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New PT running suits on the way

■ Every Marine on station will receive one free suit.

LANCE CPL. DAN NEGRETE
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

The first Marine Corps running suits arrived here Monday. "We're expecting 80 to 100 suits to come in later next week," said Staff Sgt. Wayne C. Adams, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron warehouse chief. "Our goal right now is to ensure each and every Marine aboard Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni gets one running suit free of charge."

All Marines will be initially issued one running suit at no cost to the individual, according to Marine Administrative Message 0026/09. The running suits will not be available for purchase at Marine Corps exchanges until the initial distribution is completed.

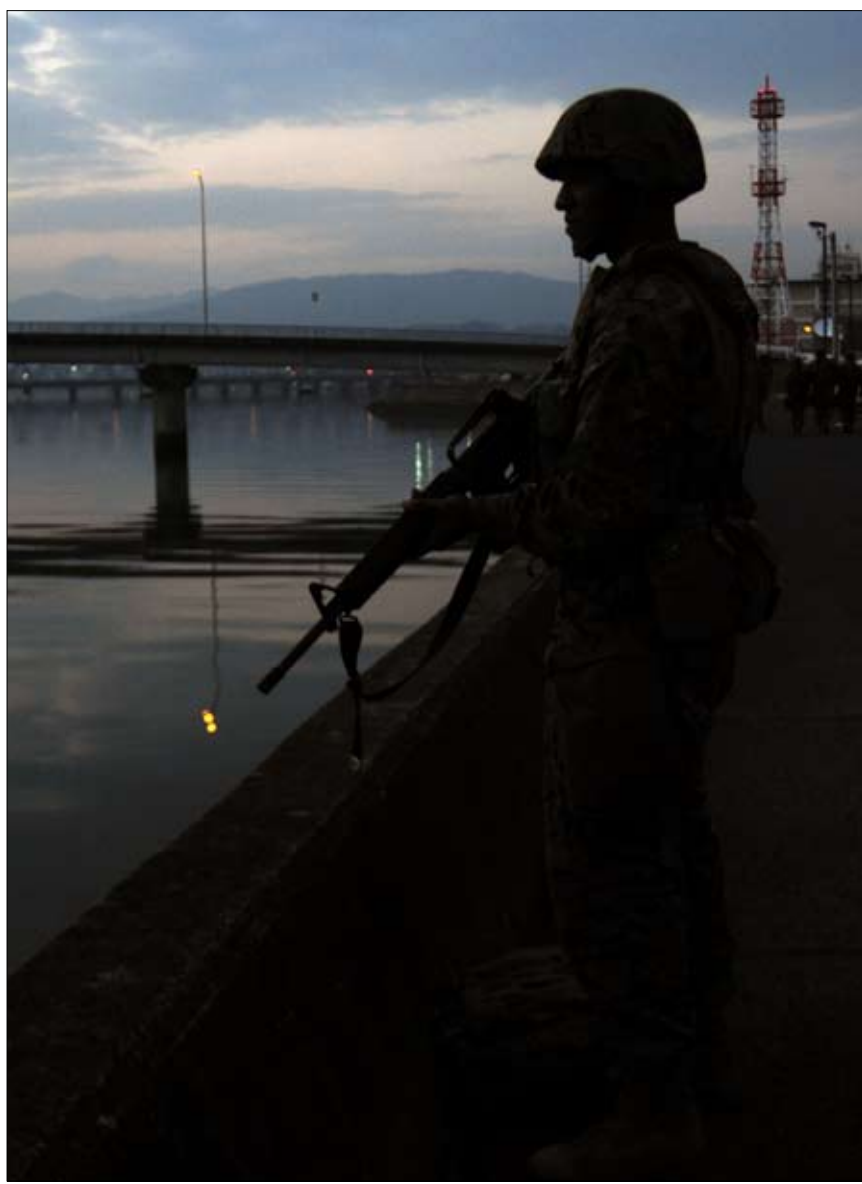
Once the initial distribution is complete and the new suits hit the shelves at Marine Corps exchanges, Marines may purchase a replacement or additional set for approximately \$112.

The new running suit is designed to complement existing physical training uniforms, not replace them. It is made out of lightweight, quick-drying, water resistant and reflective materials. The new running suit also features underarm and back venting solutions with an anti-microbial lining that prevents odor and bacteria.

Unlike other Marine PT uniforms, the new running suit

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TOTAL SHIELD



PFC. JOHN M. RAUFMANN

A Marine posts security along the sea wall during a simulated expected enemy offense of Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni on Feb. 5. Exercise Total Shield was a base-wide event to test the standard operating procedures aboard MCAS Iwakuni and to maintain operational readiness.

Bilateral exercise wraps up aboard air station

LANCE CPL. CHRIS KUTLESA
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Exercise Total Shield 2009 ended Feb. 6 after a week of bilateral training with the Japanese Ground Self Defense Force here.

Two main goals of Total Shield, which was a combination of

exercises Total Force and Active Shield, were to test standard operating procedures and continue to build relations with the JGSDF.

Total Force was an exercise to test the station's security strengths and weakness while

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DoDEA announces kindergarten changes

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ARLINGTON, Va. — DoDEA will make an important change to its entrance age eligibility requirement that will affect the Kindergarten Program for the 2009-2010 School Year. The entrance eligibility birth date will be adjusted from Oct. 31 to Sept. 1. That means a child must be 5 years old by Sept. 1 to enroll in kindergarten. The change aligns DoDEA with national trends as well as the age requirement in many military-impacted states.

This change will also affect students in DoDEA's Pre-Kindergarten, Sure Start, and first grade programs. A child must be 4 years old by Sept. 1 to attend Pre-Kindergarten or Sure Start and 6 years old by Sept. 1 to attend first grade.

"DoDEA wants to inform families about this change well in advance so everyone can plan ahead to make the beginning of their child's educational journey a rewarding experience," said DoDEA Director Dr. Shirley A. Miles.

This decision is the result of careful consideration and coordination between parents, educators, and administrators as well as extensive coordination with the Military Services. Current trends were reviewed and researched, resulting in a recommendation to change the minimum entrance age requirement.

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Allied cooperation, teamwork vital to meet mutual economic, security challenges

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WASHINGTON – In his address to the 45th Munich Security Conference Feb. 7, Vice President Joseph R. Biden said allied cooperation and teamwork is vital to meet mutual economic and security challenges.

"America will do more, but America will ask for more from our partners," he told the international government officials and foreign and defense policy experts gathered at the annual conference to discuss trans-Atlantic security issues. "The threats we face have no respect for borders [and] no single country, no matter how powerful, can best meet them alone," Biden said.

The United States will engage, listen and consult, he said. But it needs the alliances, treaties and international organizations it builds with other countries to be credible and effective. "That requires a common commitment not only to live by the rules, but to enforce them," he said.

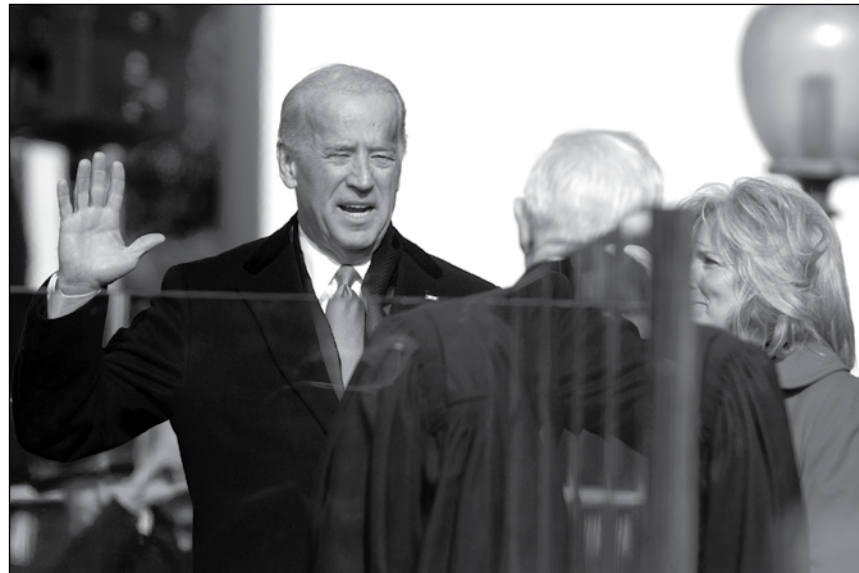
Biden said this approach could be at the heart of collective efforts to convince Iran to abandon its development of nuclear weapons.

"Iran has acted in ways that are not conducive to peace in the region or to the prosperity of its people. Its illicit nuclear program is but one manifestation," he said.

"We are willing to talk to Iran, and to offer a very clear choice: Continue down your current course and there will be pressure and isolation," he said. "Abandon your illicit nuclear program and support for terrorism and there will be meaningful incentives."

The United States also will strive to act preventively, not preemptively in order to avoid having to make a last-resort choice between war and the dangers of inaction, he said. While America will draw on all its elements of power to ensure that last-resort choices are not needed, it will begin with diplomacy, specifically in the Middle East.

The president named two of America's most tenacious diplomats to contend with two of the world's most urgent and vexing



Vice President Joe Biden takes the oath of office at the 56th Presidential Inauguration, Washington, D.C., Jan. 20.

challenges, Biden said. The first of which is the need for a secure, just and lasting peace between Israel and the Palestinians. The second is the imperative of stopping the mountains between Afghanistan Pakistan from providing a haven for terrorists.

"In both these efforts, America seeks your partnership," he said. "In the near term, we must consolidate the cease-fire in Gaza by working with Egypt and others to stop smuggling and [develop] international relief and reconstruction that strengthens the Palestinian Authority, not Hamas."

"Neither of these goals can be accomplished without close collaboration among the United States, and Arab partners," he added. "Then, we must lay the foundation for broader peacemaking efforts. It is past time for a secure and just two-state solution."

As for the issue of a terrorist safe haven on the border between Afghanistan and Pakistan, Biden said the United States seeks ideas and input from its partners. He warned, however, that the result must be a comprehensive strategy that brings together civilian and military resources to prevent such a safe haven and to help Afghans develop the capacity to secure their own future.

Biden also emphasized that no strategy for Afghanistan can suc-

ceed without Pakistan. "We must all strengthen our cooperation with the people and government of Pakistan, help them stabilize the areas and promote economic development and opportunity throughout the country," he said.

This will occur as the United States responsibly draws down forces in Iraq, he said. America also will "extend a hand to those who unclench their fists," he said. "Poor societies and dysfunctional states can become breeding grounds for extremism, conflict and disease," Biden said. "Non-democratic nations frustrate the rightful aspirations of their citizens and fuel resentment."

"To meet the challenges of this new century, defense and diplomacy are necessary, but not sufficient," he added. "We also need to wield development and democracy, two of the most powerful weapons in our arsenal."

The two, common prosperity and physical security, are inextricably linked, he said.

"This year, more than ever before, we know that our physical security and our economic security are indivisible," he said. "Our obligation to our fellow citizens is to put aside the petty and the political to reject zero sum mentalities and rigid ideologies,

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Corps Question

Q. What do I need to check out with Pass and Registration when I leave the air station?

A. For PCS, deployments, TAD or EAS, you will need your orders, military ID, SOFA license, any vehicle titles and transfer of ownership. If you have any further questions, call the Pass and Registration Office at 253-3161.

Submit your Corps Question by emailing iwakuni.pao@usmc.mil.

New jacket authorized in civilian attire

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jacket (only the jacket) may be worn during leave and liberty as an outer garment. When worn during leave and liberty, Marines must keep the running suit jacket zipped at least halfway to the top of the zipper.

The running suit can be worn in any combination with the green PT shorts and green undershirt. However, the running suit is not authorized for wear in any form with the Marine green-

on-green sweat suit.

"Before ordering a running suit, it's important each Marine is measured correctly," said Adams. "Staff NCOs for each section must ensure their Marines have been measured correctly to avoid having to return and reorder new suits."

For more information regarding the new running suit and regulations for its wear, Marines are encouraged to visit www.marcorssyscom.usmc.mil/sites/mcub/.

"Before ordering a running suit, it's important each Marine is measured correctly."



STAFF SGT. LEO A. SALINAS
Sgt. James Bone, Cpl Ray Hennagir, and Cpl. Matt Bridges model the new Marine Corps running suit Feb. 29, 2008 at the National Naval Medical Center.

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to listen and to learn from one another and to work together for our common prosperity and security."

In calling attention to NATO's upcoming 60th anniversary, the vice president touched on the alliance's relations with Russia, saying the last few years have seen a dangerous drift in relations between the country and alliance members.

"It is time to press the reset button and to revisit the many areas where we can and should work together," Biden said. "Our Russian colleagues long ago warned about the rising threat from the Taliban and in Afghanistan. Today, NATO and Russia can and should cooperate to defeat this common enemy."

He went on to say the United States and Russia have a special obligation to lead the international effort to reduce the number of nuclear weapons in

the world.

Going beyond existing treaties to negotiate deeper cuts into both countries' arsenals is just one suggestion.

"We will not agree with Russia on everything," he said. "But the United States and Russia can disagree and still work together where our interests coincide."

Biden noted the conference's beginnings in the shadow of the Cold War and looking at the changes that have taken place since.

"As a great poet once wrote, our world has changed utterly. We must change too, while remaining true to the principles upon which our alliance was founded," he said. "We must have the courage and commitment of those who came before us to work together to build together and to stand together."

"Our partnership benefits us all," he added. "Now is the time to renew it."

Marines and sailors prepare to fight at moments notice

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Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron Marines and sailors were called upon to defend the station against simulated invading forces during an unplanned portion of Exercise Total Shield here Feb. 5.

The defense of the station by H&HS Marines and sailors was the first of its kind here and was done to teach them the value of combat readiness.

Lt. Col. Tray Ardesse, H&HS commanding officer, said as the Force Protection Condition upgraded during the exercise, it became apparent that the station would be overrun by invading forces unless all H&HS Marines were called upon to defend the station.

The Marines and sailors of H&HS equipped with all their gear were called to a squadron formation at approximately 2:30 p.m. not knowing what to expect when they received their orders.

"In two hours and two minutes, 200 people were dug in

and ready to go, ready to fight," said Ardesse.

Marines and sailors armed with rifles and various other firearms were posted along the sea wall, establishing a perimeter from the main gate to the watchtower to avoid simulated enemy infiltration.

Ardesse said the Marines and sailors did exactly what they were supposed to do by completing their primary mission and defending the station within moments.

"We don't know when the game is going to start," said Ardesse. "We have to be ready at all times."

The unplanned defense of the station by the H&HS Marines allowed them to see that whether they work in postal, in-processing or aircraft rescue firefighting, every Marine is a rifleman first and that they have to be ready at a moments notice, Ardesse said.

While simulated enemy forces overran station defenses during last year's exercise, the implementation of calling on H&HS Marines and sailors to defend the station this year success-



PFC. JOHN M. RAUFMANN
A Marine posts security along the sea wall during a simulated expected enemy offense of Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni on Feb. 5. Marines and sailors quickly reacted to the unplanned scenario.

fully repelled four attacks by simulated enemy forces.

"This was very impressive," said Sgt. Maj. Gerard Calvin, H&HS sergeant major. "They went out and did what was expected of them."

The exercise emphasized what the commanding officer always says about always being ready, Calvin said.

Trends spark changes

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school year, exceptions to this change will accommodate all students who have attended a DoDEA Kindergarten in the 2008-2009 School Year and families who move under permanent change of station (PCS) orders after the start of the school year and whose dependents are already enrolled in an accredited kindergarten or first grade.

Defense Dependents Elementary and Secondary Schools (DDESS) Pre-Kindergarten programs; DoDEA Preschool Services for Children with Disabilities (PSCD); and other Pre-Kindergarten programs will not be grandfathered in, but will be allowed to attend the DoDEA programs for an additional year if they do not meet the new entrance age. Families should coordinate with their school principal for further details.

DoDEA plans, directs, coordinates, and manages the education programs for Department of Defense dependents who would otherwise not have access to a high-quality public education. DoDEA consists of the Department of Defense Dependents Schools located overseas, and the Department of Defense Domestic Dependent Elementary and Secondary Schools located in the United States and its territories and possessions. DoDEA provides education to eligible DoD military and civilian dependents from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact M.C. Perry ES at 253-3327.

"You never know when the call's going to come," said Calvin. Marines have to stay in tune with their basic infantry skills for when the time comes, he added.

Calvin said the simulation gave Marines the opportunity to get in touch with their grass roots since every Marine is a rifleman first.



Lance Cpl. Mark Santos, a native of Houston, Texas, was selected as the Iwakuni Chef of the Quarter on Jan. 29. As a food service specialist, Santos has honorably served in the Marine Corps for 10 months. Santos will report to Camp Kenser, Okinawa, in March to compete in the Chef of the Quarter competition for Marine Corps Bases Japan.

LANCE CPL. JOSEPH MARIANELLI

Chef of the Quarter Competition



LANCE CPL. KYLE T. RAMIREZ

Pfc. Theodore D. Hickerson, a native of Los Angeles, Calif., was selected as runner-up for Iwakuni Chef of the Quarter Jan. 29. His superiors selected him for the competition based on his wealth of on-the-job knowledge.

January Promotions

H&HS

LCpl. Bass, A.G.
LCpl. Cartagena, J.
LCpl. Farthing, J.T.
LCpl. McIntyre, D.
LCpl. Straneva, N.P.
LCpl. Swiergosz, S.R.
LCpl. Widmayer, D.J.
Cpl. Degange, R.J.
Cpl. Loera, A.
SSgt. Godoy, H.E.
GySgt. Olson, T.D.
MSgt. Dumasian, V.C.

MAG-12

LCpl. Duong, L.K.
LCpl. Litwak, J.J.
LCpl. Sparks, P.F.
Sgt. Jamerson, M.

CLC-36

LCpl. Henley, K.K.
LCpl. Williams II, C.A.
Cpl. Muise, J.T.
Cpl. Teriong, W.U.
SSgt. Moulton Jr., L.W.

VMFA-242

Cpl. Cervantes, E.E.
Cpl. Jones, J.P.
Cpl. Stark, S.K.
Cpl. Townsel, E.L.
Sgt. Davis, S.D.

MALS-12

LCpl. Cardinoza, L.M.
LCpl. Garcia, I.R.
LCpl. Gentile, S.D.
LCpl. Lail, P.G.
LCpl. Recinto, A.B.
LCpl. Stabile, D.J.
Cpl. Corona, B.C.
Cpl. Daly, P.M.
Cpl. Duren, J.M.
Cpl. Kidd, J.B.
Cpl. Martinez Jr., J.A.
Cpl. Pond, B.A.
Cpl. Sherwood, M.B.
Cpl. Wilson, A.P.
Cpl. Winkler, M.F.
Cpl. Worthington, T.G.
Sgt. Reynolds, J.T.
Sgt. Werth, J.T.
MSgt. Smedes Jr., G.K.

MWSS-171

Pfc. Ebana, D.M.
PFC Thompson, P.A.
LCpl. Collazoperez, O.M.
LCpl. Curtis III, R.W.
LCpl. Gademsky, E.A.
LCpl. Hall, C.M.
LCpl. Henrybyrd D.B.
LCpl. Luvone, J.S.
LCpl. Nelson, C.M.
LCpl. Santos, M.A.
LCpl. Thom, V.C.
LCpl. Thompson, D.T.
Cpl. Clemmons, D.S.
Cpl. Peacock, R.B.
Sgt. Jones Jr., L.H.
Sgt. King, T.M.
Sgt. Shannon, J.Q.

February Promotions

H&HS

Pfc. Casas, N.A.
Pfc. Harrison, D.E.
LCpl. Burkhalter, J.D.
LCpl. Garza, E. M.
LCpl. Hardy, D. S.
LCpl. Hopkinson, S.J.
LCpl. Keller, R. P.
LCpl. Rodgers, A. D.
Cpl. Baldi, B. M.
Cpl. Dickinson, T.T.
Cpl. Godfrey T.A.
Cpl. Green, J.M.
Cpl. Simcox, J. R.
SSgt. Bohnert II, G.L.
SSgt. Harris Jr., J.D.

MAG-12

LCpl. Belanger, J.W.
LCpl. Henley, J.A.
Cpl. Cabral, J.A.

CLC-36

LCpl. Lee, J.
LCpl. Seda Jr., E.
Cpl. Cruz, A.A.
Cpl. Lewis, K.D.

VMFA-242

LCpl. Davis II, M.H.
LCpl. Fairres Jr., D.W.
Cpl. Hale, J.J.
Cpl. Houde, M.P.
Sgt. Brogden, J.J.

MALS-12

Pfc. Owen Jr., W.P.
LCpl. Almanza Jr., J.M.
LCpl. Polosky, K.M.
LCpl. Roger, P.A.
Cpl. Duvall, B.L.
Cpl. Freed, B.J.
Cpl. Olive, E.A.
Cpl. Santanalara, C.E.
Cpl. Shepard, E.T.
Sgt. Barnes, D.O.
Sgt. Young, T.R.
GySgt. Alexander, A.J.
MSgt. Stevenson, S.L.

MWSS-171

LCpl. Adkins, B.C.
LCpl. Batiste, D.L.
LCpl. Bourgeois, D.C.
LCpl. Brewer, A.R.
LCpl. Burlison, R.E.
LCpl. Moore, J.J.
LCpl. Nau, J.D.
LCpl. Paley, K.M.
LCpl. Parker, C.B.
LCpl. Rotert, A.J.
LCpl. Silva, S.A.
LCpl. Solis, E.
LCpl. Vazquez, J.C.
Sgt. Tichy, E.J.
SSgt. Griffey, D.R.
GySgt. Ramirez, J.A.

IPAC conquers Exercise Total Shield



LANCE CPL. CHRIS KUTLESA

Marines from Installation Personnel Administration Center process service members and family members during a noncombatant evacuation operation during the second day of Exercise Total Shield 2009 here. After being processed, service members and family members received a scannable bracelet that aides in proper identification in the case of an evacuation.

Noncombatant evacuation operation a success

LANCE CPL. CHRIS KUTLESA
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Exercise Total Shield 2009 tested the readiness of different units and sections aboard the air station.

One goal of the exercise was to observe how sections like the Installation Personnel Administrative Center could break from its normal day-to-day routine and become the primary orchestrators of a noncombatant evacuation operation.

"If the base is ever under attack, one of the first steps would be to evacuate all the noncombatants (e.g. family members)," said Gunnery Sgt. Tansey D. Olson, staff noncommissioned officer-in-charge of IPAC new joins.

On Feb. 3, Total Shield planners simulated a natural disaster/terrorist attack by which

IPAC was called upon to set up a NEO processing center at the IronWorks Gym.

"Although PMO and Motor-T would play a role in executing NEO, the processing center is

emergency, these stations would ensure all estimated 300-400 evacuees' issues, from medical to transportation of a pet, are taken care of.

At the end of the line, evacuees

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— Charles S. Patterson

run exclusively by members of the IPAC," said Cpl. Charles S. Patterson, NEO noncommissioned officer-in-charge.

Twenty evacuees were selected at random and participated in the exercise.

The evacuees upon entering the gym had to file through various stations. In the case of a real

are processed by IPAC into the NEO system.

Once an individual's information is catalogued, a bracelet prints out with a barcode.

The barcode ensures proper identification upon arrival to safe havens.

For exercise purposes, the evacuees were taken to Sasebo. In a

real scenario, all evacuees' final destination would be elsewhere. Total Shield proved to be effective.

Marines at IPAC were able to put what they had learned about NEO to the test. Finding out what works and what does not has prepared IPAC even more for an evacuation than before.

Exercise Total Shield 2009 reinforced the idea that every Marine, whether in a combat role or in a desk job, can be called upon to take up arms, hold his ground and put others' safety in front of his own.

"If something was to happen right now, IPAC would easily have NEO set up in two hours," said Patterson. "It's training like Total Shield that shows our personnel what to expect in a real-world situation."



LANCE CPL. JACQUELINE DIAZ

The Special Reaction Team raids a simulated plane hijacking during Exercise Total Shield Feb. 5. Exercise Total Shield is a base-wide event to test the standard operating procedures and to maintain operational readiness aboard Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni.



PFC. JOHN M. RAUFMANN

Fire fighters from Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting load a burn victim onto a stretcher on the flight line during a simulated enemy attack Feb. 5. The enemy attack was a part of Exercise Total Shield which tested the station's ability to defend itself in an emergency.



LANCE CPL. JACQUELINE DIAZ

Seaman Jared A. Westbrook extends a response boom to contain a simulated jet fuel spill in the Iwakuni harbor during Exercise Total Shield Feb. 6.



LANCE CPL. CHRIS KUTLESA

Members of the Japanese Ground Self Defense Force practice communications operations using a backpack radio while patrolling on the sea wall Feb. 5. JGSDF worked hand-in-hand with Marines throughout Exercise Total Shield, providing their support and expertise.



PFC. JOHN M. RAUFMANN

The Iwakuni Fire Department extinguishes a fire on the flight line during a simulated enemy attack as part of Exercise Total Shield Feb. 5. Exercise Total Shield is a base-wide exercise that tests the standard operating procedures and additional readiness aboard Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni and improve bilateral coordination with the Japanese Ground Self Defense Force.

BIGGER, FASTER, STRONGER

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Active Shield was an opportunity for bilateral training with the JGSDF. The two exercises were combined to better test the capabilities of the air station.

"The exercise was very ambitious," said Capt. Raymond J. Scott, officer-in-charge of the exercise. "We had a very busy schedule with back-to-back scenarios trying to engage all the different departments. We needed to take our plans and procedures that were on paper and see if they would work in real-world scenarios."

Test procedures with real-world scenarios is exactly what they did when the Provost Marshal's Office received a call informing them that a simulated shooting had occurred and developed into a hostage situation.

Applying all they learned at their military occupation specialty schools and in their day-to-day mission, the military police with the Provost Marshal's Office arrived on the scene and put their skills to the test.

When every scenario came to a close, assigned observers would evaluate the units involved on their performance.

PMO received constructive criticism and a job well-done for their level of professionalism. The observers said the few problems they did have could easily be fixed with better communication.

It just so happened that improving communication was a secondary reason for exercise Total Shield.

Specifically, the exercise is an opportunity to continue to build good communication with the JGSDF.

"It is always best to have a good

relationship with your host country," said Gunnery Sgt. Rodney L. Buentello, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron staff noncommissioned officer-in-charge. "Learning to work together and building a relationship makes both of us stronger."

The JGSDF has a reputation for being precise and doing a thorough job. During Total Shield, they lived up to the reputation, going above and beyond what was expected of them.

"I hope we have built a mutual trust and our relationship continues to grow in the future," said Capt. Yoshihara Noda, JGSDF 13th Brigade Headquarters liaison officer.

The Japanese commitment to duty equaled that of the Marines who on the final day of the exercise participated in a scenario that had all of Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron protecting the base.

"We had Marines from all departments manning the perimeter as security patrols," said Scott.

Marines stood post from Building One all the way to Penny Lake. From the bottom to the top, all ranks joined to provide security. "Everyone knows that PMO would protect the base in the case of an emergency, but they can only protect so much," said Buentello. "If the base was attacked, every Marine would have to drop their day job and return to the basics. Every Marine is a rifleman. We must never forget that."

Total Shield came to a close during a ceremony recognizing the accomplishments of the JGSDF, Marines, sailors and civilian exercise participants.

"We train for today and tomorrow," said Buentello. "We will only grow and continue to get better and better."

CORPS NEWS

HIGHLIGHTING MARINES AND SAILORS AROUND THE GLOBE

Embassy conducts evacuation drill



SGT. MICHAEL T. KNIGHT

A Landing Craft Air Cushion inflates on the shore of Kuwait. The LCAC is leaving after transporting a group of civilians and soldier volunteers, from U.S. Army Central Command, to and from USS Carter Hall during a U.S. Embassy, Kuwait evacuation exercise.

Joint combined security exercise tests readiness

SGT. MICHAEL T. KNIGHT
HEADQUARTERS AND SERVICE BATTALION

KUWAIT — The U.S. Embassy in Kuwait recently conducted an extensive evacuation drill, which was part of a 13-day event called the Joint Combined Security Exercise.

Kuwaiti Security Forces, U.S. Army Central Command, U.S. Department of State Diplomatic Security Services, U.S. Navy, 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit and a Marine Corps Fleet Anti-Terrorism Security Team all played key roles in JCSE. The series of exercises concluded Jan. 21.

The evacuation portion of the event included all the necessary elements needed to make a mass departure successful in a time of crisis. Marines provided security, embassy employees authenticated passports, and the Navy's Assault Craft Unit 4 supplied transporta-

tion.

"This was the first time I've been able to experience firsthand how other branches of the military operate," said evacuee roll player Spc. Rasheed L. Booker, Supply Specialist, 13th Deployment Support Brigade.

While some events of JCSE oc-

"These kinds of joint exercises are critical for improving our ability to deal with crisis situations."

— Deborah K. Jones

curred on embassy grounds, the main evacuation episode took place at an assembly area on the Kuwaiti coast.

Marine infantrymen guarded the facility perimeter, while combat support Marines screened role players posing as evacuees. Once embassy employees processed the group, they were given identification bracelets and loaded onto a Landing Craft Air Cushion. The

LCAC then took the role players several miles out to the USS Carter Hall.

"Riding on the LCAC was the most exciting part of the exercise," said evacuee role player Capt. George B. Hutchinson, G-6, U.S. Army Central Command, and Austell, Ga., native. "I only wish they would have let me drive it."

The evacuees boarded the ship, were manifested and granted a full tour. They returned to shore once the imaginary crisis

concluded.

"These kinds of joint exercises are critical for improving our ability to deal with crisis situations," said U.S. Ambassador to Kuwait Deborah K. Jones. "I am particularly pleased with and proud of the excellent cooperation and team-building that occurred between our Kuwaiti partners, our U.S. military units, and the Embassy's Regional Security Office."



SGT. MICHAEL T. KNIGHT

The knee of Sgt. Larry J. Kimmons, wire chief, Combat Logistics Battalion, 26th MEU, from Seattle, Wash., restrains Spc. Osvaldo Vives, Chemical Biological Radiological Nuclear noncommissioned officer, U.S. Army Central Command, who posed as a disruptive embassy evacuee. This was during a full run evacuation drill of the U.S. Embassy, Kuwait, which was part of a 13-day Joint Combined Security Exercise. The drill included a trip for the roll players out to USS Carter Hall via Landing Craft Air Cushion.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Image Makers National Photography Contest

Do you have any shutterbugs around the club, school or home? If so, this is the contest project for you.

- Local exhibit will be displayed at Club Iwakuni Ballroom "A" on March 17.
- Participants must have been club members for at least three months before the contest.
- Age categories are divided into the following: 9 or younger, 10 – 12 years old, 13 – 15 years old, 16 – 18 years old.
- Photographs must be entered in one of the following categories: a. Color process, black-and-white process, alternative process (pinhole cameras, Polaroid transfers, photo screen-printing, photo etching and photogram), digital (photos must be taken with a digital camera

and images may not be manipulated), photo essay ("Be a Photographer").

- Photographs must not exceed 8 by 11 inches.

For more details, contact MCCS Youth and Teen Center at 253-5549.

Image Makers Scholarship

To encourage talented Club members to hone their skills and pursue photography as a career, Boys & Girls Clubs of America and Circuit City Foundation are offering the Image Makers Photography Scholarship. Four winners will each receive \$3,000 scholarships to be used for college or art school. Club members aged 16 – 18 are eligible. For applications or more information, contact MCCS Youth and Teen Center at 253-5549.

Tax center open

The Tax center at the law

center (SJA) is open. No appointments will be made, all clients are walk-ins. For information about tax preparation, contact the law center (SJA) at 253-5591 or 5592.

MCCS Barber shops

Effective Feb. 1, the barber shops change the hours of operations as below.

- Main (South side) and North side barber shops open Sundays: noon – 5:30 p.m.
- Main (South side) closed Wednesdays.
- North side closed Thursdays.

For more information, call 253-4278 or 4747.

Youth and Teen Red and White Dance Party

Feb. 14, 6 – 8:45 p.m. (for 10 – 12 years old) and 9 – 11:15 p.m. (for 13 – 18 years old) at Youth and Teen Center, Building 443. Live DJ, games and prizes. For more information, contact MCCS Youth and Teen at 253-5549.

Youth and Teen Mardi Gras Dance Party

Feb. 20, 6 – 8:45 p.m. (for 10 – 12 years old) and 9 – 11:15 p.m. (for 13 – 18 years old) at Youth and Teen Center, Building 443. Live DJ, games and prizes. For more information, contact MCCS Youth and Teen at 253-5549.

Love Languages

Feb. 21, 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the station chapel. Learn the love language you speak and learn the love language of your fiancé or your spouse. This is open to all adults. Register by close of business Feb. 18. Child care and lunch are provided. To sign up,

please call the station chapel at 253-3371.

2nd Annual Rummage Sale, Chili Cook-off and Auction

Hosted by M.C. Perry High School PTO Booster Club at the Mac Dome on Feb. 21. Admission is free (\$15 to reserve a table to sell your items. \$5 discount if you donate an item to silent auction). For more information, call 253-5449 to reserve a table. This is open to all base personnel, so clean out your closets!

Free Child Developmental Screenings

Feb. 23 and 24, at M.C. Perry Elementary School, Bldg 553. This is a joint event sponsored by Educational and Developmental Intervention Services (EDIS) and M.C. Perry Elementary School (DoDDS) to identify strengths and concerns in a young child's development. We will be providing a free screening for children from age 4 months to 5 years. We will evaluate motor, language, problem solving, social and behavior skills and provide an opportunity for parents to ask questions about their children's development. Call EDIS at 253-4562 to make an appointment. Walk-ins will be taken too!

Sophie's Furniture Sale

Feb. 28, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. and March 1, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. at M.C. Perry School Cafeteria. Home delivery will be available. 1-year home layaway interest is free. This event is open to SOFA status personnel only. Proceeds benefit the American Red Cross Community and Volunteer Programs at MCAS Iwakuni. Volunteers are also needed for set up Feb. 27 and for the sale dates of Feb. 28 and March 1. Please call American Red Cross at

253-4525 to sign up or for additional information. Volunteers needed. Help out the American Red Cross by donating your time at Sophie's Antique Furniture Sale. Dates/times volunteers are needed:

- Friday, Feb. 27 (5 – 9 p.m.)
- Saturday, Feb. 28 (8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. or 1 – 6 p.m.)
- Sunday, March 1 (10:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. or 2 – 6 p.m.)

Lunch is provided. If interested, contact the American Red Cross at 253-4525 no later than Feb. 25.

UMUC Academic Advisor

Mar. 3 – 5, 8 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 – 5 p.m. Appointments must be made in advance by contacting the Iwakuni UMUC Office at 253-3392. Each appointment will be 30 minutes in duration, in a private classroom, "one-on-one" with an academic advisor.

Boy Scouts

Boy Scout Troop 77 is collecting U.S. flags that are worn, torn, faded or badly soiled and that need to be retired. The old flag's will be "retired" with the dignity and respect befitting our nation's flag. For more information, call 253-3505 or e-mail iwakunib-satrop77@hotmail.com.

Iwakuni Girls Scouts

We offer several exciting, flexible pathways through which adults can participate in Girl Scouting. Work directly or indirectly with girls on a short-term or long-term basis, you will get all the instruction, guidance, and support that you will need to fulfill the responsibilities of your volunteer role successfully as you guide girls through the New Girl Scout Leadership Experience. For more information, contact Girl Scouts Hut via email: iwakunigs@gmail.com or call 253-6037 or 3035.

Chapel Services

Roman Catholic

Saturday 4:30-5:15 p.m. Confession
5:30 p.m. Mass
Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass
9:45 a.m. Religious Education
Tues – Fri 11:30 a.m. Weekday Mass
Wednesday 6 p.m. Inquiry Class for adults

Protestant

Saturday 9:30 a.m. Seventh-Day Adventist Sabbath School
11:00 a.m. Seventh-Day Adventist Devine Worship
Sunday 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Adult Bible Fellowship
10:30 a.m. Protestant Service
11 a.m. Children's Church
6 p.m. Awana (Bldg. 1104)
6 p.m. Bible Study (Capodanno Hall Chapel)

Church of Christ

Sunday 9:30 a.m. Bible Study (small chapel)
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Latter Day Saints

Weekdays 6:30 a.m. Youth 12-17 Activities

Teen Programs

- High School Meetings (Club – grades 9-12)
- Junior High Meetings (Club JV – grades 7-8)
- HS&JR Bible Studies
- Retreats
- Service Projects
- Missions Trip
- Special Events Volunteer Training & Mentoring
- Parent Support Group

Call at 253-5183 or potwic@gmail.com.

For information regarding divine services, religious education or any other command religious program or chapel activity, call the Marine Memorial Chapel at 253-3371.

SAKURA THEATER

Friday, Feb. 13 2009

7 p.m. He's Just Not That Into You (PG-13)
Premier
10 p.m. The Spirit (PG-13)
Premier

Saturday, Feb. 14, 2009

1 p.m. The Spirit (PG-13)
4 p.m. Bedtime Stories (PG)
7 p.m. Punisher: War Zone (R)
10 p.m. He's Just Not That Into You (PG-13)

Sunday, Feb. 15, 2009

1 p.m. Bedtime Stories (PG)
4 p.m. He's Just Not That Into You (PG-13)
7 p.m. The Spirit (PG-13)

Monday, Feb. 16, 2009

1 p.m. The Spirit (PG-13)
4 p.m. He's Just Not That Into You (PG-13)
7 p.m. The Boy With The Striped Pajamas (PG-13) Last Showing

Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2009

7 p.m. Punisher: War Zone (R) Last Showing

Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2009

7 p.m. Glory (PG-13)
Free Admission

Thursday, Feb. 19, 2009

7 p.m. Nothing Like The Holidays (PG-13) Last Showing

General Admission: Ages 12+ are \$2.50/ Ages 6-11 are \$1/ Children ages 5 and under admitted free. For more information, visit www.mccsiwakuni.com or call 253-5291.

CLASSIFIEDS

Automobiles

1999 Daihatsu MOVE Turbo AeroDown Custom
4-door hatch-back. Only 72,000 km. JCI until June 2010. Cheap to maintain (JCI and road tax are less expensive on yellow plate cars). New CD player. A/C, power windows, power locks, everything works great. Asking \$4,500 OBO. Perfect little car for exploring Iwakuni. Call 080-3259-6550 (cell) anytime or 253-6203 (work).

1996 Honda XR250 Motorcycle
Great on gas mileage. Road tax paid. Low insurance rates. Kept in storage. Very clean. Well maintained and kept all oil changes and services current. Good tires. Low mileage. Perfect to ride and sight see Japan with. New helmet included. Asking \$1,700 OBO. For more information, call 253-6055 (work) or 253-2997 (home).

Mess Hall Menu

Monday
Cream of mushroom soup, creole soup, sauerbraten, hot and spicy chicken, fried rice, oven glo potatoes, fried zucchini, calico corn, dinner rolls

Tuesday
Cream of potatoes soup, chicken noodle soup, southern fried chicken, BBQ beef cube, steamed rice, buttered pasta, black eye peas, creole squash, cornbread

Wednesday
Louisiana gumbosoup, southern fried chicken, BBQ spareribs, southern fried catfish, mashed potatoes, orange glazed yams, steamed rice, simmered black eye peas, southern style greens, corn bread, pecan pie, sweet potato pie, pound cake

Thursday
Minestrone soup, cream of chicken soup, creole macaroni, fried shrimp, fettuccini noodles, alfredo sauce, grilled cheese sandwich, tempura vegetables, peas and carrots, dinner rolls, cocktail sauce

Friday
Clam chowder soup, minestrone soup, braised beef and noodles, baked fish, mashed potatoes, fried cabbage, mix vegetables, chicken gravy, dinner rolls

The North and Southside mess hall will host a special Black History Month meal Feb. 18 from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. The meal is open to everyone on MCAS Iwakuni. Cost for comrats, family members and civilians is \$4.25. Family members of E-4 and below \$3.65. MLC/IHA/Civilian photo ID is required.

1995 Mitsubishi Diamante \$900
A new transmission (\$2000 estimate including labor from base repair shop) would make this Diamante the cleanest four-door sedan around. V-6 w/ low miles. Metallic charcoal silver w/ alloy wheels, crystal clean interior, grey leather, full power, new CD player and speakers. JCI expires in Feb. 2010. Car is priced at \$900 - OBO. For more information, call Josh at 253-2356 (home).

PMO LOST & FOUND

The Provost Marshal's Office lost and found section has various items that have been turned in tracking back to 2006. Currently, we have the following items: keys, wallets with contents, jewelry, watches, U.S. Passports, cell phones, dog tags, electronics, CDs and more. If you have misplaced anything, please call PMO at 253-5105 or send an e-mail to carrie.morse@usmc.mil

Miscellaneous

English Bulldog for sale
One year old. Bindle and white. Neutered/JKC registered. House trained, calm and lovable. Good with kids and other pets. Asking \$400 OBO. Call 253-2990 (home) or 4768 (work).

Items for sale
• Whirlpool Washer and Dryer \$200
• Two Leapsters and five games each with cases \$50 each
• Fast and Furious Franchise Collection (two movies) \$5
• Char-Broil Grill with extras (make offer)
• Pink Razor three-wheel scooter \$15 OBO
• Men's size 11 Crocs and two pairs of other shoes \$20
Contact 080-3474-8856 or potwic@gmail.com

To submit an advertisement request, follow the classified link on the station Web site, and open an advertisement request form. Submit the form via Web site, or send the e-mail to iwakuni.pao@usmc.mil. Or you can submit in person at the Public Affairs Office, Building One, Room 216.
• The deadline for submissions is Monday at 4:30 p.m.
• The request is effective for one week. If you want to extend a previously submitted ad for an additional week, notify the Public Affairs Office at 253-5551.

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TELL US HOW YOU COMMUNICATE. COMPLETE THE SURVEY BETWEEN FEBRUARY 23 AND MARCH 6 AT WWW.READINESS-SURVEY.COM.

Commander's Cup Challenge 2009



Marines participate in the 10-legged race during the Gladiators event in the Commander's Cup Challenge 2008 at Penny Lake Field. The Commander's Cup invites different units and sections aboard the station to compete for party funds, trophies and bragging rights.

Unit fitness and endurance put to the test

LANCE CPL. DANIEL NEGRETE
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

The Commander's Cup Challenge 2009 will begin Feb. 27 and last until Oct. 23.

The Commander's Cup invites different units and sections aboard the station to compete for party funds, trophies and bragging rights.

"Marine Corps Community Services puts together this year-long challenge to promote camaraderie and sportsmanship among all those who participate," said Jeramie O. Johnson, MCCS fitness coordinator.

"It also helps raise awareness about health and physical

fitness," Johnson added.

All Commander's Cup Challenge events take place Fridays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. They happen once a month and are open to all active duty service members who are able to form two-, five- or 11-person teams.

"The individual members of each team can change from month to month," said Kay H. Guevarra, MCCS fitness coordinator assistant. "However, each team must be formed out of members from the same unit or section."

Each monthly challenge offers prizes for 1st and 2nd place teams, as well as points earned toward the overall Commander's

Cup Challenge.

Prizes include a \$100 unit party fund check and trophy for 1st place and a \$75 unit party fund check and trophy for 2nd place.

All teams that participate automatically earn 20 points. First place earns an additional 10 points, while 2nd and 3rd earn seven and five points respectively.

The section or unit that earns the most points by Oct. 23 will be awarded the travelling Commander's Cup Trophy, a \$500 unit party fund check and the title: "Fittest Ultimate Warriors aboard MCAS Iwakuni."

Teams can also earn bonus

points by participating and attending different activities and workshops.

Information concerning these events will be released at least one month prior to each event.

"Section heads have been notified about the Commander's Cup to encourage their Marines and sailors to band together and participate," said Johnson.

"Individual Marines are also encouraged take charge, form up teams themselves and go to their department heads for permission to participate."

For more information regarding the Commander's Cup 2009, questions can be directed to johnsonj@usmc-mccs.org.

Feb. 27 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.	The Longest Yard	Five team members from each unit compete to see which team can drive the longest golf ball.	Penny Lake Field
March 20 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.	The 300	The ultimate test of strength, endurance and speed. Teams of two will compete together in a timed event for points, money and glory.	IronWorks Gym
April 10 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Sumo BASHO Tournament	Team members will compete in a double elimination Sumo Wrestling tournament.	IronWorks Gym
May 15 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Nutrition Quest	Teams of five race to different food outlets on station and gather ingredients to make balanced and healthy meals.	IronWorks Gym
June 5 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Indoor Triathlon	Only three team members needed - one for each of the three events: 200m swim, 5 mile bike ride on level 9 of the stationary bikes, 2 mile run on the treadmill.	IronWorks Gym
July 17 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Fitness Skills Challenge	Endurance challenges at their best! Perform as many repetitions as possible in the allotted time for each skill: pushups, pull-ups, sit-ups, long jump, balance beam, tire run and more.	IronWorks Gym
Aug. 14 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Commander's Cup Aqua Fitness Feud	Units battle it out over their fitness knowledge and swimming skills. Teams of five compete against each other, testing their knowledge of health, fitness and nutrition, while adding a physical element of swimming challenges.	IronWorks Pool
Sept. 25 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Earthball Soccer Tournament	Teams of five compete head-to-head in a soccer tournament with a 6-foot ball. Enough said...	Penny Lake Field
Oct. 23 8:30 a.m.	Gladiators	Kayak relay, wacky swim relay, river raft race, canoe tug-o-war, 10-legged race, bull pull, human sphere barrel race, obstacle course and tug-o-war. Maximum of 90 points can be earned.	IronWorks Gym / Penny Lake Field

Happy Valentine's Day



Ayumi,
You are my elf and I am your dwarf,
and I love you so much. I wish you
were a little bit smaller so I could fit
you into my pocket and carry you
with me where ever I went. That way,
I would never have to miss you.
-Nicholas

Burton, Logan & Emmaly,
Happy Valentine's Day. I love you all.
Love Mommy

Judy,
Love is a burning desire
that makes our hearts light on fire
Love is being with you,
someone saying I love you too
Love is your most tender kiss,
something I don't want to miss
Love is you and me
Our love forever makes we.
-Richard

Happy Valentine's Day to the Marines,
sailors and families of Marine Aircraft
Group 12 from the Family Readiness
Command Team!

I would like to wish my wife Tiffany a
Happy Valentine's Day! I love
You Babe!
-Sgt. Albert Vidales

Happy Valentine's Day to the 3
handsome men in my life: Devin,
Christopher and Jeramiah. I Love You
All!
Love, Mommy

A special hugs & kisses to my family
and friends. I'm lucky to have you all
in my life. Happy Valentine's Day!
-Samai Saechang

Happy Valentine's day Ms. Teagan
Abbott. I'm sorry I can't be with
you today. But I'll be thinking of you
while I'm shooting in Okinawa. I love

you and miss you very much. Hope
this brightens up your day a little
since I can't be there with you. All of
my love, Benjamin Johnson

Stephanie, you are a great mother,
wife, and friend.
I am a much better father and
husband because of you. Happy
Valentine's Day.
Love, Tony

Leah, Thank you for being a part of
my life and putting up with me.
I appreciate you more than you will
ever know. You mean the world to
me and I don't know what I would do
without you.
Yours always, Brad

I would like to wish you a happy
Valentine's day and mention that love
doesn't come once a year, it should
be constant, however this
Valentines I would ask that you'd be
mine...
-Preston

Happy Valentine's Day Nicole! I love
you!
-Matt

Wishing my beloved wife and
gorgeous princess a Happy
Valentine's Day. I Love You.
Love, your handsome prince

My Supa Sexy,
1st Valentine's Day together
2nd Month Anniversary
3rd is just the # to be because it's 3
4th letter of my 4-letter word is E
The word that explains what you
mean to me.
I REALLY, REALLY, REALLY, Like you.
!!!Happy Valentine's Day!!! :)

Erin,
For some love comes early in life, not

us. Although we have not known each
other our whole lives, I feel like you
have been with me. Our time together
has torn down all the walls I once had
and allowed me to truly love. Thank
you for our wonderful daughter. My
unconditional experience with you
has made my soul soar, thank you my
"Girl in the world."
Happy Valentine's Day!

This Valentine's Day I want to remind
you that I love you and I'm glad to be
sharing my life with you through the
ups and downs.
-Fabio

Hiromi,
Every day we spend together is the
best day of my life.
Sending you all of my love!
-Jeffrey

Makiko,
Thanks for being by my side for the
past 20 years. Happy
Valentine's Day. Love, John

Ami-Ruth,
Even though we are far apart, my love
for you reaches across the ocean.
I miss you so much and I can't wait
to be with you and Lilly again. Your
beau, Josh.

Brandy,
We've been a lot of places over the
last eight years, done a lot of things
and have had a very successful
Marine Corps career so far.
I just want to let you know that I
recognize the sacrifices you have had
to make, and I would not have made it
this far without you.
Thank you for always being there for
me and for supporting me no matter
what. Happy Valentine's Day.
I love you,
-Andy