



## Keep the Date



### Renew Your Membership Now!!!

September 3	Labor Day
September 7,8	OkiNapa
September 8	PWOC Kick Off
September 19	Possible Shanghai Shipment
September 24	Welcome Aboard Reception
October 6	Navy Ball
October 12	Bunco Rocks

The Marine Officers' Spouses Club (MOSC)  
and  
Naval Officers' Spouses' Club of Okinawa  
(NOSCO)

cordially invite

Officer Spouses and civilians on Okinawa  
to a

## Welcome Aboard Reception

Monday,

September 24, 2007

9:30 am

Butler Officers' Club

This is a FREE event!

You can check out the ad in the latest Okinawa Living. Contact: MOSC Emily Oki (MOSC) [viragh@aol.com](mailto:viragh@aol.com) or NOSCO Mike Toone [mike@toone.us](mailto:mike@toone.us)

We look forward to co-hosting another successful event with MOSC and to giving those spouses who are new to the island a true Okinawan welcome!

MOSC and NOSCO are social and service clubs that offer members the opportunity to meet other spouses and to serve the community.

## Message from our President:

Greetings NOSCO members! Please be sure to mark you calendars for our **WELCOME ABOARD RECEPTION** scheduled for **Monday, September 24 at 9:30 a.m.** at the Butler Officers' Club. We are so excited to offer this **FREE** event every year, which combines information, new friends, new opportunities, lovely food, fabulous door prizes, and a goody bag for everyone! It is not to be missed. You will be able to sign up for NOSCO that morning if you have not already renewed. To avoid the lines and renew early, please stop by the Navy Fleet Gift Shop or Kids Cottage or visit our website at [noscokinawa.com](http://noscokinawa.com) for an application.

Our next fun-filled event will be "**BUNCO ROCKS!**" at the Kadena Officers' Club on **October 12 from 6-9 p.m.** Join us for a wonderful buffet, a rousing game of Bunco and jewelry, jewelry, and more jewelry. Most everyone goes home with a lovely piece of jewelry. Again, you will not want to miss this event. We will have sign-ups at the Welcome Aboard Reception. You also will be able to sign up at the Navy Fleet Gift Shop.

Most of our coffee groups will hold introductory events in August or September. I encourage everyone to spread the word to any potential new members and invite them to the event. I hope to attend as many as possible to talk about the benefits of NOSCO and the Gift Shops. Also, I will encourage everyone to sign-up prior to our Welcome Aboard Reception.

If anyone is interested in serving on our NOSCO Board, please do not hesitate to contact me. We have several positions open including Website, Seagull Editor and Ways and Means (Art Auction planning). I truly enjoy serving on our energetic, enthusiastic and most of all friendly Board. I encourage anyone interested to contact me as soon as possible.

Please be sure to stop in at the Navy Fleet Gift Shop and Kids Cottage to see our Vibrant Vietnam shipment that opened on August 22. We still have many wonderful items available including furniture, purses, home décor, adorable girl's dresses and shoes and more! Our next shipment will be everyone's favorite...Shanghai! With amazing furniture and antiques, silk items and home décor, it is always very popular. If you want the chance to pre-buy, it's time to start volunteering and earning your hours. If you work just four hours for the unload week, and four of the opening, you get to buy before the general public! You also earn funny money! Please contact the Gift Shop for more information on volunteering.

See you at the Welcome Aboard Reception!  
Chris



## **Navy Fleet Gift Shop**

### **WELCOME SHANGHAI**

We are scheduled to open Shanghai on Wednesday, September 19 from 10 am to 6 pm.  
**Stay Tuned for further details.**

### **NEW NATIVITY KOKESHI SET**

We are excited to announce the arrival of an exclusive 9-piece collector's edition Nativity Kokeshi set and Bridal Couple. These pieces are hand made, hand painted, and signed by the world renowned artist, Hajime Miyashita and only available at the NFGS Okinawa. Come by the Home Store to see our vast Kokeshi Connection.

### **VENDORS AT THE NFGS**

August 15-September 1	Fongs
September 5-8	Royal Phoenix Bridal Jewelry
September 12-15	Venus Jewelry and Musubi Designs (Custom Obi/Kimono Purses and Wraps)
September 19-22	Raymond Ko
September 26-29	UpTight

### **HOME STORE EXCLUSIVES**

- Royal Phoenix – Diamonds!
- Reliance Jewelry – Silver, Gold and Pearls
- Shima Glass – Sea Glass Jewelry with the added touch a Yen piece
- Go-Yen – Handbags from Japanese fabrics with its signature Yen piece

### **KIDS COTTAGE EXCLUSIVES**

- Jane Wayne Gear - T-shirt designs and "trendy gear" purses in camouflage with hot pink and "girlie" fabrics that are dressed in traditional military flair.
- June Bug Slings and Travel Diaper Bags
- Carleigh's Creations - trendy burp clothes and taggies.
- Go-Yen bibs
- Baby Shower Registry

### **TUESDAY IN THE STARS AND STRIPES**

Remember to check the Tuesday issue of the Stars and Stripes for our weekly ads. Look for the "Word of the Week" to use during your next visit to the NFGS. You could be a winner!

### **VOLUNTEERS WELCOMED**

Volunteer Benefits! Come in and enjoy making new friends, early viewing and purchase of the merchandise and earning funny money to spend in the store. You can even qualify to accompany us on a buy trip! All spouses of officers and GS7 and above are welcome to join NOSCO and become eligible to volunteer. All branches are invited! Our first pre-buy for NOSCO members will be in October. Look for coming details in the Seagull or via email.

Are you looking for an original place to host your Coffee Group or Baby Shower? Reserve a time and let the NFGS or Kids Cottage open up exclusively for your group to shop and mingle. Monday, Tuesday and evenings are available.

### SHOPPING HOURS

Home Store: 643-7841  
Wed. 10-6, Thurs.-Sat. 10-3  
Kids Cottage: 645-8812  
Wed.-Fri. 10-3, Sat. 12-2

# Events and Things to Do

## OkiNapa

Friday, September 7  
Saturday, September 8  
Butler Officers' Club

Come on out and fellowship with your *Comrades in Arms!* There you will have an opportunity to browse the collection of Bible studies being offered for the fall session, complete registration, purchase materials, and sign up for PKOC child care, if needed. We all are apart of CEF (Christ's Expeditionary Force)!

**Registration**  
**PWOC Fall Kick-Off**  
**"Prepare For The Bridegroom!"**  
*...a PWOC Fall Kick-Off Registration*  
**Saturday, September 8**  
**9:00am-11:00am**  
**Chapel One - Annex D**

Kadena Protestant Women of the Chapel invites all women to come by and explore our many wonderful class offerings, thumb through the books, meet the facilitators, and register for your class! We have daytime and evening studies to choose from. You also will learn of the many opportunities to serve the Lord through PWOC. Light refreshments will be served. First day of class for the Fall Session will be Tuesday, September 11. For more information visit our website at [www.pwockadena.org](http://www.pwockadena.org)!

**NOSCO/MOSC**  
**Welcome Aboard Reception**  
Monday, September 24, 2007  
9:30 am  
Butler Officers' Club

The place is set...the menu is set...we're on our way to another great Welcome Aboard event! I'll be looking for some eager volunteers to help out as the big date approaches. I'll need some folks to help out at the O'Club on Sunday the 23<sup>rd</sup> around 1630. We'll be stuffing goodie bags and trying to get things set up as much as possible. On Monday I'll need some of you morning folks to help greet our guests, get people checked in, etc. If you're interested in pitching in, please e-mail me at [mike@toone.us](mailto:mike@toone.us) and I'll get back to you with specifics in the coming weeks.

For those of you who are planning to attend this year's event, **PLEASE** make sure to renew your membership before that morning. It'll help out in

minimizing the lines and give you more time to enjoy some great food and conversation!

Navy Ball  
October 6  
Butler Officers' Club

CTF-76 COFFEE GROUP &  
NOSCO INVITE YOU TO  
ATTEND THEIR ANNUAL  
JEWELRY EVENT...



Bunco Rocks  
October 12

(Typhoon date October 16)

6:00-9:00 pm

Bunco will start at 7:00 p.m. sharp  
Kadena Officers' Club

Daedalian Room

\$20

(includes hors d'oeuvres and two complimentary raffle tickets)

NOSCO Members only (Applications will be available at the sign-up stations)  
Mark your calendars for the NOSCO/CTF-76 annual Bunco Rocks event on Friday, October 12, 2006 (typhoon date Thursday, October 16). This is your chance to have fun rolling

the dice and winning jewelry from various vendors around the island.

*Generous prize donations made by:*

Maddie Santiago...*Cookie Lee*  
Yotam Goldstein...*Eden*  
Queenie Ling...*Fong's Pearls*  
Margaret York...*Jazzy Jewelers*  
Jessica Coy...*lia sophia*  
Naomi Acosta  
Raymond Ko  
Amy Dahlin...*Serendipity*  
Silver Chest  
Carrie Pudleiner...*Something About You*  
Italian Charms  
Stacy Suhre...*Venus Jewelry*

**PLEASE RSVP NO LATER THAN  
OCTOBER 10, 2007!!  
ONLY 56 SEATS AVAILABLE -- SO  
RESERVE YOURS TODAY!**

Sign-up at the welcome aboard brunch at the butler officer's club on Monday, September 24<sup>th</sup> or at the Navy Fleet Gift Shop on Camp Lester.

Questions? Call Amanda Harrington:  
978- 2755 / [amandaykh@hotmail.com](mailto:amandaykh@hotmail.com)  
Or Tanja Groesbeck: 974- 1176 /  
[tanjalynn@hotmail.com](mailto:tanjalynn@hotmail.com)

**ADDITIONAL RAFFLE TICKETS WILL  
BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE!  
CASH BAR!**

Ikebana Classes  
with

Sensei Keiko-san Robbins

(Featured in *Okinawa Magazine*-April 2006)

At any of the following locations

Mondays—USO Kadena, 9:00am-12 noon

Tuesdays—USNHO, Conference Room C, 4-5:30 pm

Thursdays—USO Kadena, 9:00am-12 noon

Saturdays—USO Kadena, 9:00am-12 noon

New students welcomed each week.

\$60 per month includes flowers

Call Sensei at: 897-5015 for supply list and reservations

Ikebana Classes

## With Sensei Zamimi-san

Every Tuesday

5:00-7:00 pm

Foster Frame Shop

Call Sensei at: 098-973-1531 or Cell 090-9787-5861



## Thanks You for Your Sacrifice Benefits for Spouses of Deployed Marines and Sailors from MCCS Okinawa

### ***Typhoon Motors thanks you!***

- Free roadside assistance (including towing)
- 40% off all oil changes
- All discounts on retail sale items will be doubled (not to exceed 40%)
- 20% off regularly-priced retail items priced over \$50

### ***The MCCS Bowling Program thanks you!***

- Free rental shoes seven days a week during open bowling
- During open bowling, the first game is free for adults and children (12 and under). Additionally, remaining games are 75¢ each.
- During open bowling, all games are free for children under 6 (a three-game limit will be imposed if a waiting list is in effect).
- All discounts on retail sale items will be double (not to exceed 40%)
- 20% off regularly-priced retail items priced over \$50

### ***The Camp Foster Community Center thanks you!***

- All discounts on retail sale items will be doubled (not to exceed 40%)
- 10% off regularly-priced retail items priced over \$50
- Two free 5x7 photos with the purchase of any package at Foster Photography

### ***MCCS Food, Beverage, Entertainment, and Special Events thanks you!***

- 20% off all food and beverages (excluding alcohol, including catering and banquets)
- \$5 off Sunday Brunch at MCCS Clubs and Restaurants
- Children 6 and under eat free from the Children's menu

### ***Awase Meadows Golf Course thanks you!***

- All discounts on retail sale items will be doubled (not to exceed 40%)
- 10% off regularly-priced retail items priced over \$50
- Free birthday round of golf
- Free golf cart rental on Mondays and Tuesdays

### ***MCCS Tours+ thanks you!***

- 20% off local (on-island) tours

### ***Tsunami SCUBA thanks you!***

- Free air fills
- Free course tuition (excluding leadership level classes such as Dive master, Assistant Instructor, and Instructor courses)
- 10% off regularly priced retail items priced over \$50

### ***MCCS Semper Fit thanks you!***

- 10% off any Semper Fit Youth Sports registration fee.

\*Benefits are for spouses of Marines and Sailors attached to Marine units who have been deployed for at least 30 days in support of OIF/OEF. Benefits will begin on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of deployment. Benefits end upon the return of the service member (as shown on deployment orders).

**To receive an OIF/OEF Deployed Benefits Card, sign up with your Key Volunteer (KV) or Family Readiness Officer (FRO). For more information, call 645-3689.**

# Things to Celebrate



## BIRTHDAYS

Ruita Stevenson	September 1
Marcela Miller	September 4
Angela Ehle	September 8
Cleopatra Thomas	September 11
Elizabeth Sibole	September 13
Tamara Bowers	September 17
Nindali Adcock	September 17
Trudi MacMillan	September 21
Bonny Jo Castellano	September 26



## Hot stuff from our coffee groups

### 3d MED BN

The 3d MEDBN Coffee Group is already off to a busy year. On 30 August, our group will be meeting at the NFGS to do a little pre-lunch shopping. What's better than enjoying a coffee or lunch after checking out all the NFGS goodies? In September, Debbie McCue will be hosting our first coffee at her house and we can't wait to see what treats she has in store for us. Of course, we can't start planning too early for the Ball season with the Navy Ball in October as well as the 3d MEDBN Marine Corps Ball and the 3d MLG Marine Corps Ball in November.

We would also like to wish a safe trip and best wishes to Jamie Avery and her husband Scott as they PCS in September.

### CTF-76

The CTF-76 Coffee Club spent the past few months saying good-bye to some, hello to others and even welcomed a new little CTF-76er into our group. Proud parents Amanda and Rich Harrington welcomed their first child, Aidan on July 19th. The group said a sad farewell to Vicki York and her family. We wish them lots of luck as they settle in their new environment. Our group will soon be losing another cherished member, Mrs. Vicki Reed. But before she goes, we will all ease our sorrow with a final chocolate fountain party. Many new families will be joining us soon and some have just arrived on Okinawa. We wish them luck as well as they learn all that this beautiful place has to offer.

September and October will be quite busy for our group. In October, we will once again host the ever-popular "Bunco-Rocks" event at the Kadena Officer's Club. At the end of August, Amanda Harrington will host a Lia Sophia jewelry party at her home and the group will practice our Bunco moves in preparation for our big event in October.

The CTF-76 Coffee Club members are organized, motivated and full of good ideas. This is truly reflected at our monthly meetings. Thanks for all of your time, effort and energy! It is going to be a fun year!

### Chaplains

The Chaplains spouses have said good bye and hello to many of our members over the summer. However, we will be gathering at the home of Carrie and Glen Wood to fellowship and have fun with all our Chaplain families Sunday, September 16. In October, we will be celebrating the Chaplain Corps Birthday with a "birthday party" ball at Camp Hanson.

We have one new birth and two more babies on the way. We are growing in more ways than one.

### **Dental Coffee Group**

The Dental Coffee Group spent the summer saying good bye to some long time members of the group. You all will be missed and we wish you all well. We also have welcomed many new families who are all in the process of getting settled. We welcome all of you to Okinawa!

We enjoyed one last evening of Bunco before a summer break. Margy Metzler hosted a fun evening of bunco with the theme "Trash to Treasurer". In my opinion, the Dental Coffee Groups closets are not full of "trash" but fashionable couture! We enjoyed good eats as well, with Macaroni Grill dishes being a wonderful treat for all of us.

Our next coffee group event will be our welcome coffee hosted by Ann Leonard and Amy Colaianni to be held on September 9th. We look forward to a fun year.

## **2007-2008 NOSCO Board**

### OFFICERS

President	Chris Morse
1st Vice President	Elizabeth Biddle
2nd Vice President	Mike Toone
Treasurer	Vicki Lane
Secretary	Wendy Hicks
Parliamentarian	OPEN

### COMMITTEES

AWWA	Laina Bell
Consumer Affairs	Steve Emerick
Gift Shop Director	Sara Sladeczek
Hospitality	Mindy Manuel
Membership	Amanda Harrington
Publicity	OPEN
Seagull Editor	OPEN
Website	OPEN
Ways and Means	OPEN

### COFFEE REPRESENTATIVES

CTF-76	OPEN
CFAO	OPEN
Chaplains	Stephanie Brooks
Dental	Suzanne Secrest
3d MED BN	Sara Bailey
USNH	Melanie Hardy Paula Blivin

### ADVISORS

CTF-76	Lari Roberts-Howard
CFAO	OPEN
Chaplains	Carrie Wood
Dental	Amy Colaianni
3d MED BN	Debbie McCue
USNH	Cathi Cox

# **Board News**

## **PROVIDING HELP TO OUR YOUNG SAILORS TICKETS TO THE NAVY BALL**

Once again NOSCO will provide up to 120 sailors (E5- and below) with FREE tickets to the Navy Ball. In addition, we will donate door prizes for this event.

We support our Navy and we support our sailors. Thank you for **your** support of NOSCO and our Navy Fleet Gift Stores.

## **YOUR AWWA CORNER**

Laina Bell (NOSCO Welfare Representative)

Each month NOSCO members will find information here about AWWA, American Women's Welfare Association. Please take the time to read how your Navy Fleet Gift Shop dollars and your Navy Fleet Gift Shop volunteer hours are put to use.

We are only able to give with your support.

Each month, you can read how NOSCO pledged its funds. (Please keep in mind that

the Japanese %'s will be higher, due to half our allotted American funds being held for Navy families college scholarships)

### May 2007 Grants pledged

#### Japanese-

Mentally Handicapped Network Sosei for a handicapped accessible van. \$5000.00

#### American-

KDHS Project Graduation in support of this drug free, alcohol free event \$500.00

Gymnasts of America Booster Club for tuition costs for a Hawaiian Competition \$170.00

### June 2007 Grants pledged

#### Japanese-

Mentally Handicapped Network Sosei for a handicapped accessible van \$2900.00

#### American-

No grants approved this month, funds held in reserve to pledge next month.

### July 2007 Grants pledged

#### Japanese-

Renovations for a group home, Yuinosato \$2000.00

#### American-

USO Okinawa for Island locations used for TV purchases to accompany new Xboxes \$1000.00  
Joint Services Family Shelter Support for their 5K walk for Domestic Violence Awareness \$875.00

Friends of Kadena Special Olympics Support for athletes travel \$3617.50

### August 2007 Grants pledged

#### Japanese-

No pledges this month, no funds available

#### American-

Okinawa Dolphins Swim Team assistance with travel to an upcoming competitive swim meet \$1500.00

## **WE STILL NEED YOUR HELP ON THE NOSCO BOARD 2007-08**

Please consider helping on the board next year. We have the following positions opened.

Parliamentarian  
Hospitality  
Seagull Editor  
Ways and Means

Website Editor  
Coffee Representatives

## **RENEWING YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN NOSCO** **Amanda Harrington, Membership**

It is time to renew your membership! We'd love for you to fill out a new membership form next time you're shopping at the Navy Fleet Gift Store or The Kids Cottage (Wed. through Saturday, 10am – 3pm). Also, you can renew your membership at the Welcome Reception on Monday, September 24, at the Butler Officer's Club starting at 9:30am. One of the benefits to signing up early is your name and contact information will be published in our annual NOSCO Club Directory. All applications received and processed by September 30, 2006 will be included! Of course, all members as of that date will receive a copy of this book!

In addition to the Directory (which is an awesome reference source for phone numbers not listed in the Okinawa Guide), members will receive newsletters informing them of upcoming events for NOSCO and the Gift shops. Also, you will be invited to *Members only* shopping opportunities at the Gift Shop – which includes advance shopping prior to a new shipment being opened to the general public and periodically additional savings on merchandise within the store.

Additional benefits include our monthly events and many special interest groups. And that's not all! All members have the opportunity to pre-shop every shipment that arrives at the gift shop by volunteering at the store!

**Annual membership fees are \$25.00 for September 1, 2006 to August 31, 2007. We look forward to having you join us!**

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR NEWCOMERS' ORIENTATION**

**Mindy Manuel, Hospitality Chair**

We are looking for individuals who like to talk and love meeting new people. If this sounds like you...you may just be the right person to assist us at the Newcomers' Orientation NOSCO table. This is a weekly event held on Wednesday – all Navy and Marine families new to the island have to attend. Just think, you could find a new best friend or get reacquainted with a long lost friend. The job is easy and it takes less than one hour of your time.

AND THE BEST PART -- The Navy Fleet Gift Shop will give you volunteer hours ("weekend credit") just for helping out. Just another way to help NOSCO and qualify for a buy trip.

Here's the drill:

- Pick up supplies (supplies, including answers to frequently asked questions) at the Navy Fleet Kid's Cottage on Saturday or Tuesday before the Wednesday you are scheduled.
- Setup is between 7:30 - 8:00am
- Go to Globe and Anchor and set up table
- Welcome, meet and inform 8:00 - 8:30 am
- Pack up and take supplies back to the Kid's Cottage.

If you can help out on one or more of these days, please contact Mindy Manuel at [jmmanuel7@yahoo.com](mailto:jmmanuel7@yahoo.com) or 633-0984

## **INTEREST GROUPS**

**Elizabeth Biddle, First Vice President**

We need your help in leading an interest group! With so many of our interest groups leaders PCSing we are in need of individuals who are willing to share a

hobby or talent with others, the only requirement is "wanting to do it" and donating your time (usually once per month).

We currently have the following interested groups in need of leadership. If you are interested in this or another not on the list, please email Elizabeth Biddle at [biddlene@hotmail.com](mailto:biddlene@hotmail.com)

Baby Lunch Bunch  
Bible Study  
Book Club  
Cooking  
Dining Out  
Diving Partners  
Playgroup  
Quilting/Sewing  
Scrap Booking  
Stamping  
Travel

## **An Interest Group you may want to join!**

### **THE NOSCO MAH JONGG GROUP**

The group is looking for a few new members! The group meets every Thursday morning from 9:00 a.m. to about 12:00 p.m.

Never played Mah Jongg?? It's a very addicting game that is played with tiles, but is more like gin rummy. You can learn to play in one morning. Right now we are playing using the Chinese rules, but soon we are planning to try playing by the Wright Patterson Air Force Rules. The Officer's Club on Wright Patterson Air Force Base created a set of rules in about 1950 so that all military players could be using the same rules no matter where they were stationed. Come be a part of history and start NOSCO's branch of a very extensive game network.

If you want to learn a little about the game you can check out

mahjongg@wrightpattersonowc.org or  
Google "Mah Jongg" for many more  
sites. Please stop by if you are interested  
and see how it's played. You will be  
hooked, too!!

E-mail Pam Caruso at PSCaruso@aol.com  
for more information.

## **2007-2008 EVENT PLANNING**

<b>Month</b>	<b>Coffee Group</b>	<b>Event</b>
September	NOSCO	Welcome Aboard Reception
October	CTF-76	Bunco Rocks
November		
December		
January	Chaplains	TBD
February		
March		
April	NOSCO	Art Auction
May	NOSCO	Scholarship Reception
June	NOSCO	End of Year Picnic

### **SEAGULL** **E. Biddle, Editor**

If you have news for NOSCO, please email your  
editor at [biddlene@hotmail.com](mailto:biddlene@hotmail.com)