

History of MCAS Futenma

1945	April 1	Pacific War- U.S. Forces arrive on the main island of Okinawa, marking the beginning of The Battle of Okinawa
	June	U.S. Forces seize land and begin construction of MCAS Futenma in preparation for the Mainland battle
	June 23	Organized combat ends on Okinawa
1962		Enforcement of municipal administration (Ginowan Village becomes a city); MCAS Futenma begins construction of fences
1972	May 15	Okinawa is returned to Japan
1975		Ginowan City's population exceeds 50,000
1978		Hamby Air Station returned; all base functions transferred to MCAS Futenma and has maintained its current state.

19 years since the SACO Agreement...

MCAS Futenma Land Return Stands at a Halt

Dec. 1996	Agreement to "return Futenma Air Station within the next five to seven years, after adequate replacement facilities are completed and operational" based upon SACO Final Report.
Aug 2004	U.S. military helicopter crash at Okinawa International University
May 2006	Agreed to make 2014 the completion goal for the MCAS Futenma relocation site under U.S.-Japan Roadmap for Realignment final report.
Jun 2011	Revised the 2014 relocation goal and re-pledged to complete the relocation as soon as possible. ("2+2")
Oct 2012	Deployment of MV-22 Ospreys begins (completed Sept. 2013)
Apr 2013	Japanese and U.S. governments agree to a new relocation goal of "2022 or later"
Feb 2014	Okinawa governor and Ginowan City mayor petition to the Government of Japan to have the base closed and relocated within the next 5 years
Aug 2014	15 KC-130's, aerial-refueling aircrafts stationed at MCAS Futenma, are relocated to Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni

