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## Off-limits liberty policies in place for protection

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*Editor's note: The following is part of a continuing series of articles highlighting the Marine Corps Bases Japan and III Marine Expeditionary Force order 1050.7, the Liberty Campaign Order, signed by III MEF and MCBJ Commanding General Lt. Gen. Richard C. Zilmer Sept. 29.*

CAMP FOSTER — MCBJ and III MEF order 1050.7, the Liberty Campaign Order outlines areas and activities prohibited for Status of Forces Agreement personnel attached to III MEF or MCBJ units.

Areas and activities are designated off limits for a number of reasons but primarily it is because it is not in the best interest of Marines, sailors or other SOFA personnel, said Sgt. Maj. Daniel Fierle, the III MEF sergeant major.

Safety is the reason areas such as caves, gun positions, heavily-vegetated areas, hills, tunnels not used for vehicles and bodies of water in the Northern Training Area and Camp Gonsalves are off limits.

Construction and flight line areas are also prohibited to all personnel, according to the order.

Burial sites and tombs are off limits to personnel as these sights are sacred to the Okinawan people, said Fierle. Exceptions to this order are made for family members and those participating in ceremonies.

There are also areas around Camp Schwab in Henoko Village that are closed to personnel unless sponsored and escorted by a local national. These areas are the baseball field, playgrounds and the fishing boat pier.

Around Camp Hansen, Kincho Athletic Field and the Ryuku Sanitarium are off limits to all

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**Philippine Marine Corps Sgt. Ramon Egalam Jr., demonstrates Pekiti-Tirsia Kali fighting techniques Oct. 21 in Crow Valley, Tarlac Province, Republic of the Philippines. The demonstration was part of the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit's participation in this year's Amphibious Landing Exercise, an annual bilateral training exercise conducted between the Armed Forces of the Philippines and the U.S. military. Photo by Lance Cpl. Ryan Wicks**

## Philippine Marines teach 31st MEU members century-old fighting style during PHIBLEX

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31ST MARINE EXPEDITIONARY UNIT

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES — U.S. Marines spent time in Tarlac Province here Oct. 21 learning different knife fighting techniques from Philippine Marines who gave a class on Pekiti-Tirsia Kali, a combat-oriented Filipino martial art founded in 1897 that utilizes blades and sticks.

The Marines, with Battalion Landing Team 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, participated in the training during this year's Amphibious Landing Exercise.

The class was taught to give them insight into an unfamiliar fighting skill and break up the day, according to Philippine Marine Staff Sgt. Carlito Englatiera, a Pekiti-Tirsia Kali instructor.

According to students, the instructors gave in-depth detail in their explanations of moves during the demonstrations.

"The class was downright impressive," said 1st Lt. Rolando Medina, the battalion adjutant. "They

taught the class with a tie-in, just like our martial arts classes. The class was also taught by-the-numbers, which is how we learn."

During the class Marines were taught parrying, striking and killing techniques with several different blades and sticks as well as proper footwork during close-quarters combat.

"They had very interesting kill moves," Medina said. "The skill is advanced and their moves are more fluid than any other martial art I have seen."

The Philippine Marines teaching the class showed great skill and poise under the circumstances, said 2nd Lt. Scott Brown, a supply officer with the battalion.

"It was amazing that they were skilled enough to train us because they have only been practicing Pekiti-Tirsia for three months," Brown said. "I would definitely train with them more in-depth if I had the opportunity."

According to Englatiera, the art is such a big hit

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### FULL-ON FRIGHTS

Stay away from this story to keep from becoming part of Okinawa's dark history

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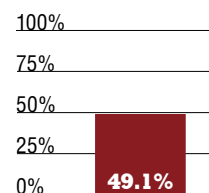
### TINY TERRORS

A pirate captain and silent king face off at 9-pin, and a story about critters that 'hang' in there!

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### MARINE CORPS FORCES JAPAN COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN '08

- The goal is 100 percent unit member contact
- As of Wednesday, 7,490 unit members were contacted, approximately 49.1% of the total personnel goal





# Sounds of spirits, cultures

## American Halloween traditions spread throughout the world

Lance Cpl. Jeffrey Cordero

It is interesting to see how cultural exchanges affect people. Sometimes the cultural beliefs of one group of people compliment another.

For example, it is refreshing to me to see how the Okinawans take an active interest in our Halloween traditions.

Throughout the course of history, with the influence of different generations, Halloween took different names. All Hallow's Eve is the closest to what is celebrated in the United States. Participants dressed up in costumes and started bonfires to recognize the dead.

Now, Americans celebrate it more as a commercialized holiday. We dress up in costumes and children go from house to house collecting candy and money. Although relatively close to its original ways, the traditional beliefs no longer apply. Most importantly, it is now considered a child's holiday.

As service members, it is not uncommon to serve in foreign countries where cultural beliefs and practices vary. We represent our culture to the people of the country we inhabit.

Although Okinawan culture is different, they traditionally believe in spirits and ghosts making Halloween a good place to find common ground.

For the most part, Okinawans do not celebrate Halloween. In fact, many Okinawans do not know anything about the day. The ones that are familiar with Halloween know that children dressed in costumes go house-to-house to ask for candy.

Some traditional Okinawan beliefs that align closely to ghostly Halloween traditions are the legend of the Shisa and Eisa dances.

The Shisa is a cross between a lion and a dog. When presented in pairs, one open mouthed and one closed mouthed, they represent the defense against evil and the

retention of good spirits. The open mouthed Shisa dog is believed to ward evil spirits away from a dwelling while the close mouthed one keeps good ones in.

Eisa is a traditional Okinawan dance that originated as a dance to welcome the spirits of the dead during the three-day Obon festival.

Even though Okinawans do not celebrate Halloween, they do participate if the opportunity is

present. Some Okinawans come on base to participate in the trick or treating, interacting with the American culture in the process.

The exchange of cultures is a good way to promote a positive relationship with the Okinawan community. They have the opportunity to experience our culture and participate in our events. By doing this, a positive military influence can be spread out throughout the island.

Even though Halloween's roots trace back to Pagan beliefs, through cultural influence and exchange, the holiday has become a part of many American lives today. By sharing the fun-filled holiday with the Okinawan community, our cultures can continue to grow together.

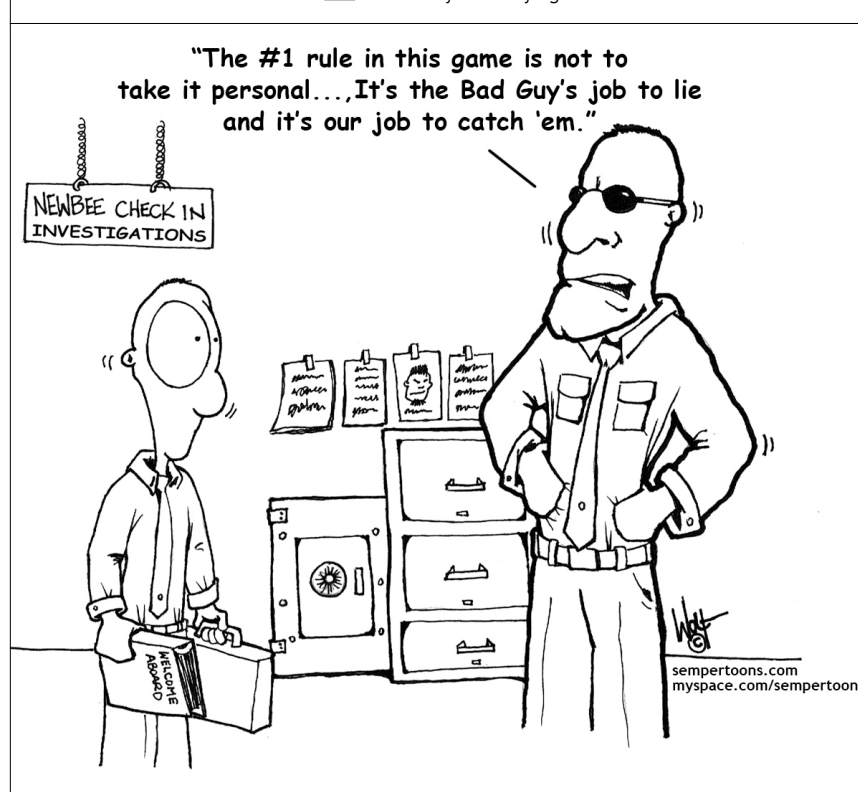
"Boo" knows where the exchange will take us next.

*Cordero is a combat correspondent with the Okinawa Marine newspaper*



## Sempertoons

Created by Gunnery Sgt. Charles Wolf



## FACT CHECK

### BALL FUND-RAISING

**Q:** Our unit wants to hold a car wash to raise money for the Marine Corps Birthday Ball. Is this allowed?

**A:** Yes, however there are several restrictions in fund-raising activities. A unit member may only engage in Marine Corps ball fund-raising activities while off-duty and on a voluntary basis. Marines may never be tasked in an official capacity to participate in fund-raising activities.

Units are required to receive approval from their camp or station commander prior to conducting fund-raising activities. Activities may not include gambling, such as raffles. The funds must be placed in Marine Corps Ball fund-raiser accounts with Marine Corps Community Services.

For complete guidance, refer to Marine Corps Bases Japan Order 5760.1, or contact the MCCS Legal Counsel at 645-3823 or 645-7233.

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# Service members raise funds for Special Olympics

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KADENA AIR BASE — Five Marines from Headquarters and Service Battalion, Marine Corps Base Camp Butler, ran in the 24-hour jog-a-thon Oct. 21-22 in Marek Park here to raise donations for the Kadena Special Olympics.

Every mile the Marines ran earned them a donation from more than 40 sponsors, and every hour the Marines ran at least one mile.

"As Marines, we have to (physically train) anyway," said Pfc. Jodi Jarrett, a supply administration and operations specialist with H&S Bn. "Why not do it for a good cause?"

The Marines ran 141 miles total raising \$837.65, according to Sgt. Kelly De La Hoz, the training non-commissioned officer of the Base supply office.

According to De La Hoz, Cpl. Diogo Delgado, a supply administration and operations specialist, ran 31 miles and Master Gunnery Sgt. Claude Maynard, the warehouse chief of H&S Bn., ran 27 miles at the jog-a-thon. Everyone else ran 24 miles.

"We're going to be engaged until we disengage, and when we disengage it's for good," Maynard said during the ninth hour of



**Cpl. Diogo Delgado, a supply administration and operations specialist with Headquarters and Service Battalion, Marine Corps Base Camp Butler Japan, carries the Special Olympics flag for his sixteenth mile at the jog-a-thon at Marek Park Oct. 21. Delgado was one of five Marines who ran at least one mile for 24 hours straight to raise money for the Kadena Special Olympics.** Photo by Lance Cpl. Stefanie C. Pupkiewicz

the jog-a-thon. "Until that point, the knees and back will hurt."

The \$837.65 raised will go to support Kadena's 9th annual Special Olympics Nov. 8. There is expected to be more than 1200 special needs athletes participating.

Some of the athletes are

American, but the majority are Okinawan, according to Matt Rossoni, the torch run coordinator of the Kadena Special Olympics.

"The (Special Olympics) reinforces and strengthens relationships throughout the island," said Air Force Maj. Colin Sewake, the assistant director of

operations of the Kadena Special Olympics.

Army, Air Force, Navy and Marines were all represented at the jog-a-thon.

"It's led by Kadena, but really it's a joint effort," Sewake said.

The hundreds of volunteers that work with the Special Olympics at Kade-

na are also made up of all the different branches of service.

Those interested in volunteering and helping out with the Kadena Special Olympics can visit <http://www.kadenaspecialolympics.com> or contact the volunteer coordinator at [ksookinawa@gmail.af.mil](mailto:ksookinawa@gmail.af.mil).

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personnel unless escorted by a local national.

Residential areas are also off limits unless the personnel are residents of the area or they are invited by a resident, according to the order. Personnel can travel through these areas but they must remain on the provided roadways and sidewalks.

All schools, Department of Defense, public or private, are off limits to personnel unless they are students or parents of students attending that school or employees of the school, according to the order. Personnel must attain written permission from the main office of the school to speak to a student on school grounds.

Maintaining propriety and the safety of personnel are the major considerations for designating an area or activity off limits, said Fierle and Sgt. Maj. Cevet Adams, the MCB Camp Butler sergeant major.

Because of safety concerns for service members, establishments that are identified as violating established laws can be placed off limits, Adams said. Reasons can include liquor violations, drug abuse, illicit gambling, terrorist activities or prostitution.

The commanding general of the III MEF, Lt. Gen Richard C. Zilmer has designated the following areas off limits: Club Hideaway, Shampoo, Orange Boom and the Ground Tobacco Shop.

In addition to prohibited areas, there are also prohibited activities as prescribed by the new order.

According to the order, activities that present a hazard to the health and welfare of personnel are prohibited: cliff diving, bungee jumping, bridge jumping, hang-gliding and parachuting.

Numerous locations exist throughout the Okinawan coastline and inland areas, such as Hiji and Aha Falls, where SOFA personnel have been observed engaging in cliff diving and bridge jumping, according to Shawn Curtis, occupational safety and health specialist for the Base Installation Safety Office.

"These locations are often shallow especially during low tide periods or periods of limited rainfall in the case of fresh water locations. Jumping from high locations into shallow water depths can cause severe injury or loss of life," Curtis said.

Curtis went on to say one reason hang-gliding, parachuting and similar activities

are prohibited is because companies in many overseas locations offering these activities are not controlled or sanctioned as they are in the United States, which may place service members at undue risk.

The operation of all-terrain vehicles, go-karts and unlicensed motorcycles on public roadways, on base or off, is prohibited by the order.

Service members found in an off-limits area or participating in a prohibited activity will be in violation of Article 92 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

Though not subject to the UCMJ, non-military SOFA personnel can face loss of command sponsorship if found in violation of the order.

Prohibited areas and activities are enforced to protect our forces and to help maintain troop welfare, Adams said.

The MCBJ/III MEF Order 1050.7, the Liberty Campaign Order, can be accessed on-line at the MCB Camp Butler adjutant SharePoint homepage at the following CAC-protected site: <https://wss.mcbbutler.usmc.mil/G1/Adjutant/default.aspx>. Under the directives links, click MCBJ/III MEF orders and locate MCBJ/III MEF Order 1050.7.

**BRIEFS****VERIFY RECEIPT OF TRAVEL CARDS**

To date, 98 percent of the Marine Corps' new Citi government travel cards have been mailed out, but only 26 percent of card holders have verified their receipt.

All personnel who have received their new cards must confirm the receipt online at <http://www.citimanager.com/dodtravel> by entering the required information.

**HOLIDAY SAFETY BRIEF**

Marine Corps order 5100.19E requires pre-departure safety briefings for all Marines less than 26 years of age prior to permanent changes of station or when traveling beyond established out-of-bounds limits while on leave or extended liberty.

To assist commands with meeting the requirement, the Marine Corps Base Installation Safety Office has developed a short holiday safety presentation. The presentation will be available online from Nov. 3 to Dec. 31.

To view the video, log on to <http://www.mcb-butler.usmc.mil>. Click on either the internet or intranet button; the video link will be in the right hand column.

Once the video has been viewed, personnel will be prompted to fill out an online form and print out a training certificate.

For more information, contact the Base safety office at 645-3806.

**ORANGE BOOM OFF LIMITS**

III Marine Expeditionary Force Commanding General Lt. Gen. Richard C. Zilmer designated the off-base bar Orange Boom an off-limits location Sept. 25.

The bulletin applies to all Status of Forces Agreement personnel attached to, or accompanying III MEF/Marine Corps Bases Japan personnel. This includes all military members, civilian personnel, family members and personnel attached permanently to III MEF/MCBJ units or in a temporary duty status.

Orange Boom is now the fourth establishment prohibited to III MEF/MCBJ personnel, joining Club Hideaway, Shampoo and the Ground Tobacco Shop.

**NMCRS OPERATION HOURS CHANGE**

Effective immediately, the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society has changed its hours. The Camp Foster office will operate from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Camp Hansen office will operate from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

**3RD INTEL LANGUAGE LAB OFFERS DLPT**

The 3rd Intelligence Battalion Language Lab now offers Defense Language Proficiency Test sessions for up to 15 Marines at a time.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, contact Staff Sgt. Elizabeth Nunez at 623-7305 or by e-mail at [elizabeth.d.nunez@usmc.mil](mailto:elizabeth.d.nunez@usmc.mil).

**EXPRESSWAY TRAFFIC DELAYS**

Due to expressway bridge repairs, traffic delays can be expected between the Kin (exit 8) and Ginoza (exit 9) exits through Dec. 26.

**NEW IPAC HOURS**

Effective this month, all IPAC sections will be closed for training Thursday afternoons at 3 p.m. The ID Card section will re-open at 4:30 p.m. In case of emergencies contact IPAC Customer Service at 645-5740 or 645-6005.

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

# USNH Okinawa unveils new maternity ward

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CAMP LESTER — The U.S. Naval Hospital Okinawa recently finished the renovations on the Labor and Delivery Suite, effectively doubling the suite's capacity for patients.

The intention of the renovations was to ensure the hospital's place as the referral center for the Western Pacific for high risk pregnancies, according to Lt. Stephen Johndreau, the Labor and Delivery Suite renovations engineer-in-charge.

In the last nine months, engineers added four new triage rooms to the hospital, as well as an additional labor room and operating room.

The new rooms increased the maternity ward's floor

space by 2,450 square feet, approximately one third the ward's original size.

The four new triage rooms are equipped to double as labor rooms if the need arises, according to Johndreau.

The second operating room is a valuable asset for the suite.

"We can have two different teams operating at the same time in the same ward," said Lt. Randy Tobert, a staff nurse with the Labor and Delivery Suite.

During the construction, there were no interruptions in service. Births continued throughout the process, with one even occurring during the ribbon cutting ceremony held Oct. 24.

The four triage rooms were built in a mostly unused section of the fifth floor. The outside

wall of the hospital on the fifth floor was removed for the construction. The wall was rebuilt approximately 10 feet past its original location giving the rooms the additional space required for the patients' comfort. It also allowed rooms to meet all applicable building codes.

The construction of a 160 square foot bridge across an out of service elevator shaft was the most technically challenging part of the additions, according to Johndreau. The bridge was chemically bonded with 10 inches of concrete to connect the suite's old and new sections.

"The bridge was constructed in an abandoned elevator shaft and is now a standard hallway, with no indication of its being five stories above ground level," Johndreau said.

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in the Philippine Marine corps it is now being incorporated into their recruit training.

"It has already proven itself as a useful skill in the southern Philippines in combat against the rebels," Englatiera said. "So it is a good thing that we will all be more proficient in combat."

"If you have a blade and you encounter an enemy in close combat, you have a 90 percent chance of survival," he added.

The class was not only a way to show the U.S. Marines new moves and ideas, but a method to provide a means of enhancing the working relationship between U.S. and Philippine forces.

"I am looking forward to more training with the U.S. Marines so that we can enhance and improve each others' skills," Englatiera said. "I am glad that the Marines come every year to train, and I look forward to the next time they come."

Amphibious Landing Exercise and Talon Vision are annual bilateral training exercises conducted between the Armed Forces of the Philippines and the U.S. military, which enhance military cooperation and improve communities through humanitarian assistance and civil action projects.

The exercises began Oct. 15 and ended Monday.



**Philippine Marines taught U.S. Marines with Battalion Landing Team 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, classes on Pekiti-Tirsia Kali, a martial art involving Bolo knives, in Tarlac Province, Republic of the Philippines Oct. 21.** Photo by Lance Cpl. Ryan Wicks

## TRICK-OR-TREAT SCHEDULE

**CAMP FOSTER**

Trick-or-Treat, 6-9 p.m., Status of Forces Agreement personnel only (no open base policy, no group passes issued)

Individual units and multiplexes will leave their external light on if they are participating. Tower units will have flyers to indicate whether or not they are participating.

Local nationals must be signed in by a SOFA sponsor at the Building 1 gate or Kitamae gate.

**CAMP KINSER**

Trick-or-Treat, 6-8:30 p.m., open to SOFA personnel and sponsored local nationals (children

12 years old or under).

Gates 4 and 5 will each provide access to the first 200 local national guests or 50 cars.

**CAMP COURTNEY**

Trick-or-Treat, 6-8 p.m. for SOFA personnel

**CAMP MCTUREOUS**

Trick-or-Treat, 6-8 p.m., open to local nationals.

**KADENA AIR BASE**

Trick-or-Treat, 6-8 p.m., open to sponsored local nationals, only eight people may be signed on base per SOFA resident.





Corpsmen with 3rd Medical Battalion, Combat Logistics Regiment 35, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, exit a CH-46E Sea Knight helicopter with a stabilized, simulated wounded patient during the En Route Care Course at Marine Corps Air Station Futenma Oct. 23. Photo by Lance Cpl. Michael A. Bianco

## En Route Care teaches 'Docs' casualty transportation

**Lance Cpl. Michael A. Bianco**  
OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION FUTENMA — Thirty corpsmen took part in the En Route Care Course at Marine Corps Air Station Futenma Oct. 23.

The corpsmen from 3rd Medical Battalion, Combat Logistics Regiment 35, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, received training from five naval nurse instructors.

The course, along with two others, the Water Survival Course and the Flight Medic Course, are designed to prepare the corpsmen for combat operations.

During the training, the students learned proper procedures for transporting an injured Marine to a hospital via helicopter.

"They (the corpsmen) already know how to stabilize a wounded warrior," said Lt. Cmdr. Tony Catanese, the naval operations director at U.S. Naval Hospital Pensacola, Fla. "This is to get them familiar with how to package and transport the patient once they are stabilized."

The course, which is required for corpsmen and nurses assigned to Marine units, can be extremely challenging for students

and instructors because every aspect must be covered in a limited amount of time — only 26 hours over two and half days, Catanese said.

"The students get blasted with a fire hose of knowledge," he said. "My instructors have to stay at a high level of teaching for three days or we won't get through it all."

The course deals with the "how-to" of preparing a patient for transportation, covering topics such as patient stabilization, securing their gear and preparing and loading a patient into an aircraft.

"As a surgical technician, it helped me better my basic skills as a corpsman," said Petty Officer 3rd Class Joshua A. Harris, a corpsman with 3rd Medical Bn. "In theater, I will have to go out of my primary job."

Lt. Cmdr. Charles L. White, an emergency nurse U.S. Naval Hospital Jacksonville, Fla., hopes when the corpsman have completed the course, they will be able to solve problems unconventionally.

"You're not going to have all the equipment you're going to need," White said. "You have to make things

work where no one thinks they will."

Instructors and students agreed one of the most important aspects of the course is how it teaches the corpsmen to remain calm under stressful circumstances.

"We teach them to always expect the worst," Catanese said. "Murphy is always with you."

White believes the course has more than proven its success on the battlefield.

"In my entire seven months in Iraq, I never lost one Marine in a helicopter, and that's thanks to the training we receive here," he said.

## Navy Medical IG, Joint Commission to conduct accreditation survey of USNH

**Consolidated Public Affairs Office**

CAMPLESTER — The Joint Commission and the Navy Medical Inspector General will conduct a joint accreditation survey of U.S. Naval Hospital Okinawa Nov. 17-21.

The purpose of the survey will be to evaluate the organization's compliance with nationally established Joint Commission and United States Navy standards. The survey results will be used to determine if accreditation should

be awarded to the organization.

Joint Commission standards deal with organizational quality of care issues and the safety of the environment in which care is provided. Anyone believing he or she has pertinent and valid information about such matters may request a public information interview with the Joint Commission's field representatives. Information presented at the interview will be carefully evaluated for relevance to the accreditation process.

The public may contact the Joint Commission

to report any concerns or register complaints about a Joint Commission-accredited health care organization by contacting the Joint Commission Office of Quality Monitoring at [complaint@joint-commission.org](mailto:complaint@joint-commission.org).

The Joint Commission will acknowledge such requests by e-mail or by telephone and will inform the organization of the request for any interview. The organization will, in turn, notify the interviewee of the date, time, and place of the meeting.

# THE HAUNTING OF OKINAWA

Story by Lance Cpl. Thomas W. Provost



alking down the sidewalk behind the United Service Organization on Kadena Air Base, one may hear children's voices, crying or laughing, or see an eerie glow coming from an unusually small house: Building 2283.

If one should dare to enter this strange house, they may see a ghostly looking woman washing her hair in the kitchen sink, or perhaps a ghostly samurai warrior riding his horse straight through the living room.

Many stories and rumors have originated about the house near Stearley Heights. Some even suggest the house is built on top of an ancient Okinawan burial chamber.

Which stories are true? Nobody knows for sure. The one thing every story agrees on is there's something very strange about the little house.

One such story takes place in the early 1970s; a military family suffered a terrible fate there one day. It is rumored a man, maybe an officer, though no one knows for sure, went crazy and killed his entire family in the house.

Several years later, another family moved into building 2283, only to discover strange, unexplainable occurrences.

It is said one of the bedrooms always felt too cold – too cold even to sleep in. Lacking any rational explanation, the bedroom was torn down, leaving the house in its current small state.

It's said the new resident soon stabbed his family to death, making them the second murdered family in that little house behind the USO.

Since these alleged events the house was converted to a storage shed. But eerie things continue to be noticed in and around the house.

Passers-by describe an almost ghoulish glow about the house once in a while, although most of the time it remains shrouded in darkness. Even the illumination of nearby street lights does not appear to light the exterior of the dwelling.

In 1994, on Halloween night, ghost hunter Jayne Hitchcock performed a seance inside the house. According to her book, "The Ghosts of Okinawa," Hitchcock and a few friends tried to contact Harry Houdini, who died on Halloween in 1927. To their surprise they contacted completely different spirits. Two children appeared -- one boy and one girl.

The next day, when Hitchcock developed film of the house's interior, two ghostly outlines were seen – one boy and one girl.

According to Chiyomi Maekawa, the duty manager of the nearby USO, the USO staff conducted a Halloween re-enactment of the alleged murders some years ago. The staff played out what happened those nights

in the house, but nothing unusual happened. Not right away at least.

One by one, each participating staff member began to have unfortunate accidents. One person who had entered that house on Halloween night suffered an electrical shock. Another had a car accident. One even suffered a broken neck.

They woke up the spirits, who then became angry, Maekawa said.

Until the USO stopped using the house for storage, the staff members would not go in after dark, refusing to enter the house except during daylight and in groups. Even with these precautions they still felt a strange aura within, she said.

Since no one would dare live in the house, the Base Officials planned to tear building 2283 to the ground. Strange things started happening again as contractors began the demolition process. Every time they entered the house, a worker would get hurt or go crazy, suffering strange hallucinations, Maekawa said. Soon, the contractors refused to enter the house.

The house was never torn down. It stands to this day, bearing within its morbid walls whatever demonic entities reside there.

But building 2283 is not the only haunted place on Okinawa where many spirits are said to be. This sub-tropical island has a very dark and tormented past.

During the battle for Okinawa, the Japanese military convinced Okinawans they would suffer a horrible fate if captured by American Marines. Many Okinawans, to avoid capture, leapt to their deaths over the rocky cliffs around the island.

Bolo Point, also known as Cape Zampa is one such spot where many jumped to their final fate. It is said many have seen faces of the dead in the unforgiving water there. The lost souls seem to beckon the living to follow them off the jagged cliffs and into the violent, crushing waves. Some have even seen an older woman's ghost luring unsuspecting onlookers to the point's steep precipice before vanishing into thin air, as if plummeting to her watery grave.

So wherever you go this Halloween night, whatever festivities you may attend, be on the lookout for Okinawa's ghostly spirits of the night, for they are surely not limited to the stories told here. Whether it be the agonized spirits of House 2283 or the battered, drowned souls of Bolo Point, it would be wise to leave these island residents be, that they may carry out their eternal suffering alone.

For now.







# Salty captain, silent king duel, contest ends in draw

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Pop culture and fictitious time lines clashed Saturday at the Camp Courtney Bowling Center when, unbeknownst to the lanes' patrons, two legends stepped through the doors.

Burger King, the king of all burgers and mascot of a multinational fast food corporation, and Capt. Jack Sparrow, salty scourge of the high seas and former captain of the Black Pearl, both entered the bowling alley by chance.

It was not immediately clear how the men had arrived on Okinawa or what they were searching for, as King declined to comment and Sparrow muttered only a few hinting words.

"Nobody guards the beach, mate," Sparrow said. "I'll let them look into that. Savvy?"

Perhaps the King smiled at Jack for too long, but both he and the captain, equally salty in their own rights from high sodium levels and sea water respectively, would not back down from a chance to best the other.

On another day, the chosen medium for competition could have ranged from a pistol duel to a sea turtle race, but the men took notice of the Marine Corps Community Services Halloween Costume 9-pin No-Tap Tournament and chose to enter, keeping the contest civil.

Although others participated in the specialized bowling tournament, where players need to only knock down nine pins for a strike, everyone knew the odds at stake, with many gathering just to watch the epic battle between scurvy sea-dog and His Creepy Highness.



**Burger King (left), the king of all burgers, and Capt. Jack Sparrow, former captain of the Black Pearl, discuss mustache grooming tips Saturday during a break at the Marine Corps Community Services Halloween Costume 9-pin No-Tap Tournament on Camp Courtney.** Photo by Lance Cpl. Kentavist P. Brackin

Sparrow was the projected winner due to his prior handling of cannonballs under extreme mental and physical stress, but his sea legs did not supply him enough stability to defeat King, who attributed his lead over Sparrow to a 'healthy' diet.

King re-embraced his silent demeanor when he lost his lead to local resident Eiko Kotari, who went on to win first place.

Although King continued gloating over Sparrow, the captain would not leave the lanes empty-handed; he happened to win another contest by complete coincidence.

"I was worried that no one would show up in costume," said Jennifer Goede, the Courtney

Bowling Center manager in charge of the tournament. "Then these guys came in."

According to Goede, Sparrow won the Halloween tournament's best costume prize regardless of the fact he was only wearing his normal swashbuckling attire.

King offered only gestures in response to Sparrow's rags defeating his own royal robes.

Even though their celebrity status had not worn off, as evidenced by several people requesting pictures and hugs, the two decided to cut their losses and leave with a newfound respect for the other. In the end, one could say they both won – by taking what they could and giving nothing back.

# Bats hang around Okinawa on Halloween, all year long

Lance Cpl. Antwain J. Graham  
OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

Tonight on Halloween, as anxious trick or treaters venture onto the island's dark streets, they should keep an eye out for the winged watchers of the night – the massive, furry fruit bats of Okinawa.

Among ghosts, witches and ghouls, what would Halloween be without bats hanging around?

In many western traditions, bats are familiar characters on Halloween. For centuries, they have been associated with vampires, such as the one featured in Bram Stoker's classic novel "Dracula."

In such tales, bats are hideous figures that occupy the walls of caves or the attics of haunted houses. They loom in the shadows, awaiting the chance to swoop down

and give their prey a bite.

This image is what some people have come to believe is the truth about bats. However, according to Kazumitsu Kinjo, a professor at Okinawa International University who studies bats on Okinawa, the image is far from justified.

Despite their man-made reputation, in reality, there are few documented incidents of bats attacking or biting people anywhere in the world and no record of attacks on Okinawa, Kinjo said. Unlike the vampire bat, who feeds on insects and small animals, the Ryuku Flying

Fox, scientifically known as *Pteropus dasymallus*, likes to feed on fruit and other parts of plant materials, such as flowers and leaves. They especially favor papaya and figs. The Flying Fox lacks any taste for blood, Kinjo said.

When they roam the Okinawa skies at night and the early morning and twilight hours, bats are occasionally mistaken for large birds. In Okinawa, bats can reach the size of an eagle, Kinjo said. Though they weigh only about one pound and measure approximately 10 inches, Okinawa bats have an average wing span of more than three feet, Kinjo said.

They sometimes fly low which startles people and makes them think they are being attacked, but most of the furry critters are virtually harmless and refrain from close interac-

tion with other animals or people, Kinjo said.

Some people believe that all bats are blind, another common misconception according to Kinjo. Though many bats utilize echolocation, using sound and sonar to see in the dark, many bats, like the Flying Fox, simply use their big beady eyes to maneuver through the night.

When not in flight, these winged mammals can be found suspended from tree branches, sleeping, foraging for food or watching passers by in the night.

So this Halloween, don't be afraid if you feel a presence lurking above your head or hear a high-pitched screech in the night. Simply look to the stars and you may be lucky enough to spot a winged watcher of the night staring back at you.



**For centuries, bats have been associated with vampires, which makes them commonly referenced on Halloween. Despite this view, there are few documented incidents of bats attacking humans.** Photo by Master Sgt. Mark E. Bradley



# Philippine airmen, US Marines conduct jump ops

**Lance Cpl. Joseph A. Cabrera**  
OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

**A**board a KC-130, airmen from the Philippine Air Force's 710th Special Operations Wing, also known as the Sky Warriors, and U.S. Marines with the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit's Deep Reconnaissance Platoon, conducted parachute operations Oct. 18, during this year's bilateral training exercises Talon Vision and Amphibious Landing Exercise.

For both sides, the main goal of the training was to improve proficiency and efficiency in conducting parachute operations, a skill which expands on the capabilities of both units. Additionally, the training gave both PAF and U.S. service members the opportunity to share techniques, share experiences and foster relationships.

"Any kind of real-world operation we would do with the Philippine armed forces, would be bilateral, so it's good to make friends," said DRP platoon sergeant U.S. Marine Staff Sgt. David Cole.

Parachute operations provide units with additional methods of insertion into an area, enhancing combat readiness.

"It is a tactical means of insertion, it increases our capabilities and it makes us more versatile," Cole said. "It pretty much allows us to get in anywhere."

For the Sky Warriors, the jump also satisfied quarterly proficiency training requirements



**U.S. Marines with the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit's Deep Reconnaissance Platoon grasp their static lines as they wait to jump during parachute operations over the Republic of the Philippines, Oct. 18, during this year's bilateral training exercises Talon Vision and Amphibious Landing Exercise.** Photo by Lance Cpl. Joseph A. Cabrera

in maintaining efficiency in parachute operations, said Capt. Erwin Hernaez, director of operations, Group 720, Special Operations Group, PAF.

Aside from the Sky Warriors receiving extra practice, they also received the opportunity to see equipment used by the DRP and learn more about their new parachute system.

"This training gave us insight on possibly procuring some equipment like the Marines' new chute system," Hernaez said.

According to Hernaez, the Armed Forces of the Philippines use an older, 'round' parachute system, whereas U.S. forces use a newer rectangular-shaped multi-mission parachute system.

The newer system is more maneuverable than the round one, providing mission critical capabilities which the round chute system does not have, said Sgt. Caleb Nehls, an assistant team leader with the DRP.

Aside from receiving crucial training and experience, both

sides gained a better understanding of how their counterparts operate and they enjoyed the opportunity to train together.

"It's awesome to be able to integrate with people from different countries and learn how they do things," Nehls said.

Talon Vision and Amphibious Landing Exercise are designed to improve cooperation, increase readiness and continue professional relationships between the U.S. and Philippine armed forces.

## Sergeant leads junior Marines in command, control work



**Sgt. Joseph Stone, an aviation operations specialist attached to Marine Aircraft Group 36, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, (left) works with Lance Cpl. Kevin Babauta, an aviation operations specialist with MAG-36, Oct. 20 during this year's Talon Vision.** Photo by Lance Cpl. Joseph A. Cabrera

**Lance Cpl. Joseph A. Cabrera**  
OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

**S**et up near the airfield on Clark Air Base, Republic of the Philippines, is an ordinary looking military tent belonging to Marine Aircraft Group 36. But inside, it's anything but ordinary. The tent contains not only the latest in command operations center technology, but an exemplary sergeant to help run it during this year's Talon Vision exercise.

Sgt. Joseph Stone, an aviation operations specialist attached to MAG-36 is the point man for leading junior Marines whose jobs are receiving, processing and disseminating the large volume of information going through the COC on a daily basis, said Master Sgt. Michael Fray, the operations chief of MAG-36.

The COC serves as the command and control center for this year's Talon Vision exercise in the Republic of the Philippines. It is the central hub between units participating in the exercise. It receives and processes data on just about any type of operation taking place from medical and dental civil action projects and flight information to weather conditions. It's

Stone's job to make sure these processes keep functioning.

Stone uses computer databases to maintain updated information for all of the squadrons and units in the group to see, and he uses a messaging system similar to online instant messengers that allows the squadrons to communicate crucial messages live with immediate feedback.

Stone, who joined the Marine Corps in 1998 at 19 years old, says he enjoys his job so much he can't imagine ever moving to another field.

In the past decade, he's witnessed such an advancement in technology that now Marines are able to get information processed and disseminated in half the time it took before, Stone said. He is also looking forward to seeing what types of advances will be made in the next 10 years.

Talon Vision and Amphibious Landing Exercise are annual bilateral training exercises conducted between the Armed Forces of the Philippines and the U.S. military, which enhance military cooperation and improve communities through military exercises and humanitarian assistance and civil action projects.



# BETTER THAN YOUR AVERAGE BUS

## Green Line bus system hits seven year mark, keeps going strong

**Lance Cpl. Kentavist P. Brackin**  
OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

A decade ago, travel for Marines and sailors on Okinawa was a difficult task because of the confusion created by an old two-shuttle bus system.

The system had 12 buses and 27 drivers and transported about 1,400 Marines and sailors a day with unreliable availability and up to three hours of travel time between camps.

According to articles from Garrison Mobile Equipment, Marine Corps Base Camp Butler, Marines around the island often waited for the bus more than two hours. It was also regularly redirected to provide transportation for 'higher priority' events. The buses were also prone to frequent break downs.

These problems, highlighted in quality of life surveys indicating decreasing moral among service members, led to Maj. Gen. Timothy R. Larsen, former commanding gen-

eral of MCB, to push for what is today's Green Line bus system.

"The (commanding general) wanted a world class bus system to solve the issue," said Thomas L. Ramer, the GME operations officer. "It was through a lot of hard work by Larsen and Headquarters Marine Corps that we got sponsorship and funding."

Since 2001, the bus system has become one of the main sources of transportation for traveling between camps on Okinawa.

The Green Line was developed to provide transportation for III Marine Expeditionary Force and Marine Corps Bases Japan personnel for any mission related activities. It was also set up by GME to provide travel between Marine Corps camps and stations on Okinawa to all Status of Forces Agreement Personnel.

GME performs maintenance and inspections to ensure the Green Line runs properly, said Ramer. GME works to make certain the line never keeps customers waiting more than an hour and travel time between camps is less than an hour. The Green Line runs 18 hours a day, seven days a week.

Pfc. Wayne A. Trouten,



**Service members prepare to board the Green Line bus Saturday at the Camp Foster Post Exchange bus stop. The bus system, which recently reached its seventh anniversary of operations, provides free travel aboard Marine Corps camps.** Photo by Lance Cpl. Kentavist P. Brackin

a legal clerk with Combat Assault Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, and resident of Camp Schwab, said he enjoys the free transportation the Green Line provides and says it is reliable. "I probably would have to stop coming to Foster if there wasn't a Green line," he said.

Customers' trust adaptability to transportation situations and GME's effort to provide rider safety are all contributing factors for the Green Line's, according to Ramer.

"It's been a combination of things: the support we

get from our partners, the support of the (commanding general), and the dedication of purpose by our employees," Ramer said.

The Green Line sports an impressive safety record for the past seven years, during which it has traveled more than 8 million miles and carried 6.5 million personnel without a major accident or incident.

Since its inception, the Green Line has grown in size, expanding from 26 drivers to 81, and increasing its fleet from 10 to 46 buses of different varieties capable of adapting to dif-

ferent travel situations.

"We are always looking for ways to improve ourselves," Ramer said. "Three years ago, a lance corporal suggested that we use red and green identifiers to tell when buses were arriving or departing. Now we use them."

Any comments or suggestions about TGL can be sent to GME's web site at <http://www.mcbutler.usmc.mil/greenline/> the site also displays the TGL arrival and departure schedule as well as major bus stops in all the camps on Okinawa.

## Thrift shop lends helping hand to community

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OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

On most days, Markie Bonar, the Marine Corps Thrift Store operations manager, says she can close shop up with a smile.

She smiles at the thought that almost everything donated to the shop goes back to someone who really needs it.

Whether it is a family who needs clothes for an infant or a young Marine who can't afford a new set of dress blues, the thrift shop caters to the financial convenience of all military, Status of Forces Agreement personnel and local nationals who visit.

With the low prices on most of the items here for sale, customers tend to flock to the racks," Bonar said. "We offer so many things that people won't find anywhere else at these prices."

The shop offers an array of choices including toys, electronics, military and civilian clothing, jewelry, and even collectables.

"I needed a set of dress blues and they had them here for about \$20," said Cpl. Gustavo Gonzalez. "It would have cost me way more to buy a brand new set of blues and have them altered. So I'm really glad I came to this place."

Everything the shop provides is donated by military units, family members and locals, and all of their profits go back directly to the military community, Bonar said.

"We gladly accept donations in excellent and working condition, and request they be dropped off during our hours of operation," she said.

The shop also provides the opportunity for anyone to volunteer to help give back to the community. They support programs such as the Single Marine Program, Boy & Girl Scouts, Young Marines, Junior Reserve Officer's Training Course and the Department of Defense Dependents School.

These programs look for opportunities to

let service members, students, or dependents do volunteer work while in Okinawa. The thrift shop gives them the opportunity to work in the store and lend a helping hand to its customers.

"Volunteering here lets you do more for other people and you never really know how much something is worth to someone until they find something here that they needed," said Dejay Lew, a Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps student at Kuba-saki High School who volunteers at the thrift shop. "You see the look on their face and you know you helped make someone's day a little brighter."

The thrift shop is located at building 5691 behind the Foster parade field. The hours of operation are Tuesday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For information on donating or volunteering, contact the shop at 645-6025 or by e-mail at [shopmts@konnnect.net](mailto:shopmts@konnnect.net).



## IN THEATERS OCT 31-NOV 6

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

### FOSTER 645-3465

**TODAY** Pineapple Express (R), 6 p.m.; Quarantine (R), 9 p.m.

**SATURDAY** Beverly Hills Chihuahua (PG), 12 and 3 p.m.; Traitor (PG13), 6 p.m.; Tropic Thunder (R) 9 p.m.

**SUNDAY** Beverly Hills Chihuahua (PG), 1 p.m.; Bangkok Dangerous (R), 4 p.m.; Pride and Glory (R), 7 p.m.

**MONDAY** Beverly Hills Chihuahua (PG), 7 p.m.

**TUESDAY** Tropic Thunder (R) 7 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY** Bangkok Dangerous (R), 7 p.m.

**THURSDAY** Pride and Glory (R), 7 p.m.

### KADENA 634-1869

**TODAY** Traitor (PG13), 6 p.m.; Bangkok Dangerous (R), 9 p.m.

**SATURDAY** Disaster Movie (PG13), 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.; Traitor (PG13), 7 p.m.; Quarantine (R), 10 p.m.

**SUNDAY** Disaster Movie (PG13), Quarantine (R), 4 p.m.; Bangkok Dangerous (R), 7 p.m.

**MONDAY** Quarantine (R), 7 p.m.

**TUESDAY** Disaster Movie (PG13), 7 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY** Body of Lies (R), 7 p.m.

**THURSDAY** Disaster Movie (PG13), 7 p.m.

### FUTENMA 636-3890

**TODAY** Tropic Thunder (R), 6:30 p.m.

**SATURDAY** Pride and Glory (R), 4 and 7 p.m.

**SUNDAY** The Rocker (PG13), 4 p.m.; Tropic Thunder (R), 7 p.m.

**MONDAY** Body of Lies (R), 6:30 p.m.

**TUESDAY** Closed

**WEDNESDAY** Closed

**THURSDAY** Closed

### COURTNEY 622-9616

**TODAY** Pride and Glory (R), 6 and 9:30 p.m.

**SATURDAY** The Longshots (PG), 2 p.m.; The Rocker (PG13), 7 p.m.

**SUNDAY** Body of Lies (R), 7 p.m.

**MONDAY** Mirrors (R), 7 p.m.

**TUESDAY** Closed

**WEDNESDAY** Quarantine (R), 7 p.m.

**THURSDAY** Closed

### HANSEN 623-4564

**TODAY** Bangkok Dangerous (R), 6 and 9 p.m.

**SATURDAY** Body of Lies (R), 6 p.m.; Bangkok Dangerous (R), 9 p.m.

**SUNDAY** Disaster Movie (PG13), 2 and 5:30 p.m.

**MONDAY** Pride and Glory (R), 7 p.m.

**TUESDAY** Pride and Glory (R), 7 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY** Traitor (PG13), 7 p.m.

**THURSDAY** Quarantine (R), 7 p.m.

### KINSER 637-2177

**TODAY** Disaster Movie (PG13), 3 p.m.; Bangkok Dangerous (R), 6:30 p.m.

**SATURDAY** Traitor (PG13), 3 p.m.; Disaster Movie (PG13), 6:30 p.m.

**SUNDAY** Traitor (PG13), 3 p.m.; Bangkok Dangerous (R), 6:30 p.m.

**MONDAY** Closed

**TUESDAY** Closed

**WEDNESDAY** Pride and Glory (R), 3 and 6:30 p.m.

**THURSDAY** Closed

### SCHWAB 625-2333

**FRIDAY** Body of Lies (R), 7 p.m.

**SATURDAY** The Rocker (PG13), 5 p.m.

**SUNDAY** The Longshots (PG), 5 p.m.

**MONDAY-THURSDAY** Closed

### USO MOVIE NIGHTS

The USO hosts movie nights at the locations below.

For schedules and start times, call:

**CAMP SCHWAB** 625-3834

**MCAS FUTENMA** 636-2113

**CAMP HANSEN** 623-5011

**KADENA AIR BASE** 632-8781



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

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

## SINGLE MARINE PROGRAM EVENTS

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- Volunteer at Kinser Elementary School by reading to students and participating in class activities, every Friday from 8:45 to 11 a.m.
- The Marine Thrift Shop on Camp Foster requests two volunteers on a weekly basis from Camps Kinser, Foster, Courtney, Hansen and Schwab and MCAS Futenma.
- To sign up as a volunteer contact your SMP representative or call the SMP office at 645-3681 by Wednesday of each week.

### THURSDAY | NORTHERN CAMPS DISCOVER SCUBA

- Learn basic dive safety, signaling techniques and jump in the water for a gear trial at the Camp Hansen 50-meter pool.

### NOV. 7 | SOUTHERN CAMPS DISCOVER GOLF

- Free class teaches about setting up a tee time, cart and club rental, club types and stroke techniques. Times are from 9 to 11 a.m. To arrange transportation contact the SMP office.

### NOV. 21 | NORTHERN CAMPS DISCOVER GOLF

- Free class teaches about setting up a tee time, cart and club rental, club types and stroke techniques. Times are from 9 to 11 a.m. To arrange transportation contact the SMP office.

## CHAPEL SCHEDULE

### CAMP FOSTER | 645-7486/7487

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

### CAMP KINSER | 637-1148

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

### MCAS FUTENMA | 636-3058

- **Catholic:** Sun., noon
- **Contemporary:** Fri., 7 p.m.; Sun., 9 a.m.
- **Special service for highschool seniors:** Sat. 6 p.m.

### CAMP SCHWAB | 625-2644/2866

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

### KADENA AIR BASE | 634-1288

- **Buddhist:** Sat., 10 a.m., Bldg. 856
- **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., 10:30 a.m., Contemp., 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:** Fri., 7 p.m., Chapel 1; Sat., 6 p.m., Bldg. 856

### CAMP HANSEN | 622-9350

- **Catholic:** Sun., 10 a.m., E. Chapel
- **Latter Day Saints:** Sun., 1 p.m., W. Chapel
- **Protestant:** Sun., 11 a.m., W. Chapel

### CAMP COURTNEY | 622-9350

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

### CAMP MCTUREOUS | 622-7537

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

### CAMP SHIELDS | 632-4192

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

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# Unknowns stand in for Dem Boys, defeat Army

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OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

CAMP SCHWAB — With all odds against them, Team Unknown, a combination of veteran players from Dem Boys as well as some newcomers, pushed through adversity to defeat Army 39-28 Sunday in the final game of the eight-on-eight open “CrackBack” flag football tournament at Camp Schwab.

Unknown battled their way out of the losers’ bracket, playing back-to-back games before making it to the finals. They were pitted against undefeated Army who they beat twice to take home the championship.

“The Army was the one of the most difficult teams we faced because they had so many players to switch out and we only had nine,” said Frank Bryant, the quarterback and co-captain of Unknown.

In game one of the finals, Unknown broke Army’s undefeated streak in an evenly-matched game. This gave Army reason to worry.

The second game began

with Unknown kicking off. Army ran the ball up the field before being stopped at the 25 yard line.

On the next play, Reynaldo Maldonado, the running back for Army, broke left and spun through the defensive to score the first touchdown 6-0.

Maldonado also made the one-point conversion, making the score 7-0, Army.

Later, Ricky Galvin, Unknown’s substitute quarterback and co-captain, ran back 10 yards on first and goal by dodging and sliding his way through defenders to score Unknown’s first touchdown.

Unknown couldn’t get the conversion making the score 7-6 in favor of Army.

Later in the half, Tony Brown, a receiver and cornerback with Unknown, intercepted a pass by Army quarterback Kishawn Smith, and ran it back for a touchdown.

Quentin White, a receiver and linebacker with Unknown, caught the ball on the conversion at the corner of the end zone putting Unknown ahead 13-7.



**Ricky Galvin, a quarterback with Unknown, leaves a trail of dust as he dodges, spins and jumps through the outstretched arms of Army defensive linemen Sunday during the finals of the open “CrackBack” flag football tournament on Camp Schwab.** Photo by Lance Cpl. Kentavist P. Brackin

Unknown kept the lead for the rest of the half, keeping the score margin at five and finishing the half ahead 26-21.

During the second half, a tired yet determined Unknown received the kickoff, and scored in just a few plays. Brown ran the ball in for the conversion increasing unknown’s lead to 33-21.

Army later scored a touchdown and conver-

sion with four minutes left in the game, to make the score 33-28.

Unknown stretched the lead back out when Bryant threw a pass to Jeremy Singleton, a receiver with Unknown, who ran 30 yards for a touchdown. Unknown won the game 39-28.

“It was a hard fought battle,” said Tim Harvey, Army’s coach. “Team Unknown came back from

the loser bracket and made themselves known, they wanted it more than we did, but we’ll be back.”

Unknown was awarded team and individual trophies as well as a Most Valuable Player trophy for the winning team to present to its chosen MVP.

“Our most valuable player is the whole team,” Bryant said. “We all played like champions today and we won.”

## Participants run relay, individual Marine Corps Westpac marathon

**Lance Cpl. Antwain J. Graham**  
OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION FUTENMA — “Yes, yes, yes!” said Ryu Hase as he pumped his fists to the sky in glory. He reached for his 1-year old son, Ichimaru, and lifted him up like a trophy.

Hase came in 1st place at the 2nd Annual Marine Corps Marathon Westpac Relay race here Sunday, which took place simultaneously as runners participated in the Marine Corps Marathon in Washington. 110 participants, consisting of 20 two to five-man teams and 17 individual runners, showed up at the

softball field here Sunday evening ready to take on the grueling physical and mental challenge that lay ahead – a 26.2-mile race around the flight line.

Hase, the only local citizen to participate individually in the event, sprinted down the home-stretch of the flight line, completing the race in 2 hours, 39 minutes and 40 seconds.

“I wanted to do this to train for free-running, but it also gave me a chance to support the Marines in America,” Hase said.

Seth Lewis, the 2nd place individual runner, finished just moments after with a time of 2:50:39.

Marines from the III Marine Expeditionary Force Special Operations Training Group were the first team to finish, crossing the line in 2:44:50.

“I was running our last leg and I could feel my body getting tired,” said Brad Magrath, a team member with SOTG. “It was the last stretch and my teammates joined me on the road and we crossed the finish line together.”

Daniel Dimicco, Mike Grubbs, Andrew Kingsbury, Kevin Cochran and Asiel Arroyo made up the 2nd place team, crossing the finish line in 3:06:10.

The marathon was the first for

many of the younger competitors.

“This wasn’t about winning, but about being a part of a brotherhood,” said Becky Lam, a first-time marathon runner. “It’s cool to know that you’re running with your fellow Marines on the other side of the world.”

Though trophies were awarded to the winners, the final times were not the focus behind the marathon.

“We really are just doing this event to boost morale and bring Marines together from around the island to participate in something that Marines in the (United States) are doing as well,” said event coordinator, Cpl. Kerri Frost.



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