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横田の空兵 地元の中学校でミニ・ブーツキャンプを指導

Yokota Airmen provide a mini boot camp to middle school students

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「右向け右！・・・左向け左！」アメリカの軍人たちが戸惑う日本の生徒たちに動作の指示を出す号令が校庭に響いた。

だが、これは軍の学校とは違う。7月2日、地元の武蔵村山市立第5中学校の生徒たちが、同校の第13回5中フェスティバルの一環として横田基地第374医療群のメンバーが指導するミニ・ブーツキャンプ「障害物競走コース」に参加した。

第374医療支援中隊カスタマーサービス下士官指導責任者ゲアボン・ハミルトン軍曹は「我々と地元の生徒たちが交流ができる他に類のない方法だと思う。我々としても日本の中学校を訪問し、生徒たちと交流できたことは有意義な経験だった」と振り返る。

同コースでは、中学3年生の各クラスの生徒たちに整列の動作、マーチング、障害物コースの進み方等を教えた。

「学ぶのに通常一週間掛かるものを、このキャンプでは教える時間が20分に限られた。それに生徒たちは英語を学んでいるものの、言葉の壁もあった。そういうことがあっても、生徒たちはうまく指示を理解し、綺麗に整列してマーチもできた」とドリルコースを指導したハミルトンは言った。

軍のしきたりや伝統を体験するのに加えて、当プログラムは生徒たちに直に生の英語に触れる機会も与えた。

参加した武蔵村山市立第5中学校の生徒の一人ヤマグチ・ヒナさんは、自分もクラスメイトも自分達の英語力が心配だったが、体験を通じて段々と馴染み、指示が分かるようになったと話していた。

「何よりもこれは日本の生徒たちと空兵にとって人生の宝となる経験。我々がこの日本にいて新しい体験をさせてあげられることの一つ。将来、これらの生徒たちが中学時代の経験を思い起こす時、このコースで楽しんだことを思い出して欲しい」とハミルトンは述べた。

2時間に渡るブーツキャンプを通じて、生徒達はアメリカ空軍の一部を垣間見、知る機会を得た。



武蔵村山市立第5中学校の3年生たちに挨拶をする横田基地第374医療群の空兵たち



顔にフェイスペイントを施し、障害物コースで砂の上を匍匐前進する武蔵村山市立第5中学校の3年生たち



ミニ・ブートキャンプで円陣を組む生徒たち(左)



敬礼する参加生徒(右)

生徒たちはキャンプを通じて米軍の規則や習慣の一部に触れた

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Capt. Kristin Dela Cruz, 374th Surgical Operations Squadron registered nurse, marches in formation with Musashimurayama Fifth Middle School students, during a mini boot camp obstacle course at Musashimurayama City, Japan, July 2, 2016. Members with the 374th Medical Group taught drill commands and aspects of military standards and practices to the 9th graders. (U.S. Air Force photo by Yasuo Osakabe/Released)



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Hina Yamaguchi, Musashimurayama Fifth Middle School student, applies face paint during a mini boot camp obstacle course at Musashimurayama City, Japan, July 2, 2016. Members with the 374th Medical Group taught drill commands and aspects of military standards and practices to the 9th graders. U.S. Air Force photo by Yasuo Osakabe/Released)



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(Right to left) Yudai Toyoizumi and Ryunosuke Takayama, both Musashimurayama Fifth Middle School students, low crawl through sand as part of an obstacle course during a mini boot camp at Musashimurayama City, Japan, July 2, 2016. Members with the 374th Medical Group taught drill commands and aspects of military standards and practices to the 9th graders. (U.S. Air Force photo by Yasuo Osakabe/Released)



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Saki Hirano, Musashimurayama Fifth Middle School student, low crawls through sand as part of an obstacle course during a mini boot camp at Musashimurayama City, Japan, July 2, 2016. Members with the 374th Medical Group taught drill commands and aspects of military standards and practices to the 9th graders. (U.S. Air Force photo by Yasuo Osakabe/Released)



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Staff Sgt. Gervon Hamilton, 374th Medical Support Squadron NCO in charge of customer service, motivates Musashimurayama Fifth Middle School students through the annual mini boot camp at Musashimurayama City, Japan, July 2, 2016. Members with the 374th Medical Group taught drill commands and aspects of military standards and practices to the 9th graders. (U.S. Air Force photo by Yasuo Osakabe/Released)



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Jesse Telmo, 374th Surgical Operations Squadron medical support assistant, motivates participants through the annual mini boot camp obstacle course at Musashimurayama City, Japan, July 2, 2016. Members with the 374th Medical Group taught drill commands and aspects of military standards and practices to the 9th graders. (U.S. Air Force photo by Yasuo Osakabe/Released)



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Ryusei Nakayama, 9th grade Musashimurayama Fifth Middle School student, shows his excitement after finishing an obstacle during the annual mini boot camp at Musashimurayama City, Japan, July 2, 2016. Members with the 374th Medical Group taught drill commands and aspects of military standards and practices to the students. (U.S. Air Force photo by Yasuo Osakabe/Released)



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Airmen with the 374th Medical Group and Musashimurayama 5th Middle School 9th grade students pose for a photo after the annual mini boot camp obstacle course at Musashimuyama City, Japan, July 2, 2016. Members with the 374th Medical group taught formation, facing movements, and salutes to the students. (U.S. Air Force photo by Yasuo Osakabe/Released)



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Members with the 374th Medical Group taught drill commands and aspects of military standards and practices to Musashimurayama Fifth Middle School students during an annual mini boot camp. (U.S. Air Force picture story by Yasuo Osakabe/Released)



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Members with the 374th Medical Group greet students with the Musashimurayama Fifth Middle School during a school festival at Musashimurayama City, Japan, July 2, 2016. Yokota members provided a mini boot camp obstacle course to more than 30 students from the 9th grade. (U.S. Air Force photo by Yasuo Osakabe/Released)



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Students at the Musashimurayama Fifth Middle School huddle with Capt. Micah Telmo, US Forces, Japan, chief of host nation support, during the mini boot camp obstacle course at Musashimurayama City, Japan, July 2, 2016. Yokota members provided a mini boot camp obstacle course to more than 30 students from the 9th grade. (U.S. Air Force photo by Yasuo Osakabe/Released)



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Maj. Angela Prescott, 374th Surgical Operations Squadron doctor, stands at attention before calling a formation with students of the Musashimurayama Fifth Middle School during a mini boot camp obstacle course at Musashimurayama City, Japan, July 2, 2016. Members with the 374th Medical Group taught drill commands and aspects of military standards and practices to the 9th graders. (U.S. Air Force photo by Yasuo Osakabe/Released)



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Capt. Kristin Dela Cruz, 374th Surgical Operations Squadron registered nurse, teaches Manami Kato, Musashimurayama Fifth Middle School student, how to salute during a mini boot camp obstacle course at Musashimurayama City, Japan, July 2, 2016. Members with the 374th Medical Group taught drill commands and aspects of military standards and practices to the 9th graders. (U.S. Air Force photo by Yasuo Osakabe/Released)



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Capt. Micah Telmo, US Forces, Japan, chief of host nation support, issues orders to Musashimurayama Fifth Middle School students during a mini boot camp obstacle course at Musashimurayama City, Japan, July 2, 2016. Members with the 374th Medical Group taught drill commands and aspects of military standards and practices to the 9th graders. (U.S. Air Force photo by Yasuo Osakabe/Released)



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Karen Kojima, Musashimurayama Fifth Middle School student, renders a salute during a mini boot camp obstacle course at Musashimurayama City, Japan, July 2, 2016. Members with the 374th Medical Group taught drill commands and aspects of military standards and practices to the 9th graders. (U.S. Air Force photo by Yasuo Osakabe/Released)

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MUSASHIMURAYAMA CITY, Japan -- Right face!...Left face!...Drill commands echo across the field as bewildered Japanese students receive orders from uniformed men and women, directing every move they make.

However, this is not a military school. The drill commands heard across the field are from members with the 374th Medical Group, who are working with students from the Musashimurayama Fifth Middle School, during the 13th Annual School Festival mini boot camp obstacle course held in Musashimurayama City, Japan, on July 2, 2016.

“This is the only program I know that allows for military to interact with local students,” said Staff Sgt. Gervon Hamilton, 374th Medical Support Squadron Non-Commissioned Officer in charge of customer service. “From our perspective, it was quite the experience to visit a Japanese middle school and interact with the students.”

The course taught over 30 9th grade students to perform facing movements, march and how to complete an obstacle course.

“We only had about 20 minutes to teach attendees something it takes us normally one week to learn,” Hamilton, who also led the drill course, said. “Additionally, while the students have taken English courses, there is still a language barrier. Regardless, the students did a great job recognizing the commands and marching in formation.”

In addition to experiencing military culture and tradition, the program provided the students an opportunity to hear native-speaking English first-hand.

According to Hina Yamaguchi, a Fifth Middle School student, she and her classmates were nervous about their English proficiency, but they became more comfortable throughout the experience and began to recognize the commands.

“First and foremost, this is a golden life experience for those Japanese students and Airmen, and it shines a positive light on our presence here in Japan,” Hamilton said. “I hope that, later in life, when those students are reflecting on their experiences, they remember the fun they had at the course.”

Overall, the training allowed the students a two-hour break in their daily activities, introducing them to aspects of Air Force culture.