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MUDDIED COMPETITION



1st Lt. Tommy Olson, the Marine Corps Base Camp Butler Provost Marshal's Office operations officer, back-crawls through a section of the Engineers Course on Camp Schwab Jan. 31 during a PMO competition. The course was part of the competition's second stage. There were three stages total. SEE STORY PAGE 10 Photo by Lance Cpl. Kevin M. Knallay

Military to receive 3.5 percent raise for fiscal 2008

Lance Cpl. Daniel R. Todd
OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

CAMP FOSTER — President Bush signed the Fiscal 2008 National Defense Authorization Act into law Jan. 28.

The bill signing authorized a 3.5 percent pay raise for all service members and the authorization to resume offering bonuses and the payment of owed bonuses.

All pay and incentives included in the authorization act will be retroactive to Jan. 1, and service members should start seeing the effects of the pay raise on their next pay check, according to Staff Sgt. Adison L. Pampush, staff noncommissioned officer in charge of the pay section at the Installation Personnel and Administration Center.

Since Jan. 1, more than two dozen types of bonuses have been withheld from service members because the armed services had to wait until they received authorization.

Troops who are owed bonuses should start receiving them soon, according to Marine Administrative Message 075/08.

The \$696 billion authorization bill also benefits service members in other ways. The included Wounded Warrior Assistance Act improves support for wounded troops and their families. The bill also guarantees combat veterans mental health evaluations within 30 days of their request and sets aside nearly \$5 billion for efforts to combat roadside bombs in Iraq and Afghanistan.

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Engineers train on Ultimate Building Machine

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CAMP FOSTER — Marines with Marine Wing Support Squadron 172's Combat Engineer Platoon have been training here since Jan. 28 to learn how to use the Ultimate Building Machine — a mobile device used to rapidly and efficiently build various types of steel structures.

MWSS-172 is the first unit on Okinawa to conduct extensive training on the system.

The machine is basically a "factory on wheels" that allows as few as 10 Marines to design, fabricate parts for and assemble a building in as little as one day, according to Keith Twing, a trainer and technical

supervisor with MIC Industries, the company that produces the UBM.

"This machine can build buildings faster, cheaper and with less man-power than any other type of construction," he said. "It's not unusual to have an experienced crew complete a 50 foot by a 100 foot warehouse in a day."

Twing and another MIC Industries' supervisor have been teaching the Marines how to properly use and maintain the UBM for the past two weeks.

2nd Lt. Crystal Serrano, the commander of Combat Engineer Platoon, said the UBM is a vital tool that will enhance MWSS-172's mission accomplishment in the future because

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A Marine with Marine Wing Support Squadron 172's combat engineer platoon guides a piece of steel through the Ultimate Building Machine — a mobile device used to rapidly build various steel structures — during training on the device Feb 6.

Photo by Lance Cpl. Corey A. Blodgett

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The memory of an Okinawa Marine killed in Iraq last year lives on here with help from a memorial Web site. It all started with a photo.

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UDAIRI RANGE COMPLEX, Kuwait
 Lance Cpl. Tyler Carroll fires an AT-4 rocket during live-fire training Jan. 18. Marines of C Company, 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, from Camp Pendleton, Calif., are training as part of their current deployment to the Pacific and Arabian Gulf. Photo by Sgt. Bryson K. Jones



AROUND THE CORPS

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ARTA, Djibouti | Lance Cpl. Brett Herman, assigned to Combined Joint Task Force - Horn of Africa, breakdances before moving to the next firing range during live-fire training Jan. 23. The Marines trained with M203 grenade launchers, an AT-4 anti-tank weapon and M67 fragmentation grenades. Photo by Tech. Sgt. Jeremy T. Lock

AL TAQADDUM, Iraq | Cpl. Daniel Rojas stands watch in a tower at one of the base's entry control points. The Marines of Battery A, 1st Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment, man positions at the entry control points, operate from towers surrounding the base, and conduct patrols around the perimeter. Rojas is a supply administrator with the battery. Photo by Cpl. Andrew Kalwitz



MARINE CORPS AIR STATION MIRAMAR, Calif. | Students in a two-day aircrew indoctrination training course tread water in a group circle in the survival swimming pool at the Aviation Survival Training School. All aircrew members are required to complete the training once every four years. Photo by Lance Cpl. Austin Goacher

Marine Corps Times 'Baby NCOs' article insulting

Sgt. Major of the Marine Corps Carlton W. Kent

HEADQUARTERS MARINE CORPS

"I am an NCO dedicated to training new Marines and influencing the old. I am forever conscious of each Marine under my charge, and by example will inspire him to the highest standards possible. I will strive to be patient, understanding, just, and firm. I will commend the deserving and encourage the wayward.

I will never forget that I am responsible to my commanding officer for the morale, discipline, and efficiency of my men. Their performance will reflect an image of me."

(Noncommissioned Officers Creed, Headquarters Marine Corps Promotions Branch)

I can remember the day I got promoted to NCO like it was yesterday. Pinning on that extra stripe didn't just mean extra pay or

OPINION privileges, it meant I'd achieved a rank that is not taken lightly and is highly respected by all throughout the Marine Corps. That promotion will always be one of the proudest moments in my career.

I have no doubt that getting promoted to NCO is as momentous an occasion for junior Marines nowadays as it was for me back when I got promoted. It was for that reason alone that I felt just as insulted as all of the NCOs around the Corps when I read the "Baby NCOs" story in the Marine Corps Times a couple months ago.

Regardless of the story subject, there will never be a time and a place that the words "baby NCO" could be used to accurately describe junior Marines - never!

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Undeniably the Marine Corps Times supported its story with a memo from the Center for Naval Analyses, but even the analysis didn't show the reader the complete Marine.

About half of the Marine Corps is made up of Marines in the ranks of private through corporal; nearly 70,000 Marines are ages 21 and below. It's these young, junior Marines - through the mentorship of the Corps' great staff noncommissioned officers - who will be carving out the future of the Marine Corps for all to follow.

As the senior enlisted Marine in the Corps, I have witnessed the great things the Corps' small-unit leaders are doing both on and off the battlefield.

I have seen Marine NCOs serving in combat in billets one, two, even three ranks higher than their rank dictates - and in some cases, officer billets. I've witnessed junior

Marines barely old enough to vote and definitely not old enough to drink, make split-second decisions on the battlefield that saved the lives of many of their fellow Marines.

I've read countless award summaries describing heroic acts by Marines wearing the very rank the Marine Corps Times insulted.

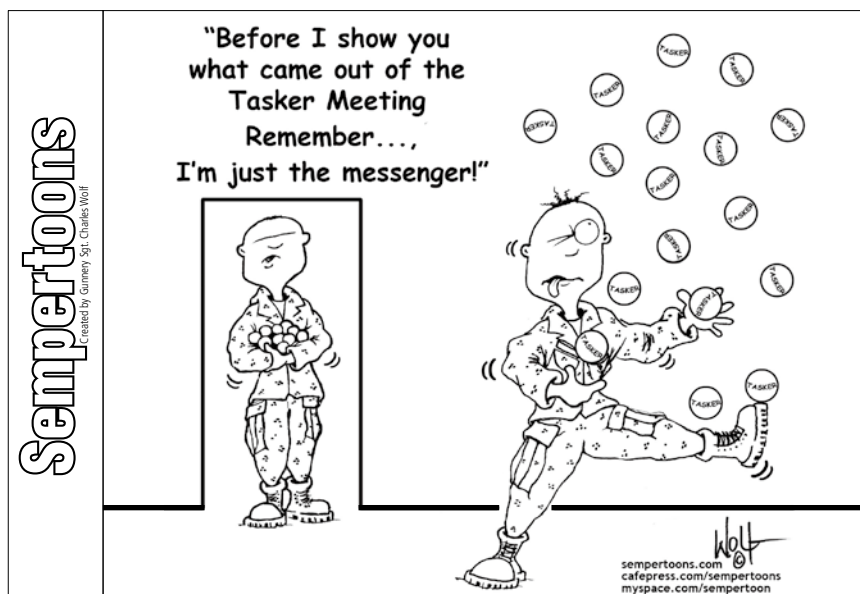
I've seen severely wounded Marines more concerned with not letting their fellow Marines down by leaving the battlefield than they were with receiving life-saving medical treatment. I've visited numerous hospitals where Marine NCOs struggled to rehabilitate themselves in order to simply walk 10 feet after surviving an IED blast in Iraq.

And, sadly enough, I've said a silent prayer for the more than 300 Marine NCOs who have given their lives during Operations Iraqi/Enduring Freedom.

I'm confident that in five, 10 or 15 years, it will be Medal of Honor recipient Cpl. Jason Dunham or the more than 30 junior Marines who have received either the Navy Cross or Silver Star who will grace the pages of Marine Corps history books. These are the kinds of Marines that are going to be filling the future ranks of the Marine Corps, regardless of what some reporter wants to imply.

So when I read a story that mentions anything but praise for the thousands of Marine NCOs around the globe, I feel it is my duty to speak out - it is the right thing to do. I will never sit idle and let anyone speak negatively about the Marines serving in the Corps.

The Corps is extremely proud of the Marines serving today and I'm especially proud of the junior Marines who, as I once did, strive to achieve the rank of NCO - one of the best ranks in the Marine Corps. I trust that when promoted, each new NCO will take the NCO Creed to heart and will never let the Corps down.



FACT CHECK

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Q: Can I wear a cell phone on my uniform?

A: Yes, as long as it's not exposed. According to Marine Administrative Message 065/08, cellular phones - both personally owned and organizationally issued - and other electronic equipment will not be worn exposed on Marine Corps uniforms.

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BRIEFS

GRANTS FOR DEPENDENT CHILDREN

The Military Officers Association of America is offering \$1,000 college grants to 25 children of military personnel.

MOAA is currently taking applications for those intending to attend college in the 2008-2009 school year.

Anyone who is interested in the program or who would like to renew their grant can apply at <http://moaa.org/about/about-scholarship/index.htm>.

PASSPORTS FOR MINORS

Both parents of children under 16 must now appear in person to apply for or renew their child's passport.

According to the U.S Embassy in Japan, only adults or minors 16 years or older can apply for a passport by mail.

Anyone issued less than a 10-year passport will also have to appear in person to renew their passport.

For more information, log on to <http://tokyo.usembassy.gov>.

JOE FOSS SPRING CLASSIC

The Joe Foss Spring Classic golf tournament will take place at Awase Meadows March 14. The four-man team tournament is themed "Luck of the Irish," and one of the prizes given out will be for best team Irish attire.

There is a maximum of 25 teams. Entry fees are \$32 for officers, \$30 for E-6 to E-9 and \$26 for E-1 to E-5. Rosters and fees are due by March 1. For more information, call 645-7814.

BABY BUDGET WORKSHOP

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society will be offering a Budget-for-Baby workshop Feb. 20 from 9 to 11 a.m. The workshop is open to all Marines, sailors and their significant others. Call 645-7808 to sign up.

AMERICAN RED CROSS TRAINING

Infant, Child CPR Class on Camp Foster:

- March 21, April 4; 5 to 9 p.m.

Babysitting Class on Camp Foster:

- March 22, April 5; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Adult, Child and Infant CPR and First Aid Class on Camp Foster:

- March 15; 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- April 26; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Infant, Child CPR Class on Kadena Air Base:

- Feb. 22, March 21, April 25; 4:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Babysitting Class on Kadena Air Base:

- Feb. 23, March 22, April 26; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Adult, Child and Infant CPR and First Aid Class on Kadena Air Base:

- March 15, April 19, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

CPR Instructor Course on Kadena Air Base

- April 1-4, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

For more information, call 645-3800.

OKINAWA LACROSSE CLUB

The Okinawa Lacrosse Club plays men's and women's games Sundays from noon to 2:30 p.m. on the multi-purpose fields next to Gunners Gym. Anyone interested in playing is invited.

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Lance Cpl. Justin Aragon fireman carries **Pfc. Ian Bristol** during a demonstration of the Marine Corps' new combat fitness test Feb. 6 on Camp Foster's parade deck. **Combat Logistics Regiment 3** was selected by **Headquarters Marine Corps' Training and Education Command** to test the CFT. Aragon and Bristol are logistics vehicle system operators with CLR-3. Photo by Lance Cpl. David Rogers

CLR-3 gives CFT trial run

Lance Cpl. David Rogers

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CAMP FOSTER — Marines with Combat Logistics Regiment 3, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, have been testing the Marine Corps' new combat fitness test over the past month as one of 14 selected test units throughout the Marine Corps.

Feedback from the unit will be used by representatives of the Training and Education Command from Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va, to help determine the CFT's setup and standards.

The CFT will test Marines' combat fitness through events such as carrying a fellow Marine, high crawling, throwing a mock grenade and running with ammunition cans.

"Designed to augment our physical fitness test, the CFT (once implemented) will consist of events that more closely replicate the physical demands of combat," said Gen. James Conway, commandant of the Marine Corps, in white letter 05-07.

CLR-3 leaders discovered they needed to modify morning PT sessions to better prepare their Marines for the physical demands of the CFT.

"We didn't want to run the test without preparation," said Maj. James Bounds, the operations officer for CLR-3. "We've got to change the mindset of just doing a 3-mile run, 100 crunches and 20 pull-ups for morning physical training. We have to get away from the usual and start doing more dynamic events. You have to train your muscles to do different types of exercises by building not only strength but endurance."

"If you do just PFT-related workouts, you're not going to be in the shape that you need to be in," said Sgt. Josh Owen, a motor transport operator with CLR-3. "If you implement the CFT exercises, it builds better endurance for combat."

The CFT will not be conducted with the semi-annual physical fitness test, and the CFT's



Pfc. Patrick Silva, a logistics/embarkation and combat service support specialist with CLR-3, throws a mock grenade during the CFT demonstration.

separate events will be combined into a single course, according to Bounds.

TECOM officials are still deciding on whether the CFT will be a semi-annual or annual requirement and whether the course should be 200 or 300 yards. Officials also haven't determined if the CFT will be a pass/fail event or if it will be based on a point system.

TECOM representatives are scheduled to observe CLR-3 in late March. Leaders with CLR-3 have prepared their Marines by having them run mock CFT's throughout January and February.

Installation motorcycle club helps keep riders on road

Lance Cpl. Daniel R. Todd
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CAMP FOSTER — The Marine Corps Bases Japan Installation Riding Club is not the stereotypical motorcycle club. They don't worry about how fast, loud and good looking their bikes are. What they are worried about is educating others about safe riding and keeping every rider on the road.

The Installation Riding Club formed in 2007 as a proactive way to promote safe motorcycle riding to Status of Forces Agreement personnel. The notion of an installation motorcycle club began at Headquarters U.S. Marine Corps, and base officials here decided to put the idea to practice, according to Joe Pinkowski, president of the installation motorcycle club.

The club utilizes all types of media, holds motorcycle safety stand downs, and weekly, monthly and quarterly safe rides to instill motorcycle safety.

During their weekly rides, members of the club learn new safety tips from each other and practice proper riding techniques.

Each month, they hold a larger ride during which anyone who is interested can come along, see what the club is about and learn something about safe riding.

Their quarterly rides are usu-

ally conducted in coordination with another event, offer another way for them to get their name out, and hopefully attract interest to the club.

"During the rides, experienced riders pair with the beginners because Okinawa is truly a hazardous place to ride and riders must learn quickly to be safe on the roads here," said Pat Yamashiro, a motorcycle course instructor with the MCBJ Safety Office.

There are many differences about driving on Okinawa that make it dangerous. The presence of ground coral in Okinawa roads means less friction. Driving on the opposite side of the road can be difficult, and the difference in signs can be confusing, according to Yamashiro.

The club also promotes following Marine Corps Order 1500.19E and Marine Corps Bases Japan Order P11240.1C, which deal with motorcycle safety and traffic regulations, but the club goes beyond what the orders state.

"They want SOFA personnel to follow the regulations, but just following the rules isn't going to necessarily mean the rider is being safe," Pinkowski said. "Our mission is an all encompassing effort, and what we try to do is make sure all SOFA personnel have the knowledge, skill and abilities to be safe riders. We



Motorcyclists line up for a ride-along with the Ginowan City Police Department after a motorcycle safety demonstration last May. The Marine Corps Bases Japan Installation Riding Club, established in October, promotes safe driving habits and proper riding techniques on and off base. Photo by Lance Cpl. Corey A. Blodgett

try to cover everything from proper protective equipment to specifics of riding on Okinawa."

Members' skill levels range from novice to advanced.

"What we want people to do is get in the habit of doing the right things. Then it becomes muscle memory, and they are safe without even thinking about it," Yamashiro said.

For anyone interested in joining the club, the only requirements are that they love riding, are willing to promote safety, follow all the

rules and guidelines set forth and possess a SOFA motorcycle license, Pinkowski said.

Potential members must speak with a club officer and, during the next club ride, be assigned a coach to supervise him and help the rider get rid of any bad habits. When the coach decides the rider has demonstrated proper safe riding techniques, he is voted into the club.

For more information, contact Pinkowski at 645-7453.

MONTHLY BASIC PAY TABLE EFFECTIVE JAN. 1, 2008																						
Grade	2 or less	Over 2	Over 3	Over 4	Over 6	Over 8	Over 10	Over 12	Over 14	Over 16	Over 18	Over 20	Over 22	Over 24	Over 26	Over 28	Over 30	Over 32	Over 34	Over 36	Over 38	Over 40
O-10 ²												14,137.20	14,206.20	14,501.70	15,016.50	15,016.50	15,767.10	15,767.10	16,555.50	16,555.50	17,383.20	17,383.20
O-9												12,364.80	12,542.70	12,800.10	13,249.20	13,249.20	13,911.90	13,911.90	14,607.60	14,607.60	15,337.80	15,337.80
O-8	8,748.90	9,035.10	9,225.60	9,278.70	9,516.00	9,912.30	10,004.70	10,381.20	10,488.90	10,813.50	11,282.40	11,715.30	12,004.20	12,004.20	12,004.20	12,004.20	12,304.50	12,304.50	12,612.30	12,612.30	12,612.30	12,612.30
O-7	7,269.60	7,607.40	7,763.70	7,887.90	8,112.60	8,334.90	8,591.70	8,847.90	9,105.00	9,912.30	10,594.20	10,594.20	10,594.20	10,594.20	10,647.90	10,647.90	10,860.90	10,860.90	10,860.90	10,860.90	10,860.90	10,860.90
O-6	5,388.30	5,919.30	6,307.80	6,307.80	6,331.80	6,603.30	6,639.00	6,639.00	7,016.40	7,683.60	8,075.10	8,466.30	8,688.90	8,914.50	9,351.90	9,351.90	9,538.80	9,538.80	9,538.80	9,538.80	9,538.80	9,538.80
O-5	4,491.60	5,059.80	5,410.50	5,476.20	5,694.60	5,825.70	6,113.10	6,324.00	6,596.40	7,013.70	7,212.00	7,408.50	7,631.10	7,631.10	7,631.10	7,631.10	7,631.10	7,631.10	7,631.10	7,631.10	7,631.10	7,631.10
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 1. Basic pay for an O-7 to O-10 is limited by Level II of the Executive Schedule which is \$14,349.90. Basic pay for O-6 and below is limited by Level V of the Executive Schedule which is \$11,633.33.
 2. While serving as Chairman, Joint Chief of Staff/Vice Chairman, Joint Chief of Staff, Chief of Navy Operations, Commandant of the Marine Corps, Army/Air Force Chief of Staff, Commander of a unified or specified combatant command, basic pay is \$18,601.20 (See note 1 above).
 3. Applicable to O-1 to O-3 with at least 4 years and 1 day of active duty or more than 1460 points as a warrant and/or enlisted member. See Department of Defense Financial Management Regulations for more detailed explanation on who is eligible for this special basic pay rate.
 4. For the Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy, Chief Master Sergeant of the AF, Sergeant Major of the Army or Marine Corps or Senior Enlisted Advisor of the JCS, basic pay is \$6,875.10. Combat Zone Tax Exclusion for O-1 and above is based on this basic pay rate plus Hostile Fire Pay/Imminent Danger Pay which is \$225.00.
 5. Applicable to E-1 with 4 months or more of active duty. Basic pay for an E-1 with less than 4 months of active duty is \$1,245.90.

Rise of the Machine



Keith Twing, a technical supervisor with MIC Industries (left), watches as Marines with Marine Wing Support Squadron 172's Combat Engineer Platoon prepare a coil of steel to insert into the Ultimate Building Machine.



Combat engineers with Marine Wing Support Squadron 172 place panels created by the Ultimate Building Machine Feb 6. Photo by Lance Cpl. Corey A. Blodgett



Keith Twing (white hat), a technical supervisor with MIC Industries, explains to Marines with Marine Wing Support Squadron 172's Combat Engineer Platoon how to operate the Ultimate Building Machine.

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of its adaptability to any mission.

"The machine doesn't limit you to a certain type of building," she said. "Based on your own creativity and ingenuity, you can build pretty much any type of building or structure that you need in order to accomplish the mission."

The simplicity of the process and materials used make it an ideal piece of equipment for deployments, said Sgt. Gabriel Lind, a foreman with the platoon.

"A lot of the construction materials we find in third world countries are not up to the normal standards," he said. "But the machine's materials will last forever, and we can get it up and running quickly."

Once a building design is selected, the Marines simply load a coil of steel into the machine. It then bends and

shapes the steel into panels, which are finally connected and crimped together with no other materials used.

"If we needed to start a base camp in the desert, we can build most of the buildings from scratch on the sand, and it can be any type of building."

Although MWSS-172 is the first unit to conduct in-depth training with the system on island, other Marine Corps units have been successfully employing and putting the UBM through real-world tests.

"It's the first time this is being fully utilized on Okinawa, but other units have been building with the UBM pretty steadily in Iraq," Twing said. "They're getting tasked left and right to construct these buildings because they're efficient, and they're holding up great."

The platoon is scheduled to finish the training Feb. 13.



Sgt. Peter Harrell shows officials of the Okinawa Prefecture Police Department a breathalyzer used by military police. Harrell is the assistant chief investigator with the Marine Corps Base Camp Butler Provost Marshal's Office. Photo by Pfc. Aaron Hostutler

Prefecture Police tour base law enforcement facilities

Pfc. Aaron Hostutler

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CAMP FOSTER — Officials with Naval Criminal Investigative Service Resident Agency Okinawa and the Marine Corps Base Camp Butler Provost Marshal's Office held an educational tour on Camp Foster Jan. 31 for members of the Okinawa Prefecture Police Department.

The purpose of the tour was to build on existing relations between the two nations' law enforcement personnel.

"We work hand-in-hand on a regular basis," said Edward Denion, a supervisory special agent with NCIS. "We don't want our only experiences together to be when a U.S. service member messes up."

"We work with NCIS and PMO on a daily basis, but we still don't know much about each other," said Akihiko Chibana, a foreign cases investigator with the Okinawa Prefecture Police Department. "We don't understand the structure and procedures of each other's agencies."

The tour began at the NCIS building on Camp Foster with a presentation for the Japanese police.

"We want them to know what we are, who we are, and how we operate," Denion said.

After the presentation, PMO personnel showed the Japanese police some of their equipment and facilities, such as breathalyzers, police vehicles, military working dogs, weapons and a mobile command post.

"We wanted them to have at least a basic understanding of the equipment we work with and of our operations," said Major Bernard Hess, the MCB provost marshal.

During the tour, Hess showed how PMO is organized – to better help the Jap-



Lance Cpl. Richard Edgar shows members of the Okinawa Prefecture Police Department equipment used by the Marine Corps Base Camp Butler Provost Marshal's Office.

anese police understand who to contact for specific information in the future.

"Tours like these help to establish a professional and even a personal relationship with our Japanese counterparts," he said.

The training was part of a five-day international investigation course the prefecture police department holds annually.

"I feel that in the future we will be able to have better coordination," Chibana said.

Fallen forum

Web site lets Okinawa Marines share stories with fallen Marine's parents

Lance Cpl. David Rogers

OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

CAMP FOSTER — After Cpl. Tom Saba, a crew chief with Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 262 Marine Aircraft Group 36, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, died in a CH-46 Sea Knight crash Feb. 7, 2007 in Iraq, his parents found a photo on his computer.

The photo shows Saba standing on a beach in his flight suit holding a small object. They loved the photo, but they wanted to know more about its origins.

To find the story behind the photo, friends of the family accepted the help of Triton Web Studios, which built and hosts a free Web site appropriately named <http://www.tomsaba.com>. Through the site, the family hopes not only to discover the story associated with that photo but also to keep in touch with Marine who knew their son.

The Web site went online summer of 2007. It allows anyone to e-mail Saba's family with stories, photos or condolences for their son.

The site is also linked to a guest book hosted by the Staten Island Advance newspaper. The guest book has become a popular place for Marines who served with Saba to publicly post their stories about him, according to the Web site administrator.

February 7 marked the one-year anniversary since HMM-262 lost one of its own. Weeks before, with the thought of the approaching anniversary on his mind, Capt. Kenneth Morrow made his first post on the site. Morrow, a CH-46 Sea Knight pilot with the squadron, spent a lot of time flying with Saba, who served as his crew chief.

"I've wanted to tell a few stories to the family to let them know I remember Cpl. Saba," Morrow said. "And the people here still remember Cpl. Saba and we talk about him all the time. I'm not the world's greatest writer and it took a long time for me to put it down."

Morrow posted stories of his experiences as a new pilot with Saba, a more experienced crew chief at the time, and also stories of inside jokes between the two.

"I just wanted to make sure I got the stories down," Morrow said. "If his family wants to get in contact with me or any of his friends, I left my contact information on there. And if they are ever missing Tom, they can contact me and I can tell them some cool stories and good memories that I have of him."

Morrow is one of many Marines who have shared their favorite stories of Saba.

"You get to see stuff from all the Marines that served with him," Morrow said. "And the craziest thing is that every single one of them starts out with 'I can't imagine him without a smile on his face.' That's why I put on mine, 'You've heard this a hundred times, but it's true, that's the way he was.'"

After more than six months of the Web site's existence, the mystery of the photo that started it all has not been solved yet.

But the wealth of stories that has come of it has opened a whole world of Saba's life that his loved ones back home would have never known about.

PMO holds unit competition on Schwab

Lance Cpl. Kevin M. Knallay

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CAMP SCHWAB — More than 40 Marines with the Provost Marshal's Office took their physical training routine to the next level with an endurance and marksmanship competition here Jan. 31.

The event was held to boost unit cohesion and vary the unit's physical conditioning program.

The competition included firing the M-9 pistol and the M-16A2 service rifle and running through the Engineers Course and the Reconnaissance Course, according to 1st Lt. Tommy L. Olson, the operations officer for PMO.

The Marines were split into seven six-man teams and then taken to the firing range for the first stage of the competition.

During stage one, each team member fired 10 shots with the M-9 pistol at a silhouette target 15 yards away. The members were timed, and the team was given a penalty when a member's shot did not hit the silhouette. Each team's time was calculated using the time of the slowest shooter plus an additional five seconds for each penalty.

The teams were then taken to obstacle and endurance courses for stage two. The Engineers Course consisted of more than 10 tasks, including low crawling, back crawling under barbed wire, and climbing across ropes and elevated balance beams in rough terrain. The Reconnaissance Course is roughly 1.5 miles long and ran through dense jungle and hills with various inclines. The teams were timed on how long it took to complete both courses. Rainy weather, slippery ropes and steep muddy hills forced the Marines to work harder and pull together.

"The miserable weather only brought us closer together," said Olson. "Misery loves company. The teams suffered together, but kept pushing through."

After emerging from the courses wet, miserable and covered in mud from head to toe, the Marines were taken back to the range for the final stage of the competition. During stage three, each team member



A Marine grips a tree root to pull himself through the low-crawl section of the Engineers Course.

had to shoot, with an M-16A2, three balloons stapled onto a silhouette target 50 yards away while timed. The slowest member's time became each team's time for the stage.

PMO's Special Reaction Team surfaced as the victor with a total time of 26:06. The nearest competitor was the Military Police District Central team, which finished in about 35 minutes.

The SRT Marines said their camaraderie and the fact that they had run the course several times in the past is what made the difference in the competition.

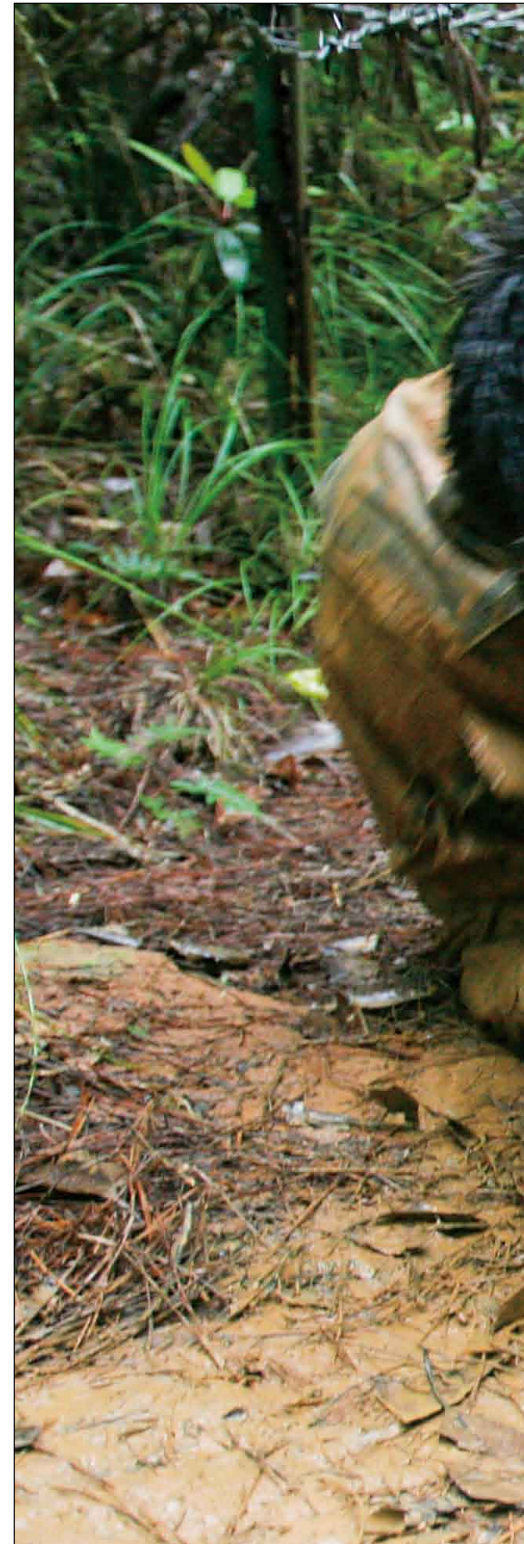
"All the Marines here are my brothers," said SRT member Cpl. Chad G. Jordan. "But in SRT we have something even tighter than that."

SRT member Cpl. David Ramos agreed.

"It was motivating to get out here in the woods," Ramos said. "It is always fun to challenge and test yourself, and we definitely did that today."

Master Sgt. Robert Jones, the operations chief for PMO, echoed his Marine's thoughts as he addressed the group.

"In the 20 years I've been in, this has been the best (physical training) session I've been on," said Jones. "You should all be proud, you all finished that course together, and that says a lot."



Cpl. David Ramos, a marksman observer with the Engineers Course and the Reconnaissance Course.



PMO Marines fire at 10-inch silhouette targets during the first stage of an inter-unit competition on Camp Schwab Jan. 31. Marines were timed while shooting 10 rounds from 15 yards.



PMO operations chief Master Sgt. Robert Jones climbs up a slope of the Engineers Course.



Mud Slinging

The Provost Marshal's Office Special Reaction Team, low-crawls through a section of the Engineers Course on Camp Schwab Jan. 31 during a unit competition. The course were the second stage of the competition. Photos by Lance Cpl. Kevin M. Knallay



on the Engineers Course.



Lance Cpl. Matthew Hanson, a military police Marine, runs to the next obstacle after finishing the back crawl section of the Engineers Course Jan 31.

Marines enter the gas chamber on Marine Corps Air Station Futenma Feb. 1 during their annual gas chamber qualification.



Pfc. Oscar Kozlowski instructs Gunnery Sgt. Matisia Cato on decontaminating procedures Feb. 1 on Marine Corps Air Station Futenma. Kozlowski is a chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear defense specialist with Combat Logistics Regiment 37, and Cato is the safety environmental chief with CLR-35.



A platoon of Marines from Combat Logistics Regiment 35 hike along the Habu Trail on Marine Corps Air Station Futenma during annual chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear training Feb. 1. Instructors put a fresh twist on the training with extensive drills along the trail. Photos by Lance Cpl. Kevin M. Knallay

CLR-35 puts fresh twist on CBRN training

Lance Cpl. Kevin M. Knallay
OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

A lot can happen in nine seconds. If Marines don't practice quickly donning their gas masks, getting a good seal, and clearing it within those few moments, they could very well die.

That's exactly why Marines are required to complete annual training that keeps them prepared and ready to react to chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear attacks.

More than 40 Marines with Combat Logistics Regiment 35, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, completed the annual requirement Feb. 1 during a day of extensive CBRN defense training on Marine Corps Air Station Futenma.

They began the morning by walking Futenma's Habu Trail and receiving various classes and practical application sessions along the approximately two-mile path that ended at the station's gas chamber.

Capt. Blaise McFadden, the commanding of-

ficer of Headquarters Company, said putting the Marines through the training will help greatly in the event of an actual CBRN situation.

"We wanted to get everyone we could through their annual gas chamber qualification because these are things Marines need to know," he said.

Around 6 a.m., the Marines stepped off on the Habu Trail in full Mission Orientated Protective Posture suits – camouflaged clothing designed to protect them during a CBRN attack.

Instructors stationed along the path taught the Marines a variety of CBRN defense skills. Properly marking contaminated sites with NATO flags, decontaminating the face and extremities using charcoal pads and handling chemical and radiation detection equipment were just some of the topics covered.

Many of the Marines found the information helpful and believed it was given in a fresh format that helped them absorb the material covered.

"This has been the best (CBRN) train-

ing I've ever had," said Sgt. Milton Turner, a platoon sergeant with the company. "Walking the trail and stopping at the stations – it was different and very informative."

Marines completed their annual gas chamber qualification once they reached the end of the trail near the gas chamber.

Marines learned how to do a MOPP gear exchange after qualifying, a process which more Marines need to know, said Gunnery Sgt. Gabriel Reese, the CBRN chief with CLR-35.

Reese said the exchange is necessary when a Marine needs to change MOPP suits after being contaminated or has been in a suit for an extended amount of time.

During the process, Marines assisted each other in removing articles of the MOPP suit one piece at a time while being careful not to get contaminated.

"This was the eighth time I have been through the gas chamber," said Turner. "It is good training every time, but this format was by far the best."

New safety director makes positive changes

Lance Cpl. Daniel R. Todd

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Three months ago, the Marine Corps Bases Japan Safety Office received a new director. Since then, he's worked feverishly, along with the rest of the MCBJ safety team, to create a closer relationship with military operational safety personnel.

Gary Snyder, the new safety director, has spent the last 32 years enforcing safety in the military. He's passionate about his job and believes that keeping service members safe is his highest priority.

Snyder wants a closer tie with the uniformed safety personnel on island, and has three goals for that partnership: bettering the safety programs currently in place, finding ways to promote safety that appeal to service members and having them think seriously about safety.

"With the cooperation and feedback from the operational side, the safety office has a better idea (about how to create) products that appeal to the service members," Snyder said. "The uniformed side doesn't need a bunch of civilians telling them what works best for them; they know what it is that keeps the troops actively engaged in staying safe."

Snyder said he believes many units currently see the safety office more as compliance police, and the units make sure they have everything in order when the safety office comes through for inspections. He wants to move away from that mindset and have the troops more fully understand the safety office's role as well as the concepts and ideas of safety. Having the operational side more involved with the safety office will hopefully help with that, he said.

For Snyder and the rest of the base safety personnel, having units pass inspection is



Gary Snyder has spent the past 32 years serving the Marine Corps and dealing with safety. He now serves as the Marine Corps Bases Japan Safety Office director. Photo by Lance Cpl. Daniel R. Todd

not enough. They want people to always have safety on their minds so mishaps don't happen.

Snyder is also pushing to have safety specialists imbedded with every unit. The safety specialists would be with the unit to assist in the development of plans and training and provide a higher level of safety oversight.

He's also working to have safety programs, similar to those service members receive, put in place for Japanese employees. The safety office held its first operational back-in-the-saddle training stand down for the Japanese workforce in January.

"It is just as important to do the same type of training with the Japanese workers as it is with the service members, because (the Japanese workers) are working in the same environment and need to be aware of all the safety issues surrounding them," Snyder said.

Snyder's road to safety started in Feb. 1976 when he joined the Marine Corps as an aviation ordnance Marine. It was his duty to handle aviation Class V (A) ammunition issues, such as safety, procurement, storage, build-up, delivery, aircraft loading and unloading. Aviation Class V (A) ammunition includes bombs, explosives, mines, fuses, detonators, pyrotechnics, missiles, rockets, propellants and associated items.

"From the day I raised my right hand and joined the Corps, I have been involved with safety," Snyder said. "Safety is something I always have been and always will be very passionate about."

Throughout his active duty career, he continued to expand his knowledge and expertise with safety issues. After he retired in 2002, he continued his career in safety.

In May 2002, he joined the Defense Logistics Agency's Joint Environmental Material Management Services team on Okinawa, where he worked with hazardous materials and waste issues. In May 2005, he joined the MCBJ Safety Office and served as the explosive safety officer until accepting his current position as safety director.

"Gary is making a bunch of great, positive changes, and I think that they are definitely going to make the office more efficient and productive," said Joe Pinkowski, the MCBJ Safety Office operations chief and traffic management director. "Hopefully, with his changes, we can provide better products and programs to get the service members more focused on staying safe at all times."

Ying Yang Twins perform for service members on Kadena

Pfc. Aaron Hostutler

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Hundreds of U.S. service members came together to see what hip-hop artists the Ying Yang Twins could bring to the table at the Kadena Banyan Tree Feb. 1 during their first concert on Okinawa.

But before the Ying Yang Twins put on their show, Homemade Soul, a rhythm and blues duo, and A-Team, a hip-hop group, delivered the opening performances.

"I had never heard of either of the opening groups," said Seaman Apprentice Gates Barron, a hospital corpsman with Camp Kinsler's Dental Clinic, "but they definitely put on a show that

the crowd responded to."

A-Team delivered a high energy performance and threw 300 \$1 bills into the crowd, taking the level of excitement in the room to new levels.

But the show was just warming up as the Ying Yang Twins took the stage to give the crowd exactly what they came for.

"The Ying Yang Twins definitely fulfilled everyone's expectations during their performance," said Cpl. Fabien Nelson, an administration and operations clerk with 3rd Maintenance Battalion, Combat Logistics Regiment 35, 3rd Marine Logistics Group. "I was surprised to see them embrace the crowd as much as they

did. I hope to see more performances like their's."

The Ying Yang Twins surprised the crowd with an unconventional performance. They came off stage and sang amongst the audience. They also brought members of the audience on stage and hosted a dance contest.

"It's going to be crunk," said Deangelo "D-Rock" Holmes before the show.

"We're going to rock it till the lights come on," said Erik "Kane" Jackson.

The Ying Yang Twins enjoyed their time in Okinawa and plan on returning, according to Holmes.

"It's crunk being able to come out here and support the troops," he said.



Deangelo "D-Rock" Holmes of the Ying Yang Twins' performs during a concert at the Banyan Tree on Kadena Air Base Feb. 1. Photo by Pfc. Aaron Hostutler



Francis Pereira helps Isabella Giraldo, 4, play an educational game during Zukeran Elementary School's Sure Start class Jan. 5 in the school's computer lab. Pereira, a stay-at-home father, is one of many fathers currently exceeding their required number of classroom participation hours in Sure Start. Photo by Lance Cpl. David Rogers

Fathers volunteer unusually high hours to pre-school education

Lance Cpl. David Rogers

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Louise Thompson, Zukeran Elementary School's Sure Start teacher, has noticed there are a lot more men hanging out in her classroom than she's accustomed to.

An unusual number of fathers are exceeding their mandatory 30 hours of classroom participation at Zukeran's Sure Start Program.

Sure Start is a Department of Defense Education Activity pre-school program. Sure Start parents are required to spend 30 hours participating in their child's classroom during the year their child is enrolled in the program. Typically, it's mothers who continue to volunteer past their required hours, according to Thompson.

"It is good for male role models to show kids, especially boys, that school is important," Thompson said. "Usually it's mom's saying 'go to school'. A lot of times you have dads busy at work, but now that we have moms busy at work too, somebody has to be there saying 'school's important.'"

Francis Pereira and Edwin Giraldo, stay-at-home fathers, typically spend at least three or four days of the week in the classroom and have lost track of the amount of hours

they have contributed to their daughters' class. They are just two of the many dads exceeding their mandatory minimum. Known as Mr. Francis and Mr. Eddie by the students, the two find it easy to spend so much time volunteering.

They don't blame active duty service members for not being able to put in the same amount of time. Their self-proclaimed profession allows them a lot of extra hours during the day while their active-duty wives are at work.

"They can't put in the amount of time that we do," Pereira said. "We're 'domestic engineers' as Mr. Eddie likes to put it. We can come in whenever. It's a little bit easier for us. It doesn't make us any better; it's just that we have more time."

Parents in the program guide the kids through the daily activities that foster the kids' basic educational and social development. But Pereira and Giraldo find it fun to spend their day acting like children.

"You're with kids," Pereira said. "You get to be a kid yourself. You get to play all day. You get to make art with the kids, go outside and hit a ball. Why not, man? It's a good steam releaser."

The two can play the role

of father figure to many of the children whose parents are deployed or working hectic hours.

"After spending a long time here and coming in almost every day, you can really tell who has parents deployed," Pereira said. "It's not my place to ask who, but I can tell by the way they interact with me. I can tell if the kid needs a father figure at home when he latches on to me. That's just something that, with time, I've picked up."

Pereira understands what growing up without a father figure can do to a child's sense of stability.

"My dad wasn't always there," Pereira said. "My parents divorced early. I saw him every once in a while. I wish I'd had a male role model."

Thompson does her best to keep a steady routine in her classroom in order to counteract the constant instability created by parents' military careers.

She appreciates having a steady group of role models that can be there for the kids on a regular basis.

"They are a great group of role models, and they are absolutely making a huge difference in my classroom. They deserve some recognition for their excellent participation, but they also would serve as role models for other men."

USNH internship program exposes foreign doctors to Western practices

Pfc. Aaron Hostutler

OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

In an effort to educate foreign physicians, U.S. Naval Hospital Okinawa has hosted six Japanese doctors for almost a year.

The internship program, which started in 1991, helps Japanese doctors learn the ways of Western medicine by working with U.S. physicians, and the program also creates a strong link between Okinawan hospitals medical professionals and the USNH Okinawa.

"We want to educate interns on the ways of Western medicine," said Navy Cmdr. David Murphy, the director of medical services with USNH Okinawa.

The program is geared toward specific medical fields, such as internal medicine, general surgery, pediatrics, emergency medicine, family practice and psychiatry.

"The Western ways of medicine have now become a global standard," said Dr. Kohei Hasegawa, an intern with the program. "I'm proud to be receiving this education."

Interns not only get an opportunity for education, they also assist in improving relations with the host nation, according to Murphy.

There are some forms of medical care that the USNH cannot provide that local Japanese hospitals can, such as cardiac care and a pediatric intensive care unit. The interns often act as liaisons between Japanese hospitals and USNH Okinawa in those instances.

"We lack some of the facilities that local hospitals have available," Murphy said. "This program helps build on our relationship with those local hospitals and encourages cooperation between us and them."

"Seventy percent of interns further their education in the U.S.," Murphy said. "This year's program isn't over and two of the interns have been selected to attend universities in the states."

"It's hard for foreign students to get an opportunity in many universities in the U.S.," he said. "This program offers the interns an edge on the competition."

Past interns have moved on to universities such as John Hopkins, Harvard and Stanford.

"It is a very competitive program," said Murphy. "This year between 50 and 60 applied for (our) internship."

Having the program gives interns experience working with Americans and gives them an advantage over other foreign graduates, Murphy said.

"This was truly a life-changing experience," said Dr. Shin Miyata, one of the six interns with the program. "When I came here I thought I knew a good bit about medicine, but this course made me realize how little I really knew."

Okinawa celebrates Super Bowl in big style

Lance Cpl. Daniel R. Todd

OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

CAMP FOSTER — As Americans gathered all over the country for traditional Super Bowl Sunday celebrations this year, service members on Okinawa staged early morning Super Bowl Monday celebrations.

The game is one of the most celebrated American entertainment rituals of the year, attracting close to 100 million television viewers. It's so big that Marine commands on Okinawa took the day off to watch the game, which aired Monday morning at 8.

While some watched from home or joined friends for small parties, hundreds attended Super Bowl bashes at clubs on installations all over Okinawa.

One of the larger parties, hosted by Marine Corps Community Services at the Camp Foster Globe and Anchor, drew a crowd of about 350. An appearance by the Denver Broncos cheerleaders highlighted the party, and MCCS gave out prizes during the game to punctuate the celebration.

The Broncos cheerleaders made their appearance at the Globe and Anchor before the game kicked off and then traveled to parties at other base clubs. They made a surprise visit to Thirsty's on Marine Corps Air Station Futenma, performed at the Butler Officers Club on Camp Foster during halftime and finished their tour at the Palms on Camp Hansen.

"It couldn't have been better," said Javier Dominguez, a Giants fan who attended the Globe and Anchor party. "I had hot cheerleaders to look at, a chance to win prizes, and I had the day off just so I could watch the Super Bowl. What more could I ask for? It was an awesome party, and my team won."

The large crowd at the Globe was filled with fans from both teams, and throughout the game, they traded shots.

"Talking smack makes it more interesting and fun," Dominguez said. "There is nothing personal about it really. It's just part of being a



The Broncos cheerleaders perform in front of a crowd of football fans who gathered at the Palms on Camp Hansen for a Super Bowl XLIII party Feb. 4. The cheerleaders made appearances at four Marine Corps Community Services Super Bowl bashes at clubs on Camp Foster, Marine Corps Air Station Futenma and Camp Hansen. Photo by Cpl. Eric D. Arndt

fan and supporting your team."

The Globe and Anchor grew deafeningly loud when a team scored, and as the game stayed tight, fans stayed on the edge of their seats until the end.

The crowd erupted when Giants quarterback Eli Manning completed a 13-yard touchdown pass to receiver Plaxico Burress to regain the lead in the last 35 seconds.

Giants fans went wild, giving each other high fives and yelling "Hell yeah! I knew they could do it." Patriots fans hung their heads and cursed in disgust, but some still believed in their team and shouted "They can still do it; there is still time left."

The entire crowd stood for the last Patri-

ots drive, growing louder and louder as the clock ran down and the Giants drew closer to becoming Super Bowl champions. Patriots fans cringed, and Giants fans cheered with every unsuccessful Patriots attempt. When the Patriots finally failed on their last drive, the Giants fans wouldn't stop cheering and laughing.

"I couldn't stop grinning and laughing because who would've expected a wild card team to beat an undefeated team?" said Thomas Lew, a Brooklyn, N.Y. native and Giants fan. "It was awesome. I have been telling people all year that the Giants were a good team. I never lost faith, and now it is great to be able to say 'I told you so.'"

Marines join JGSDF soldiers for friendly competition

Lance Cpl. Ryan Wicks

OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

CAMP NAHA — Okinawa-based Marines joined Japanese Ground Self Defense Force soldiers from the 1st Combined Brigade, Western Army, for a sports day at Camp Naha Feb. 1.

Marines with 3rd Marine Division, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing and 3rd Marine Logistics Group played a variety of recreational sports with the Japanese soldiers to foster good relations between the two nations' armed forces.

The players did not keep score in the games throughout the day because the competition was not about rivalry but about friendship, said Sgt. Maj. Hideki Akamatsu, JGSDF's III Marine Expeditionary Force liaison.

During the first half of the day, service members played softball and Japanese style dodge ball, which meant instead of getting hit and taken out of the game, pummeled players could hit opponents from outside the dodge ball square.

Service members then squared off in sumo wrestling, dizzy-izzy and egg toss competitions.

In addition to the sporting events, Marines observed a class on the battle of Okinawa, complete with a three dimensional lit map that illustrated the battle in detail.

"The class on the battle of Okinawa was a good way to show the young Marines what happened in the past," said Akamatsu. "The map used to illustrate the battle showed them different stages and movements of battle. It was a good way to show them how (the

Japanese) conducted war."

The day was meant for more than sports, said Akamatsu. The JGSDF wanted their incoming sergeants major to see how well the Marine sergeants major interacted with their junior Marines, their leadership styles and learn from them, according to Akamatsu.

"The Marines have a great sense of troop welfare which, the JGSDF learned from," Akamatsu said.

Any opportunity to foster relations with the Japanese is always a good one, said Lt. Col. Todd Kocian, the III MEF Japanese observer exchange program officer.

"It gives us a chance to interact on a recreational basis and spend time with our Japanese counterparts," Kocian said.

The Japanese soldiers ended the event sending the Marines off



A Marine and a Japanese Ground Self Defense Force soldier face off in a sumo wrestling competition during a sports day on Camp Naha Feb. 1. Photo by Lance Cpl. Ryan Wicks

by forming a human tunnel for them to walk through. The tunnel was a gesture of goodwill and camaraderie.

"Thanks to the Marines, we enjoyed ourselves very much," Akamatsu said. "I hope to do something like this again soon."

IN THEATERS FEB. 8-14

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KADENA 634-4422

FRIDAY The Golden Compass (PG13), 6 p.m.; Alien vs. Predator Requiem (R), 9 p.m.

SATURDAY Cloverfield (PG13), noon; The Golden Compass (PG13), 3 p.m.; Cloverfield (PG13), 6 p.m.; Alien vs. Predator Requiem (R), 9 p.m.

SUNDAY The Golden Compass (PG13), 1 p.m.; Cloverfield (PG13), 4 p.m.; Alien vs. Predator Requiem (R), 7 p.m.

MONDAY Closed

TUESDAY Closed

WEDNESDAY Closed

THURSDAY Closed

FUTENMA 636-3890

FRIDAY The Mist (R), 6:30 p.m.

SATURDAY Untraceable (R), 4, 7 p.m.

SUNDAY Enchanted (PG), 4 p.m.; I Am Legend (PG13), 7 p.m.

MONDAY Meet The Spartans (PG13), 6:30 p.m.

TUESDAY Closed

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY Closed

KINSER 637-2177

FRIDAY The Golden Compass (PG13), 3 p.m.; Alien vs. Predator Requiem (R), 6:30 p.m.

SATURDAY The Golden Compass (PG13), 3 p.m.; Alien vs. Predator Requiem (R), 6:30 p.m.

SUNDAY Enchanted (PG), 3 p.m.; Alien vs. Predator Requiem (R), 6:30 p.m.

MONDAY & TUESDAY Closed

WEDNESDAY Untraceable (R), 3 and 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY Closed

HANSEN 623-4564

FRIDAY Alien vs. Predator Requiem (R), 6 p.m.; Meet The Spartans (PG13), 9 p.m.

SATURDAY Meet The Spartans (PG13), 6 p.m.; Alien vs. Predator Requiem (R), 9 p.m.

SUNDAY The Golden Compass (PG13), 2 p.m.; Alien vs. Predator Requiem (R), 5:30 p.m.

MONDAY The Golden Compass (PG13), 7 p.m.

TUESDAY Untraceable (R), 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY Alien vs. Predator (R), 7 p.m.

THURSDAY Beowulf (PG13), 7 p.m.

FOSTER 645-3465

FRIDAY Cloverfield (PG13), 7 p.m.; Alien vs. Predator Requiem (R), 10 p.m.

SATURDAY August Rush (PG), 1 and 4 p.m.; Alien vs. Predator Requiem (R), 7 p.m.; The Mist (R), 10 p.m.

SUNDAY August Rush (PG), 1 p.m.; The Golden Compass (PG13), 4 p.m.; Untraceable (R), 7 p.m.

MONDAY Alien vs. Predator Requiem (R), 7 p.m.

TUESDAY Hitman (R), 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY Alien vs. Predator Requiem (R), 7 p.m.

THURSDAY Untraceable (PG13), 7 p.m.

SCHWAB 625-2333

FRIDAY The Mist (R), 7 p.m.

SATURDAY Beowulf (PG13), 7 p.m.

SUNDAY I Am Legend (PG13), 7 p.m.

MONDAY Untraceable (R), 7 p.m.

TUESDAY Cloverfield (PG13), 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY Closed

THURSDAY Closed

COURTNEY 622-9616

FRIDAY Untraceable (R), 6:30 and 9:30 p.m.

SATURDAY Enchanted (PG), 2 p.m.; The Mist (R), 7 p.m.

SUNDAY Meet The Spartans (PG13), 7 p.m.

MONDAY I Am Legend (PG13), 7 p.m.

TUESDAY Closed

WEDNESDAY Enchanted (PG), 1 p.m.; Cloverfield (PG13), 7 p.m.

THURSDAY Closed

USO MOVIE NIGHTS

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For schedules and start times, call:

CAMP SCHWAB 625-3834

MCAS FUTENMA 636-2113

CAMP HANSEN 623-5011

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For more information, 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

FEB. 10 | NORTHERN CAMPS OKINAWA WORLD

- Explore the Gyokusendo Caves; see the Eisa Drum Show, Habu Show and a traditional Okinawan village. Optional craft making is available. Entry fee is ¥1600. Bring other yen for purchases.
- Bus Departures: Camp Schwab, 9 a.m.; Camp Hansen, 9:30 a.m.; Camp Courtney, 10:15 a.m.

FEB. 13-14 | SOUTHERN CAMPS STAR PROGRAM

- Day 1 – Free tour includes pineapple and glass factories and Jusco. Day 2 – Free visit to Shuri Castle, Kokusai Street and learn the Okinawan bus system. Bring camera and yen for purchases.
- Bus Departures: Camp Kinser, 7 a.m.; MCAS Futenma, 7:30 a.m.; Camp Foster, 8 a.m.

FEB. 15 | NORTHERN CAMPS DISCOVER GOLF

- Free class at Awase Golf Course gives aspiring golfers skills and knowledge of the game, including how to set up a tee time, cart and club rental, club types, swing techniques and putting styles.
- Bus Departures: Camp Schwab, 7 a.m.; Camp Hansen, 7:30 a.m.; Camp Courtney, 8:15 a.m.

CHAPEL SCHEDULE

CAMP FOSTER | 645-7486/7487

- *Catholic*: Mon.-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*: Sun., 3:30 p.m., Bldg. 455
- *Jewish*: Fri., traditional, 5:45 p.m.; informal (first and third Friday), 6:30 p.m.
- *Latter-day Saints*: Sun., 2 p.m., Bldg. 455
- *Muslim*: Friday prayer at 12:45 p.m.
- *Protestant*: Sun., 8:30 a.m.

CAMP KINSER | 637-1148

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

CAMP HANSEN | 623-4694

- *Catholic*: Sun., 10 a.m., East Chapel
- *Protestant*: Sun., 11 a.m., West Chapel;

MCAS FUTENMA | 636-3058

- *Catholic*: Sun., noon
- *Contemporary*: Sun., 9 a.m.

CAMP SCHWAB | 625-2644/2866

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

CAMP McTUREOUS | 622-7505

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

CAMP COURTNEY | 622-9350

- *Catholic*: Sun. 8 a.m., 11:15 a.m.
- *Protestant*: Sun., 9:30 a.m.
- *Angelic, Episcopal*: Sun., 6:30 p.m.

CAMP LESTER | 643-7248

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

KADENA AIR BASE | 634-1288

- *Catholic*: Sun., 8:30 a.m., Mass, Chapel 1 Sun., 11:30 a.m., Reconciliation, Chapel 1 Sun., 12:30 p.m., Mass, Chapel 1 Sun., 5 p.m., Mass, Chapel 1 Sun., 10:30 a.m., CCD, Amelia Earhart School Daily Mass, Mon.-Thurs., noon, Chapel 2
- *Protestant*: Sun., Contemporary, 10:30 a.m., Chapel 1 Sun., Project 196 (Contemporary), 7:06 p.m., Chapel 1 Sun., 8:30 a.m., Inspirational, Chapel 2 Sun., 10:30 a.m., Traditional, Chapel 2 Sun., 10:30 a.m., Gospel, Chapel 3 Sunday School, 8:45 a.m., Bldg. 856
- *Wiccan/Pagan* Women's service, Thurs., 6:30 p.m., Chapel 2 Open circle service, Fri., 7 p.m., Chapel 1 Wiccan/Pagan service, Sat., 6:30 p.m., Religious Education Center, Bldg. 856

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- '95 HONDA ODYSSEY JCI Dec. 08, \$2,500 OBO, 645-3433
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- '94 TOYOTA WINDOM JCI June 09, \$1,500 OBO, 633-9700
- 08, \$2,500 OBO.
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- '96 MITSUBISHI PAJERO JCI Feb. 09, \$3,200 OBO. 646-5173
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- '95 SUZUKI ESCUDO JCI Jan. 09, \$1,200. 646-2408
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