MLG Marines host exchange program for JGSDF soldiers

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CAMP KINSER — Twice a year, Marines with 3rd Marine Logistics Group get the opportunity to show Japan Ground Self Defense Force service members how the Marine Corps operates. The latest session of the Japanese Observer Exchange Program took place Oct. 15-17 and was conducted by MLG’s Tactical Readiness and Training office.

The program is designed to give JGSDF officer candidates and noncommissioned officers an understanding of how and why the Marine Corps operates the way it does, according to Capt. Jared A. Laurin, the TRT officer in charge.

“We provide an informative and quality presentation about the Marine Corps for these guys,” Laurin said. “This also gives the Marines a good chance to interact with them.”

The JGSDF NCOs learned how to shoot the M-16A2 service rifle in the Indoor Simulated Marksmanship Trainer, while Marines with TRT displayed weapons and vehicles, demonstrated the Marine Corps Martial Arts Program and ran through the obstacle course for the officer candidates.

JGSDF Sgt. First Class Minori Oitate, an aircraft maintenance inspector with the 101st Aviation Squadron, has been stationed at Camp Naha for 21 years and had never visited any Marine Corps installation until Oct. 15. He said the ways Marines

Going out with a bang

3/12 Marines complete artillery exercise in Hokkaido

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CAMP HANSEN — A detachment of Marines and sailors from 3rd Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, completed Yausubetsu Artillery Relocation Training Exercise 2007, Oct. 6, which took place in the Yausubetsu Training Area in Hokkaido, Japan.

During the exercise, detachment personnel improved their proficiency in artillery and small arms as well as other types of training.

“This training was important because we do not get the opportunity to conduct live-fire artillery training on the island of Okinawa,” said Maj. Lou Palazzo, commanding officer of 3/12. “With the (Unit Deployment Program) cycle on hold, coupled with the operational tempo of (Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom), our artillery skills were not being fully exercised. By conducting this exercise, we were able to see where we stand as a battalion as well as hone some of our (Military Occupational Specialty) skills.”

The detachment was comprised of Marines and sailors from Headquarters Battery, 3rd/12, accompanied by deployed service members from E Battery, 2/11 from Camp Pendleton, Calif.

E Battery personnel got extensive firing time with their M-198 155mm Medium Howitzers as well as gun emplacement defense training which was conducted...
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MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. | Assault amphibian vehicles slowly creep forward as the setting sun disappears behind the horizon Oct. 7. Marines with Company B, Battalion Landing Team, 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit, conducted a cordon and search of a simulated village before a humanitarian assistance mission. Photo by Sgt. Bryson K. Jones


MARINE AIR GROUND COMBAT CENTER TWENTYNINE PALMS, Calif. Capt. Salvador Aguilar, transition team 9-07 fire support advisor, and his interpreter try to reason with Iraqi role players during the Marine Air Ground Task Force Training Command’s Advisor Training Group’s Military Readiness Exercise Oct. 5. Photo by Pfc. Jared J. Butler
If ignorance is bliss, how happy are you?

Sgt. Ethan E. Rocke

Recent studies show that 4 out of 5 Americans will believe just about anything you tell them. Actually, that’s not true. I made that up. It’s actually 9 out of 16 Americans. OK, not really. I’m not really at the end of the statistical data to support what I’m saying, but that’s the point.

Many people have a tendency to believe what they are told without question and that tendency is the most formidable means of manipulation and deception for any individual or organization with an interest in spreading untruths.

That’s not to say those “easy believers” are bad people. Those people represent the average citizen. I had to go to college and study journalism for several years before my eyes were opened to the way we average citizens consume information.

These days, my job requires me to look at the world objectively and question just about anything anyone tells me. Most importantly, my job requires research, a time-consuming endeavor that average citizens often forgo.

When I was studying communications, I had to read a mind-numbing book called “Life, the Movie: How Entertainment Conquered Reality and Threatens Our Culture’s Future.” I haven’t read the book, but the influence of pop culture in America. It read like a verbose chronicle full of lofty, million-dollar words, but made a few good points.

Among them is a quote from Raymond Price, a former speech writer for Richard Nixon: “Voters are basically lazy, basically uninterested in making an effort to understand what we’re talking about.” Price says, “Reason requires a high degree of discipline of concentration; impression is easier. Reason pushes the viewer back; it assaults him; it demands that he agree; impression is easier. Reason pushes the viewer in making an effort to understand what we’re seeing; impression can envelop him, invite him in, without making an intellectual demand. Impression can envelop him, invite him in, without making an intellectual demand.

I think Price’s words are a pretty honest assessment of the American political process, but the message transcends politics and is true on a much broader scale.

While it is arguably the most empowering invention since freedom of speech, the Internet, which has exponentially increased the accessibility of information for human beings, is also one of the biggest tributaries for misinformation flowing into the human mind.

There are endless examples of falsities peddled around online as truths. Chain e-mails are one of these, annoying and frustrating to me. Here are a few fun, totally untrue examples of online falsehoods you might find in your inboxes: Target and Starbucks corporations hate the troops, Barack Obama is a radical Muslim and Denzel Washington loves the troops so much he donated the entire cost of a new building at Brooke Army Medical Center.

How do I know those chain e-mails are false? I researched it online at http://www.snopes.com, a great, reliable source for dispelling Internet myths. The site specializes in researching “urban legends” and defines that term as “common fallacies, misinformation, old wives’ tales, strange news stories, rumors, celebrity gossip, and similar items.” All research materials the site operators use to prepare their Web pages are made available in a bibliography at the bottom of each page.

It was on Snopes that I was able to research one of the most common military myths I’ve heard. I bet there are scores of military members who believe there is a bullet, a match and a razor blade in the gold ball atop the flagpole. When we don’t do that, we can find ourselves deceived because we let the wrong person inform our decision. Rocke is an editor with the Okinawa Marine newspaper.

A few months ago, the Okinawa Marine’s Marine Corps Fact Check section dispelled the myth that Marine Corps regulations make a concession for the standard three-mile physical fitness test, authorizing distances ranging from 2.8 to 3.2 miles. This is not true, yet it has been effectively propagated throughout our Corps by word of mouth. I believed it for years and probably passed it on to a few people.

Looking back, I wonder where my skepticism was on that one. Maybe it sounded reasonable enough at the time. Maybe apathy got the best of me.

I’m sure apathy probably accounts for the fact that roughly 50 percent of Americans don’t vote. And of those who do, how many actually research all the candidates and issues thoroughly and make decisions based on reason instead of impression?

The Internet tells me that Thomas Jefferson once said, “I know of no safe depository of the ultimate command of the society but the people themselves, and if we think them not enlightened enough to exercise their control with a wholesome discretion, the remedy is not to take it from them, but inform their discretion.”

Jefferson is absolutely right, but his words also reinforce my point, which is that all of us have a responsibility as American and global citizens to be informed and ally ourselves on the side of truth. We can do that by maintaining a healthy skepticism and taking the time to know rather than simply believe without question. When we don’t do that, we can find ourselves deceived because we let the wrong person inform our decision.

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**HOLIDAY MAILING DATES**

The following are the projected deadline dates for sending letters and packages from military post offices on Okinawa to U.S. addresses to arrive before Christmas:

- Space available mail, Nov. 20
- Parcel Airlift mail, Nov. 25
- Priority mail, Dec. 11
- Letter and first class mail, Dec. 11
- Express mail, Dec. 18

The following are the projected deadline dates for sending letters and packages from U.S. addresses to military post offices on Okinawa to arrive before Christmas:

- Space available mail, Nov. 27
- Parcel Airlift mail, Dec. 4
- Priority mail, Dec. 11
- Letter and first class mail, Dec. 11
- Express mail, Dec. 18

For more information, contact your camp’s post office.

**MOTORCYCLE SAFETY STAND-DOWN**

A mandatory motorcycle safety stand-down for all Status of Forces Agreement-licensed motorcycle riders serving with Marine Corps Bases Japan will be held Oct. 26 at the Camp Foster Theater from 9 a.m. to noon. For more information, call 634-2450.

**POWER OUTAGES**

There will be scheduled power outages Oct. 22 and Nov. 5 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Camp Shields and O’Donnell Gardens family housing. There will also be a scheduled power outage Oct. 29 at Camp Courtney family housing from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For more information about these outages, call 634-0766.

**BASEBALL EVENT**

The Kadena Eagles military baseball team will play the Japan Air Self Defense Force men’s baseball team Oct. 21 at Camp Foster’s Field No. 9 at 3 p.m. The Kadena military baseball team is comprised of all services of the military and other Status of Forces Agreement personnel. For more information call 634-5030.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR COLLEGE FAIR**

Kubasaki High School will host a College Fair Nov. 1 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at its gym. The school is seeking volunteers to represent their alma mater. Volunteers are asked to share their expertise, talents, enthusiasm, and experience with students. For more information or to volunteer, call 645-5030.

**CAMP KINSER YOUNG MARINES**

The Camp Kinser Young Marines will host a recruit registration Oct. 20 from 8 a.m. to noon and Oct. 24 from 6-8 p.m. at Camp Kinser (Bldg. 107). For more information, call 637-1344.

**PROFESSIONAL DINNER**

Marine Corps Air Station Futenma will host a Sergeants Major and Master Gunnery Sergeants Professional Dinner at the Habu Pit Oct. 26 at 6 p.m. For more information, call 636-3110.

**TO SUBMIT A BRIEF, send an e-mail to okinawanmarine.mcb.tct@usmc.mil, or fax your request to 645-3803. The deadline for submitting a brief is noon every Friday. The Okinawa Marine reserves the right to edit all submitted material.**
5th ANGLICO receives new commander


Shrader took command of 5th ANGLICO in March 2005. During his tour as the unit's commander, he led his Marines during back-to-back combat deployments to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Shrader left 5th ANGLICO for the Fires section of III MEF.

Weinstein was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps Reserve in 1989 after graduating Delaware Valley College, Pa., with a Bachelor of Science.

Following completion of The Basic School in Quantico, Va., he reported to 1st Marine Division where he served as a forward observer, fire direction officer, platoon commander and fire support coordinator.

Weinstein was assigned to 3rd Marine Division in 1997 and served as assistant operations officer for 12th Marine Regiment; command-ing officer for Headquarters Battery, 3rd Battalion, 12th Marines; command-ing officer for L Battery, 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines; and logistics officer and fire support coordinator for 4th Marine Regiment.

In 2002, he deployed to Afghanistan with the U.S. Army 18th Airborne Corps as part of Combined Joint Task Force 180 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Between March and May 2003, Weinstein deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

In 2004, Weinstein was assigned to the Marine Air-Ground Task Force Staff Training Program in Quantico, where he served as the Fires Section head, deputy MAGTF Branch and MAGTF Branch head.

In 2006, he was assigned to 1st Marine Division as executive officer for 11th Marines and immediately deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom as the Multinational Force–West operations planner.

In 2007, Weinstein was assigned to III Marine Expeditionary Force as the force fires coordinator.

Weinstein’s personal decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with 2 gold stars and Oak Leaf Cluster, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, and the Army Achievement Medal.

MTACS-18 welcomes new sergeant major

Lance Cpl. Daniel R. Todd


Robertson, who joined MTACS-18 in December 2005, took over as sergeant major of Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 262 Sept. 28.

Vasquez comes to MTACS-18 from Combat Logistics Battalion 15, Combat Logistics Regiment 17, 1st Marine Logistics Group in Camp Pendleton Calif., where he served as sergeant major.

Vasquez enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1984 and attended recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego.

After completing the Amphibious Reconnaissance School at Fort Story, Va., Vasquez reported to 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, in Okinawa.

Since then, Vasquez’s other assignments include serving as team leader, company gunnery sergeant and training chief with 1st Force Reconnaissance Company on Camp Pendleton, and later as chief instructor of Special Missions Branch, Special Operations Training Group, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, at Camp Pendleton, Calif.

In 2002, Vasquez reported to Transportation Support Company, Combat Service Support Battalion 10, 1st Force Service Support Group, Camp Pendleton. There he served as the company first sergeant and participated in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Vasquez’s personal decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal and the Combat Action Ribbon.

Postal inspectors warn against mailing restricted items

Lance Cpl. Robert C. Frenke

CAMP KINSER — As the holiday season approaches, service and family members start planning their holiday gift strategy. They order presents from the U.S. for family members in Okinawa, or they buy gifts here to be shipped back home. But they need to be mindful of what they send or receive.

Postal officials on Okinawa expect not only an increase in the amount of mail during the holiday season but an increase in the amount of counterfeit and restricted items flowing through military postal facilities.

The Japanese Regional Customs for Okinawa and military postal personnel work together on a daily basis to ensure incoming and outgoing mail does not contain restricted or counterfeit items, according to Chief Warrant Officer 2 Dillon M. Miller, the officer in charge of Consolidated Postal Services, III Marine Expeditionary Force.

Each morning, a team of military and civilian postal workers search outgoing and incoming mail from the seven Marine Corps post offices and one Army post office.

During the process, customs officials line up packages for dogs to search. The mail is also passed through an X-ray machine to search for swords, firearms or illegal items. Suspicious packages are opened and physically inspected. If anything illegal is found, the Provost Marshal’s Office’s Criminal Investigation Division is contacted to begin an investigation.

While drugs and weapons are a major concern, customs and postal officials also look for counterfeit items such as fake designer items like shoes, handbags and wallets, many of which come from Korea, Taiwan and China.

“They need to be aware of what they purchase on the Internet and who they are purchasing it from,” Miller said. “It can get people in trouble with Japanese law, and they can be processed for courte-martial.”

If counterfeit or restricted items are found, they are confiscated and then destroyed.

“The public should know that there is a problem with counterfeit items,” Miller said. “There are procedures in place to identify and confiscate these items. Customers can go to their servicing post office to find out what the mailable items are. Ignorance is no excuse.”

Customers can also visit http://www.usps.com to find the requirements for having mail sent to and from Okinawa.
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CAMP KINSEK — Third Marine Logistics Group Marines, families and friends gathered in front of the Group headquarters Oct. 15 as Brig. Gen. Peter J. Talleri, 3rd MLG commanding general, presented bronze star medals to three Marines for their actions in Iraq.

One of the Marines, Capt. Jared A. Laurin, received the Bronze Star Medal with combat distinguishing device.

According to the award citation, from January 2006 to January 2007, Laurin served as an advisor with the Military Transition Team 11, advising an Iraqi company of soldiers with 2nd Brigade, 1st Iraqi Division.

Laurin, who led a team of 11 to 15 III Marine Expeditionary Force Marines, advised the Iraqis on specific missions including raids which netted 14 detainees, civil affairs operations and a total of more than 150 separate combat operations involving direct enemy contact.

Laurin said he is more pleased with the fact the Iraqi brigade he served with is now independently running its own operations than with receiving the award.

“I never thought I would get an award like this,” he said. “But, more importantly, I am glad that the work we did had a part in the 2nd Brigade’s success. The Marines I had working with me did a great job and without them, the mission couldn’t have been accomplished. I’m proud as hell right now.”

Another Marine honored was Master Sgt. Nathaniel E. Hill, who received the Bronze Star Medal for his service as the Military Transition Team Advisor for 3rd Company, 2nd Battalion, 2nd Brigade, 1st Iraqi Division from May 2005 to February 2006.

Hill headed the training and mentoring of the soldiers in the company, according to the award citation. He kept the Iraqi soldiers’ morale high as they were subject to constant enemy fire and threats to themselves and their families.

He participated in more than 110 combat patrols in Fallujah and Saqlawiya, which resulted in numerous caches of weapons, rockets, mortar rounds and ammunition being recovered from 45 captured, suspected insurgents.

“This is a very humbling experience and I am grateful and honored to have received such a distinguished award,” Hill said. “To build a relationship with the Iraqi people, I had to learn their culture first hand. Building their trust and confidence was challenging, yet rewarding.”

Also receiving the Bronze Star Medal was Maj. Carlos O. Rowe, who served in Baghdad as the advisor to the director of Iraqi Armed Forces Recruiting for Multi-National Security Transition Command from October 2006 to May 2007.

He is credited with leading recruiting missions into the most dangerous regions of Iraq, contributing to the strategic mission of restoring confidence in the government of Iraq and laying the groundwork for reconciliation of groups who were brought into the military, according to the award citation.

Rowe’s efforts to improve Iraqi combat units’ readiness helped restore security and allowed coalition forces to redeploy with a professional Iraqi army in place, according to the citation.

After the awards’ presentation, Talleri highlighted the Marines’ accomplishments as an example to follow when Marines deploy to Iraq.

“As Marines, we take care of business,” Talleri said. “When duty calls, we will step up to the plate, just like these gentlemen did in Iraq. We are privileged to be in the presence of these fine warriors.”

Navy celebrates 232nd birthday

CAMP COURTNEY — Maj. Gen. Robert Neller (left), 3rd Marine Division commanding general, awards Lt. Col. Victor J. Bunch, 3rd Marine Division’s intelligence officer, a Bronze Star Medal Oct. 12 at the Division headquarters on Camp Courtney. Bunch received the award for his actions in Iraq from Jan. 24, 2006 to Jan. 20, 2007. During his year in Iraq, Bunch served as intelligence advisor and led a team of 15 Marines to improve the military capabilities of the 7th Iraq Division. Photo by Cpl. Juan D. Alfonso
Landing support personnel from Combat Logistics Regiment 3, 3rd Marine Logistics Group invested two training days to external cargo load operations at the Northern Training Area Oct. 11-12.

The eleven Marines and one sailor from Landing Support Company focused on improving their ability to prepare external loads and secure them to CH-46 Sea Knight helicopters for speedy transportation.

“Vehicles, trailers, generators, spare parts, pallets of ammo, chow or water — basically anything that needs to get somewhere fast, we help take it there,” said Sgt. Will Hardin, the noncommissioned officer in charge of the company’s Helicopter Support Team.

External cargo loading is the solution when certain terrain cannot be accessed by ground vehicles but critical supplies must be delivered, Hardin said.

During the training, three helicopters from Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 262 took turns hovering at about 10 feet above the ground while HST Marines connected loads to the belly of the aircraft.

External load operations require a two-man hook team beneath the helicopter. The “static man” touches a static wand to the helicopter’s hook, which grounds the static electricity that builds up while the aircraft is in flight. The “link-up man” then connects the load to the hook.

Meanwhile, a safety noncommissioned officer positioned about 10 yards behind the team watches to ensure a proper connection. He also keeps an eye on the helicopter wheels and load to make sure neither hits the hook team.

“Having a 17,000-pound helicopter hovering over their heads is just another day at the office for the HST Marines, but Lance Cpl. Alex Castano, a landing support specialist, said the HST Marines enjoy the training.

“The first time I did an external load and had the helicopter over me, I thought, ‘A little over a year ago I was waiting tables.’ Now, I’m standing under a helicopter flying over my head.”

— LANCE CPL. ALEX CASTANO

Wing Marines complete NCO leadership course

Forty-three lance corporals with 1st Marine Aircraft Wing graduated from Marine Wing Support Group 17’s 2007 Lance Corporals’ Seminar at the Camp Foster Community Center Oct. 12. The seminar is a requirement for all lance corporals in the Wing nearing eligibility for promotion to corporal.

The seminar was developed in late 2002 under the direction of Lt. Gen. John F. Goodman, who commanded 1st MAW at that time, according to Sgt. Maj. Michael Tuttle, the Wing sergeant major.

“The first time I did an external load and had the helicopter over me, I thought, ‘A little over a year ago I was waiting tables,’” Castano said. “Now, I’m standing under a helicopter flying over my head.”
Thousands gather around an approximately 600-foot-long rope in Naha during the 37th Annual Naha Matsuri, or Naha Festival, Oct. 14, which featured one of the world’s largest tug-of-war competitions.

Photo by Lance Cpl. Kevin M. Knallay

Eisa dancers perform prior to the start of the tug-of-war competition. The Eisa performances, a parade and other cultural attractions, along with the tug-of-war, were all part of the 37th Annual Naha Festival.

Photo by Lance Cpl. Kevin M. Knallay

Lance Cpl. Luis Rocha (left) and Lance Cpl. Taylor Hardy, with the Camp Foster Single Marine Program, help the East team win the Naha O-tsunahiki during the festival. The Camp Foster Single Marine Program took 50 Marines and sailors stationed on Okinawa to the festival this year.

Photo by Lance Cpl. Robert C. Pronka
More than 280,000 people gathered for the 37th Annual Naha O-tsunahiki, one of the world’s largest tug-of-war competitions, Oct. 14.

The tug-of-war was the highlight of the two-day Naha Festival.

Each year at the Naha Festival, two massive ropes, each more than 300 feet long, are brought together and connected by a large wooden pin called a kanuchi. The two sides represent east and west, and the side that pulls the giant rope more than three meters in 30 minutes wins.

If neither side can pull the rope more than three meters, an additional 30 minutes is granted to give each side a chance to move the rope two meters. A tie is declared if neither side can pull the rope two meters, according to official rules.

This year, the Eastern Kingdom won after a 30-minute struggle between the two sides. Afterward, festival participants cut off pieces of rope to bring them good luck in the coming year.

Lance Cpl. Steven Palmateer, a radio operator with 3rd Marine Division, attended the event for the first time.

“It was cool seeing people from all over the world come here for this,” Palmateer said. “I met a man from France who came for the tug-of-war. It was fun joining in and learning about the Okinawan culture.”

The long-time tug-of-war tradition is a symbol of Okinawa’s history, and attending the tug-of-war left a lasting impression on the Marines who participated in the event.

“I was glad I was able to meet new people and participate in some of Okinawa’s traditions,” Palmateer said. “I definitely plan on coming next year and seeing more of Okinawa’s events.”
Marines face off in ‘Tinman’ physical fitness competition

Lance Cpl. Kevin M. Knallay
OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

More than 120 service members took a unique approach to physical training in the early morning hours during Marine Air Control Squadron 4’s “Tinman” competition on Marine Corps Air Station Futenma Oct. 12.

Twenty teams of three from MACS-4 and 13 teams from Marine Air Support Squadron 2 ran a four-mile course in combat boots and utility trousers, stopping to complete exercises at stations along the way.

Each team had to do a number of three-man pushups and crunches, complete “fireman’s” carries and low crawl approximately 50 meters.

“This event was fantastic for camaraderie and teamwork,” said Maj. Jeff Hanson, the executive officer of MACS-4. “It was also great to have our sister squadron MASS-2 to give us a little competitive spirit.”

The competition is not a regularly scheduled event, but the Marines in MACS-4 try to host the same event quarterly to mix up physical training and keep esprit de corps up, according to 2nd Lt. Patrick Steward, one of the competition coordinators.

“We try and have a unit-wide competition every three to four months,” Steward said. “The Marines really enjoy them.”

After the competition, all the service members had a special breakfast in the squadron’s motor transportation bay where awards were presented to the top male, female and coed teams.

“I had a great time, and you can tell a lot of the Marines liked it too,” Hanson said. “It was highly painful but worthwhile after completing the course.”


MLG Marines celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month

Cpl. Juan D. Alfonso
OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

Beautiful, difficult, unique and energetic — all words onlookers used to describe the traditional Hispanic dances they saw Oct. 11 at the Palms on Camp Hansen during 3rd Medical Battalion’s 2007 Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration.

The event promoted an atmosphere of cultural understanding among 3rd Marine Logistics Group’s diverse ranks and highlighted the achievements of Hispanics who have made an impact on society.

“We have an extremely diverse battalion,” said Lt. Cmdr. Tom E. McCoy, 3rd Medical Battalion’s executive officer, as he pointed to a group of sailors. “Months of observance give us a chance to recognize where our sailors come from and the importance of it.”

The event began with an “I am” demonstration in which several corpsmen dressed as and stated the achievements of Hispanic icons who have made significant contributions to American society, such as Major League Baseball player Sammy Sosa and Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy Joe R. Campa, the first Hispanic sailor to hold his position.

The celebration concluded with several slide show presentations highlighting Hispanic countries followed by live performances of those countries’ native dances.

Dressed in traditional Colombian attire, Petty Officer 1st Class Nicola Campbell and her partner, Petty Officer 3rd Class Sergio Rojas, demonstrated Cumbia, a traditional dance style.

Petty Officer 3rd Class Franklin Torro and his partner, Natsumi Komatani, demonstrate the Meringue, a traditional Hispanic dance performed in many Latin American countries.

“Petty Officer 1st Class Nicola Campbell (left) and Petty Officer 3rd Class Sergio Rojas demonstrate the Cumbia, a traditional Colombian dance, during the 2007 Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration Oct. 11 at the Palms on Camp Hansen.”

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“Marines participate in the fireman’s carry portion of Marine Air Control Squadron 4’s ‘Tinman’ competition on Marine Corps Air Station Futenma Oct. 12.”

“Marines face off in ‘Tinman’ physical fitness competition.”
It takes more than ground troops and air assets to win battles. A strong support element is just as crucial, and that’s exactly what the Marines of Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 36 do for Marine Aircraft Group 36.

The squadron’s mission is to provide logistical and technical support to MAG-36’s three other squadrons, as well as to U.S. Navy ships based in the Pacific theater, including some vessels currently deployed in support of Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom, said Capt. Thomas J. Denevan, MALS-36’s assistant operations officer.

“We provide intermediate level support to the squadrons,” Denevan said. “Each unit has mechanics in charge of maintaining the aircraft, but they can’t do every-thing. Sometimes an engine or frame has to be completely disassembled and put back together from scratch, or a part is so damaged it needs to be replaced. Operational level mechanics don’t have the time to deal with that big of an issue. That’s when the MALS comes in.”

Over the years, MALS-36 has developed a strong reputation within 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, servicing AH-1N Hueys, AH-1W Cobras, CH-46 Sea Knights, CH-53E Super Stallions and KC-130 Hercules aircraft, said Gunnery Sgt. Shawn D. Marshall, the Power Plants Division control chief.

Within the last year alone, the MALS-36 Marines and sailors have received, repaired and shipped 35 engines to locations such as Iraq, Afghanistan, the Philippines, South Korea and Thailand.

“It’s amazing how quickly we put these birds back in the air with as little people as we have,” said Cpl. Cedric Anderson, a mechanic with the squadron. “It feels good knowing the kind of reputation we have and knowing that Marines in combat can keep fighting because of what we do over here in Okinawa. It’s the best feeling in the world. It makes me proud to be a Marine and to be part of this squadron.”

“A mission has never been missed or delayed due to engine unavailability or any other component for that matter, whether it was an exercise or a real-world operation,” Marshall said. “This squadron takes pride in the support we give. Not a single piece leaves our hangars until they are operational, and the results speak for themselves.”

But building and repairing aircraft isn’t the only way the squadron supports the entire Marine air ground task force. The unit’s Repairable Management Division is responsible for replacing parts for every aircraft in the other sections repair and ships approximately 50 parts a day to units all over Pacific and Middle East.

“We pretty much take every broken part coming out of the aircraft and immediately ship out the replacement to whichever section or squadron is conducting the repairs,” said Cpl. Christine Silva, the division’s Repairable Control Branch noncommissioned officer in charge. “We do whatever it takes to get the birds back in the air as quickly as possible.”

The squadron’s Marines are proud of their commitment to excellence in supporting Wing units in and out of combat.

“Marines with Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 36’s power plants section, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, repair a fuel compressor from a CH-53E Super Stallion helicopter Sept. 28 at Marine Corps Air Station Futenma. Photos by Cpl. Juan D. Alfonso
Volunteers from 3rd Marine Logistics Group’s 9th Engineer Support Battalion and U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Korea spent Oct. 8 at the House of Love, or Sun Rin, Orphanage in Pohang, Republic of Korea, performing landscaping and spending time with the children.

The Marines and sailors trimmed tree limbs and built picnic tables. Once finished, the Marines and sailors spent time with the children, breaking off for activities such as basketball, riding bicycles and swinging on the swing sets.

“The experience with the children puts into our minds the impact that we have on others,” said Petty Officer 3rd Class Joel M. Grey, a hospital corpsman with 9th ESB. “It makes us appreciate the bonds we build serving the Korean community.”

Dong H. Han, the superintendent of Sun Rin, thanked the Marines for taking the time to volunteer at the orphanage.

“We have a strong relationship and history with the Marine Corps,” Han said. “We are thankful and appreciative to have Marines serving in our community.”

The history Han mentioned began in 1954 when the orphanage was originally built by the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing as the Marine Memorial Orphanage. In the early 1950s, Marines and Navy chaplains noticed an estimated 10,000 children in the Pohang area who were orphaned during the Korean War. They took the children to local orphanages, which quickly became overloaded. To assure the children’s survival, the 1st MAW Marine Memorial Orphanage was created.

Other orphanages, such as Pohang Marine and Little Flower, were also created to ease the overcrowding. The orphanages were funded through donations by 1st MAW Marines until the early 1980s when the government of the Republic of Korea took over the funding.

The Republic of Korea renamed the orphanage the House of Love to reflect its roots as an act of mercy and unconditional love from the Marines for the children.

The home initially housed 17 children, but by 1986, it had grown so much the orphanage needed a larger building.

With help from 9th ESB, in 1986, the original building was torn down and construction began on the current facility, which is now home to 82 children. Okinawa Marines who deploy to Korea have continued to help out the orphanage throughout the years.
U.S., Japanese service members compete in friendly softball tourney

Lance Cpl. Kevin M. Knallay
OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

More than 20 Marines with Marine Air Control Squadron 4 spent the afternoon Oct. 12 playing fast-pitch softball against their Japan Air Self Defense Force counterparts at the Yozadake Sub Base south of Naha.

In the first game, JASDF took control early, scoring two runs in the first inning, adding more in the third and then held strong defensively for an 11-2 victory.

The Marines fared better in the second game. After JASDF scored twice in the top of the second inning, the Marines answered, scoring five runs in the bottom of the inning. The Marines stayed ahead from that point on, adding more runs to put the game away 8-2.

In the final game, JASDF started strong, scoring first, but the Marines answered right back to tie it up. JASDF scored two more runs, only to have the Marines match them again. However, a tie was called at the end of the sixth inning due to a 60-minute time limit.

After the games, the JASDF hosted the Marines to a steak, yakisoba and chicken barbecue before both forces exchanged gifts, expressing their generosity toward each other.

“Today has been very good,” said Capt. Iida Takayusu, a maintenance officer with 56th Air Craft Control and Warning Squadron, JASDF. “It was a great time and nice to build on our great relationship with the Marines.”

Many of the Marines felt very welcomed by the JASDF personnel.

“This is fabulous. They went all out to make us feel welcome,” said Brian Baez, a Marine from MACS-4. “It’s been a great experience today. We got to share a side of America’s favorite pastime, and they shared their great culture and food and showed us their immense hospitality.”

Tokyo Apache forward John “Helicopter” Humphrey launches a three-point attempt over Ryukyu Golden Kings’ Forward Dae Kyun Han Oct. 13 in front of Golden Kings’ coach Hernando L. Planells during the Basketball Japan League pre-season game at the Camp Foster Field House. Photos by Cpl. Bryan A. Peterson

Ryukyu Golden Kings gear up for inaugural hoops season

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OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

Hundreds of Japanese and American fans turned out at the Camp Foster Field House Oct. 13-14 to watch Okinawa’s first fully professional basketball team in pre-season play.

The Basketball Japan League, which was established in 2005, added Okinawa’s Ryukyu Golden Kings this year as an expansion team. The Golden Kings took on the Tokyo Apache at the Foster Field House at 6 p.m. Saturday and again at 3 p.m. Sunday, losing both games 97-73 and 82-70, respectively.

“We didn’t do as well as we planned because this was our first game in front of our fans in Okinawa,” said Golden Kings coach Hernando L. Planells. “We were nervous. But this is our first year.”

Planells, who has coached at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, and was an NBA scout, said his team is here to win and to provide the Okinawan and American communities a chance to enjoy the sport together.

“We know a lot of U.S. service members miss going to professional games in the States,” Planells said. “They have some games to go to now.”

Earlier this year, The Japan Times reported that Tatsuro Kimura, the Golden Kings’ general manager and former sports-live director for NHK Television in Okinawa, said he wants fans on Okinawa to enjoy a sport that has “much potential of making a deep impact.”

Kimura wanted to play the exhibition games on base to attract American fans, according to Michael N. Desmone, the Marine Corps Community Services athletic program manager sports specialist.

“It took a lot of coordination, but in the end it was definitely worth it,” Desmone said.

Desmone added that the Golden Kings will also be involved with the base community, conducting community service projects such as a youth basketball clinic on Camp Foster Oct. 28.

“These kids will be excited to attend because these are professionals they’ll be playing with,” Desmone said.

Joe “Jellybean” Bryant, a former NBA player and father of Los Angeles Lakers superstar Kobe Bryant, is the head coach of the Tokyo Apache. He said the exhibition games were the best way to get Okinawans and Americans excited about their new home team.

“Coming from a military family, I know firsthand how the military reaches out to its local community,” Bryant said. “This is another way of doing that. Now both Okinawans and service members have a home team to root for.”

The Ryukyu Golden Kings play their season opener Nov. 3 at the Okinawa Convention Center in Okinawa City against the Oita Heat Devils.
IN THEATERS
OCT 19-25
Movie schedule is subject to change without notice. Call in advance to confirm show times. For a complete listing, visit http://www.aafes.com.

FRIDAY
634-4422
The Invasion (PG-13), 6 p.m.; The Kingdom (R), 9 p.m.
SATURDAY
634-4422
Ratatouille (G), noon; Undiscovered (PG), 3 p.m.; The Heartbreak Kid (R), 6 p.m.; War (R), 9:30 p.m.
SUNDAY
634-4422
Underdog (PG), 1 p.m.; Stardust (PG-13), 4 p.m.; The Kingdom (R), 7 p.m.
SUNDAY BRATZ (PG), 1 p.m.; The Simpsons Movie (PG-13), 4 p.m.; We Own the Night (R), 7 p.m.
MONDAY
Closed
TUESDAY
Closed
WEDNESDAY
Closed
THURSDAY
Closed
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CAMP COURTNEY | 622-9350
• Catholic: Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri., 7 a.m.
• Protestant: Sun., 9:30 a.m.
Liturgical, 6:30 p.m.

KADENA AIR BASE | 634-1288
• Catholic: Sun., 8:30 a.m.; Mass, Chapel 1
Sun., 11:30 a.m., Reconciliation, Chapel 1
Sun., 12:30 p.m.; Mass, Chapel 1
Sun., 5 p.m., Mass, Chapel 1
Sun., 10 a.m., CCD, Amelia Earhart School Daily Mass, Mon.-Thurs., noon, Chapel 2
• Protestant: Sun., Contemporary, 10:30 a.m., Chapel 1
Sun., Project 196 (Contemporary), 7:06 p.m, Chapel 1
Sun., 8:30 a.m., Inspirational, Chapel 2
Sun., 10:30 a.m., Traditional, Chapel 2
Sun., 10:30 a.m., Gospel, Chapel 3
Sunday School, 8:45 a.m, Bldg. 856

CAMP KINSEY | 637-1148
• Catholic: Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri., Chapel 2
Sun., 11 a.m. Chapel 1
• Gospel Sun., 8 a.m., Chapel 1
• Protestant: Sun., 9:30 a.m., Chapel 1
CLASSIFIED ADS
AUTOMOBILES
• 97 MITSUBISHI Diamante (JC Oct. 09, $1,000 OBO.
637-5239
• 96 TOYOTA EMINA (JC June 09, $2,000 OBO.
646-2888
• 96 NISSAN PRERIE MINIVAN (JC Aug. 09, $1,000 OBO.
643-3615
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637-5239
• 96 NISSAN PRERIE MINIVAN (JC Aug. 09, $1,000 OBO.
622-8280
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Motorcycles
• 2005 MAVERICK DAVIDSON SPORTSTER 1200XL 75,200, $2,423
• 2004 HARLEY-DAVIDSON FAT BOY (IC Jan. 09, $1,500 OBO.
644-3467
• 2003 HARLEY-DAVIDSON V-ROD (IC Jan. 09, $1,500 OBO.
622-7093

MICROSOFT
• iMac 21.5-inch computer monitor, $150 OBO.
645-5388
• Dell Inspiron 6400: 19-inch monitor, $150 OBO.
645-5388
• 19-inch monitor, $150 OBO.
645-5388

Miscellaneous
• HP laptop, $150 OBO.
646-2880
• HP laptop, $75 OBO.
646-2880

35' Tiffin Motorhome, $500 OBO.
622-8280
• Two-wheel drive, 4x4, $500 OBO.
644-3467
• Two-wheel drive, 4x4, $500 OBO.
644-3467

USO MOVIE NIGHTS
The USO hosts movie nights at the camps below. For schedules and start times, call:
CAMP SCHWAB 625-2834
MCAS FUTENMA 636-2113
CAMP HANSON 623-5011
KADENA AIR BASE 632-8781
• The Camp Hansen Theater is closed for renovation.

FRIDAY
645-3465
The Kingdom (R), 7 p.m.; The Heartbreak Kid (R), 10 p.m.
SATURDAY
645-3465
Daddy Day Camp (PG), 1 p.m.; Stardust (PG-13), 4 p.m.; The Kingdom (R), 7 p.m.
SUNDAY
645-3465
Bratz (PG), 1 p.m.; The Simpsons Movie (PG-13), 4 p.m.; We Own the Night (R), 7 p.m.
MONDAY
Closed
TUESDAY
Closed
WEDNESDAY
Closed
THURSDAY
Closed
CAMP SCHWAB | 625-2333
• Catholic: Sun., 11 a.m. East Chapel
Sun., 9 a.m. Hospital Chapel Sun., 10 a.m., Lester Chapel

CAMP HANSEN | 623-4694
• Catholic: Sun., 9:30 a.m.

CAMP FOSTER | 645-7486/7487
• Catholic: Mon.-Fri., 7:30 a.m.
• Eastern Orthodox: Sun., 9:30 a.m.
• Gospel Sun., 11:30 a.m.
• Hindu Sun., 3:30 p.m., Bldg. 455
• Jewish: Fri., traditional, 6 p.m.
• informal, 6:30 p.m.
• Lutheran Saints: Sun., 2 p.m., Bldg. 455
• Muslim: Friday prayer at 12:45 p.m.
• Protestant Sun., 8:30 a.m.

CAMP LESTER | 643-7226
• Catholic: Sun., 8:30 a.m.
• Lester Chapel
Wed., 11 a.m. Hospital Chapel
Protestant Sun., 9 a.m. Hospital Chapel
Sun., 10 a.m., Lester Chapel

CAMP HANSEN | 623-4694
• Catholic: Sun., 9:30 a.m.

CAMP SCHWAB | 625-2644/2886
• Catholic: Sun., 8:30 a.m.
• Protestant Sun., 11 a.m.

CAMP McTIGUE | 625-7505
• Lutheran Sun., 9:45 a.m.
Gospel Sun., 12:30 p.m.

CAMP COURTNEY | 622-9350
• Catholic: Mon.-Fri., 7 a.m.
Sun., 5 p.m., 11:15 a.m.

• Protestant: Sun., 9:30 a.m.

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SINGLE MARINE PROGRAM EVENTS

OCTOBER 24 | KINDERGARTEN HALLOWEEN EVENT
• Share the Halloween tradition with the children of Chatan-Daini. Kindergarten by painting pumpkins and passing out candy. Bring two bags of Halloween candy, and dress in your best costume.

• Depart Camp Kinser at 7:30 a.m., MCAS Futemna at 8 a.m. and Camp Foster at 8:30 a.m.

OCTOBER 27 | SMP’S FRIGHT NIGHT FEAR FACTOR
• Think you can chug pig’s blood and swallow slime? These tasty treats will all be part of the SMP’s 2nd Annual Fright Night Fear Factor as well as various physical challenges. • Sign up by Oct. 23 (two people per team).

• Depart Camp Kinser at 5:30 p.m., MCAS Futemna at 6 p.m., Camp Schwab at 4:45 p.m., Camp Hansen at 5:15 p.m. and Camp Courtney at 6 p.m.

CHAPEL SCHEDULE

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