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Asia-Pacific nations unify disaster approach

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BIANG, Brunei—Military engineers with the U.S., Singapore and the People’s Republic of China demonstrated their water purification capabilities to senior leaders at a mock disaster site in Biang, Brunei, June 19 as part of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations humanitarian assistance and disaster relief and military medicine exercise.

The simulated disaster site was the location of the field training exercise portion of the multilateral exercise that provided a platform for regional partner nations to address shared security challenges, strengthen defense cooperation, enhance interoperability, and promote stability in the region.

At the site, engineers, search and rescue teams and medical professionals from different na-

tions worked together against a simulated post-tropical revolving storm while conducting typhoon rescue, survey, recovery and disaster-relief missions.

“At a disaster site, it is extremely important to have clean water to disperse between patients and personnel,” said U.S. Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Scott I. Hampton, an engineer with Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 5. “This was a great opportunity for us to learn how other nations operate. Each day, we came out here to work together with the Chinese and Singaporean engineers. We help set up their equipment, and they helped set up ours. It has been a great experience working together, and I look forward to further interactions in the future.”

Currently in a testing phase, U.S.

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U.S. Marine Sgt. Robert W. Walker, left, explains the capabilities of the miniature deployable assistance water purification system to People’s Liberation Army Capt. Wang Weijin at a simulated disaster site in Biang, Brunei, June 19 as part of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations humanitarian assistance and disaster relief and military medicine exercise. Walker is an engineer equipment electrical systems technician with 9th Engineer Support Battalion, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force, and Weijin is an engineer with the PLA. Photo by Lance Cpl. Kasey Peacock



Mark Richter, right, measures the surface temperature of a prototype uniform material worn by Cpl. Adrian A. Sotelo June 19 at the Jungle Warfare Training Center. Richter is the program manager of the Marine expeditionary rifle squad program, Marine Corps Systems Command, and Sotelo is an assault amphibious vehicle mechanic, Assault Amphibian Battalion, Combat Assault Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force. Photo by Cpl. Mark Stroud

III MEF Marines test new uniform materials at JWTC

Cpl. Mark W. Stroud
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JUNGLE WARFARE TRAINING CENTER, Camp Gonsalves — Marines with III Marine Expeditionary Force and personnel with Marine Corps Systems Command tested four materials for use in tropical or jungle uniforms June 11-30 at the Jungle Warfare Training Center, Camp Gonsalves.

Material performance was tested in

several key areas. All materials used the existing woodland Marine pattern camouflage.

“We have four prototype uniforms and two current uniforms. Each Marine wears each uniform for a total of 48 hours,” said Mark Richter, the director of the Marine expeditionary rifle squad program, Marine Corps Systems Command. “We continuously measure the Marine’s core tem-

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CBRN Marines train alongside JGSDF counterparts

Sgt. Brian A. Marion
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CAMP COURTNEY — Officers with the Japan Ground Self-Defense Force trained alongside chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear

defense specialists with 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force, June 24-28 at Camp Courtney.

The two groups executed classroom and practical-application training to better understand each other’s operating procedures and

familiarize themselves with the capabilities and functions of their partner-nation’s equipment.

“We are excited to get this opportunity to train with our Japanese counterparts because we don’t get to interact with them like this

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Marine Corps working to improve transition

Lori Cleymans

Following the First Gulf War, U.S. military members were leaving the service by the thousands, and many were not counseled on the benefits and services they had earned. This created confusion and frustration among veterans since they did not know where to turn for information after their military service ended.

Congress soon recognized the importance of informing transitioning service members about their benefits prior to leaving the military. As such, Congress created Public Law 101-510 Title 10 USC 1142, which mandates each service member attend a transition class to prepare for separation or retirement from the military.

After a number of years, the transition seminar has undergone some much-needed renovations. The Marine Corps is leading the way in this overhaul. For the Marine Corps, gone is the TAMP/TAP title as it is now referred to as the transition readiness seminar. The updates will help service members understand and take advantage of their benefits and entitlements.

Accompanying the name-change is the introduction of four pathways to choose when attending TRS: employment, university/college, vocational/technical school and entrepreneurship. However, on Okinawa, the only two pathways offered are employment and education. These two represent a combination of the university/college and vocational/tech pathways under education and employment and entrepreneurship within the employment pathway.

With the addition of these pathways, the previous four-day workshop is now a five-day interactive seminar.

A Department of Labor facilitator teaches the employment pathway portion, which shows service members how to search for a job, write a resume, and successfully execute an interview.

The education pathway is taught by Marine Corps Community Services Personal and Professional Development instructors who have in-depth knowledge of vocational colleges and four-year universities. This knowledge is used to help service members choose the right field of study, apply for admission, and find additional financial aid as needed.

By registering for the Department of Veterans Affairs eBenefits prior to the seminar, service members can access their benefits and research what they are eligible for before leaving the military.

Furthermore, the MCCS transition assistance management program team is now teaching the military occupational code crosswalk segment. This portion covers how to translate military skills and experience into civilian terminology, so employers understand how a service member can strengthen their organization.

They will learn how to use sites such as mynextmove.org/vets to explore career options and mirror the civilian equivalent to their military occupation. This interactive class also prepares service members for resume writing and highlighting their experience during interviews.

To learn more about the transition process, please call your MCCS TAMP office or the MCCS main office on Camp Foster at 645-3151.

Cleymans is the lead specialist with transition assistance management program/family member employment assistance program on Camp Foster.

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AROUND THE CORPS

U.S. Marine Cpl. Barrett Helzer kneels next to Canadian soldier Pvt. Alexandre Douville as he fires an 84 mm high-explosive anti-tank round from an M3 multi-role anti-armor/anti-tank weapon system June 15 during Dawn Blitz 2013 at Camp Pendleton, Calif. Dawn Blitz is a multinational amphibious exercise that promotes interoperability between the U.S. and coalition partners. Helzer is a team leader with Company A, 1st Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, and Douville is with Company A, 2nd Battalion, Royal 22nd Regiment, 5 Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group, Land Force Quebec Area. *Photo by Lance Cpl. Darien J. Bjorndal*



An AH-1W SuperCobra and UH-1Y Venom participate in a Flag Day commemoration flight June 14 over Oahu, Hawaii. Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 367 flew in parade formation over the USS Missouri and USS Arizona Memorial to celebrate the adoption of the flag of the United States. The helicopters and crews are with HMLA-367, Marine Aircraft Group 24, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III Marine Expeditionary Force. *Photo by GySgt. Wade Spradlin*

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Republic of Korea Marine Cpl. Kyung Hoo Park prepares to fire the M32 40 mm automatic grenade launcher as U.S. Marine Cpl. Troy A. Biggs identifies the target June 18 at Su Seong Re Range, Pohang, Republic of Korea, during a live-fire exercise. Biggs is a military policeman with 3rd Law Enforcement Battalion, III Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group, III MEF, and Park is a military policeman with 1st Division, Military Police Company, 1st Republic of Korea Marine Corps Division.

Photo by Lance Cpl. David N. Hersey

Training benefits ROK, US Marines

Lance Cpl. David N. Hersey

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SU SEONG RE RANGE, POHANG, Republic of Korea — Republic of Korea Marines with 1st Republic of Korea Marine Corps Division, Military Police Company, trained alongside U.S. Marines with 3rd Law Enforcement Battalion using various weapons systems June 17-20 at Su Seong Re Range, Pohang, Republic of Korea.

Both units participated in the Korean Marine Exchange Program 13-10 and were training to improve their understanding of each other's weapons systems and tactics. The U.S. Marines are with III Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group, III MEF.

Among the weapons fired at the range were the M2 .50-caliber machine gun, MK19 40 mm automatic grenade launcher, M249 squad automatic weapon, M240B machine gun, 12-gauge shotgun and the M9 pistol. The Marines practiced proper procedures for loading, firing and remedial actions should the weapons malfunction.

"It's important that the ROK Marines know how to operate our weapons," said U.S. Marine Gunnery Sgt. Karl L. Park, a correctional specialist with the battalion. "If we're in a scenario where a U.S. Marine is injured, the ROK Marines can take over that weapon and keep the rounds going downrange."

The R.O.K. Marines are grateful for what the U.S. Marines taught them during the program,

according to R.O.K. Marine Lance Cpl. Ki Hoon Yang, a military policeman and interpreter with the 1st Division Military Police Company.

"I believe we will do better with this training," said Yang. "It is good for us, and it helps give those who have no experience with America, a chance to exchange culture with the Marines."

Beyond mastering necessary combat skills, an added benefit to the training and exercise was improving the relationship between the two countries, according to U.S. Marine Lt. Col. Amy E. Ebitz, the commanding officer of the battalion.

"Considering that we are strong allies, it's important that we not only work together, but trust each other as well," said Ebitz. "It helps gain a better understanding of how the ROK Marines operate. The more we understand about each other the more productive our interactions will be."

"We are always preparing for the chance that we might have to go into combat," said U.S. Marine Lance Cpl. Jesse M. Callahan, a military policeman with 3rd LE Bn. "By sharing tactics and how to operate our weapons, it makes it easier to react if that day actually comes."

By the time the training was finished, the Marines of both military forces had broad smiles and memories to last a lifetime, according to Callahan.

"This training taught us about accuracy and proper technique while giving all of us a way to bond at the same time," said Callahan. "In the end, we're all Marines and shooting weapons like this is fun for us."

BRIEFS

POST OFFICE HOURS FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY

In observance of Independence Day, all Marine Corps Post Offices on Okinawa will be closed July 3-4.

For more information, contact Master Sgt. Reuben A. Long at 637-2468.

CHANGES TO CAMP FOSTER #44 INTRA-CAMP SHUTTLE

The Green Line will implement changes to the Camp Foster #44 Intra-Camp Shuttle starting July 1.

Changes include:

- Reduce from two busses to one.
- Implement a continuous route vice one with scheduled breaks.
- Remove double-back route on Stillwell Drive.
- Add stop near Building 217 (top of hill behind The Spot food court).
- Add 6th Marine Division Road to route with stops at the intersection near Building 5839 and near Building 5903.
- Eliminate stop at rear of U.S. Naval Hospital Foster.
- Shift Guadalcanal stops further uphill to avoid congested intersections.

For more information, please contact the GME fleet manager, Capt. William Sanford, at 645-3773 or william.sanford@usmc.mil; or GME operations officer, Mr. Thomas Ramer, at 645-3657 or thomas.ramer@usmc.mil.

USNHO ADJUSTS HOURS AFTERNOON OF JULY 18

U.S. Naval Hospital Okinawa and its branch clinics will have reduced services on the afternoon of Thursday, July 18 due to its change of command.

Services will be limited throughout the day in administrative areas such as outpatient records, birth registrations, and the billing office, as well as walk-in clinical areas such as immunization clinics.

Emergency care will still be available in the emergency department. Clinic and surgical appointments previously scheduled for that day will remain previously as scheduled.

For questions or concerns, contact the appropriate clinic or the U.S. Naval Hospital Customer Relations Office at 646-7432.

Antonov transports CH-46Es



The crew of an Antonov An-124 cargo aircraft prepares to load three CH-46E Sea Knight helicopters June 17 at Marine Corps Air Station Futenma. The CH-46Es are assigned to Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 262, Marine Aircraft Group 36, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III Marine Expeditionary Force. The crew and cargo aircraft are with a Russian Federation contractor. Photo by Lance Cpl. Natalie M. Rostran

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All Okinawa commissaries' hours remain same except Camp Kinser

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MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP SMEDLEY D. BUTLER — The only commissary on Marine Corps Base Camp Smedley D. Butler to be effected by furloughs caused by sequestration is the Camp Kinser commissary, which is scheduled to close on Tuesdays, in addition to regular Monday closures.

Approximately 40 Defense Commissary Agency overseas commissaries are scheduled to reduce business hours for an additional day due to furloughs slated to begin July 8.

Due to international agreements, Okinawa community members employed by DeCA are exempt from the furloughs, resulting in many of the commissaries remaining open, according to a DeCA press release.

Camps Foster, Courtney and Kadena Air Base commissaries will maintain their normal business hours throughout the furloughs.

“DeCA is committed to doing everything possible to minimize the impact of any budget decisions on its patrons,” said Joseph H. Jeu, DeCA’s director and CEO. “We’re doing just that at overseas commissaries, where we have sufficient local national employees to open during furloughs.”

The furloughs are scheduled to end Sept. 30, 2013.

Patrons are encouraged to visit DeCA’s website, www.commissaries.com, to stay informed of any changes to their local commissary’s schedule.



Commissaries' hours beginning July 8

CAMP KINSER

Sunday: 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Monday: CLOSED
Tuesday: CLOSED
Wednesday: 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Thursday: 8 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Friday: 8 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Saturday: 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.

CAMP FOSTER

Sunday: 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Monday: 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Tuesday: 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Wednesday: 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Thursday: 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Friday: 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Saturday: 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

KADENA AIR BASE

Sunday: 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Monday: 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Tuesday: 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Wednesday: 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Thursday: 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Friday: 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Saturday: 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.

CAMP COURTNEY

Sunday: 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Monday: CLOSED
Tuesday: 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Wednesday: 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Thursday: 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Friday: 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Saturday: 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.

12th Marines welcomes McDaniel



McDaniel



Williamson

Col. Lance A. McDaniel assumed command of 12th Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force, from Col. Curtis L. Williamson III during a ceremony on Camp Hansen June 21. Williamson commanded 12th Marines since July 2011 and will become the plans officer, G-5, plans and policies, Marine Corps Forces Central Command. McDaniel’s previous assignment was at London, U.K., where he attended the Royal College of Defense Studies.

5th ANGLICO receives Gelerter



Gelerter



Martinez

Lt. Col. Joshua K. Gelerter assumed command of 5th Air and Naval Gunfire Liaison Company, III Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group, III MEF, from Lt. Col. Kendall A. Martinez during a ceremony on Camp Hansen June 18. Martinez commanded 5th ANGLICO since July 2011 and will become the deputy current operations officer, G-3, operations, III MEF. Gelerter’s previous duty assignment was as the operations officer of 12th Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, III MEF.

Corpsmen ready during ARTP



Petty Officer 1st Class KC E. Lorilla and Petty Officer 3rd Class Wen P. Miranda treat Cpl. Joshua O. Benedictus for simulated injuries during a medical evacuation exercise June 8 at Yausubetsu Maneuver Area, Hokkaido, Japan. The simulation was conducted to support 3rd Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force, during the artillery relocation training program 13-1. The simulation tested the ability of the Navy corpsmen assigned to the battalion to diagnose, treat and evacuate casualties as quickly as possible. Lorilla and Miranda are corpsmen assigned to the battalion, and Benedictus is a field artillery cannoner with Battery C, 1st Bn., 12th Marines, currently assigned to 3rd Bn., 12th Marines, as part of the unit deployment program. Photo by Lance Cpl. Henry J. Antenor

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frequently," said U.S. Marine Chief Warrant Officer 4 Christopher J. Joy, the CBRN officer in charge of Headquarters Battalion, 3rd Marine Division. "We have trained with other nations' CBRN sections, and my Marines and I are very excited to have this opportunity."

The officers attended the training as part of the Japan Observer Exchange Program, which allows Marines and JGSDF members to share techniques and tactics while strengthening camaraderie between the service members.

Should a natural or man-made disaster occur, both units would need to know the abilities and expertise of the other.

"The main point of this training was to get our Japanese counterparts familiarized with our gear, so they would know our capabilities, and we

would be able to work together using each other's equipment," said U.S. Marine Cpl. Robert L. Carter, a CBRN defense specialist with Headquarters Bn., 3rd Marine Division.

As part of the training, the JGSDF officers practiced at the operational level, using mission-oriented protective-posture and CBRN threat-detection equipment, and at the strategic level, where they learned to coordinate efforts with their Marine counterparts.

"This training is good because it allows us to see the similarities and differences between both of our CBRN capabilities," said JGSDF Major Kentaro Hayakawa, a CBRN officer with the Ground Staff Office, JGSDF. "It really lets us understand what the Marines have at each level, and it is a great step to enhancing the relationship between us."

The training also afforded the JGSDF officers an opportunity to familiarize with the operational and command structure of U.S. Marine Corps CBRN units.

"Before this training, the JGSDF members were not fully aware that the U.S. Marine CBRN community doesn't have commissioned officers," said Joy. "We have warrant officers who are in direct command of CBRN Marines, so now if something were to happen they know who to coordinate with."

By the end of the training, the two services had gained a better understanding of how to work together during future operations.

"This was a great opportunity for us to share the knowledge each service has on CBRN response," said Hayakawa. "I appreciate all the work the CBRN staff members put in to making the training successful for everyone involved."

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Marine and Navy engineers set up the miniature deployable assistance water purification system, according to Todd A. Jonas, a technology experimentation specialist with the U.S. Marine Corps Forces Pacific Experimentation Center.

"This system is strictly designed for disaster relief missions," said Jonas. "It is capable of being set up and operational within minutes. It can sustain itself unsupported for up to 72 hours and can also run on various power sources including solar and generated." For the demonstration, multinational engineers quickly assembled their water purification systems and allowed senior leaders to observe, learn about the capabilities, and sample the purified water.

"I was impressed with everyone's capabilities throughout the demonstration," said People's Liberation Army Capt. Wang Weijin, a PLA engineer. "Seeing all the nation's come together for disaster

relief was a great experience."

Representing the U.S., Lt. Gen. Terry G. Robling, commanding general of MARFORPAC, observed the various demonstrations throughout the mock disaster site, showing his support for the exercise.

Taking place June 17-20, the exercise provided an opportunity for participating nations to hone their communication skills and learn from each other's unique experiences and expertise, better preparing partner nations for a unified approach to future contingencies.

Those participating in the exercise included medical and engineer personnel from the ASEAN-comprised nations of Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Burma, the Republic of the Philippines, Singapore, the Kingdom of Thailand, Vietnam and other Asia-Pacific nations of Australia, the PRC, India, Japan, New Zealand, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation and the U.S.

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perature, heart rate, skin temperature and respiration rate through a physiological status monitor. We also monitor the moisture content of the uniform at different points while we are out patrolling and doing other tasks."

The physiological status monitors, worn under the uniform during the training, maintained a chronological and continuous log of the Marines' vital information. The testers also employed infrared thermometers to measure surface temperatures at several locations on the uniform and collected feedback from the Marines throughout the test.

"The Marines are patrolling, testing different jungle skills, and establishing patrol bases," said Richter. "They are basically doing the typical things we do in the jungle to test them. The exertion is representative of operations in a jungle environment."

The testing aimed to identify materials that could potentially perform better than those used in the current uniform.

"People in the Infantry Combat Equipment Group, Marine Corps Systems Command, have done laboratory testing to select these materials ... and we are trying to answer questions like: 'Is there a prototype material that keeps a Marine dryer than the current uniforms?' and 'Do any of the new materials potentially keep the Marine cooler than our current uniforms?'" said Richter. "We are also looking at durability and user satisfaction."

The notion of identifying improved materials originated at JWTC almost a year ago.

"This really came about from the commandant's visit to JWTC last August, when Marines told him that during their time here, their uniforms rarely dried out," said Richter.

A uniform material that dried rapidly would help Marines maintain their psychological and physical edge in the jungle, according to Cpl. Brian M. Ashworth, a JWTC instructor.

"If you look at any publication about jungle warfare it will tell you that morale is the biggest killer in the jungle," said Ashworth. "It is always humid and raining. When the Marines are hot and miserable is when they could forget to do their five and 25-meter security checks.

"Or when they don't see where enemy rounds came from during an ambush because they had their head down, looking at the ground, instead of looking up maintaining situational awareness ... so the health and morale aspects are the biggest parts of this," said Ashworth.

The testing is part of an ongoing process by the Marine expeditionary rifle squad program to expand the capabilities of Marine riflemen by taking an all-inclusive approach to improving Marine tactics along with the equipment and materials they use.

Specific requirements or fielding details for a tropical uniform have not been finalized. In the event of the adoption of new materials, commanders will decide which equipment Marines use in combat operations based on a variety of factors including the environment and threat, according to Barbara L. Hamby, a public affairs specialist with Marine Corps Systems Command.



Fumi Tamaki, right, prays for her family members, whose names are inscribed on the walls of the Cornerstone of Peace, at the Okinawa Prefectural Peace Memorial Park in Itoman June 23. Tamaki lost six family members during the Battle of Okinawa and comes to the park to pray for them every year.

Thousands pay respects to those who perished during Battle of Okinawa

Story and photos by Cpl. Matthew Manning

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Nearly 6,000 people attended the 2013 Okinawa Memorial Service for All War Dead June 23 at the Okinawa Prefectural Peace Memorial Park in Itoman.

Constructed in 1995 near the southeastern coast of the island, Peace Memorial Park is located at the site of the last recorded fighting that took place during the Battle of Okinawa 68 years ago. The battle is remembered for some of the fiercest and bloodiest fighting during World War II.

Attendees included distinguished military and government officials from Japan and the U.S., including Prime Minister Shinzo Abe,



While standing in front of the walls of the Cornerstone of Peace, John V. Roos speaks to attendees at a ceremony prior to the 2013 Okinawa Memorial Service for All War Dead June 23 at the Okinawa Prefectural Peace Memorial Park in Itoman. "You can't help but be moved by (more than) 12,000 American names inscribed in these walls, along with the thousands of others who lost their lives in bitter conflict during the Battle of Okinawa," said Roos, the U.S. Ambassador to Japan.

Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida, Defense Minister Itsunori Onodera, U.S. Ambassador to Japan John V. Roos, U.S. Consul General Alfred R. Magleby and Maj. Gen. Charles L. Hudson, the commanding general of Marine Corps Installations Pacific and Marine Corps Base Camp Smedley D. Butler.

"We gather this day to pay our sincerest respects to the souls of all those who lost their lives in the Battle of Okinawa and express our heartfelt sadness to the families," said Masaharu Kina, speaker of the Okinawa Prefectural Assembly.

Throughout the park, pathways are lined with rows of stones bearing the names of those killed, both civilian and military, during the battle.

"This year, names of an additional 62 people were added on the Cornerstone of Peace, where the names of all those killed in the fighting are inscribed," said Kina. "Now, 241,227 names are on the Cornerstone of Peace located here."

During the memorial, park monuments were lined with flags, wreaths, flowers, incense, food and drinks placed by family, friends and all those who wished to pay their respects to those who perished during the battle.

"You can't help but be moved by (more than) 12,000 American names inscribed in these walls, along with the thousands of others who lost their lives in bitter conflict during the Battle of Okinawa," said Roos, at the Cornerstone of Peace in a ceremony prior to the memorial service. "Those people gave their lives, so that never again will (Okinawa) have to suffer such casualties, and the entire region and world may have peace and prosperity. You also cannot help but be moved that out of the bitter conflict between our nations, we have become the closest of allies and friends."

The war affected innumerable precious lives and irreplaceable pieces of cultural heritage and natural beauty, the effects of which are still being felt to this day, according to Hirokazu Nakaima, governor of Okinawa Prefecture.

"The lessons of the Battle of Okinawa have been passed down to us, and we adamantly hope to steadfastly maintain the pacifism our country established," said Nakaima.

To build a peaceful world with no wars, it is momentarily important to respect each other's culture and values, according to Kina.

"This is the day to inscribe indelibly into our hearts that such a miserable war should never happen again and to hope for a peaceful, bright future," said Kina. "I wish for the peaceful rest of all those souls who lost their lives and the health and happiness of the surviving families and everyone gathered here today."



Top: Japan Prime Minister Shinzo Abe speaks as the guest of honor during the 2013 Okinawa Memorial Service for All War Dead June 23 at the Okinawa Prefectural Peace Memorial Park in Itoman. Abe expressed remorse on behalf of the nation for those who died and assured the audience that he keeps their memory close to his heart.



Left: Dennis Provencher lays a wreath next to the Cornerstone of Peace in a ceremony prior to the 2013 Okinawa Memorial Service for All War Dead June 23. Thousands gathered during the ceremony to pay their respects to more than 240,000 civilians and military members that perished during the Battle of Okinawa. Provencher is the post commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9723.

Bottom: Sgt. Maj. Patrick L. Kimble, right, and Maj. Gen. Charles L. Hudson salute the names of more than 12,000 American service members June 23 at the Cornerstone of Peace in Itoman prior to the 2013 Okinawa Memorial Service for All War Dead. The Cornerstone of Peace contains 241,227 names of those who perished during the brutal fighting. Kimble is the sergeant major of Marine Corps Installations Pacific and Marine Corps Base Camp Smedley D. Butler, and Hudson is the commanding general of MCIPAC and MCB Camp Butler.



JGSDF members compete in English speech contest

Cpl. Adam B. Miller

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There are nearly 7,000 languages in the world today, with English being one of the most widely spoken. In many instances, English is the dominant language for global business, science, entertainment and diplomacy among other subjects.

It is for reasons such as these that the Japan Ground Self-Defense Force encourages its members to learn the English language at the basic enlisted English course at the 3rd Sergeants Training Unit.

As part of the BEE course curriculum, the unit held a speech contest June 17 with U.S. Marines as judges at Camp Itazuma, Gotenba, Shizuoka prefecture.

"We want the U.S. forces to know that we have learned to speak English, so we can communicate effectively with them," said JGSDF Capt. Mamoru Takahashi, the BEE course chief

instructor for the 3rd Sergeants Training Unit. "The United States is one of our most important allies, so we believe learning their language is incredibly important for that relationship to continue."

The purpose of the speech contest was to examine the members' progress before taking the final written exam.

The JGSDF members get a lot of opportunities to travel abroad for missions and exercises, according to JGSDF Sgt. Yosuke Hirayabu, a rifleman with the Central Readiness Regiment, JGSDF.

"We have a chance to take part in bilateral exercises with U.S. Marines, and we will be

expected to not only carry out our regular duties but also serve as interpreters," said Hirayabu. "This is why it is so important for us to successfully complete the BEE course."

The BEE course is three

months long and has three events in which U.S. Marines offered assistance. A visit to Combined Arms Training Center Camp Fuji, a drill competition and speech delivery evaluation, with the latter two including Marine judges. Only upon graduating from the initial

course will the JGSDF members be allowed to participate in the intermediate or advanced English course at their training unit.

"I believe it's important to participate in the JGSDF's train-

ing not only because it boosts morale for both U.S. Marines and JGSDF, but also because it continues to promote the outstanding relationship between the U.S. and Japan," said U.S. Marine Cpl. Jared A. Duran, a field artillery fire control man with Headquarters Company, CATC Camp Fuji. "I enjoyed being able to see the results of their studies and enthusiasm for learning the English language. I think it was a good idea to invite U.S. Marines to take part in the contest because as English-speakers we can offer advice and help them."

After the judging was complete, Sgt. Shun Ubukata was awarded a certificate for the overall best quality speech.

"All of the student's speeches were well thought-out and delivered," said Takahashi. "But Ubukata's speech about his future with the JGSDF and how he felt the BEE course would help carry him further in his career was simple, easy to understand and showed his confidence."

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K-9s, Marines provide special capability

Lance Cpl. Nicholas S. Ranum

OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

Dogs have played important roles in military operations throughout history, serving as messengers, scouts, sentries and even combatants.

As the roles of militaries have changed both on and off the battlefield, so have the roles of canines. From locating hidden explosives in war zones to finding survivors following natural disasters, both military working dogs and their handlers accomplish these tasks by continuously training to accomplish a wide mission set.

Marines and their working dogs with 3rd Law Enforcement Battalion completed aggression and detection training June 11 on Camp Hansen.

"The aggression training gets the dogs to respond how we want," said Sgt. Joseph E. Fahrenbach, a military working dog handler with 3rd LE Bn., III Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group, III MEF. "During the training, the dogs are hunting for the freshest human scent they can find. Once they acquire a scent, they start aggressing toward the door to let the handler know they found something. The handler will then let the dog go after the decoy."

A volunteer with a bite sleeve or suit serves as the decoy, allowing the handlers to provide their working dogs with positive reinforcement.

"We keep everything positive for the dog," said Fahrenbach. "Having the dogs learn that getting a bite is a good thing is what we are going for. That is why when we train, we

encourage the dogs, get them excited, and reinforce that idea."

Using dogs to search-out and subdue possible suspects is not the only job for Marine working dogs.

"Using specialized dogs allows us to search for people or explosives," said Sgt. David A. Martinez, a military working dog handler with 3rd LE Bn. "The dogs are trained to work in various environments including open areas, compounds, inside or outside of buildings."

The training conducted by the handlers and the dogs helps maintain all around proficiency for both, according to Martinez.

The proficiency of a handler and their canine has an impact that extends beyond the military working dog team.

"You have to know your job extremely well," said Lance Cpl. Melanie K. Chesnut, a military working dog handler with 3rd LE Bn. "The responsibility that you have is incredible. You have to take care of not only yourself, but your dog and the Marines in your assigned unit."

Fostering the teamwork between the dog and handler, and by extension other Marines, starts with knowing your dog, according to Chesnut.

"You have to be really attentive towards your dog," said Chesnut. "We train almost every day of the week and visit the dogs on our own time. Each visit helps the partnership."

The military working dog teams have earned a well-deserved reputation with operational units through the proficiency they have displayed in the past.

This partnership is on display every time



Sgt. Joseph E. Fahrenbach and military working dog Fuli prepare to search a building June 11 during training at Camp Hansen. The training presented the dogs and handlers with different scenarios to test their abilities. Fahrenbach is a military working dog handler with 3rd Law Enforcement Battalion, III Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group, III MEF.

Photo by Lance Cpl. Nicholas S. Ranum

the handlers and dogs go out with another unit or onto a different installation to help accomplish their mission, according to Chesnut.

"It is definitely a morale booster," said Chesnut. "When people see us they know that we are there to support them and make sure they are safe. The dogs have earned that respect, and much more, for everything they have done for our country."

Service members' unselfishness shines

Lance Cpl. Pete Sanders

OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

The Marine Corps has long held unselfishness as a prized virtue and lists this quality as one of 14 leadership traits expected to be possessed by all Marines.

Service members demonstrated this trait June 15 when they helped clean the grounds of the World Mission Christian School in Nakagusuku.

The volunteer service was an effort to strengthen the ties between service members and the surrounding community, according to Navy Lt. Wesley E. Scholtz, the chaplain with Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, Marine Corps Air Station Futenma, Marine Corps Installations Pacific.

"Our goal is to show our host country that we can be a blessing to them, and by extending that blessing to them our relationship is infinitely better," said Scholtz.

The good will demonstrated

by participating in events like this serves as proof of the true nature of the U.S. military, according to Scholtz.

"These community relations projects show that the Marines and sailors are caring, good neighbors," said Scholtz. "This is the true, accurate representation of our armed services."

Throughout the day, volunteers pulled weeds, cut grass, trimmed hedges, and picked up litter to beautify the school area.

"It's great that we came out here to get dirty and clean up the school," said Cpl. Kandice Barney, a motor transport operator with H&HS. "Even though this is hard work, I feel good about it. It's a good thing to do, and the people's positive attitudes make it enjoyable."

The volunteer event displayed that service members enjoy coming out and giving back to the community that has supported them, according to Staff Sgt. John P. McCrandall, a wire chief with H&HS.

"I'm out here with my son be-



Marines perform groundskeeping around the World Mission Christian School and Church June 15 in Nakagusuku. Throughout the day, volunteers pulled weeds, cut the grass, trimmed the hedges, and picked up litter in order to beautify the school area. The Marines are with Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, Marine Corps Air Station Futenma, Marine Corps Installations Pacific. Photo by Lance Cpl. Pete Sanders

cause we enjoy contributing to our community," said McCrandall.

Along with demonstrating virtue, getting out into the community and helping has many positive effects on everyone involved, added McCrandall.

"We came out here for many reasons," said McCrandall.

"There is one fact that cannot be disputed, and that is helping someone in need, like this school for instance, is simply the right thing to do."

65th Japan-American Student Conference members tour Camp Foster

Lance Cpl. John S. Gargano

OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

Students filed inside the typically secure room in anticipation of the afternoon lecture. Many of them carried backpacks and notebooks, hoping to record their unique visit as they learned about the importance of Japan-U.S. relations.

This unusual classroom would be the students' introduction to the U.S. Marine Corps bases on Okinawa, Japan.

Students from 16 universities in Japan visited Camp Foster June 21 as part of the 65th Japan-American Student Conference.

The conference's purpose is to promote better understanding of the U.S.-Japan alliance and extend knowledge about the strategic importance of U.S. military bases in Japan and the role of the Marine Corps in the Asia-Pacific region.

"The conference does a great job of strengthening our capabilities together and giving the region an element of stability," said Col. William J. Truax Jr., the assistant chief of staff, G-7, government and external affairs, Marine Corps Base Camp Smedley D. Butler, Marine Corps Installations Pacific. "It shows that we are open and willing to answer the questions that the students have and demonstrate our commitment."

JASC was founded in 1934 with the purpose of bringing together a group of passionate and accomplished students to re-evaluate and revitalize the relationship between Japan and the U.S.

The conference highlights the Marines and gives the Japanese students an opportunity to have face-to-face interaction and discuss some of the great things that the Marines are doing on Okinawa, according to Robert D. Eldridge, the deputy assistant chief of staff, G-7.

"The conference allows the students to hear about it firsthand and allows them to see a side of the Marine Corps that they may have not known about," said Eldridge.

Many of the students are able to consider different opinions regarding the Japan-U.S. alliance after they have attended lectures and



Col. William J. Truax Jr. discusses the Marine Corps' mission in the Asia-Pacific region to university students June 21 at Camp Foster during the 65th Japan-American Student Conference. The conference focuses on the importance of the Marine Corps relationship with Japan and the alliance between Japan and the U.S. Truax is the assistant chief of staff, G-7, government and external affairs, Marine Corps Base Camp Smedley D. Butler, Marine Corps Installations Pacific. The students are from 16 different universities in Japan. Photo by Lance Cpl. John S. Gargano

discussed the strategic importance of the Marine Corps presence on Okinawa, according to Hiroshi Ichige, a JASC participant and junior at the International Christian University.

"It gave us a different perspective on Japanese-American relations because we got to see it from a new viewpoint," said Ichige. "My opinions changed as I listened to the lecture, and it helped me understand the role of the Marine Corps."

JASC is a great way to broaden horizons and consider important issues from different perspectives, according to Takamasa Ito, a JASC participant and a senior at Kyoto University.

"It was great because the Japanese media seems to broadcast only negative aspects of the Marine presence in Japan, and we got to learn the American perspective regarding the Marines on Okinawa," said Ito.

The students' views were better informed because they did not receive opinions from the Marine Corps, but rather facts which made the visit very helpful and hopefully changed many students' outlook on the Marine Corps' presence on Okinawa, according to Eldridge.

"I would say that 90 percent of what the students heard at this conference they have never heard before, so they will leave here with a much deeper knowledge of the Marine Corps, the U.S.-Japan relationship and the alliance that we have with the Japan Self-Defense Forces," said Eldridge.

Scuba diving, snorkeling inviting; caution critical

Lance Cpl. Pete Sanders

OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

The waters of Okinawa invite thrill seekers with warm waters, vivid colors and an intriguing ecosystem below the surface. Scuba diving and snorkeling are among the common activities that many take advantage of during the hot Okinawa summer.

While both can be very rewarding hobbies, they can also present some serious dangers if safety precautions are not followed, according to Ryan E. Stahl, a scuba center manager at Tsunami Scuba located on Camp Foster.

Any time a person engages in open-water recreational activities, the buddy system must be used, according to the III Marine Expeditionary Force and Marine Corps Installations Pacific Order 5101.1, Change 1.

Going out with a partner ensures someone is there to provide assistance in case of an emergency, according to Erin M. Belden, the operations supervisor at Tsunami Scuba.

"Just before every dive, make sure your buddy checks your gear, and you check their gear to ensure the air tanks are working properly and filled with good air," said Belden.



Some other dangers common to snorkeling and scuba diving are changing sea conditions, disorientation and dangerous sea life, according to Belden.

Anyone planning to take part in aquatic activities is advised to be aware of the sea condition prior to getting in the water, according to Belden. This can be done by accessing Kadena Air Base's weather office via its website, <http://kadenaforcesupport.com/weather.html>, or by calling 634-4081. Calling or listening to American Forces Network stations will also provide interested persons with the current sea condition along with contacting an installation dive shop.

It is also important to maintain situational awareness while diving, according to Belden. Between the ever-changing sea conditions of the region and the nature of aquatic movement, it is easy to become disoriented.

One way to reduce the risk of disorientation is to carry a compass and position yourself in relation to the shore before diving, according to Mark T. Kelley, the chief scuba instructor at Tsunami Scuba.

Another reason to maintain situational awareness is to reduce the chances of encounters with dangerous sea life, according to Kelley. Remaining aware of one's surroundings can ensure poisonous sea life, such as lionfish and scorpion fish, are kept at a safe distance.

When diving, it is also recommended that the diver does not become impatient, especially during the ascent, according to Kelley.

"I always tell people 'don't rise faster than your bubbles,'" said Kelley. "(One of) the greatest mistakes a diver can make is rising



Erin M. Belden, left, demonstrates the proper fit of a dive and snorkeling mask June 25 at Tsunami Scuba on Camp Foster. Prior to an aquatic outing, ensure all gear fits properly and works correctly, according to Belden, an operations supervisor at Tsunami Scuba, Marine Corps Community Services.

Photo by Lance Cpl. Pete Sanders

too quickly, which can cause serious medical problems."

If diving is not an option, snorkeling is an alternative, according to Stahl. However, snorkelers should still maintain situational awareness for the same reasons as a diver.

"If someone snorkeling is caught unaware, they can get swept up in a current and be taken farther out than they had planned," said Stahl.

Despite the dangers and precautions, if done safely, diving and snorkeling have many positive attributes, according to Stahl.

"Take advantage of all the water recreation you can," said Stahl. "Okinawa provides a great number of dive and snorkeling sites and is a rare experience for many U.S. citizens."

For more information about diving, snorkeling and aquatic safety, visit a military installation dive shop.

III MEF Band, university students learn languages

Lance Cpl. John S. Gargano

OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

"Konichiwa!" said the student instructor to the Marines. The Marines responded excitedly with a boisterous "Konichiwa!" of their own.

Seated in small groups, the Marines looked at their student instructor with a mixture of awe and excitement as they engaged in a language they had yet to master.

Marines with the III Marine Expeditionary Force Band and students with the University of the Ryukyus Wind Orchestra Band Club gathered at the III MEF Band Hall on Camp Foster June 18 to enhance their language skills in English and Japanese.

The Marines and students came together to not only learn one another's language, but also to enhance and strengthen the bond between the two groups of musicians.

"It's great to learn Japanese because it helps us get more involved with the community and establishes a strong relationship with the students," said Lance Cpl. Jean C. Salas, a clarinetist with the III MEF Band. "As ambassadors of the U.S., this is a great way to better understand the Japanese culture."

The Marines studied Japanese with the assistance of some of the students, while other students practiced English with several Marines.

"This is such a good opportunity for me because I want to be a teacher, and being able to learn English will help me greatly," said Nozomi Taguchi, a student at the university. "It helps us to foster better relationships with each other through understanding a foreign language and will also help us with our careers after graduation."



Lance Cpl. Amanda V. Davis, left, laughs with Japanese students June 19 at the III Marine Expeditionary Force Band Hall during a language and cultural exchange. The Marines and students traded cultural pointers and language skills. The students are with the University of the Ryukyus Wind Orchestra Band Club, and the Marines are with the III MEF Band. Photo by Lance Cpl. John S. Gargano

The Marines and students established a strong professional relationship through the recent joint concert they performed, according to Sgt. Ryan W. Wiley, a trumpeter with the III MEF Band.

"A lot of us have been hanging out with the university students, and we wanted to get together and have an informal language trade-off session, where we could help each other out," said Wiley. "It's great to learn language skills from a native speaker."

The students and Marines plan to get together again soon to brush up on the knowledge and skills they learned.

"In the end, it really is about mutual respect for culture," said Wiley. "Both the Marines and the university students took time to learn about one another, which is a fantastic way to build understanding and respect."

In Theaters Now

JUNE 28 - JULY 4

FOSTER

TODAY World War Z (3-D) (PG13), 6 p.m.; World War Z (PG13), 9 p.m.

SATURDAY Monsters University (G), noon; Monsters University (3-D) (G), 3 and 6 p.m.; World War Z (3-D) (PG13), 9 p.m.

SUNDAY Monsters University (3-D) (G), 1 p.m.; Monsters University (G), 4 p.m.; World War Z (PG13), 7 p.m.

MONDAY Monsters University (3-D) (G), 3 p.m.; World War Z (3-D) (PG13), 7 p.m.

TUESDAY This is the End (R), 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY World War Z (3-D) (PG13), 7 p.m.

THURSDAY Monsters University (3-D) (G), 1 p.m.; World War Z (3-D) (PG13), 4 p.m.; Man of Steel (PG13), 7 p.m.

KADENA

TODAY Monsters University (3-D) (G), 6 p.m.; World War Z (3-D) (PG13), 9 p.m.

SATURDAY Monsters University (3-D) (G), noon and 3 p.m.; World War Z (3-D) (PG13), 6 and 9:30 p.m.

SUNDAY Monsters University (G), 1 p.m.; World War Z (3-D) (PG13), 4 and 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY World War Z (PG13), 7 p.m.

TUESDAY Hangover Part III (R), 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY Man of Steel (PG13), 7 p.m.

THURSDAY Monsters University (3-D) (G), 3 p.m.; World War Z (PG13), 7 p.m.

COURTNEY

TODAY Monsters University (G), 6 p.m.; World War Z (PG13), 9 p.m.

SATURDAY Monsters University (G), 3 p.m.; World War Z (PG13), 6 p.m.

SUNDAY Monsters University (G), 3 p.m.; World War Z (PG13), 6 p.m.

MONDAY Monsters University (G), 7 p.m.

TUESDAY Closed

WEDNESDAY The Purge (R), 7 p.m.

THURSDAY Closed

FUTENMA

TODAY World War Z (3-D) (PG13), 6:30 p.m.

SATURDAY World War Z (3-D) (PG13), 4 p.m.; Man of Steel (3-D) (PG13), 7 p.m.

SUNDAY World War Z (3-D) (PG13), 4 and 7 p.m.

MONDAY Man of Steel (PG13), 6:30 p.m.

TUESDAY-THURSDAY Closed

KINSER

TODAY World War Z (PG13), 6:30 p.m.

SATURDAY Monsters University (3-D) (G), 3 p.m.; The Internship (PG13), 6:30 p.m.

SUNDAY Monsters University (3-D) (G), 12:30 p.m.; World War Z (PG-13), 3:30 p.m.; This is the End (R), 6:30 p.m.

MONDAY-THURSDAY Not available

SCHWAB

TODAY World War Z (PG13), 6 and 9 p.m.

SATURDAY Iron Man 3 (PG13), 6 and 9 p.m.

SUNDAY The Hangover Part III (R), 6 and 9 p.m.

MONDAY-THURSDAY Closed

HANSEN

TODAY World War Z (3-D) (PG13), 10 p.m.

SATURDAY World War Z (3-D) (PG13), 6 and 9 p.m.

SUNDAY World War Z (PG13), 3 p.m.; World War Z (3-D) (PG13), 6 p.m.

MONDAY World War Z (3-D) (PG13), 6 p.m.; This is the End (R), 9:30 p.m.

TUESDAY The Internship (PG13), 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY This is the End (R), 7 p.m.

THURSDAY Man of Steel (3-D) (PG13), 7 p.m.

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• The SMP is hosting a trip to the Forest Adventure Park July 20. There will be a bus fee of \$10 that must be paid to the SMP office prior to the trip. For more information contact your SMP representative or the SMP office at the number above.

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Which embassy was evacuated by Marines during Operation Frequent Wind in 1975?

See answer in next week's issue

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

What Marine obstacle-breaching system packs 1,750 pounds of C-4?

ANSWER:

The mine-clearing line charge, used to clear routes of improvised explosive devices, mines or barriers, which can be employed by an assault amphibious vehicle.



Japanese phrase of the week:

“Sayonara.”

(pronounced: sa-yoh-nah-rah)

It means, “Goodbye.”

CHAPLAINS'

OPINION

“Those who serve in the military champion humanity's deep longing: peace on Earth.”



Finding true peace from within

Lt. j.g. Kristian Carlson

CAMP HANSEN CHAPLAIN

The word “peace” comes up often nowadays. A struggling friend confides, “if I could just get a little peace and quiet.” At a party, somebody farewells everyone by saying, “peace out.” A modern proverb teaches “peace of mind is worth more than anything money can buy.” At funerals, with “rest in peace,” we say “goodbye.”

The Hebrew word for peace is “shalom.” When I traveled to Israel, I learned that “shalom” is used daily to say both “hello” and “goodbye.” With this one word, a person wishes another a deep form of peace.

Have you heard a shouting match taper off because everyone got hoarse ... because the kids had to be brought to school ... or because the neighbor

stopped by? Pauses in shouting are not true peace, they are merely a cease-fire. Some of us may think we are now at peace, but in actuality, we are in a cease-fire. Destructive conflict is still coming.

Shalom, moves beyond cease-fire living. It builds up spiritual fitness. This peace makes a person stable in life's journey. Shalom begins to pervade one's core and there is rest.

Those who serve in the military champion humanity's deep longing: peace on Earth. Our mission at times is difficult, but it is one meant to bring life: it is meant to stabilize a planet convulsed by loss and war.

I pursue peace in my heart, in my relationships with others, and in my relationship with God because I need it. I also do so because I know that it's something God promised. That promise of peace motivates me with hope, day in and day out.

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