

## **OKINAWA AREA OFFICE**

## **BUILDING STRONG**

The Okinawa Area Office of the Japan District, is the oldest field office in the District. It was established in February 1946 after WWII as the Okinawa Engineer District to rebuild the infrastructure of the war damaged island. After the reversion of Okinawa in 1972, the Japan Engineer District was established and the Okinawa District became the Okinawa Area Office.



The Okinawa Area Office is situated on the island of Okinawa approximately 830 miles SW of Tokyo, with offices on Marine Corps installations at Camp Foster and Camp Lester. The Area Office, unlike other Area Offices, contain multiple functional elements of the District at the forward location. There is a Project Management Branch (36 personnel), an Engineering Branch (52 personnel), a Construction Area Office with 4 Resident Offices (74 personnel) and other Contracting, Logistics, and Information Management support personnel. The Area Office serves as the executive agent for U.S. Military and Host Nation design and construction on Okinawa. The Area Office supports multiple commands and agencies. The major supported commands include; Marine Corps III MEF and MCIPAC, Air Force 18th Fighter Wing, Army 10th Regional Support Group and Army Garrison, Torii Station, Navy Fleet Activities and the Naval Hospital. Additionally, support is provided to other agencies; DOD Education Activity Pacific, Defense Logistics Agency and Defense Commissary Agency.

The Okinawa Area Office works to deliver high quality, sustainable, comprehensive engineering and construction services in Okinawa to support of peacetime and contingency operations throughout the region. The Area Office directs and oversees a massive Military Construction (MILCON) Program (>\$1B in current design/construction) and a robust Host Nation Program (>\$1B in current construction). The MILCON Program is funded by the United States and directly supports stakeholder requirements with major projects such as base infrastructure, maintenance/operational facilities, family housing and schools. The Area Office partners with major supported commands and other agencies to execute the MILCON program. The Host Nation Program is mostly funded by the Government of Japan and consists of the Facilities Improvement Program (FIP), the Special Action Committee Okinawa (SACO) Program and the Defense Policy Review Initiative (DPRI) Program that provides a full range of operational, maintenance, housing, and quality of life facilities in support of multiple commands and agencies on Okinawa. The Area Office works closely with officials from Government of Japan Okinawa Defense Bureau to deliver Host Nation Program projects.