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Skate park ollies back into action

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The cracks in the skate park's surface are gone and the ramps have been returned to their original location as of Aug. 25.

The skate park will resume operation after it has been inspected by Station Safety, but there is no official date when the park will be open again to the public.

Recently the skate park near the station chapel was shut down due to a large crack in the park's surface. During the resurfacing of the skate park, the ramps were temporarily moved to IronWorks Gym in order to satisfy the need for a safe location to skate.

Curtis Brown, athletic director for Marine Corps Community Services, said he thinks it should be within the next couple of weeks.

"We are very happy with the results of the surface repair," said Brown. "We are very happy with the skate park in general and hope to upgrade it in the future."

Brown said one upgrade people can expect soon is new fencing around the skate park.

The resurfacing and future fence is all a part of keeping the skate park as safe as possible. In order to stay safe, users are required to follow the skate park's guidelines. The skate park rules are as follows:

1. Skaters must be at least 10 years old or accompanied by a parent or legal guardian to use the skate park.
2. Only skateboards and in-line skates are allowed.
3. Protective safety equipment is required to be worn at all times.
4. Appropriate attire and footwear (tennis shoes) must be worn.
5. Bikes and scooters are not allowed.
6. Additional ramps, grind rails, and skating accessories are not allowed.
7. Food, beverages of any kind and glass containers are not allowed.
8. Anyone under the influence of alcohol is not allowed in the skate park.
9. Smoking and the use of tobacco of any kind is prohibited in and near the skate park.
10. The skate park will be closed during inclement weather.
11. In case of emergency, call 911 by accessing the telephone located between the outdoor basketball court and the skate park.

Those who have questions or comments, may contact the IronWorks Gym at 253-6578 or 253-5460.

Movin' on up, housing changes coming

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With the newly renovated 32 townhouse units being made available for use here Wednesday and approximately 66 townhouse units slated to undergo renovation in the following months, Station Facilities Military Housing Division has begun to implement a new family housing re-designation

plan.

All station community members are invited to attend a ribbon cutting at Building 980 in the Monzen slated for 1 p.m. Wednesday.

An open house, in which attendees wishing to view the inside of the house will be asked to remove their shoes, is scheduled for Wednesday 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. after the ribbon cutting and Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The new re-designation plan, which spans station

wide, provides more family housing for junior enlisted personnel and allows for field grade officers, company grade officers, senior enlisted and junior enlisted personnel to be housed in all areas of the air station.

"We are not going to move anybody right now," said Kirby Franklin, station housing director. "We are starting to do it (re-designation) now, and we'll work toward this

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Anchors away, new commander takes charge of BHC



LANCE CPL. CHRIS KUTLESA

Cmdr. Cesar A. Odvina exits and salutes after assuming the position of officer-in-charge of the Branch Health Clinic during a change-of-charge ceremony at the station chapel here Aug. 28. At the change-of-charge ceremony, Odvina reminded the clinic staff of the challenges ahead and the importance of remaining vigilant and ready for those challenges.

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Cmdr. Cesar A. Odvina was appointed as officer-in-charge of the Branch Health Clinic during a change-of-charge ceremony at the station chapel here Aug. 28.

Odvina succeeded Cmdr. William M. Wike, whose next duty assignment will be at Cherry Point, N.C.

"Commander Wike, I sincerely thank you for your exceptional leadership," said Odvina. "Under your charge, you successfully met all

operational and contingency requirements while providing and maintaining the highest quality healthcare standards, ensuring successful accreditation and recognition."

Prior to assignment here, Odvina had assumed duties as the Defense Health Program Requirement officer as part of Chief of Naval Operations staff, Washington, D.C.

Odvina was born in Cavite, Philippines. After receiving his Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering, he enlisted in the

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

'M.C. Perry students, welcome back to school'

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STATION CHAPLAIN

At this time of year, the kids head back to school. There will be lunches to pack, clothes to iron, homework to do, tryouts and auditions to practice for, music to prepare and many other new things.

All of this helps me to remember those first days of school every year when I was a kid.

I can remember the excitement of new beginnings, the wonder of what new friends I would be able to make that year, the anticipation of different and new things to learn, and the fun of recess.

I had some great teachers and some I felt should have found a different line of work.

I made a lot of friendships, some of which last to this day, and learned many things I still use in everyday life.

I learned how to read, write, and figure out math problems.

I learned about history, geography, literature, and music.

I learned a lot about human nature by watching my classmates and the teachers.

I learned how stressful it is

to be up on stage for a school program when you have to say your lines or sing your notes just right.

I also learned how embarrassing it can be when you mess up those lines or notes in front of your parents, classmates, teachers and everybody. But I also learned even when I messed up my parents still loved me, my teachers still taught me and although my classmates may have laughed, many of them messed up too.

I learned that it was not the end of the world to make a mistake.

I learned about friendship.

I learned about how important it is to find the quiet kid and make friends with him or her.

For the first part of my schooling, I was that quiet kid and I really appreciated those who took the time and made the effort to get to know me, and make friends with me.

I discovered as I got older and more confident that I could return the favor by making friends with the quiet kids — and I did.

I learned how incredibly important it was to accept people as they are ... even the kids that

picked their noses or ate glue.

I learned we all have habits that are unattractive and the more time we spend learning to appreciate each other, the less those habits in others will bother us.

I learned the great importance of practicing music and working to get my body in shape.

Some people seemed to have great natural talent in music or sports, and I learned natural talent with no self-discipline is shallow and won't last very long.

I learned hard work and long hours of practice have their own rewards.

I learned there would always be someone taller, faster, smoother, more popular and better looking, but I also learned that I could be just fine and very happy just being me.

As you can see, only a small part of what I learned in school came from books.

Most of what I learned in school came from caring teachers, funny classmates, and from life itself — lived out in the school environment.

To all the students at Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, I would say, "Welcome back to school!"

Back to school safety: Inform children, yourself

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STATION SAFETY

It is time when we will once again see individuals and groups of students walking, riding bicycles and scooters, running, playing, being driven and riding busses to and from school each weekday morning and repeating the cycle in the afternoon.

The beginning and ending of each school day affects the entire station and requires increased attention to driving and road conditions.

This installment in the Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni Critical Days of Summer safety campaign will present information directed at all motorists, parents, and students, both returning and those new to the station.

This information has been collected from multiple sources both inside and outside of the Department of Defense.

Tips for motorists:

■ Never pass a school bus.

■ Slow down around school zones and pay attention for children who may run out into the road without looking. Keep in mind children in general are not as tall as adults, so adjust look zones appropriately.

■ During inclement weather pay close attention to stopping distances and realize children's outfits may blend in more with the background.

What is the most dangerous part of the school bus ride? The bus stop!

■ Children are at the greatest risk when they are getting on or off the school bus.

Most children killed in bus-related crashes are pedestrians, five to seven years old, who are getting on or off the bus. They are hit by the school bus or by motorists illegally passing a stopped bus. ■ In neighborhoods, near schools, and at bus stops, drivers need to take special care because children do not behave like adults.

■ Elementary school children become easily

distracted and may start across the street without warning, don't understand the danger of moving vehicles, can't judge vehicle speed or distance and may be blocked from view by the bus.

■ Most importantly, children expect vehicles to stop for them at the school bus stop.

What should parents do now for child safety this school year?

Familiarize yourself with school or provider drop-off and pick-up practices and then be sure you always follow them.

One of the biggest complaints by school officials is parents find a reason to be an exception to the rule.

If the curb says, "No stopping, standing or parking at any time," that means everyone.

If children are required to use designated cross walks, do not walk your child across the middle of a street just because you are holding his hand.

Discuss the rules with your child and practice with younger ones.

If possible, take your child to the drop-off area and practice the procedure at an off-peak time. Have your child wear his backpack, if required, and walk him through what to look for, what to do and what not to do.

If crossing guards are utilized, explain their purpose and how the child must wait for approval to cross.

Younger children understand best by actually doing a routine instead of just being told about it.

Resist the urge to speed or make any traffic rules exception because you are running late.

Whipping your car around, getting your child to dash out of the car to reach the classroom before the school bell rings, or encouraging a "drop-and-dash" drop-off is a recipe for disaster in terms of child safety. You would rather your child receive a tardy notice than to be in an accident.

Get housed: Re-designation plan opens options

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plan which will take several years."

With the new re-designation plan being based on the population percentages, more units have been allotted to junior enlisted personnel since they are the majority aboard the station.

The re-designation plan is flexible enough to change with the population if there's a decrease in junior enlisted and an increase in any other pay grade.

The different pay grades will be housed together in the same areas of the Monzen, Mainside and Northside.

Although living in the same area, the new plan will still separate the various grades through parking lots, neighborhood blocks and housing sections, but will require them to co-mingle until the plan is fully implemented.

Sergeants might be neighbors with captains and majors might be neighbors with senior noncommissioned officers until the re-designation is fully implemented, Franklin said.

"We're just asking everybody to kind of grit their teeth, be good neighbors and please understand the dilemma we're in while we try to get to this plan," said Franklin.

Family housing has worked out a system to accomplish re-designation and at the same time avoid moving people out of their present homes.

"This is our designation plan, which is going

to work by attrition," said Anita Shimada, a station family housing assignment counselor. "Say a company grade officer moves out of a house which is now junior enlisted designated, we will then move a junior enlisted in there. We are not going to be moving anybody out because of this designation plan unless they have to because of the renovation."

Occupants of townhouse units scheduled to undergo renovation in the following months have already been notified of the move.

Some of those occupants will be moving into the 32 newly renovated townhouses.

Occupants of the newly renovated townhouses will find them outfitted with new carpet, countertops, tiles, kitchenettes, bathrooms, cabinets and dishwashers.

Another new feature is the service porch in the three- and four-bedroom townhouses has been fully enclosed to allow the washer and dryer to be moved into its space, which has allowed for more space in the kitchen area of the homes.

The open house viewing scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday is to show community members what the townhouse units will look like once renovations are complete.

Along with the new renovations and new re-designation, family housing plans to implement a new one-list policy.

This policy will offer homes by rank and family size, and will provide the first house available to an applicant regardless if he have

a pet or not.

Family housing has more information on pet owners offered a house where no pets are allowed.

"The commanding officer decided if there's adequate housing, it shouldn't be based on people having pets; it's for their families," said Shimada. "We highly recommend all the members coming in not to bring their dogs because of this new policy."

Another policy potentially making it harder for pet owners to acquire on-base housing is a new Marine Corps order on aggressive dog breeds aboard Marine Corps installations.

Station family housing is expected to send out letters to families aboard the air station regarding this new order in the following weeks once more information becomes available.

Franklin said with the new policies and changes happening within family housing he hopes people will understand both him and his staff are working hard to serve their customers.

"This housing program in Iwakuni is like a roller coaster in a hurricane," said Franklin. "It's going mach 9 in one direction and two seconds later it will change to turtle speed going backward. We have to see which way the wind is going to blow us the next day, so we ask for every one's understanding."

Anyone having questions or comments regarding family housing can call the family housing office at 253-5541.

Hot Rox to strut their stuff Sat., show you how

LANCE CPL. CHRIS KUTLESA
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

This Saturday, Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni is scheduled to host the annual Summer Music Festival at Torri Pines Golf Course.

The music festival's roster includes acts like Floyd Vanlaningham, Hero to Zero, Blues Work Shop, Snake Bite Love, Molotov Cocktail, and last but not least the Chicago Hot Rox Dancers.

According to the Armed Forces Entertainment Web site, the Chicago Hot Rox has quickly become one of the top professional dance teams in Chicago.

Their troupe of talented, beautiful and energetic women has gained in notoriety across the globe.

After a performance on Saturday at the Summer Music Festival, the Hot Rox will conduct a dance clinic scheduled for 4 p.m. Tuesday at the IronWorks Gym.

The Chicago Hot Rox troupe has been on the dance scene for three years.

In that short period of time, these Chicago ladies have represented the Chicago Shamrox, the Chicago White Sox Pride Crew, and the Chicago Fire.

Having performed in large sports arenas, the Hot Rox has gained a substantial following.

Each season the Hot Rox dancers audition new talent. The auditions average 115-140 women, all vying to fill one of the 18 positions on their team.

Lance Cpl. Justin W. Wiemers, a staff member and former professional dancer, first met the Hot Rox girls during a rehearsal at a dance studio he used to attend.

Wiemers said, "The Chicago Hot Rox Dancers have a really high-spirited style that helps eliminate some of the embarrassment that comes with dancing."

The Hot Rox Dancers generally dance to hip-hop and pop music, said Wiemers.

Although he has never officially

taken the Hot Rox Dancers' clinic, he highly encourages those looking to dance to take advantage of the unique exercise opportunity.

"Don't worry, it's not going to be boot camp for dancers," said Wiemers. "This workshop will be for beginners and people who just want to have fun. If you are looking for something different from your daily workout routine or simply a break from the norm, you should definitely come and participate."

Those with questions or comments may contact the Marine Corps Community Services' Production office at 253-6103.

Under new management: BHC changes hands

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Navy at U.S. Naval Base, Subic Bay, Philippines.

Having spent 11 years in the Navy, Odvina was then selected to participate in the Medical Service Corps Inservice Procurement Officer's Program.

Over the course of his 29-year career, Odvina has held a multitude of billets in locations around the world.

He served as the director of Force Requirements at the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, Washington, D.C. He then reported as personnel and manpower officer at U.S. Naval Hospital, Naples, Italy in 2001. In May 2005, he reported as the director for Administration of U.S. Naval Hospital, Keflavik, Iceland.

At the change-of-charge ceremony, Odvina reminded the clinic staff of the challenges ahead and the importance of remaining vigilant and ready for those challenges.

"To quote Capt. McCarten, my mentor and former (commanding officer) at U.S. Naval Hospital Keflavik, 'We need to keep our eyes on the ball,'" said Odvina. "We need to stay focused. Let us continue to become better by being good stewards of our time, talent and resources ensuring our clinic remains a highly effective, productive and well managed organization."

Odvina's personal decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with three gold stars, and Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with one gold star.



LANCE CPL. CHRIS KUTLESA
Cmdr. Cesar A. Odvina speaks after assuming the position of officer-in-charge of the Branch Health Clinic during a change-of-charge ceremony at the station chapel here Aug. 28.

Family tradition: Live, breath, raise Marines



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Pfc. Daniel L. Linnabary II, retired Staff Sgt. Vernon G. Linnabary Jr. and Chief Warrant Officer 4 Daniel L. Linnabary stand outside recruit barracks at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, Calif., after Pfc. Linnabary's graduation from boot camp Aug. 14. Pfc. Linnabary represents the fourth immediate family member to earn his eagle globe and anchor maintaining the tradition of Linnabarys in the Marine Corps since 1963.

CPL. JOSEPH MARIANELLI
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

In 1963 Vernon G. Linnabary Jr. joined the U.S. Marine Corps.

Little did he realize 46 years later on Aug. 14 he and his son Chief Warrant Officer 4 Daniel L. Linnabary would witness his grandson Pfc. Daniel L. Linnabary II cross the same parade deck he and his son crossed at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, Calif., ensuring the legacy continues.

"He (Vernon Linnabary) just can't believe it," said Daniel Linnabary. "He didn't realize then what type of legacy he was going to create."

Vernon Linnabary's family truly lives and breathes Marine Corps.

His brother, retired Master Sgt. Dale J. Linnabary, served 1971-1991.

Daniel Linnabary's cousin Cpl. Vernon G. Linnabary III joined in 2005, his nephew Lance Cpl. Gary D. Brewer in 2008 and now his son in 2009.

All of them except Vernon G. Linnabary III have crossed the grinder at MCRD San Diego.

For those keeping score, that is six Linnabarys in the Marine Corps over the course of the last 46 years with three of them following a direct family line and one Linnabary always in the Corps for the same length of time.

For Daniel Linnabary, watching his son cross caused a myriad of seemingly conflicting emotions. "More than just pride and, to be quite honest with you, a little jealousy, because he's just starting his Marine Corps career," said Daniel Linnabary. "I would trade places with him in a minute just to relive this whole experience again."

In a way Daniel Linnabary's decision to join seemed to be fate.

"I remember my dad being in the Marine Corps," he said. "I've been wanting to be a Marine since I was 4 years old."

Daniel Linnabary didn't necessarily see his father much because the times were different, but he had one clear memory from when his sister was born.

"My dad had this plastic model of the flag raising at Iwo Jima and the figures were pretty big," he said. "I remember sitting there playing with that, thinking this is what I'm going to be when I grow up."

Ironically, Daniel Linnabary II seemed fated like

his father to follow his family's footsteps.

Daniel Linnabary has been in the Marine Corps for 27 years, meaning his son has travelled much of the journey his father has.

"He had aspirations and he still does of being a Marine officer. He just lacks the self-discipline at 19 years old to complete the college requirements," said Daniel Linnabary. "He wants to be a Marine. It's all he's ever talked about, it's all he's ever known."

That desire just to be a Marine is mirrored in his grandfather and father.

Daniel Linnabary's father said he joined the Marine Corps because there was no other service he would have thought about joining, said Daniel Linnabary.

Daniel Linnabary originally was contracted to be an auto-diesel mechanic but he opted to ship early taking away his choice.

"I decided to ship two months early, and back then when you shipped early you signed an open contract."

Now that Daniel Linnabary II has graduated, the possibilities are unfolding right in front of him.

"He's already told me, 'Dad I wanna be a sergeant major,'" said Daniel Linnabary.

For the time being, Daniel Linnabary II will have to navigate Marine Combat Training before he presses onto his military occupational specialty school to become a tank crewman.

Daniel Linnabary said his son scored well enough to do pretty much any job in the Marine Corps, but his desire was elsewhere.

"He called me about a week later and said, 'Dad I really want to be a tanker. I've talked to some guys that were tankers,'" said Daniel Linnabary.

"It's sexy," added Linnabary. "I didn't want to be a cook but I am."

Again the apple does not fall far from the tree when Daniel Linnabary broke down his exact sentiments about being a Marine.

"The bottom-line is the uniform is sexy, the structure is great, and the job and the pay is great," he said.

After seeing his son graduate, Daniel Linnabary had some advice for Marines everywhere.

"I think that every Marine at some point in their career needs to go back to where they were born, either Parris Island or San Diego and just witness a recruit graduation," he said.



Vernon G. Linnabary Jr.
1963 – 1971



Dale J. Linnabary
1971 – 1991



Daniel L. Linnabary
1982 – Present



Daniel L. Linnabary II
2009 – Present

Against all odds: College student turns devil dog after life throws curve balls

LANCE CPL. MIRANDA BLACKBURN
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Gregory Steven Banks was going to college, partying and having the time of his life before it all took one big turn.

"I had no intentions of joining the Marine Corps and never thought about joining the military," said the 25-year-old Washington D.C. native, who is now a corporal and aviation jet engine mechanic with Marine All-Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 533.

Banks was majoring in psychology and criminal justice at the University of Cincinnati in Ohio before he came to the pivotal moment that would change his trajectory toward the Marine Corps.

He found out he was about to be a father ... Banks had a decision to make.

"I dropped out of college because I had a child and I needed money," Banks said.

Not knowing what to do, Banks sought advice from his uncle, retired Sgt. Major William Small.

After thinking long and hard, and discussing all the benefits of joining the military with his uncle, Banks decided to join.

"I joined for my daughter Nevaeh," said Banks, "so she could travel and get out of D.C., and see more of the world than I got to."

He shipped out for boot camp October 2006.

He returned to Washington January 2007 as a proud Marine.

Like most new Marines, Banks expected his boot leave to be a time of happiness and joy spent with his closest family and friends, but his story took a tragic turn.

"My daughter died a couple days after I got home from boot camp," Banks said. "I had to make a decision whether or not I wanted to continue on with the Marine Corps."

Banks mourned the death of his 1-year-old daughter and hated himself for not being with her for the last three months of her life.

After thinking about the reason he joined the Corps in the first place, he decided he would continue his Marine Corps career for Nevaeh.

In July 2007, Banks arrived at his first duty station in Beaufort, S.C.

Since then he has been on two six-month tours to Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan, and has deployed to Singapore, Thailand, Korea, Malaysia, Misawa, and Wake Island.

"I love my job; it's the best job in the Marine Corps," said Banks. "When I was little, all I wanted was to fly jets. Well, I can't fly them, so the next best thing is to work on them. At least I can be around them. Not many people can say they get to work on F/A-18s every day."

As an aviation jet engine mechanic, Banks is responsible for inspecting and maintaining F/A-18 fighter jets, and working on engines



LANCE CPL. MIRANDA BLACKBURN

Cpl. Gregory Steven Banks, a Marine All-Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 533 aviation jet engine mechanic, sits atop a VMFA(AW)-533 F/A-18 on the flightline here Aug. 27. Banks was majoring in psychology and criminal justice at the University of Cincinnati in Ohio when he discovered he would be a father. Opting to join the Marine Corps, Banks ultimately had to face difficult mental challenges after graduating boot camp.

and other secondary power systems.

"I have a serious job that's based on safety," Banks said. "I have to make sure everyone's out there doing the right thing while the jets are turning. I'm a plane captain. It's my job to keep people safe and keep them away from danger areas. It's demanding, but I launch aircraft and I love that!"

There is not a day that goes by when Banks does not think about the loss of his daughter or his family back home, but he knows he's not alone.

"Five-thirty-three is a family," said Banks. "We are a good tight-knit group. We're the hardest working squadron out here, and I'm proud to be part of it."

Saving lives: ARFF stays sharp



Two Aircraft Rescue Firefighter Marines work together to safely carry a simulated injured pilot out of his jet during a training exercise on the flight line Aug. 27. Proper teamwork was required throughout the exercise so the ARFF Marines could accomplish their mission of saving the pilot's life.



Three Aircraft Rescue Firefighter Marines look over each other's bunker suits before running through a scenario during a training exercise on the flight line here Aug. 27. The scenario focused on having the Marines work together to safely and securely carry an injured pilot out of a damaged F/A-18 fighter jet.



An Aircraft Rescue Firefighter Marine carries a simulated injured pilot away from danger during a training exercise on the flight line here Aug. 27. The exercise concentrated on giving ARFF Marines hands-on training while focusing their minds on their primary mission of saving lives.



An Aircraft Rescue Firefighter Marine is attired from head to foot in his seven-piece heat-resistant bunker suit during a training exercise on the flight line here Aug. 27. ARFF Marines continually run training exercises to sharpen their skills in the event of an aircraft disaster on the flight line.

Hard landing scenario keeps firefighters ready for action

LANCE CPL. CLAUDIO A. MARTINEZ
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Within moments of a flight line disaster, station Aircraft Rescue Firefighter Marines are expected to suit up, race toward danger and save lives.

ARFF Marines make sure they are up to the challenge by running various training exercises as often as they can.

Station ARFF ran one of those exercises on the flight line here Aug. 27 to ensure their Marines can live up to what's expected of them and be confident enough to save lives in the

face of danger.

The exercise concentrated on giving ARFF Marines hands-on training while focusing their minds on their primary mission.

"Our main goal is to save pilots, to save lives," said Sgt. Joshua Ryan Teaff, an ARFF senior rescue man. "That's why we are doing this training. If someone doesn't know what they are doing, if you can't rely on someone, you have to worry about that. You have to worry about people getting injured."

Though aircraft disasters aboard the station have been almost nonexistent in the past 10 years, ARFF Marines know they need to

remain prepared by always training.

"We're like the Marine Corps insurance policy for collateral damage," said Teaff. "We would like to do our job, but not at the cost of anybody's life. We just prepare and hope we never have to see it."

The scenario set before them was an F/A-18 hard landing with two wounded pilots needing to be rescued.

During the scenario, junior ARFF Marines learned the mechanics of freeing pilots from their seatbelts and carrying them off to safety while the senior ARFF Marines were given the opportunity to keep their skills sharp by

running through the same drill.

The ARFF Marines were broken into a three-man rescue team with two of them boarding the F/A-18 and one waiting on the ground to carry the injured pilot to safety.

A point man stood off to the side instructing the Marines on what they were doing right and what they could improve on.

The Marines, attired in their seven-piece heat-reflective bunker suits, would run through the scenario until they all had a feel for what they could be faced with in a real disaster.

Some of the Marines said they felt the

training was a good opportunity and taught them what they needed to learn.

Lance Cpl. Devon McIntyre, an ARFF rescue man, said he believed the training really helped out and was a good opportunity for trial and error to see what worked and what didn't.

"I'm now more confident than ever," said McIntyre. "If I ever had to go up there and take a pilot out of the aircraft, I could do it safely and securely."

Other Marines were quick to agree with McIntyre.

"It definitely does help us get perspective

on what would really happen if we actually got into that kind of situation," said Lance Cpl. David Gurney, an ARFF basic emergency medical technician.

Gurney said he believes he'd be able to do his job better after running through the scenario a few more times.

Aside from getting hands-on experience and learning a few of the technical parts of their jobs, the ARFF Marines came to understand their responsibility to the pilots better.

"If any of these birds go down, we are the ones that are here to rescue them and protect them," said Gurney.

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HIGHLIGHTING MARINES AND SAILORS AROUND THE GLOBE

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LANCE CPL. JOHN M. MCCALL
REGIMENTAL COMBAT
TEAM 3

FORWARD OPERATING BASE GERONIMO, HELMAND PROVINCE, Islamic Republic of Afghanistan — Despite the many obstacles that motor transport operators face each day on the road, in the end, they always deliver the goods.

Marines with the motor transportation section, 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, participate in resupply convoys despite enemy activity and natural obstacles throughout Nawa District, the battalion's area of operations.

To maintain day-to-day responsibilities, it is vital that the Marines in the forward-most areas be stocked with ammunition, equipment, repair parts, food and water.

An additional task — mail delivery — helps the Marines stay motivated and connected with their loved ones back home.

"We supply the companies with everything they need," said Lance Cpl. Devon Sigmon, 24, a motor transport operator, and a Detroit native. "We put it on trucks and take to them. It allows Marines to do their job efficiently."

"Motor T" Marines don't serve as delivery men only. They are prepared to leave at a moment's notice to provide maintenance support. If a vehicle breaks down on the road, they're on the way with a tow truck and a bag of tools.

"We have to be ready to go all the time," said Lance Cpl. Gearo Ayala, 21, a motor transport operator and Bay Town, Texas, native. "If a vehicle gets stuck, they call us to get it out. If a vehicle is broken, we have to fix it. Vehicles break down. It happens. When they do, we need to be able to fix them immediately — whether we are in the middle of a convoy or back at the FOB."

If a vehicle needs more than a band-aid to keep it on the road, five mechanics here work around the clock to ensure more complicated repairs are completed.

Motor T operators may drive the trucks, but it's the mechanics that keep them on the road.

On call at all hours, mechanics with 1/5 are given wrecked vehicles and expected to perform miracles

overnight.

"We'll get woken up in the middle of the night to go look at a vehicle and have to get it running by morning," said mechanic Cpl. Matthew Gillespi, 22, from Sylvania, Ohio. "It can be challenging at times, but you get used to it."

"When it comes time to work, things have to get to done, and we usually have very little time to do it," said Lance Cpl. Jack Applegate, 20, a mechanic from Spokane, Wash.

Performing these seemingly colossal tasks is not made any easier by the nature of their workspace.

In the U.S., they would have a garage — or at least buildings to work out of — a regular schedule and a full set of tools. Out here, it's a little different.

"In the rear we have a set schedule, but out here it's just kind of reacting to whatever happens," said Cpl. Simon Mendoza, 20, a mechanic from Dallas. "We've got 'this' and 'that.' Now, what can we make out of it?"

"We have to piece things together sometimes when we don't have the materials we need," he explained. 1/5's mission is to assist the Afghan people in Nawa District. Taking the first big step to clear and hold ground formerly controlled by Taliban forces and then staying to provide support for the people has never been done before, according to Capt. Daniel Thomas, the commanding officer for 1/5's H&S Company.

Accomplishing their mission is important not only to the success of the Afghan government, but also to the residents here.

Every aspect of support lends itself to that mission, and Motor T plays a big part. "Vehicles are such a big part of how we get things from point A to point B," Ayala said. "It is a good feeling to know that because of what you do, Marines are able to go and do good things for these people."

In this combat zone, there are several potential hazards for motor transportation — hostile actions by insurgents, natural obstacles like rivers and canals, and no paved roads anywhere in this part of the country.

Getting over, through and across anything that gets in their way, Motor T supplies their fellow comrades with the means to succeed.



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FORWARD OPERATING BASE GERONIMO, HELMAND PROVINCE, Islamic Republic of Afghanistan — Lance Cpl. Jack Applegate attaches chains to a generator during a resupply convoy at Company B's forward operating position in Nawa District, Helmand Province, Afghanistan on Aug. 16, 2009. Applegate is a 20 year old motor transport mechanic from Spokane, Wa., deployed with 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment. Resupply convoys deliver water, food and mail to the entire battalion as often as possible. 1/5 is deployed with Regimental Combat Team 3, whose mission is to conduct counterinsurgency operations in partnership with the Afghan national security forces in southern Afghanistan.

FORWARD OPERATING BASE GERONIMO, HELMAND PROVINCE, Islamic Republic of Afghanistan — Marines with Truck Company, 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, prepare to conduct a resupply convoy from here Aug. 16, 2009. Resupply convoys deliver water, food, supplies, equipment and mail to the entire battalion as often as possible. U.S. Marines with 1/5 are deployed with Regimental Combat Team 3, whose mission is to conduct counterinsurgency operations in partnership with the Afghan national security forces in southern Afghanistan.



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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

New Outdoor Pool Hours

Beginning Tuesday, the Iwakuni Club pool will be closed every Mon. — Fri. and open 11 a.m. — 7 p.m. every Sat. — Sun. The Waterworks pool will be open 5 a.m. — 7 p.m. every Mon. — Fri., 9 a.m. — 7 p.m. every Saturday and 11 a.m. — 7 p.m. every Sunday. For more information, contact Semper Fit Aquatics at 253-4966.

Birthday Break

The birthday break is an ongoing promotion held every Friday at 9:15 a.m. on Power 1575 radio. The promotion is open to anyone with a birthday. Just visit www.mccsiwakuni.com/birthdaycake, fill out

the form and let Power 1575 and MCCS take care of the rest. Every Friday, birthdays from the previous week will be announced and on the last Friday of every month their will be a random birthday cake giveaway for one birthday in upcoming month.

Iwakuni Teens

Join us for Club Beyond 6:30 - 8 p.m. every Tuesday in Yujo Hall, between the station chapel and thrift store, starting Tuesday. Enjoy games, music, food and fun plus a short Bible lesson. Club Beyond, where friends, fun and faith connect. For more information, call the chapel at 253-3371 or call

John at 080-4177-2060.

Pedodontist visit

Dr. Keith Coe, a board certified civilian pediatric dental specialist, is slated to visit the station here and treat children from September 14 to the 24. Oral sedation will be available if needed. To schedule an appointment for your child call Dental at 253-3331.

PMO Lost and Found

Please contact the Provost Marshal's Office Lost and Found if you have lost anything around the station. The following are just some of what has been turned in: Hospitality Solutions International card, Maglight Flashlight 12", black denim key case (6 keys 1 Swiss army

knife), watches, jewelry, GBA game, dog tag, cell phones, necklace key chain w/ boys and girls on cloth, wallets, keys, combat life-saver bag, iPods, digital cameras, glasses, flash drives, bicycle helmets, toy airplane, computer hard drives, black bag with breath easy turbo unit, umbrella, sunglasses, A Swiss gear back pack with many contents. Please contact PMO Lost and Found at 253-4929 or email carrie.white@usmc.mil for more information.

Expeditionary Warfare School and Command and Staff College Distance Education enrollment

Through a variety of distance learning delivery systems, the Marine Corps College of Continuing Education (CCE) provides Distance Education and Training opportunities for all Marines, government employees, and family

members. Our globally accessible programs prepare graduates to perform effectively in service, joint, and multinational environments and in situations ranging from humanitarian assistance to combat. Our online learning management system, MarineNet, provides education to all Marines wherever they are stationed. For more information visit www.tecom.usmc.mil.

To submit an advertisement request, please send an e-mail to iwakuni.pao@usmc.mil. Please include a contact name, at least one phone number and the information you would like published. Alternatively, submit your ad request in person at the Public Affairs Office, Building 1, Room 216.

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 a.m. Seventh-Day Adventist Divine Worship
Sunday 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Adult Bible Fellowship
10:30 a.m. Protestant Service
11 a.m. Children's Church
Wednesday 6 p.m. Awana (Bldg. 1104)
6 p.m. Adult 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

- Club Beyond Tuesday evenings — grades 7-8 and 9-12
- Bible Study and Fellowship Sunday evenings
- Small Group Studies
- Retreats
- Service Projects
- Mission Trips
- Special Events
- Training and Mentoring for Adult Volunteers
- Parent Support Group

Contact the youth director at 080-4177-2060 or jlataw@clubbeyond.org for more information.

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

STATION CURFEW HOURS IN EFFECT

School began Monday and the Provost Marshal's Office is enforcing the curfew. Residents under 18 years old are required to be indoors from 10 p.m. — 5 a.m. on school nights (Sunday — Thursday) and 12 a.m. — 5 a.m. on weekends (Friday — Saturday), holidays, and summer vacations.

For any questions regarding curfew please call the Crime Prevention Section at 253-5105.

SAKURA THEATER

Friday, September 4, 2009

1 p.m. I Love You, Beth Cooper (PG-13)
7 p.m. Orphan (R)
Premiere
10 p.m. Away We Go (R)

Saturday, September 5, 2009

1 p.m. Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (PG)
4 p.m. G.I. Joe: Rise of the Cobra (PG-13)
7 p.m. Orphan (R)
10 p.m. Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen (PG-13)

Sunday, September 6, 2009

1 p.m. My Sister's Keeper (PG-13)
4 p.m. I Love You, Beth Cooper (PG-13)
7 p.m. Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG)

Monday, September 7, 2009

1 p.m. I Love You, Beth Cooper (PG-13)
4 p.m. G.I. Joe: Rise of the Cobra (PG-13)
7 p.m. Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen (PG-13)

Tuesday, September 8, 2009

1 p.m. Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG)
7 p.m. Orphan (R)

Wednesday, September 9, 2009

7 p.m. G.I. Joe: Rise of the Cobra (PG-13)

Thursday, September 10, 2009

7 p.m. My Sister's Keeper (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

1998 Mazda RX-7

Suzuki 650
The bike is in good condition. Gloves, jacket and helmet are included. JCI is good until June 2011. Asking \$2,500. For more information, call (home) 253-2150 or (cell) 080-3729-5223.

1992 Nissan 300Z

The car is in great running condition and fair body condition. It has power everything with a T-top. JCI is good until Nov. Asking \$1,300. For more information, call (home) 253-2150 or (cell) 080-3729-5223.

Mess Hall Menu

Monday

Manhattan clam chowder, chicken and rice soup, sauerbraten, jerked style chicken, steamed rice, oven browned potatoes, french fried okra, calico cabbage, brown gravy, dinner rolls, macaroni salad, German style tomato salad, standard salad bar, coconut raisin cookies, double layer almond cake, chocolate cream pie with whipped topping.
Specialty Bar: Pasta

Tuesday

Beef noodle soup, chicken and mushroom soup, Swiss steak with gravy, szechwan chicken, O'Brien potatoes, noodles Jefferson, french fried cauliflower, broccoli parmesan, brown gravy, cheese biscuit, three bean salad, cucumber and onion salad, standard salad bar, butterscotch brownies, apple pie, spice cake with buttercream frosting.
Specialty Bar: Taco

Wednesday

Tomato noodle soup, chicken and mushroom soup, sweet and sour pork, yakisoba hamburger, pork fried rice, brussels sprouts, corn, dinner rolls, spring salad, deviled potato salad, standard salad bar, peanut butter cookies, sweet potato pie, whipped topping, coconut cake.
Specialty Bar: Barbeque

Thursday

Minestrone soup, cream of broccoli soup, fried chicken, beef stroganoff, buttered pasta, candied sweet potatoes, okra and tomato gumbo, green bean southern style, chicken gravy, cheese biscuits, potato salad, spinach salad, standard salad bar, double layer devil's food cake, coconut pecan frosting, pumpkin pie with whipped topping, oatmeal raisin cookie.
Specialty Bar: Deli Sandwich

Friday

Beef barley soup, spanish soup, lemon baked fish, el rancho stew, steamed Rice, potatoes au gratin, cauliflower combo, black eyed peas, dinner rolls, brown gravy, mixed fruit, italian style pasta salad, standard salad bar, apple and cherry turnovers, bread pudding, crisp toffee bars with whipped topping, chocolate pudding
Specialty Bar: Hot Dog

2001 Honda CBR 929RR

2year JCI paid in June. Asking \$5,000 OBO. For more information, call (Cell) 080-3059-0626.

1994 Toyota Crown

The car is fully loaded with power everything, cold A/C, and large trunk space. It has just had an oil change and replaced all four tires four months ago. JCI good until Feb. 2011. Asking \$2,500. For more information, call (work) 253-5597 or (home) 253-2745.

1999 Silver Toyota Spacio

The car is in excellent shape, has gray interior, and a new CD player. JCI till March 2011. Asking \$3,000 OBO. For more information, call (work) 253-3469 or (cell) 080-3705-2974.

1996 Mitsubishi Diamante

The car is very well maintained. A/C works great, new stereo with Ipod adapter, power windows and locks. JCI till Aug. 2011. Nice traveling car. Need to sell before Oct. Asking \$2,500. For more information, call (work) 253-2163.

Miscellaneous

Various Furniture Items

Cream colored sofa with two matching chairs, rosewood legs - \$300 OBO
Queen bed set with two dressers, two nightstands and large mirror - \$400 OBO

Twin-size bed - \$60 OBO
Natural wood shoe box 5 feet tall - \$50 OBO
Japanese tansu five draws - \$50 OBO
Roll top desk (good study desk) - \$50 OBO
Sony TV 16 inches - \$50 OBO
Sharp TV 16 inches - \$50 OBO
JVC TV 22 inches - \$100 OBO
For more information, call 253-3496.

Jobs

Chapel Positions Available

Now Hiring at MCAS Chapel
Protestant Pianist
Protestant Organist
Christian Non-denominational Music Director
Catholic Organist
Catholic Choir Director
For more information, please call the Logistical Contract office at 253-4233.

NMCRS Volunteer Opportunities

Every day sailors, Marines and their families come to the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society in emergencies. Be the friendly person who lets them know they've come to the right place. Client Services Assistants volunteers greet clients and guide them through the initial intake process. To apply for this opportunity, call 253-5311.

Recruiting Gospel Choir Members for Annual Christmas Concert

We are preparing for the annual Gospel Christmas Concert at Sinfonia Concert Hall Dec. 5 and the annual Community Gospel Christmas Concert in Hofu City Dec. 19. This year we'll have guest soloist Dorothy Morrison, lead vocalist for Grammy Award winning song, "Oh Happy Day." Practices will start in September. Please call 090-4104-1541 or e-mail billiej316@gmail.com to join us or if you have any questions.

Dental Corps celebrates 97th birthday



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Lt. Michael Hogan, a general dentist here, Navy Capt. Michael Wolfgang, 3rd Dental Battalion commanding officer, Navy Capt. Jimmy Saiku, officer-in-charge 11th Dental Company here, and Master Chief Petty Officer Richard Dew, 3rd Dental Battalion command master chief, cut a cake with a U.S. Navy officer's sword to celebrate the 97th birthday of the Navy Dental Corps here Aug. 19. The primary mission of the Navy Dental Corps is to prevent or remedy dental conditions that may interfere with the performance of duty by members of the active Marine and naval forces.



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All-Stars coach and point guard, James Allen, hits a jump shot just outside the key to tie the game while Untouchables center Jeremy Press guards All-Stars forward Charles Williams. Allen fouled out of the game with two minutes left in the second overtime.

Untouchables prove namesake, make double overtime comeback

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IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

The 2009 All-Star Basketball Tournament came to a close here after a tough battle in which the Untouchables beat the All-Stars

56-49 in double-overtime at Iron Works Gym here Saturday.

The tournament was a double-elimination play-off that kicked off at 9 a.m. with four teams and lasted well into the afternoon before a champion was crowned.

Coach Anthony Alexander and the Untouchables edged Coach James Allen and the All-Stars after two games and two overtime periods of intense, action-packed basketball. "We played outstanding, especially going into the losers' bracket after the first game," said Alexander.

The Untouchables lost their first game of the tournament to the All-Stars 48-45, which made it an uphill battle from the start.

The All-Stars remained in the winners' bracket beating Da FAM 43-35 for their second win which allowed them to rest for a game.

The Untouchables didn't have it as easy, playing two games in a row and then facing off with the All-Stars, whom they would have to beat twice to be crowned the Champions.

The All-Stars were un-

defeated in the double elimination tournament going into the first of the eventual two games, which meant they had a second chance if they needed it to wear down the Untouchables.

"We were sluggish coming from the losers' bracket, but we had a strategy to go to the championship," said Alexander.

Alexander's team strategy was to leave some of his players on the bench, let them rest, and bring them out in spurts to utilize their energy but not tire them out.

It was a risky strategy, but it paid off for the Untouchables. They had the depth and talent on the bench to pull off such a gutsy move. The Untouchables suited up enough players to nearly make three teams.

On the other end, the All-Stars only had six players which made it almost impossible to get any rest.

"We ran out of men. It took a battalion to beat six men on the court," said Allen.

Without fresh legs on the court and no rest, it was only a matter of time before the All-Stars would crumble.

"I knew I had 12. It was just a matter of time before they played sloppy," said Alexander.

The All-Stars' fatigue began to show after tying the second game and going into overtime.

With 51.9 seconds left to play

and tied at 44-44 in the first overtime, Allen was fouled attempting to shoot a three-pointer.

The result of the play was Allen missing all three free-throws which could have put the All-Stars on top for the win.

Overtime ended with both teams even more exhausted and with additional fouls, which would play a huge role in the following overtime.

After a much needed break, both teams got back on the court for the final five minutes of what had become a daylong battle between these two teams.

The Untouchables jumped to an early lead making four baskets to the All-Stars two.

With two minutes left All-Stars' Allen fouled out and had to sit out the final minutes of the game.

With Allen out, the Untouchables took advantage of the ball and clock, extending their lead 56-49.

The Untouchables didn't allow the All-Stars to gain possession for the final minute of play, passing the ball from player to player faster than the All-Stars' weary legs could keep up.

After the game Untouchables small forward Nathaniel Rozzelle was named tournament's Most Valuable Player.

"Our team came back from four games; it was a good competition," said Rozzelle.

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All-Star coach and point guard, James Allen, drives to the hoop and draws the foul over a Da FAM defender for an easy lay up. The All-Stars beat Da FAM 43-35 in the semi final game.



SUMMER MUSIC FESTIVAL



Hot Roxx Dancers

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CONCERT LINEUP

SEPTEMBER 5

Hot Roxx Dancers
 Hero to Zero
 Blues Work Shop
 Snake Bite Love
 Hot Roxx Dancers
 Floyd Vanlaningham
 George Murasaki
 Featuring 8-Ball

Live Show
 Rock
 Blues
 Rock
 Live Show
 Country
 Rock

TORII PINES GOLF COURSE

Festival Starts at 5p.m.
 Free Cotton Candy And Snow Cones
 Free Amusements For Kids
 Food Available, \$5 Per Plate

Bring Your Lawn Chairs!