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Philippine Bilateral Exercise comes to close

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CLARK AIR BASE, Philippines — A closing ceremony marked the end of the Philippines Bilateral Exercise (PHIBLEX) and Talon Vision 2010 at Clark Air Base, Philippines, Oct. 22.

The exercises began Oct. 13 despite the destruction caused by typhoon Parma.

"I don't think there will ever be an exercise that has a perfectly timed natural disaster at

the beginning and one looming at the end. I don't think we have ever seen anything quite like this," said Col. David R. Leppelmeier, commander of Special-Purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force.

Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 Marines supported PHIBLEX and also participated in several humanitarian missions.

Although MWSS-171 provided the most Marines, elements from Combat Logistics

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Marine Corps birthday message from CMC

GEN. JAMES T. CONWAY
COMMANDANT OF THE
MARINE CORPS

United States Marines represent the best young men and women our nation has to offer. To be a Marine is to be a member of America's warrior class — to be one of the few who steps forward with the courage and conviction to face whatever dangers await. Our Nation expects her Marines to be ready when the Nation calls; to leave family and the comforts of home behind; to march into battle and thrive under austerity; and to come home under a victory pennant.

From Al Anbar in the west of Iraq, to Helmand Province in the south of Afghanistan, our Corps of Marines can always expect to be found where the fight is toughest. Such is our history. Today, as we write the final chapter on our victory in Iraq, we will increasingly take the fight to the enemy in Afghanistan and add new pages to our legacy in places called Deleram, Now Zad, and Garmsir. One day, we will return to our naval heritage and patrol the high seas with our Navy brothers. Such is our future.

As we celebrate our Corps' 234th birthday, we first pause to reflect and pay tribute to those Marines who have given the last full measure in defense of freedom. We extend our appreciation to our countrymen who have answered our every need. And we celebrate the magnificent men and women who

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LANCE CPL. SALVADOR MORENO

David Kahn, Israeli Krav Maga Association U.S. Chief Instructor and IKMA board member, demonstrates how to defend against a knife attack while on the ground during a weeklong Israeli Krav Maga course held here Oct. 27-30. Krav Maga translated means "contact combat" or "close combat" and is an eclectic hand-to-hand combat system developed in Israel in the late 1940s.

Israeli Krav Maga: Marines learn new close combat techniques

LANCE CPL. SALVADOR MORENO
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Selects Marines aboard the station took part in a one-week Israeli Krav Maga course held at both Penny Lake and IronWorks Gym here Oct. 27-30.

Krav Maga translated means "contact combat" or "close combat" and is an eclectic hand-to-hand combat system developed in Israel in the late 1940s.

It teaches combat involving physical body contact as opposed to combat involving

projectile or distance weaponry such as long-range guns, artillery, tanks and planes.

"There are more similarities than differences between Israeli Krav Maga and the Marine Corps Martial Arts Program as we get deeper into the comparison," said David Kahn, Israeli Krav Maga Association U.S. Chief Instructor and IKMA board member.

The focus is on actual combat situations much like MCMAP and was developed for the military, so the class focused on the military

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Japanese/American Friendship Concert

The 3rd Annual Japanese/American Friendship Concert will be held 7 p.m. today at the Marine Memorial Chapel here.

The featured artists are Jiro Mouri, folk singer and songwriter; John Cometa, folk singer; Hisako Ikeda, soprano; Chiho Uesugi, pianist; and Robert Mills, baritone.

The special guests of honor are Machiko Hamamoto, "Mama-san," and Torao Okuda, "Tiger-san."

All community members are encouraged to attend.

For more information, contact the chapel at 253-3371.



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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

'Kung Fu Morality'

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It is obvious that to the degree our decisions and actions have a more critical bearing on the welfare of others, moral clarity is much more necessary.

Since the mailman impacts my life in an entirely less critical way than my brain surgeon, the moral responsibility of my brain surgeon in relation to me on the operating table goes beyond that of my mailman to me on my porch.

And so, while moral clarity is universally necessary for all in a general and fundamental sense of the word, this necessity is increased by specific responsibilities, not shared by all.

Moral clarity and compliance are most necessary and most required of those to whom society entrusted the use of lethal force.

These include members of the armed forces and law enforcement.

The social authority rightly exacts a most strict accounting of the use of lethal force, especially in the Western world, historically inspired by the Judaeo-Christian intuition of the incomparable value of man as a personal being; the divine accusation in

Genesis pervades our collective conscience, extending not only to our conduct on the field of battle, but making issues like the abortion of the unborn and the execution of criminals morally traumatizing and paralyzing: "The blood of your brother cries out to me from the earth." We render a most strict accounting of life taken to the giver of life.

Hence, the warrior ethos postulates a greater than ordinary devotion and attention to the moral order.

Of all people, perhaps with the exception of the political authority itself, the warrior must be a man for whom the morality of action precedes all other considerations. Our morality must come first, and our patriotism, however we conceive it, second.

We find wherever civilization matures, this realization matures with it. An example of this not taken from the western world is the "Twenty Disciplines" of the Chen Family. Chen Wangting (1600-1680) completed and established the theory and form of Taiji quan in the latter part of the 17th century. Begun as a humble martial art for self-defense and self-healing, it became an elaborate school of martial arts, philosophy of life and self-healing: the great polarities of Yin and Yang (Taiji) and "supreme boxing" (quan). Whereas in the Western

world, following the tradition of Aristotle and Christian theology, moral value or goodness has been expressed in terms of virtue, we find in the Chinese world virtue-like expressions of moral value as "disciplines."

And thus, for the Chen School, there were 20 Disciplines that formed the ethos of the warrior. They include: (1) Do not bully others. (2) Do not oppress the weak. (3) Do not be a coward; help those in peril. (4) Do not engage in unlawful acts. (5) Do not use skill for immoral acts. (6) Do not be arrogant. (7) Do not sell/exhibit skill indiscriminately. (8) Do not join illicit gangs. (9) Do not waste time in idleness. (10) Do not be conceited and boastful. (11) Do not compete with the arrogant. (12) Do not argue with the ignorant. (13) Do not be influenced by worldly possessions. (14) Do not seek undeserved wealth. (15) Do not indulge in alcohol and lust. (16) Do not be in public or personal debt. (17) Do not obstruct public or personal efforts. (18) Do not hunger for power and position. (19) Do not be a traitor. (20) Do not neglect your training or waste your skill.

For the Chen family, the immoral or amoral warrior was an intolerable evil for self and society to be avoided at all costs. Would the moral shadow we cast be recognizable as that of a warrior for Chen Wangting?

Hope, faith, courage, strength:

Station members run in support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month



Runners kick off the 5K Breast Cancer Walk/Run on the sea wall here Saturday in support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The run started at 9 a.m. with the walkers immediately following. Many participants sported pink clothing items to show their support during the run. Health Promotions also provided breast cancer awareness information.

LANCE CPL. MIRANDA BLACKBURN

Marine Corps celebrates 234 years of heritage

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willingly and selflessly continue to go into harm's way to protect this great Nation.

To all who have gone before, to those who wear the uniform today, and to the families that give us the strength to forge ahead - I wish you all a heartfelt happy 234th birthday! Semper Fidelis.

Retiree Dental Coverage

MAURICIO GUEVARA
TRICARE PACIFIC MARKETING
REPRESENTATIVE

Retirement may be just around the corner or still a few years away. Being prepared is the best way to ensure your transition is a smooth one, and dental coverage is no exception.

The TRICARE Retiree Dental Program is a combined fee-for-service/preferred provider plan administered by Delta Dental of California. You have the option of getting care from either a participating network dentist or a non-network dentist. You can save money, however, by getting care from network dentists.

COVERAGE: Comprehensive coverage for dental services includes diagnostic services, preventative services, basic restorative services, endodontic services, periodontal services and oral surgery services.

Additional services, such as cast crowns, bridges, full and partial dentures, and orthodontics, will be available after the initial 12-month enrollment waiting period. For newly retiring personnel who enroll into the TRDP within 120 days after retirement, the initial 12-month waiting period for additional services may be waived.

COSTS: Monthly premiums vary by region and the number of family members you plan to enroll. The following plans are available: single plan, two-person plan and family plan (three or more).

Initial enrollment requires a two-month premium prepayment to ensure your benefits can be received on the day your coverage becomes effective. Additionally, this allows sufficient time for an allotment to be established for monthly deduction of premiums from your retired pay. Any unused portion of the initial prepayment will be refunded to you. To find out the current premium rate for the region you will be residing in after retirement, visit www.trdp.org or call Customer Service at 888-838-8737. You will need the zip code of the location in which you will be residing to obtain the premium for that region.

ENROLLMENT: There are three ways to enroll in the TRDP:

1. Enroll online at www.trdp.org. Be sure to have your Visa or MasterCard available.
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3. Return signed and completed enrollment application and premium prepayment to:
Delta Dental of California
Federal Services
P.O. Box 537008
Sacramento, CA 95853-7008

Once your enrollment is received and processed, you will receive your membership identification card and benefit booklet. Your coverage will begin on the first of the month following your enrollment.

For more information, visit the TRDB Web site at www.trdp.org or call 1-888-838-8737.

Marines finish training, humanitarian mission in Philippines

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Company 36, Marine Aircraft Group 12 and Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12 also participated.

During the exercise, service members went to various locations affected by the typhoon to provide relief efforts.

Over the course of the entire exercise, service members gave out food, clothing, toys and medicine.

The Philippine and U.S. armed forces worked closely in order to conduct the bilateral training exercise and humanitarian mission simultaneously.

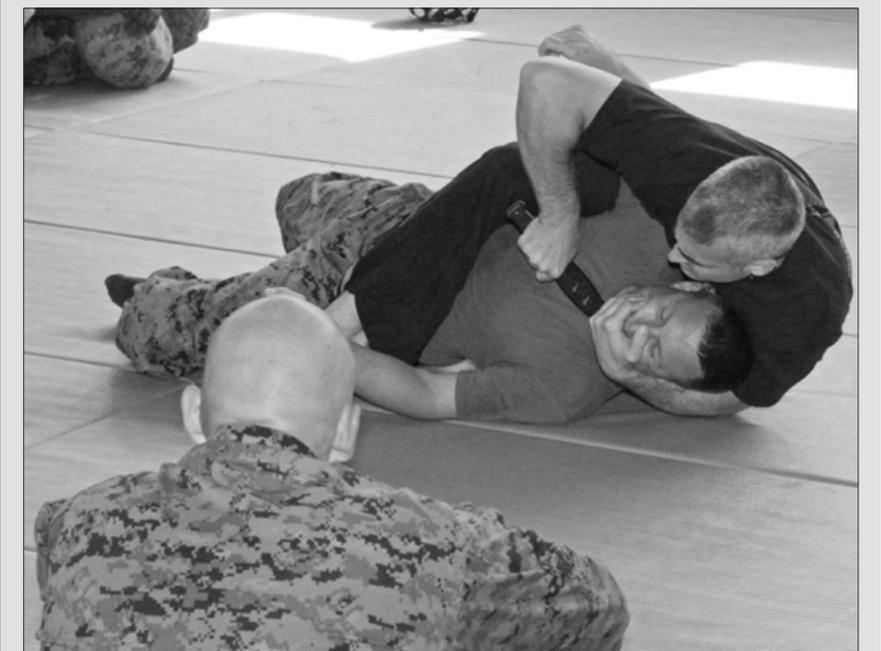
"The bottom line is that this has strengthened our relationship," said Leppelmeier. "Every training exercise we do where we go to another country is about building relationships and making friendships for the following exercises, because if there ever is a real-world evolution

that we have to serve side by side, we want a friendly voice on the other end of the radio."

Philippine Air Force Col. Rommel G. Ronda, exercise director for Talon Vision 2010, shared Leppelmeier's viewpoint on the importance of maintaining a friendship but also shared his appreciation for his U.S. counterparts.

"We are proud to say that the set objectives aimed in the exercise were somehow accomplished despite the calamity in the south part of our country," said Ronda.

"We are all aware how much damage this disaster has caused Filipinos, but we are very fortunate because during the rescue missions (the) U.S. Marine forces (were) kind enough to provide all the needs of those who had been affected by the typhoons. These actions only show that the relationship between the (Philippine Air Force) and the U.S. Marine force are strongly bound," said Ronda.



LANCE CPL. SALVADOR MORENO

David Kahn, Israeli Krav Maga Association U.S. Chief Instructor and IKMA board member, demonstrates how to disarm a combatant and force him into submission during a weeklong Israeli Krav Maga course held here Oct. 27-30. Kahn and his brother Abel were invited to give the course by Lt. Col. Tray J. Ardes, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron commanding officer.

Israeli Krav Maga not for faint of heart: Marines complete intensive weeklong course

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aspects of it.

"The techniques, if applied in civilian martial arts, could land you in jail," said Sgt. Enrique D. Watson, watch commander for the Provost Marshal's Office here.

"The majority of the techniques are designed to end the fight; and when I say end it ... that's what it does. Your opponent is not going to recover from a broken neck or ruptured trachea!"

The Marines in the course, like Watson who holds belts in Japanese and Brazilian Jiu Jitsu, and is also trained in wrestling and Thai boxing, are very experienced in martial arts. The Marines worked on were knife, baton and ground work, firearms, and anything that a combatant or Marine would face in an actual combat situation.

Due to the similarities in Israeli Krav Maga and MCMAP, Marines seemed to pick up the techniques fast.

"The Marines are very receptive," said Kahn. "We are truly honored to be here. They are putting magnificent effort in it."

The class was given to the Marines aboard the station thanks to Lt. Col. Tray J. Ardes, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron commanding officer, who invited the Israeli Krav Maga instructors to come and give the class.

"It's been a tremendous and positive experience," said Kahn. "It's truly been an honor."

Domestic Violence: The Musical?



LANCE CPL. SALVADOR MORENO

The cast of Domestic Violence: The Musical? places the domestic violence victim in a body bag during one of the many scenarios shown throughout the performance at the Sakura Theater here Oct. 29. The interactive performance focused on and aimed to discredit the myths of domestic violence. Each song was a different style that provided a specific message about the realities of the touchy subject.

A "Fix the Hurt" production gives station new kind of training

LANCE CPL. MIRANDA BLACKBURN
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Lisa King was in an abusive relationship for nine years, and after being divorced for three years, she went back. Sept. 1, 2001, Lisa was found dead after a domestic violence dispute erupted six weeks after returning to her attacker.

It was then that her mother Linda King, the founder and president of Fix the Hurt and producer of Domestic Violence: The Musical?, knew it was her time to step up to speak out against domestic violence and teach about the warning signs and what victims, their families and the community can do to help protect those being abused.

Domestic Violence: The Musical?, a performance that left everyone with an understanding that domestic violence can happen to anyone and how it can be effectively handled by loved ones and the community at large, was held at the Sakura theater here Oct. 29.

The interactive performance focused on and aimed to discredit the myths of domestic violence.

From blues to doo wop, each song was a different style that provided a specific message about the realities of the touchy subject that left the audience laughing, cheering and crying.

"All of these songs came from real experiences that have either happened to me or someone I know," said King.

In earlier years, King started her fight against domestic violence by speaking to thousands of high schools about dating and domestic violence and providing training to service members.

"We thought there had to be a better way,"

said King. "We wanted to stretch ourselves and present something that was effective."

Lance Cpl. Sandra Lucero, a basic electrician for Combat Logistics Company 36 who attended the final showing of the musical,



LANCE CPL. MIRANDA BLACKBURN

The trio of actors perform a song during their show Domestic Violence: The Musical? at the Sakura Theater here Oct. 29. Linda King, the producer of the show, started her fight against domestic violence by speaking to thousands of high schools about dating and domestic violence, and providing training to service members.

said she thought the performance was great.

"I knew about domestic violence," said Lucero, "but this gave me a chance to see how it really affects people. I really think (the musical) is going to get to a lot of people here."

After the hour-long performance, the audi-

ence left the theater with a new perspective on domestic violence and what they can do to help.

King offers these tips: If you are a ... Parent: Listen. Listen. Listen. Don't try to force the victim to leave the abuser. Never demand a choice between yourself and the abuser. Educate yourself.

Sibling or relative: Listen. Listen. Listen. It may be an extremely difficult balance, but it is important to keep it confidential unless you fear for the victim's immediate safety. This is especially difficult for a father or brother as they may want to resort to physical action. Educate yourself about the behaviors and watch for signs.

Friend: Listen. Listen. Listen. You may be the most critical contact the abused makes. Listen. Listen. Listen. Don't criticize the victim's choices, as he or she will stop talking to you. Be patient; educate yourself so that when he or she is ready, you have valuable information.

Victim: Find someone you can trust and then tell him or her what's going on. Yes, this is hard to do, but with help you can come up with a plan to get to a safe place. You can do this. There are people out there who want to and will help. Don't give up!

Teen: Ladies, first and foremost, you have power over your own body. Getting you drunk, giving you drugs to get you in the mood or because "it will make it better" is not love. That's manipulation.

Real love does not emotionally harm, degrade, injure you or isolate you from other friends and family. If your significant other starts telling you that spending time with your other friends or your family makes him or her think you don't love him or her, this should be a warning to you.

I SALSA. DO YOU SALSA?



Students in the advanced Latin dance class practice a salsa routine at the IronWorks Gym here Oct. 22. The beginner's and advanced class both teach different types of dance to include salsa, bachata and merengue.

Express yourself through DANCE

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Over time, cultures throughout the world have come up with different ways of expressing themselves. In Latin America, dance has become one of the most common forms of art used as self expression. Mauricio Guevara, a native of Colombia, and Mari, his wife, have recently taken over as instructors for the beginner's, intermediate and advanced Latin dance classes offered at the IronWorks Gym 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays.

The couple met through dancing about four years ago and married two years later. Their classes teach different types of dance to include salsa, bachata and merengue.

"Our beginner's class focuses on having fun," said Guevara. "If they come and they don't have fun, they're just going to

lose interest."

While the beginner's class introduces students to the dances and goes through basic steps, the intermediate to advanced class is much more in depth, fast paced and teaches students different routines.

Both classes were filled with first timers along with recurring students who come for varying reasons.

Alma Detten, a student since April, said she comes to meet other Latin American people and improve her dance skills.

"I already knew how to dance," said Detten, "but I've learned a lot of new stuff and different styles of dancing."

For anyone interested, the beginner's class is \$10 per class every Wednesday, and the intermediate to advanced class is \$12 per class every Thursday. All classes are held in the aerobics room at the IronWorks Gym. Private lessons are also available upon request.

For more information, call 253-6359.



Mari Guevara (right), one of the dance instructors, and Alma Detten (left), a student in the beginner's class, practice their moves during a beginner's salsa class at the IronWorks Gym here Oct. 22. The beginner's class is \$10 per class every Wednesday, and the intermediate to advanced class is \$12 per class every Thursday. All classes are held from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the aerobics room at the IronWorks Gym. Private lessons are also available upon request.



LANCPL. SALVADOR MORENO

A group of Japanese children pose for a photograph with their cotton candy during the Marine Corps Community Services children's Halloween party at the IronWorks Gym here Saturday. Station members were allowed to sponsor local Japanese in order for them to come aboard the station and join in on the Halloween festivities.

The Matthew C. Perry High School cheerleaders dance to "Thriller" by Michael Jackson at the Marine Corps Community Services children's Halloween party at the IronWorks Gym here Saturday. After the performance, community members participated in a costume contest, enjoyed candy, a 6-foot Frankenstein cake, food and beverages, and children played in the bounce houses.

CPL. KRISTIN E. MORENO

Community members invite locals to join in festivities, have fang-tastic Halloween

Andres V. Gomez, 2 years old, immitates a boxer by throwing punches during the Marine Corps Community Services children's Halloween party at the IronWorks Gym here Saturday. The party allowed station members and local Japanese to socialize while enjoying candy, food, games and a costume contest.



LANCPL. SALVADOR MORENO

CPL. KRISTIN E. MORENO
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

One origin of Halloween is associated with an ancient Celtic festival called Samhain which was held annually on Oct. 31. The Celts celebrated Nov. 1 as their new year because it marked the end of the summer and harvest season and beginning of the dark, cold winter season they associated with death. They believed that the boundaries of the worlds of the living and dead became blurred on the night before, and the ghosts of the dead were able to come back to earth, not only destroying crops and causing mischief but also making it easier for Celtic priests to predict the future.

For this reason, Oct. 31 became known as Halloween or All Hallow's Eve. On this day they built bonfires where people gathered to burn crops and animals as sacrifices to the spirits. They dressed in "costumes" made of animal skins and heads to mimic bad spirits in an attempt to deter them and also tried to predict each other's future. At the end of the night, the Celts would relight their home hearth with fire from the bonfire because they believed it would protect them during the winter months.

Nowadays, Halloween is simply celebrated by carving pumpkins, and going trick-or-treating dressed in costumes varying from witches and ghosts to superheroes and

princesses.

The station honored this tradition by having a children's Halloween party coordinated by Marine Corps Community Services along with haunted houses, fall festivals and two hours of trick-or-treating.

The station also shared the festivities with the locals by allowing service members to sponsor Japanese guests who normally would not celebrate the holiday.

Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 got in the spirit of Halloween by spending 3 days putting together what was declared "the best haunted house ever on the air station" by several attendees. It took 42 Marines to put it together and approximately 485 people attended.

"I was not expecting it to be scary, but after I went through it, there were times I jumped because I was scared," said Cpl. Raul Diaz, an outbound/inbound traffic management office clerk here.

The Matthew C. Perry Elementary School and Child Development Center each held a fall festival in celebration of the holiday where children played games to win prizes and candy Oct. 16 and Oct. 30 respectively.

Halloween isn't just for older children, said Yolanda Perez, a caregiver for the 0- to 6-month-old children at the CDC during their fall festival.

Her classroom did a lot of artwork even though they're babies, she said.

"The other older classrooms think that they can do better (than us), but uh-uh. We did good. For them just to be babies, we did a lot of artwork," said Perez.

From 1-4 p.m. Saturday, community members and their sponsored Japanese guests were invited to the IronWorks Gym for the Marine Corps Community Services children's Halloween party.

Attendees enjoyed music, games, food and candy, including a 6-foot Frankenstein cake, bounce houses, a performance by the M.C. Perry High School cheerleaders and a costume contest.

"I'm hoping to get a lot of candy this way," said Carley Massengale, a 9-year-old 3rd grader at the Matthew C. Perry School, when asked about her costume.

Massengale and her father were dressed as homeless people. Her father carried a sign that read "Will work for candy," and her sign read "Must support pa." They sat in the middle of the gym "begging" for candy and later could be found doing the same in the housing areas as other children ran door to door collecting their candy.

After 7 p.m., trick or treating was completed and the streets grew more and more silent with every passing moment.

As Steve Almond, a journalist, commentator and fiction writer, once said, "Nothing on Earth so beautiful as the final haul on Halloween night."



LANCPL. SALVADOR MORENO

Carley Massengale, a 9-year-old 3rd grader at the Matthew C. Perry Elementary School, dresses as a homeless person with her father, Sgt. Clinton W. Massengale, for the Marine Corps Community Services children's Halloween party at the IronWorks Gym here Saturday. Massengale and her father sat in the middle of the gym "begging" for candy. She said they were going to sit in the housing area later that evening, because it was an effortless way to get candy rather than running around from door to door.



HELMAND PROVINCE, Afghanistan — An Afghan National Army soldier and Lance Cpl. Brian Stone with Combined Anti-Armor Team 1, 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, break open a mud compartment after discovering illegal drugs and improvised explosive device making material while searching a compound in Nawa District, Helmand Province, Afghanistan on Oct. 19. Stone is a 26 year old tow gunner from Coeur D'alene, Idaho. CAAT 1 and Marines with Weapons Company, 1/5, conducted a two-day operation to clear out local villages known to be used by enemy insurgents and to rid commonly traveled roads of IED's.

Marines uncover weapons, drugs in Taliban stronghold

LANCE CPL. JOHN M. MCCALL
REGIMENTAL COMBAT
TEAM 7

HELMAND PROVINCE, Afghanistan — Combined Anti-Armor Team 1 and Marines with Weapons Company, 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, uncovered weapons and drug caches during a two-day mission here Oct. 19-20.

The cache consisted of weapons, more than 1,000 rounds of ammunition, 50 pounds of heroin, cocaine, homemade explosives and IED-making materials. The villages where most of these compounds are located have been known to be used by the Taliban.

The mission was to deny the enemy the ability to use compounds in the area to launch attacks and plant IEDs in nearby roads, said 1st Lt. Travis C. Onischuk, 26, the CAAT-1 platoon commander.

"We're going to hit them where they think they have safe haven," said Onischuk, from Edina, Minn. Marines throughout Weapons Co. gathered together to clear the roads and villages of enemy interference, and established hasty vehicle checkpoints and route-clearance teams that would comprise one line. The line pushed forward in one direction and acted as a

giant net to sweep through the area.

Searching house to house for weapons and IED-making material with the help of Afghan National Army soldiers, Marines found three loaded magazines belonging to an assault rifle that was nowhere in sight. At first it seemed the magazines were the only suspicious items discovered.

"There were mostly women and children there so no one was real suspicious of anything," said Cpl. Martin Galvan, a machine gunner with CAAT-1, 1/5.

"I was tapping on a wall and it sounded real hollow in one spot. I punched it and my hand went right through."

"Once Cpl. Galvan found the first fake wall, we went back through the house and started to search everywhere," said Cpl. John Mensch, an assaultman with CAAT-1, 1/5. "A lot of the stuff we found was hidden behind false walls, or wrapped inside piles of clothing."

Marines detained an Afghan man for questioning, believed to be a member of the Taliban.

"I am glad we were able to find all of the stuff we did," said Mensch, 21, from Meredith, N.H. "Hopefully we made a difference by confiscating all of it."



HELMAND PROVINCE, Afghanistan — Cpl. John Mensch with Combined Anti-Armor Team 1, 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, uses an axe to break open a hidden compartment after discovering illegal drugs and improvised explosive device making material while searching a compound in Nawa District, Helmand Province, Afghanistan on Oct. 19. CAAT 1 and Marines with Weapons Company, 1/5, conducted a two-day operation to clear out local villages known to be used by enemy insurgents and to rid commonly traveled roads of IED's.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Holiday Mail for Heroes
Help The American Red Cross bring some holiday cheer to your fellow service members by volunteering your time to sort Christmas cards for Holiday Mail for Heroes Nov. 11 from 4-7 p.m. at the station chapel. Free pizza and a kids card station.

Dental Assistant Training Program
The American Red Cross is offering a Dental Assisting Training Program. To receive your certificate you will receive 40 hours of didactic course, and 500 hours of supervised clinical experience and chair side instruction. The program must also be completed within six months of the start day.

For more information or requirements, call 253-4525 or email iwakuni@usa.redcross.org

JAS Annual Mikan Picking & BBQ
The Japanese American Society will be hosting the annual Mikan picking and barbeque at the Tzuzu Mountainside Farm Nov. 14. Non-JAS members are welcome to attend. Prices are 1500 yen for adults, 700 yen for children six and up and 300 yen for children five and under. For more information or to sign up, call the JAS office at 253-4744. The sign-up deadline is Nov. 12.

Friendship Concert
The Japanese American Friendship Concert will be held at the station

chapel here today at 7 p.m. Performing artists will include Jiro Mouri, John Cometa, Hisako Ikeda, Chiho Uesugi and Robert Mills. Come, bring your family and invite your Japanese friends. Help us celebrate the accomplishments of two very special guests of honor. Light refreshments will be provided.

Teen Sports Day & BBQ
Club Beyond will be hosting a sports day Saturday at Penny Lake. The fun starts at 11:30 a.m. There will be rock wall climbing, sumo wrestling, earth ball, barbeque and more! Free and open to all teens in grades 7-12. Parents, drop by and say "hi". Sponsored by Club Beyond and the station chapel. For more information, call the chaplain's office at 253-3371 or John at 080-4177-2060.

NMCRS Quick Assist Loans

The Iwakuni Navy Marine Corps Relief Society is now providing Quick Assist Loans to prevent active duty service members from falling prey to predatory lenders. These loans are designed to assist with short-term living

expenses up to \$300, interest free and must be repaid within 10 months. For more information or to apply, call the Iwakuni NMCRS at 253-5311 or stop by their office located in the station chapel, room 148.

Club Iwakuni Parking lot
The staff noncommissioned officer parking lot at Club Iwakuni is undergoing renovations that will open up 16 additional parking spaces. The parking lot will be partially blocked off until Nov. 13. Club Iwakuni and Torii Pines Golf Course will remain open for regular business hours during this time.

Iwakuni Teens
Join us for Club Beyond every Tuesday night. Enjoy games, music, food and fun plus a short Bible lesson. Club is held in Yujo Hall, between the chapel and thrift shop, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. every Tuesday. Club Beyond, where friends, fun and faith connect. For more information, call the chapel at 253-3371 or call John at 080-4177-2060.

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 Marine Corps Community Services take care of the rest. Every Friday, birthdays from the previous week will be announced and on the last Friday of every month there will be a random birthday cake giveaway for one birthday in the upcoming month.

Fertility Treatment Options Seminar
Trouble conceiving? Dr. Atsushi Tanaka, M.D., a fertility treatment specialist, is scheduled to hold a seminar on infertility treatment options 5 p.m. Thursday in the Robert M. Casey Medical and Dental Clinic lobby. All base personnel interested are encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Lt. Sarah Gentry at 253-3485.

Post Office Closed
Both the main and the Northside post offices will be closed Wednesday for Veterans Day. They will reopen Thursday during normal hours.

To submit an event, automobile, item or job ad 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, you may submit 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
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

- 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

Contact the youth director at 080-4177-2060 or jletaw@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.

SAKURA THEATER

Friday, November 6, 2009

7 p.m. I Can Do Bad All By Myself (PG-13)

Premier

10 p.m. Sorority Row (R)

Premier

Saturday, November 7, 2009

1 p.m. Where the Wild Things Are (PG)

4 p.m. I Can Do Bad All By Myself (PG-13)

7 p.m. All About Steve (PG-13)

Premier

10 p.m. Sorority Row (R)

Sunday, November 8, 2009

1 p.m. Madagascar: Escape to Africa (PG)

Free Admission

4 p.m. All About Steve (PG-13)

7 p.m. Inglorious Bastards (R)

Monday, November 9, 2009

7 p.m. The Final Destination (R)

Tuesday, November 10, 2009

7 p.m. Julie and Julia (PG-13)

Wednesday, November 11, 2009

1 p.m. Shrek the Third (PG)

Free Admission

I Can Do Bad All By Myself (PG-13)

Halloween II (R)

Thursday, November 12, 2009

Gamer (R)

The movie schedule is subject to change. Please check www.mccsiwakuni.com/sakura often for updates, or call the Sakura Theater at 253-5291 for the latest schedule.

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.

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Miscellaneous

37" LCD Monitor
Comes with external TV tuner and remote. \$200. For more information, call 253-6930 (work) or 253-2631 (home).

Rainbow Home Day Care
Have full-time, part-time, and hourly openings for child care from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays – Fridays. Have 13 years of experience working with children, first aid and cardio pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) certified, and have a degree in early childhood education. For more information, call 253-2246.

Miniature Schnauzer Puppy
Eight-month old miniature Schnauzer puppy for free. It has a great personality and is great with other dogs. Not good with small children. Shots are up to date. For more information, call 253-7790.

Mess Hall Menu

Monday
Bean with bacon soup, shrimp gumbo soup, savory baked chicken, oven rast beef, oven brown potatoes, tossed green rice, succotash, green beans and mushrooms, brown gravy, peanut butter brownies, banana cream pudding.
Specialty Bar: Pasta

Tuesday
Tomato soup, vegetable soup, turkey pot pie, salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, tangy spinach, steamed cauliflower, buttered noodles, brown gravy, cherry pie, Boston cream pie, oatmeal raisin, cookie.
Specialty Bar: Taco

Wednesday
French onion soup, cream of broccoli soup, caribbean chicken breast, beef cordon bleu, O'brien potatoes, chicken gravy, creole green beans, savory summer squash, cabbage, apple and celery, chocolate chip cookies, Devil's food cake.
Specialty Bar: Barbeque

Thursday
Manhattan clam chowder, split pea soup, contonese ribs, turkey curry, steamed rice, macaroni and cheese, southern style green beans, corn on the cob, sugar cookies, German chocolate cake, banana cream pie.
Specialty Bar: Deli Sandwich

Friday
Chicken noodle soup, cream of mushroom soup, baked fish, yankee pot roast, home fried potatoes, steamed rice, calico corn, simmer white beans, vegetable gravy, potato salad, coconut raisin drop cookies, double layer Florida lemon cake, chocolate cream pie.
Specialty Bar: Hot Dog

Automobiles

1995 Honda Aspire
JCI good until Dec. 2010, automatic, A/C & heat, power windows, power locks, replaced battery and tires in 2008. Only driven on base and around town. Available on Nov. 14. \$2,000. For more information, call 253-2607.

Jobs

NMCRS Volunteer Opportunities
The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society is looking for Client Services Assistants volunteers to greet clients and guide them through the initial intake process. To apply for this opportunity, call 253-5311.

Thrift Store news

- Ball gowns are still available and are at great prices.
- Winter clothing is now available. Coats, hats, scarves and gloves.
- Surprise sales during every opening at the temporary building.
- Renovations to the existing thrift store building are near completion. Grand opening date to be announced.
- Temporary hours are 4-7 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.
- Donations and volunteers are always welcome.
- Come join our great team at Building 701.

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Mike Hall chips a shot out of a bunker onto the green of the 2nd hole of the VMFA(AW)-242 Halloween Golf Tournament held at the Torii Pines Golf Course here Oct. 30 while his partner Mark Shores looks in disbelief. The tournament was a two-man scramble tournament held to raise money to offset the cost of the Marine Corps Ball.

VMFA(AW)-242 Halloween Golf Tourney

Russell Callahan washes his golf balls at the 3rd hole of the VMFA(AW)-242 Halloween Golf Tournament held at the Torii Pines Golf Course here Oct. 30. A total of 35 participants came out to show off their golf skills, compete and have



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The Marine All-Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 242 Halloween Golf Tournament teed off at Torii Pines Golf Course here Oct. 30. The tournament was open to all who were interested in a day of golf; however, it was a unit function for VMFA(AW)-242.

Gunnery Sgt. Bryan Ruppel, from Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12, and Wayne Gilmore, from Marine Corps Community Services, took first place in the tournament.

First place prize was a \$35 gift certificate to Torii Pines Golf Course.

For the other competitors, winning didn't matter as long as the sun was out, and the fairways were open.

"A bad day of golf is always better than a good day at work," said Russell Callahan, a competitor in the 242 Halloween Golf Tournament.

Most of the Marines and participants in the tournament seemed to be more about hav-

ing fun and building camaraderie than competing.

"The idea behind this event was to promote camaraderie and quality of life in Iwakuni," said Gary Bernhard, VMFA(AW)-242 family readiness officer.

A total of 35 participants came out to show off their golf skills, compete and have fun.

"The tournament was scored using the two-man scramble method," said Bernhard.

In two-man scramble, basically each teammate hits his golf ball then decides to play the better positioned ball.

"The tournament was sponsored by the VMFA (AW)-242 Staff NCO (noncommissioned officer) Association to help offset the price of Marine Corps Ball tickets for Marines," said Bernhard.

Bernhard also said this was the second tournament, and he is planning one for next year.

"I feel it's good for several reasons," said Ruppel. "It raises money for a good cause, provides a chance to get away from the office or flight line and it's a good way to meet fellow golfers."

Five-0 locks up Bats 17-12

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With 8.3 seconds rapidly ticking away 10 yards out and down by one in the fourth quarter, Five-O quarterback James Allen made a split-second decision and ran for the end zone.

As time expired, Allen lunged for the end zone and managed to break the plane after colliding with a 242 Bats defensive lineman, giving Five-O the win over the 242 Bats 17-12 during an intramural flag football game at the Northside football field here Monday.

The victory was no easy accomplishment for Five-O as they entered the final six minutes down 6-12.

The deficit came after the Bats quarterback managed to rescue his team with an explosive run for a first and goal.

With first and goal, the Bats easily punched the ball into the end zone and went for the extra point to put the pressure on Five-O.

A Five-O defensive lineman picked-off the pass attempt and ran it back for three points, making it 9-12.

Five-O still had work to do if they were going to win, but they had about four minutes left.

Things appeared bleak for Five-O as the team struggled to get the final drive going.

With three minutes left, Five-O was deep in its own territory on third down staring at a second loss.

Like something from Lambeau, Allen and Five-O began moving the chains.

Eventually managing to get within five yards on fourth down, Allen connected a slant pass with one of his receivers, but the Bats were ready and snatched the flags off the receiver before he could stretch for the end zone.

With less than a minute remaining, Five-O was looking down the barrel of defeat. The team was down 9-12 with less than a minute, and the Bats had the ball.

Backed into its end zone, the Bats needed one solid run before their quarterback could kneel the game out.

The Bats snapped the ball.

Five-O linebacker Shawn Litchfield broke through forcing the Bats quarterback to make a break for it, defensive lineman

Dustin "Rubyslippers" Ruiz said.

But there was no where to go. Diving parallel to the earth a la Superman style, Ruiz snatched the flags right off the Bats' quarterback for a safety.

Still down 11-12, Five-O got the ball back with one time out, 41 seconds and the length of the field to get a touchdown.

Using their timeout to stop the clock, Allen and company were able to quickly get the ball within 40 yards where they began to struggle.

On third down, Allen connected a pass to the outside for a first down and a stopped clock with 15.5 seconds remaining.

The next play, Five-O receiver Ryan Casey and Allen connected for a first down five yards from the end zone.

Casey was able to step out of bounds to stop the clock at 8.3 seconds.

"I was just trying to get into an open spot, and after I caught the ball just get out of bounds and stop the clock," said Casey.

This was probably Five-O's last chance with just enough time to execute one more play.

Once the ball was snapped and time began ticking down, Allen searched the end zone for a receiver to no avail.

With space to run, Allen exploded for the end zone extending his arm as he made a final lunge for the end zone with time expired.

Allen collided with a Bats lineman but managed to get across the line.

The collision caused both teams to erupt claiming each other had committed a penalty.

The referees made the final call deeming only the contact by the defense to be illegal and therefore the touchdown was good.

The Bats players, visibly distraught from the call, quickly left the field and were unreachable for comment.

Five-O pulled off 11 unanswered points in the closing minutes to win 17-12.

The win was important for Five-O as the clear favorites having dominated in the pre-season.

Five-O had already been upset once by Crash Crew, and they are determined to not let it happen again.

"That was our one bad game of the year," said Casey. "We're hoping to never do that again. We just want to do our best and win out."



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Five-O running back Kevin Ruidiaz attempts to evade a 242 Bats defensive lineman in hot pursuit during an intramural flag football game at the Northside football field here Monday. Ruidiaz managed to escape and get a much needed first down for Five-O in the closing minutes of the game.



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Five-O receiver Ryan Casey pulls down a clutch pass to give his team a much needed first down during an intramural flag football game against the 242 Bats at the Northside football field here Monday. Casey would go on to make another crucial catch to put Five-O within five yards of the end zone with 8.3 seconds remaining.

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