



Camp Fuji

Newsletter:

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Jan-Mar 2022

Commanding Officer's Message



Dear Camp Fuji Families and Friends,

Thank you all for your continued support of your dedicated Marines/Sailors/Civilian employees of Camp Fuji. We have achieved many successful accomplishments since the last newsletter ranging from training unit support, development of our people, and strengthening of our alliance.

Notably, our installation hosted Exercise Fuji Viper for 1st Bn 3rd Marine Regiment from January to March. During this exercise, Marines successfully employed several Unmanned Aerial System aircraft while in support of combined arms training.

In March, our installation hosted the first large scale, bilateral, multi-domain exercise with the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit and the Japanese Amphibious Rapid Deployment Brigade known as the Maritime Defense Exercise (MDX). MDX was notable for its bilateral amphibious landings at our nearby training beach at Numazu, the first ever air-ground integrated training using Japanese V-22 tilt-rotor Osprey aircraft, and the first ever bilateral flight of Japanese V-22 and US Marine Corps MV-22 Osprey aircraft. F35 Joint Strike Fighters were also employed in this exercise.

Also during March, our own Marines participated in live fire small arms training and our base defense exercise that was featured in the Armed Forces Network television commercials. Other Marines are actively participating in an intense Martial Arts Instructors Course, and several of our NCOs recently graduated from our Corporal's Course.

These are just the highlights of a very busy quarter for our Camp Fuji team. SgtMaj Paz and I are very proud and constantly amazed at the performance, maturity, and dedication of our team.

With that said, my time here at Camp Fuji is rapidly coming to an end. My family and I will be moving back to the US from Camp Fuji next month. I will likely be serving my final assignment in the Marine Corps at the University of Colorado's Naval ROTC program in Boulder, Colorado. I will turn the command over to Col Neil Owens coming over from Okinawa. He is a long time friend of mine and an outstanding leader. He will prove to be a great addition to the Camp Fuji team.

It has been my utmost privilege and honor to serve with your loved one here at Camp Fuji. I only wish it would have been easier to meet our family members that are mostly back in the US and tell you directly how proud SgtMaj Paz and I of your loved ones serving here at Camp Fuji!

God bless all of you and Semper Fidelis!

Col Rob Bodisch
Commanding Officer
Combined Arms Training Center Camp Fuji, Japan

Company Command Team and Uniformed Readiness Coordinators



- Education
- Fitness
- Morale

- Training
- Family
- Resources



- Welfare
- Discipline
- Security

- Professional Development
- Life Skills

Thank you for all of the support that you give to your Marines. I hope you can join me in reminding them of the gravity of what they do each and every day. With just 150 Marines, we operate our own little city while also operating as a training center for a more capable force in the Pacific. Even on their hardest days, your Marines show up motivated to help their section meet mission, while working other billets and duties, and maintaining their standards as a Marine. We challenge them to build community relations, explore Japan, and better themselves in all aspects. We can have fun, we can train hard, we can help others, and we can balance it with everything else we do.

It is a privilege to serve alongside your Marines and to help keep you connected to all that we do here. Please let me know if there is anything we can do for you. Now I ask of you, take time to take time to talk with those that can not be home and let them know how much they mean to you. Semper Fidelis.

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CATC Camp Fuji's Fight Against COVID-19

As of January 13, 2022, we have a total of 41 COVID-19 positive cases associated with CATC Camp Fuji tenant and visiting unit organizations. Over the next 3 days, we expect over 20 of our positive cases to be fully recovered and medically cleared. For the past 3 days, we have not recorded any additional community spread cases suggesting that our mitigation measures are beginning to demonstrate effectiveness. None of our cases required hospitalization.

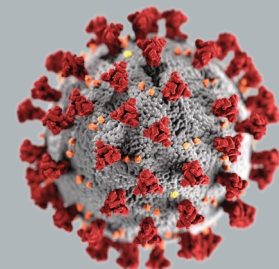
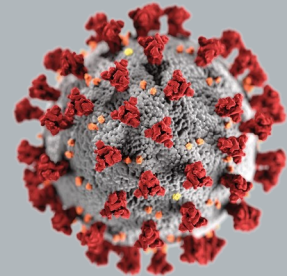
Counter Omicron Operations Order

Commander's Intent: We will treat this omicron outbreak as just another enemy that we will orient towards and vanquish. When Marines fully understand our identified threats, we gain unity of effort and alignment of purpose to prevail on this battlefield.

Purpose: Level set the installation on the current omicron outbreak situation, provide my intent on how we will defeat this enemy, and guide our returning Marines from CONUS leave that are not yet aware of the completely and suddenly changed COVID situation at Camp Fuji with the aim of preserving the health of our force and accomplishing all of our installation tasks.

Method: We will attack this omicron outbreak head-on in 3 phases. Phase I will consist of shaping operations such as reorganization, preparation, and booster shots. Phase 2 is our decisive phase focused on slowing the spread. Phase 3 will consist of steady-state containment and posture. The phases will not necessarily be sequential, they could be simultaneous and/or cyclical and shifting whatever is necessary to adapt to the evolving threat.

Desired state: Omicron or subsequent COVID-19 variants are contained and defeated. Mitigation measures are used to contain spread on and off-base, the health of our entire team of Marines/Sailors/US and Japanese civilian employees is protected, our host nation is assured of our diligent efforts, and that CATC Camp Fuji is capable of continuing all of its assigned missions without interruption.



For the past two weeks, we have greatly reduced community spread cases to nearly zero within the installation. Our quick individual and organizational actions to include aggressive mitigation measures, booster shots, testing, and quarantine have proven very effective.

Warrior Fellowship Council & MCCS



Desired State: Creative on-base activities carefully planned and executed to operate within COVID mitigation measures that provide Marines/Sailors/MLCs options for recreation that sustain physical/mental/spiritual resilience on CATC Camp Fuji and maintain the high morale needed to ensure mission accomplishment.



Runner up

10 MAR 2022
CC basketball
DST ALL STARS
Vs
Old School



Champions



節分

Setsubun

Setsubun falls on February 3rd, and marks the day before the beginning of spring according to the old Japanese calendar. A common tradition is to throw roasted soybeans at “demons”, shouting “bad things get out, good luck come in!”



SMP FRIEND O GRAM

2022/02/11



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Fuji SMP SMP Pizza Night

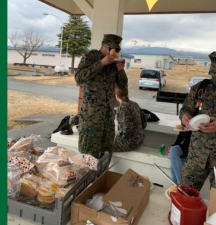
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Burger Bash

2022/03/04





CAMP FUJI SECURITY AUGMENTATION FORCE



EXERCISE MAMORU

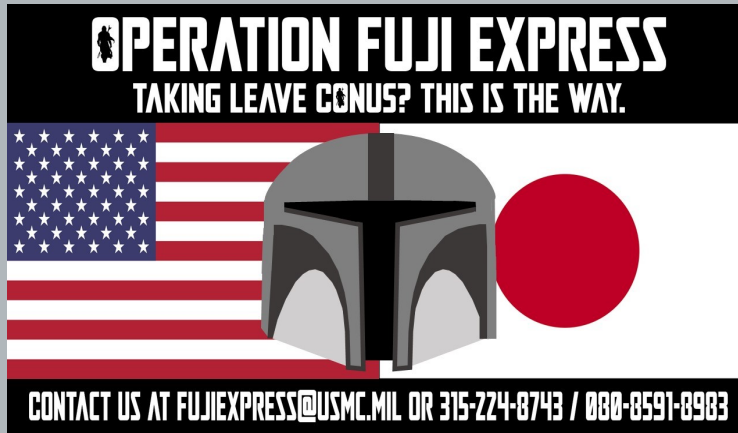


1-22 Corporals Course





Operation Fuji Express



Operation Fuji Express is comprised of various Marines and Sailors across III MEF. These individuals are making the most of their time while stationed at Camp Fuji

HM2 Crego receives the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal for his contributions to Operation Fuji Express for the previous five months.



The Operation Fuji Express OIC was selected to be a military mentor during the 2022 U.S. Senate Youth Program.



Corporal Matias graduated the Corporal's Course hosted by CATC Camp Fuji to prepare her for the next rank in the Marine Corps!



Sergeant Oduntan was promoted to Sergeant in front of his Operation Fuji Express team and Mount Fuji!

Range Operations Center



Marine aviation units conduct training onboard Camp Fuji Airfield.



31ST MEU conduct offload at Numazu Beach Training



Marines conduct live-fire training in the Fuji Maneuver Area.



Air Force Squadron conducts cargo drops in the Fuji Maneuver Area.

Explosive Ordnance Disposal



On 25 January 2022, personnel from CATC Fuji EOD Section participated in Post Blast Analysis training aboard Demo 3, IOT build upon skills learned in the employment of Sensitive Site Exploitation (SSE), and to establish a base line knowledge of how to identify exploitable information after an explosive event or enemy weapon strike.



CATC Fuji EOD Section along with two EOD Technicians from MCAS Iwakuni conducted a weekly bi-lateral Operational Area Clearance (Range Sweep) in the TA-1 impact area, in order to remove and dispose of any Unexploded Ordnance (UXO). All UXO items discovered during this range sweep were properly disposed of by detonation in TA-1 upon completion of the operation.

Chaplain's Corner

Springtime once again, although the weather outside doesn't seem to know that. As we continue to move into spring we will see the weather change, trees blossom and the snow melt off Mt. Fuji. With all these changes the one thing that does not change is that we will be celebrating Easter Sunday, the day the Lord Jesus Christ was Resurrected and overcame death and the grave. Scripture teaches us that without this culminating event in the life of Christ we would have no hope of a future with God. There is a saying that I heard many years ago and it still is true today. "Without Christmas we wouldn't have Easter and without Easter we wouldn't need Christmas." You might be asking what does this mean? To explain it as simple as I can, it means that the two are connected in ways that many may not fully comprehend. The reason that Christ was born, our Christmas celebration, is so that He could live a perfect sinless life and be the payment for humanities sin on the cross, Easter/Resurrection Sunday. So, if we did not have Christmas, the birth of Christ, there would not be Easter. And if there was no Easter/Resurrection, there would not have been a need for Christ to have been born. This leads us to a decision whether to accept what Christ did for us and follow God, or not. God would desire everyone to accept and follow Him but will not force anyone and waits patiently for those who do. Seek God while He may be found....



Another way that change is in the air is that we said goodbye to RP3 Kennedy Brooks-Edgar. She faithfully served CATC Camp Fuji for three years and has now moved on to her next duty station, the USS Nimitz in Washington State. God truly blessed CATC Fuji with her serving here. It was her first and only duty station thus far in the Navy and she did a tremendous job and made a major significant impact on this command and installation. Pray for her and if you have her contact info, drop her a message from time to time and let her know she's missed.

I would like to express my appreciation to everyone who has been supportive of the chapel and its ministries and those who have come out on Tuesday's for Country Night Line Dancing. You have truly encouraged me through your participation and commitment. Thank you...

Always remember Fuji family it is my honor, joy and privilege to serve as your Chaplain and I pray for each and every one of you daily, May the Lord bless you and keep you, may He make His face to shine upon you and give you peace.

Blessings in His love, Chaps Geoghegan



CHEF OF THE QUARTER

On Feb. 17, 2022, Lance Cpl. Ulysses Tapia, Lance Cpl. Sophia Ramos and Pfc. Logan Cody competed for Camp Fuji's Chef of the Quarter competition. In March, Lance Cpl. Sophia Ramos, with sous chef, Cpl. Alejandro Henaohica, placed second in MCIPAC's Chef of the Quarter and won the People's Choice Award.



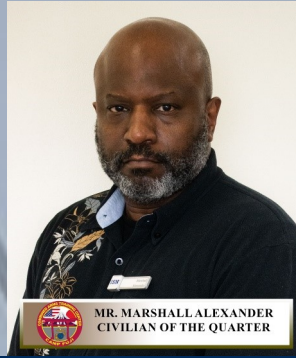
QUARTERLY BIRTHDAY LUNCH



Awards and Promotions



Logistics Section



MR. MARSHALL ALEXANDER
CIVILIAN OF THE QUARTER



NTV



Reenlistments

Medical



Provost Marshal's Office



LCPL RODRICK SIMMONS
MARINE OF THE QUARTER



AMMUNITION SUPPLY POINT
SECTION OF THE QUARTER

Ammunition Supply Point



Administrative Section



CPL MARISOL JIMENEZ
NCO OF THE QUARTER



Supply Section

Ribbon Cutting of the New Bachelors Enlisted Quarters



Colonel Bodisch and FMD Supervisor Agomuoh Ihejirika cut the ribbon for the opening of the remodeled enlisted barracks.



Operation Tomodachi

Camp Fuji conducted a base run commemorating the 2011 earthquake, tsunami, & Operation Tomodachi. LTC Koboyashi and a few of his JGSDF Soldiers joined us. SSgt Hochi even sang cadence with the Marines.



Professional Military Education



Instead of keeping the skills of wargaming to field and general ranks, the use of wargaming at all ranks can be beneficial. Wargaming and the practice of maneuvering forces should begin as early as possible and be commonplace much like other fundamental aspects of the U.S. Marine Corps



It rapidly becomes a very complex game, but the friction of understanding the situation makes it quite fun, productive, and we've noticed gets the players absorbed into their own board very quickly. It's always a big lesson to try to shift the players' focus a bit to the higher mission.

FMD's Brian Aillaud teaches a PME on how natural resources impacts the likelihood of conflict.





Let's Learn Japanese!

にほんごをまなぼう！



日本語を学ぼう！

A Quick Guide to Restaurants

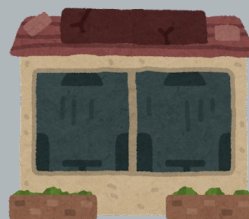


Open

えいぎょうちゅう

営業中

Eigyō-chū



Closed

じゅんぴちゅう

準備中

Junbi-chū

Q: How many in your party?

なんめい

何名様でしょうか？

Nan-meī sama deshou ka?

A: One person.

ひとり

一人です。

Hitori desu.

Hot coffee, please.

ホットコーヒーをください。

Hotto kouhi o kudasai.

A hot coffee and salad, please.

ホットコーヒーとサラダをください。

Hotto kouhi to sarada o kudasai.

*“And” と “to” (pronounced like English “toe”)

Will that be all?

いじょう

以上でよろしいでしょうか？

Ijou de yoroshii deshou ka?

1 person—hitori

2 people—futari

3 people—san-nin

4 people—yo-nin

5 people—go-nin

6 people—roku-nin

7 people—nana-nin

8 people—hachi-nin

9 people—kyuu-nin

10 people—juu-nin

ちゅうもん

Order: 注文: chuumon

てんない

For here/eat in: 店内: teinai

おもちかえり

To go: お持ち帰り: omochi-kaeri

To ask for the check:

かいけい

お会計おねがいします。

O-kaikei onegai shimasu.

Useful phrases:

To ask for the check separately

べつべつで (おねがいします)。

betsu-betsu de (onegai shimasu).

To ask for the check all together:

いっしょで (おねがいします)。

issho de (onegai shimasu).

注文

