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The Silent Defenders: An Inside Look at the Fleet Anti-Terrorism Security Team Company Pacific

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Commander, Fleet Activities Yokosuka is a bustling microcosm in constant movement contributing to the base's functionality and surrounding communities. Unbeknownst to many, CFAY houses an elite Marine Corps unit that stands ever-vigilant, ready to respond to threats and emergencies at a moment's notice. The Fleet Anti-Terrorism Security Team Company Pacific (FASTPAC) serves as the first line of defense for the U.S. 7th Fleet and its area of responsibility by providing critical security services and bridging the gap between crisis and the arrival of the Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU).

"We are Fleet Anti-Terrorism Security Team Pacific. We belong to the Marine Corps security force regiment back in Norfolk, Virginia," said 1st Sgt. Daniel Martensson, Company First Sergeant of FASTPAC. "Out here, we have a permanent personnel base of about 20 people. We rotate a platoon from Yorktown every six months, depending on rotation times that can often change. They typically get a summer and a winter here, and we support the U.S. 7th Fleet. Anything and everything of National or Naval interest from an installation standpoint, we provide security. We have the ability to launch guys out in small teams up to the company size, and the whole company can deploy if necessary. We're the bridging point between a 'incident' and the Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) is coming in to help provide security and take over the situation we are the guys that can get there quickly and bridge that gap."

Martensson also shed light on the unit's mission, capabilities, and unique position within the military's broader security apparatus.

"We do a little bit of everything," said Martensson. "So when people think of Marine FAST team, for the most part, they think of the FAST of the early 80s and late 90s, which was mainly embassy support. We do all of that and more. All of our marines here are trained infantry Marines, and they haven't lost that baseline. So we can provide defensive capabilities to whoever needs it, whether U.S. Pacific Fleet (USPACFLT) or the U.S. 7th Fleet. We're not just embassy support. We provide security for anything."

Despite their integral role, Martensson describes the unit as often unknown to many on the base.

"Obviously, we have interactions with the U.S. 7th Fleet," said Martensson. "We also have interactions with individual installations. However, it's always interesting to walk around, and many people still do not know that there are Marines permanently stationed here, and we've been permanently stationed here for years. This whole building used to be Marine Corps barracks."

Due to its long-standing history onboard CFAY, FASTPAC Marine personnel forge relationships with the U.S. 7th Fleet and other installations while maintaining a low profile. The unit's presence dates back years, with lineage photos displayed at the base's Tavern telling the story of its long-standing history.

FASTPAC operates under U.S. 7th Fleet to support

embarked security teams with naval assets while providing anti-terrorism and security operations primarily focused on embassy reinforcement. FASTPAC stands on call for action and is prepared to deploy forces to defend and secure vital national assets.

The unit's Marines maintain their sharpness through regular training in-country and have developed a strong relationship with the 3rd Marine Expeditionary Force (MEF).

"We are always training and do a lot of our training at Camp Fuji and in Okinawa for the most part, and that's when we're not actively doing any of the missions for the 7th Fleet," said Martensson. "So, a lot of our individual sustainment training and things like that take place at Camp Fuji or on the ranges in Okinawa."

Martensson explains that the reach of FASTPAC extends beyond Japan, with deployments throughout the Pacific. "For any of the Marine Expeditionary Unit certification exercises,

we have the ability to go down and do some embassy reinforcement work for those guys," said Martensson. "We did a couple of exercises with the JDSF up in the Fuji area as well. But we've been everywhere, from Guam to Thailand to the Philippines. We just recently opened the door for us to take part in some of the Karat exercises that are taking place with Seventh Fleet, Korea. Etc. We've bounced all over the place."

The Fleet Anti-Terrorism Security Team Company Pacific is an essential but often overlooked component of the United States military presence in the region. As the silent defenders of the 7th Fleet, their readiness and adaptability ensure the security and stability of the region in the face of emerging threats and crises.

For more than 75 years, CFAY has provided, maintained, and operated base facilities and services in support of the U.S. 7th Fleet's forward deployed naval forces, tenant commands, and thousands of military and civilian personnel and their families.

Out and About



Members from Commander, Fleet Activities Yokosuka (CFAY) take part in at the ground breaking ceremony for the new Ikego Detachment Youth Center. This project is one of many scheduled between Main Base and Ikego over the next five to seven years set to improve the quality of life at CFAY. (Photos by Garrett Cole, CFAY Public Affairs)

MILITARY HEALTH SYSTEM MHS GENESIS *Information for MTF Patients*

COMING TO THE PACIFIC OCTOBER 28, 2023

MHS GENESIS is the new Electronic Health Record for the Military Treatment Facilities (MTF). It integrates inpatient and outpatient electronic health records across the continuum of care from the point of service to the military treatment facility. MHS GENESIS is integral in the provision and coordination of safe, quality care. Military Treatment Facilities across the Pacific will transition to MHS GENESIS on October 28th, 2023.

How does this affect my access to health care?

As we transition to the new system, our staff will need to adjust to the new work flows, procedures, and processes. During this time, you can expect to experience:

- Longer appointment times
- Increased wait times at the pharmacy
- Reduced appointment availability
- Increased wait times for lab and radiology appointments and results

What can I do to prepare for the transition to MHS GENESIS?

As a crucial member of your care team, you can help with this transition by:

- Scheduling routine appointments prior to Sep
- Hand carrying copies of your active referrals
- Scheduling school & sports physicals prior to Sep
- Speaking with your provider about extending existing prescriptions to last throughout the transition period
- Completing standing lab work or imaging prior to Sep
- Avoiding missing scheduled appointments

How will MHS GENESIS improve my overall experience?

MHS GENESIS allows you to securely access your electronic health records 24/7 and exchange messages with your military health care team when and where it is convenient for you.

It provides more efficient management of chronic, complex, and time-sensitive health conditions, provides automated real-time clinic decision support for health care teams, and increases patient engagement capabilities that allow patients to communicate directly with providers.

How do I access the MHS GENESIS Patient Portal?

To access the MHS GENESIS Patient Portal, visit <https://myaccess.dmdc.osd.mil>. If you do not have a Common Access Card (CAC) or MyPay account, you will need to create a free DS Logon to access to Patient Portal. Follow the link to create an account, and once created, select "Upgrade to Premium Account" to view your health records. NOTE: Full Patient Portal access will not be available until October 28, 2023.

What can I do within the MHS GENESIS Patient Portal?

- Manage appointments
- Monitor health information and review your portal profile
- Request prescription renewals
- Review clinical notes, referrals, & lab & test results
- Look up high-quality, provider-approved health information related to health concerns, lab results, and medications
- Exchange secure messages with your health care provider

Need some help?

For help related to the MHS GENESIS Patient Portal, please contact the Global Support Center (GSC) at <https://gsc.health.mil>, or Japan - 00531-1-20743 South Korea - 00798-14-800-5242 Guam - 1-866-637-8725



For more information, visit health.mil/MHSGENESIS