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## Lives saved during Operation Damayan

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MARINE CORPS AIR STATION FUTENMA — At the request of the Government of the Philippines, Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel has directed U.S. Pacific Command to support U.S. Government humanitarian assistance and disaster relief operations in the Republic of the Philippines in response to the devastation from Typhoon Haiyan.

From Nov. 10-13 approximately 250 U.S. personnel, eight Marine Corps MV-22B Ospreys and multiple KC-130J Hercules arrived in the Philippines. In those three days, personnel delivered more than 129,000 pounds of relief supplies – food, water and other emergency supplies – provided by the Philippine government and the U.S. Agency for International Development. *see DAMAYAN pg 5*



**U.S. Marines carry an injured Filipino woman on a stretcher for medical attention, assisted by a Philippine Air Force airman at Vilamore Air Base, Manila, Republic of the Philippines Nov. 11. Super Typhoon Haiyan has impacted more than 4.2 million people across 36 provinces in the Philippines, according to the Philippine government's national disaster risk reduction and management council. Photo by Lance Cpl. Caleb Hoover**



**An MV-22B Osprey lands aboard the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force ship Ise Nov. 12 after taking off from Marine Corps Air Station Futenma in Okinawa only an hour prior. The Osprey is with Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 265 (Reinforced), 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit. Photo by Lance Cpl. Matt Myers**

## Osprey lands on JMSDF ship for first time in Asia-Pacific

**Lance Cpl. Matt Myers**  
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JAPAN MARITIME SELF-DEFENSE FORCE SHIP ISE, at Sea — An MV-22B Osprey landed on a Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force ship Nov. 12 for the first time in the Asia-Pacific region.

Marines with III Marine Expeditionary Force conducted the MV-22 Osprey landing with the Japan Self-Defense Force aboard the Ise, a JMSDF ship, to improve interoperability, enhance bilateral training and illustrate *see OSPREY pg 5*

## MCIPAC, III MEF celebrates birthday with uniform pageant

**Lance Cpl. Donald T. Peterson**  
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CAMP FOSTER — Marine Corps Installations Pacific and III Marine Expeditionary Force hosted a birthday pageant and ceremony Nov. 8 at the parade field on Camp Foster to celebrate the Marine Corps' 238th birthday.

The event featured a uniform display, cake-cutting ceremony, music from the III MEF Band and remarks from the guest of honor, Lt. Gen. John Wissler, the III MEF commanding general.

Students of Kubasaki High School's Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps and service members with III MEF and MCIPAC displayed uniforms *see PAGEANT pg 5*

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# Presidential Proclamation

## National Native American Heritage Month

Barack H. Obama

From Alaskan mountain peaks to the Argentinian pampas to the rocky shores of Newfoundland, Native Americans were the first to carve out cities, domesticate crops and establish great civilizations. When the Framers gathered to write the U.S. Constitution, they drew inspiration from the Iroquois Confederacy, and in the centuries since, American Indians and Alaska Natives from hundreds of tribes have shaped our national life. During Native American Heritage Month, we honor their vibrant cultures and strengthen the government-to-government relationship between the U.S. and each tribal nation.

As we observe this month, we must not ignore the painful history Native Americans have endured — a history of violence, marginalization, broken promises and upended justice. There was a time when native languages and religions were banned as part of a forced assimilation policy that attacked the political, social and cultural identities of Native Americans in the U.S. Through generations of struggle, American Indians and Alaska Natives held fast to their traditions, and eventually the U.S. government repudiated its destructive policies and began to turn the page on a troubled past.

My administration remains committed to self-determination; the right of tribal governments to build and strengthen their own communities. Each year I host the White House Tribal Nations Conference, and our work

together has translated into action. We have resolved longstanding legal disputes, prioritized placing land into trust on behalf of tribes, stepped up support for tribal colleges and universities, made tribal health care more accessible, and streamlined leasing regulations to put more power in tribal hands. Earlier this year, an amendment to the Stafford Act gave tribes the option to directly request federal emergency assistance when natural disasters strike their homelands. In March, I signed the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act, which recognizes tribal courts' power to convict and sentence certain perpetrators of domestic violence, regardless of

whether they are Indian or non-Indian. And this June, I moved to strengthen our nation-to-nation relationships by establishing the White House Tribal Council on Native American Affairs. The council is responsible for promoting and sustaining prosperous and resilient Native American communities.

As we observe Native American Heritage Month, we must build on this work. Let us shape a future worthy of a bright new generation, and together, let us ensure this country's promise is fully realized for every Native American.

Now, therefore, I, President Barack Obama, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the U.S., do hereby proclaim November 2013 as National Native American Heritage Month. I call upon all Americans to commemorate this month with appropriate programs and activities, and to celebrate November 29, 2013, as Native American Heritage Day.

*Obama is the president of the United States of America.*

**“We honor their vibrant cultures and strengthen the government-to-government relationship between the U.S. and each tribal nation.”**

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CORPS



Marines and sailors attending the basic reconnaissance course practice helocasting skills out of a CH-46 Sea Knight helicopter Nov. 6 at Naval Amphibious Base Coronado. The Marines and sailors are with Reconnaissance Training Company, Advanced Infantry Training Battalion, School of Infantry - West. Photo by Lance Cpl. Orrin Farmer

Legionnaires from the 2nd Foreign Infantry Regiment board an MV-22B Osprey tiltrotor aircraft Oct. 30 at Camp des Garrigues, France. The event was part of a weeklong bilateral training exercise between French Legionnaires and U.S. Marines. The legionnaires are with the 6th Light Armored Brigade, and the Marines and Osprey are with the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit. Photo by Cpl. Michael Petersheim



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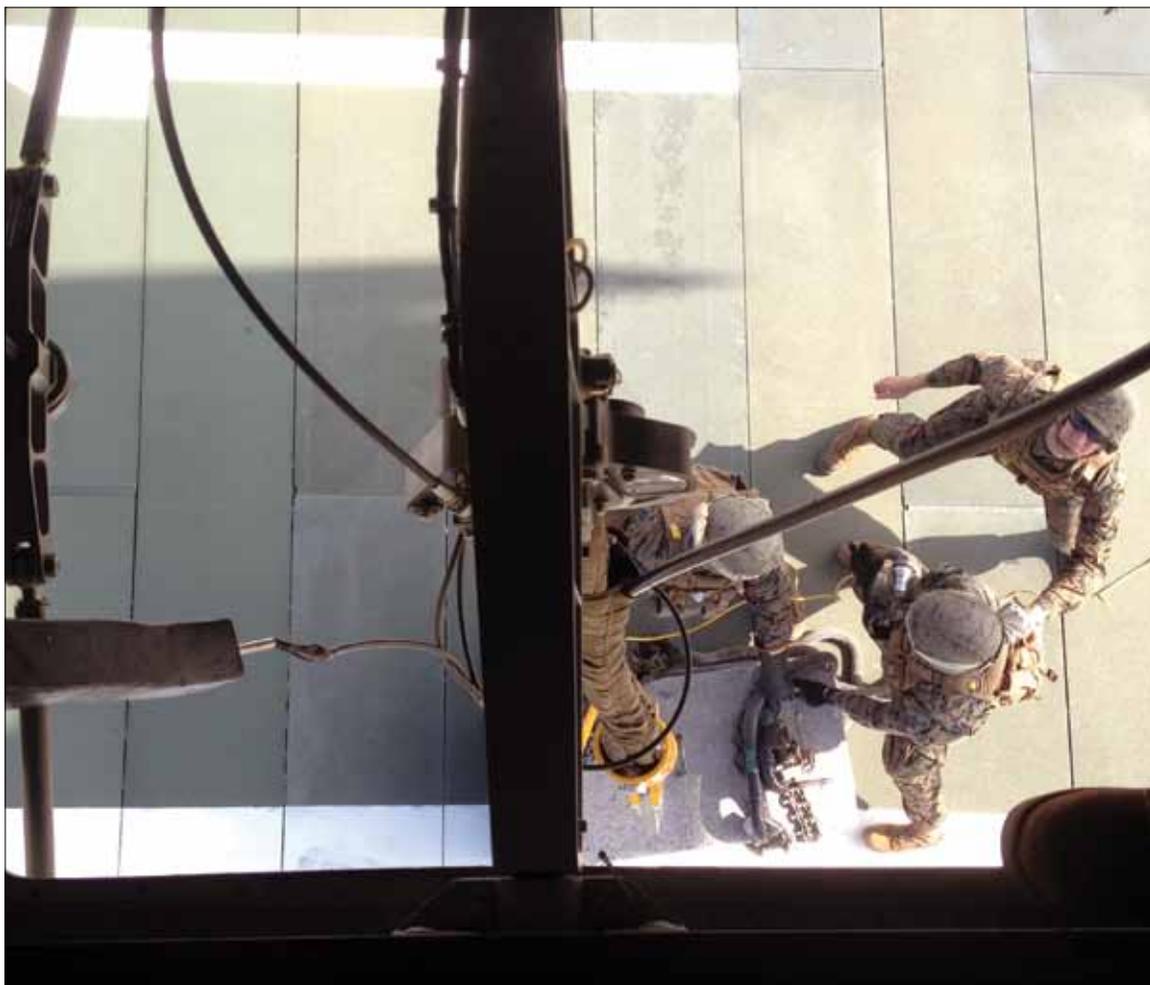
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Marines attach a training block to an MV-22B Osprey tiltrotor aircraft during external load operation training Nov. 5 on Ie Shima. The training provided Marines an opportunity to prepare for real-world contingencies involving external load operations. A loading team is comprised of outside coordinators who guide the aircraft into a hover position over the cargo. Once the aircraft is in position, inside coordinators use hand-and-arm signals to communicate with the outside coordinators who can then signal the pilots to adjust the aircraft's elevation so that a hook is able to secure the cargo. It is critical for Marines to become proficient in external load training, according to Cpl. Kyle H. Haupt, a landing support specialist with Combat Logistics Battalion 31, 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, III Marine Expeditionary Force. The Osprey is with Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 265 (Reinforced), 31st MEU, III MEF, and the Marines are with CLB-31, 31st MEU, III MEF. Photo by Lance Cpl. Anne K. Henry

## Marines conduct external load operations training with Osprey

Lance Cpl. Anne K. Henry

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IE SHIMA, Japan — Marines with Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 265 trained for external load operations Nov. 5 on Ie Shima.

The training prepared the Marines for real-life scenarios involving operations that could occur throughout the Asia-Pacific region.

"Today, we conducted training (in conjunction) with the helicopter support team," said Capt. Bryan G. Hole, a pilot with VMM-265 (Reinforced), 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, III Marine Expeditionary Force. "We will be practicing in standard patterns, which is how we would typically come in, pick up any load, and drop it (off) again."

The training involved the Marines attaching a 3,500-pound cement training block to the hook of the aircraft. The Marines repeated the process numerous times with the Osprey flying in circular patterns overhead, giving the Marines in the HST time to regroup, maximizing the effectiveness and participation of the training.

"The Marines in the (HST) will be guiding us in when we are picking up the loads as well as staying in contact with us," said Hole. "As we come in, we will be hovering over the ground. Once we are low enough,

we will ground the (equipment to dissipate) static electricity. They will then attach the hook to the block."

It is critical for Marines to become proficient in external load training, according to Cpl. Kyle H. Haupt, a landing support specialist with Combat Logistics Battalion 31, 31st MEU, III MEF.

"This training gives the Marines more (proficiency) in their military operational specialty," said Haupt. "It's important because it prepares us for a real-life scenario should we ever need to get equipment to Marines on the ground."

External load operations are used whenever any particular load of supplies cannot be carried inside the aircraft, according to Hole.

"It is typically advantageous for us to fit all (of) our cargo inside the aircraft," said Hole. "If for some reason we can't, we have to use our cargo hooks in order to externally carry supplies."

The training gave the Marines renewed confidence and experience in their respective professions.

"From this training, I feel more confident in my own abilities as well as those of my Marines," said Haupt. "Practice always makes perfect, therefore, the more practice we have, the more confident we (become), and the safer we are."

## BRIEFS

### FORCE PROTECTION EXERCISE

The U.S. Naval Hospital Okinawa will execute a force protection exercise Nov. 20.

The hospital will continue normal operations during the exercise.

For more information, contact Brian Davis at 646-7024.

### MARINE POST OFFICE HOURS

In observance of the annual Postal Thanksgiving dinner, the following hours will be in effect for all Marine Corps post offices on Okinawa:

- Nov. 14: Normal working hours
  - Nov. 15: Finance windows, 8 a.m. - noon; parcel pick-up, 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
  - Nov. 16: Normal working hours
- For more information, contact 637-5011.

### MANPOWER MANAGEMENT DIVISION VISITS OKINAWA

Personnel from Headquarters Marine Corps, Manpower Management Division will be visiting Marine Corps Installations across Okinawa to conduct briefings Nov. 18 - 22.

Briefings are scheduled to be conducted as listed below:

- Camp Foster Theater: Nov. 18 at 9 a.m.
- Camp Kinser Theater: Nov. 19 at 9 a.m.
- Camp Courtney Theater: Nov. 20 at 9 a.m.
- Camp Hansen Theater: Nov. 22 at 9 a.m.

Marines can contact their career planner for more information.

### BEATING THE BLUES SCHEDULE

Marine Corps Community Services, Marine and Family Programs Branch, will coordinate and present Beating the Blues 2013.

Attendance is mandatory for all active duty service members assigned to III Marine Expeditionary Force/Marine Corps Installations Pacific Okinawa units.

Following are the scheduled presentations:

- Camp Kinser Theater: Nov. 14-15 from 8-9:30 a.m. and 1:30-3 p.m.
- Camp Schwab Theater: Nov. 18 from 8-9:30 a.m., 10-11:30 a.m. and 1:30-3 p.m.; Nov. 19 from 8-9:30 a.m., 10-11:30 a.m.
- Camp Foster Theater: Nov. 20 8-9:30 a.m., 10-11:30 a.m. and 1:30-3 p.m.; Nov. 21 at 8-9:30 a.m.
- Camp Courtney Theater: Nov. 22 from 8-9:30 a.m., 10-11:30 a.m. and 1:30-3 p.m.
- Camp Hansen Theater: Dec. 2-5 from 8-9:30 a.m., 10-11:30 a.m. and 1:30-3 p.m.

**TO SUBMIT A BRIEF,** send an email to [okinawamarine.mccb.fct@usmc.mil](mailto:okinawamarine.mccb.fct@usmc.mil). The deadline for submitting a brief is noon Wednesday. Okinawa Marine reserves the right to edit all submitted material.

# Marines aim to perfect close-quarters tactics

**Lance Cpl. Stephen D. Himes**

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CAMP HANSEN — Special Operations Training Group instructors are scheduled to train 30 force reconnaissance Marines in close quarters tactics throughout November at Range 160 on Camp Hansen.

The Marines will spend the first two weeks of training focused on advanced marksmanship with the M4A1 close-quarters battle rifle and the M45A1 close-quarters battle pistol.

The course is both mentally and physically exhausting, according to Staff Sgt. Benjamin D. Jacobson, a reconnaissance Marine with Force Reconnaissance Company, III Marine Expeditionary Force. Each day is spent working on improving every aspect of shooting to get as close to perfection as possible.

“The students are constantly under observation,” said Staff

Sgt. Tim R. Manson, an SOTG instructor with III MEF Headquarters Group, III MEF. “We watch everything they do; the good and the bad. This causes quite a bit of mental stress because they know every movement is observed.”

Prior to the CQT course, the students attended a three-week method-of-entry course. The breaching methods included manual, ballistic, thermal and explosive entry techniques.

Understanding proper breaching techniques is important because once the Marines complete the marksmanship portion of the CQT training, they execute multiple live-fire, platoon-sized breaching and room-clearing events, according to Gunnery Sgt. Jeff Foret, the lead instructor for SOTG.

The students who complete the breach-and-entry portion of the course advance to the final week of situational tactical exercises.

The final week includes three

full-profile mission scenarios to occur at locations unfamiliar to the students.

A full-profile mission scenario consists of an in-depth briefing, defining the team’s objective. From that point the team develops a plan, prepares its gear, executes the mission and debriefs the instructors on the result.

The instructors record each students’ actions and performances to see which students need to improve, as well as identify the students who are excelling in the training.

Identifying students who struggle with, or cannot control, their stress levels, according to Manson. It allows the instructors to pull students from the course before they become a danger to others when performing live-fire movements closer to the culmination of training.

“The students are acquiring a high-level of accurate marksmanship,” said Foret. “This level of marksmanship is required when breaching and clearing small spaces to minimize casualties.”

The instructors will also randomly choose students to re-qualify at the range. This allows the instructors to ensure the students are maintaining the high-level of marksmanship and adherence to fundamentals expected of them, while also ensuring the safety of the other students.

The course takes a great deal of effort, according to Jacobson, who added it is the hardest advanced course he has attended.

The culminating week puts the students in scenarios closely resembling real-world operations they may have to execute, according to Foret.

The students who graduate from the course will be assigned to an assault unit with the Maritime Raid Force of the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit.

# 1st MAW focuses efforts on vehicle safety

**Lance Cpl. David N. Hersey**

OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

CAMP FOSTER — Brig. Gen. Steven R. Rudder visited Marines with Motor Transport Company, Nov. 6 on Camp Foster to observe safety procedures followed by the Marines on a daily basis.

The company is assigned to Marine Wing Support Squadron 172, Marine Aircraft Group 36, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III Marine Expeditionary Force.

“There have been a few incidents involving our vehicles,” said Sgt. Maj. Trevor V. Jackson, the 1st MAW sergeant major. “The commanding general and I wanted to see what it is the Marines have to deal with and why they are happening.”

Rudder, the 1st MAW commanding general, executed a round trip vehicle movement from the MWSS-172 Headquarters Building on Camp Foster to Camp Kinser and back in a Logistics Vehicle System Replacement. During the movement, Rudder was an assistant driver, helping to navigate and acting as a ground guide at the entrance gates of Camps Kinser and Foster.

For the Marines in the company, it was a chance to show their commanding general how they conduct standard safety measures when operating motor vehicles, according to Lance Cpl. Karl H. Miranda-Chavez, a motor vehicle operator with the company. They appreciated the opportunity to showcase their professionalism and work side by side with the senior leaders in their chain of command.

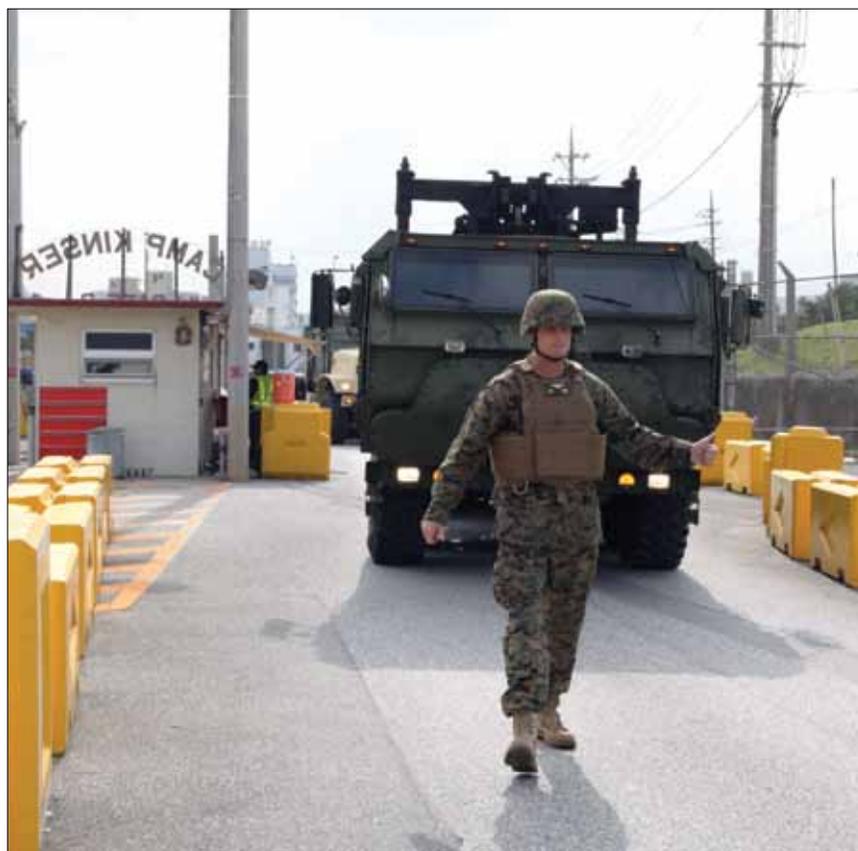
“Coming here and taking the time to learn about (his) Marines (demonstrates) he actually cares about the Marines (in his command),” said Miranda-Chavez. “It also gave us a chance to show him what we do and how our (job) is important in the Marine Corps.”

The company executes an average of 6–7 vehicle movements between bases daily, according to 1st Lt. David S. Greenberg, the commanding officer of the company. Over the course of a month, the company travels an average of 7,500 miles; safely transporting approximately 2,000 passengers, and carefully hauling more than 500 tons of cargo.

“Large tactical vehicles such as the LSVR have limited vision range, and the roads on Okinawa are narrow,” said Greenberg. “They can be hard to maneuver and it gets even harder when it rains. Today, we had the chance to show the brigadier general what we do, and he got to see (the challenges) we have to deal with here on island.”

Upon returning to Camp Foster, Rudder and Jackson had gained a better understanding of the safe-driving challenges faced by the company during their vehicle movements, and both enjoyed the time spent with their Marines, according to Jackson.

“We take every opportunity to go and stand (with) the Marines when we can,” said Jackson. “We have a genuine care for what they do, and we appreciate the services they provide to the Marine Corps. We appreciated their cooperation and had a great time being with the Marines.”



**Brig. Gen. Steven R. Rudder guides a Logistics Vehicle System Replacement through a gate at Camp Kinser Nov. 6 during a visit with Motor Transport Company. During the visit, Rudder performed the duties of an assistant driver in the LSVR from Camp Foster to Camp Kinser, to include monitoring blind spots and navigating; gaining a better understanding of the safety procedures associated with the vehicle. Rudder is the commanding general of 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III Marine Expeditionary Force, and Motor Transport Co. is with Marine Wing Support Squadron 172, Marine Aircraft Group 36, 1st MAW, III MEF. Photo by Lance Cpl. David N. Hersey**

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Development, and transported more than 140 passengers in the storm-ravaged area.

The aircraft also evacuated more than 160 refugees from the Tacloban area.

A forward command element and humanitarian assistance survey team, led by Brig. Gen. Paul Kennedy, the deputy commander of III MEF and the commanding general of 3rd MEB, deployed to the Philippines out of Okinawa.

“There’s a lot we can do,” said Kennedy. “We’re working hand in hand with the Philippines, both with their armed forces and the national police, and we will help them in their time of need.”

The initial focus of U.S. relief efforts includes surface maritime

search and rescue, airborne maritime SAR, medium-heavy helicopter lift support, fixed-wing lift support and logistics enablers.

Super Typhoon Haiyan has impacted more than 4.2 million people across 36 provinces in the Philippines, according to the Philippine government’s national disaster risk reduction and management council. Philippine officials will have a better idea of the damage and death toll in the coming days as transportation and communications systems are repaired.

Since 1990, the U.S. Government has responded to more than 40 disasters in the Republic of the Philippines at the request of its government, ranging from volcanic eruptions and drought, to population displacement.



**Members of the U.S. military and Armed Forces of the Philippines carry an injured Filipino onto a KC-130J Super Hercules at Tacloban Air Base, Republic of the Philippines Nov. 11. Four Ospreys, assigned to Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 262 and three KC-130J Hercules assigned to Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 152, both part of 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III MEF, arrived in the Philippines to support the Armed Forces of the Philippines in conducting humanitarian assistance and disaster relief during Operation Damayan. Photo by Lance Cpl. Stephen D. Himes**



**Lt. Gen. John Wissler, left, and Gen. Shigeru Iwasaki, watch an MV-22B Osprey maneuver for a landing Nov. 12 aboard the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force ship Ise. Wissler is the III Marine Expeditionary Force commanding general, and Iwasaki is the chief of joint staff of the Japan Self-Defense Forces. The Osprey is with Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 265 (Reinforced), currently assigned to the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, III Marine Expeditionary Force. Photo by Lance Cpl. Matt Myers**

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the capability of the Osprey to speedily transport cargo and passengers to and from ships from both nations.

The Commanding General of III MEF, Lt. Gen. John Wissler, the Chief of Joint Staff of the JSDF, Gen. Shigeru Iwasaki, and the Commanding General of Western Army, JGSDF, Lt. Gen. Koichiro Bansho, were among those who visited the Ise.

“This is the first time for an Osprey to land on a JMSDF ship in this region,” said Robert D. Eldridge, the deputy assistant chief of staff, G-7, government and external affairs for Marine Corps Installations Pacific. “The fact that the joint chief of staff and commanding generals personally came down here to see this, that they visited Futenma and that they flew in an Osprey are significant for our Japan-U.S. relationship and for security in this region.”

The group toured the planning area where the JMSDF is capable of handling humanitarian assistance and disaster relief operations and coordinating with civil defense first responders and nongovernmental organizations.

“This is another opportunity for us to reinforce the Japan-U.S. relationship,” said Wissler. “With the development of capabilities by the JMSDF we have another amphibious partner in the Western Pacific who can help us ... and better assist in any humanitarian aid and relief operations.”

This is the second time an Osprey has landed on a JMSDF ship, with the first being at Exercise Dawn Blitz on the west coast in the U.S. earlier this year. This landing is a continuation of the Japan-U.S. military cooperation.

“This landing expands the breadth of capability that exists between the JSDF and the United States military,” said Wissler. “This strengthens the alliance and adds strength and interoperability to the Japan-U.S. alliance.”

The aircraft involved in the landing are with Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 265 (Reinforced) currently assigned to the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, III MEF.

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from different eras of Marine Corps history as the narrator highlighted the Marine Corps’ actions during those times.

Every major period of Marine Corps history, was showcased during the pageant, from the Revolutionary War era through present-day Marines, according to Capt. John W. McJunkin V, an event attendee and a contracting officer with Headquarters and Service Battalion, Marine Corps Base Camp Smedley D. Butler, MCIPAC.

“This pageant exemplified 238 years of history,” said McJunkin. “On Nov. 10, 1775, a corps of Marines was created by a resolution of the Continental Congress. Since that date, many thousands of men and women have borne the name Marine. In memory of them, it’s fitting that we should commemorate the birthday of our Corps by calling to mind the glory of its long and illustrious history.”

After the uniform display, Wissler read a letter detailing the birthday celebrated by Marines fighting on the front lines of the Battle of Fallujah Nov. 10, 2004, during Operation Iraqi Freedom, and a poem to help illustrate the importance of the Marine Corps birthday not as just a ceremony but as a celebration between fellow Marines.

“We live by our motto of ‘Semper Fidelis,’ which means ‘always faithful,’ and we continue to strive to better ourselves,” said Wissler. “This pageant helps showcase our past and all the things we have been through to better ourselves and get to where we are today.” Following the completion of Wissler’s speech, Marines marched a traditional cake onto the parade field to celebrate the birth of the Marine Corps, a custom performed at Marine Corps birthday celebrations worldwide.

“This is the first Marine Corps Birthday cake-cutting ceremony that I’ve been able to participate in,” said Pfc. Anayna K. Ellington, a postal clerk with Headquarters and Service Bn. “It was a great experience and a good way to celebrate the Marine Corps Birthday.” Col. Katherine J. Estes, the Headquarters and Service Bn. commander, cut the cake and presented the first piece to Wissler. Estes then passed a second piece to the oldest Marine present, Master Gunnery Sgt. Michael A. Scott, the MCB Butler provost sergeant. Scott subsequently passed the piece to the youngest Marine present, Ellington.

“To be the youngest Marine present at the event and actually being a part of a traditional Marine Corps experience was fantastic,” said Ellington. “The passing of the cake from the oldest to the youngest shows how much traditions are important and how the Marine Corps is like a family, that’s continuing to grow.”

The event concluded with Wissler commemorating the efforts of participants in the pageant and all Marines.

“I am humbled to wear this uniform and to be a part of this team we call the Marine Corps,” said Wissler. “This pageant has really displayed our history well, and it’s a great honor to be able to see such a fantastic sight from the JROTC cadets. This really displays ‘esprit de corps’ and how we live by our motto ‘Semper Fidelis.’”



Marines disembark a CH-53E Super Stallion helicopter during the jungle leaders course Oct. 29 at the Jungle Warfare Training Center. The course is designed to develop Marines capable of leading small units during jungle operations. The CH-53E and crew are with Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 772, currently assigned to 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III Marine Expeditionary Force, under the unit deployment program. The Marines are assigned to various units with 3rd Marine Division, III MEF.

Photo by Lance Cpl. Anne K. Henry

## Dense jungle provides unique challenge for future leaders

Lance Cpl. Matthew S. Myers  
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Simulated rounds thud into the wooden exterior of a small hut and covering fire explodes through the jungle as camouflaged figures dart through the vegetation.

This was the scene as Marines patrolled Oct. 29 during the jungle leaders course at the Jungle Warfare Training Center on Camp Gonsalves.

The four-week course is designed to develop Marines capable of leading small units during jungle operations, including patrolling, tactical rope suspension, helicopter assaults, survival skills, raids and escape and evasion techniques.

“For the past twelve years, we have been focused on operating in the desert and are now out here in a jungle where the terrain is very different,” said Sgt. Steven McKinney, the chief instructor for the course with JWTC. “It is very important to establish standard-operating procedures for the units.”

The course was comprised of Marines with 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force, along with Marines assigned to 2nd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, and 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, both currently assigned to 4th Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, under the unit deployment program.

The patrol operations included heliborne insertion from a CH-53E Super Stallion helicopter with Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 772, currently assigned to 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III MEF, under the unit deployment program.

“We’re patrolling through the jungle and setting up raids and ambushes,” said Cpl.

Christopher A. Wootton, a student in the course and rifleman with 2nd Bn., 6th Marines. “We will be conducting force-on-force attacks using simulated rounds.”

The Marines dispersed into teams during the training to create more realistic opposition forces. While one unit defended a designated position, the other attacked. The objective for both units was to secure the position and eliminate the opposition.

“When you take contact from the enemy in the jungle they’ll be a lot closer,” said 2nd Lt. Chet W. Shaffer, a student in the course and infantry officer with 2nd Bn., 6th Marines. “You have to learn how to plan; in the jungle anything can happen.”

Throughout the training, the Marines not only battled fatigue but also the terrain, according to Shaffer.

“It’s difficult because you’re looking for the enemy but also the next step, the next tree to grab,” said Shaffer.

At the conclusion of training, the Marines remained enthusiastic, knowing the training helped develop their leadership and close-quarters battle skills.

“The course has been some of the most hands-on training I’ve received,” said Wootton. “I feel I have effectively improved my leadership skills. (It) has been a great experience and has built up my confidence.”





A Marine patrols through rough, unfamiliar terrain as he pursues a mock enemy Oct. 29 at the Jungle Warfare Training Center during the jungle leaders course. In order to differentiate the teams, some Marines wore their blouses inside-out. Throughout the course, the Marines navigated and operated in unfamiliar terrain.

*Photo by Lance Cpl. Anne K. Henry*

Marines battle their way through a jungle environment Oct. 29 during a jungle leaders course at the Jungle Warfare Training Center. Throughout the course, the Marines practiced jungle operations including patrolling, tactical rope suspension, helicopter assaults, survival skills, raids and escape and evasion techniques. The Marines are assigned to various units with 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force.

*Photo by Lance Cpl. Matthew S. Myers*

# Corpsmen practice flight casualty evacuation drills

Lance Cpl. Donald T. Peterson

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Marines and sailors with 3rd Medical Battalion conducted casualty evacuation training with Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 772 Nov. 7-8 at Marine Corps Air Station Futenma and Camp Foster.

The service members loaded and unloaded simulated casualties from CH-53E Super Stallion helicopters at MCAS Futenma during the first day of training and were evaluated on their skills the second.

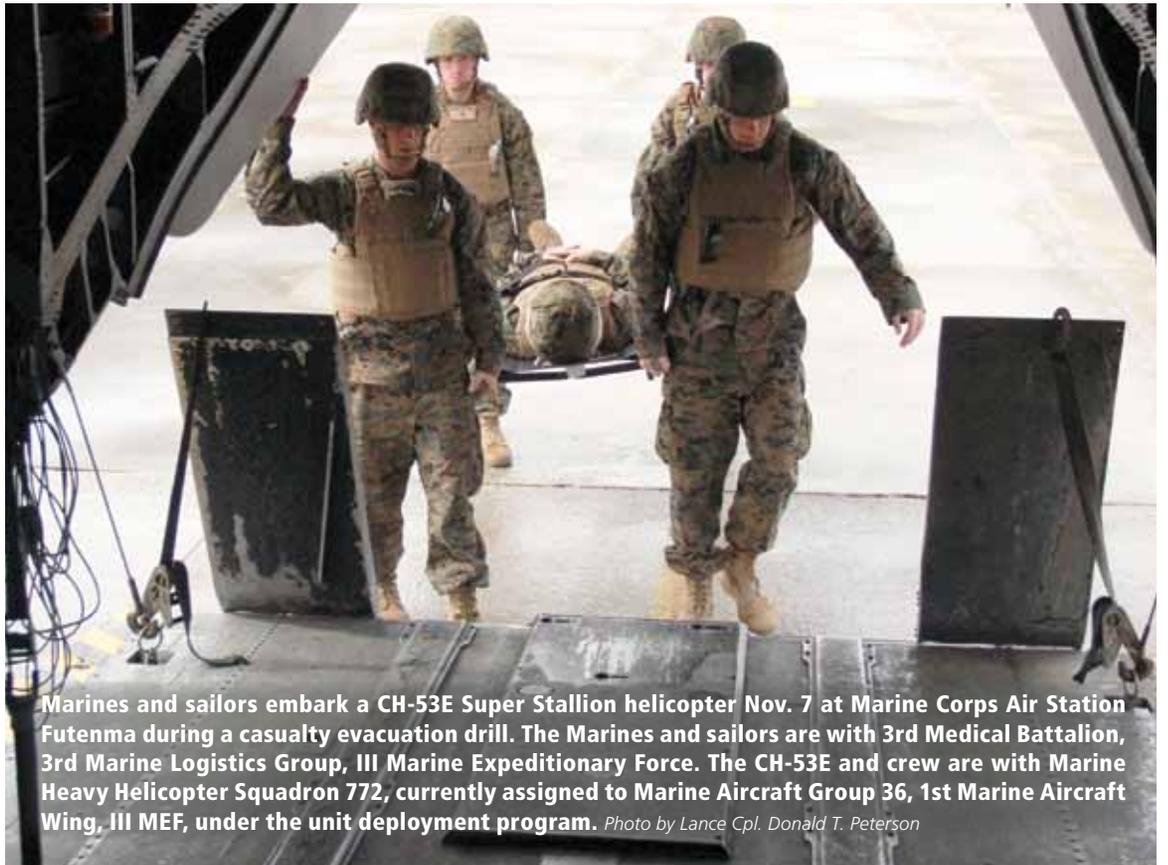
"We are out here teaching our corpsmen and Marines how to properly load a casualty onto a helicopter," said Petty Officer 2nd Class David B. Wright, the assistant lead petty officer for Company A, 3rd Med. Bn., 3rd Marine Logistics Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force. "This is an important skill that every corpsman needs to know because we never know when an airlift will be needed."

The HMH-772 aircrew taught the corpsmen how to properly board a helicopter and secure a casualty-laden stretcher in the helicopter.

"Training like this is vital to mission success," said Staff Sgt. Derek Torrellas, a helicopter crew chief with HMH-772, currently assigned to Marine Aircraft Group 36, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III MEF, under the unit deployment program. "It's important that if we ever get called in for support of a casualty, that the corpsmen know the proper procedures to help get (the casualty) to the proper treatment as soon as possible."

The service members were also given an opportunity to familiarize themselves with riding in the helicopters, taking short flights following the successful loading of the simulated casualty.

"The training we received was extremely informative," said Lance Cpl. Fernando



Marines and sailors embark a CH-53E Super Stallion helicopter Nov. 7 at Marine Corps Air Station Futenma during a casualty evacuation drill. The Marines and sailors are with 3rd Medical Battalion, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force. The CH-53E and crew are with Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 772, currently assigned to Marine Aircraft Group 36, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III MEF, under the unit deployment program. Photo by Lance Cpl. Donald T. Peterson

Villalpandotejeda, a motor vehicle operator with the battalion. "Learning how to board a helicopter, load and unload a casualty, and how to properly provide security during a casualty evacuation ... was very helpful."

During the second day, the Marines and sailors trained for a mass-casualty situation at Camp Foster, and were evaluated on how long it took to set up a battalion-level aid station, before treating simulated casualties.

"The purpose of the mass-casualty drill is to use all of our resources and (prepare for any) 'what-if' situations," said Wright. "If

one occurs, we have to ensure we are fully capable and ready to do whatever we can by using all of our resources."

With the training completed, the service members walked away better prepared for future operations.

"It's not always going to be easy when we are in the field," said Wright. "Getting (ready for) the madness now will make us better prepared for future operations to come. I feel extremely confident in my fellow corpsmen with the new knowledge they gained, and (I) am sure they will be a great asset in the future."

## MCAS Futenma Marines run 238 miles for birthday



Marines participate in the Marine Corps Air Station Futenma's 2013 Marine Corps Birthday Run Nov. 8-10 at the air station. The run was a continuous, 238-mile relay run to celebrate the Marines Corps' 238 years of service. The runners carried a guidon bearing the Marine Corps colors during the event. Each guidon bearer ran one, 10-minute-mile interval before passing the guidon to the next participant. The event ended Nov. 10, the traditional Marine Corps birthday, following morning colors. The Marines are with Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, MCAS Futenma, Marine Corps Installations Pacific. Photos by Lance Cpl. Natalie M. Rostran





An MV-22B Osprey tiltrotor aircraft receives fuel Oct. 30 from a KC-130J Super Hercules refueling aircraft during daytime aerial refueling training. The Osprey is with VMM-265 (REIN), and the KC-130 is with Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 152, MAG-36.

# Marines perfect refuelling during flights

Story and photos by  
Lance Cpl. Anne K. Henry

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The pilot of the MV-22B Osprey tiltrotor aircraft focuses on guiding the aircraft toward a KC-130J Super Hercules refueling aircraft for aerial refueling. With surgical precision, he captures the basket attached to a hose on the KC-130J, signaling a successful in-flight refueling mission.

Marines with Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 265 (Reinforced) executed two aerial refueling missions Oct. 30 and Nov. 7 off the southeast coast of Okinawa approximately 80 miles east of Marine Corps Air Station Futenma.

One mission was completed during the day while the other occurred at night to ensure the Marines are prepared to refuel no matter the time of day.

“We do this for both initial and proficiency training,” said Capt. Christopher M. Demars, the aviation safety officer with VMM-265 (REIN), currently assigned to the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, III Marine Expeditionary Force. “(Aerial) refueling helps us out when we have long missions where we don’t necessarily have the ability to carry the extra fuel with us.”

Aerial refueling missions

using the Osprey add to the increased capabilities of the aircraft, allowing it to remain airborne for longer periods of time.

“This is a skill that is somewhat perishable because we don’t do it that often,” said Demars. “It is a skill that we must stay focused on to support the Marines on the ground with whatever they need, and stay on station longer.”

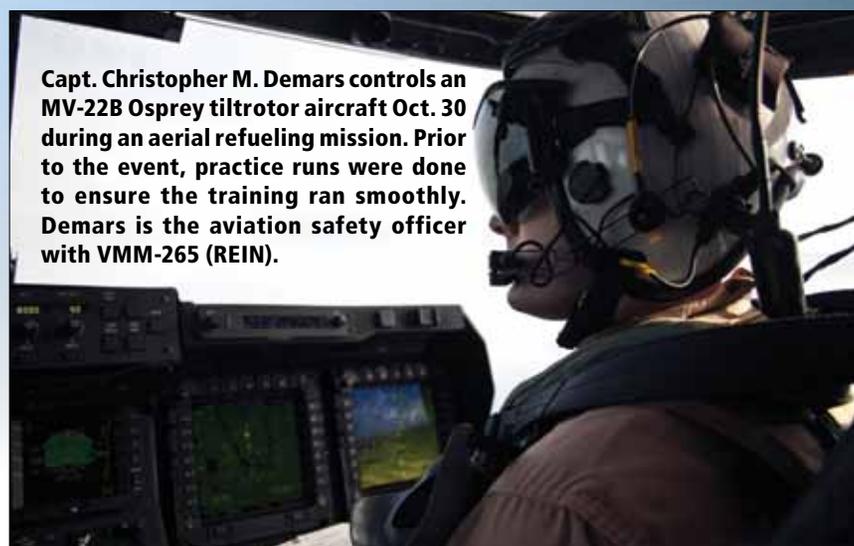
“The more we can use the aircraft, the more support we can give to those Marines on the ground,” added Demars.

The unit executed dry refueling exercises leading up to the day and night flights.

“Prior to doing this, we will meet up with the KC-130 and do practice evolutions where we do not refuel, but take all the proper steps leading up to it,” said Demars. “It is good training for us and a very dynamic environment when you put two aircraft that close together. We mitigate any of the risk factors in it by doing this type of training and having all the practice we can.”

Pilots and crew chiefs faced new challenges as they trained for nighttime refueling flights, according to Maj. Brian Psolka, the operations officer with VMM-265 (REIN).

“During these operations, you are ultimately flying in close proximity to another aircraft,” said Psolka. “We must be able to have good crew



Capt. Christopher M. Demars controls an MV-22B Osprey tiltrotor aircraft Oct. 30 during an aerial refueling mission. Prior to the event, practice runs were done to ensure the training ran smoothly. Demars is the aviation safety officer with VMM-265 (REIN).

resource management and communication due to the lowlight that we are flying in.”

Not only was the training beneficial for the pilots flying the aircraft, it also gave the crew chiefs a broad perspective on flying in different scenarios, according to Lance Cpl. Steven Martinez, a crew chief with VMM-265 (REIN).

“This was some really great training we got to do,” said Martinez. “It is very important to stay on top of these types of tasks. I would feel confident with my skills in a real-life scenario.”

Due to the Ospreys ability to refuel in air, many new capabilities are available for the squadron as a whole.

“We use aerial refueling quite often,” said Psolka. “Every time we transit to other (locations) whether that is (the Kingdom of) Thailand, Australia, or Guam. With this aircraft, we are able to travel much longer distances. The Osprey already has many capabilities, aerial refueling adds to these.”

The day and nighttime refueling left both the pilots and crew chiefs confident in their abilities and the capabilities of the Osprey, according to Demars.

“I really enjoy doing this type of training,” said Demars. “The Osprey has increased not only our own abilities, but also increases what we can do for the Marines on the ground.”



An MV-22B Osprey tiltrotor aircraft taxis to a stop after night aerial refueling training Nov. 7 at Marine Corps Air Station Futenma. The Marines flew two aerial refueling missions on both Oct. 30 and Nov. 7 in day light and low-light conditions. The Osprey and crew are with Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 265 (Reinforced), currently assigned to the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, III Marine Expeditionary Force.

# Marine puts training to test, saves life

Lance Cpl. Anne K. Henry

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Every year Marines complete hours of classes and annual training to prepare themselves to react and succeed during a real-world life or death situation. For Lance Cpl. Stosh K. Fernandez with Marine Wing Support Squadron 172, this training was put to the ultimate test.

Fernandez was running the Kadena Half Marathon, and noticed a community member collapse in front of him during the race. Using the skills he had learned, Fernandez began the rush against time to save the man's life.

"He collapsed about three to five meters in front of me," said Fernandez, an expeditionary airfield technician with MWSS-172, Marine Aircraft Group 36, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III Marine Expeditionary Force. "He had blacked out. I rolled him on his side to see if he was conscious, which he was not. I then put him on his back and started the resuscitation."

Upon assessing the man's condition, Fernandez proceeded to use the skills he had learned from his Tactical Combat Causality Care and Red Cross classes.

"I conducted CPR, made sure his chest was rising and falling as well as checked his pulse," said Fernandez. "In about five minutes, he came about, his eyes were not open and he was frothing at the mouth. Then, (two community members and I) set him upright and carried him up to the ambulance, so the advanced personnel could take care of him."

The important thing to remember during any such incident is not to panic and to fall back on the skills one has learned, according to Fernandez.

"At first, I thought he was just exhausted and wanted to sit down," said Fernandez. "But



**Brig. Gen. James B. Hecker speaks to Lance Cpl. Stosh K. Fernandez Nov. 7 at Kadena Air Base. While running the Kadena Half Marathon, Fernandez performed CPR on a community member and carried him to an ambulance. Hecker is the commander of the 18th Wing, 5th Air Force and Fernandez is an expeditionary airfield technician with Marine Wing Support Squadron 172, Marine Aircraft Group 36, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III Marine Expeditionary Force.** Photo by Lance Cpl. Anne K. Henry

when I realized what had happened, the main thing that ran through my mind was to stay calm because panic is one of the worst things that could happen in one of these situations."

For service members who find themselves in situations such as this, the success of Fernandez can be attributed to his understanding of the importance of realistic training taken seriously before an incident ever occurs, according to Air Force Brig. Gen. James B. Hecker, the commander of the 18th Wing, 5th Air Force, who spoke to Fernandez about the incident Nov. 7 at Kadena Air Base.

"It is not often something like this happens," said Hecker. "We all take these classes, but need to ask ourselves if we would be ready to go if something did happen. This

Marine took his training seriously and it paid off. (The training) may be needed someday for anyone, whether it is in Afghanistan or the person who is sitting next to you."

The incident itself served to show Marines how important learning and applying life-saving techniques can be to military and community members, according to Fernandez.

"Without the training I received, I don't think I could have done anything for him except maybe carry him up the hill," said Fernandez. "I feel that any other Marine, with the proper training, would have done the same thing. I am just glad I was in the right place at the right time and hope he is doing alright."

## College night offers worldwide education opportunities

Lance Cpl. Matt Myers

OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

Many people often have questions about their future education and being here in Okinawa makes it difficult for people to get their questions answered face-to-face.

To answer these questions, hundreds of aspiring college students attended the Department of Defense Education Activity Okinawa District College Night Nov. 7 at Kubasaki High School on Camp Foster to speak to representatives and alumni from international and stateside schools.

More than 100 colleges were represented at the event along with a few international universities and organizations including the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan's Okinawa liaison office.

"This is our first time coming to one of the college nights (here at KHS)," said Takashi Kobayashi, an officer with the MOFA of Japan's Okinawa liaison office. "We are here to introduce options for students who want to study internationally in Japan."

MOFA of Japan's Okinawa liaison office was invited to the college night, so that students and personnel within the military community who are interested in further studies in Japan are better prepared and fully informed of opportunities available to them, according to Dr. Robert D. Eldridge, the deputy assistant chief of staff for, G-7, government and external affairs for Marine Corps Installations Pacific.

A lot of the parents and students also agreed the programs presented at college night offered great opportunities.

"This college night is helping me as a student because I get to find out more about certain colleges I didn't even know existed and more about the colleges I'm interested in," said Katrina Stebbins, a freshman

at Kadena High School.

Although the event was primarily tailored for high school students interested in college, the MOFA of Japan's Okinawa liaison office also wanted service members to know there are options available to them.

"The Ministry of Education, (Culture, Sports, Science and Technology), also known as MEXT scholarships are mainly for undergraduates, and there are graduate scholarships (along with) Japanese culture and Japanese language scholarships (available)," said Kobayashi.

The undergraduate scholarships cover an array of benefits for qualified students.

"Students studying under the scholarship would have their airfare, tuition and housing covered, and will also receive a monthly stipend," said Eldridge. "If they don't speak Japanese, they will receive a full year of Japanese language training. A shorter version of that scholarship is available to graduate students because they are usually in school for a less time."

Another opportunity available to qualified students is the Japan exchange and teaching program.

"This is a great opportunity for those graduate students who are interested in working and living in Japan, and they would primarily teach English in the Japanese school system and promote internationalization in the Japanese community," said Eldridge.

Both Eldridge and Kobayashi regarded the event as a success.

"At least 100 people came by our table; the amount of interest and feedback we got was beyond my expectations," said Eldridge.

To receive more information on MEXT scholarship and others, please contact your local education center or visit <http://www.mext.go.jp/english/highered/1303739.htm> or <http://www.jetprogramme.org>.

# In Theaters Now

**NOV. 15 - 21**

**FOSTER**

**TODAY** Thor: The Dark World (3-D) (PG13), 6 p.m.; Thor: The Dark World (PG13), 9:30 p.m.  
**SATURDAY** Thor: The Dark World (PG13), noon; Thor: The Dark World (3-D) (PG13), 3:30 & 7 p.m.  
**SUNDAY** Thor: The Dark World (3-D) (PG13), 1 & 8 p.m.; Thor: The Dark World (PG13), 4:30 p.m.  
**MONDAY** Don Jon (R), 7 p.m.  
**TUESDAY** Thor: The Dark World (3-D) (PG13), 7 p.m.  
**WEDNESDAY** Thor: The Dark World (PG13), 7 p.m.  
**THURSDAY** Don Jon (R), 7 p.m.

**KADENA**

**TODAY** Thor: The Dark World (3-D) (PG13), 3 & 9 p.m.; Thor: The Dark World (PG13), 6 p.m.  
**SATURDAY** Free Birds (PG), noon; Thor: The Dark World (PG13), 3 p.m.; Thor: The Dark World (3-D) (PG13), 6 & 9 p.m.  
**SUNDAY** Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2 (PG), 1 p.m.; Thor: The Dark World (3-D) (PG13), 4 p.m.; Thor: The Dark World (PG13), 7 p.m.  
**MONDAY** Thor: The Dark World (PG13), 4 p.m.; Thor: The Dark World (3-D) (PG13), 7 p.m.  
**TUESDAY** Escape Plan (R), 4 p.m.; Thor: The Dark World (PG13), 7 p.m.  
**WEDNESDAY** Thor: The Dark World (PG13), 4 p.m.; Jackass Presents: Bad Grandpa (R), 7 p.m.  
**THURSDAY** Free Birds (PG), 4 p.m.; Thor: The Dark World (3-D) (PG13), 7 p.m.

**COURTNEY**

**TODAY** Thor: The Dark World (3-D) (PG13), 6 & 9 p.m.  
**SATURDAY** Thor: The Dark World (PG13), 3 & 6 p.m.  
**SUNDAY** Thor: The Dark World (PG13), 3 & 6 p.m.  
**MONDAY** Free Birds (PG), 7 p.m.  
**TUESDAY** Closed  
**WEDNESDAY** Thor: The Dark World (PG13), 7 p.m.  
**THURSDAY** Closed

**FUTENMA**

**TODAY** Thor: The Dark World (3-D) (PG13), 6:30 p.m.  
**SATURDAY** Thor: The Dark World (3-D) (PG13), 4 & 7 p.m.  
**SUNDAY** Machete Kills (R), 4 p.m.; Thor: The Dark World (3-D) (PG13), 7 p.m.  
**MONDAY** Ender's Game (PG13), 6:30 p.m.  
**TUESDAY-THURSDAY** Closed

**KINSER**

**TODAY** Thor: The Dark World (3-D) (PG13), 6:30 p.m.  
**SATURDAY** Thor: The Dark World (PG13), 3 p.m.; Thor: The Dark World (3-D) (PG13), 6:30 p.m.  
**SUNDAY** Free Birds (3-D) (PG), 1 p.m.; Gravity (PG13), 3:30 p.m.; Thor: The Dark World (PG13), 6:30 p.m.  
**MONDAY-TUESDAY** Closed  
**WEDNESDAY** Runner Runner (R), 6:30 p.m.  
**THURSDAY** Jackass Presents: Bad Grandpa (R), 6:30 p.m.

**SCHWAB**

**TODAY** Thor: The Dark World (3-D) (PG13), 6 p.m.; Thor: The Dark World (PG13), 9 p.m.  
**SATURDAY** Thor: The Dark World (3-D) (PG13), 6 p.m.; Carrie (R), 9 p.m.  
**SUNDAY** Thor: The Dark World (PG13), 4 p.m.; Escape Plan (R), 7 p.m.  
**MONDAY** Captain Phillips (PG13), 7 p.m.  
**TUESDAY** Gravity (PG13), 7 p.m.  
**WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY** Closed

**HANSEN**

**TODAY** Thor: The Dark World (3-D) (PG13), 6:30 p.m.; Thor: The Dark World (PG13), 10 p.m.  
**SATURDAY** Thor: The Dark World (3-D) (PG13), 6 p.m.; Thor: The Dark World (PG13), 9:30 p.m.  
**SUNDAY** Captain Phillips (PG13), 2:30 p.m.; Thor: The Dark World (3-D) (PG13), 9:30 p.m.  
**MONDAY** The Counselor (R), 9:30 p.m.  
**TUESDAY** Escape Plan (R), 7 p.m.  
**WEDNESDAY** Jackass Presents: Bad Grandpa (R), 7 p.m.  
**THURSDAY** Thor: The Dark World (PG13), 7 p.m.

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**CAMP FOSTER** 645-3465  
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**(USO NIGHT)** 636-2113  
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**(USO NIGHT)** 623-5011  
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## SINGLE MARINE PROGRAM EVENTS

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

**IE ISLAND DAY TRIP**

• Join SMP Dec. 1 on a trip to visit Ie Island. A bus will pick up participants at 7:15 a.m. at the Camp Kinser gym, 8 a.m. at the Foster Field House and 9 a.m. at the Camp Courtney Gym. Sign up with your SMP office by Nov. 26.

**DUCK AND COVER GOLF TOURNAMENT**

• SMP will be hosting a "Duck and Cover Golf Tournament" Dec. 6 at Taiyo Golf Course. Registration begins at 6 a.m. and shotgun starts at 7 a.m. Sign up with your SMP office by Nov. 29.

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# TEST YOUR CORPS KNOWLEDGE:

What weapon provides Marines with man-portable anti-aircraft capabilities?  
 See answer in next week's issue

**LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:**  
 What is the top marksmanship award authorized for wear on Marine Corps' uniforms?

**ANSWER:**  
 The Distinguished International Shooter Badge, which can be earned through cumulative points acquired at Civilian Marksmanship Program excellence-in-competition matches.



## Japanese phrase of the week:

**"Tanjobi omedeto!"**  
 (pronounced: tahn-joh-bee oh-meh-deh-toh)  
 It means "Happy Birthday!"



# CHAPLAINS'

**OPINION**

*"Okinawa is rich with opportunity to explore new traditions."*

## Okinawa offers twist to US celebrations

**Lt. Genevieve Clark**  
 MARINE AIR CONTROL GROUP 18 CHAPLAIN

**H**appy holidays! Yes, that is right, we are officially in the holiday time frame, and some of you might be struggling to find any sense of tradition or familiar sights, sounds, smells, food or family. Perhaps you are wondering how you will honor your holy days in this foreign place, but Okinawa is rich with opportunities to explore new traditions; try out new foods and festivities to expand your idea of the holidays.

I imagine, after all, that the first people who celebrated Thanksgiving did not really intend to set a planned menu and letter of instruction for the rest of us to follow forever and ever.

What they did do, was gather what they had and shared their feast together with the people that were surrounding them.

New world, new family, new neighbors, new foods ... but they were thankful, and wanted to share that "thanksgiving."

The Christmas traditions we have come from years and years of new traditions being piled on an old story.

The story of a family who had to make a trek to another land while the mom was pregnant, and she gave birth "on the road." A few people, strangers in this foreign place, stopped in to say hello and bring a few gifts to pay homage to a newborn King.

We have added many rich and meaningful layers to the traditions we celebrate, but most of those were not at the first gathering.

So this year, try a new tradition, gather with those who are nearby, bring what you have, share together and be thankful!

Celebrate the meaning of the season, read the original story of the holy days you celebrate, and remind yourself of the true meaning of the season.

Your celebrations may not be traditional, but they will be meaningful and remind you that there is much to be thankful for!

Happy holy days and Godspeed.

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