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Col. James G. Flynn welcomes Gen. Joseph F. Dunford Jr. to Marine Corps Air Station Futenma March 22. Dunford came to Okinawa to view and assess Marine Corps facilities and to better understand III Marine Expeditionary Force's operations, exercises and activities. Dunford is the assistant commandant of the Marine Corps. Flynn is the commanding officer of MCAS Futenma. *Photo by Pfc. Nicholas S. Ranum*

CAMP BUTLER — Gen. Joseph F. Dunford Jr., assistant commandant of the Marine Corps, visited several Marine Corps installations on Okinawa March 21-23.

The purpose of the visit was to meet with Marines and gain insight into current issues that impact III Marine Expeditionary Force and Marine Corps Installations Pacific.

"The ACMC's visit to Okinawa is part of a broader trip that includes visits to (U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific Headquarters) in Hawaii, Australia and Korea," said Maj. Tre DelPizzo, aide-de-camp for the ACMC.

Dunford's first day on Okinawa included a tour of the Jungle Warfare Training Center at Camp Gonsalves.

"The ACMC's focus is on the training, organization and equipping of all Marine Forces," said DelPizzo. "His visit will help the commandant prioritize and allocate resources to ensure III MEF's success."

After receiving a brief about all the training available at JWTC, Dunford flew to Camp Hansen with Lt. Gen. Kenneth J. Glueck Jr., commanding general of III MEF, and Brig. Gen. Frederick M. Padilla, commanding general of 3rd Marine Division, III MEF.

On Camp Hansen, Dunford met with the Marines of 3rd Intelligence Battalion, III MEF Headquarters Group, and toured the Tactical Medical Simulation Center where Dunford spoke to a group of Marines who had just completed the center's combat lifesavers course in preparation for upcoming deployments.

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Foreign minister meets leaders

Japan Foreign Minister Koichiro Gemba shakes hands with Lt. Gen. Kenneth J. Glueck Jr., commanding general of III Marine Expeditionary Force, on Camp Foster March 24. The purpose of the visit was to conduct a courtesy call with Glueck and receive a briefing about III MEF and Marine Corps Installations Pacific. *Photo by Cpl. Justin R. Wheeler*

Sky Blue inspires athletes on island

Lance Cpl. Erik S. Brooks Jr.
OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

CAMP COURTNEY — The Sky Blue Football Club, a U.S. women's professional soccer team, visited service members and their families at Camps Foster and Courtney March 22-23.

The team, from Piscataway Township, N.J., traveled to Okinawa to compete in an exhibition game against the Japanese national champions Inac Kobe.

When Marine Corps Community Services found out Sky Blue FC was coming to Okinawa, it developed a plan for the team to visit with children ages 9 to 15 on the camps, said Eric Isley, a youth sports coordinator at the Camp Courtney Ironworks Fitness Center.

MCCS organized multiple events March 22 for the children on Camps Foster and Courtney

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Sexual assault hurts one, affects all

Col. Kevin D. King

April is designated as Sexual Assault Awareness Month. This year also marks mandatory Take A Stand training for all corporals and sergeants Marine Corps-wide to be completed by October 1. Take a Stand places an emphasis on bystander intervention at the grades most likely to actually be in a position to prevent a sexual assault.

While a sexual assault itself may be a spontaneous act, the circumstances leading up to sexual assaults on Okinawa are almost universally the same. Typically, cases involve heavy, sustained alcohol consumption; isolation; incapacitation of victims, usually by alcohol, not force; and significant memory gaps related to the incident.

In virtually every case, an opportunity arose for bystanders — a liberty buddy, co-worker, roommate or just a Marine paying attention — to intervene and stop a sexual assault before it ever occurred.

Seventy percent of unwanted sexual contact against women and 63 percent against men occurred at a military installation, according to the 2010 Department of Defense Workplace and Gender Relations Survey. On Okinawa those numbers are even higher, due to restrictions on junior Marines owning and driving a vehicle and the liberty policy's curfew restrictions.

The consequences of a sexual assault to the victim, the offender and unit cohesion are significant and enduring. Victims may blame themselves for engaging in underage drinking, inviting an acquaintance to their barracks room or other "collateral misconduct." However, none of those factors should preclude reporting a sexual assault.

Those issues are secondary and normally will not be adjudicated until after the more serious sexual assault charges are dealt with, if then.

Victims of sexual assault experience higher post-traumatic stress disorder rates than combat veterans. Likewise, Marines found guilty at courts martial of a violation of Uniform Code of Military Justice Article 120, sexual assault, cannot live in government quarters even if retained. Additionally, once discharged, they must register as sex offenders, a designation that will follow them for life for an event that was often one act of intoxication and bad judgment.

The effect of a sexual assault on a Marine unit is also both traumatic and significant.

First, victims and offenders must be physically separated, usually via a military protective order. In the majority of sexual assaults both on Okinawa and elsewhere both victim and offender know each other and may live or work in the same proximity. A Naval Criminal Investigative Service investigation lasting weeks or months will result in rounds of interviews of potential witnesses and may cause suspicion, divisions and lack of trust between those who believe either the victim's or offender's accounts. All are corrosive to unit cohesion.

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In the Take a Stand training video, the commandant of the Marine Corps observes that if 10 percent of our Marines were being assaulted in a bar, their fellow Marines would never tolerate that. They would retaliate … yet we tolerate roughly the same proportion of our Marines being sexually assaulted by fellow Marines.

There are ample resources and help for sexual assault victims, starting with a call to a uniformed victim advocate or to the 645-HELP line, 24/7, to discuss confidential (restricted) reporting options, treatment and counseling. However, the most effective option remains intervention early enough to stop a sexual assault before it ever happens via bystander intervention.

King is the III Marine Expeditionary Force sexual assault response coordinator.

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AROUND THE CORPS

Sgt. Maj. Micheal P. Barrett, the 17th sergeant major of the Marine Corps, testifies before the House Armed Services Subcommittee on Military Personnel in the U.S. Capitol Complex, Washington, D.C., March 22. During his testimony, Barrett discussed the negative effects hazing has on the Marine Corps and a four-fold approach to combating the issue: engaged leadership, policies, training and accountability. *Photo by Petty Officer 2nd Class Thomas L. Rosprim*

Sgt. Marline Dominic explains the importance of sounding off to Rachel Murray during a pool function at Recruiting Station Twin Cities, Minn., March 24. Murray is an 18-year-old Mankato State freshman and is currently a member of the delayed entry program. Dominic is a drill instructor with 4th Recruit Training Battalion, Recruit Training Regiment, Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C. *Photo by Staff Sgt. Clinton Firstbrook*

Marines with Battalion Landing Team 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, grapple aboard USS Pearl Harbor, March 18 during Marine Corps martial arts program training. The battalion is the ground combat element for the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit, which is deployed as part of the Makin Island Amphibious Ready Group, a U.S. Central Command theater reserve force. *Photo by Cpl. Tommy Huynh*

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From left: Keiichi Murakami, Toshikazu Murakami, Hironobu Sugawara and Yoichi Kumagai visited the Camp Kinser Elementary School March 27 to speak with the principal and staff about Japanese schools affected during the Great East Japan Earthquake and subsequent tsunami. Kinser Elementary School staff had the opportunity to ask questions about how to better prepare themselves for a sudden disaster. Murakami, Murakami, Sugawara and Kumagai are Kusennuma City Assembly members from the Miyagi Prefecture of mainland Japan. *Photo by Lance Cpl. Kasey Peacock*

Leaders gather to discuss safety, lessons learned after Great East Japan Earthquake

Lance Cpl. Kasey Peacock
OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

CAMP KINSER — Four Kusennuma City Assembly members visited the Camp Kinser Elementary School here March 27 to discuss lessons learned during the Great East Japan Earthquake and subsequent tsunami.

Hironobu Sugawara, Keiichi Murakami, Toshikazu Murakami and Yoichi Kumagai spoke to the Kinser Elementary principal and staff and the Kinser camp commander about how schools across Japan took different approaches to keeping the children safe during the disaster.

The four men are assembly members from Oshima Island and other districts of Miyagi Prefecture in mainland Japan.

"Great responsibility was had by the principal of schools across Japan," said Sugawara. "It required quick action and precise movements that unfortunately not everyone was able to do."

Kinser Elementary School staff, as well as Col. John E. Kasperski, Kinser camp commander and commanding officer of Combat Logistics Regiment 37, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force, listened and responded with ways the school could further prepare if a disaster of such magnitude was to strike again.

"It is one thing to run drills and practice for a disaster and another thing to take action when the time comes," said Michelle Moore-Robinson, the school principal. "The safety of my staff and students is forefront. It is important for my staff to know that not everything we need to do during a disaster is going to be written down on paper."

Michelle Moore-Robinson shakes hands with Hironobu Sugawara during his visit to Camp Kinser Elementary School March 27. Sugawara and three other members of the Kusennuma City Assembly in mainland Japan visited the school to discuss how to prepare for sudden natural disasters. Moore-Robinson is the principal of Kinser Elementary, and Sugawara is a Kusennuma City Assembly member from the Miyagi prefecture, mainland Japan. *Photo by Lance Cpl. Kasey Peacock*

The same day, the Japanese assembly members, Marines and last year's host families met to discuss the homestay program to further foster the relationships built during the program's first evolution last summer.

The homestay program was hosted by then Marine Corps Bases Japan and offered a temporary, stress-free stay Aug. 6-9 for 25 students and four chaperones from areas heavily damaged during the March 11, 2011 disaster. The residents of Oshima Island stayed with volunteer host families from III MEF and Marine Corps Installations Pacific.

Marines and assembly members discussed inviting the children to visit again this year during the time period.

"When the Marines and U.S. forces came out to help their neighbors in a time of need, it fostered not only short-term, but long-term bonds," said Dr. Robert D. Eldridge, deputy assistant chief of staff, G-7 community policy, planning and liaison office. "Programs like the homestay program really show our continued efforts in furthering our relationships with our Japanese neighbors."

Prior to visiting the school and discussing the homestay program, assembly members met with Lt. Gen. Kenneth J. Glueck Jr., commanding general of III MEF, to discuss furthering the relationship built between Marines and the Japanese community during relief efforts following the earthquake and tsunami.

The day concluded with a dinner on Camp Foster during which the assembly members, service members and their families further discussed relationship development and disaster preparedness.

"One thing I have noticed is that Marines take lessons learned very seriously," said Eldridge. "If we can take away what worked and what didn't work from these presentations, we can further protect ourselves against sudden disasters in the future."

Individuals will now coordinate personal property, household goods shipments online

Lance Cpl. Alyssa N. Hoffacker
OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

CAMP FOSTER — The personal property shipping office on Okinawa will modify the process of transporting household goods and personal property this month.

The Defense Personal Property System will replace the Transportation Operation Personal Property Standard System under the direction of the Department of Defense, said Master Sgt. Max Canales, staff noncommissioned officer-in-charge of the personal property shipping office, which is part of the Distribution Management Office, Marine Corps Base Camp Butler.

The intent of the new system is to ensure members have greater involvement and oversight of their shipments, said Canales.

"(DPS) was first introduced to the DOD in October 2007. As the system evolved and progressed, certain changes were made to enhance the program," said Canales. "Starting in April, the process will change from the group and individual counseling to self-counseling utilizing DPS."

Under the old system, the service member would contact DMO to make arrangements with a counselor for shipment and storage of their personal property, said Staff Sgt. Misty R. Ford, operations chief at DMO.

"The counselor would provide all the documentation and the member would verify that the information was correct," said Ford.

DPS, unlike its predecessor, allows the service member to take full control of the movement of their shipments.

With the new process, members are required to go to www.move.mil/home.htm and obtain an account and password.

"Once they receive access, the member will be able to set up an outbound or inbound shipment on their own," said Ernst Berger, personal property supervisor at DMO.

Once a request has been initiated, the member is required to provide DMO a copy of their web orders and then the shipment request will be processed, said Berger.

Another feature of DPS is that the member initiates claims directly with the transportation service provider, which keeps the service member aware of their shipments.

"The initial request could take two to three hours to complete," said Canales. "DPS has very much improved and is deemed user friendly."

DMO personnel will be available to provide assistance and guidance for all members throughout the process. Call 645-0922.

BRIEFS

OKINAWA EXPRESSWAY TOLL CHARGE RESUMPTION APRIL 1

Toll charges will increase on the Okinawa Expressway effective April 1.

A 10 percent discount, which had been in place since July 1, is ending.

For more information, contact the West Nippon Expressway Company, Okinawa Office, at 098-878-8700 or visit www.w-nexco.co.jp.

TSUNAMI DEBRIS DISPOSAL

The government of Japan's Ministry of Environment has requested communities around Japan to accept debris from the March 11 tsunami given the lack of local disposal capacity.

While some prefectures have already accepted this request, Okinawa has not yet made a formal decision to do so.

The debris in question is only from Iwate and Miyagi prefectures — not from Fukushima prefecture where the nuclear disaster occurred. Nonetheless, the debris will be tested for radioactive contamination prior to shipment. Any debris found unsafe will remain in the Tohoku area.

ACTIVE DUTY FORCE DRAWDOWN

Personnel from Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps Manpower and Reserve Affairs will visit Okinawa to conduct a series of briefs regarding the Active Duty Force Drawdown, officer and staff noncommissioned officer promotions and other professional military education pertinent to a Marine's career. Attendance is not mandatory but is highly encouraged. The briefing schedule is as follows:

April 17, Camp Hansen Theater
9-10 a.m. - Active Duty Force Drawdown

April 17, Camp Foster Theater
1-2 p.m. - Active Duty Force Drawdown

April 18, Camp Foster Theater
8-9 a.m. - Reserve Affairs.
9-10 a.m. - Manpower and Management Enlisted Assignments
10-11 a.m. - Manpower and Management
1-4 p.m. - Officer and SNCO promotions

April 19, Camp Hansen Theater
8-9 a.m. - Reserve Affairs
9-10 a.m. - Manpower and Management Enlisted Assignments
10-11 a.m. - Manpower and Management
1-4 p.m. - Officer and SNCO promotions

For more information contact 645-9432, 622-9629 or 622-7724.

GOVERNMENT SURPLUS SALE

Defense Logistics Agency Disposition Services, Okinawa, is hosting a retail furniture sale, "Cash and Carry" April 12-13 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at building 600 on Camp Kinser. Status of forces agreement personnel only, no children under 12 admitted.

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 Friday. Okinawa Marine reserves the right to edit all submitted material.*

Marines perform lifesaving steps on a simulated casualty during combat lifesaver training at the III Marine Expeditionary Force Tactical Medical Simulation Center on Camp Hansen March 21. The Marines participated in the course as part of their predeployment training for Operation Enduring Freedom. *Photo by Lance Cpl. Daniel E. Valle*

Marines 'MARCH' to rescue

Lance Cpl. Daniel E. Valle
OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

CAMP HANSEN — More than 40 Marines participated in combat lifesaver training at the III Marine Expeditionary Force Tactical Medical Simulation Center on Camp Hansen March 21.

The purpose of the course is to ensure Marines are prepared to perform medical procedures in the event of an emergency while in combat.

"We train individual augments in combat lifesaver and tactical combat casualty care because it saves lives on the battlefield," said Mark J. Kane, the deputy director for the III MEF Tactical Medical Simulation Center. "They go from not knowing much about this to leaving here with the confidence to be able to perform these tasks successfully — they are doing a great job."

The Marines are taught to use the acronym 'MARCH' which stands for massive hemorrhage, airway, respiration, circulation, head-to-toe assessment and hypothermia to stabilize the casualty until the medical evacuation team arrives, according to Kane.

The acronym serves as a reminder of what to look for and in what order.

"We learn the 'MARCH' acronym so we don't miss anything," said Lance Cpl. Austin J. Smith, heavy-equipment engineer, Marine Wing Support Squadron 172, Marine Wing Support Group 17, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III MEF. "This way we can ensure that nothing is missed when treating the casualty."

The Marines learned how to treat amputees, sucking-chest wounds, electrical, chemical, radiation and thermal burns, how to properly apply a splint, and how to move a casualty correctly, said Sgt. Calvin K. Redhouse, heavy-equipment operator, MWSS-171, 1st MAW.

"We learned how to properly conduct mass-casualty evacuations," he added. "We were taught to assess the casualties and determine what needed to be done."

The participating Marines agreed this training is important for anyone deploying into combat.

"The training is important for us because everyone in the class will be deploying to Afghanistan," said Redhouse. "It gets us ready for whatever could happen.

Two Marines prepare to treat a simulated casualty for a sucking-chest wound during the combat lifesaver course at the III MEF Tactical Medical Simulated Casualty Center on Camp Hansen March 21. *Photo by Lance Cpl. Daniel E. Valle*

"A corpsman can only help one Marine at a time," he said. "If the other Marines at least learn the basics, they can potentially save each other."

The three-day course consists of two classroom days followed by practical application on the final day.

"The training is extremely effective," said Redhouse. "I did not know any of this before, and now I know how to check for pulses and what those pulses mean is happening to the casualty, which means we will be able to save someone and hold them off for when the casualty evacuation comes."

"I really enjoyed the training because it was hands-on," Smith said. "I am very confident that I can perform these tasks if someone is injured. The instructors did a great job teaching us. It was fun and I would definitely do it again."

Marines, sailors fellowship, break bread

Sgt. Brandon L. Saunders
OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

Deidre Terry and Seaman Apprentice Zachary S. McDonald sing "America the Beautiful" at the 3rd Marine Logistics Group prayer breakfast at the Camp Kinser Mess Hall March 20. The breakfast is held quarterly and intended to unite different faiths in fellowship. Terry is a family member, and McDonald is a hospital corpsman at the Kinser Medical Clinic. *Photo by Sgt. Brandon L. Saunders*

CAMP KINSER — In 1953, Abraham Vereide, leader of The Fellowship Foundation, began the event now known as the National Prayer Breakfast for politicians in Washington, D.C. The event has served as an open forum of fellowship among the nation's leaders and a chance to build relationships.

Nearly 60 years later, the foundation laid by Vereide has made its way into the military community. Members of 3rd Marine Logistics Group break bread in celebration of faith and prayer, as they did at the Camp Kinser Mess Hall March 20.

The breakfast is held quarterly and is coordinated by the chaplains of 3rd MLG. The event is open for participation from anyone, regardless of faith.

"Our country was founded on having the ability to practice whatever religion we prefer," said Brig. Gen. Craig C. Crenshaw, commanding general, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force.

In keeping with the traditions of the National Prayer Breakfast led by The Fellowship Foundation, a guest speaker is called upon to offer insight and preside over the congregation of faiths. Guests of note in Washington, D.C., have included singer Bono, of the rock band U2, Tony Blair, former Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, and Mother Theresa.

Representatives of Christianity, Judaism and Islam prayed with all in attendance for the betterment of the U.S. during turbulent times, cohesion within the armed forces and well-being of military families. Judaic and Islamic prayers were spoken in native languages and translated during their respective prayers.

"Whatever your belief system is, ensure you have a solid foundation," said Crenshaw. "There are times where your belief system will be tested."

Petty Officer 1st Class Delmar Ramirez, 3rd MLG religious program specialist, said that the event is growing with each breakfast.

"This provides the unit with a sense of cohesion," said Ramirez. "It gives people courage when they are amongst peers, subordinates and superiors all for the sake of fellowship."

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Marine Corps is in the Pacific," Dunford said to the Marines.

Dunford also visited Camp Foster, Marine Corps Air Station Futenma and Camp Schwab during his two days on Okinawa and was impressed by the caliber of Marines he met.

"I was extremely impressed with the spirit and can-do attitude of all the III MEF Marines," said Dunford. "Your professionalism and commitment is why Marines will always be the crisis response force of choice within the Pacific command."

Dunford is the Marine Corps' representative within the department of the Navy for the realignment of Marine forces in the Pacific, and the locations he visited on Marine Corps installations were important to this mission.

"The specific locations were chosen by the commanding general to highlight operational capability, current training initiatives and quality of life within III MEF," said Maj. Mimi C. Seedall, protocol officer with III MEF. "Visiting PACOM and MARFORPAC will help him articulate Marine Corps requirements as we rebalance the force in accordance with the new national security strategy."

Dunford left Okinawa with a promise to all the III MEF Marines and those in the Pacific area of operations.

"(The commandant and I) will continue to ensure that III MEF has the best training and equipment available in order to meet the combatant commander's requirements," he said.

Brittany C. Bock, a member of the Sky Blue Football Club, a U.S. women's professional soccer team, visited students at Lester Middle School March 23 to speak to them about soccer and succeeding in life. The team traveled to Okinawa to compete in an exhibition game against the Japanese national champions Inac Kobe. *Photo by Lance Cpl. Mike Granahan*

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to learn from the professional players, said Isley.

The team divided between the two bases to conduct soccer clinics for the children, said Emma Hayes, the assistant coach for Sky Blue FC.

"We taught the (children) the fundamentals of the game to help them develop skills that will excel them in their game," said Hayes.

During the clinics, Sky Blue players taught the children skills such as dribbling and shooting.

"The girls were always on the move," said Hayes. "This helped them condition while still practicing the fundamentals."

The main goal of the training was to teach the children new skills and help them polish their fundamentals, said Hayes.

"The best part of the practice was playing against professional players," said Rayvan J. Mitchell, a 9-year-old participant.

The second day, the Sky Blue FC took a trip to Camp Lester Middle School to speak to students about soccer and succeeding in life.

"Team members wanted to convey to the students that they achieved their success through hard work and perseverance," said Carolyn M. Blank, a member of the team.

Sky Blue FC athletes held a question and answer session at the gym before showing the student body their soccer skills.

The players performed soccer tricks and invited the students to showcase their talents as well. At the end of the show, the players signed autographs for the children.

"We were looking up to professionals when we were younger, and so we know how important it is and how much of an impact we can make," said Brittany C. Bock, a member of the club. "So, to be able to come out here and do that same thing, it's really inspirational for us and for them."

A rough-terrain container handler with CLB-4 loads a shipping container onto an AMK31 truck at Forward Operating Base Edinburgh March 13 during a combat logistics patrol. The container was being retrograded from the FOB. *Photo by Cpl. Mark W. Stroud*

M1 Abrams tanks assigned to 1st Tank Battalion pa Afghanistan, March 13. The patrol supported count of Regimental Combat Team 6, I MEF (Fwd). *Photo by*

Company hits stride, completes largest p

Cpl. Mark W. Stroud
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HELMAND PROVINCE, Afghanistan — Company A, Combat Logistics Battalion 4, completed the largest combat logistics patrol to-date through Helmand province March 12-14.

The patrol was completed ahead of schedule despite consisting of more tactical vehicles and more supplies than any previous CLB-4 patrol. CLB-4 is part of, 1st Marine Logistics Group (Forward), I Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward).

"The Marines are getting the hang of operations out here and are becoming (more proficient)," said Staff Sgt. Luis Martinezbido, a platoon sergeant with CLB-4. "We set ourselves a goal to complete the convoy ahead of schedule on this run, and the Marines worked together and went the extra mile to get that done."

The convoy delivered supplies to Regimental Combat Team 6's forward operating bases and combat outposts in Helmand province in support of counterinsurgency operations. It also backhauled equipment for repair and retrograde, according to 2nd Lt. Charlsie M. Brooks, a platoon commander with CLB-4.

The number of moving parts involved in this convoy increased the chances of something going wrong and presented a new level of challenges to the Marines.

"This mission was the largest that (CLB-4) has done so far. That alone was a challenge," said Brooks. "The patrol required a lot of detailed planning from (noncommissioned officers) on up to establish a good security posture and deliver supplies needed to support RCT-6 safely and successfully."

Lance Cpl. Travis M. Stewart attaches chains to an inoperable vehicle at Combat Outpost Eredvi March 12 during a combat logistics patrol. The vehicle was towed during the remainder of the patrol. Stewart is a wrecker operator with CLB-4. *Photo by Cpl. Mark W. Stroud*

The Marines also rose to the increased logistical challenge of transferring the large quantity of supplies at the FOBs and COPs, according to Brooks.

"We are becoming more proficient with the actions on objective," said Brooks. "We (offloaded and on-loaded supplies) in less time than any previous convoy despite having more vehicles."

Marines with 9th Engineer Support Battalion, 1st MLG (Fwd), and Army soldiers with 96th Transportation Company, 375th Combat Service Support Battalion, Task Force Resolute, joined the convoy in support of separate combat logistics support operations.

"The Army and (9th ESB) embedded trucks in our convoy to complete their own mission," said Martinezbido. "We basically provided them with gun power and security along the route."

The arrangement turned out to be mutually beneficial when the Army assisted on the recovery of a pair of broken M870A2 semi-trailers stacked on top of each other, according to Martinezbido.

"Working (with the Army) helped us because we were able to take advantage of their (trailers) for a vehicle recovery operation," added Martinezbido. "You do not often recover an 870 on top of an 870 … and their flatrack (trailers) were better suited to the job than our own."

The success of the operation reflected the work and mission-readiness of those involved, said Brooks.

"(The convoy) proved to us that we are fully capable of being flexible and adapting on the move," said Brooks. "It tells us that the Marines are accomplishing the mission and are ready to move on to bigger challenges down the road."

Staff Sgt. Charles E. Weatherly supervises Combat L Weatherly is a platoon sergeant with CLB-4, 1st Marin

ss a CLB-4 combat logistics patrol in Helmand province, erinsurgency operations in the area. 1st Tank Bn. is part *Cpl. Mark W. Stroud*

patrol to date

Staff Sgt. Luis Martinezbido tightens a strap securing a broken trailer axle during a vehicle recovery in Helmand province, Afghanistan, March 14. The trailer was lifted onto a flatbed after the axle was secured. Martinezbido is a platoon sergeant with CLB-4. *Photo by Cpl. Mark W. Stroud*

ogistics Battalion 4 vehicles entering friendly lines at Forward Operating Base Edinburgh March 13. The CLB-4 combat logistics patrol delivered supplies to the FOB. he Logistics Group (Forward), I Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward). *Photo by Cpl. Mark W. Stroud*

CLANDESTINE INSERTION

Boat Company secures beach, objective during raid

Cpl. Jonathan G. Wright
31ST MEU

In the dark hours of the morning, Marines and sailors of Company A, known as Boat Co., launched from the USS Tortuga in combat rubber raiding craft for a clandestine insertion on White Beach Naval Facility March 17.

The raid, conducted by more than 60 Marines and sailors with Battalion Landing Team 1st Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, was part of the MEU's certification exercise prior to continuing its deployment in the Asia-Pacific region.

"We haven't done a lot of benign water raids at this point, meaning that instead of coming onto the beach hot and fast, we come in quiet and slow," said Lance Cpl. Ryan K. Saunders, team leader with the company. "That was probably the most beneficial part of the training for us, allowing us to be able to insert in a different way."

Hitting the beach, the Marines' objective was to clear the area of hostile insurgents, conduct tactical site exploitation, and return control to the local police force. Marines acted as the enemy while other role players represented the civilian populace, contributing to the realism of the exercise.

"The role players (increased) the educational value because they are thinking and moving targets," said Lance Cpl. Robert J. Auerbach, an infantry assaultman with the company. "It makes our training a lot more realistic than fighting a notional enemy."

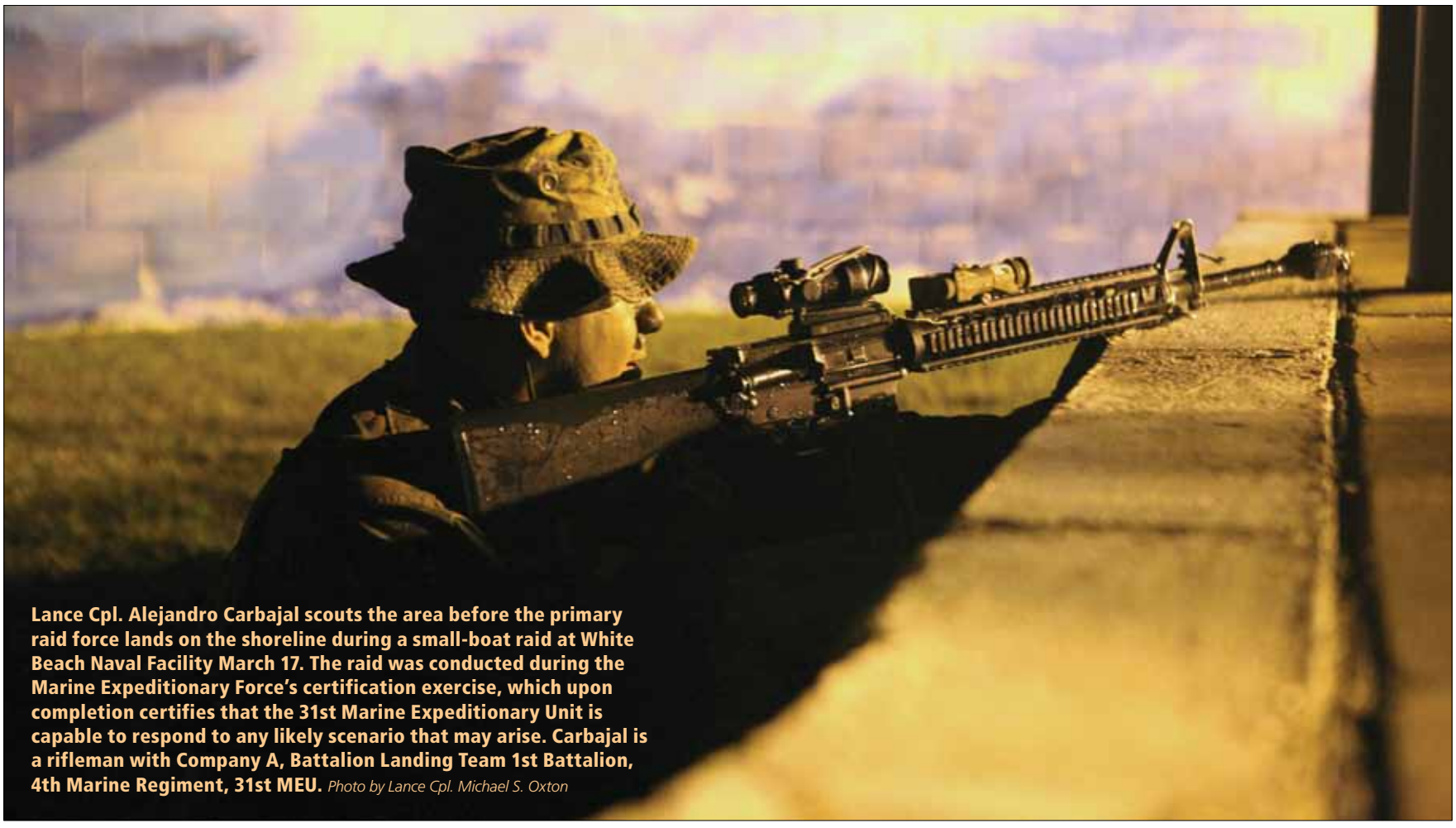
The boat raid was conducted with the highest level of realism possible in a training environment, using simulated ammunition. The goal was to test the MEU's maritime capabilities with a succession of ship-borne missions with the aforementioned role players.

Marines with Company A, BLT 1st Bn., 4th Marines, await orders to assault further inland during a small-boat raid at White Beach Naval Facility March 17. *Photo by Lance Cpl. Michael S. Oxton*

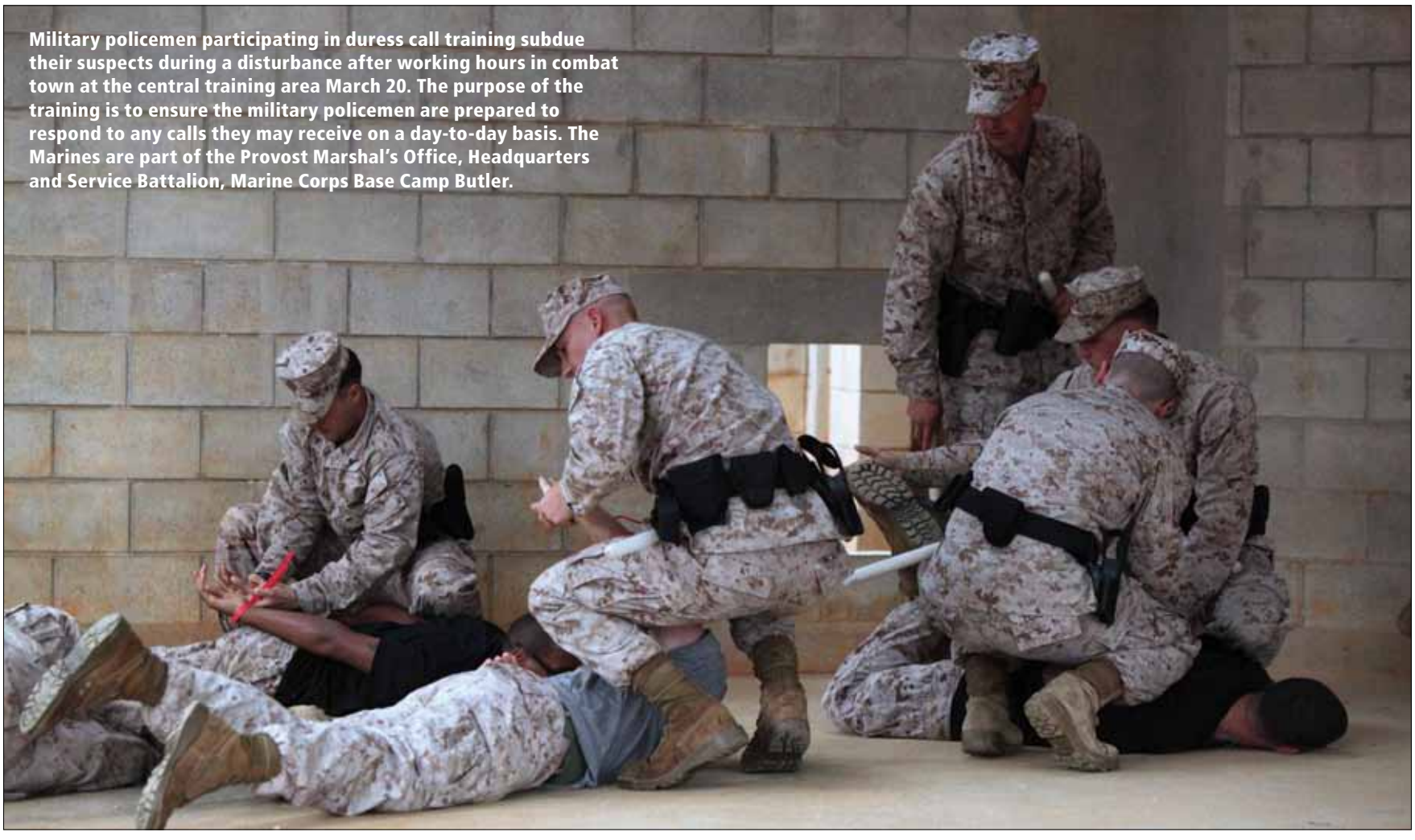
"When the raiding forces got on the objective area, having those Marine role players and non-English-speaking civilian role players all added to the most realistic training we can get in peacetime," said Lt. Col. Stephen P. Armes, executive officer for Special Operations Training Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group, III MEF.

As the nation's tip of the spear in the Pacific area of operations, realistic training like this is required to breed operational readiness, according to Auerbach.

"The overall exercise increases our level of confidence," said Auerbach. "In the end, it gives us a practice-makes-perfect kind of mentality and helps our training eventually become muscle memory."



Lance Cpl. Alejandro Carbajal scouts the area before the primary raid force lands on the shoreline during a small-boat raid at White Beach Naval Facility March 17. The raid was conducted during the Marine Expeditionary Force's certification exercise, which upon completion certifies that the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit is capable to respond to any likely scenario that may arise. Carbajal is a rifleman with Company A, Battalion Landing Team 1st Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, 31st MEU. *Photo by Lance Cpl. Michael S. Oxton*



Military policemen participating in duress call training subdue their suspects during a disturbance after working hours in combat town at the central training area March 20. The purpose of the training is to ensure the military policemen are prepared to respond to any calls they may receive on a day-to-day basis. The Marines are part of the Provost Marshal's Office, Headquarters and Service Battalion, Marine Corps Base Camp Butler.

Military police train to protect in any situation

Story and photos by
Lance Cpl. Daniel E. Valle
OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

Military policemen with the Provost Marshal's Office practiced responding to duress calls in combat town at the central training area March 20.

The purpose of the training was to ensure the military policemen are prepared to respond to any calls they may receive on a day-to-day basis. PMO is a part of Headquarters and Service Battalion, Marine Corps Base Camp Butler.

"We are conducting training on different scenarios and anything we could possibly have to respond to in a real-world scenario," said Lance Cpl. Kevin M. Smith, a military policeman with PMO. "The situations we are dealing with today can happen at any time, so it is important that we train to respond to these situations accordingly."

The scenarios the Marines responded to included a disturbance at a club, bank robbery, a disturbance in the barracks or military quarters, possible suicide attempt and how to react to violent suspects.

The Marines agree the hands-on training is a more effective way of learning about dealing with different situations.

"This benefits them because the hands-on training prepares them to go out to real calls," said Staff Sgt. Rocky J. Centamore, watch commander, PMO. "It builds their confidence."

Even though the PMO Marines may not have to deal with these situations every day, they are all prepared to handle it, according to Smith.

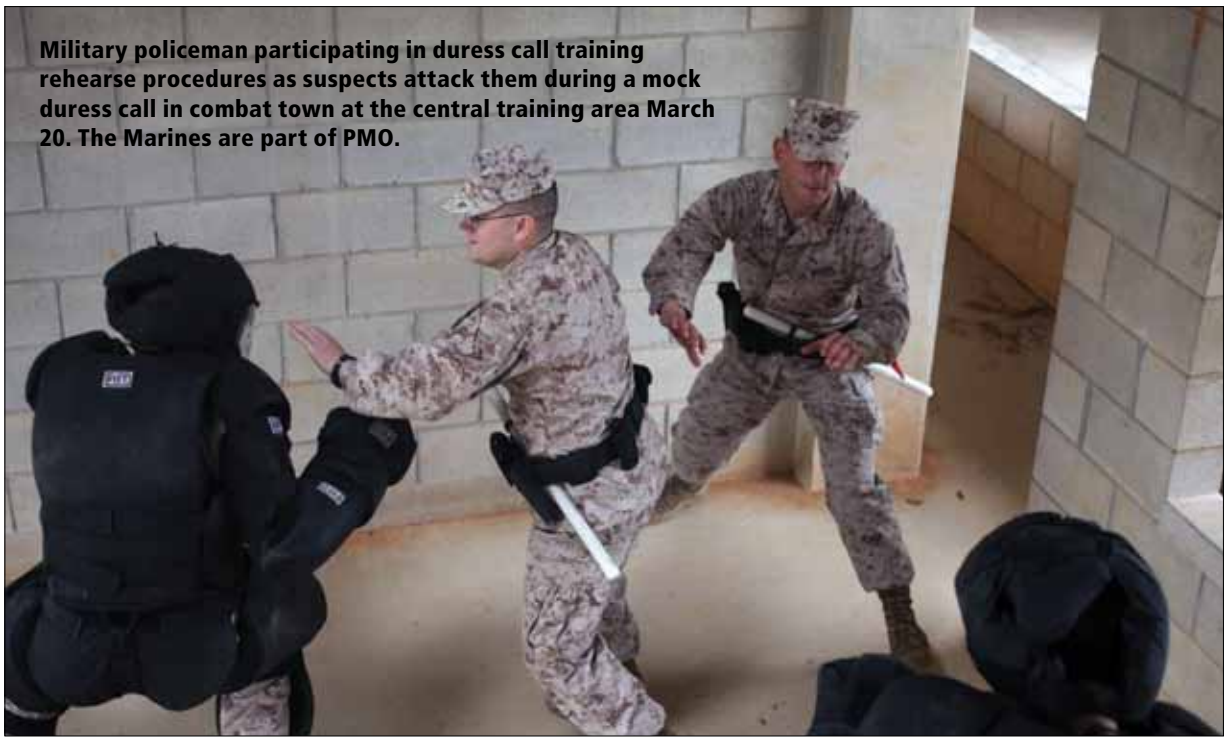
"The training was good and the Marines performed well," said Lance Cpl. Lindsay J. Kasow, a military policeman. "We have a lot of new Marines and you can already tell they are learning a lot and getting better with each call."

The military police receive various types of calls each day, so throwing these scenarios at them will help keep them on the alert, said Centamore.

"It all goes back to Marines train the way they fight," said Centamore. "We as military policemen have to train the way we are going to respond."

"This is our job," said Centamore. "This is what we train to do and we are very good at it."

Lance Cpl. Joseph T. Crouch calms his suspect during duress call training in combat town at the central training area March 20. Crouch is a military policeman with PMO.



Military policeman participating in duress call training rehearse procedures as suspects attack them during a mock duress call in combat town at the central training area March 20. The Marines are part of PMO.

Mrs. Dunford visits NMCRS, other organizations

Lance Cpl. Alyssa N. Hoffacker
OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

Ellyn Dunford, spouse of Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. Joseph F. Dunford Jr. visited Okinawa visiting different organizations focused on the health and well-being of service members and their families on Okinawa March 21-23.

Dunford toured the Labor and Delivery Ward, Post-Partum Ward, Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and Stork's Nest all at the U.S. Naval Hospital Okinawa on Camp Lester.

"Kudos to all involved who play a role in making the Pacific region one that attracts our families by fulfilling their health care needs," said Dunford.

Dunford also visited the offices of the American Women's Welfare Association and the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society Okinawa.

Ellyn Dunford, right, speaks with Kristin Stephens about the different programs the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society Okinawa offers while touring the NMCRS facility on Camp Foster March 22. Dunford visited multiple organizations focused on the health and well-being of service members and their families. Dunford is the spouse of the assistant commandant of the Marine Corps and a board member of NMCRS. Stephens is the director of the NMCRS Okinawa.
Photo by Lance Cpl. Alyssa N. Hoffacker

"I was very pleased that Mrs. Dunford wanted to take the time to visit Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society while she was on Okinawa," said Kristin Stephens, director of NMCRS Okinawa. "I know she had limited time on her trip and had to be selective about what organizations she visited."

Dunford, a board member for the society, showed her dedication not only to the mission of NMCRS, but also to ensuring Marines and sailors have somewhere to turn when they are in a financial emergency, said Stephens.

"I wanted to come out here and see how things are going," said Dunford, while talking to the employees and volunteers at NMCRS. "I also wanted to say thank you for such an essential service. There's no one else who fills in for what you do."

NMCRS Okinawa has tailored its programs to fit the needs of service members while living here, said Stephens.

Dunford and Stephens spoke about the different programs NMCRS offers for their service members, such as the Budget for Baby Workshop and financial assistance.

They also discussed how the volunteers at NMCRS have a great impact on the organization's ability to serve its clients.

"It meant a lot to all of our volunteers that she understands the importance of who we are and what we do for sailors and Marines on the island," said Stephens. "They really appreciated the opportunity to personally show her the unique things we do here on Okinawa."

MP saves victim with automated external defibrillator

Lance Cpl. Kasey Peacock
OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

The life of a military policeman encompasses many different tasks. One might assume a typical day would include patrolling, issuing citations, interacting with service members, and making arrests.

What one may not assume is that MPs can be called for anything, at any time, sometimes even placing them first on scene at a medical emergency.

The morning of Feb. 18, Cpl. Tristan I. Hobson, a military policeman with Headquarters and Service Battalion, Marine Corps Base Camp Butler, Marine Corps Installations Pacific, received one of those calls.

When Hobson received the call that an employee at the Camp Kinser Mess Hall, had collapsed and was not breathing, he immediately shouted to his partner, Lance Cpl. Leonard J. Kim, that it was time to go. The two geared up for the unknown and later found out that the key to the victim's survival lay unused in the trunk of Hobson's patrol car.

"When I arrived on scene, I could tell immediately the victim was not breathing," said Hobson. "I began conducting (cardiopulmonary resuscitation), but it wasn't working."

That is when Hobson grabbed an automated external defibrillator.

An AED is a portable electronic device that diagnoses potentially life-threatening cardiopulmonary conditions in a patient and guides the first responder through the life-saving process.

Hobson and his partner connected the AED to the victim and began following the instructions.

"I can remember the machine telling me to continue chest compressions and then telling me to administer the shock," said Hobson. "At that time, I advised everyone to back away and did what I was supposed to do. I used the shock."

After repeating this process for several minutes, emergency technicians arrived. Hobson had given the fifth shock, which restored the victim's heart rhythm and proved to be the shock that saved her life.

"MPs are fully capable of responding to a crisis, and we are thankful for their training," said Petty Officer 3rd Class Jason M. Turgeon, a preventive medicine technician with Combat Logistics Regiment 37, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force. "It's important for properly trained personnel to make sure the scene is safe and secure for the emergency medical providers."

Military policemen conduct a variety of annual training scenarios refreshing their CPR and basic first-aid capabilities.

"Our MPs train for anything that could possibly be thrown at us," said Staff Sgt. Thomas D. Sanford, a military policeman with the battalion. "Hobson and Kim showed great leadership skills by taking action and responding accordingly to the crisis."

Hobson later found out from the victim's brother, who was on the scene, that without his quick actions with the AED, she may not be here.

"When I heard the news that she was alive I was very relieved," said Hobson. "I remember giving all that I had while performing CPR because I realized her life was at stake."

Cpl. Tristan I. Hobson checks the trunk of a patrol car for supplies on Camp Foster March 28. Hobson saved a local community member's life on Camp Kinser Feb. 18 with the aid of an automated external defibrillator. Hobson is a military policeman with Headquarters and Service Battalion, Marine Corps Base Camp Butler. *Photo by Lance Cpl. Kasey Peacock*

Hobson responded to a similar situation a few months prior. These two incidents have proven this piece of equipment is vital for responding to life-threatening situations, according to Hobson.

In Theaters Now

MARCH 30 - APRIL 5

FOSTER

TODAY 21 Jump Street (R), 6 p.m.; Haywire (R), 9 p.m.
SATURDAY Dr. Seuss' The Lorax (PG), noon and 3 p.m.; Man On a Ledge (PG13), 6 and 9 p.m.
SUNDAY The Hunger Games (PG13), 1 and 4:30 and 8 p.m.
MONDAY Dr. Seuss' The Lorax (PG), 7 p.m.
TUESDAY Man On a Ledge (PG13), 7 p.m.
WEDNESDAY Underworld Awakening (R), 7 p.m.
THURSDAY The Hunger Games (PG13), 7 p.m.

KADENA

TODAY Dr. Seuss' The Lorax (PG), 6 p.m.; Man On a Ledge (PG13), 9 p.m.
SATURDAY Man On a Ledge (PG13), noon, 3 and 6 p.m.; 21 Jump Street (R), 9 p.m.
SUNDAY Big Miracle (PG), 1 p.m.; Man On a Ledge (PG13), 4 p.m.; 21 Jump Street (R), 7 p.m.
MONDAY 21 Jump Street (R), 7 p.m.
TUESDAY John Carter (PG13), 7 p.m.
WEDNESDAY Man On a Ledge (PG13), 7 p.m.
THURSDAY John Carter (PG13), 7 p.m.

COURTNEY

TODAY The Hunger Games (PG13), 5:30 and 9 p.m.
SATURDAY Haywire (R), 2 p.m; Underworld Awakening (R), 6 p.m.
SUNDAY John Carter (PG13), 2 and 6 p.m.
MONDAY Underworld Awakening (R), 7 p.m.
TUESDAY Closed
WEDNESDAY 21 Jump Street (R), 7 p.m.
THURSDAY Closed

FUTENMA

TODAY Underworld Awakening (R), 6:30 p.m.
SATURDAY The Hunger Games (PG13), 4 and 7 p.m.
SUNDAY Haywire (R), 4 p.m.; Underworld Awakening (R), 7 p.m.
MONDAY John Carter (PG13), 6:30 p.m.
TUESDAY-THURSDAY Closed

KINSER

TODAY Man On a Ledge (PG13), 6:30 p.m.
SATURDAY Big Miracle (PG), 3 p.m.; Man On a Ledge (PG13), 6:30 p.m.
SUNDAY Big Miracle (PG), 3 p.m.; Man On a Ledge (PG13), 6:30 p.m.
MONDAY Closed
TUESDAY Closed
WEDNESDAY The Hunger Games (PG13), 3 and 6:30 p.m.
THURSDAY Man On a Ledge (PG13), 6:30 p.m.

HANSEN

TODAY Man On a Ledge (PG13), 7 p.m.
SATURDAY John Carter (PG13), 6 and 9 p.m.
SUNDAY Big Miracle (PG), 2 p.m.; Man On a Ledge (PG13), 5:30 p.m.
MONDAY The Hunger Games (PG13), 6 and 9 p.m.
TUESDAY The Hunger Games (PG13), 7 p.m.
WEDNESDAY Man On a Ledge (PG13), 7 p.m.
THURSDAY 21 Jump Street (R), 7 p.m.

SCHWAB

TODAY John Carter (PG13), 7 p.m.
SATURDAY Haywire (R), 5 p.m.
SUNDAY Underworld Awakening (R), 5 p.m.
MONDAY-THURSDAY Closed

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MCAS FUTENMA 636-3890
(USO NIGHT) 636-2113
CAMP COURTNEY 622-9616
CAMP HANSEN 623-4564
(USO NIGHT) 623-5011
CAMP KINSER 637-2177
CAMP SCHWAB 625-2333
(USO NIGHT) 625-3834

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SINGLE MARINE PROGRAM EVENTS

For more information or to sign up, contact the Single Marine Program at 645-3681.

ALL CAMPS MONTHLY MEETING - APRIL 4
• The SMP All Camps Monthly Meeting will be held at the Ocean Breeze on Camp Foster from 1:30-3:30 p.m. April 4.

DUCK AND COVER GOLF TOURNAMENT - APRIL 6
• Staff noncommissioned officers and officers are invited to form four-person teams to compete in the Duck and Cover Golf Tournament April 6 from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Prizes will be given to the top three male and female finishers for the "Closest to the Pin" and "Longest Drive" challenges. Register by today.

SMP NEW REPRESENTATIVE TRAINING - APRIL 16
• The SMP New Representative Training will be held at the SMP main office, building 5674, on Camp Foster starting at 3 p.m. April 16.

DISCOVER GOLF - FREE GOLF LESSONS
• Taiyo Golf Course is hosting free golf lessons for single Marines and sailors the first and third Friday of every month from 9-11 a.m. Participants meet at the SMP office on Camp Foster by 8 a.m.

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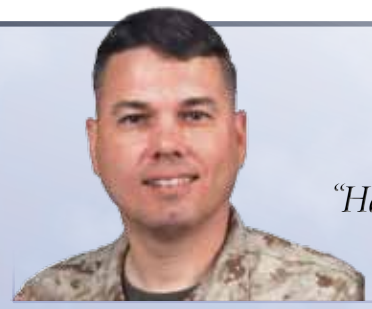
Japanese phrase of the week:

"Donata sama desu ka" (pronounced: DOH-nah-tah sah-mah-dehs kah)
It means,
"Who's speaking?"
(when talking on the phone)

RANGE HIGH SCORES

March 19 - 23

RIFLE RANGE
Pfc. Steven Wisniewski, MAW, 336



CHAPLAINS' CORNER

"Have you asked anyone, 'how are you today?' Did you take a moment to really listen?"

Simple life altering question

Lt. Cmdr. Cliff Stuart
1ST MAW DEPUTY WING CHAPLAIN

Many years ago I made a phone call and asked, "How are you?"

I soon discovered that I had dialed the wrong number, but the woman on the line answered the question and told me how bad things were going for her. I do not know if she knew we were strangers or not, but we talked about her problems for almost an hour.

Eventually, she began feeling better about things and thanked me for talking with her. She then told me she had planned to kill herself, but had figured out what she wanted to do about her issues instead. I was 21 years old and stunned at how a wrong number call that started off with the simple question, "How are you?" turned out to be such an important conversation!

Has anyone today asked, "How are you?" Did you answer openly and honestly?

Have you asked anyone, "How are you today?" Did you take a moment to really listen?

Chaplains provide confidential counseling to those who are dealing with all kinds of issues. Sometimes, everyday stressors add up to a load too big to carry on one's own. Others may be in crisis, as big events have caused them to seek help.

Each of us is human, and we are each susceptible to becoming emotionally or spiritually overburdened. That is why the question, "How are you?" is so important to ask each other and to answer openly and honestly.

Military or civilian, there are many resources available. The chain of command may be the best place to start. A trusted friend, leader, teacher, corpsman or chaplain might also be a person to seek help from. Marine Corps Community Services, military family life consultants, the Families Overcoming Under Stress Project, Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, medical personnel, mental health professionals and family readiness officers are ready to assist.

There is help for any situation.

Please care enough to ask someone, "How are you?" Real leaders and real friends listen!

If you are asked, "How are you?" please answer politely and honestly. It may be the first step to becoming a better partner, parent or leader!

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