

**Suggested First Week On-Island:**

FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THR	FRI
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Patriot Express Arrives</li> <li>✓ Meet assigned Sponsor at the AMC terminal</li> <li>✓ Check into Lodging</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Post office, receive mailbox in formation and setup</li> <li>✓ Buy cell phones</li> <li>✓ Basic tour of important locations on island</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Provide transportation to any necessary location New Arrival desires; commissary, exchange, etc.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Housing Brief; Kadena Air Base</li> <li>✓ Medical/Tri-Care; as applicable</li> <li>✓ Finish/turn in any remaining paperwork for child care (CYTP) and school enrollment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ G-1 Endorsement*</li> <li>✓ MWHs-1 Endorsement/check-in sheet</li> <li>✓ Scheduled meeting with the CO and/or SgtMaj as applicable**</li> <li>✓ IPAC</li> <li>✓ Meeting with respective AC/S for new section as applicable</li> <li>✓ Start check-in process</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Attend NOWA (0720-1240)</li> <li>✓ Take Driving test (administered directly after NOWA)</li> <li>✓ Continue check-in process as applicable</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Pick-up Drivers license</li> <li>✓ Continue with Check-in process</li> <li>✓ Vehicle search</li> <li>✓ Family Night at Butler O' Club (1700)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Continue check-in process</li> <li>✓ Vehicle search</li> </ul>

**Notes:**

\* Alphas not required for G-1 Endorsement  
 \*\* Check-in with the CO and/or SgtMaj will be conducted in Alphas  
 ~ For more details or further information, please contact the MWHs-1 Family Readiness Officer (FRO) your Sponsor or the MWHs-1 Adjutant.



# MWHS-1 Okinawa Transition Smart Pack

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- Unit, Personal & Family Readiness Programs
- Information, Referral & Resources at your finger tips
- Helping to connect Marines, Sailors & their families

## Unit, Personal & Family Readiness Program

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Welcome to Okinawa! We can't begin to tell you what an awesome experience you will have on island. In order to help you prepare and have a successful move and experience on Okinawa, we've created some good to know information that's easy to access. We want to make sure that you and your family "Thrive, not just Survive" on Okinawa! The following pages include some quick reference information with phone numbers and websites for you to visit, along with a base map.

**Welcome Aboard Booklet:** This booklet contains information about moving to Okinawa and important phone numbers you may need. Please visit the following website to review the Welcome Aboard Booklet (PDF):

<http://www.mccsokinawa.com/welcomeaboard/pdf/butlerinfobooklet.pdf>

**Lodging:** We recommend that if you are coming to Okinawa on accompanied orders that you stay at the Westpac Inn. You can visit the following website for more information or just call DSN: 315-645-2455.

<http://www.mccsokinawa.com/lodging/index.asp?lodge=5>

Please make sure that you call well in advance for reservations, especially if you're arriving during peak PCS season (May-Aug).

**Newcomer's Orientation Welcome Aboard (NOWA):** This orientation should already be set up by your sponsor, and is required within two weeks of your arrival on island. You will also have to complete NOWA prior to picking up your drivers license. Child-care is available for the event, ask your sponsor reserves a spot early. You may bring your children if you are unable to reserve a spot for your child; however, it is not recommended as there will be some information, not suited for children. You can learn more at [www.mccsokinawa.com](http://www.mccsokinawa.com) or you can call DSN: 645-8395 for more information.

**Loan Locker:** Essential items are available for short-term use with your PCS orders. Please select the following link to review what items are available to for check-out as well as the terms and conditions of use.

[http://www.mccsokinawa.com/services/psc/loan\\_locker.pdf](http://www.mccsokinawa.com/services/psc/loan_locker.pdf)

**DoDD Schools:** There are 12 DODD Schools on Okinawa, please visit the website at: <http://www.okinawa.pac.dodea.edu/>

Also, the link below will provide you information on the required documentation checklist for school registration. This is a very handy piece of information!

<http://www.okinawa.pac.dodea.edu/ParentStudent/registration%20forms/Registration%20Checklist%2009-10.doc>

## Marine Wing Headquarters Squadron 1

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### **Base Information Number Table:**

Camp Foster	098-911-5111	Fort Buckner	098-911-5111
MCAS Futenma	098-911-5111	Naval Hospital	098-911-5111
Camp Kinser	098-911-5111	Torii Station/Hanza	098-911-5111
Camp Hansen	098-954-5555	White Beach	098-911-5111
Camp Gonsalves	098-954-5555	Chibana Housing	098-938-1111
Camp Courtney	098-954-5555	Camp Shields	098-938-1111
Camp Henoko/Schwab	098-954-5555	Courtney Housing	098-954-5555
Camp McTureous	098-954-5555	<b>** Dial 098 prior to 7-digit number if calling from off-base</b>	

### **Contact Info:**

#### **Family Readiness Officer:**

**DSN:** 315-645-7660 Commanding Officer

**Off-base:** 098-970-7660 Attn: Family Readiness Officer

**Int'l:** 011-81-98-970-7660 Unit 37121

**Cell:** 080-2716-9104 FPO AP 96603-7121

**Website:** <http://www.1maw.usmc.mil/index.asp?unit=%27MWHS-1%27>

#### **Useful Websites:**

##### **Autos & Other useful Items:**

~ Okinawa Yards Sales: [www.okinawayardsales.com](http://www.okinawayardsales.com)

##### **Activities:**

~ Japan Update: [www.japanupdate.com](http://www.japanupdate.com)

~ MCCS Okinawa: [www.mccsokinawa.com](http://www.mccsokinawa.com)

~ Okinawa Hai: [www.okinawahai.com](http://www.okinawahai.com)

##### **Weather:**

~ Kadena Weather Center: <http://www.weather.com/outlook/travel/businesstraveler/local/JAXX0027>

~ Weather Underground: [www.wunderground.com](http://www.wunderground.com) (\*Just type in "Okinawa, Japan" in the search box)

##### **Other Information:**

~ Military OneSource: [www.militaryonesource.com](http://www.militaryonesource.com)

**Telephone Information:**

**Calling Okinawa:** The bases on Okinawa are now direct call capable. Direct Inward Dial (DID) provides the capability to dial directly to DSN numbers from commercial and cell phones. This service is available for military base telephone numbers with prefix 622, 623, 645 or 646.

622, from Off Base dial (098) 954-LAST 4

623, from Off Base dial (098) 969-LAST 4

645, from Off Base dial (098) 970-LAST 4

646, from Off Base dial (098) 971-LAST 4

If your On Base telephone number in Okinawa is 645-1111, then the person in off base calling would dial (098)-970-1111.

**INTERNATIONAL CALLS (originating outside Japan) to On Base using DID**

International prefix from the United States: **011**

Country Code: **81**

Area Code: **98**

~ For example if the number in Okinawa is 645-1111, then you would dial **011-81-98-970-1111**.

The prefix **NOT LISTED** above, the call from outside of Japan must start by dialing an international prefix **011**. The next set of numbers is used to route the call to the proper telephone exchange which is **81-98**. The final set of numbers are the last seven (7) digits of the number you are calling.

**INTERNATIONAL CALLS (originating outside Japan) to On Base not using DID**

International prefix from the United States: **011**

Country Code: **81**

Area Code: **611**

Specific Exchange/number: 7XX-XXXX

If your On Base telephone number in Okinawa is 645-1111, then the person in the U.S. calling would dial **011-81-611-745-1111**.

**Base Operator Commercial Phone Numbers**

If you are off base in Okinawa you must dial the number below followed by the on-base number you are calling. **If you are calling from Cellular phone, make sure to dial "098" then the number below.**

Note: When you first connect with the base you will hear another dial tone, you can dial the base extension (seven digits) at that time (see Base Information Number Table to the right).

**Driving:** Driving on Okinawa poses a fun and sometimes unique challenges. Please visit the below website to access the Driver's Manual and Road Sign Information.

<http://www.okinawa.usmc.mil/Living%20on%20Okinawa/Driving%20on%20Okinawa%20Page.html#Anchor%209>

Driving tests are done Monday through Friday starting at 0800 at the Safety Office on Camp Foster (Bldg 5831). The entire course should only take about an hour to complete the course. Please note, that even though you can take your driving test prior to completing NOWA, you will not be able to pick up your actual license until the completion of NOWA.

**Housing Office:** Once you've arrived on island your sponsor should have already set you up with a Housing Brief at the Kadena Housing Office (DSN:634-0582/0583). It's also a good idea to submit an Advance Housing Application DD Form 1746 prior to arriving; otherwise you could be assigned an Application Date on the date of walk-in. Please visit the website below to access DD Form 1746.

<http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/infomgt/forms/eforms/dd1746.pdf>

**TRICARE:** Transferring your TRICARE coverage is easy, and all you need to do is to contact TRICARE at 643-7539. They are located on the first floor at the Camp Lester Naval Hospital. Make sure that you have a copy of your orders and area clearance. Lester MFM Clinic Phone: 011-81-611-743-7509 – DSN 643-7509

**Links:**

- U.S. Naval Hospital Okinawa: <http://www.oki.med.navy.mil>
- TRICARE: <http://www.tricare.mil/>
- Healthfinder-Guide to reliable health information: <http://www.healthfinder.gov/>

**Dental Care:** Dental care for Family members of active duty personnel is provided on an appointment basis. Please make sure that you bring all existing dental records to the clinic, along with your orders and area clearance.

**Dental Clinics & Contacts:**

- Camp Foster: Phone 011-81-611-745-7381/7382—DSN 645-7381/7382
- MCAS Futenma: Phone 011-81-611-736-3171—DSN 636-3171
- Kadena AFB: Phone 011-81-611-734-6420—DSN 634-6420
- Camp Kinser: Phone 011-81-611-737-2828—DSN 637-2828
- Camp Courtney: Phone 011-81-611-722-7569—DSN 622-7569
- Camp Schwab: Phone 011-81-611-725-2603—DSN 625-2603

Safety Office,  
Bldg 5831

Commissary  
Bldg 5675

Gas Station

MWHS-1,  
Bldg 5692

Post Office,  
Bldg 1006

24-Hr  
Shoppette

Exchange,  
Bldg 1004

Road & Tunnel,  
not dictated

1st MAW,  
Bldg 1

Westpac Inn,  
Bldg 11

