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U.S. Navy Lt. Dennis O'Connor, right, teaches airway management techniques to members of the Royal Cambodian Armed Forces during Cambodia Medical Exercise 2012 at Ream Naval Base in Sihanoukville, Cambodia, June 5. The exercise allows both nations to conduct joint medical operations, improve interoperability, and foster good will. O'Connor is an emergency medicine doctor with 3rd Medical Battalion, Combat Logistics Regiment 35, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force. Photo by Lance Cpl. Nicholas S. Ranum

Lance Cpl. Nicholas S. Ranum
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SIHANOUKVILLE, Cambodia — Members of the Royal Cambodian Navy and Air Force shared medical techniques with sailors of 3rd Medical Battalion at Ream Naval Base here June 5-6.

The battalion, a part of Combat Logistics Regiment 35, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force, is in Cambodia for Cambodia Medical Exercise 2012.

The exercise serves to enhance military-to-military relations between the U.S. military, Royal

Cambodian Armed Forces and Cambodian government medical personnel. It allows both nations to conduct joint medical operations, improve interoperability, and foster good will.

The sailors imparted their specific knowledge regarding types of fractures, splints, intravenous procedures, splinting, casualty carries and other basic medical techniques.

“We are happy the sailors come here to train,” said Royal Cambodian Armed Forces Lt. Cmdr. Ley Sarith, a physician’s assistant on Ream Naval

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Marines convoy to Yausubetsu Maneuver Area

Lance Cpl. Donald T. Peterson
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YOUSUBETSU MANUEVER AREA, Hokkaido, Japan — Marines with 3rd Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, transported 12 105 mm howitzers and more than 100 tactical vehicles from Hanasaki Port to the Yausubetsu Maneuver Area here June 8 in preparation for Artillery Relocation Training Program 12-1.

The regiment, part of 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force, is conducting ARTP 12-1 to sustain unit proficiency and maintain combat readiness. The regularly scheduled training promotes regional stability and security and ensures units stationed on Okinawa can uphold the defense of

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Capt. Chad E. Bonecutter holds Barrett, his five-month-old son, for the first time on Camp Hansen June 11. Barrett was born six weeks after his father deployed to Afghanistan. Bonecutter is a team leader for a supporting arms liaison team with 5th Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Company, III Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group, III MEF.

Photo by Lance Cpl. Matthew Manning

5th ANGLICO returns home

Lance Cpl. Matthew Manning
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CAMP HANSEN — More than 70 Marines with 5th Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Company returned to Camp Hansen from Afghanistan June 11.

During their seven-month deployment, Marines with 5th ANGLICO, III Marine Expeditionary Force

Headquarters Group, III MEF, worked with coalition forces in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

“We coordinated supporting arms and forward air control operations for the coalition in the Helmand province,” said Sgt. Maj. Kevin M. Conboy, sergeant major of 5th ANGLICO. “Those we supported included United

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SMP assists service members, maximizes Okinawa experience

Cpl. C. M. Martin

Have you ever been so bored on a Saturday that you rearranged your sock drawer? If so, then you probably have not heard of the single Marine program. Here on Okinawa, the SMP is leading the way to improve the morale and the quality of life for all single Marines and sailors. The program is administrated by motivated service members backed by outstanding support from their commands.

The SMP is committed to upholding the three program pillars: quality-of-life improvements, community involvement projects and recreational events.

This includes working to resolve issues with barracks life, promoting amenities available on base, hosting sports tournaments, providing support for local events and trips, as well as coordinating attendance for after-hours events like movies and concerts on base.

The program was founded on the premise that change starts at the lowest level. The goal of starting the SMP was to create a forum for Marines to identify quality-of-life issues and to give Marines an opportunity to present their ideas and develop lasting solutions.

In addition to improving barracks life, the program is also committed to supporting volunteer and community outreach efforts. Representatives of the

program often organize opportunities for Marines and sailors to volunteer at thrift shops, school functions, community beach cleanups, base cleanups and USO events like blood drives and pancake breakfasts.

The SMP also provides a number of recreational activities for Marines and sailors both on and off Okinawa.

For example, the program organizes trips to Forest Adventure Park, Ocean Expo Park and Okinawa World, as well as scuba diving and snorkeling ex-

cursions to the Kerama Islands and Minnajima. For those interested in Okinawa community traditions, the SMP participates in the annual Naha dragon boat races and the annual tug-of-war festival, also in Naha.

There are various sports tournaments hosted by the program throughout the year including softball, bowling, ultimate Frisbee, paintball, golf, and events like movies on-the-lawn, barracks bashes and beach parties.

The SMP provides a link to many entertaining activities and is hard-at-work getting Marines and sailors out of their barracks and into the community. Isn't it time you got with the program?

To find out more about the program, contact your SMP unit representative, visit the SMP office, or check your command's eMarine site.

Cpl. C. M. Martin is the SMP president for the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing.

“SMP provides a link to many entertaining activities and is hard at work getting Marines and sailors out of their barracks and into the community.”

AROUND THE CORPS



Marines and sailors with the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit man the rails as USS Pearl Harbor sails into Pearl Harbor, Honolulu, June 13. The unit embarked the ship, as well as USS Makin Island and USS New Orleans in San Diego Nov. 14, beginning a seven-month deployment to the Western Pacific, Horn of Africa and Middle East regions. Photo by Cpl. Tommy Huynh



Lance Cpl. Bryan Pedrotti jumps across a canal during a patrol in Sangin, Helmand province, Afghanistan, June 10. The squad patrolled to provide security in the area. Pedrotti is a machine gunner with Company C, 1st Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 6. Photo by Lance Cpl. Sean Searfus



The U.S. Marine Drum and Bugle Corps performs during the inaugural performance of the Friends of the National World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C., June 14. The free concert coincided with National Flag Day and the U.S. Army's birthday. The Drum and Bugle Corps closed its concert by playing "Armed Forces Salute," a medley of each branch of service's song. Photo by Cpl. Dengrier Baez

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5th ANGLICO honors, remembers fallen brother

Lance Cpl. Matthew Manning
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CAMP HANSEN — Marines and sailors with 5th Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Company gathered in the Camp Hansen chapel June 14 to honor the life of Sgt. Julian C. Chase.

Chase, 22, an Edgewater, Md., native was killed in action May 28 in Helmand province, Afghanistan where he served as a fire support man with Firepower Control Team 7, 5th ANGLICO, III Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group, III MEF.

“He never once flinched from duty; it was absolutely heroic,” said Capt. Adam P. Bracchi, team leader for FCT-7. “While conducting a clearing operation, the team came under fire from four to five enemy machine gun positions. Despite the volley of enemy fire, Sgt. Chase was on the radio, giving me positive identification and detailed descriptions of the enemy positions and doing everything possible so we could provide fire support for his team.

“Without his dedication, there is no doubt in my mind other Marines would have been wounded or killed.”

Through his actions on



Marines with 5th Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Company observe a moment of silence for Sgt. Julian C. Chase in the chapel at Camp Hansen June 14. Chase was killed in action May 28 in Helmand province, Afghanistan. Chase's personal awards include the Purple Heart, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal and Combat Action Ribbon. Chase was a fire support man with the company, part of III Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group, III MEF. Photo by Lance Cpl. Matthew Manning

duty and off, Chase was able to affect the Marines of 5th ANGLICO in ways they will not forget.

“Sgt. Chase was the kind of Marine who was willing to do anything for you, no matter what it was,” said Lance Cpl. Jacob M. Snide, a field radio operator with 5th ANGLICO. “He was a great leader and taught me everything I know about being a field radio operator.

“As soon as he heard I was going to be on his team, he stepped in and began to teach me what I needed to know.”

The way Chase mentored Snide showcased his leadership style as both a Marine and a person, according to Sgt. John E. Owen, radio chief with 5th ANGLICO, and Chase's personal friend.

“He was definitely a lead-from-the-front kind of person,” said Owen. “He was always volunteering to do work and never put anything off to the side. He cared about everybody. He would always make sure everyone else was alright before he would make sure he was fine.

“His (main) concern was

the safety and well-being of those around him,” Owen said.

Examples of Chase's concern for others were seen in his actions while deployed.

“Whenever he would go out on a patrol, he always wanted to carry the heaviest pack, the (M240B medium machine gun) and the most ammunition out of everyone on the patrol,” said Bracchi. “I always had full trust in his abilities as a Marine, a noncommissioned officer and a team chief. He would never back down from a fight

and never let anyone else do his work.”

Chase's leadership and bravery in the line of duty provided Marines with peace of mind while deployed, according to Owen.

“I always could count on him to watch my back,” said Owen. “He would always get the job done regardless of any situation he faced.”

Chase made the ultimate sacrifice while doing the job he loved, according to Owen.

“Nobody disliked Sgt. Chase,” said Snide. “He was a great friend to have. You could always walk up and ask him anything.”

By facing opposition head-on, Chase ensured the safety of his fellow Marines, according to Bracchi.

“Sgt. Chase is one of the most amazing Marines I have ever worked with, and I know he will remain close to us for the rest of our lives,” said Bracchi.

Chase's personal awards include the Purple Heart, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal and Combat Action Ribbon. His father, Thomas B. Chase of Edgewater, Md. and mother, Bell Clement of Washington, D.C., survive him.

Take proper precautions with poisonous plants on Okinawa

Lance Cpl. Daniel E. Valle
OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

CAMP FOSTER — Okinawa is covered with a wide variety of exquisite vegetation. However, some of the island's beauty can be hazardous to one's health.

Elephant's ear, oleander, sea mango, sago palm and wax tree are five types of poisonous plants commonly seen on Okinawa.

Poisonous plants affect people in two ways, through contact and ingestion, according to Mitsugu Sugiyama, an engineering technician with the Environmental Affairs Branch, G-F, facilities, Marine Corps Base Camp Butler.

“The wax tree, which affects one through contact, produces poisonous oil and is often seen in the woods on Marine Corps installations, as well as military family housing,” said Sugiyama.

Symptoms caused by contact with the wax tree include severe itching, reddish-colored inflammation or noncolored bumps, and blistering of the skin. Emergency treatment is to wash the poisonous oil away as soon as possible.

While the wax tree is hazardous through contact, some of the vegetation on Okinawa is dangerous if ingested.

“The sago palm is poisonous from ingestion of the fruit,” said Sugiyama. “All parts of the plant are poisonous and contain several different types of toxins.”

Ingestion of sago palm fruit can cause nausea, vomiting without fever, diarrhea and possibly death. Emergency treatment is to drink plenty of water and induce vomiting.

Two other hazardous plants are the oleander and sea mango.

“The oleander and sea mango are extremely poisonous to both humans and animals, as they contain numerous toxic compounds,” said Sugiyama. “The entire plant, including the white milky sap, is toxic, and it can cause nausea, vomiting, excess salivation, diarrhea and irregular heart rate.”

In case of ingestion, emergency treatment is to induce vomiting. In case of skin contact, sap should be washed away immediately.

Although some of these plants look harmless, such as the elephant's ear, they may cause serious health issues.

“The elephant's ear contains calcium

oxalate in the entire plant, including the sap,” said Sugiyama. “If ingested, the oxalate crystal can cause burning and swelling of the mouth and throat. Contact with the sap can cause skin irritation.”

In case of ingestion, emergency treatment is to induce vomiting, and in the case of skin contact, the sap should be washed away.

Wearing long sleeves, long pants, boots and gloves provides protection from these poisonous plants, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The CDC also explains how using barrier skin creams, such as a lotion containing bentoquatam, may offer some protection before contact.

Also, do not burn plants that may be poisonous, as inhaling smoke from burning toxic plants can cause severe allergic respiratory problems, according to the CDC.

For more information on dealing with poisonous vegetation, contact the Preventive Medicine Department of the U.S. Naval Hospital on Camp Lester at 643-8011, or visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at www.cdc.gov.



Sago Palm



Wax Tree



Sea Mango Fruit



Oleander Flower



Elephant's Ear

BRIEFS

TYPHOON DAMAGE CLAIMS

Personal property claims can be filed for property damaged in a typhoon with appropriate supporting documentation. Do not throw away damaged items until authorized to do so by claims personnel.

Claims must be filed with your respective service. Where you work or reside has no bearing on personal property claims. For more information, contact the claims supervisor at 645-9429.

EFMP EXCEPTIONALLY SUNNY SERIES

The Okinawa exceptional family member program is hosting its 4th annual Exceptionally Sunny Series Camp this year themed "under the sea."

Children will participate in group activities that promote skills helpful for next year's academics, socialization and fitness.

The dates, times and locations for the series are as follows:

- Camp Foster: June 25-29 from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at Kishaba Youth Center, building 24.
- Camp McTureous: July 9-13 from 2:30-3:30 p.m. at Bechtel Elementary School.
- Camp Kinser: July 16-20 from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at Kinser Youth and Teen Center, building 1316.

The dates, times and locations for the parents' series are as follows:

- Camp Foster June 26-28 from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at Kishaba Youth Center
- Camp Kinser, July 17-19 from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at Kinser Youth and Teen Center.

All service branches with a current EFMP enrollment may register. For more information, participation rules and to register, call 645-9237.

SUMMER GATE CLOSURE

Gate 1B, the Sergeant Major gate at Camp Foster, and Gate 2 at Camp Lester will close for the summer beginning June 25.

For more information, contact Camp Services at 645-7317.

EWS AND CSC ENROLLMENT

Expeditionary Warfare School and Command and Staff College Distance Education programs commence Oct. 1. To enroll, contact the College of Distance Education and Training at 645-2230.

For course information, visit <http://www.tecom.usmc.mil/cdet/>

L.I.N.K.S. FOR TEENS AND TWEENS

Teens and tweens can connect with their peers, share life experiences, and discover positive ways to deal with the challenges of growing up in the military at the L.I.N.K.S. for teens and tweens. The workshop will be held June 28 from 10 a.m. to noon at The Spot, on Camp Foster. There will be games, discussions, food, prize giveaways and more.

This free workshop is open to all status of forces agreement children ages 11-18. Registration is required.

For more information, call Marine Corps Family Team Building at 645-3689.

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7th Comm Bn welcomes Lourian



Lourian



Urbina

Lt. Col. Nicholas J. Lourian assumed command of 7th Communication Battalion, III Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group, III MEF, from Lt. Col. Carlos O. Urbina during a ceremony at Camp Hansen June 15. Urbina commanded 7th Comm. Bn. since June 2010 and will attend the College of International Security Affairs, National Defense University in Washington, D.C. Lourian's previous assignment was at Camp Courtney, where he served as the executive officer for Headquarters Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, III MEF.

CAB receives Paustenbaugh



Paustenbaugh



Mullins

Maj. Terry M. Paustenbaugh assumed command of Combat Assault Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force, from Lt. Col. Kirk D. Mullins during a ceremony at Camp Schwab June 14. Mullins commanded CAB since July 2010 and will become the product manager for tactical communications systems for Marine Corps Systems Command. Paustenbaugh's previous assignment was at Norfolk, Va., where he served as the regional operations and plans officer-Africa for Marine Forces Command.

VMGR-152 reunites with loved ones



Above: Family members and friends anxiously await the return of their loved ones at Marine Corps Air Station Futenma June 14 after an eight-month deployment to Afghanistan with Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 152. Left: Staff Sgt. Angela J. Lopez hugs her family as they welcome her home at MCAS Futenma June 14. Lopez is the administrative chief for VMGR-152, part of Marine Aircraft Group 36, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III Marine Expeditionary Force.

Photos by Sgt. Brandon L. Saunders



ROK ACMC visits 3rd MLG



Brig. Gen. Si Rok Kim discusses future training and plans with Brig. Gen. Craig C. Crenshaw during a visit to Camp Kinser June 14. Key leaders with the Republic of Korea Marine Corps also toured a static display of equipment and machinery. Kim is the assistant commandant of the Republic of Korea Marine Corps, and Crenshaw is the commanding general of 3rd Marine Logistics Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force. Photo by Sgt. Brandon L. Saunders

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Base. “The sailors helped train newer personnel on new equipment and techniques.”

The battalion brought equipment and supplies such as stretchers, gurneys, defibrillators, bandages and suture materials to aid in the training exercises.

The new techniques and equipment the sailors shared will help with future emergencies faced by Cambodian service members and medical personnel.

“The training will assist (the Royal Cambodian Armed Forces) to recognize key small details during medical situations they encounter, according to Petty Officer 3rd Class Jia Liu, a hospital corpsman with the battalion. “This will keep both the patients and medical personnel safe.”

Even though the two-day evolution was intense, the effort everyone put forth was worth the end result.

“The sense of accomplishment you have when you realize what you are teaching could be put into practice is the best,” said Liu. “If the training can save even one life, it is worth it.”

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Kingdom Forces, the Danish Battle Group, the Georgian military and the 215th Afghan National Army Brigade.”

While deployed, Marines with 5th ANGLICO were divided into teams to maximize their combat effectiveness, according to Sgt. Adrian T. Richards, a fire control team chief with the company.

“Our fire control team consisted of seven Marines, and typically we sent two Marines on each patrol,” said Richards. “The purpose of these two Marines was to call for close-air support when it was needed.”

Richards’ team primarily supported soldiers from the Republic of Georgia.

“Coordination with the Georgians was tough at first because of the language barrier, but we had a three-week training period with them

before we deployed, so we were able to become familiar with them and how they operate,” said Richards.

The Marines were also able to interact with the Afghan people during their deployment.

“When we arrived it was wintertime, so we handed out a lot of coats and shoes to those in need,” said Richards. “The Afghan children were always asking for materials to write with, so we would give them pens and paper.

“We wanted them to know we were there to help and not to cause harm.”

The Marines were welcomed home with smiling faces for a job well done.

“This felt like the longest (deployment) ever,” said Kathleen A. Bonecutter, wife of Capt. Chad E. Bonecutter, a team leader for a supporting arms liaison team with 5th ANGLICO. “I couldn’t be more excited to see him than I am now.”

While her husband has been on two previous deployments, this one was different for the Bonecutters due to the birth of their second son.

“Barrett was born about six weeks after they deployed,” said Kathleen. “There were moments when he was gone when things were a little overwhelming, but we had a good support system set up. It was like being thrown in the deep end of a pool; you have to learn how to swim quickly.”

Though mission accomplishment is often heralded as the hallmark of a successful operation, Marines at every level feel the deep pain of losing a fellow comrade.

“This was an extremely successful deployment for both our unit and the forces we supported,” said Conboy. “The losses we incurred will be missed greatly, but we will continue to strive on in their memory.”



Marines with 3rd Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, prepare to transport 12 105 mm howitzers and more than 100 tactical vehicles from Hanasaki Port to the Yausubetsu Maneuver Area June 8 in preparation for Artillery Relocation Training Program 12-1. The regularly scheduled training promotes regional stability and security and ensures units stationed on Okinawa can uphold the defense of Japan under the Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security. The battalion is a part of 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force. Photo by Lance Cpl. Donald T. Peterson

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Japan under the Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security.

“This convoy is crucial to ensuring we have everything necessary for (ARTP 12-1) to take place,” said Master Sgt. Eleno Villegas, the motor transport operations chief for the battalion. “At the same time, safety is paramount in making sure everyone and everything gets to the maneuver area (safely).”

The Marines were given a thorough brief to ensure the overall well-being of equipment and personnel before setting out on the convoy.

“Before our departure, we inspected each vehicle’s tire pressure, transmission fluid and oil,” said Lance Cpl. Oscar R. Zavala, an administrative specialist for the battalion and driver in the convoy. “We also ensured the vehicles had enough fuel to complete the mission.”

The convoy traveled approximately 72 kilometers in 21 separate groups in order to reduce traffic and minimize impact on the local community.

Artillery live-fire training has been conducted on mainland Japan since 1997 when the training was relocated from Okinawa in accordance with the Special Action Committee on Okinawa’s final report. All training sites have been approved by the government of Japan. The agreement between the United States and Japan to move the training exercise from Okinawa to mainland Japan limits the impact of U.S. forces on Okinawa Prefecture.

The live-fire portion of ARTP 12-1 began June 13.



Marines, sailors and instructors brace for submersion during modular amphibious egress training at Camp Hansen June 8. By conducting MAET, the service members ensure the helicopter to stay alive. The Marines and sailors are with 3rd Medical Battalion, Combat Logistics Regiment 35, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force.



Marines and sailors prepare to be submerged while enclosed in a simulated helicopter fuselage during modular amphibious egress training at Camp Hansen June 8. The MAET is one of four designed for the Marine Corps.

Photo by Pfc. Codey R. Underwood



Marines and sailors listen to instructions from Glen Bedard on how to use an air tank during underwater egress training. *Photo by Pfc. Codey R. Underwood*



they have the skills to escape a sinking
Photo by Pfc. Codey R. Underwood



Lance Cpl. Phuntsok Chompel practices his breathing through an air tank during shallow water egress training at Camp Hansen June 8. Chompel is a warehouse clerk with 3rd Med. Bn.

Photo by Pfc. Codey R. Underwood

TRAINING TO SURVIVE

Egress training prepares 3rd Med Bn

Pfc. Codey Underwood
OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

CAMP HANSEN — Marines and sailors with 3rd Medical Battalion conducted modular amphibious egress training at Camp Hansen June 8.



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The Marines and sailors with 3rd Med. Bn., Combat Logistics Regiment 35, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force, conducted the training to keep their combat readiness at a high level.

“The (MAET) is a great way to prepare yourself if you ever have to escape a downed helicopter,” said Petty Officer 2nd Class Alyson C. Runner, a surgical and field technician with the unit. “The reason why (3rd Med. Bn.) is doing this training is to make sure we are ready for anything.”

The MAET is a simulated helicopter fuselage that can be set up to simulate different scenarios in order for participants to be trained to escape successfully, according to Michael J. Duemas, an underwater egress trainer.

The evolution consists of three stages: classroom training, the shallow water egress trainer and MAET, according to Duemas.

“The shallow water egress trainer is the first thing we do, after (we leave the classroom),” said Duemas. “Here, we work out some of the (issues) and help participants overcome any fear they have.”

The SWET is a small, enclosed seat that flips participants upside down in shallow water, providing them the opportunity to practice escaping from a downed aircraft.

“A lot of Marines and sailors find out here it is not very easy escaping the SWET upside down under water,” he said.

Drowning is one of the hardest

fears to overcome, according to Duemas. Some Marines and sailors find it very challenging.

“Before we started this class, I was really nervous and didn’t know what to expect,” said Runner. “Once the instructors helped me get comfortable, it began to get easier.”

After the Marines and sailors became proficient in the SWET, they advanced to the MAET.

“Having training like this available increases the survivability of troops, which is the most important thing,” said Seaman Alexander B. Barry, a field technician with the unit. “(Losing an aircraft is not good) but that can be replaced or repaired, (lives) cannot (be replaced).”

Being flipped upside down in a simulated helicopter and plummeted into water while having to escape can be difficult.

“You get so disorientated inside (the MAET),” said Barry. “Somebody strapping you down in a chair, flipping you upside down, and telling you to breathe can be strange.”

Marines and sailors endure strenuous training in order to overcome adversity when put to the test in real life.

When it comes down to it, good training saves lives, according to Duemas.

“(This training) gives you a chance to overcome your fears, as well as the opportunity to learn how to use the gear correctly,” said Barry.

This training increases survivability in a real-life situation, he added.

Pet policy on Okinawa updated, effective mid-July

Lance Cpl. Alyssa N. Hoffacker
OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

Owning a pet, be it a fuzzy poodle or a tiny beta fish, can really be the cat's meow. In addition to companionship, owning a pet can reduce stress and lower blood pressure.

However, the joys of pet ownership come with responsibilities.

The 18th Wing, U.S. Air Force and Marine Corps Installations Pacific recently released the Department of Defense's joint service pet policy for all military family housing on Okinawa.

The policy requires all pet owners residing in military family housing to

comply with the policy by July 11.

The intent of the policy is to ensure the well-being and safety of the pets, pet owners and the Okinawa community, said Janice M. Coburn, the chief housing manager with 718th Civil Engineer Housing Management office, 18th Wing, U.S. Air Force.

The policy states that two domestic pets, which are cats, dogs or a combination, are permitted in single-dwelling units, duplexes and multiplex units. Cats are allowed on all floors of the tower military family housing, but dogs are limited to the first and second floors.

"Dogs are only able to live on the first and second

floors because it's hard to get a dog outside in time for the dog to (relieve itself)," said Coburn.

The policy requires all owners to register their pets with the base veterinary treatment facility and military family housing via the pet registration form.

"All (pets) must have a microchip, so they can be traced back to their owner if they were to be found," said Kathryn Steiner Allen, the operations supervisor at the Okinawa veterinary treatment facility. "The microchip also tracks the pet's vaccinations."

The policy restricts certain breeds from dwelling in military family housing.

The pit bull, rottweiler, canid-wolf hybrid, chow

and doberman pinscher are all restricted from dwelling in military family housing. These dogs are not limited to pure breeds, but also mixed breeds.

Owners of restricted breeds whom already live in military family housing must complete the grandfather pet waiver form with the housing office and may be authorized to house their pet, according to Coburn.

However, effective Oct. 1 there will be no further waiver opportunity, states the policy.

Any pet that inflicts serious injury, causes death, fails a temperament test, demonstrates dominant or aggressive behavior, or is harmful in any other way can be prohibited or

removed from military family housing, according to the policy.

"If there is an issue with a dog, it will be documented through security forces or (the Provost Marshal's Office)," said Coburn. "This will help determine if a pet should be unauthorized in housing."

Minor violations of the policy may be ticketed. Violations that endanger safety or welfare of personnel or property could result in the removal of pets or termination of military family housing.

For more information on the policy, contact your base housing office or visit: <http://www.housing.af.mil/shared/media/document/AFD-120525-022.pdf>.

Japanese, US military law enforcement crack down on spice

Sgt. Heather Brewer
OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

The U.S. military law enforcement and Okinawa Prefectural Police Headquarters are working closely together to put a stop to the distribution and use of all drugs, especially "spice."

The Okinawa prefectural government held a summit at the Prefectural Police Headquarters in Naha Jan. 18. During the summit, U.S. military and Okinawa law enforcement representatives met to discuss the issue of the synthetic drug commonly known as spice.

"According to Japanese pharmaceutical law, spice is not illegal to possess, but it is illegal to distribute," said an undercover agent with the Special Operations Unit of the Naval Criminal Investigative Service, Okinawa. "More types of spice are being added to the pharmaceutical law, and it is anticipated that spice and its analogues will become a scheduled narcotic as was seen in the 1990s and 2000s with psilocybin mushrooms and ecstasy."

Since Oct. 2011, more than 33 spice-related incidents have occurred on Okinawa. The biggest bust was a joint operation between U.S. military law enforcement agencies and the Okinawa City Police Department April 20, during which a total of 16 people were arrested.

"The NCIS is taking the spice problem seriously," said the undercover agent. "When spice becomes a scheduled narcotic under Japanese law, service members caught with or distributing spice could be detained and charged under Japanese law."

Until last year, spice and other synthetic cannabinoids were untraceable in routine urinalysis tests conducted by the U.S. military.

"As of March 2011, five ingredients commonly found in spice were added to the list of scheduled narcotics and can now be tested for during command-directed urinalysis," said the agent.

The same month, the Drug Enforcement



U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Willie Jones displays various types of spice for onlookers during a spice awareness brief at the Keystone Theater at Kadena Air Base June 5. Jones is an investigator with 18th Wing Security Forces Squadron, Kadena Air Base. Photo by Lance Cpl. Daniel E. Valle

Administration made five common ingredients found in spice a class-one narcotic. With this in effect, all military service members caught with spice, which contains at least one of the five common chemicals, can be charged under the Uniform Code of Military Justice Article 112a, which covers wrongful use, possession, manufacturing, distribution or importation of illegal substances by U.S. service members. If caught with spice not containing one of the listed ingredients, service members can be charged under Article 92 for violating the prohibited substances order Secretary of the Navy Instruction 5300.28E.

"You used to only get a 6105 page 11 (counseling), which only goes in your service record," said Michael C. Cote, supervisory special agent of the NCIS Special Operations Unit. "Now, if you are caught you could be (formally charged), which goes on your personal criminal record."

The use of spice and other synthetic cannabinoids also comes with serious health risks. These risks include agitation, anxiety, body tremors, elevated blood pressure, hallucinations, nausea, nonresponsiveness, paranoid behavior, seizures and vomiting.

The American Association of Poison Control Centers says 6,959 calls were made last year stemming from the effects of synthetic drugs like spice, K2 and other synthetic cannabinoids. The use of spice has become a problem in more countries than just the United States.

Spice has been the number-one drug problem on Okinawa among military service members for the past two years, according to NCIS.

"NCIS and Okinawa law enforcement are doing more operations to try to stop the distribution and use of spice as best as possible," said Cote. "Spice is just not worth your career and possibly your life."

Sixty seven years later



Retired Rear Admiral Taosa Ochiai, Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force, left, passes a rear admiral's flag, which had belonged to his father, to a representative of the Former Japanese Navy Underground Headquarters during a memorial ceremony at the Former Japanese Navy Underground Headquarters May 27. Ochiai's father, Minoru Ota, was a rear admiral in the Imperial Japanese Navy during World War II and was the final commander of the Japanese naval forces defending the Oroku Peninsula during the Battle of Okinawa. Photo by Lance Cpl. Donald T. Peterson

Passing of flag reflects mutual respect for losses during battle

Sgt. Heather Brewer
OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

As silence fell over the crowd, the Japanese anthem played and the flag was raised into the sky. The audience rose to its feet, standing at attention or saluting until the anthem ended.

The somber atmosphere continued during a memorial ceremony held to honor those who fell during the Battle of Okinawa.

During the ceremony, the decades-old Imperial Japanese Navy rear admiral's flag, which had belonged to Minoru Ota, was passed to his son, Taosa Ochiai, at the Former Japanese Navy Underground Headquarters memorial service in Naha May 27.

Ota was a rear admiral in the Imperial Japanese Navy during World War II and the final commander of the Japanese naval forces defending the Oroku Peninsula during the Battle of Okinawa. During the battle, he commanded a force with a nominal strength of 10,000 men, according to Andrew Weist's book, "The Pacific War: Campaigns of World War II from Pearl Harbor to Hiroshima."

The Battle of Okinawa, code named Operation Iceberg, was

fought on the islands of Okinawa and was the largest amphibious assault in the Pacific during World War II, lasting from early April through late June, 1945, according to Chris Majewski, the lead tour guide with Marine Corps Community Services Tours+.

After Ota's death, his flag was recovered and later donated to the Battle of Okinawa Historical Organization's display on Camp Kinser.

When members of the Japan Self-Defense Force visited the display, they informed Ochiai, a retired rear admiral himself, of the flag's whereabouts and formally requested its return.

"I hope returning this flag to its rightful owner adds another brick to the foundation of mutual respect we have developed."

The flag was returned to Ota's family out of respect and determination to honor those who sacrificed everything in defense of their nation and home, said Majewski.

During the ceremony, Ochiai was also presented with the



Members of the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force salute a Japanese Naval ensign during a ceremony at the Former Japanese Navy Underground Headquarters in Naha May 27. Photo by Lance Cpl. Donald T. Peterson

Japanese national flag, which was flown over the then Japanese Navy Underground Headquarters alongside the rear admiral's flag in 1945, according to Majewski.

The Battle of Okinawa has been referred to as the "typhoon of steel" in English and "tetsu no ame," which means "iron rain" in Japanese. The nicknames refer

to the ferocity of the fighting, the intensity of kamikaze attacks from Japanese defenders, and the sheer amount of ammunition used during the battle.

The battle resulted in the highest number of casualties in the Pacific theater during World War II. Japan lost almost 77,000 lives and more than 10,000 were captured, and the U.S. suffered 72,358 casualties of all kinds. Simultaneously, more than 149,000 Okinawa civilians were killed,

wounded or committed suicide, according to Majewski.

With a final gun salute and the lowering of the flags, the ceremony came to an end. People placed flowers in front of the shrine in honor of those who had fallen during the battle and Ochiai stepped in front of the crowd one last time.

"It's a great honor to receive the flag of my father," said Ochiai.

In memory of Ota, Ochiai donated the flag to the museum at the Former Japanese Navy Underground Headquarters, where his father made his last stand during the battle.

"People on all sides, American, Japanese and Okinawan, lost so much during the Battle of Okinawa and throughout World War II," said Majewski. "But our countries have grown together in so many ways since then. I hope returning this flag to its rightful owner adds another brick to the foundation of mutual respect we have developed."



Staff Sgt. Kennie B. Wade, black shirt, spars with Cpl. Clayton L. Spriggs during a martial arts instructor course at Camp Hansen June 3. Students attended the four-week class to earn the instructor tab for the green, brown and black Marine Corps martial arts program belts. Wade is an instructor-trainer for the course. Spriggs is a student and a tropospheric scatter radio multichannel operator. Both are with 7th Communication Battalion, III Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group, III MEF.



Sgt. Michael T. Ambrose, left, and Staff Sgt. Kennie B. Wade, both wearing black shirts, teach students how to throw an effective punch during a martial arts instructor course at Camp Hansen June 3. Ambrose and Wade are instructor-trainers for the course. Both are with 7th Comm. Bn.

Marines hone leadership, fighting skills at course

Story and photos by Pfc. Codey Underwood

OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

The thunderous impact of gloves hitting opponents filled the room. Weaving back and forth, Marines tried diligently to dodge the onslaught of punches. For these Marines the mantra “one mind — any weapon” is not just a saying, it is a way of life.

Marines hardened their martial arts skills and learned instructional techniques while participating in a martial arts instructor course at Camp Hansen May 30 through June 20.

The instructors were with 7th Communication Battalion, III Marine Expeditionary

Force Headquarters Group, III MEF, while the students were with various units within III MEF.

“The MAI course is more important than belt-level training because we are teaching Marines to become instructors,” said Staff Sgt. Danilo L. Dean, an instructor-trainer for the MAI Course with III MHG, III MEF. “We are also building (their) physical, mental and character strength, whether it is through physical fitness or (instruction) with warrior case studies or character-building classes.”

Though there is plenty of classroom instruction, Marines also build their physical ability through group exercises.

“When doing martial arts they have to be physically fit, and we do this by making our warm-up, exercise and flexibility training team based,” said Dean.

Students cannot complete warm-up, exercise and flexibility training without working with their teammate because it is intended to be a group effort and no individual can stand out from the group, according to Cpl. Brian D. Raney, a student in the MAI course and radio repairman with 7th Comm. Bn.

The course focused on teaching Marines how to instruct others rather than individual MCMAP advancement.

“Our (classes) included giving a history on Marines who received prestigious awards by reading off their citations and then studying their actions,” said Dean. “We use that to reinforce that (the students’) struggle or adversity during the course is only temporary.”

The Marine Corps martial arts program is not all about throwing punches and kicks, according to Staff Sgt. Darell W. Ignelzi, an operations chief with 7th Comm. Bn. Marines learn about their past and build their character as instructors and Marines.

Reinforcing the discipline to know when it is appropriate to fight, speak up, or walk away is difficult, according to Ignelzi.

“Like they say, ‘no better friend, no worse enemy,’” Ignelzi said.

Marines have their own ethos, code and rules that set them apart from the average person.

“The MCMAP warrior’s creed is by Robert L. Humphrey, a Marine who served on Iwo Jima,” said Dean. “(It reads) ‘Wherever I go, everyone is a little bit safer because I am there. Wherever I am, anyone in need has a friend. Whenever I return home, everyone is happy I am there. It’s a better life.’”



Sgt. Michael T. Ambrose, left, spars with Cpl. Carlos A. Correa during a portion of the martial arts instructor course June 3. Ambrose is an instructor-trainer with 7th Comm. Bn. Correa is a student in the course and a motor transport mechanic with Combat Logistics Regiment 35, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, III MEF.

In Theaters Now

JUNE 22 - 28

FOSTER

TODAY Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted (PG), 6 p.m.; Prometheus (R), 9 p.m.
SATURDAY Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted (PG), noon and 3 p.m.; Men in Black III (PG13), 6 and 9 p.m.
SUNDAY Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted (PG), 1 p.m.; Rock of Ages (PG13), 4 and 7:30 p.m.
MONDAY Men in Black III (PG13), 3 and 7 p.m.
TUESDAY The Five-Year Engagement (R), 7 p.m.
WEDNESDAY The Cabin in the Woods (R), 7 p.m.
THURSDAY The Pirates! Band of Misfits (PG), 3 p.m.; Rock of Ages (PG13), 7 p.m.

KADENA

TODAY The Pirates! Band of Misfits (PG), 6 p.m.; That's My Boy (R), 9 p.m.
SATURDAY The Pirates! Band of Misfits (PG), noon and 3 p.m.; Prometheus (R), 6 p.m.; That's My Boy (R), 9 p.m.
SUNDAY The Pirates! Band of Misfits (PG), 1 p.m.; Prometheus (R), 4 p.m.; That's My Boy (R), 7 p.m.
MONDAY The Pirates! Band of Misfits (PG), 3 p.m.; Madagascar 3 (PG), 7 p.m.
TUESDAY Snow White and the Huntsman (PG13), 7 p.m.
WEDNESDAY Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted (PG), 3 and 7 p.m.
THURSDAY The Cabin in the Woods (R), 7 p.m.

COURTNEY

TODAY Rock of Ages (PG13), 6 and 9 p.m.
SATURDAY The Three Stooges (PG), 2 p.m.; The Hunger Games (PG13), 6 p.m.
SUNDAY Snow White and the Huntsman (PG13), 2 and 6 p.m.
MONDAY The Lucky One (PG13), 7 p.m.
TUESDAY Closed
WEDNESDAY Prometheus (R), 7 p.m.
THURSDAY Closed

FUTENMA

TODAY The Three Stooges (PG), 6:30 p.m.
SATURDAY Rock of Ages (PG13), 4 and 7 p.m.
SUNDAY The Lucky One (PG13), 4 p.m.; The Three Stooges (PG), 7 p.m.
MONDAY Snow White and the Huntsman (PG13), 6:30 p.m.
TUESDAY-THURSDAY Closed

KINSER

TODAY The Five-Year Engagement (R), 6:30 p.m.
SATURDAY The Pirates! Band of Misfits (PG), 3 p.m.; The Cabin in the Woods (R), 6:30 p.m.
SUNDAY The Pirates! Band of Misfits (PG), 3 p.m.; The Five-Year Engagement (R), 6:30 p.m.
MONDAY Closed
TUESDAY Closed
WEDNESDAY Rock of Ages (PG13), 3 and 6:30 p.m.
THURSDAY That's My Boy (R), 6:30 p.m.

HANSEN

TODAY The Five-Year Engagement (R), 7 p.m.
SATURDAY Snow White and the Huntsman (PG13), 6 and 9 p.m.
SUNDAY The Five-Year Engagement (R), 2 p.m.; The Cabin in the Woods (R), 5:30 p.m.
MONDAY Rock of Ages (PG13), 6 and 9 p.m.
TUESDAY That's My Boy (R), 7 p.m.
WEDNESDAY That's My Boy (R), 7 p.m.
THURSDAY Prometheus (R), 7 p.m.

SCHWAB

TODAY Snow White and the Huntsman (PG13), 7 p.m.
SATURDAY The Lucky One (PG13), 5 p.m.
SUNDAY The Three Stooges (PG), 5 p.m.
MONDAY-THURSDAY Closed

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- KADENA AIR BASE** 634-1869
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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.

FUTENMA PARTY ROCK POOL BASH - JUNE 23

- Party Rock Pool Bash is for all Futenma single Marines and will have inflatables, a pig roast and DJ booths at the Futenma pool at 6 p.m.

OCEAN EXPO PARK FOR NORTHERN CAMPS - JUNE 30

- Ocean Expo Park has many activities for sea lovers to enjoy. One of its greatest features is the Churaumi Aquarium, the largest in Japan. Sign-up ends today. Buses will leave from Camps Hansen and Schwab. For more information, contact the Camp Hansen SMP office at 623-3017.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- The Thrift Shop needs volunteers every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Volunteers can sign in at the SMP office a few minutes prior. Lunch will be provided.

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:

“Oyasumi nasai”
 (pronounced:
 oh-yah-su-mee
 nah-sah-ee)
 It means,
 “Good night.”



June 11-15

RIFLE RANGES

Capt. Timothy Praught,
 3rd MLG, 341

Pfc. Francisco Enriquez,
 3rd Marine Division, 339



CHAPLAINS' CORNER

“Despite the fact that they were living in such poor conditions, these individuals were at peace and full of joy.”

Peace, joy comes from within

Lt. Robert J. Chapa
 MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 36 CHAPLAIN

In the spring of 2002, I was sent to the Philippines to begin my theological studies. However, an encounter on Christmas break would have a profound impact on me.

When I arrived at the church, the local pastor advised me I was going to be sent to another parish outside of Manila to help another pastor. The road changed from paved to a bumpy dirt road as we traveled to our destination. As the dirt began to cover our faces and bodies, something else stood out. There was the stench of something foul in the air. As we pulled closer to our destination, I realized the church was a half-mile from the city dump.

The smell was overwhelming. While looking around I asked myself, “how could families and children live in such a place?” As I walked further, some children came towards me, and

we began to talk. As I looked around I could see small houses made of rusted metal sheets and rotten wooden boards. There were women cooking outside. My attention returned to the children who were tugging on my hands. At first, I was apprehensive to follow them because I thought to myself “what if this is a trap,” but I threw caution to the wind and followed them further into the city dump.

After talking with them and watching the children play, it struck me that despite the fact that they were living in such poor conditions, these individuals were at peace and full of joy. This joy baffled me. Here I was in a different country, in a garbage dump, and yet I saw joy. Words are inadequate to explain what I saw; there was a radiance on their faces that was amazing to see. Even to this day, it haunts me. However, this haunting reminds me that joy can be found even in the worst of conditions.

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