

# SAMURAI SOURCE

2026

MAY EDITION

2026



## NEW THIS MONTH

**SAMURAI  
SPRING**

**MARINE &  
FAMILY DAY**

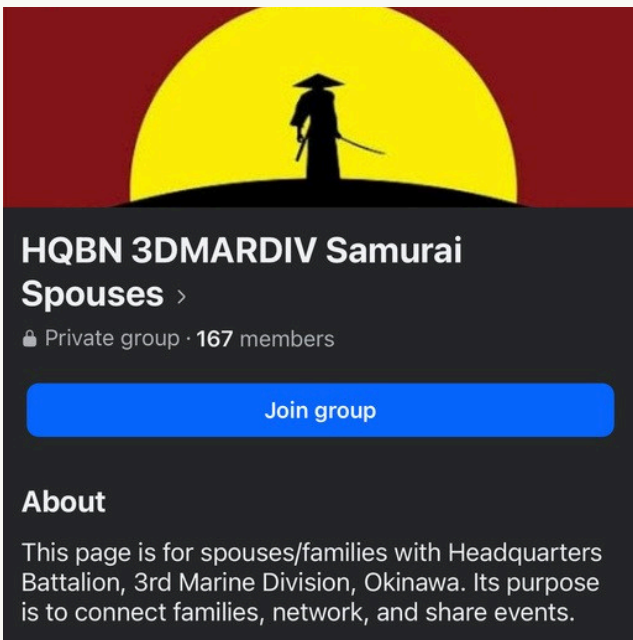
JOIN US ON CAMP COURTNEY B SIDE  
COMMISSARY FIELD  
GRAPPLING AND KICKBALL TOURNAMENTS!  
22 MAY, 2026  
1100-1500

BOUNCY HOUSES, STATIC DISPLAY, GAMES AND BBQ!  
WEATHER CALL WILL BE MADE THURSDAY 21 MAY

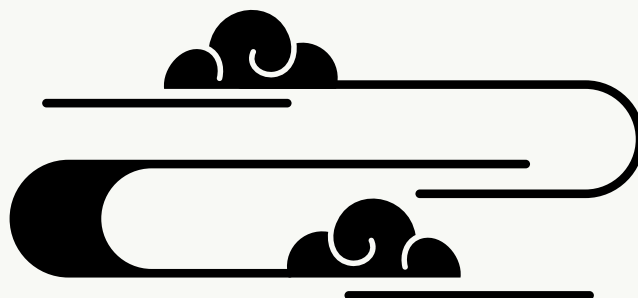


HAPPY  
*Mother's Day*





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





# MEET THE SERGEANT MAJOR



**Konichiwa Samurai Team!**

**As one of the newest arrivals to the beautiful island of Okinawa and latest members to join the Headquarters Battalion "Samurai" family, I want to say thank you. Thank you first and foremost to my predecessor and sponsor SgtMaj Tony Lopez and his amazing family for making our journey here from Charlotte, North Carolina a smooth and trouble-free one. Thank you to the Marines and Sailors who quite literally put their best foot forward in an awesome relief and appointment parade last month to welcome me in. Thank you to everyone in the battalion and on Camp Courtney who have welcomed my husband Jimmy and I in with open arms, and taken the time to stop by and say hello. It is greatly appreciated, and you can tell A LOT about a unit by how they take care of their new joins.**

**We have an exceptionally busy schedule over the next few months with operations, exercises, training, leave, liberty, and everything that falls in between. As I am getting fully settled and oriented on the day-to-day operations of the battalion, the division, and the camp, I will be making my way around to YOUR spaces much more frequently to see how you and your families are doing, and to find out exactly what you need and expect from your command's senior enlisted leader. My priorities are those of our commanding officer, and I will endeavor every day to reinforce and bolster these efforts: Together we will Develop Leaders, Build Teams, Cultivate Character, and Be Professional in EVERYTHING that we do. I am honored to serve in this outstanding unit, and cannot wait to see the incredible things that lie ahead for us as a team.**

**Semper Fidelis!  
SgtMaj Brian Downing**

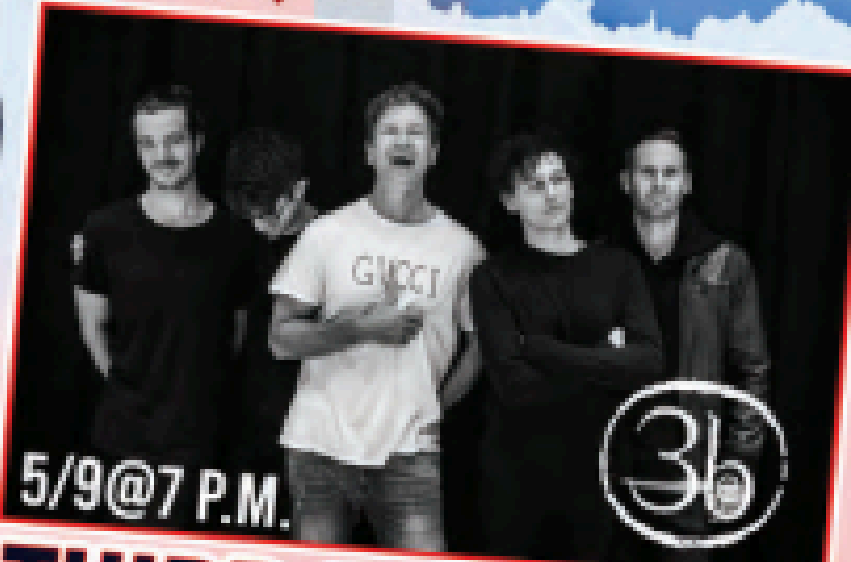


**SCAN THE QR CODE TO FOLLOW SGT MAJ DOWNING ON INSTAGRAM**

# FLUTENMA FLIGHT LINE Fair

**MAY 9-10**  
**1-9 P.M.**

花火 | FIREWORKS | 5/9@8:15 P.M.



5/9@7 P.M.

**THIRD EYE BLIND**

CAR SHOW, MILITARY AIRCRAFT STATIC DISPLAYS AND MORE!  
カーショー、軍用機の地上展示など盛りだくさん！



This event is FREE and open to DoD ID card holders, Japanese and American citizens. Do not bring outside alcohol, pets, glass bottles, coolers or large bags.





# 2026 OKINAWA EXCHANGE SUMMER HIRE

PROGRAM DURATION:  
15 JUNE (MON) – 7 AUGUST (FRI)

**Gain Job Experience!**

Limited spots available for students (ages 15 to 18)

**NOW ACCEPTING  
APPLICATIONS!**

Application Deadline: May 24

Check out

**ApplyMyExchange.com**

or Scan the QR Code and Submit Your  
Application **TODAY!**

JOB VACANCY#: H-6445SummerHire2026



APPLYING IS EASY!



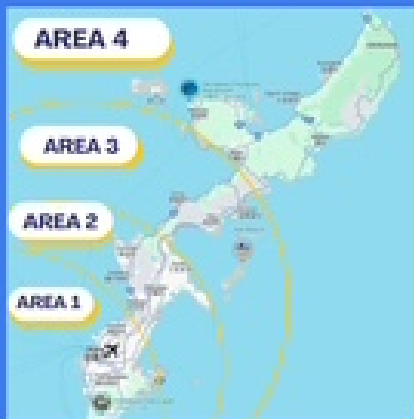
Questions?

Contact Okinawa HR Office

☎ 098-970-7802 / DSN 645-7802

✉ OkinawaExchangeHRO@aafes.com

## NAVY MWR OKINAWA TRANSPORTATION SERVICES



### AIRPORT TAXI AREA RATES

**AREA 1: SOUTH \$45**

GINCHWAN, HIRABARU, FUDOMARU, NABA,  
NAKAGUTSUKU, NAKAJO, URAHAGE, NISHIHARA

**AREA 2: SOUTH CENTRAL \$60**

URURAA, OKINAWA, FOMITAN, CHATAN,  
KITENARAKUSUKU

**AREA 3: CENTRAL \$90**

GINCHA, HENCHO, KIRI, OHNA, TAKA

**AREA 4: NORTH \$120**

MOTOKU, NAGO, NAKURU, KUPPAAI, OKUMA,  
JAYTO, OJIMA



BOOK YOUR RIDE TODAY

WWW.NAVYMWROKINAWA.COM

The Okinawa Comedy Festival (OCF) May 27-31, 2026 and will feature Japanese & International comedians approximately 30+ shows across 6 venues in Naha, Chatan & Okinawa such as Roast Battle League, comedy Showcases and, International headliners! Come see amazing artists like Kill Tony's Dedrick Fly...



# MAY 2026

## FREE JAPANESE CULTURE CLASSES

### FOSTER

1ST: 1130-1300  
HOW TO MAKE "INARI SUSHI"  
11TH, 12TH, 14TH & 15TH: 1130-1300  
JAPANESE LANGUAGE PART.I  
(4-DAY CLASS, 1.5H A DAY)  
7H: 1130-1300  
SURVIVAL JAPANESE WRITING

### FUTENMA

21ST: 1130-1300  
CEREBRATION CRANE - ORIGAMI

### KINSER

5TH: 1130-1300  
LEARN: JAPANESE CHILDREN'S DAY  
15TH: 1130-1230  
SURVIVAL JAPANESE LANGUAGE  
29TH: 1130-1300  
JAPANESE CALLIGRAPHY

### COURTNEY

14TH: 1130-1230  
INSIDE JAPANESE COMMUNICATION  
15TH: 1130-1230  
WASHI SCRAPBOOK CRAFT  
18TH, 19TH, 21ST & 22ND: 1130-1300  
JAPANESE LANGUAGE PART.I  
(4-DAY CLASS, 1.5H A DAY)

### HANSEN & SCHWAB

6TH: 1130-1230 (SCHWAB)  
JAPANESE CONVERSATION  
7TH: 1130-1230 (HANSEN)  
JAPANESE MANNERS & CUSTOMS

### OFF BASE (MEET ON SITE)

11TH: 1030-1200  
GROCERY TOUR - RYCOM MALL  
(MEETING AT FRONT OF PRODUCE)

### REACH OUT TO US FOR UNIT TRAINING

SOUTHERN CAMP POC  
MEGUMI TAMAKI  
MEGUMI.TAMAKI.JA@USMC.MIL

NORTHERN CAMP POC  
YURIKA SMITH  
YURIKA.SMITH.JA@OKINAWA.USMC-MCCS.ORG

EVENTBRITE  
REGISTRATION



MCCS  
MARINE CORPS



MCCS  
WEBSITE  
SCHEDULE

# MAY 2026

## CAMP COURTNEY LIBRARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 STAR WARS ACTIVITIES	2 Closed
3 STAR WARS ACTIVITIES	4 STAR WARS ACTIVITIES	5 1030 Preschool Storytime (Ages 3+)	6 BOOK SWAP	7 1030 Toddler Storytime (Under 3) 1630 Make Art Happen (Adult Program)	8 MOTHERS DAY CRAFT	9 Closed
10 SINGLE MARRIERS / ADULTS 1200 Dream Weavers (Adult Program)	11	12 1030 Preschool Storytime (Ages 3+)	13 1700 3-D Printer Orientation	14 1030 Toddler Storytime (Under 3) 1700 Basic Japanese	15	16 Closed
17	18	19 1030 Preschool Storytime (Ages 3+)	20	21 1030 Toddler Storytime (Under 3)	22 SCAVENGER HUNT	23 Closed
24 SCAVENGER HUNT	25 SCAVENGER HUNT	26 STORYTIME BREAK Return 16 June	27 1700 3-D Printer Orientation	28 STORYTIME BREAK Return 16 June	29	30 Closed
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MUCH TO READ, YOU STILL HAVE:

MON-FRI: 1000-1900

SAT: CLOSED

SUN: 1000-1500

MARINE @Family Personal & Professional Readiness

DSN: 622-9280





*Hello*  
**MAY**

NATIONAL MILITARY  
*Appreciation Month*

HONOR • GRATITUDE • RESPECT

**RED**  
FRIDAY

*Remember Everyone Deployed*

★  
**FREEDOM  
ISN'T FREE  
SOMEONE  
SACRIFICED  
FOR IT**

TO OUR MILITARY, VETERANS & THEIR FAMILIES

★ ★ *Thank You* ★ ★

TODAY AND EVERY DAY

**WE WEAR RED  
UNTIL THEY  
ALL COME  
HOME**  
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# MEMORIAL DAY FUN!

## 2026 COMBINED COMMANDING GENERAL'S (CG) CUP INTRAMURAL SPORTS



QUARTER 2



Scan QR Code to register.

PLEASE NOTE THAT DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

645-3521 | (098) 970-3521

Email: [adultsports@okinawa.usmc-mccs.org](mailto:adultsports@okinawa.usmc-mccs.org)

### GOLF

Northern CC Golf	Taiyo	May 6
Southern CC Golf	Taiyo	May 7
Combined CG Golf	Taiyo	May 13-14

### 6V6 SOCCER

Southern CC 6v6 Soccer	Futenma	May 30-31
Northern CC 6v6 Soccer	Courtney	June 13-14
Combined CG 6v6 Soccer	Foster	June 27-28

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## CHILDREN'S DAY

-FAMILY FUN NIGHT-

MAY 21, 5-9P.M.

KINSER SURFSIDE  
OCEAN BREEZE  
TENGAN CASTLE

Sponsored by:

## Memorial 5K RUN

...IN HONOR OF THOSE WHO SERVED AND SACRIFICED



# MAY 23

Register for \$50 (or \$10 with no t-shirt or medal included) on Eventbrite.

645-4866  
[adultsports@okinawa.usmc-mccs.org](mailto:adultsports@okinawa.usmc-mccs.org) | [www.okinawa.usmc-mccs.org/adultsports](http://www.okinawa.usmc-mccs.org/adultsports)

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## MEMORIAL DAY BOWLING

MAY 25



ALL MCCS BOWLING CENTERS



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MEMORIAL CLUBS

## Memorial Day

### POOL BASH

MONDAY • MAY 25 • NOON-3 P.M.

Plaza • Hansen • Futenma • McTureous

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**Golden Week in 2026 runs from Wednesday, April 29 to Wednesday, May 6, creating one of Japan's busiest travel periods of the year. Expect heavy crowds, peak travel on May 2 and May 5-6, and fully booked transportation and hotels if you don't plan ahead.**

### **Golden Week 2026: Key Dates**

**Here are the official national holidays that make up Golden Week:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Holiday</b>
<b>April 29, 2026</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Shōwa Day</b>
<b>May 3, 2026</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Constitution Memorial Day</b>
<b>May 4, 2026</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Greenery Day</b>
<b>May 5, 2026</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Children's Day</b>
<b>May 6, 2026</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Substitute Holiday (for Constitution Day)</b>

**Okinawa's summer effectively begins during Golden Week, making it one of Japan's earliest warm-beach destinations.**