

Krusa-Dossin bids farewell

Pfc. Garry J. Welch

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CAMP FOSTER — Maj. Gen. Mary Ann Krusa-Dossin, commanding general of Marine Corps Base Camp Smedley D. Butler will relinquish command to Maj. Gen. (select) Peter J. Talleri, during a change of command ceremony tonight at 6 p.m.

Krusa-Dossin, who entered the Marine Corps as a second lieutenant in August 1975 said she is excited about retiring.

"I am excited because I believe this will be our last move, and that we will be able to establish permanency," Krusa-Dossin said about her and her family.

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1st MAW supports joint bilateral jump

Lance Cpl. Kentavist P. Brackin

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PHNOM PENH, Cambodia — More than 100 Marines and U.S. soldiers along with Royal Cambodian Armed Forces personnel participated in Operation Angkor Sentinel Friendship Parachute Jump July 17-18.

The Marines from Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 152, Marine Aircraft Group 36, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III Marine Expeditionary Force provided aviation support with the KC-130J that was used to transport the troops to the drop zone.

Grant and his Marines transported the U.S. Army jump masters, riggers and equipment to Cambodia on the KC-130J Hercules which was later used to conduct the jumps.

According to Capt. Ben Grant, a weapons and tactics instructor with VMGR-152, our mission in the exercise "was a small part of the greater effort for U.S./Cambodian relations."

The squadron's participation in operations like these contributes to 1st MAW's high level of readiness.

"This is the second time in the history of Cambodia that the United States and the Royal Cambodian Armed Forces have jumped together," said Army Sgt. Maj. Gary W. Barnes, the operations non-commissioned officer for the 97th Troop Command, Special Operation Airborne Command, a Utah-based Army National Guard unit.

A soldier from the 97th Troop Command, Special Operation Airborne Command, a Utah-based Army National Guard unit, jumps from the back of a KC-130J Hercules from VMGR-152 during Operation Angkor Sentinel Friendship Parachute Jump July 18 while a Marine loadmaster observes.

Photo by Lance Cpl. Kentavist P. Brackin

For CLB-3 Mojave Viper offers training like no other

Cpl. Paul D. Zellner II

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MARINE CORPS AIR-GROUND COMBAT CENTER TWENTYNINE PALMS, Calif. — Marines and sailors from Combat Logistics Battalion 3, III Marine Expeditionary Force combined with augmented Marines and sailors, participated in First Responder Lane Training during an Enhanced Mojave Viper pre-deployment training evolution here, July 15.

The training is designed to give Marines and sailors a chance to practice first-responder medical skills, setting up security, calling in a casualty evacuation and securing a casualty collection point.

While most of the Marines and sailors expected this sort of training to take place during Mojave Viper, they didn't expect that the simulated casualties would be so realistic. The mock casualties used during this training evolution are real amputees dressed in Marine camouflage and, after some help from make-up artists, their wounds appeared fresh.

"When [Marines and sailors] see us actually missing limbs it brings a whole new reality to the training," said James "Pops" Sullivan, a bilateral leg amputee, actor and role player with Strategic Operations, a company contracted by the military to provide more realistic training.

To develop the scenario, Marines patrolled on foot along a road until the sound of a simulated incoming mortar was heard, and they instinctively hit the deck. Almost instantly, cries of help could be heard from four simulated casualties inside of a mangled Humvee.

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TAKING AIM

CAB Marines practice crew-served weapons firing in preparation for future exercises.

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BOATING SAFETY

Water sports are a favorite pastime while on island. Boaters stay aware of surroundings and think safety.

PG. 10

Signing out makes difference

Letting someone know

where you're going to be can

be the difference between

life and death.

Cpl. Shelby R. Shields

't's a gorgeous Saturday morning, the sun is out for the first time in what seems like forever, there's a perfect breeze to keep away that muggy humidity and you think to yourself, "what a perfect day for the beach." So you grab your swimming trunks **EDITORIAL** and a bottle of sunscreen, then head for the door, where your perfect mood is suddenly put on halt by the duty stopping you to check ID cards and have you sign those ever familiar green log books. Now, instead of your happy-go-lucky mood, you find yourself a tad

irritated about wasting five minutes to sign out

instead of being on the beach.

Myself, like most other junior Marines, find having to sign out to go places so close to the barracks like the gym or the chow hall tedious and pointless. It kind

of makes you feel like a child again having to answer to our parents and get permission to go down the street. We are all adults here, aren't we? You would think that needing to be constantly monitored and checked up on would be a waste of time, right?

Unfortunately, that is not the case, especially here in a foreign country where one person's actions can affect the entire military community. No one ever intends to go out and do stupid things or to get in trouble, things just happen -- life happens. So when life happens, if the people in your command know where to find you, dealing with the consequences will be so much easier.

Not to mention, personnel accountability is mainly driven by safety. Living on Okinawa, we have to be aware of the natural dangers

that are constantly around us. Many people enjoy spending a day at the beach snorkeling or scuba diving. But what happens when one of those infamous rip currents gets a hold of you, and no one knows that you're out in the water that day, no one knows to come looking for you when you don't come home that night? In this type of situation, letting someone know where you're going to be can be the difference between life and death.

Knowing where you are at any given time can also allow important information to get to you faster. For example, if something happens to your family back in the states, the Red Cross will need to get in touch with you, regardless if you are on liberty. The duty will be able to con-

tact you, even if you have no cell phone reception, and pass along information that can be crucial to you and your family.

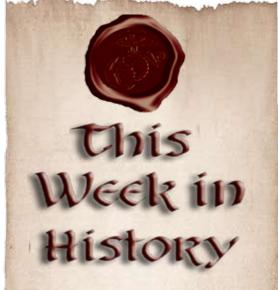
Just as important as it is for the junior Marines to be ac-

counted for, our superiors should also give their juniors a solid means of communication for use in an emergency. A staff sergeant knowing where to find his lance corporals is only half of the battle.

Knowing how to contact your boss, and knowing he will answer the phone, instills that extra confidence in leadership. You know that when life gets in the way, there is someone available to help at any time.

So yes, it takes you an extra couple of minutes to get out of the door, and you may lose five extra minutes in the sun by having to sign out. But it's those extra couple of minutes that helps keep you and those around you well informed and safe.

Shields is a combat correspondent with the Okinawa Marine.



U.S. MARINE CORPS HISTORY DIVISION

July 23, 2004 - Six Marines from 1st Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Marine Division, completed the first combat high altitude high opening parachute drop in the history of the Marine Corps. The parachute insertion occurred during Operation Iraqi Freedom as an alternate to the highly visible ground insertions that were drawing a lot of attention and fire.

July 25, 1950 - During the Korean War, the United Nations Command defense at Pusan deteriorated. Commander in Chief, United Nations Command, ordered 1st Provisional Marine Brigade directly to Korea.

July 26, 1947 - The National Security Act of 1947 became effective, reaffirming the status of the Marine Corps as a separate military service within the Department of the Navy. The Act provided for Fleet Marine Forces, and confirmed the Corps' mission of seizing and defending advanced bases, as well as land operations incident to naval campaigns.

July 27, 1953 – A ceasefire agreement was signed at Panmunjom, South Korea, at 10 a.m. Fighting ends for the Korean War and Armistice was effective at 10 p.m.

July 28, 1918 - Brig. Gen. John A. Lejeune assumed command of the 2d Division, U.S. Army in France, and remained in that capacity until August 1919 when the unit was demobilized. He was the first Marine officer to hold an Army divisional command, and following the Armistice, he led his division in the march into Germany.

July 29-31, 2005 - More than 800 Marines and sailors from 3rd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, returned home from Iraq. The battalion was the first ground unit in the Marine Corps to complete three deployments in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

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Maj. Gen. Mary Ann Krusa-Dossin, Marine Corps Base Camp Butler commanding general, meets with her chief of staff during her tenure as CG. Photo by Cpl. Rebekka S. Heite

Commanding General leaves lasting impression

RETIRE FROM PG 1

"The other part is that every one of us has to take [the uniform] off at one point in time," she added. "Although in our heart we will always be Marines. We are the service that says 'Marine for life' and we mean that. The connection to the Marine Corps will always be there."

Krusa-Dossin said the best memories she has from serving are meeting her husband, who she has now been married to for almost 32 years; having her son, who was born in Iwakuni Japan

during her second tour; and most important, the great privilege of being able to lead Marines and have a positive influence on their lives.

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- Maj. Gen. Mary Ann Krusa-Dossin

While serving as the commanding general of Camp Butler, the Marines serving with Krusa-Dossin "provided unparalleled support for the III Marine Expeditionary Force," she added. "That was our mission, and we've done a darn fine job of that."

There were also improvements to the quality of life for the Marines, sailors and their families, she said. She mentioned noteworthy improvements to youth programs but particularly to the clubs on base.

"While most installations stateside are closing clubs, we are doing everything in our power to keep them open here just because of the fact that we are over here and far from home," the general said. "We try to make the clubs as up to date as possible; we put a lot of effort into that."

Krusa-Dossin plans to retire in Florida where she currently owns a home. She also intends on taking time to decompress from her 35 years in the

Corps and visit family and friends she hasn't seen in a long time.

However, before she begins her new life outside of uniform, Krusa-Dossin offers some words of wisdom to the Marines she will be leaving.

"My advice for the Marines



Maj. Gen. Mary Ann Krusa-Dossin, Marine Corps Base Camp Smedley D. Butler commanding general will be remembered for her dedication to improving the quality of life for the Marines on Okinawa, enhancing the relationship with the local community and providing unwavering support to the warfighter. Official Marine Corps photo

remaining on the island is to remember why you're here to begin with," Krusa-Dossin said.

"You are here in support of a very important security alliance between the United States government and the government of Japan," she added. "Always remember the fact that you are an unofficial ambassador for the United States. You always want to be a good neighbor here. Take care of each other."

She continued by reminding people to look at the positive and enjoy what Okinawa has to offer.

Marines should not be afraid to try something new like snorkeling, scuba diving or free golf lessons.

"You have the opportunity to learn about a different culture – use that opportunity," Krusa-Dossin concluded.

FOSTER SCHEDULED POWER OUTAGE

Camp Foster and Plaza Housing will have all day power outages covering large portions of the camps on both July 24 and July 31 from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. for mandatory maintenance on the feeders that provide the camps with electricity.

On July 24 the affected areas will include the entire Camp Foster PX area including the PX, food court, theater, Popeye's and Captain D's, shoppette, post office and banks, Sada/Futenma/ Chatan Housing, Child Development Center, Provost Marshal's Office, Civilian Human Resources Office. and various buildings behind the commissary.

On July 31 the affected areas will include all Plaza Housing, Kubasaki and Zukeran Schools, half of Kishaba Housing, Fort Bukner and the three towers in North Foster, 376, 337 and 378.

For more information, call 645-0883. The maps showing all power outage locations can be viewed on American Forces Network TV.

OKINAWA TRAFFIC ADVISORY

Be prepared for road closures and long delays in the following areas, due to the Crown Prince visit to Okinawa July 27-29.

July 27:

- 1-5 p.m. Hwy 58 from Naha Airport to Laguna Garden Hotel in Ginowan. **July 28:**
- 8:25-8:55 a.m. (affecting Camp Foster) Laguna Garden Hotel to Comprehensive Park via Bypass to Hwy 58, to the Chatan Intersection, passing the Fire Station to 330, then down to
- Comprehensive Park. • 11-11:20 a.m. (affecting Camp Foster) Comprehensive Park to Laguna Garden Hotel in Ginowan, same route in reverse.
- 2:50-3:15 p.m. (affecting Camp Kinser) Laguna Garde to Naha Okinawa Prefecture Museum via Bypass to Hwy 58.
- 4:15-4:45 p.m. (affecting Camp Kinser) Naha Okinawa Prefecture Museum to Laguna Garden Hotel in Ginowan, via Hwy 58 and Bypass.
- 9:30-10 a.m. (affecting Camp Kinser) Laguna Garden Hotel to Naha City Nursing Home, then Okinawa Prefectural Budokan to Harbor View Hotel via Bypass and Hwy 58.
- 1:50-2:05 p.m. (affecting Naha Port and airport travelers) - Harbor View Hotel to Naha Airport via Hwy 58.

DANGERS OF DRINKING AND DRIVING

On Okinawa, if arrested for driving while intoxicated, the consequence is imprisonment not exceeding 5 years or a fine not exceeding ¥1.000.000.

If arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol or riding with a driver who is drunk, the consequence is imprisonment not exceeding 3 years or a fine not exceeding ¥500,000.

If refusing to take a breath test, the consequence is imprisonment not exceeding 3 months or a fine not exceeding ¥500,000.

SOUTHERN DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIP

The championship football game will be held July 24 at 6 p.m. at Mike Petty Stadium, Camp Foster. For information, call 645-3522.

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EAS from Corps early for education

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 ${\tt CAMP\,FOSTER--There\,are\,two\,ways\,Marines}$ can finish their formal education outside of the Marine Corps prior to the end of their current contract. One is through the Early Release to Further Education Program, and the second is the Voluntary Enlisted Early Release Program.

"The purpose of the early release program is to allow Marines the opportunity to take advantage of an educational opportunity," said Capt. Greg Obar, adjutant, Headquarters and Service Battalion, Marine Corps Base Camp

According to Marine Corps Order P1900.16F, qualifications for enlisted Marines applying for the Early Release to Further Education Program are: the Marine must not be a six month trainee or a reservist ordered to active-duty due to unsatisfactory participation in their reserve duties, must be eligible for an honorable discharge, and must not be essential to the command's mission.

The ERFE program also requires Marines to be accepted into an accredited college or vocational/technical school, which would require the Marine to attend a full-time course of instruction for a period of at least three months.

Additionally, the release date requested must fall within 90 days of the Marine's original Expiration of Active Service date, however, Marines will not be allowed to EAS any sooner than one month before the start of class, said Obar.

In addition, Marines who request early release for education will still be considered for promotion.

As with ERFE program, the VEERP also releases Marines from their contracts early, but it has a different purpose and different guidelines.

"The purpose of VEERP is to lower personnel costs within the Marine Corps," said

According to Marine Administrative Message 177/10, Marines must meet specific qualifications to be eligible for the VEERP. The Marine's EAS date must fall between April 1, 2010, and the end of fiscal year 2011; they must be eligible for an honorable or general under honorable conditions discharge; they cannot be stabilized for deployment at the time of request; and they are required to attend mandatory pre-separation counseling.

With VEERP, you could be accepted into 20 schools, or you could be accepted into no schools, and you could still be qualified for VEERP," said Obar.

Specific qualifications that apply to both VEERP and the ERFE program include: Marines must not be trying to qualify for citizenship by completing three years of active-duty unless they are to be transferred to inactive duty in a reserve component, or have acquired additional obligated service due to advanced training or indebtedness to the government.

To get authorization to EAS early, Marines must submit an application to their company first sergeant, who will then send it up the chain of command, said Obar.

Since VEERP is a temporary incentive option to ease a burden on the Marine Corps, the process to take advantage of it is less complicated.

"Early release takes longer to get approved and has more qualifications that must be met," said Obar about the ERFE program.

The ERFE is an ongoing program. It may be altered over time, but because it is a Marine Corps Order, it won't be cancelled, said Obar. The current VEERP, however, is scheduled to expire on Sept. 30, 2011.

Mongolians demo NOLES-10 tactics

RIGHT: The United Nations representative from Pakistan fires the FN-303, a weapon demonstrated during Non-Lethal Weapons Executive Seminar 2010, July 7 at Five Hills Training Area, Mongolia. BELOW: As the control force fires ball and baton grenades from M-203s at targets beside the simulated rioting crowd, the mock rioters run in the opposite direction to avoid being hit during the Non-Lethal **Weapons Executive Seminar 2010** demonstration July 7.

Photos by Cpl. Rebekka S. Heite





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As some of the Marines established 360-degree security around the vehicle, the rest of the squad approached the wounded. For the sake of the training, most of the casualties in the vehicle had severe injuries and several amputations to one or more limbs. The Marines and sailors began to apply tourniquets and move the wounded to a secured casualty collection point approximately 50 yards away.

"This allows [trainees] to see how they're going to respond both mentally and

physically to realistic combat wounds," said Chief John Pellior, evaluator, Tactical Training Exercise Control Group, Marine Corps Air-Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms. "It will help prevent the shock so their reaction time will be quicker."

While the wounded were being assessed and treated, other Marines called in a mock CASEVAC using the procedures they had been taught in a previous class. Some of the patients acted as if they were in shock and tried to fight off the Marines helping them.

The training evolution is designed to continue until all of the patients have been correctly treated and are stable.

The Marines and sailors that took part in the training were evaluated by training evaluators that are stationed at MCAGCC Twentynine Palms. They received after action briefs and advice from the evaluators and medical personnel who oversee the training.

"The training overall was helpful not only to me but also for my junior Marines on their first deployment," said Sgt. Robert Torres, military policeman and 1st squad leader, Military Police Platoon. "It helped us realize how serious these injuries can be and how to respond without the shock."

For the role players, it's the gratitude and feeling of being able to help that makes it all worth it.

"I've had a couple guys come back and find me just to tell me thank you," said Sullivan, who lost both his legs in a construction accident. "It's our way of giving back; otherwise we wouldn't be out here in 110 degree heat."

The amputees are not the only ones who are thankful for the experience to take part in the training.

"This is one of the most realistic training events I've ever been through," said Torres. "This definitely enhanced our unit capabilities and smallunit leadership."

The reinforced CLB-3 will deploy in support of 1st Marine Logistics Group (forward) to Afghanistan soon. They will be joined by more than 400 Marines and sailors augmented from Okinawa.



Cambodian soldiers make their way to the ground after jumping from the back of a KC-130J Hercules from VMGR-152 during the Operation Angkor Sentinel Friendship Parachute Jump July 18. Photos by Lance Cpl. Kentavist P. Brackin

JUMP FROM PG 1

The first time U.S. and Cambodian forces jumped together was in February.

Approximately 30 members of the RCAF participated in the static line jump while the remaining jumpers consisted of soldiers from the 97th Troop Command and 1st Battalion, 1st Special Forces Airborne from Okinawa.

There were some difficulties encountered during the exercise such as weather and communication but nothing that couldn't be worked around because of thorough initial planning between the Marines, U.S. Army personnel and RCAF, according to Grant.

Army and RCAF personnel in full jump gear had to wait several hours for rain, winds and low clouds to pass before beginning the exercise.

"The weather didn't want to play along during the first day of drops," said Staff Sgt. Alex Kientz, a loadmaster for the KC-130J from VMGR-152, but they were lucky to be able to successfully complete the mission.

Communicating with each other was also a challenge overcome by U.S. personnel and the RCAF, according to Army Cpl. Jose A. Ortaga, a human resources specialist with the 97th Troop Command.

Communication played a vital part of safety on the aircraft where Marines and soldiers had to ensure that RCAF personnel understood when and where to be when attempting a static line jump.

Anywhere from 10 to 14 jumpers had to proceed out the back of the aircraft in a 14-second period once the green light to go flashed. The jumpers also had to be wary of wind calls given to them by the jumpmaster.

"When you are trying to get that many guys off (the plane) in 14 seconds there isn't really anytime for pausing or hesitation," said Kientz.

A combination of translating and hand signals was utilized between the U.S. Army and RCAF jumpmasters to ensure Cambodian jumpers understood what was going on.

"Fortunately for us the hands and arm signals used by us are very similar to the ones used by Cambodians during flight operations, so we were able to conduct exercises without any major problems," Barnes said.

"This has been very interesting and a nice experience for us [RCAF]," said 2nd Lt. Khuth Sokhom, a jump master for the RCAF. "We were able to observe and learn a lot during this exercise despite communication barriers. We hope that the Marines will be able to do this exercise in the future so that we may share our experience."



Lance Cpl. Eric A. Bohnenkamp, a loadmaster for the KC-130J Hercules, Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 152, Marine Aircraft Group 36, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III Marine Expeditionary Force, inspects and readies the aircraft before beginning Operation Angkor Sentinel Friendship Parachute Jump July 17-18.

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Marines with Combat Assault Battalion remove new ammunition from their boxes and place in 200-round ammo cans for faster access while loading them into the M240B machine gun July 14, at Range 10 on Camp Schwab.



Instructors watch Marines of Combat Assault Bat firing, and unloading the M240B machine gun Jul



Two Marines with Combat Assault Battalion, while techniques necessary when the Marine can't see of machine gun July 14 at range 10 on Camp Schwab. for larger exercises that the Marines of CAB will compare the compared to t

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r hear his partner, fire the M240B The firing range was part of training Induct at Camp Fuji later this year.

Marines take aim for future exercise

Story and photos by Lance Cpl. Tyler C. Vernaza

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bout 50 Marines with Combat Assault Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force, participated in live-fire training on Camp Schwab July 14.

The Marines conducted this training exercise in order to prepare for a larger scale training exercise they will conduct at Camp Fuji later this year.

The training began with a sustainment hike out to Range 10 with the Marines carrying a full combat load on their backs as well as a few of the crewserved weapons systems they would fire later that day.

The training is designed to help the Marines familiarize themselves with some of the weapons they will be using in the future, said Gunnery Sgt. Michael Guzman, company gunnery sergeant, Headquarters and Service Company, CAB.

Instructors taught the Marines the basics of the crew-served weapons systems, such as firing, loading and unloading, basic maintenance and proper misfire procedures.

"I'm excited I'm learning about all of these weapons systems." said Lance Cpl. Roger Lemley, an optics technician.

The Marines were also taught a few advanced techniques.

To the untrained eye it may have seemed as if the Marines were fidgeting or bumping into each other, but in reality they were learning communication techniques essential in combat.



A Marine removes the tracer rounds from the rest of the 7.62 caliber linked rounds to reduce the risk of fire July 14 at Range 10 on Camp Schwab.

From a stern tap on the top of a Kevlar to pushing their heel against the shooter's leg, the Marines were learning a system to communicate how to alter the direction of fire when voices cannot be heard.

"I'm enjoying all the weapons training despite the hot weather," said Lemley. "I'm also learning the importance of teamwork on these weapons systems."

Once the sun set, the Marines conducted a night live-fire shoot during their stay at the range.

The Marines now say they feel ready and more confident in their ability to use these crew-served weapons systems. The Marines will conduct basic field exercises and train with various machine guns along with the MK19 grenade launcher while training at Camp Fuji, said Guzman.



Taking a break on improvised seats made out of ammunition cans, Marines wait in anticipation for the chance to fire the M240B July 14, at Range 10 on Camp Schwab.

Liberty Campaign Order calls for libo buddy

Sgt. Rodolfo Toro

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CAMP FOSTER — All service members assigned to Marine Corps Bases Japan/III Marine Expeditionary Force in pay grades E3 and below, and all red card holders, must have a liberty buddy for off-base liberty.

According to MCBJ/III MEF Order 1050.7, Liberty Campaign Order, the requirement for a liberty buddy is a proactive measure to ensure mission success and force protection for the well-being of personnel.

"It's an overwatch system where I watch your back and you watch mine," said Sgt. Maj. Cevet Adams, Marine Corps Base Camp Smedley D. Butler sergeant major. "Liberty buddies have the responsibilities to look out for each other, stay together while on liberty, report separation from each other within 30 minutes, return from liberty together, make good decisions while on liberty and uphold the core values of honor, courage and commitment at all times both on and off duty."

The Liberty Buddy Program was founded on the premise that discipline and sound judgment are more likely to be exercised when cross-checked by fellow Marines.

Pfc. Janelle Horton, an intelligence specialist with Marine Wing Headquarters Squadron 1, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III MEF, agrees.

"I think it's smart," Horton said. "If one Marine is doing something stupid the other can step in with better judgment."

The program's policies apply to all Marines and sailors assigned or attached to MCBJ/III MEF who meet the criteria.

According to the order, the requirement for a liberty buddy applies to all liberty periods, including after working hours, during weekends and while on special liberty.

Furthermore, regardless of rank, Marines and sailors who are red card holders and are serving an accompanied tour and live on or off base are to have a liberty buddy in the event their family member is not available to accompany him/her during



In addition to signing out, all E3's and below and all red card holders must have a buddy for off-base liberty.

Photo illustration by Sgt. Rodolfo Toro

one of the above periods.

Marines and sailors traveling between their residence and base do not require a liberty buddy for such travel so long as they are traveling directly between base and residence and make no stops along the way.

According to the order, in the event a liberty buddy becomes separated, they must report their separation to their command within 30 minutes.

The order also explains that while becoming separated from a liberty buddy in and of itself does not represent a violation, failing to report the separation to the appropriate chain of command does constitute a violation.

Violations of the policy are punitive in nature. Service members found in violation may be subject to disciplinary action under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

Punishment can range from an informal counseling to more severe disciplinary action, according to Capt. Christopher G. Blosser, foreign criminal jurisdiction attorney with the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, MCB Camp Butler, MCBJ.

"Violating the liberty buddy policy could result in anything up to and including a court martial," Blosser said.

Aside from being a MCBJ/ III MEF policy, Adams emphasized other important reasons for traveling with a liberty buddy.

"It's much easier to execute a liberty plan when you have a buddy that is integrated into and committed to the success of the plan," he said, explaining that the policy is about safety not punishment.

"The underlying intent behind the liberty buddy program is to provide a protective measure to help maintain good order and discipline while on liberty in Japan."

Marine Corps Bases Japan/III MEF Order 1050.7, Liberty Campaign Order, is accessible online at the Camp Butler adjutant sharepoint homepage at the following CAC-protected site: wss.mcbbutler.nmci. usmc.mil/G1/Adjutant/default.aspx. Look under announcements for a link to the order.

Children, pets never safe left in unattended cars

Cpl. Shelby R. Shields

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MARINE CORPS BASES JAPAN — Okinawa averages anywhere from 80 to 90 degrees Fahrenheit during the summer months. At only 78 degrees, the interior of a car parked in the shade can reach 90 degrees or higher, and nearly 160 degrees if parked in the sun. Even on days that reach only 60 degrees, temperatures inside a car can still climb high enough to be hazardous to children and pets.

According to www.safekids.org, there is no evidence to support the claim that leaving windows open will help keep a parked car cool. In reality, the sun coming through car windows makes the inside of the car work like an oven.

According to the site, every year more than 30 children die after being left alone in a car. A child's body temperature increases three to five times faster than adults, leaving them at a higher risk for serious heat injury.

Unfortunately, many child fatalities occur when the parent or caregiver simply forgets to drop the little one off at the day care and heads straight for work, leaving the child in the back seat for hours on end, the website explains.

Potential health risks associated with children being left in an unattended vehicle, especially during the summer months, can be broken down into three phases of heat illness, said Ursula Hodges, a registered nurse with the pediatric clinic at Okinawa's U.S. Naval Hospital. The first and mildest form being heat stress, next heat exhaustion and finally heat stroke, an illness where the core body temperature is elevated to greater than 104 degrees with central nervous system dysfunction resulting in delirium, convulsions, coma and ultimately death.

"In addition to heat illness, leaving children unattended in vehicles puts them at risk for other harm," Hodges added. "Thermal burns from buckles, abduction and injury from the child putting the car in motion or operating power control features."

Animals on the other hand cannot sweat like humans do and rely on other means, like panting, to cool themselves. It takes as little as 15 minutes for an animal's body temperature to jump from normal to deadly levels that can damage the nervous and cardiovascular systems, leading to potential permanent impairment or death, according to www.paw-rescue.org.

The first course of action for anyone who sees a child or pet left in an unattended vehicle is to call for immediate assistance. Notify the police and record the car make, model, color and license number. Then go into the nearest store and ask the manager to page the owner of the car.

Ultimately, it's never safe to leave a child or pet in a vehicle, no matter how short or long the duration. Dangerous situations can strike fast, so taking all the preventative measures ensures that no other child or pet's life is lost.

Tips to help prevent vehicle related heat-injuries

- Dial 098-911-1911 immediately if you see an unattended child in a car. EMS professionals are trained to determine if a child is in trouble.
- Never leave a child unattended in a vehicle, even with the window open.
- Place a PDA, purse, briefcase, gym bag or whatever is to be carried from the car on the floor in front of a child in a backseat. This triggers adults to see children when they open the rear door and reach for their belongings.
- Set your cell phone or BlackBerry reminder to be sure you dropped your child off at day care.
- Set your computer calendar program, such as Outlook, to ask, "Did you drop off at day care today?"
- Have a plan that if your child is late for day care that you will be called within a few minutes. Be especially careful if you change your routine for dropping off children at day care.
 - Teach children not to play in vehicles.
- Lock all vehicle doors and trunk after everyone has exited the vehicle – especially at home. Keep keys out of children's reach. Cars are not playgrounds or baby sitters.
- Check vehicles and trunks FIRST if a child goes missing.

Marines turn up HEAT during training

Lance Cpl. J Nava

OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

Being inside a vehicle during a collision or rollover can be a terrifying experience. However, there is training available that can give Marines a heads up when their world turns upside down.

Using the Humvee Egress Assistance Trainer on Camp Hansen, Marines from several units across Camp Hansen, including 9th Engineer Support Battalion and 3rd Intelligence Battalion, prepare for a Humvee roll-over July 14.

HEAT is a simulated cab of a Humvee that rotates like a rotisserie with the ability to flip completely upside down or turn sideways, with four Marines inside.

Training with the HEAT gets Marines out of their comfort zone, said Alex Deloach, HEAT instructor trainer. "It gives them what they need for a real life situation, so that they're not held up by any surprises."

The training consists of the simulator spinning several times and then stopping on either its side or roof. The Marines inside then have to safely work their way out of their safety harnesses and seats to find an exit, which could be any one of the doors or the gunners hatch.

After exiting the vehicle, the Marines provide 360 degrees of security around the overturned vehicle and engage any hostiles.

"Everything slowed down as we spun," said Pfc. Taylor Beckett, intelligence specialist, All Source Fusion Platoon, 3rd Intelligence Bn., III Marine Expeditionary Force. "I got dizzy and disoriented. It really caught me by surprise."

The training also included several loose objects inside the Humvee to simulate falling debris that would be encountered during a real rollover.

"This training really prepares Marines for the fight," said Anazawa Naoto, HEAT assistant operator. "It helps Marines work out all the kinks in training so they stay alive in combat."

In addition to loose debris, during certain rollovers, one Marine from each team was designated to act as a casualty, adding another real-world challenge to the training. His teammates then had to haul his body out of the Humvee and provide security with one less rifleman.

"This training taught me to maintain my situational awareness and not to panic," Beckett said. "I feel prepared and confident in my abilities if this were to ever happen for real."

The HEAT training gets better and better everyday, in turn making the Marines better and better, Deloach said. "The Marines had a great attitude and performed the training in an outstanding manner."





Boaters heed cautions while enjoying water

Pfc. Garry J. Welch

OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

any people see boating as a way to enjoy good weather and spend time with family and friends, but they may not realize that if the proper safety precautions are not taken, a fun day could turn tragic in an instant.

"The most common injuries sustained while boating are caused by people not paying attention," said Joe A. Denney, charter boat captain with Marine Corps Community Service Okinawa. "People need to pay attention to weather conditions, and their speed. They have to keep a sharp eye out for debris and people in the water."

In addition to paying attention while on the water, people are

required to refrain from drinking while on a boat, said the 16-year boating veteran.

According to Denney, alcohol is involved in about 50 percent of accidents that occur while boating.

"The Maritime Safety Agency will stop your boat," he said. "If you're drinking, they will charge you with Operating Under the Influence right there on the water and arrest you on the spot."

Boaters must also know their limitations; they must know when it is safe to go out on the water and when it isn't, said Denney.

"They have to be able to spot thunderheads, which are anvil shaped clouds. If you spot them you usually have about a half-hour before the thunder and lightning starts," he said.

If boaters are caught out in the water when that happens, they

may be in real trouble because they are one of the tallest things around in the water, said Denney.

People must also be on the lookout for water spouts, said Denney. Water spouts are tornadoes on the water and may be hard to spot.

According to Marine Corps Base Japan/III Marine Expeditionary Force Order 1050.7, Liberty Campaign Plan, no water-related recreational activities can be planned or conducted under sea condition red, or when local conditions result in closure of a beach or coastal area.

"Extreme caution must be taken when going out on the water after a typhoon," said Denney. "Lots of debris like driftwood, trash, plastic fishing floats, will have been pulled into the ocean. If some of that stuff hits the boat's propeller it could mean serious trouble for the boat's occupants because many times that is the only way people have of propelling the boat to shore."

In addition to maintaining situational awareness while in a boat, people must also wear the proper personal protective equipment when participating in any activities involving personal watercraft.

According to MCBJ/IIIMEF Order 1050.7, Marines are required to wear a personal flotation device.

"To ensure the safety of you, and whoever you take with you on the boat, don't go out if there is thunder or lightning, or anytime the weather is apt to change on you," said Denney. "Follow weather reports as close as possible. You don't want to get caught by surprise."

CLR-3 boosts morale, camaraderie with fun day

Lance Cpl. J Nava

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CAMP FOSTER — Marines from Combat Logistics Regiment 3, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force recently participated in a friendly competition against each other during a day of recreation here.

The purpose of the fun day was to promote unit cohesion amongst the Marines through competitions and events.

"Events like these are great for boosting morale," said Lance Cpl. Stephen Kelley, logistics vehicle system operator. "Everyone comes out to relax and enjoy themselves in the company of their fellow Marines."

The day's competitions were divided into teams of officers and staff noncommissioned officers versus noncommissioned officers and junior Marines.

"The Marines love to see everyone come out during events like these," said Gunnery Sgt. Alfonso Ramos, career planner. "I think we gave each other some very good challenges."

The Marines vied against each other in competitions ranging from flag football and kick ball, to more unique events like a "gross-out" eating contest.

Whether it was eating strange food items or proving their athletic prowess on the ball field, the Marines said the day was mostly about being there for one another.

"The games and competitions are a great way to get to know the Marines I work with," Kelley said. "Especially the ones who just arrived on the island. I can teach them things and answer questions they may have."

By the end of the day, the NCOs and below reached a triumphant score of 31 to 25 earning a win over their senior leadership.

"Our goal was too promote camaraderie and esprit de corps between all the Marines," Ramos said. "I think we were very successful."



In Theaters Now JULY 23-JULY 29

FOSTER

TODAY Predators (R), 9:30 p.m. **SATURDAY** Sex and the City 2 (R), 8 p.m. **SUNDAY** Despicable Me (PG), 1 p.m.; Sorcerer's Apprentice (PG), 4 p.m.; Knight & Day (PG13), 7 p.m.

MONDAY Shrek Forever After (PG), 3 p.m.; Knight & Day (PG13), 7 p.m.

TUESDAY The Last Airbender (PG), 7 p.m. **WEDNESDAY** The Last Airbender (PG), 7 p.m. **THURSDAY** The Sorcerer's Apprentice (PG), 3 p.m.; The Last Airbender (PG), 7 p.m.

HANSEN

TODAY The Last Airbender (PG), 6 and 9 p.m. **SATURDAY** The Twilight Saga: Eclipse (PG13), 6 and 9 p.m.

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FUTENMA

TODAY MacGruber (R), 6:30 p.m. **SATURDAY** The Sorcerer's Apprentice (PG), 4 and 7 p.m.

SUNDAY Just Wright (PG), 4 p.m.; Sex and the City 2 (R), 7 p.m.

MONDAY The Twilight Saga: Eclipse (PG13), 6:30

TUESDAY Closed
WEDNESDAY Closed
THURSDAY Closed

COURTNEY

TODAY The Sorcerer's Apprentice (PG), 5:30 and 8:30 n m

SATURDAY Just Wright (PG), 2 p.m.; MacGruber

SUNDAY The Twilight Saga: Eclipse (PG13), 2 and 6 p.m.

MONDAY The Last Airbender (PG), 7 p.m. **TUESDAY** Closed

WEDNESDAY Predators (R), 7 p.m.

THURSDAY Closed

KADENA

TODAY Letters to Juliet (PG), 6 p.m.; Inception (PG13), 9 p.m.

SATURDAY Shrek Forever After (PG), noon; Letters to Juliet (PG), 3 p.m.; Predators (R), 6 p.m.; Inception (PG13), 9 p.m.

SUNDAY Shrek Forever After (PG), noon; Predators (R), 4 p.m.; Inception (PG13), 7 p.m.

MONDAY Inception (PG13), 7 p.m.
TUESDAY Despicable Me (PG), 3 p.m.; Letters to Juliet (PG), 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY The Twilight Saga: Eclipse (PG13), 7 p.m.

THURSDAY Despicable Me (PG), 4 p.m.; The Twilight Sage: Eclipse (PG13), 7 p.m.

SCHWAB

TODAY The Twilight Saga: Eclipse (PG13), 7 p.m. **SATURDAY** Robin Hood (PG13), 5 p.m. **SUNDAY** MacGruber (R), 5 p.m. **MONDAY-THURSDAY** Closed

KINSER

TODAY Grown Ups (PG13), 6:30 p.m. **SATURDAY** Toy Story 3 (G), 3 p.m.; Grown Ups (PG13), 6:30 p.m.

SUNDAY Toy Story 3 (G), 3 p.m.; Grown Ups (PG13), 6:30 p.m.

MONDAY Closed

TUESDAY The Twilight Saga: Eclipse (PG13), 6:30 n m

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SINGLE MARINE PROGRAM "RUN HANDICAP SOFTBALL" TOURNAMENT: JULY 30 - AUG. 1

- This event will be held on Camp Hansen and is open to teams island-wide. Sign-up deadline is July 28.
- A coaches meeting for the "Run Handicap Softball" Tournament will be held July 28 at 6 p.m. at the SMP Office in building 5674 on Camp Foster.

SMP TURNOVER TRAINING: AUG. 9

• This is mandatory training for all SMP Representatives.

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• EXPO Park has many activities for sea-lovers to enjoy. One of Expo Park's greatest features is the Churaumi Aquarium, the largest in Japan. Pineapple Park has many varieties of pineapples which are used in the production of soap and many other products such as cakes and candies. All can be sampled and purchased during the tour. Sign up by Aug. 11. Bus will leave Camp Hansen at 9:30 a.m. and Camp Schwab at 9:55 a.m.

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CAMP FOSTER | 645-7486

- Catholic: Mon.-Fri., 11:45 a.m.; Sat., 5 p.m.; Sun., 10 a.m.
- Christian Science: Sun., 11 a.m., Bldg. 442
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- · Gospel: Sun., 11:30 a.m.
- · Hindu: Sat., 3:30 p.m.
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- Muslim: Fri., Prayer, 12:45 p.m.
- Protestant: Sun., 8:30 a.m.

CAMP SCHWAB | 622-9350

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

CAMP COURTNEY | 622-9350

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

CAMP HANSEN | 622-9350

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

CAMP McTUREOUS | 622-9350

- Gospel: Sun., 12:30 p.m.
- Lutheran: Sun., 9:30 a.m.

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

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- Non-Denominational: Sun., 9 a.m., Hospital Chapel; Sun., 10 a.m., Lester Chapel

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Kids celebrate summer with soccer camps

Story and photos by Lance Cpl. Kentavist P. Brackin

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The Brazilian Soccer Club held its first session of soccer camp last week for children of Status of Forces Agreement personnel at the football field behind Zukeran Elementary School on Camp Foster.

The camp has been made available for a fee to children ages 5-15 through three week-long sessions.

This is the third annual soccer camp the Brazilian Soccer Club on Camp Foster has offered expanding from the shorter, weekend-long sessions offered previously.

Members of the club provide the soccer camps to help prepare players interested in developing their soccer skills or just for children looking for something to do during the summer.

According to Raman Arredondo, President of the BSC, the big change for soccer day camp this year was they held evening sessions as well.

"Since the weather is very hot around this time of the year we wanted to give the younger groups the cooler time of the day," said Arredondo.

This change was also made because many parents couldn't come to previous years morning sessions, according to Arredondo.

These evening sessions also allow for service members from the Single Marine Program and other Marines and sailors from around the island to volunteer and assist with the children.

The number of participants increased from last year. They have 125 soccer enthusiasts attending camp this year and more applying

During the camp, participants practiced passing and dribbling exercises as well as completing a series of obstacle courses to refine fundamental skills.

"Whoever wants to play soccer when they come to Okinawa should definitely check out the soccer camp," said Niles G. Obar, a 10-year old soccer player attending the camp. "The coaches and staff aren't going to let you mess around during practice but they won't laugh or make fun of you when you need help either.'

Roberto Iwashita, the BSC coach, encouraged players to use both legs, emphasizing that being able to play with both legs would give them an advantage over other

The staff of the camp were constantly interacting with the children and demonstrating proper techniques whenever the youngsters didn't understand a drill.

The success of soccer camp is always due to the support of volunteers like the staff members

great to be able to come out here and work with these kids," said Lance Cpl. Lisa Harris, staff member and volunteer for the event from Marine Wing Headquarters Squadron 1, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III Marine Expeditionary Force. "The second I heard about this I jumped and called to volunteer to help out."

Prospects in each age group competed in soccer drills and scrimmages while being evaluated by Iwashita to see if they needed to stay in that group or had the potential to play with an older group.

"We hope the Brazilian Soccer Club is always available to offer this opportunity to the kids because it keeps them interested in soccer and gives them a physical challenge as well," said Arredondo.

The soccer camp, which is only held on Camp Foster during the summer, is preparing to begin its final session Monday.

For more information about the soccer club camp call at 646-6452 or (080) 1769-2040 or e-mail ra-

