

SAMURAI SOURCE

2026

AUGUST EDITION

2026



NEW THIS MONTH

An illustration of a bright yellow sun with rays and a red shield with a yellow and black design.

Save the Date

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Join us for Beach BBQ celebrating with... the...
games, music, BBQ, and the beach... Division

POSTPONED

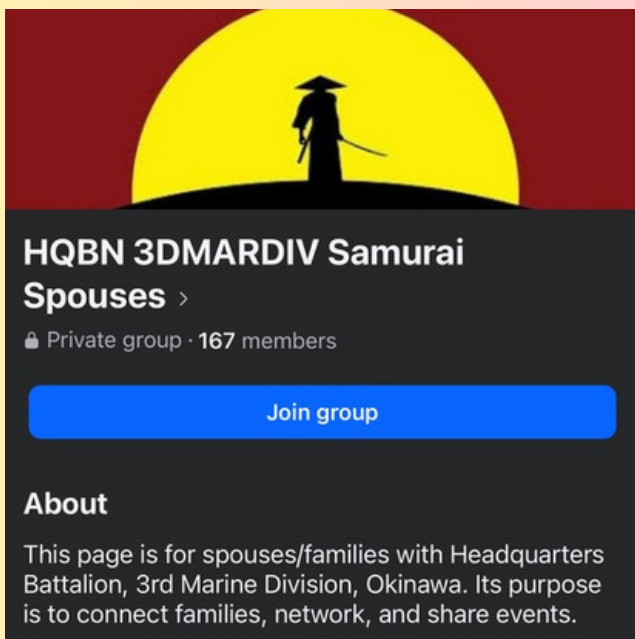
Event Details:

Date: Friday (TBD) 2026
Time: 1100-1500
Location: White Beach Naval
Facility Okinawa Japan

Games, Music, BBQ,
and the Beach
*Food Truck and Restaurant items
available for purchase

An illustration of two surfboards, one blue and one red, standing on a sandy beach with blue waves in the background.A small version of the Fidelity crest at the bottom left.

Sponsored by HQBN 3d Marine Division



Want to stay connected? Scan the QR code to join the HQBN Spouse Facebook group!





BALL GOWN *exchange*



Save the Date
AUGUST 29, 2026

MC T COMMUNITY CENTER

3:00-6:00PM



3RD MAR DIV & III MEF SPOUSES ARE HOSTING A BALL GOWN EXCHANGE



Ball Gown Exchange and Beauty Services Bazar will take place at the Mc T Community Center on Saturday, August 29th from 3:00-6:00 PM.

WE INVITE HOME-BASED BEAUTY BRANDS TO:

- **HOST A BOOTH**
- **ADVERTISE OR DEMONSTRATE YOUR BEAUTY SERVICES**
- **HELP CUSTOMERS BOOK THEIR LOOK!**

To sign up to reserve your spot please email: margaret.smith@usmc.mil
(tables and chairs provided, no sales will take place at the event)

LOCAL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

**ANNUAL COMMUNITY RELATIONS
SUMMER ENGLISH CLASS**

AUGUST 17-21ST

**ACTIVE DUTY
VOLUNTEERS
ENCOURAGED!**

**MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL
STUDENTS' VISIT TO CAMP COURTNEY!**

SPOTS ARE LIMITED SO SIGN UP TODAY!

✉ **VIA EMAIL TO:**
jacqueline.c.williams.mil@usmc.mil

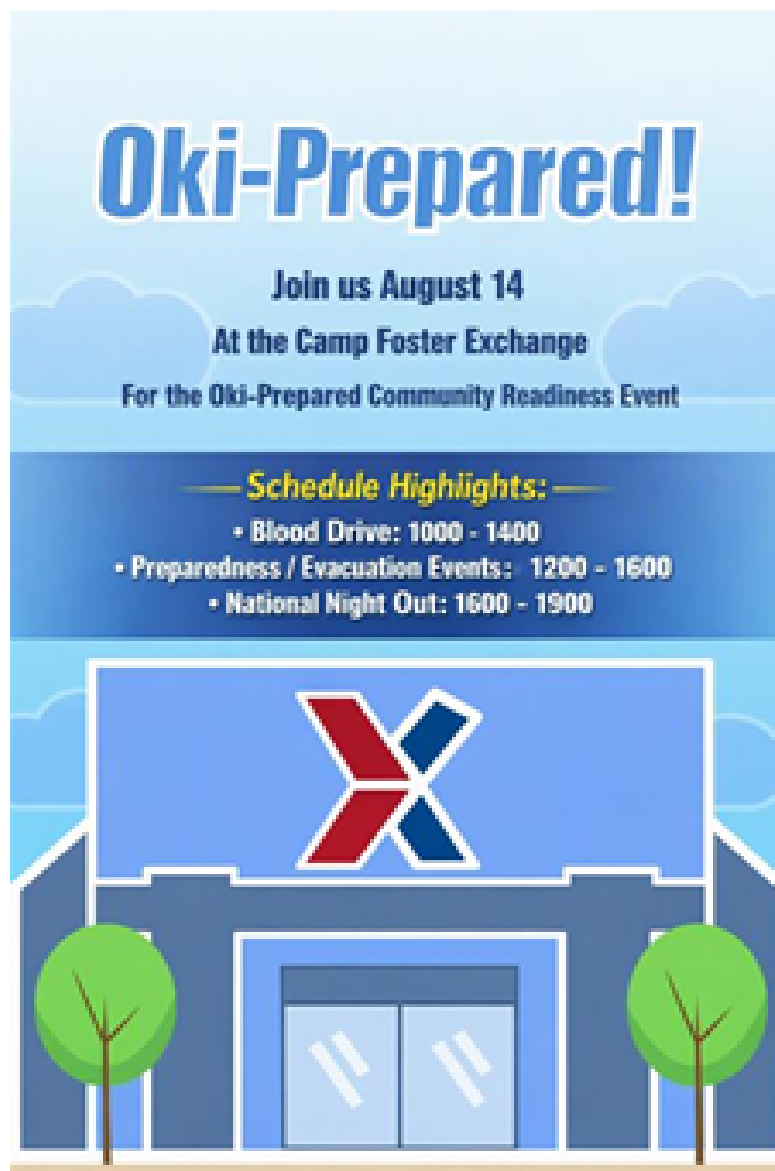


OKI-Prepared Emergency Preparedness Event (14 Aug) –

An interactive community event featuring emergency preparedness resources, family activities, educational booths, and practical information to help families prepare before emergencies occur.

We encourage commands, leaders, and community partners to share these opportunities widely and help connect Marines, Sailors, civilian employees, and families with the resources available to support readiness, resilience, and lifelong success.

Thank you for your continued partnership in strengthening our Okinawa military community.



Class Schedule

L.I.N.K.S.

L.I.N.K.S. FOUNDATIONS
12 AUGUST 2026 | 0930-1800
MCAS FUTENMA, ED CENTER RM 3

Designed for new military families, L.I.N.K.S. Foundations provides an introduction to Marine Corps life, benefits, deployments, communication, & community resources through guidance from experienced Marine spouses.

JAPANESE L.I.N.K.S. FOUNDATIONS
18 AUGUST 2026 | 0900-1600
MCAS FUTENMA, HABU PIT

Designed for Japanese spouses new to military life, L.I.N.K.S. Foundations introduces Marine Corps culture, benefits, deployments, communication, and resources through support from experienced Marine spouses.

L.I.N.K.S. SUSHI MAKING
6 AUGUST 2026 | 1130-1230
CAMP FOSTER, BLD 445 RM 201
MCFTB Okinawa's L.I.N.K.S. program and Inter-Cultural Awareness and Adaptation program invite service members and families to enjoy a hands-on sushi-making experience with Megumi Tamaki while exploring Japanese culture and traditions.

FAMILY READINESS PROGRAM

COMMAND TEAM TRAINING
5 AUGUST 2026 | 0830-1100
CAMP FOSTER, ED CENTER BLDG
5679, RM 9

CommandTeam Training provides Commanding Officers, Executive Officers, and Sergeants Major with an overview of the Unit Personal & Family Readiness Program (UPFRP), command responsibilities, and best practices for supporting families. This training emphasizes proactive communication, early engagement, and prevention-focused leadership to strengthen overall unit readiness.

READINESS COORDINATOR TRAINING
11-13 AUGUST 2026 | 0830-1600
CAMP FOSTER, ED CENTER BLDG
5679 RM 9

This multi-day training prepares Deployment and Unit Readiness Coordinators to effectively support families through clear communication, accurate information flow, and confident resource referral. Strong readiness leaders are key to early intervention and prevention.

LIFE SKILLS

PREMARITAL
14 AUGUST 2026 | 0800-1500
CAMP FOSTER, OCEAN BREEZE

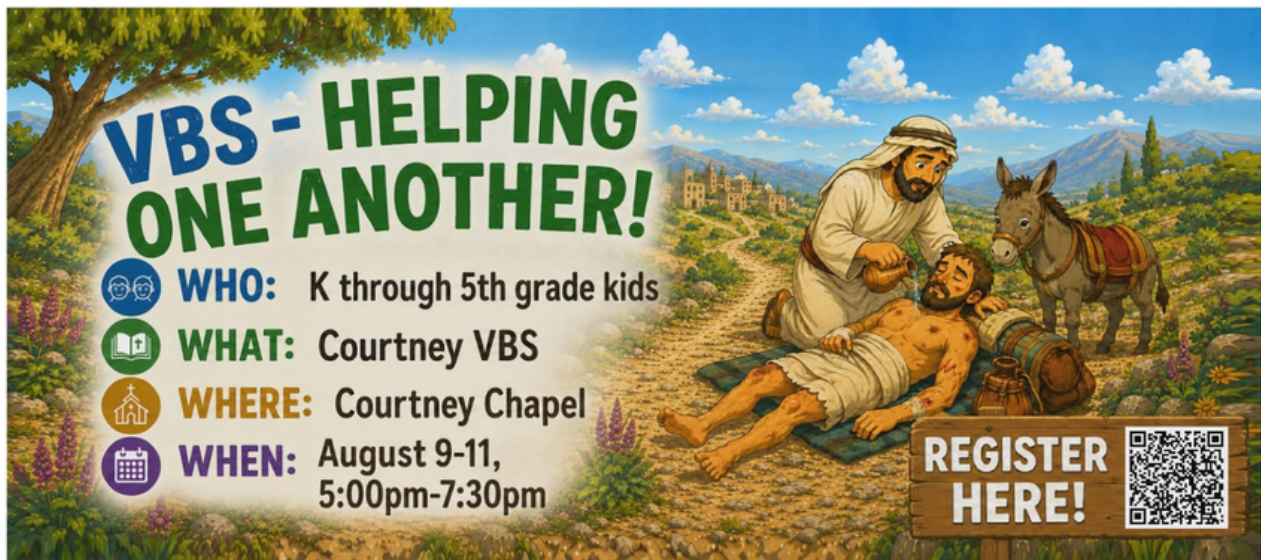
The LifeSkills Premarital Seminar is a full-day workshop that prepares service members and their partners for military marriage by covering relationship skills, financial planning, military requirements and benefits, and support resources to help build a strong, informed foundation.

READINESS & DEPLOYMENT SUPOPRT

FILM, CRAFTS, FUN
12 AUGUST 2026 | 0930-1130
CAMP FOSTER LIBRARY

Join MCFTB this summer for our Film, Craft & Fun Summer Series! Families can enjoy family friendly movies, creative crafts, and fun activities while connecting with other military families. It's a great opportunity to relax, make new friends, and create lasting memories together.

CAMP COURTNEY CHAPEL



Each night starts at 5:00 pm with a dinner (gluten-free options available). After that, there will be stories, games, and crafts. We will learn about how God helps us and we can help one another. The fun ends at 7:30 pm. Register using the above QR code.

Hope to see you there!



Back-to-School Resource Spotlight: Tutor.com

As students head back to school, don't forget about one of the military community's best educational benefits.

Tutor.com for U.S. Military Families provides FREE 24/7 online tutoring and academic support for eligible military-connected students, spouses, dependents, and employees.

Services include:

Live one-on-one tutoring

Homework help

Writing review

Resume and interview assistance

Study skills coaching

Test preparation for SAT, ACT, AP, ASVAB, AFOQT, GRE, GMAT, LSAT, MCAT, NCLEX, GED, HiSET, and more

Supporting over 200 subjects, Tutor.com is an excellent resource for academic success, career development, and lifelong learning.

Getting Started

Visit www.tutor.com/military

Select your branch of service.

Verify your eligibility and create an account.

Select "Get a Tutor Now" to connect with a tutor.

Students attending DoDEA schools may also access Tutor.com through ClassLink.

MCIPAC CREDO is excited to announce our upcoming Personal Resilience Retreat (PRR) for Marines and Sailors stationed in Okinawa, taking place 09-11 September 2026. This three-day, two-night retreat is designed to help service members recharge, reflect, and return to duty with strengthened self-awareness, emotional balance, and renewed purpose—all in a supportive and stress-free environment.

What is the Personal Resilience Retreat (PRR)?

PRRs are held at peaceful local resort hotels, providing an opportunity to:

-  **Gain deeper insight into personal values, behaviors, and motivations**
-  **Improve communication and problem-solving skills**
-  **Strengthen resilience for high-tempo, high-stress environments**
-  **Align with USMC/USN core values to grow personally and professionally**

Unlike other CREDO retreats, this one is individual-focused and not intended for couples or families. It offers a powerful space for service members to invest in their well-being and return more connected, capable, and mission-ready.

Key Details

- **Who Can Attend:** Individual active-duty Marines and Sailors
- **Cost:** 100% free (including lodging and meals)
- **Children/Dependents:** Not permitted – childcare must be arranged independently
- **Location:** Local resort hotel (details provided upon confirmation)
- **Maximum Capacity:** 30 participants
- **Selection Process:** If the number of applicants exceeds available spots, a random selection process will be used to ensure fairness

 **Registration Deadline: 1200 on 21 August 2026**

Don't miss this opportunity to strengthen your resilience and reset your mindset.

 **Register now via the link below:**

[https://forms.osi.apps.mil/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=2kzE9MYysEaA8uKQByRE_QQKTDQ0zZdHIIx03-3xwnBUREJST1VLNzZQUzdVWII3SkhJN1E0UVAzUCQIQCNOPWcu]



Or scan this QR Code



Take time to invest in yourself. Develop the tools to thrive—not just survive—in the demanding environment you serve in. We hope to see you there!



NMCRS OKINAWA

Main Office: Camp Foster, Bldg. 5717, 2nd Floor
Mon-Fri, 0800-1600, DSN: 645-7808 or 098-970-7808
Limited Service Office: Camp Hansen, Bldg. 2339, 1st Floor
Mondays & Wednesdays*, 0930-1330, DSN: 623-5043
*Hours of operation dependent on volunteer support



NMCRS offers free, confidential, nonjudgmental assistance to active duty and retired Sailors, Marines, and their families

Financial Assistance



When financial challenges happen, we can help with car repairs, out-of-pocket medical costs, PCS moves, household set up, and other unexpected expenses.

Financial Education



You don't have to wait for a financial emergency—we can help you budget and find resources for better financial stability.

Education Assistance



NMCRS aims to lighten the load of higher education costs by offering needs-based scholarships and interest-free loans to the spouses and children of active duty and retired Sailors and Marines.

Budget for Baby®



How expensive is the new family addition? We offer free workshops to help you plan and prepare for a new baby. Plus, you'll get a gift for attending!

Disaster and Critical Event Relief



Storms, power outages, fires, or other disruptions can be difficult and costly. NMCRS can help you recover with confidence.

Emergency Travel



When a serious illness or loss in your family requires you to travel, we can help get you there—fast.

Thrift Shops and Uniform Lockers



Shop sustainably for household goods, toys, and uniforms and support your community resource at the same time. **Service not currently available in Okinawa*

Visiting Nurse Program



Our registered nurses are here to provide you with trusted support, resources, and guidance—from pregnancy and newborn care to ongoing health and wellness, at home or virtually.

Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society
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