

VOLUNTEERS

MCCS OKINAWA VOLUNTEER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

OCT 2026

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



Okinawa CPO Mess Honors History Through Hacksaw Ridge Beautification Project

On September 12, 2026, approximately 60 Sailors from the Okinawa Chief Petty Officer (CPO) Mess came together for a beautification project at Hacksaw Ridge. The event provided an opportunity for Sailors to give back to the local community while honoring the historical significance of the site. Following the beautification effort, Sailors participated in a short period of instruction focused on the history of Hacksaw Ridge and its significance to the Battle of Okinawa. The discussion highlighted the sacrifices made at the site and encouraged participants to reflect on the connection between history, service, and the responsibility to preserve important places for future generations. Through their efforts, the CPO Mess demonstrated that service extends beyond the uniform—strengthening the connection between Sailors, the local community, and the history they share.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Upcoming opportunities to learn
and give back to the community!

DATE	EVENT	DETAILS
Oct 1	Neighborhood Pantry Open Shop Volunteer.	0745-1100 / Help support pantry operations while assisting members of the community.
Oct 3	Neighborhood Pantry Open Shop Volunteer.	0845-1100 / Help support pantry operations while assisting members of the community.
Oct 4	Operation Golden Gate 2: Weekly Cleanup.	0830-1200 / Join fellow Service Members and community volunteers in helping keep Okinawa beautiful.
Oct 7	Passport To Volunteering.	1100-1200 / Jump in and discover how volunteering can open new doors while making a real difference in your community.
Oct 7	Hoops for Hope Camp Foster.	1700-1900 / Help with event setup and breakdown.

PLEASE SCAN ME FOR MORE DETAILS!



Questions? Send us an email:
MCBB_VOLUNTEER@USMC.MIL

Training Opportunities

Passport to Volunteering: 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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EFMP Volunteers Wanted

Opportunities include:

Pre-Event Coordination | **Event Set-Up and Decoration** | **Activity Helpers** | **Post Event Activities** | **Guest Assistance** | **Special events (Holidays, Campaigns, Family Support Events)**

LOA is provided by EFMP for all volunteers. Volunteers must be ages 18+ (minors can volunteer with a guardian present). To start volunteering, email efmp@okinawa.usmc-mccs.org for opportunities today.



MILITARY FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS OKINAWA



All military branches and ranks, and SOFA,
can shop the shelves at no cost located at
Camp Foster Chapel, Bldg 455, Room 103
[Neighborhood Pantry - Camp Butler Facebook](#)



All military branches and ranks, and SOFA,
can come during operating hours and receive
food at no cost. Located on **Kadena AB**
[Kadena Food Pantry Facebook](#)



All military branches and ranks, and SOFA,
can shop the shelves at no cost located at
Camp Kinser Chapel, Bldg 1092, Room 11
[Neighborhood Pantry - Camp Butler Facebook](#)



**WIC
OVERSEAS**



WIC provides nutritional support for
expectant mothers, babies,
and children up to 5 years of age
[Tricare - WIC Overseas](#)



**PANTRY
PARTNER**
NEIGHBORHOOD pantry Camp Butler



All military branches and ranks, and SOFA,
can pick up pre-packed bags at
partner locations on northern bases
Scan QR code for list
[Neighborhood Pantry - Camp Butler Facebook](#)



School-age students can enjoy
nutritionally balanced meals at low
or no cost all school year
[School Meal Program Information](#)

MILITARY AID SOCIETIES



[NMCRS - Okinawa](#)



[Air Force Aid Society](#)



[Army Emergency Relief](#)



Military patrons can access
healthy groceries delivered to all
bases on Okinawa
[DeCA Click to Go](#)



MARINE CORPS COMMUNITY SERVICES
MARINE CORPS FAMILY TEAM BUILDING

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

INSPIRE. LEAD. MAKE AN IMPACT.

Help make **TEENS' WARRIOR DAY** an unforgettable experience for our future leaders! Your time, energy, and leadership make all the difference.



FRIDAY
16 OCTOBER 2026



0630 – 1200
CHECK-IN BEGINS AT 0730



FIELD TWO
CAMP FOSTER

TEEN WARRIORS. ONE DAY. A LIFETIME OF IMPACT.

Volunteer and help teens build camaraderie, learn Marine Corps traditions, and challenge themselves through teamwork, discipline, and fun!

VOLUNTEER ROLES NEEDED



**SET-UP &
TEAR DOWN**

Help prepare the event site and ensure a smooth breakdown.



**STATION
FACILITATOR**

Lead activities at your station and ensure teens are engaged, safe, and learning.



**PLATOON LEADERS/
SQUAD LEADERS**

Guide and motivate teams, encourage teamwork, and set the example.



**DRILL
INSTRUCTORS**

Teach drill movements, instill discipline, and lead with professionalism.



CORPSMAN

Provide first aid support and help keep participants safe and healthy.

**BE A ROLE MODEL.
BUILD LEADERS.
MAKE MEMORIES.**

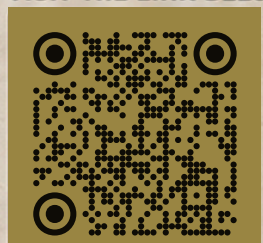
VOLUNTEER TODAY!

**TEENS'
WARRIOR
DAY**

**TRAIN.
LEARN.
LEAD.
BECOME A
WARRIOR.**

SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER!

SCAN THE QR CODE
OR VISIT THE LINK BELOW



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044CAFAF23A1F4C07-65575203-teens>



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