

VOLUNTEERS

MCCS OKINAWA VOLUNTEER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the MCCS Okinawa Volunteer Management Program Newsletter, your monthly source for news, opportunities, and stories that celebrate the power of volunteering. Each month, we highlight the incredible efforts of our volunteers, share upcoming events and training, and connect you with ways to get involved in making a difference across our island community. Whether you are a long-time volunteer, a new participant, or an organization seeking support, this newsletter is here to inspire, inform, and help you take the next step in your volunteer journey.



Volunteer Spotlight



This month, we are proud to highlight Miranda Browning for her dedication to Sea Turtle conservation and environmental stewardship

Miranda's volunteer journey began with a desire to gain hands-on experience in a field connected to her academic interests. What started as an opportunity to learn has grown into a meaningful commitment to protecting marine wildlife. As a volunteer with an ocean conservation organization, Miranda helps safeguard sea turtles through a variety of important activities. Her work includes early morning beach patrols to identify nesting activity, protect sea turtle nests, and monitor critical habitat areas. She also assists with collecting data on stranded sea turtles, supporting ongoing research and conservation efforts. One of Miranda's most memorable experiences was witnessing a mother sea turtle come ashore to lay her eggs. She later had the opportunity to follow the nest's progress from incubation to hatching, watching the hatchlings emerge and make their journey to the ocean. She also participated in nest excavations, helping researchers gather valuable data while getting a close look at the hatchlings. When asked what advice she would give to others considering volunteer service, Miranda's response is simple: "Just go for it." She encourages people to explore organizations that align with their interests and connect with current volunteers to learn more about available opportunities. Thank you, Miranda, for your passion, commitment, and contributions to protecting sea turtles and preserving our coastal ecosystems. Your efforts make a lasting impact.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Upcoming opportunities to learn
and give back to the community!

DATE	EVENT	DETAILS
July 2	Neighborhood Pantry	0745-1100/ Camp Foster Chapel Center. Volunteers need to assist with opening shop staffing by helping pantry guests select items.
July 4	Camp Kinser Beautification	0800-1100/ Camp Kinser volunteers will directly support the cleanliness, appearance, safety and functionality of Camp Kinser.
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July 4	Beach Clean up	1230-1400/ Camp Hansen SMP needs you for their next beach clean up at Kin Sunrise beach.
July 12	Operation Golden Gate 2: Weekly Cleanup.	0830-1200 Join fellow Service members and community volunteers in helping keep Okinawa beautiful.

PLEASE SCAN ME FOR MORE DETAILS!



Questions? Send us an email:
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Training Opportunities

Passport to Volunteer: Is for those looking to learn how to turn your volunteer experience into résumé bullets. This training is also perfect if you are new to volunteering.

Volunteer Ready: Designed for those managing or supervising volunteers.

For more information, upcoming dates, and to register for training, scan the QR code or visit the MCCS Okinawa Volunteer Opportunities website at <https://www.okinawa.usmc-mccs.org/marine-family-support/volunteer-opportunities>.



Get Involved

Be sure to visit the MCCS Okinawa Volunteer Opportunities webpage for other volunteer events, training and opportunities. We can connect you with opportunities that match your skills and passions. Whether short-term or ongoing, there's a place for you.

- MCCS Okinawa Volunteer Opportunities
- MCB Camp Butler Installation Service Providers



Related Stories

Discover inspiring stories from volunteers making a difference across the Marine Corps. From supporting community events to lending a helping hand to those in need, these real-life experiences highlight the impact and heart of volunteer service. Read their stories and be inspired to start your own volunteer journey.



Community Partners

Thank you to our local military units, community groups, on/off-base organizations, and individual donors for your ongoing support. If you know a community partner, whether on or off base, that has volunteer opportunities, please contact the MCCS Okinawa Volunteer Management Program Coordinator for assistance in making that connection.



Contact Information

Volunteers are the heart of our community, and your dedication, time, and generosity continue to make a meaningful difference across Okinawa. Whether you have given one hour or one hundred, your contributions create a lasting impact far beyond what you may see. Thank you for sharing your skills, energy, and compassion.

For more information about becoming a volunteer, or if you are an organization with volunteer opportunities, please contact the MCCS Okinawa Volunteer Management Program Coordinator.

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