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Back from Iraq



9th Engineer Support Battalion Marines with 3rd Marine Logistics Group prepare to board buses on Kadena Air Base March 26 following their return from a seven-month deployment to Iraq. Their mission was focused on rebuilding Iraqi infrastructure. The unit's return marks the withdrawal of the last Marine Corps Engineer Support Battalion in Iraq. *Photo by Cpl. Heather Golden*

9th ESB Marines return to warm welcome

Lance Cpl. Paul D. Zellner
OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

CAMP HANSEN — Approximately 370 Marines and sailors from 9th Engineer Support Battalion and sailors from 9th Engineer Support Battalion with 3rd Marine Logistics Group returned to Okinawa March 26, after a seven-month deployment to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The Marines and sailors first arrived at

Kadena Air Base where they cleared customs and boarded buses bound for Camp Hansen. There, loved ones waited with steadfast determination as the Marines arrived.

The 3rd Marine Expeditionary Force Band was on hand to entertain families as they waited for their Marines to check their weapons into the armory. The band then led the unit formation down the

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A new Ophthalmic Services Unit opened March 23 at the Naval Hospital at Camp Lester. The addition allows single vision glasses to be made here on Okinawa instead of having them shipped from the United States or South Korea. *Photo by Lance Cpl. Shelby Shields*

New optometry lab helps patients see clearer sooner

Lance Cpl. Shelby Shields
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CAMP LESTER — Service members stationed on Okinawa who wear glasses no longer have to wait weeks for single vision eye glasses to be shipped from the United States. A new military eyewear fabricating lab opened March 25 at the Naval Hospital's Optometry Department on Camp Lester.

Before establishing the Ophthalmic Service Unit, or OSU, eye glass prescriptions were sent to the United States to be filled. The process normally took a couple of weeks before the glasses arrived back on island.

"I was really impressed that it could be done so fast," said Lt. Cmdr. Valerie J. Riege, the first recipient of glasses from the new optometry lab. "When Lt. Cmdr. Garbutt told me I could have the glasses done that morning, I almost didn't believe her."

Now, with the implementation of the Ophthalmic Service Unit, active duty service members can receive basic single vision lenses made here on Okinawa, eliminating the lengthy transit time from the United States or South Korea.

Single vision lenses are the most common type of prescriptions that come through the optometry department on Okinawa. With the new unit approximately 90 percent of eye glass prescriptions are able to be filled here.

In addition to single vision lenses, the unit is also equipped to make ballistic and gas mask inserts. Bifocal lenses and extreme prescriptions will still have to be ordered and shipped in.

"We're not magic, but we will be able to offer much more than we have been able to in the past," said Lt. Cmdr. Bonnie Garbutt, the optometry department head.

The OSU will be open during regular office hours from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information about other services offered or to make an appointment, contact the Optometry Department at 643-7387.

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Personal appearance, reflection of self and Marine Corps

Pfc. J Nava

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As a Marine, I understand the desire to get a tattoo that expresses to the rest of the world the sense of pride we feel about our heritage and legacy. Whether it's a simple USMC dotted on our forearm, or a sleeve covering it, the symbolism is the same.

I enlisted in the Marine Corps in March 2008 one year after the new tattoo policy banning sleeve tattoos took effect. I was briefed by my recruiter on the policy - on what was acceptable and what was not. I was a little disappointed at the time because I planned to get 'the works.' I wanted an eagle, globe and anchor covering my arms and maybe a "semper fidelis" or two.

At the time I didn't understand why the Marine Corps implemented this order, nor did I like it. Old school Marines and sailors got tattoos up and down their whole bodies without a care in the world. It seemed like the time-honored way of honoring our Corps, country and comrades. But now with a little time in service and a

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better understanding of the Marine Corps, my opinion changed.

Now I understand the wisdom behind the policy.

One of the major changes outlined in the order restricting tattoos, is the banning of sleeve tattoos for Marines.

I've seen many tasteful tattoos and even more distasteful ones, but one thing should always hold true.

Any Marine should be able to stand in front of a classroom full of students or walk down any street and be looked upon respectfully by people from all walks of life.

I believe that would be extremely difficult for any Marine who boasts a naked pin-up girl on his forearm or a visible collage of blood and guts.

The tattoo policy isn't com-

pletely restrictive in nature, it simply addresses tattoo placement on the body. The policy enables Marines to have personalized tattoos while still maintaining a professional image.

Whether we like it or not, as Marines we are held to a higher standard, the way we walk, the way we talk and the personal appearance of every Marine is a reflection of the Marine Corps itself. Everywhere we go people look at us and know we are Marines, not because of the haircut or the clean shaven face, but because we gleam with pride. We shouldn't let anything tarnish the public's pride in us.

The sad truth is that some of us will be judged differently and at times even frowned upon by people simply because of our tattoos.

Large-sleeve or half-sleeve tattoos on parts of the body visible while wearing appropriate clothing may be perceived as unprofessional.

That is why Marines should carefully consider the nature of a tattoo and its placement before getting one, so as not to inadvertently discredit themselves or the Marine Corps.

This is especially true for Marines stationed overseas. Each and every one of us are serving as ambassadors for the Marine Corps and the United States as a whole.

The images we show people of host nations are perceived by them as a reflection of all Americans. All tattoos must be kept tasteful and in good order so as not to offend others.

I am an avid fan of tattoos, piercings and body modification. Even though I do not particularly enjoy the Marine Corps policy on tattoos, I support it 100 percent and believe it is absolutely necessary in keeping our Corps' reputation intact.

I still do not have any motto tattoos but I would like to get one sometime soon, keeping it well within regulations of course.

Nava is a combat correspondent with the Okinawa Marine.

Send us your constructive opinions or interesting stories that would appeal to a wide audience and you may be published!

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FACT CHECK

WEARING UNIFORM ITEMS WITH CIVILIAN ATTIRE

Q: What uniform items may I wear with civilian clothing?

A: According Marine Corps Order P1020.34, paragraph 1005, Marines may wear mourning bands, foot wear, gloves, undergarments, the service sweater, the green wool scarf, general purpose trunks, the all-weather coat without insignia of grade and the tanker jacket without insignia of rank. Male Marines may wear gold cuff links, studs, the tie bar and the black bow-tie, and female Marines may wear the white shirt without insignia of grade, handbag and clutch purse. Marines are also authorized to wear the new PT jacket with civilian attire. According to Marine Administrative Message 019/08, the jacket must be zipped at least half-way up and worn as an outer garment.

Sempertoons

SemperToons Presents: How Easter Eggs get hard for Easter.

The eggs come from all over the United States to YOKE Depot, CANDY EGGO, where they meet their Senior Easter Egg Instructor "HARD BOIL".

His job, to get these ordinary eggs Hard Boiled and ready for coloring before Easter!

They arrive on the Depot EGG-SPRESS.



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Information assurance: safety is in not eating cookies

Cpl. Andrew S. Avitt

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CAMP FOSTER — When “cookies” are mentioned the first thought to come to mind for many may be of round sugar-filled discs of dough. However computer enthusiasts are likely to think of a complex language used by computers to interact with internet Web sites.

When a computer user browses the internet, certain information may be collected and stored on the user’s computer. This information may include Web sites visited, domains used to connect, the user’s browser type and, in some cases, personal information to include phone numbers and passwords. These pieces of information are called cookies.

Cookies can be convenient for a user surfing the Web. They

can make it easy to log on to sites without having to type a full password or to fill in online forms by automatically populating fields.

The danger is this information can be used by hackers to gain access to online accounts and personal information making the user vulnerable to identity theft.

Cookies can be divided in two main groups:

- *Session cookies* - Session cookies store information only as long as a browser is in use; once closed, the information is erased. The primary purpose for this type of cookie is to help navigate a Web site. Session cookies help indicate whether a user has already visited a certain page and retains information about the user’s preferences once they have visited a page.

- *Persistent cookies* - Persistent cookies are stored on a computer’s

hard drive so a user’s personal preferences can be retained. Most browsers allow users to adjust the length of time that persistent cookies are stored. It is because of these cookies that an e-mail address appears by default when a user accesses their e-mail account, or a personalized home page appears when users visit their favorite online merchants. If hackers gain access to an individual’s computer, they may be able to gather personal information about the user through these files.

To increase personal security, Internet users should consider adjusting privacy and security settings to block or limit cookies in their Web browser. Also blocking or limiting cookies from a third-party helps to ensure that other sites are not collecting personal information without the user’s knowledge.

What can you do?

- *Limit cookies* - If an hacker can access a user’s computer, he or she may be able to find personal data stored in cookies. It might not be obvious how much information is stored on a computer until it is too late. However limiting the use of cookies can lower how much information is kept on a computer at any given time.

- *Browse safely* - Users can protect their computers from being exploited by avoiding unknown Web sites; increasing security settings, keeping virus definitions up to date and scanning for viruses.

The bottom line is there is no fail-safe way to guard from browser vulnerabilities. Safe browsing habits along with current security patches and updated virus definitions are often the best line of defense for preventing personal information from being exploited.



Family members eagerly wait for 9th Engineer Support Battalion, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, Marines and sailors to be dismissed on Camp Hansen March 26.

Photo by Lance Cpl. Paul D. Zellner

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road to the barracks where the families awaited.

Families and loved ones had to watch in angst as the unit was marched and halted in the street right in front of them. Many wives and fiancés seemed to agree this was almost more anticipated than that first date.

The unit received the command to fall out but had to form a school circle around the commanding officer for his parting words before being officially released.

After being released, some Marines turned to their right and left to celebrate as others were rushed by their friends and families.

"It feels amazing to be back," said Lance Cpl. David Carrell, combat engineer in Company A, 9th ESB. "I'm ready to get back and teach our MOS (military occupation specialty) and share my experiences with the Marines who just came on island."

While in Iraq, 9th ESB constructed billeting and working spaces for other U.S. military units, repaired roads, and provided force protection by building concertina wire fences and emplacing protective barriers.

The deployment was considered a success and most areas were turned over to Iraqi forces by the last engineer support battalion in Iraq.

"What we did allowed U.S. forces to leave the cities, like we said we would, and allowed Iraqi forces to take control," said Major David O'Brien, operations officer for 9th ESB.

New phone procedures on Kadena

KADENA AIR BASE — As of Wednesday, Kadena Air Base has changed its residential phone service provider.

The Army Air Force Exchange Service has contracted with Verizon Business to provide phone service to base housing.

As a result, calls to and from residents on Kadena, Chibana Housing, O'Donnell Gardens and Camp Shields have a new dialing sequence and toll charges can be incurred when dialing to other bases.

Some residential numbers on Kadena have changed as result of the switch.

Kadena residents should have received a mailing in February advising them of their new phone number.

The dialing sequence for calling to or from Kadena has changed. For detailed list of changes, visit the Kadena Web site at www.kadena.af.mil and click on the "telephone transition" link for more information.

More information is available by calling Verizon at 959-HELP, the 18th Communications Squadron at 634-1078 between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m., or the 18th Communications Squadron operators at 634-1110.

Helicopter mechanics repair Hornet

Sgt. Juan D. Alfonso

SPECIAL PURPOSE MAGTF-AFGHANISTAN

KANDAHAR AIR FIELD, Afghanistan — Despite having no experience with fixed-wing aircraft, a team of helicopter mechanics diffused a potentially deadly situation involving an F/A-18E Super Hornet on Kandahar Air Field, Afghanistan, March 18.

According to Staff Sgt. Jorge Minjares, the staff noncommissioned officer in charge of Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 361's Flight Line section, part of Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force - Afghanistan's air combat element, the situation began when a Navy pilot with the USS Roosevelt attempted to refuel his F/A-18 while airborne. During the process, the refueling aircraft's fuel basket broke off from the fuel hose and remained fixed to the F/A-18's refueling probe on the nose of the aircraft.

"It was just unsafe to fly," said Sgt. Nicholas G. Koreneos, Flight Line Section

noncommissioned officer in charge. "The fuel basket was locked on the fuel probe and he was running low on fuel. If the basket came off while in the air, it could [have] injured the pilot, damaged the bird's airframe, canopy, engine; it was bad a situation."

Shortly afterward, the pilot landed on Kandahar Air Field to refuel and repair his aircraft. But once on the ground, a new issue arose: there were no F-18 mechanics.

That's when Minjares and his crew received a call from Lt. Col. Peter C. McConnell, the air combat element's executive officer. "He asked us if we knew how to remove a basket from an F-18," Minjares said. "So I told him, 'we'd give it a try.'"

Despite having no experience working with fixed-wing aircraft, Minjares and his team put their mechanical expertise to test.

After 20 minutes their task was complete and the Hornet was ready to fly.

Thanks to Minjares' crew, the F-18 took off the following day.

BRIEFS**MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT RETREAT**

The Chaplain's Religious Enrichment Development Operation (CREDO) Okinawa will conduct a marriage enrichment retreat at Pricia Resort April 17-19. Registration continues through Thursday.

Couples will learn how to communicate more effectively and work as a team to preserve and enhance love, commitment and friendship.

Lodging, meals and transportation will be provided.

To sign up, contact CREDO at 645-3041 or drop by their office in Building 442 on Camp Foster (just down the hill from the Chapel on left).

Registration hours are from 8-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

NAVAL HOSPITAL CHILDREN'S WAITING ROOM CLOSED

The U.S. Naval Hospital Children's Waiting Room is closed effective immediately.

For more information, contact Heather Potter at 643-8009.

MARINE THRIFT SHOP DISCOUNT

The Camp Foster Marine Thrift Shop is offering a special discount for all active duty service members E-5 and below on the first Saturday of each month.

Families of service members can also receive this discount.

The Marine Thrift Shop is reserved for military personnel and their families.

Hours of operation are Tuesday through Thursday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

It is located down the hill from the Installation Personal Administration Center in building 5691 on Camp Foster.

For more information on special discounts, location, volunteering and donations, please call Markie Bonar, the Marine Thrift Shop manager, at 645-6025.

DINING FACILITY RENOVATION

The Marine Corps Base dining facility on Camp Foster is undergoing renovation.

This project is a phased evolution during which the facility will be split in half.

During the first phase of renovation, all service members will be provided food via the fast food section of the facility.

During the second phase of renovation, all services members will be provided food via the mainline section of the facility.

The renovation is scheduled to be completed early next year.

If there are any questions, please contact the dining facility manager, Master Sgt. C. L. James, at 645-7158.

SPRING SCHOOL REGISTRATION

All students attending Department of Defense Dependents Schools in the Okinawa District are required to register for the next school year.

School and bus registration for School Year 2009-2010 will take place during Spring Recess, Tuesday-Friday, 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

School and bus registration will be conducted at two locations - Kadena Middle School and Lester Middle School.

Students who currently attend school on Kadena Air Base will register for classes at Kadena Middle School. All other students will register at Lester Middle School.

For more information call the district office at 634-1204, or visit the Okinawa District Web site at www.okinawa.pac.dodea.edu.

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

Base Chapel Services

During the coming Holy Week several additional services are offered at Base Chapels. See below for services, locations and times.

CAMP COURTNEY CHAPEL*Catholic Services:*

April 5 - Palm Sunday, 8 and 11:15 a.m.

April 9 - Holy Thursday, 7 p.m.

April 10 - Good Friday, 7 p.m.

April 11 - Holy Saturday, 8 p.m. Easter Vigil

April 12 - Easter Sunday, 8 and 11:15 a.m.

Protestant Services:

April 5 - Palm Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

April 10 - Good Friday, 6 p.m. Passion Service

April 12 - Easter Sunday, 7:30 a.m. Sunrise Service at Tengan Castle

CAMP McTUREOUS CHAPEL*Protestant Services:*

April 5 - Palm Sunday, 6:30 p.m.

April 9 - Maundy Thursday, 6:30 p.m.

April 12 - Easter Sunday, 6:30 p.m.

Lutheran Services:

April 5 - Palm Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

April 10 - Good Friday, 7 p.m.

12:30 p.m. Gospel Service;

April 12 - Easter Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

Gospel Services:

April 5 Palm Sunday, 12:30 p.m.

April 12 Easter Sunday, -12:30 p.m.

CAMP HANSEN CHAPEL (East Chapel)*Catholic Services:*

April 5 - Palm Sunday, 10 a.m.

April 9 - Holy Thursday, 7 p.m.

April 10 - Good Friday, 7 p.m.

April 12 - Easter Sunday, 10 a.m.

CAMP HANSEN (West Chapel)*Protestant Services:*

April 5 - Palm Sunday, 11 a.m.

April 9 - Maundy Thursday, 7 p.m.

April 12 - Easter Sunday, 11 a.m.

CAMP LESTER CHAPEL*Catholic Services:*

April 5 - Palm Sunday, 8 a.m.

April 12 - Easter Sunday, 8 a.m.

Protestant Services:

April 5 - Palm Sunday, 10 a.m.

April 10 - Good Friday, Noon

*April 12 - Easter Sunday, 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service at Torii Station (Departs chapel at 5:30 a.m.) Free Breakfast Buffet after the Service; 10 a.m. Worship Service

*For details contact: USNH Pastoral Care Office 643-7572/7248

MCAS FUTENMA CHAPEL*Catholic Services:*

April 5 - Palm Sunday, Noon

April 10 - Good Friday, 5:30 p.m.

April 12 - Easter Sunday, Noon

Protestant Services:

April 5 - Palm Sunday, 9 a.m.

April 10 - Good Friday, 7 p.m.

April 12 - Easter Sunday, 9 a.m.

CAMP SCHWAB CHAPEL*Protestant Contemporary Services:*

April 5 - Palm Sunday, 11:30 a.m.

April 12 - Easter Sunday, 11:30 a.m.

Catholic Services:

April 5 - Palm Sunday, 5:30 p.m.

April 12 - Easter Sunday, 5:30 p.m.

CAMP FOSTER CHAPEL*Catholic Services:*

April 4 - Palm Sunday Vigil, 5 p.m.

April 5 - Palm Sunday, 9:45 a.m.

April 6-8 - Monday-Wednesday, 11:45 a.m.

Daily Mass

April 9 - Holy Thursday, 7 p.m.

April 10 - Good Friday, 7:30 p.m.

April 11 - Holy Saturday, 8 p.m. Easter Vigil

April 12 - Easter Sunday, 10 a.m.

Protestant Services:

April 5 - Palm Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

April 10 - Good Friday, 6 p.m. Tenebrae Service

April 12 - Easter Sunday, 6 a.m. Joint Protestant & Gospel sunrise service; 8:30 a.m. Worship

Gospel Services:

April 5 - Palm Sunday, 11:30 a.m.

April 12 - Easter Sunday, 6 a.m. Joint Protestant & Gospel sunrise service; 11:30 a.m. Easter Worship

Christian Science Services:

April 5 - Palm Sunday, 11 a.m. (Bldg 442)

April 12 - Easter Sunday, 11 a.m. (Bldg 442)

Eastern Orthodox:

April 11 - Vespers Divine Liturgy of St. Basil, 8 a.m.

April 12 - Palm Sunday, 8:15 a.m. Orthros; 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

April 14 - Holy Tuesday, 6 p.m. Bridegroom Orthros

April 15 - Holy Wednesday, 6 p.m. Holy Unction

April 16 - Holy Thursday 6 a.m. Vespers Divine Liturgy of St. Basil; 6 p.m. Orthros of the Passion, 6 p.m.

April 17 - Holy Friday, Noon Vespers; 6 p.m. Lamentations Service

April 18 - 8 a.m. Vespers Divine Liturgy of St. Basil; 7 p.m. Easter Vigil, Resurrection Orthros; 8 p.m. Divine Liturgy of Pascha. Pot luck fellowship in the Chapel Center to follow.

CAMP KINSER CHAPEL*Catholic Services:*

April 5 - Palm Sunday, 11 a.m.

April 9 - Holy Thursday, 7 p.m.

April 10 - Good Friday, 7 p.m.

April 11 - Holy Saturday, 8 p.m. Easter Vigil

April 12 - Easter Sunday, 11 a.m.

Protestant Services:

April 5 - Palm Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

April 10 - Good Friday 5 p.m.

April 11 - Holy Saturday, 5 p.m.

April 12 - Easter Sunday, 6:30 a.m. Joint Protestant & Gospel sunrise service; 9 a.m. Joint Protestant & Gospel Easter Worship Service

Gospel:

April 5 - Palm Sunday, 8 a.m.

April 12 - Easter Sunday, 6:30 a.m. Joint Protestant & Gospel sunrise service; 9 a.m. Joint Protestant & Gospel Easter Worship Service

Korean, U.S. Marines share expertise, strengthen bonds

Lance Cpl. Michael Bianco
31ST MARINE EXPEDITIONARY UNIT

RODRIGUEZ LIVE FIRE RANGE, South Korea — South Korean and U.S. Marines came together to take part in the Combat Marksmanship Program in support of Exercise Foal Eagle 2009 March 12-13.

Korean Marines and U.S. Marines with Company L, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines, 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, covered firing drills and basic rifleman techniques as part of the training, allowing both sides an opportunity to learn from their counterparts' expertise.

According to Cpl. Cho Yang Seak, an infantryman with the Korean Marines, this was a great opportunity for the Korean Marines because it gave them a chance to showcase their rifleman skills to U.S. Marines.

"We always learn from them (U.S. Marines), and they show us their skills. During this training we were able to show them what we're capable of," Seak said.

The two-day course involved both day and night fires. During the night fires the Korean Marines were given the opportunity to engage targets using night-vision goggles.

Seak said the night-fire courses were very helpful because the Korean Marines were able to train with equipment they don't often have the opportunity to use.

Marines from both sides agreed, although all training is beneficial, the best training came with the opportunity to conduct live-fire.

"It's one thing when you have to simulate a scenario and pretend to fire, but when you can actually get to the range and see how well you are doing it helps a lot more," said Cpl. Ryan Salinas, an infantryman with Battalion Landing Team, 3rd Bn., 5th Marines.

Sgt. Ju Kyoung Kim, an assault man with the Korean Marines, agreed and said, as Marines, the most important thing they need to know is how to correctly, proficiently and accurately fire their weapon. This course was another opportunity to refresh those skills, he said.

Marksmanship training is one of many bilateral training events taking place during Foal Eagle 2009.

The exercise focuses on military cooperation and strengthening the partnership between South Korean and U.S. Armed Forces.



Cpl. Seth Wheeler, an infantryman with Company L, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines, 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, and his South Korean Marine counterpart rehearse basic weapons reloading procedures as a part of the combat marksmanship training in support of Exercise Foal Eagle 2009 at Rodriguez Live Fire Range March 12. Official Marine Corps photo by Lance Cpl. Donminic L. Young

Wing support operators learn to identify improvised explosives

Lance Cpl. Thomas W. Provost
OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

CAMP HANSEN — Marines of Marine Wing Support Squadron 172, took a walk down "IED Lane" here March 26 during an improvised explosive device identification course.

Explosive Ordnance Disposal instructors from 9th Engineer Support Battalion, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, conducted the course to keep the Marines vigilant and updated on tactics and devices used by the enemy.

"Tactics in country are always changing," said SSgt. Emery L. Ruffin, operations chief, Motor Transportation Company, MWSS-172, Marine Wing Support Group 17, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing. "It is very important the information flow to the Marines is as current and up to date as possible."

The course began with an in-depth presentation where instructors explained and displayed to Marines what IEDs look like and different ways the enemy hides them.



A vehicle gunner with Motor Transportation Company, Marine Wing Support Squadron 172, Marine Wing Support Group 17, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, keeps a watchful eye out for simulated improvised explosive devices March 26 on Camp Hansen. Photo by Lance Cpl. Thomas W. Provost

After making their way to the IED range, students conducted a walk-through of "IED Lane." The lane is a dirt road strewn with different types of mock IEDs hidden along the way.

Instructors hid devices underground in plastic bags, behind rocks and inside pieces of metal.

Students had to identify the IEDs to instructors as they passed them.

"I think the walk through part was very informative because we got to see how and where (the enemy) might place the (IEDs)," said Pfc. Christopher Nichols, a motor vehicle operator, Motor Transportation Company, MWSS-172.

The Marines moved on to the driving portion of the course after completing the "IED Lane" walk-through.

The driving course tested the Marines' ability to recognize and identify IEDs hidden along a paved roadway.

The Marines identified the IEDs based on what they learned in the classroom and during the dirt road walk-through.

"It's important to give the Marines a bit of hands-on experience so they can see what the IEDs look like up close and from the vehicle," said Staff Sgt. William Edwards, team leader for EOD, 9th ESB. "This course will give them a good base to work from."

Instructors passed on first-hand knowledge to the Marines of what IEDs look like and the damage they can cause.

"They need to understand the seriousness of IEDs and the fact they can kill them without a moments notice," Edwards said. "There is no room to be complacent out there."



Cpl. Michael R. Osborne, marksman-observer with the Marine Corps Base Camp Butler Special Reaction Team, sights-in on his target during marksmanship drills March 12 on Camp Schwab's Range 10. Osborne and his team constantly train to improve their skills in and out of the field. *Photo by Lance Cpl. Thomas W. Provost*

TARGET SU

SRT marksman-observe

Lance Cpl. Thomas W. Provost
OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

For most Marines, a dead-center shot from 600 yards away would be an amazing accomplishment. For Cpl. Michael R. Osborne, a military policeman and marksman-observer with the Marine Corps Base Camp Butler Special Reaction Team, it is just another day on the job.

As a marksman-observer for SRT, a specialized crisis response team attached to the Base Provost Marshall's Office, Osborne's main role is providing sniper-fire cover for the SRT entry team, military police officers and other personnel at a crisis scene involving hostages or barricaded suspects.

According to Osborne, the entry team essentially operates around the marksman who provides sniper fire and enables team members to enter a building or strong hold.

Since he was a kid, Osborne always wanted to work in law enforcement. His father, a 25-year veteran of the Orlando Police Department, ignited his interest in the field. Seeing the way his father and fellow officers carried themselves and helped other people inspired Osborne.

After graduating from University High School, Orlando, Fla., Osborne enlisted in the Marine Corps in 2004.

His first assignment as an MP was patrolling the roads of Marine Corps Base, Quantico, Va. He enjoyed the assignment and being an MP but he longed for something more.

He first thought being a K9 dog handler might be the answer. It was about that time Osborne took note of the SRT in his unit.

"Once I noticed SRT and what they were doing it perked me up a little bit," Osborne said.

To Osborne, SRT members represent the best of the best in the MP field.

"They are always training the hardest, always showing up on time to their appointed place of duty and are constantly motivated," he said.

Osborne applied for the team, was screened, selected and sent to the marksman-observer course in Fort Lenard Wood, Mo., for training. During the course he learned the different aspects of being an effective sniper.

He learned to shoot down



Special Reaction Team marksman Marines sight-in with the help of observers during marksmanship drills at Camp Schwab's Range 10, March 12.

Photo by Lance Cpl. Thomas W. Provost



Cpl. Michael R. Osborne, marksman-observer with the Marine Corps Base Camp Butler Special Reaction Team, instructs fellow Special Reaction Team marksman-observers on how to calculate the distance to a target using calculators and mathematical formulas. The formulas also aid the marksman in making proper rifle, windage and elevation adjustments. *Photo by Sgt. Rodolfo E. Toro*



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on targets from elevated positions, how to shoot at night and how to shoot in the worst possible conditions. Through it all, he reached a new level of physical fitness by constantly pushing his body to new limits.

According to Osborne, constant preparation and repetitive training is important to honing skills as an effective sniper.

From the day Osborne completed the marksman-observer course, he continued to sharpen and develop his sniper and leadership skills to become who he is today.

He is now in charge of his own team and is responsible for the development of his Marines.

"We spend a lot of time training and preparing for real life situations which will help tremendously when it comes time to implement all the skills we have learned," said Lance Cpl.

Jesse G. Zeitz, a marksman-observer with SRT and one of Osborne's team members.

Osborne never takes his responsibility lightly according to another of his Marines, Lance Cpl. Brandon S. Doherty, also a marksman-observer.

"He is very knowledgeable and has a lot of experience to pass on and is always willing to work with us until we become very proficient," Doherty said. "He strives to make his (Marines) better than himself as he teaches them."

After his time as a Marine ends, Osborne plans to stay in the law enforcement field. Becoming part of a SWAT team, is one of his goals, he said.

Civilian SWAT teams are similar in organization and mission to SRT.

Osborne said the knowledge and skills he learned with SRT will make for a smooth transition.

Although Osborne has plans for the future, he remains committed to the current mission as a Marine Corps SRT marksman-observer.

"I love being a sniper," Osborne said. "Just the fact you can protect someone with a single shot is awesome. You can take a shot and end a whole situation. I have full confidence in taking that shot."

(Left) Marksman-observers with Special Reaction Team use writing materials and mathematical formulas to calculate the distance to a target. (Right) Cpl. Michael R. Osborne uses the designated marksman rifle, a variant of the standard issue M-14 in his duties as a marksman-observer. Osborne is a team leader with SRT and is trained to engage targets as far out as 1,000 yards. Photos by Sgt. Rodolfo E. Toro



Brains of operation, Marines create intel picture

Lance Cpl. Thomas W. Provost
OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

The human body is like a team. The eyes, ears, nose and hands all collect and send information to a central location, the brain, where it is analyzed. The brain then decides what the body should do next.

3rd Intelligence Battalion works much the same. Like individual body parts, the many elements of the III Marine Expeditionary Force unit collect information and send it to the brain to be analyzed, processed and sent back out. For 3rd Intelligence Battalion, the All Source Fusion Platoon acts as this brain.

The platoon, part of Production and Analysis Company, prepares timely and accurate intelligence data of the battlespace to support III MEF and all of its subordinate commands.

Imagery, human intelligence, counter-intelligence



Marines from All-Source Fusion Platoon, Production and Analysis Company, 3rd Intelligence Battalion, 3rd Marine Expeditionary Force, conduct research in the Center for Afghanistan Core Knowledge Room. Photo by Lance Cpl. Thomas W. Provost

and geographic intelligence are all pieced together to form one coherent picture of battlefield conditions, said Sgt. Elias D. Martinez, training noncommissioned officer for the All Source Fusion Platoon. The information is then presented to command-

ers for decision-making.

According to Martinez, no one section can make up the big picture alone. All sections within the battalion are vital in the process.

Using advanced computers and layout systems, the Marines

take all of the intelligence received to create a graphical map of the battlefield. The Marines create a picture complete with friendly forces, enemy forces, roads, bridges and buildings. The end product is a solid visual intelligence package.

The products created by the analysts are used to brief commanding officers and commanding generals to aid them in making important tactical decisions.

"We are the guys who actually present this to the commanding general or commander so he can make a decision," Martinez said.

Being a junior Marine briefing a senior officer can be difficult, said Lance Cpl. Jonathon M. Armbruster, an intelligence specialist with the platoon.

"Its kind of intimidating at first," he said. "But the only thing an analyst needs to keep in mind when going to brief the commander, is to deliver the intelligence so the commander can make well informed decisions."

Right click, air strike: Marines call for fire in virtual environment

Story and photos by Lance Cpl. Thomas W. Provost
OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

In a war without front lines, the enemy can attack from anywhere - or show up anywhere with little or no warning. To be ready for such instances, Marines of all occupational specialties can learn how to call for an attack from aircraft and artillery units.

The procedure is known as "call for fire," a standard communication method between a service member on the ground and artillery personnel or pilots.

The ground-based individual conveys target description, location and desired ordnance and the artillery personnel or pilots take care of the rest.

In a tasking message to 3rd Marine Division units from Major Gen. Robert B. Neller, commanding general of 3rd Mar. Div., III Marine Expeditionary Force, Neller mandated all division Marines be trained in basic call for fire procedures.

To accomplish this task, Okinawa-based Marines are taking advantage of the Combined Arms Network system at the Combined Arms Staff Trainer on Camp Hansen.

The Combined Arms Network

is a computer based simulator that provides training for forward observers, forward air controllers and any Marines looking to practice calling for artillery or air support.

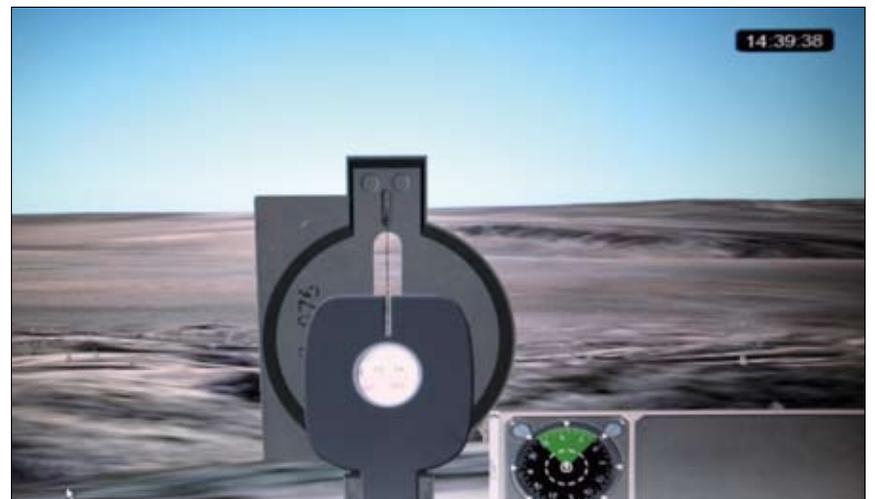
The Combined Arms Network is part of the deployable virtual training environment, and is available to all Marines on Okinawa, said De Vallion J. Pippier Sr., deployable virtual training environment analyst for the III MEF Tactical Exercise Control Group.

Pfc. Pat J. Barry, a reconnaissance Marine from Company A, 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion, said the simulator is an excellent training device.

It gives Marines the knowledge to call in fire support without them having to go out in the field. It also gives the Marines the opportunity to learn from mistakes without getting anybody hurt or killed, he said.

Not only is the system safe for Marines to train with, it is also a cost effective method to train large numbers of personnel.

Sean R. Dominey, Combined Arms Staff Trainer systems administrator, stated it can cost hundreds of thousands of dollars to run call for fire exercises on training ranges using aircraft or artillery along with live ordnance.



Within the Combined Arms Network, Marines can use different tools such as compasses, binoculars, night vision scopes and computers to assist them in learning to "call for fire." The procedure is a standard communication method between a service member on the ground requesting an attack on a specific target and artillery personnel or pilots.

Adding the fact there are limited ranges in the Asia Pacific region and throughout the world where full-scale fire support exercises are available makes the

Combined Arms Network among the most viable tools available to ensure Marines are ready to call for fire when the need arises, Dominey said.

Marines complete training with tears of different kind

Lance Cpl. Paul D. Zellner

OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

With tears in their eyes, snot running down their faces and adrenaline pumping through their veins, Marines from the III Marine Expeditionary Force completed the last part of Non-Lethal Weapons Training March 20 – the dreaded OC spray drill.

Oleoresin Capsicum spray, also called pepper spray, is a non-lethal substance used by law enforcement agencies and the military to confuse and render an aggressor compliant.

The spray, made from pepper extracts, is sprayed into the eyes causing disorienting tears, burning, redness and swelling. Very few individuals enjoy being exposed to the substance.



An instructor with the Special Operations training Group sprays Lance Cpl. Fabian Garcia Jr. with Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) spray during non-lethal weapons training on Camp Hansen March 27.

Photo by Lance Cpl. Paul D. Zellner

An aggressor is usually, but not always, more willing to comply with authorities after being sprayed, according to course instruction.

Instructors from the Special Operations Training Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force, conducted the non-lethal weapons course and introduced OC spray and many other non-lethal techniques to Marines and

sailors that can be applied in hostile situations that do not require deadly force.

“The main point of this training is to give the command another step in the force escalation,” said Staff Sgt. Scott Hill, an Anti-Terrorism Force Protection instructor with SOTG. “We teach them how to make an aggressive individual compliant

without deadly force.”

The Marine Corps defines deadly force as the use of force an individual knows, or reasonably should know, may cause death or serious bodily harm.

When Marines find themselves dealing with unarmed rioters or hostile protestors, non-lethal techniques are often employed to restore order.

“This training opened up a full spectrum of weapons systems that we may need in a non-lethal situation,” said 2nd Lt. Jake Grader, 2nd platoon commander for Company K, Battalion Landing Team 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit. “We can respond as non-lethal and (retain) the capabilities to be lethal if needed.”

During the one week course, instructors taught

non-lethal techniques available such as using the X-26 Taser, hand-to-hand techniques, the baton, general riot control procedures and of course, the OC spray.

“We spray the students and have them do fight through drills so they realize the subject can still fight after being sprayed,” said Hill. “They also must know that if they fight with someone that’s been sprayed it can get on them and they have to continue fighting.” The students were sprayed with OC and required to run to different stations to perform baton drills.

“It’s comforting knowing that we know how to use this stuff properly and are able to function after being exposed to it,” said Seaman Joe Bussey, a student of the course and corpsman with SOTG.

Marines counter insurgency during patrol in southern Afghanistan

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After completing an important logistics mission, a group of Marines braved insurgent attacks while transitioning through one of the most challenging regions of southern Afghanistan March 6.

The second platoon of Motor Transportation Company, Combat Logistics Battalion 3, overcame insurgent attacks while returning to Camp Barber from Forward Operating Base Now Zad, Helmand Province, Afghanistan.

While returning from a three-day combat patrol, the platoon, assigned to CLB-3, the logistics combat element of Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force – Afghanistan, received multiple rounds of insurgent mortar fire and located two improvised explosive devices.

The combat logisticians’ mission was to deliver heavy equipment and more than 50,000 pounds of provisions to the Marines of Company L, 3rd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, the ground combat element of SPMAGTF-Afghanistan.

Insurgents attempted to strike the patrol with indirect fire but were unsuccessful and out of range. Marines with Company L and a detachment from 2nd Force Reconnaissance Company, assigned to 3rd Bn., 8th Marines, supported the patrol by patrolling the surrounding areas in front of second platoon’s line of travel.

After a short halt to assess the points of impact and origin of the incoming fire, the convoy pushed forward but was quickly diverted by Sgt. Michael T. Thompson, the platoon sergeant and driver of the lead vehicle.

“We were coming up and out of a wadi [a dry river bed] when I saw a large rectangular patch of disturbed earth,” Thompson said. “I took the vehicle hard right to avoid hitting it



Marines with second platoon, Motor Transportation Company, Combat Logistics Battalion 3, Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force-Afghanistan, pull tow cables to a stuck seven-ton truck during a combat patrol en route to Forward Operating Base Now Zad, Helmand Province, Afghanistan, March 6.

Photo by Lance Cpl. Ronald Stauffer

and [employed] the sweep team.”

The patrol’s sweep team, a unit of Marines tasked to locate improvised explosive devices, quickly located a large object that was later identified as an IED with the help of the patrol’s explosive ordnance disposal team. Upon dismantling the device, a secondary IED was found a short distance away.

“I was relieved that I was able to divert the vehicle in time to avoid a very bad day,” Thompson said.

According to Gunnery Sgt. Rudy Rodriguez, second platoon’s staff noncommissioned officer in charge, the mortar fire was directed toward the rear vehicle in what he believed to be an attempt to push the patrol forward into the IEDs, but the Marines were highly trained and knew what they were looking for.

Sgt. Jonathan H. Hilderman, a turret gunner with second platoon, said he could see people observing the convoy from the roof-

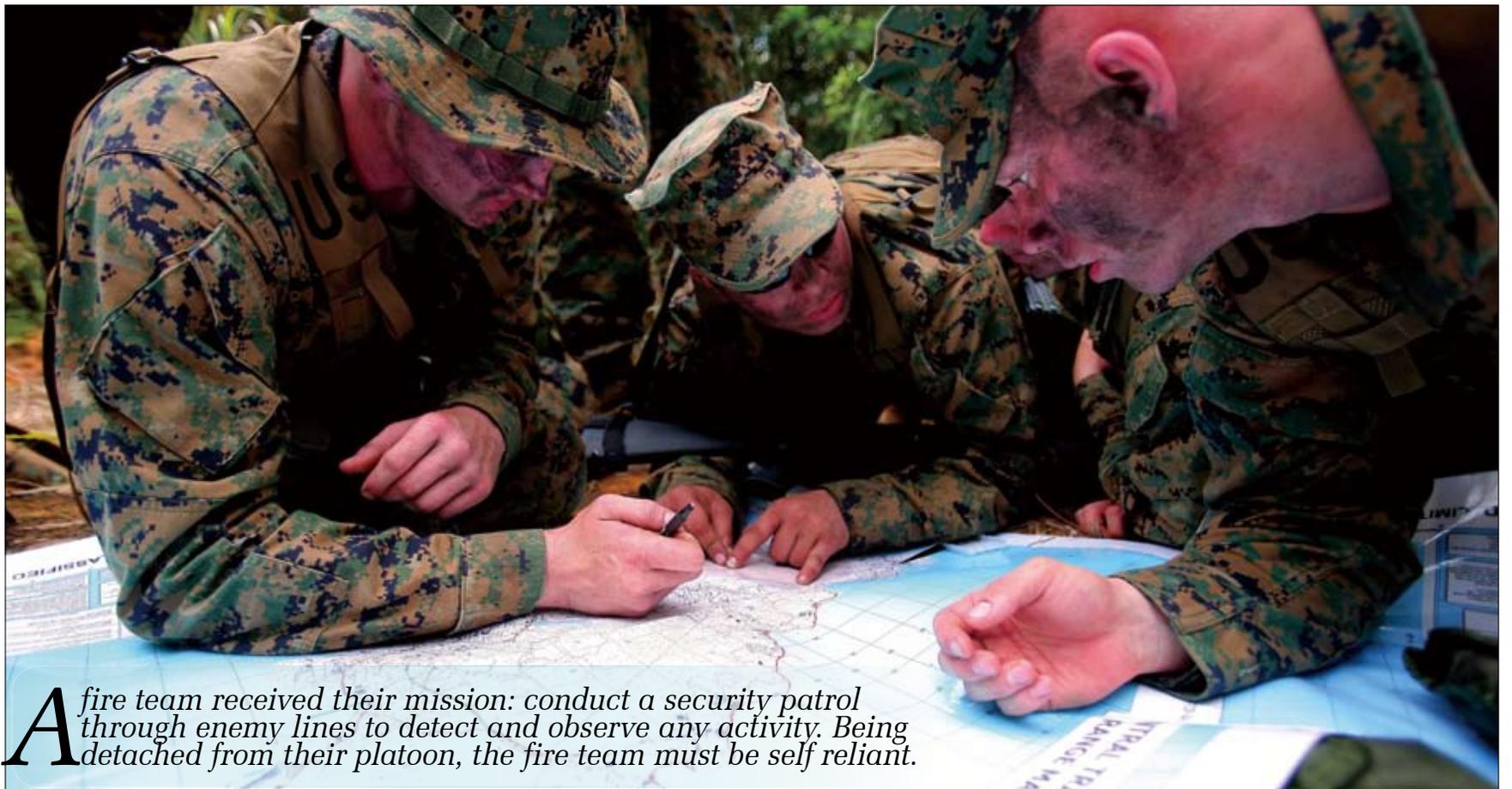
tops of nearby villages during the movement, but it was hard to decipher who was friend or foe. He explained that he didn’t feel like the patrol was in immediate danger, but the Marines are always ready to take an aggressive stance if they have to.

“I love it, and wouldn’t have asked for any other job,” Hilderman said. “I feel like I can control my battlespace, and it makes me feel privileged to know it’s been invested upon me to have the responsibility to keep people safe and guard our assets. It’s what makes me tick.”

The patrol safely returned to Camp Barber with no casualties, marking another successful mission for second platoon and CLB-3.

“In my opinion we beat the enemy,” Rodriguez said. “We know what they bring to the table, and we know what we’re looking for.”

Approximately 2,000 III Marine Expeditionary Force Marines are currently deployed in support of SPMAGTF-Afghanistan.



A fire team received their mission: conduct a security patrol through enemy lines to detect and observe any activity. Being detached from their platoon, the fire team must be self reliant.

Cpl. Ricardo Funez, Lance Cpl. Donald Shaw, and Lance Cpl. Harold Alexander work together to plot grid points during a small-unit leadership evaluation course held at the Central Training Area March 27. Funez, a motor transport mechanic, Shaw, a field wireman, and Alexander, a direct air support center operator, are all with Marine Air Support Squadron 2.

MASS-2 exercise enhances Marines field combat skills



Lance Cpl. Donald Shaw, a field wireman with Marine Air Support Squadron 2, Marine Aircraft Group 18, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, uses a compass to shoot an azimuth at one of the stations along the course.

Story and photos by Lance Cpl. Bobby J. Yarbrough
OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

Without hesitation, Cpl. Ricardo Funez takes command of his fire team, focused on the mission that lay ahead: patrol enemy lines.

Although the Marines are faced with adversity, they do not balk. They listen carefully to Funez, absorbing his directions. They recognize his experience, distinguished by a combat tour in Iraq, and are eager to follow his lead. Although Funez has only been with the unit for three months, the Marines seem to revere him and respect his judgment.

For Funez, a motor transport mechanic with Marine Air Support Squadron 2, Marine Aircraft Group 18, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, and his Marines, the mission is not typical.

Normally, the Marines support aviation combat, satisfying their roles as mechanics, field wiremen, and direct air support center operators for MASS-2. But today, they are on the tip of the spear.

The mission was part of a small-unit leadership evaluation course held for Marines of MASS-2 at the Central Training Area March 27. The course was designed to teach Marines the principles of Marine Corps

leadership and enhance combat skills proficiency in a field environment.

Throughout the exercise, 14 fire teams traversed a jungle course to complete 14 stations that tested the Marines on subjects including tactical combat casualty care, squad tactics, land navigation and radio operation.

At each station, the fire teams were briefed on the mission they had to complete. The teams had a predetermined amount of time to complete each mission.

Although each fire team was directed by a noncommissioned officer, each team relied on the knowledge of individual members to complete missions throughout the day.

"We had to lean on each other to make it through some tasks," said Pfc. Glenroy McDonald, a direct air support center operator with MASS-2. "It didn't matter if you were a Pfc. or a corporal. If you knew how to do something you took charge."

According to Lt. Col. Steven E. Cedrun, the commanding officer of MASS-2, the exercise reaffirmed the command's stance on the importance of small unit leadership.

"I believe small unit leaders are the cornerstone of the leadership within our unit," Cedrun said. "By giving them opportunities to

demonstrate their leadership abilities, we set ourselves up for success."

For Funez, the evaluation course was not only an opportunity to polish his leadership skills, but was also a learning experience.

"The course gave me an opportunity to be confident in myself and my Marines," Funez said. "It also taught me areas that I need to work on to become a better leader."

The course was part of a week-long field exercise conducted by MASS-2 to enhance their military occupational specialty capabilities in establishing a Direct Air Support Center. A DASC is an aviation command and control system responsible for the direction of air operations directly supporting ground forces.

The unit used Combat Town as a backdrop for the culmination of the training evolution to setup the DASC. While in combat town, the unit continued to incorporate elements of the small-unit leadership evaluation course by patrolling and setting up rear-area security to protect the DASC.

"The exercise was an overall success," Cedrun said. "We got to evaluate how the Marines performed in a field environment. I believe all the Marines walked away with a sense of accomplishment."

IN THEATERS APRIL 3 - APRIL 10

Movie schedule is subject to change without notice. Call in advance to confirm show times. For a complete listing, visit <http://www.aafes.com>.

FOSTER 645-3465

TODAY New In Town (PG), 6 p.m.; I Love You Man (R), 9 p.m.

SATURDAY New In Town (PG), Noon; Bride Wars (PG), 3 p.m.; Gran Torino (R), 6 p.m.; My Bloody Valentine (R), 9 p.m.

SUNDAY Monsters Vs Aliens (PG), 1 p.m.; Hotel For Dogs (PG) 4 p.m.; Monsters Vs Aliens (PG), 7 p.m.

MONDAY Inkheart (PG), 4 p.m.; Watchmen (R), 7 p.m.

TUESDAY Inkheart (PG), 3 p.m.; Last Chance Harvey (PG13), 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY Inkheart (PG), 3 p.m.; Hotel For Dogs (PG), 7 p.m.

THURSDAY Monsters Vs Aliens (PG), 3 p.m.; Watchmen (R), 7 p.m.

KADENA 634-1869

TODAY New In Town (PG), 6 p.m.; Bride Wars (PG), 9 p.m.

SATURDAY New In Town (PG), Noon; Bride Wars (PG), 3 p.m.; I Love You Man (R), 6 and 9 p.m.

SUNDAY Bride Wars (PG), 5 p.m.; I Love You Man (R), 8 p.m.

MONDAY Monsters Vs Aliens (PG), 7 p.m.

TUESDAY Monsters Vs Aliens (PG), 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY New In Town (PG), 7 p.m.

THURSDAY Bride Wars (PG), 7 p.m.

FUTENMA 636-3890

TODAY Closed

SATURDAY Closed

SUNDAY Closed

MONDAY Closed

TUESDAY Closed

WEDNESDAY Closed

THURSDAY Closed

COURTNEY 622-9616

TODAY Monsters Vs Aliens (PG), 6 p.m.; Watchmen (R), 9:30 p.m.

SATURDAY Hotel For Dogs (PG), 2 p.m.; Last Chance Harvey (PG13), 7 p.m.

SUNDAY Race to Witch Mountain (PG), 7 p.m.

MONDAY Last Chance Harvey (PG13), 7 p.m.

TUESDAY Closed

WEDNESDAY I Love You Man (R), 7 p.m.

THURSDAY Closed

HANSEN 623-4564

TODAY New In Town (PG), 6 p.m.; Notorious (R), 9 p.m.

SATURDAY Race to Witch Mountain (PG), 6 p.m.; Notorious (R), 9 p.m.

SUNDAY New In Town (PG), 2 p.m.; Notorious (R), 5:30 p.m.

MONDAY Valkyrie (PG13), 7 p.m.

TUESDAY Watchmen (R), 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY Street Fighter: The Legend of Chung-Li (PG13), 7 p.m.

THURSDAY I Love You Man (R), 7 p.m.

KINSER 637-2177

TODAY Closed

SATURDAY Closed

SUNDAY Closed

MONDAY Closed

TUESDAY Closed

WEDNESDAY Closed

THURSDAY Closed

SCHWAB 625-2333

TODAY Race to Witch Mountain (PG), 7 p.m.

SATURDAY Inkheart (PG), 5 p.m.

SUNDAY The Spirit (PG13), 5 p.m.

MONDAY-THURSDAY Closed

USO MOVIE NIGHTS

The USO hosts movie nights at the locations below.

For schedules and start times, call:

CAMP SCHWAB 625-3834

MCAS FUTENMA 636-2113

CAMP HANSEN 623-5011

KADENA AIR BASE 632-8781



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

All bus pick-up points will be at Semper Fit gyms or the Foster Fieldhouse.

SINGLE MARINE PROGRAM EVENTS

TODAY | SMP BOWLING TOURNAMENT

- Camp Foster Bowling Center from 1 to 4 p.m.

APRIL 17-19 | WHITE BEACH WEEKEND GETAWAY

- Bus pick ups will be at Camp Kinser at 4 p.m., Futenma at 4:25 p.m., and Camp Foster at 4:40 p.m. with \$10 fee. Call the SMP office for more information and to sign up. Deadline is April 15.

MAY 5 | DRAGON BOAT RACE

- Practices run Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1 to 4 p.m., until the race date. Contact 645-3681 for more information.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- Volunteer at the Kinser Elementary School Reading Program from 9 to 11 a.m. every Friday. Contact the SMP office to sign up.
- Volunteer at the Killin Elementary School Reading Program from 3 to 4 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday. Contact the SMP office to sign up.
- The Marine Thrift Shop on Camp Foster requests two volunteers on a weekly basis from Camps Kinser, Foster, Courtney, Hansen and Schwab and MCAS Futenma.
- Volunteer at the Ai No Mura Nursing Home the fourth Friday of each month. Call 636-3092 for more information.

CHAPEL SCHEDULE

CAMP FOSTER | 645-7486/7487

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

CAMP SCHWAB | 625-2644/2866

- **Catholic:** Sun., 5:30 p.m.
- **Protestant:** Sun., 11:30 a.m.

CAMP COURTNEY | 622-9350

- **Catholic:** Sun., 8 and 11:15 a.m.; Mon.-Fri., 11:45 a.m.
- **Protestant:** Sun., 9:30 a.m.

CAMP KINSER | 637-1148

- **Catholic:** Sun., 11 a.m.
- **Gospel:** Sun., 8 a.m.
- **Protestant:** Sun., 9:30 a.m.

MCAS FUTENMA | 636-3058

- **Catholic:** Sun., noon
- **Contemporary:** Fri., 7 p.m.; Sun., 9 a.m.
- **High school senior service:** Sat. 6 p.m.

KADENA AIR BASE | 634-1288

- **Catholic:** Sun., 8:30 a.m., Mass, Chapel 3; Sun., 11:30 a.m., Reconciliation, Chapel 3; Sun., 12:30 p.m., Mass, Chapel 3; Sun., 5 p.m., Mass, Chapel 2; Daily Mass, Mon.-Fri., noon, Chapel 2
- **Protestant:** Sun., 10:30 a.m.,
- **Contemporary:** Kadena High School; 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
- **Wiccan/Pagan:** Fri., 7 p.m., Bldg. 856; Sat., 6:30 p.m., Bldg. 856

CAMP HANSEN | 622-9350

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

CAMP LESTER | 643-7248

- **Catholic:** Sun., 8 a.m., Lester Chapel
- **Protestant:** Sun., 9 a.m., Hospital Chapel Sun., 10 a.m., Lester Chapel

CAMP SHIELDS | 632-4192

- **Protestant:** Sun., 6 p.m.

CAMP McTUREOUS | 622-7537

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

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Masahiro Nakamoto, chairman of the Okinawa Traditional Kobudo Preservation Society and a 10th-degree black belt, demonstrates the Kobudo style of Karate during a martial arts seminar hosted by the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs at the Camp Hansen House of Pain-North gymnasium Monday. The seminar promoted cultural awareness and provided a unique insight into traditional Okinawan martial arts. Photos by Lance Cpl. Thomas W. Provost

Marines embrace Okinawan culture

Lance Cpl. Paul D. Zellner
OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

Being in a foreign country can be strange and difficult at times. Service members each experience their own forms of culture shock; whether it's food, land features or buildings.

The best way to adapt to cultural differences of a host nation is to embrace them by learning some of their important facts and ways of life.

That was the case for a few service members on Okinawa who participated in a martial arts seminar hosted by the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs at Camp Hansen's House of Pain-North Gym Monday.

The ancient form of martial arts known as Karate was created on the Island of Okinawa. Through observation or participation, service members

can explore its rich history and deep roots while here.

The cultural exchanges that result provide better insight and help to develop a mutual respect among those on Okinawa, said Masahiro Nakamoto, a 10th-degree black belt and instructor in the Kobudo style of Karate, who presented the exchange along with fellow black belt and instructor, Mamoru Nakamoto.

"It is important that people exchange culture because that's how friendships are made," he said. "Martial arts can help create and strengthen the friendship between our nations through teaching and learning."

The Japanese believe the focus of martial arts is to develop the inner-self.

"Martial arts are not about winning but working to strengthen yourself and your partner," Nakamoto said. "It's about respecting yourself

and your partner because he is not your opponent."

This intrinsic side of martial arts was revealed to Marines who participated in the class.

"We have MCMAP, but this gives us another aspect of martial arts," said Lance Cpl. Chase Allen, field artillery fire control man attached to the command element of the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit. "This taught us there's more to martial arts than combat."

The fighting spirit of Marines can be further developed by participating in various arts that encourage self-improvement and strengthening of the mind, Nakamoto said.

"We practice for health, defense and healthy defense from ourselves and our enemies," Nakamoto said. "Marines are known for being fighters so there is no better thing to learn than Karate especially because it has such deep history in Okinawa."



Masahiro Nakamoto demonstrates a take-down with Pvt. Mark A. Royce, bulk fuel specialist, Bulk Fuel Company, 9th Engineer Support Battalion, 3rd Marine Logistics Group.



Mamoru Nakamoto of the Okinawa Traditional Kobudo Preservation Society strikes a padded wooden dummy with a wooden staff weapon using Kobudo style martial arts during the Martial Arts Seminar at the Camp Hansen House of Pain-North Gymnasium's martial arts room Monday. The seminar promoted cultural awareness and a unique insight into traditional Okinawan martial arts.