

VOLUNTEER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 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 RECOGNITION CEREMONY 2026



This year, we are still planning to host the Volunteer Recognition Ceremony to honor the outstanding community service of our active-duty service members and civilian personnel, even though the President's Volunteer Service Award (PVSA) will not be presented.

Your dedication and commitment to volunteering do not go unnoticed. We remain fully committed to recognizing individuals who have made a meaningful impact within their communities through service.

All volunteer hour categories will remain the same as the PVSA thresholds, and eligible participants will be recognized accordingly during the ceremony.

To participate, please submit copies of your Letters or Certificates of Appreciation (LOAs/COAs) verifying your volunteer hours to MCBB_Volunteer@usmc.mil.

We strongly encourage all eligible volunteers to submit their documentation and allow us the opportunity to properly recognize your service and contributions.

Thank you for continuing to support and strengthen our community through volunteerism.



Hours to Qualify for Recognition

BRONZE LEVEL:

TEENS: 50-74 HOURS

YOUNG ADULTS: 100-174 HOURS

ADULTS: 100-249 HOURS

SILVER LEVEL:

TEENS: 75-99 HOURS

YOUNG ADULTS: 175-249 HOURS

ADULTS: 250-499 HOURS

GOLD LEVEL:

TEENS: 100+ HOURS

YOUNG ADULTS: 250+ HOURS

ADULTS: 500+ HOURS

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD: ALL AGES: 4000+ HOURS OF SERVICE OVER A LIFETIME

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>.



Highlighted Volunteer Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Details</u>
Jan 15	English Teachers	1700-1900/ Reading books, playing games in English. Transportation not provided. POC Email. chaashibi@gmail.com
Jan 17	Kinser Beautification Program	0800-1100/ Support the cleanliness, appearance, safety and functionality of Camp Kinser, by removing trash, painting, and pressure washing.
Feb 2-3	Hiring Our Heroes Career Summit	Two days of opportunities to volunteer. Please scan the QR code next to related stories below to sign up.

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 an incredible difference across Okinawa. Whether you have given an hour or a hundred, your contributions create ripples of kindness that reach far beyond what you may see. Thank you for sharing your skills, energy, and compassion. For more information about how you can make a difference as a volunteer, or if you are an organization with volunteer opportunities, please contact the MCCS Okinawa Volunteer Management Program Coordinator.

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MCCS Okinawa

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PASSPORT *to* VOLUNTEERING

EMAIL TO RESERVE
YOUR SEAT:

mcbb_volunteer@usmc.mil



Training Dates

11:30 AM
-
12:20 PM

JANUARY 8, 2026

Camp Foster Bldg. 445 Room 201

11:00 AM
-
12:00 PM

FEBRUARY 10, 2026

Camp Kinser Bldg. 1220

11:00 AM
-
12:00 PM

MARCH 12, 2026

Camp Hansen Bldg. 2339

12:00 PM
-
1:00 PM

APRIL 7, 2026

Virtual Training on Teams

12:30 PM
-
1:30 PM

MAY 8, 2026

Virtual Training on Teams

11:30 AM
-
12:30 PM

JUNE 4, 2026

Camp Courtney Bldg. 4425

11:30 AM
-
12:30 PM

JULY 8, 2026

Virtual Training on Teams

VOLUNTEER Ready 2026



**JAN
08**

CAMP FOSTER
BLDG 5679 | 1100-1200

**JUL
20**

CAMP FOSTER
BLDG 5679 | 1100-1200

**FEB
12**

VIRTUAL TRAINING
1230-1330

**AUG
13**

VIRTUAL TRAINING
1230-1330

**MAR
05**

VIRTUAL TRAINING
1230-1330

**SEP
30**

VIRTUAL TRAINING
1200-1300

**APR
15**

CAMP KINSER
BLDG 1220 | 1200-1300

**OCT
22**

VIRTUAL TRAINING
1200-1300

**MAY
28**

VIRTUAL TRAINING
1100-1200

**NOV
17**

VIRTUAL TRAINING
1100-1200

**JUN
25**

CAMP COURTNEY
BLDG 4425 | 1130-1230

**DEC
22**

VIRTUAL TRAINING
1130-1230

Please note the link for Virtual training will be emailed 24hrs prior to the class start time.

**TO SIGN UP PLEASE EMAIL:
MCBB_VOLUNTEER@USMC.MIL**

For special accommodations please call: 645-1575