention Workshop for leaders at Camp Foster's Chapel Center, building 455. The workshop is for small unit leaders, E4-E6 and O1-O3. Leaders at all levels are welcome. Wear the uniform of the day. Sign-ups are by unit/attendee.

For further information or to sign up, call CREDO at 645-3041 or e-mail CREDO.MCBB.FCT@usmc.mil.

NEW SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

Effective for school year 2010-2011, the minimum immunization requirements now includes the second dose of the varicella vaccine. This includes students who use the school facilities for any activity, including the media centers, computer labs, extra curricular activities or any other activities or programs. Contact your child's school nurse for further information.

PATRIOT EXPRESS EARLY CHECK-IN SERVICE

Kadena's Air Mobility Command Passenger Terminal provides Early Check-In every Friday from 9 a.m.-10 p.m. for those passengers confirmed to fly out on the Patriot Express mission that departs on Saturday mornings. If you are checked in and have a boarding pass, you just need to show up at 6 a.m. for pre-boarding the day of departure.

For more information, call 634-0153/634-5806/632-6487.

TO SUBMIT A BRIEF, send an e-mail to okinawamarine.mcbb.fct@usmc.mil, or fax your request to 645-3803. The deadline for submitting a brief is noon every Friday. The Okinawa Marine reserves the right to edit all submitted material.



Shiro Gima, left, warehouse specialist, Lion Vallen Industries, Camp Schwab Individual Issue Facility, Consolidated Storage Program, processes gear being returned by Petty Officer 3rd Class Jesse Coddington, hospital corpsman, Combat Assault Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force, in the new IFF on Camp Schwab which hosted an open house Tuesday. Photo by Lance Cpl. Thomas W. Provost

Schwab IFF hosting open house

Lance Cpl. Abigail M. Wharton

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CAMP SCHWAB — The Individual Issue Facility, formerly called the Consolidated Issue Facility, hosted an open house Tuesday at building 1024 to showcase its new location.

"We wanted to announce where we are and get the word out since many people may not know we have relocated to a new site," said Glenn Brown Jr., Lion Vallen Industries site leader, Camp Schwab IIF, Consolidated Storage Program. "We know our customers will definitely like the new facility, especially since we've incorporated the mask issue/recovery point. Marines no longer have to go to Camp Hansen just to turn in their gas masks or check in to get sized for the individual protective equipment."

The site was a former mess hall renovated to support IIF operations for Marines on Camp Schwab.

The 10-month renovation project produced increased areas for servicing customers, inventory processing, additional bulk storage capacity, MIRP and IPE sizing area, climate control, a covered area for cleaning equipment, outside

processing areas for unit support, and a local security system with cameras.

"During the design process, the CSP made sure this facility would meet the requirements of the paradigm shift from the CIF to the IIF incorporating the one-stop shop for Marines to pick up all their individual issue equipment, whether it is individual combat equipment or field protective masks," said Mary Koslowsky, quality assurance specialist, CSP. "This is in keeping with the CSP concept. We've just completed the transition of the MIRP into the IIF and we're in the process of transitioning limited STAP equipment to support individual augmentees for III MEF.

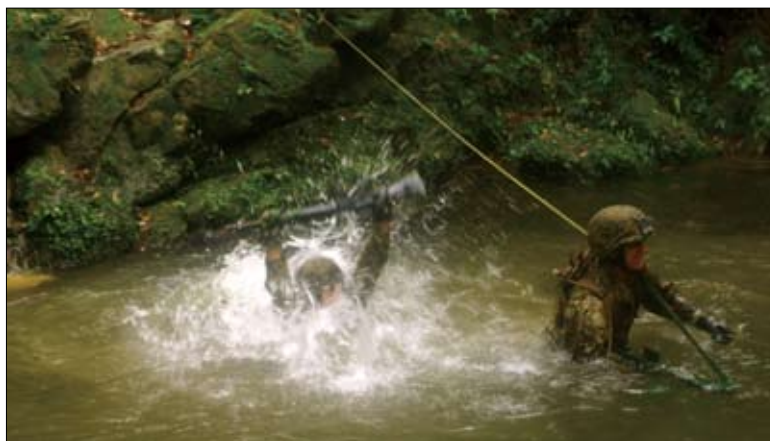
The IIF staff is already receiving positive feedback, Brown added.

"This has been a great experience not having to drive to another base to turn my gear in," said Petty Officer 3rd Class Jesse Coddington, hospital corpsman, Combat Assault Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force. "These people have been easy to work with and it's spacious, air-conditioned and clean."

Marines are encouraged to visit the IIF at its new location.

For more information contact Glen Brown Jr. at 625-2767.

BLT 2/7 survives jungle training



Marines with Battalion Landing Team 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines, 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, jump into a standing body of water during the Endurance Course at the Camp Gonsalves Jungle Warfare Training Center April 28. The E Course is a more than three mile hike through thick jungle terrain, where Marines must negotiate 32 obstacles designed to challenge them physically and mentally.

Photo by Cpl. Michael A. Bianco



Marines with 9th Engineer Support Battalion, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force, await their departure, May 9 on Camp Hansen. These Marines will join thousands of other troops in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

LEAVING FROM PG 1

For 9th ESB, deploying has become routine, she added.

Collins said this is her third deployment to a combat zone, and it is a positive thing to go and perform these operations in Afghanistan.

There are some hardships, she said.

"I have two sons I am leaving behind so it is bittersweet in the end," said Collins.

Candice Harris shares Collin's feelings.

Harris is the wife of Sgt. Algerod Harris, a bulk fuel specialist who is

deploying with 9th ESB.

"I feel sad, but not worried," said Harris. This will be the second deployment she has experienced with her husband.

"The first deployment was easier because I went to live with my parents," Harris said. "This time I will be out of my environment with just me and our daughter."

She added she plans to focus on work and occupy her time by going to church and exercising to cope with being without her Marine.

"God bless and see you when we get back," said Collins.



A Marine with 9th Engineer Support Battalion, says goodbye to her mother before mounting the bus May 9 on Camp Hansen. More than 140 9th ESB Marines deployed to Afghanistan. Photos by Lance Cpl. Abigail M. Wharton

FOOD FROM PG 1

Corps in September 1996 after realizing college wasn't working out too well for her, she said. She signed an open contract so she could leave for recruit training within a week.

"I graduated in the top 10 percent of my platoon and took for granted I would be placed in the military police or another unit with a hard reputation," Franklin said. "I was not excited at all to be in food services, and it took me until my second duty station to realize and appreciate the importance of my military occupation specialty."

Franklin said a place to eat chow that has good service and is clean

and warm means Marines will leave happy.

"I believe the chow hall can be a morale builder because it's a clean meeting place where people can just eat chow and relax," Franklin commented.

To maintain the chow hall on Camp Courtney, Franklin said she supervises 20 Marines and 30 local employees, plans menus, ensures sanitation standards are upheld and keeps her Marines up to date with the latest MOS training.

Franklin's dedication to excellence contributed to Camp Courtney's chow hall winning chow hall of the year this year, said Cpl. Allan Baer, chief cook, Food Services Company, Combat Logistics Regiment 37, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, III MEF.

"Her initiative was above and beyond the call of duty," he added. "She went out of her way to expose and fix every problem the chow hall had when she came here. This included physical training (for) us every day and staying late to scrub the decks."

"The panel judges you on everything you've done in the past including college education, military schools attended, billets held, appearance and recommendations from other people," Franklin said.

Eight other Marines were nominated for the award.

"Staff Sergeant Franklin beat me in the competition," Baer said. "Coming from her competitor, I have to say she earned every ounce of recognition."

Franklin's accomplishments include: drill instructor school, equal opportunities course, Marine Corps martial arts instructor course, 31 college credits, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal and Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

She has also served as a drill instructor and an officer candidate school instructor, she said.

Franklin is also a wife and mother. She is married to Army Staff Sgt. Larry Franklin and has a 2-year-old daughter, LaNyah.

"I'm grateful for being recommended for something like this," she said. "I never thought my MOS would take me this far in 13 years."

The award will be presented at the 2010 joint John L. Hennessy and Maj. Gen. W.P.T Hill awards ceremony in Chicago today and Saturday.



Staff Sgt. Latisha S. Franklin, mess chief, Headquarters Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force, holds the trophy she received for mess hall of the year FY 2010 which led her to compete in the Maj. Gen. W.P.T. Hill Memorial Award for Food Service Excellence, where she was named food service specialist of the year for 2010. Photo by Lance Cpl. Abigail M. Wharton



Camp Courtney's emergency responders are on the site minutes after the mock shooting occurred during the May 14 mock shooter scenario at the commissary on Camp Courtney, during Exercise Constant Vigilance 2010. Photo by Lance Cpl. J Nava



U.S. servicemembers stationed on Okinawa conduct a mass casualty drill on Marine Corps Air Station Futenma during Constant Vigilance 2010 May 14. U.S. Marines and soldiers act as casualties and corpsmen provide treatment. Photo by Lance Cpl. Maggie Dorn, Combat Camera

Clearing commotion



U.S. Navy Lt. Sheena Jumps takes notes during a mock mass casualty event at the U.S. Naval Hospital Okinawa in support of Constant Vigilance 2010 May 14. Photo by Lance Cpl. Donminic L. Young, Combat Camera



Lance Cpl. Rudi Ise, Provost Marshal's Office, and Lance Cpl. McDaniel, a mock casualty, are treated at the commissary on Camp Courtney. Photo by Lance Cpl. J Nava



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Exercise Constant Vigilance

Successful test of response capabilities

Lance Cpl. J Nava
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Exercise Constant Vigilance 2010 concluded its disaster and emergency response scenarios on Marine Corps Bases Japan May 14. The exercise included a three-day tabletop exercise, followed by a day to analyze each camp's strong and weak points and concluded with a one-day disaster scenario involving all camps.

Constant Vigilance is an annual week-long exercise conducted on all Marine Corps Bases Japan camps and is designed to test each camp's emergency response capabilities to fine-tune and perfect them.

All camps were involved in the training throughout the week, but most of the field training exercises were conducted on Marine Corps Air Station Futenma.

The exercise aboard MCAS Futenma May 14 consisted of a series of mock explosions due to improvised explosive devices hurting several service members who then had to be evacuated to U.S. Naval Hospital Okinawa on Camp Lester.

Scenarios varied from camp to camp as was the case aboard Camp Courtney May 14.

Seven mock victims, bloodied, battered and bruised, lay scattered across the Camp Courtney commissary parking lot, and a possible culprit was on the loose somewhere behind the building. Camp Courtney's scenario involved a gunman wreaking havoc amongst commissary patrons outside the commissary and quickly fleeing the scene.

"This sort of training allows us to put our emergency responders in realistic scenarios under realistic conditions," said Eugene Warfield, Camps Courtney and McTureous anti-terrorism officer. "This way they stay ready to respond quickly and efficiently in the case of any real-life incident occurring," he added.

Emergency responders then treated and evacuated the wounded while authorities apprehended the shooter.

Lance Cpl Rudi Isenbarger, a military policeman with Camp Courtney's Provost Marshal's Office, was first on the scene and went to help a mock victim lying near the commissary entrance.

"In Okinawa, you don't really see things like this, (but) this sort of training is good to help keep us prepared," said Isenbarger, a Merced, Calif., native.

Training like this constantly, dispels any notion of complacency because that's what gets people killed, she added.

Along with a fleeing culprit and seriously injured victims, emergency responders had to deal with mock frantic witnesses who could not speak English, providing emergency responders with yet another obstacle during the exercise.

"This sort of real-world application provides you with something a PowerPoint can't," said the scenario's mock shooter Cpl. Mathew Maliwauki, a data network specialist, with Headquarters Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force. "It's all hands on. It's a lot better" he added.

In the end, emergency responders helped all the victims, apprehended the suspect and restored order to Camp Courtney.

"They all preformed very well," Warfield said. "The MPs were tactically sound while the paramedics and firefighters addressed each casualty as you would in the real world."

The importance of staying ready and alert is the reason behind Exercise Constant Vigilance 2010 and others like it, Isenbarger said.

"We'd like to see everybody come home and not in a body bag," she said.

"I believe everyone involved did a superb job. They all performed very well," said Larry Kramer, MCAS Futenma mission assurance program manager, of all Constant Vigilance participants. "It shows how professional and dedicated all of our first responders are."

Camp Lester officials also said the exercise was successful and the command was pleased with the results.

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Isenbarger, a military policewoman with Camp Courtney's Provost Marshal's Office, attends to the wounds of Lance Cpl. Michael Holdren, a mock victim during the May 14 mock shooter scenario at the Camp Courtney, a part of Exercise Constant Vigilance 2010.



Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Brian Allan, left, Petty Officer 1st Class Adam Cornwell, right, and a Japanese firefighter, far right, carry Lance Cpl. Daniel Holdren, a chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear specialist with 3rd Marine Logistics Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force, on a gurney during a mass casualty drill on Marine Corps Air Station Futenma during Constant Vigilance 2010 May 14. Photo by Lance Cpl. Maggie Dorn, Combat Camera

Native Okinawa, 17th century masterpiece

Story and photos by Lance Cpl. Anthony Ward Jr.

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Service members and their families enter a new environment once they land on Okinawa.

Although modern Okinawa can be a culture shock compared to the typical American city, a look back into old Okinawa is also a sight to see.

Located on the Ocean Expo Park in Motobu, a Native Okinawan Village stretches for nearly 10 acres and has eight residences.

According to the Native Okinawa Village guide pamphlet, the village is modeled after a feudal-era system in place on Okinawa from 1611-1897.

In the village's na, or square, is the ugamiga. The ugamiga was a sacred spring that was the source of water for the entire village and believed to possess life-giving powers, according to the pamphlet.

Past the spring is the political epicenter of the village, the House of Jitude.

This was where the most powerful farmer in the village lived, according to the pamphlet.

The jitude, or manor lord, acted as a representative for larger domain lords performing such duties as overseeing the division of land, preservation of forested land, collecting taxes and ensuring all orders given by higher-ranking officials were carried out, according to the pamphlet.

Another important house in a feudal Okinawa village was the mutu-ya. On a walking tour of the village, this structure is near the center of the layout.

Used as a religious center, the house was also used for ceremonies and festivals coordinated by a designated man, niichu, or woman, nigami, according to the pamphlet.

There was one more villager who had the final decision on all religious services. The House of Noro was the residence of the village priestess who not only managed religious ceremonies but was also responsible for thanking the gods for a bountiful harvest, praying for the health of villagers and supervising all ceremonies, according to the pamphlet.

In essence, the priestess supervised the niichu or nigami.

Traditional feudal Okinawan culture was deeply intertwined with religion, evident from the amount of time spent praising gods and the facilities built to do so.

As self-sufficient societies, feudal Okinawa villagers also grew their own food and cared for their own livestock.

This can be seen at the village's House of Motobu and House of Yonaguni, both modeled after farmhouses used in 17th century Okinawa, according to the pamphlet.

To ensure all food harvested was safely stored and protected from pests and elements, Okinawans living in feudal era villages would construct high storehouses to store all their grain.

The storehouses were elevated about five feet off the ground and ventilated to safely store the grain in the island's humid conditions.

Visitors have the opportunity to interact with the locals who help recreate early Okinawa life in the village. The "hands-on experience of early Okinawan life" is from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. every day in the House of Jitude.

The Native Okinawan Village is truly a glimpse into a different era of Okinawa.

For more information, visit www.oki-park.jp/kyoudo/en/index/html.



Tourists walk near the mutu-ya at the Native Okinawan Village at Ocean Expo Park, May 4. The mutu-ya was used as a feudal-era religious center.



The House of Yonaguni at the Native Okinawan Village at Ocean Expo Park in Motobu is one of many farmhouses that would be in a feudal-era village.



Luna Morita, a 2-year-old visitor to the Tropical Dream Center in Motobu, stamps her tour card at one of the stamping stations set up along the tour route. Background: Visitors to the Tropical Dream Center in Motobu enter the Phalaenopsis Greenhouse.

Discover nature at Tropical Dream Center

Story and photos by Lance Cpl. Abigail M. Wharton
OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

More than 2,000 orchids, surrounded by tropical and subtropical plants, are housed in greenhouses across the campus of the Tropical Dream Center in Motobu Town off of Route 114.

The dream center, part of Ocean Expo Park, is within walking distance of the Oceanic Culture Museum, Native Okinawan Village and the Okinawa Churaumi Aquarium, which are all included in the park.

Pamphlets are available to help visitors go on a self-guided tour. The standard tour, which includes 14 exhibits, takes about an hour and the short tour, which includes 10 exhibits, takes about 30 minutes.

Exhibits include a 118-foot tall observatory, stained glass hall with glass panes depicting the oceans surrounding Okinawa, a lotus pond filled with water lilies and surrounded by patios, a fruit tree greenhouse and three orchid greenhouses.

Throughout the tour are information boards and restrooms. There is also a souvenir shop and café that overlook a Koi Fish pond.

A bus stop for the inner shuttle of the park is located at the entrance to the Tropical Dream Center to ease travel between attractions.

"We have come three times so far," said Dr. Alam MA, who is visiting Okinawa from Bangladesh with his wife Lisa. "I love orchids very much, and I can see many kinds here as well as other tropical trees. This place is very well organized and easy to get around."

Along the tour route are interactive exhibits that allow visitors to handle some fruits, view books about the displayed plants and fill out a tour card with stamps placed along the way.

"This is a great experience for people to interact with nature," Alam said. "I especially recommend children and young people come since it is an interactive experience for them."

From March 3 to Sept. 9, the center's hours are 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. and for the rest of the year the hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

There is an entrance fee for the park. For more information, visit the Ocean Expo Park Management Center Web site at www.oki-park.jp/en/.

To get to the park take local bus number 20 Nago Nishi Line or number 120 Nago Nishi Kukou line. From the last stop, the Nago bus terminal, visitors take the number 70 bus line.

Shooting for success

Combat Camera Marine strives to be best

Cpl. Megan Angel

OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

Being told, "You'll never amount to anything," by your high school teacher is a pretty harsh statement. But for Cpl. Lorenzo "Reno" Olvera, it was perceived as a challenge.

Olvera, a combat videographer with Combat Camera, Headquarters and Service Battalion, Marine Corps Base Camp Butler, was a freshman in high school when he met his best friend in a video class. They fell in love with video and film and from there on out, took a camera everywhere they went. It was in that class they were told by their teacher they would never amount to anything, and they vowed they would pursue what they loved and prove anyone who doubted them wrong.

After high school, Olvera's best friend went the college route to pursue a degree in video production. But Olvera needed more of a challenge to kick off his video career. He explored other options besides college, but nothing jumped out at him with the adrenaline rush he desired.

Olvera knew a few of his classmates who joined the military, but he was convinced he would never join. One day, he sat down and really thought about the military as an option. That same day, Olvera went to the recruiter's office and enlisted in the Marine Corps where he would become a combat videographer.

The Marine Corps has done much more than just make Olvera a combat videographer. He's become a leader of Marines, a Marine Corps Martial Arts Instructor, an active member of the Single Marine Program and a volunteer soccer coach for the Marine Corps Community Services Youth Sport Program.

Olvera's drive and determination has not only allowed himself to be successful, but help other Marines succeed as well.

"I always strive to be the best at everything I do and encourage my Marines to do the same," Olvera said. "Encouraging them to set their standards high is important because the Marine Corps is the best and expects only the best."

Olvera began wrestling in third grade and continued throughout his high school career. MCMAP is equal, next to videography, on the list of what he loves.

"I love to grapple, destroy my body and challenge anyone who's willing," said Olvera. "I would do MCMAP training all day, every day if I could."

While deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Olvera went through an excruciating two-week Martial Arts Instructor Course to become a green belt instructor. He's successfully trained more than 45 Marines from tan belt to gray belt and more than 30 Marines from gray belt to green belt. Olvera is currently working towards his brown belt and eventually hopes to go to the Martial Arts Center of Excellence at Marine Corps Base Quantico,

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- Cpl. Lorenzo "Reno" Olvera

Va., to become a MCMAP instructor trainer.

Gunnery Sgt. LeFonz Clark, company gunnery sergeant, B Company, Headquarters and Service Bn., was Olvera's senior drill instructor at recruit training.

Like all recruits, Olvera needed a little extra "incentive training" in the beginning, but quickly learned

the ways of boot camp, Clark said.

"From week one to week two of recruit training, you get a sixth sense about each recruit and what path they will head down when they reach the fleet," said Clark. "Corporal Olvera was the recruit that took on much responsibility and accomplished tasks he was given very expediently."

"When I first saw Corporal Olvera and realized he had earned the rank of corporal, I knew the discipline still remains within," Clark said. "He has grown tremendously in many aspects as a leader of junior Marines and he's always willing to take on any challenge presented to him."

When he's not working or training Marines in MCMAP, Olvera can be found volunteering his time as his unit's SMP representative or coaching his youth soccer team, the Habu Heat.

"I take my billet as the SMP representative in high regard," said Olvera. "It gives me the opportunity to voice the opinion for the Marines, help their quality of life, have fun, and also see the island."

"I love coaching soccer," Olvera said. "The kids are great and in a way, it's a great opportunity to prepare me for when I have kids."

Olvera plans on staying in the Corps for at least one more enlistment and is considering an officer's commission through the Marine Enlisted Commissioning Education Program or becoming a drill instructor.

"Being a Marine is an experience very few people can say they've done," said Olvera. "For me, it's the challenge and adrenaline rush I was looking for and a stepping ground for my ultimate goal of starting a production company."

He's currently preparing for a permanent change of station to 2nd Marine Division, Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C., where he hopes to deploy to Afghanistan.

"Corporal Olvera is a fine example of what a Marine should be," said Clark. "The dedication and motivation that he possesses is contagious, and other Marines should take notice and follow suit."

Olvera said his decision to join the Corps has taken him above and beyond what he ever expected.

"The Corps has been great to me," Olvera said. "I'm not only doing what I love to do, but I'm taking footage of history, and it's an awesome thing to be a part of."

Cpl. Lorenzo Olvera, left, a combat videographer with Combat Camera, Headquarters and Service Battalion, Marine Corps Base Camp Butler, holds his opponent in a rear choke April 29, during a Marine Corps Martial Arts Program course grappling session. Olvera is a green belt instructor and has successfully trained more than 45 Marines from tan belt to gray belt and more than 30 Marines from gray belt to green belt. Photo by Cpl. Megan Angel



In Theaters Now **MAY 21 - MAY 27**

FOSTER

TODAY Iron Man 2 (PG13), 6 and 9:30 p.m.
SATURDAY Alice in Wonderland (PG), noon and 3 p.m.; The Losers (PG13), 6 and 10 p.m.
SUNDAY Robin Hood (PG13), 1, 4:30 and 8 p.m.
MONDAY Repo Men (R), 7 p.m.
TUESDAY The Losers (PG13), 7 p.m.
WEDNESDAY Repo Men (R), 7 p.m.
THURSDAY Robin Hood (PG13), 7 p.m.

SCHWAB

TODAY A Nightmare on Elm Street (R), 7 p.m.
SATURDAY Remember Me (PG13), 5 p.m.
SUNDAY She's Out of My League (R), 5 p.m.
MONDAY-THURSDAY Closed

COURTNEY

TODAY Robin Hood (PG13), 5:30 and 9 p.m.
SATURDAY Remember Me (PG13), 2 p.m.; Our Family Wedding (PG13), 6 p.m.
SUNDAY Remember Me (PG13), 2 p.m.; A Nightmare on Elm Street (R), 6 p.m.
MONDAY She's Out of My League (R), 7 p.m.
TUESDAY Closed
WEDNESDAY Iron Man 2 (PG13), 7 p.m.
THURSDAY Closed

KADENA

TODAY Alice in Wonderland (PG), 6 p.m.; The Bounty Hunter (PG13), 9 p.m.
SATURDAY Iron Man 2 (PG13), noon, 4 and 8 p.m.
SUNDAY Alice in Wonderland (PG), 1 p.m.; Iron Man 2 (PG13), 4 and 8 p.m.
MONDAY Iron Man 2 (PG13), 7 p.m.
TUESDAY A Nightmare on Elm Street (R), 7 p.m.
WEDNESDAY Alice in Wonderland (PG), 7 p.m.
THURSDAY Repo Men (R), 7 p.m.

HANSEN

TODAY Alice in Wonderland (PG), 6 p.m.; Repo Men (R), 9 p.m.
SATURDAY A Nightmare on Elm Street (R), 6 p.m.; Repo Men (R), 9 p.m.
SUNDAY Alice in Wonderland (PG), 2 p.m.; The Bounty Hunter (PG13), 5:30 p.m.
MONDAY Robin Hood (PG13), 7 p.m.
TUESDAY Robin Hood (PG13), 6 and 9 p.m.
WEDNESDAY The Bounty Hunter (PG13), 7 p.m.
THURSDAY Iron Man 2 (PG13), 7 p.m.

KINSER

TODAY The Bounty Hunter (PG13), 6:30 p.m.
SATURDAY Alice in Wonderland (PG), 3 p.m.; Repo Men (R), 6:30 p.m.
SUNDAY Alice in Wonderland (PG), 3 p.m.; Repo Men (R), 6:30 p.m.
MONDAY Closed
TUESDAY Iron Man 2 (PG13), 6:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY Robin Hood (PG13), 3 and 6:30 p.m.
THURSDAY Alice in Wonderland (PG), 6:30 p.m.

FUTENMA

TODAY She's Out of My League (R), 6:30 p.m.
SATURDAY Robin Hood (PG13), 2, 5:30 and 9 p.m.
SUNDAY Our Family Wedding (PG13), 4 p.m.; Remember Me (PG13), 7 p.m.
MONDAY A Nightmare on Elm Street (R), 6:30 p.m.
TUESDAY Closed
WEDNESDAY Closed
THURSDAY Closed

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SINGLE MARINE PROGRAM EVENTS

For more information, or to sign up, contact the Single Marine Program at 645-3681
 All bus pick-up points will be at Semper Fit gyms or the Foster Fieldhouse.

KUBASAKI HIGH SCHOOL DRAGON MAY DAY: MAY 25

- From 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. volunteers are needed to set up and tear down gear for events at Kubasaki High School on Camp Foster. Wear appropriate civilian attire. Letter of appreciation will be provided. Contact the SMP to sign up.

FOSTER COMMISSARY FUN NIGHT: MAY 27

- Come out and enjoy the Camp Foster Commissary fun night starting at 4 p.m. with a free barbecue, tour of the commissary and a prize give-a-way!

KINSER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FIELD DAY: MAY 28

- From 7:30 to 11 a.m., volunteers are needed to manage and assist with a variety of outdoor games and activities for the students at the Kinser Elementary School Field Day on Camp Kinser. Wear comfortable outdoor gear appropriate to be worn around children. Letter of appreciation will be provided. Contact the SMP to sign up.

OKUMA TRIP (SOUTHERN CAMPS): MAY 28-31

- Okuma Beach is well-kept with fantastic views and offers many water sports including snorkeling, jet skiing, parasailing, paddle boats, glass-bottom boat rides, water skiing, sunset cruises, boat scuba diving and more. Transportation fee is \$10. Open to all camps.

SMP WOMANLESS BEAUTY PAGEANT: JUNE 4

- All male beauty pageant at the Camp Kinser Surfside starting at 7:30 p.m. Call 637-2100 or the SMP office for more information on how to join the pageant as a contestant or bring all your friends and enjoy the show.

HANSEN BASH (OPEN TO ALL CAMPS): JUNE 26

- SMP Bash with food, games and a live band at the Camp Hansen Festival! Come and enjoy this free day with us! The May 22 event has been cancelled and rescheduled for June.

CHAPEL SCHEDULE

CAMP FOSTER | 645-7486

- Catholic:** Mon.-Fri., 11:45 a.m.; Sat., 5 p.m.; Sun., 10 a.m.
- Christian Science:** Sun., 11 a.m., Bldg. 442
- Eastern Orthodox:** Sun., 9:30 a.m., Vespers, Sat., 5 p.m.
- Gospel:** Sun., 11:30 a.m.
- Hindu:** Sat., 3:30 p.m.
- Jewish:** Informal: 1st, 3rd Fri., 6:30 p.m.
- Muslim:** Fri., Prayer, 12:45 p.m.
- Protestant:** Sun., 8:30 a.m.
- Seventh Day Adventist:** Sat., 10 a.m.

CAMP SCHWAB | 622-9350

- Catholic:** Sun., 5:30 p.m.
- Protestant:** Sun., 4 p.m.

CAMP COURTNEY | 622-9350

- Catholic:** Sun., 8 a.m.;
- Protestant:** Sun., 9:30 a.m.

CAMP HANSEN | 622-9350

- Catholic:** Sun., 10 a.m., E. Chapel
- Protestant:** Sun., 11 a.m., W. Chapel

CAMP McTUREOUS | 622-9350

- Gospel:** Sun., 12:30 p.m.
- Lutheran:** Sun., 9:30 a.m.
- Protestant Lethurgical:** Sun., 6:30 p.m.

KADENA AIR BASE | 634-1288

- Catholic:** Sun., 8:30 a.m., Mass, Chapel 3; Sun., 11:30 a.m., Reconciliation, Chapel 3; Sun., 12:30 p.m., Mass, Chapel 3; Sun., 5 p.m., Mass, Chapel 2; Daily Mass, Mon.-Fri., noon, Chapel 2
- Contemporary:** Sun., 10:30 a.m., Kadena High School
- Gospel:** Sunday School, 9 a.m., Bldg. 856; Service 10:30 a.m., Chapel 3
- Inspirational:** Sun., 8:30 a.m., Chapel 2;
- Protestant:** Sun., 10 a.m., Chapel 2;
- Traditional:** Sun., 10:30 a.m., Chapel 2;
- Wiccan/Pagan:** Sat., 2 p.m., Bldg. 856

CAMP LESTER | 643-7248

- Catholic:** Sun., 8 a.m., Lester Chapel Mon., 10 a.m., Thurs., 9 a.m., Liturgy of Word at Hospital Chapel
- Non-Denominational:** Sun., 9 a.m., Hospital Chapel; Sun., 10 a.m., Lester Chapel

MCAS FUTENMA | 636-3058

- Catholic:** Sun., noon
- Contemporary:** Fri., 7 p.m.; Sun., 9 a.m.

CAMP KINSER | 637-1148

- Catholic:** Sun., noon
- Protestant:** Sun., 9 a.m.

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Junior Marines set up basketball tournament

Pfc. Garry J. Welch
OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

A group of lance corporals organized and held a six-team basketball tournament at Foster Field House Saturday after being inspired by the success of an earlier football tournament.

"These Marines have a lot of talent," said Sgt. Maj. Mario A. Marquez, sergeant major of Marine Wing Headquarters Squadron 1, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III Marine Expeditionary Force, of the lance corporals and their efforts. "I think it's awesome for lance corporals putting it together."

Stanley Edmond, a lance corporal with MWHS-1, first came up with the idea of organizing a basketball tournament for his unit during a football tournament organized by MWHS-1 junior Marines in November 2009.

According to Marlin J. Outley, a lance corporal with MWHS-1, most of the MWHS-1 Marines wanted a basketball tournament. So, Edmond and a handful of other Marines got together and started a committee to plan the tournament.

Edmond had to explain the tournament's benefit to the Marines to receive his command's approval.

"The Marines wanted this. We put this together to increase the squadron's morale, get them out of the barracks and keep them out of trouble," said Edmond.

Hard work and effort went into planning the event, he said.

"It took about two months to set up," said Edmond, "We put a lot of man-hours into it."

After receiving approval, the committee contacted the Single Marine Program for referees and other volunteers to help run the event. Marine Corps Community Service Okinawa provided basketballs, coolers, tables and other athletic equipment for the event.

MWHS-1 family members pitched in by donating food for the tournament, said Marquez.

The hardest part about organizing this event was finding the right time and weather so as many Marines as possible would be able to show up and participate, said Edmond.

The effort was worth it, as there were many intangible benefits, according to Marquez.

"The event was a good way to keep Marines motivated," said Marquez. "It builds esprit de corps and unit camaraderie."

Despite rainy weather the day of the tournament, MWHS-1 Marines came out with an even greater turn out than was expected, said Edmond.

Marines of different ranks, enlisted and officers, male and female, played each other head-to-head in basketball.

Everyone played hard and had a great time, said Jon D. Poole, who assisted in organizing and later participated in the tournament.

The squadron tries to put together at least one event every quarter to motivate Marines, and sports are a good way to build camaraderie, said Marquez.

The unit tries to do different sports so everyone can participate, added Edmond. Currently there are no additional competitions scheduled for the squadron but there should be soon, he said.



A white shirt baller goes for a layup, as a green jersey member attempts the block during the Marine Wing Headquarters Squadron 1 basketball tournament at Foster Field House on Camp Foster May 15.

Marlin J. Outley, a coordinator for the tournament, shoots a penalty shot during a game at the Marine Wing Headquarters Squadron 1 basketball tournament at Foster Field House on Camp Foster May 15.

Photos by Pfc. Michael G. Iams