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Marines kick knowledge at local school

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Volunteers from Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12 visited a Japanese kindergarten class at Marifu Hoikuen elementary to play with a class of 3- to 5-year olds Sept. 30.

"The children automatically start to get excited when we enter the school," said Cpl. Marcie McWaters, MALS-12 community relations coordinator. "They already knew we were coming."

The volunteers had a planned schedule with interactive learning activities designed to help the children learn English while having fun.

Activities began with the "Good Morning" song, sung in English. This song is used as an introduction, and the volunteers introduced themselves to the children shortly after the song's conclusion.

The next activity was a counting game where the volunteers used flash cards with numbers and the children get to call out the correct



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Cpl. Marcie McWaters, Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12 community relations coordinator, and 2nd Lt. Richard K. Grainger, volunteer, welcome the stampede of kindergartners during a visit at a local Japanese elementary school Sept. 30. The children were playing a shape association game.

numbers from one to 15.

"The children get really into the games," said McWaters. "Eventually they'll start screaming."

Afterward there was a color-coordination

exercise.

The children were given bean-bags of different colors and then the colors were

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Vikings drop anchor in Iwakuni

LANCE CPL. CHRIS KUTLESA
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Marine All-Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 225 arrived here Sept. 25.

VMFA(AW)-225 comes from Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, Calif., where they have been stationed since March 1995.

Beginning March 1993, the squadron has deployed to MCAS Iwakuni in support of the Marine Corps Unit Deployment Program.

The squadron remains in a constant state of readiness because they are continuously forward deployed.

"We are first responders in moments of crisis," said Capt. Willis Backlund, the training officer for VMFA(AW)-225.

The squadron is a Marine Corps F/A-18D Hornet squadron known as the "Vikings."

The Vikings fall under the umbrella of the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, whose

mission is to provide combat-ready, expeditionary aviation forces.

The Vikings brought with them approximately 10 F/A-18D aircraft and 200 Marines.

"Every Marine that we bring with us has a specific job and duty that is integral to our mission," said Sgt. Maj. Ronald Halcovich, the sergeant major of VMFA(AW)-225. "UDP is always a good time for those Marines to get more hands-on experience."

VMFA(AW)-225 is scheduled to support various exercises and training missions in several countries across Asia.

"We come here for (Unit Deployment Program) to be forward deployed and keep a level of presence," said Backlund.

Currently, the squadron is scheduled to travel to Misawa, Japan, in October to conduct training exercises.

The F/A-18D Hornet squadron is scheduled to be based here for roughly six months.

Marines set to head to exercise in Philippines

LANCE CPL. MARCEL BROWN
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Combat Logistics Company 36, Marine Aircraft Group 12, Marine All-Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 224, and several other units here are scheduled to deploy to the Philippines in support of PHIBLEX 11.

PHIBLEX, formerly known as Balikitan, is a bilateral exercise conducted in conjunction with the Filipino Air Force and the Republic of the Philippines to increase readiness and develop professional relationships between the two forces.

"It's good to work out some of the details and tactics when you're on deployment and get to see different types of aircraft and facilities," said Lt. Col. Joseph Maybach, VMFA(AW)-224

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

'Fireproofing your marriage' — Part 1

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DEPUTY COMMAND CHAPLAIN

In 2008, Samuel Goldwyn Films and Sherwood Pictures released "Fireproof," an American Christian drama film about a hero fire captain whose constant mantra to his team is, "Never leave your partner behind, especially in a fire."

The rate of divorce in our country is soaring skyward. Studies show 40 percent of couples who marry today will end up divorced.

Many marriages today are on fire. In the early 80s, I was part of the Home Safety Division of the Masterguard Corporation.

We taught homeowners that when there is an actual fire in a home the fire hits the ceiling, spreads out and starts banking downward in what the firemen call the blanket of death.

The first stage of the fire registers at 136 degrees Fahrenheit.

If not detected early, carbon monoxide makes people fall asleep.

When the temperature reaches 250 degrees Fahrenheit, the picture tube of the television and paneling blow up and when the homeowner wakes up, he inhales the 250-degree temperature.

What happens?

His lungs shrivel to nothing. The number one killer in a fire is asphyxiation. Early detection of fire can save lives.

This is where the Prevention and Relationship Enhancement Program (PREP) comes into the picture.

This is one of the most comprehensive and well respected divorce-prevention and marriage enhancing programs in the world.

PREP is a skills and principles-building curriculum designed to help partners say what they need to say, get to the heart of problems and increase their connection with each other.

PREP is not only for those who plan to get married.

If you've been married for a while now, and need a refresher course on marriage, you are always welcome to sign up for our two-day PREP seminar.

The next PREP class is 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Nov. 18 – 19.

My wife and I have been married for 21 years now and we are still enjoying each other's company.

We have rough times of course, but one of our ground rules for marriage is there should be no unresolved conflict within 24 hours following the biblical mandate, "Don't let the sun go down while you are angry" (Ephesians 4:26).

The saddest thing in a marriage life is when husband and wife start just tolerating each other and don't enjoy each other's company anymore.

As Christians, we strengthen our marriage using biblically based principles like:

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, and it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres."

Whether you are Christian or not, your core values and life principles can enhance and strengthen your marriage life.

Is your marriage on fire?

Call a chaplain or make an appointment with our Marine Corps Community Services counselors.

Other than PREP, the station also offers a variety of programs that would strengthen your marriage like Lifestyle Insights, Networking, Knowledge, and Skills, Chaplain's Religious Enrichment Development Operation retreats for married couples and even your chain of command.

It is OK to seek help, and there are many resources available that can help your marriage.

Fireproof your marriage before it is too late.

Registering guests for Halloween

The following information was submitted by the Provost Marshal's Office.

■Trick-or-treating is authorized from 5 – 7 p.m.

■Status of Forces Agreement personnel may sponsor guests, up to 10 per family. All guests must be escorted by the sponsor at all times while aboard the air station.

■Sponsors must pre-register their guests at the Provost Marshal's Office administration section, Building 608, prior to 12 p.m. Oct. 27.

■Master Labor Contractors and IHA employees may sponsor their immediate family members; i.e., spouses, children, children's spouses, brothers, sisters, parents and spouse's parents up to 10 per family.

■Sponsors must meet their guests at the contractors' gate between 4 and 5:30 p.m. All guests may exit the station via the main gate after the event.

■Guests' vehicles are prohibited from parking at the Bachelor Officers' Quarters, Bachelor Enlisted Quarters or housing areas.

■Trick or Treating will be limited to the housing areas only. BOQs, BEQs, and office spaces will be off limits.

■5 – 7 p.m. Oct. 31, no one will be allowed to sign guests aboard the installation unless they have been pre-registered with the PMO administration section. All other visitors must be signed on before or after these times.

■The Monzen bridge and the inbound lane of the Monzen gate will be closed to vehicle traffic 5 – 7 p.m.

For more information, contact the PMO administration section at 253-4843 or Staff Sgt. Perez, PMO physical security section at 253-3306.

See page 10 for Halloween safety tips.



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Marines head to local school, foster good relations in youth through knowledge games, songs, fun



Cpl. Marcie McWaters, Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12 community relations coordinator, holds kindergartners' hands during a visit to a local Japanese elementary school Sept. 30. The children were preparing to dance and sing to "The Monkey Song."

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called out. The children with the corresponding colored beanbags stood up and then everyone counted how many stood up.

The visits last approximately one hour, but are packed with fun for the kids' entertainment. As much as they are having fun, they are also learning.

Another game the volunteers played with the children was shape association. A volunteer holds a different shape in a different part of the room. As the different shapes were called out they raced to the corner where the shape was.

"The kids are so much fun," said Lance Cpl. Jeff Daly, volunteer. "As we were trying to leave, the kids ganged up on me and clung to my arms trying to see how many of them I could pick up."

To close the activities, the children played duck-duck-goose. "Once the kids get to know you, you always get picked," said McWaters.

MALS-12 hosts community relations events three to five times a month with 10-11 volunteers for each event.

Marines prepare to hitch HSV ride to Philippines for PHIBLEX

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commanding officer.

An initial group of CLC-36 Marines are scheduled to depart on a three-day trip aboard a High Speed Vessel on a direct route to the Philippines.

While deployed for exercises, CLC-36 supports other units by providing sustained combat logistics through maintenance, supply and operational services.

For Exercise PHIBLEX, CLC-36 will providing a lot of community service support.

"Our biggest piece out of (the trip) is carrying over Iwakuni's (Marine Corps Exchange). The

(MCX) goes down there with us, disbursing goes down there with us, and we support all the 3rd echelon work," said Sgt. William H. Smith, CLC-36 operations chief. "As far as the units that go out there, this is their chance to do their infantry training."

When units like VMFA(AW)-224 deploy, their main purpose is to provide aerial and operational support to allied forces.

"We show (the Filipino forces) how to do some close-air support. It's a big deal for them," said Maybach.

The exercise gives Filipino forces a chance to work side-by-side with U.S. forces and gives U.S. troops an opportunity to get operational

with their Filipino counterparts.

"A lot of Marines get comfortable just working in an office and shop environment. This gives them an opportunity to set up outside, put up a tent, work with no power and have to do everything by hand," said Smith.

"To me, it's really good they get to step out of their basic (military occupational specialty) and get to step into something a little more challenging," he added.

Smith said the only factor that can delay the movement of gear throughout the exercise is heavy rainfall from typhoon season.

This year's PHIBLEX is slated to begin Oct. 14 and end Oct. 23.



Station residents kick off breast cancer awareness month

Members of the Youth and Teen Center prepare to step off for the first Breast Cancer Awareness Walk of the month here Oct. 1. Participants walked from the Youth and Teen Center to the IronWorks Gym and back to support the fight against breast cancer. Station personnel are invited to join in a one-mile walk every Friday in October with the Smart Girls, a small-group health, fitness, prevention/education and self-esteem enhancement program for 13- to 15-year-olds.

Domestic Violence Awareness

Speak Out: Don't suffer in silence

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IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

In 1989, Congress signed Public Law 101-112 into effect, nationally recognizing October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. It's the one time a year when victim advocates across the nation unite in their efforts to spread domestic violence awareness.

In support of their efforts, Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni Commanding Officer Col. James C. Stewart signed a proclamation Sept. 30 declaring the air station would also recognize October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Domestic Violence is a pattern of behaviors that includes emotional, physical or sexual abuse used by one person in a relationship to control the other partner. Last year there were more than 20,000 referrals Department of Defense wide for suspected abuse and neglect, which includes domestic violence and child abuse and neglect.

"The best thing you can do to

stop domestic violence is to speak out and tell someone," said Dr. Holly Kunert, director of Counseling Services here. "Whenever someone is being abused, one of the most common things that happens is they keep silent.

"There are lots of reasons people stay," said Kunert. "Maybe they're afraid to leave, maybe their self esteem has been beaten down so much that they don't believe anybody would ever want them or they don't believe they would be successful ... sometimes it's financial, sometimes it's concerns for children."

There are two ways to report domestic violence, restricted and unrestricted. Restricted reporting is done through uniformed or civilian victim advocates, the sexual assault response coordinator, clinical providers within Counseling Services and health-care providers. If done through anyone other than the previously mentioned individuals, it is automatically an unrestricted report.

Restricted reporting allows the victim to get the help he/she needs without opening an of-

I was embarrassed, completely ashamed, and I didn't think anyone would believe me if I told.

— *Anonymous victim of domestic violence*

ficial investigation. While many victims choose this option, there are limitations. With a restricted report, the assailant remains unpunished and capable of assaulting others, the victim cannot receive a military protective order and is ineligible to invoke the collateral misconduct provision of the sexual assault policy. Unrestricted reporting gets the command involved and opens the case for investigation.

All service members are required to report any incident they have been informed of, regardless of whether the victim wants to report it or not.

Incidents will not be investigated unless they happened within the past six months. For this reason, it is important at least to file a restricted report whereas a

victim can change to unrestricted at any time. However, treatment is always available no matter how long ago the incident occurred.

An anonymous victim said her abusive relationship lasted more than two years.

"It took me a long time to tell someone about what happened to me," said the victim. "I was embarrassed, completely ashamed, and I didn't think anyone would believe me if I told.

"Looking back, I wish I would've had the knowledge and resources the Marine Corps gave me. I would have reported it and prevented it from possibly happening to someone else."

For information on local resources, contact Counseling Services at 253-4526.

CYCLE OF VIOLENCE

**The more times the cycle is completed, the less time it takes to complete. The type of abuse may vary each cycle, but the one constant is that the cycle repeats with an increase in frequency and severity over time.

Phase 1: Tension Building

- Edginess sensed in partner
- Partner gets increasingly jealous and verbally abusive
- Victim feels as though he or she is "walking on egg shells"
- Victim often tries to compromise or take blame to quickly de-escalate the situation

Phase 2: Battering

- Perpetrator may physically, emotionally or sexually abuse to teach the victim a lesson or support the need to be in control
- Victim may feel the need to fight back or push to get the inevitable over with
- Victim sometimes dissociates from his/her body and feels nothing until it's over
- Victim often denies the severity of injuries to soothe the partner and be assured the violent phase ends

Phase 3: Reconciliation

- Also known as the "honeymoon stage"
- The victim and perpetrator both welcome this stage
- Perpetrator will apologize, assert his or her dependence on the victim and beg for forgiveness
- Victim feels responsible for what happened
- Victim believes partner will change and go back to the person he/she fell love with
- Couple rebonds romantically

Upcoming DVA Events

Tuesdays

Couples Communication 10:30 a.m. - noon

Anger Management 1 - 2:30 p.m.

Oct. 9

Self-Defense Workshop 10 a.m. - noon

Oct. 13 - 14

Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage 6 - 8 p.m.

(This is a two-part seminar.)

Oct. 16

Self-Defense Workshop 10 a.m. - noon

Oct. 18 - 20

Mr. Dad (several seminars) Times vary

Oct. 22

Teen Dating and Violence 5 - 6:30 p.m.

Oct. 28

Stress Management 1 - 2:30 p.m.

**For more information or to sign up, contact Counseling Services at 253-4526.

**National Domestic Violence
HOTLINE**

1-800-799-SAFE (7233)

MCAS Iwakuni Sexual Assault Response
Coordinator 080-5865-3566

Speedy service: Hydraulic lift turns garage into pit stop

LANCE CPL. MARCEL BROWN
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

A period of instruction was given to Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 motor transportation maintenance Marines on operating their newly installed Humvee lift at the MWSS-171 motor transportation maintenance garage here Oct. 1.

The construction of the lift was completed Sept. 30 on the exact scheduled date of completion.

"I noticed that our maintenance capability was degraded because our in-ground lift was not working properly," said Master Sgt. Albert Asuncion, MWSS-171 motor transportation and maintenance chief.

Sometime last year, the old in-ground lift began to weaken and eventually became incapable of lifting the intended weight capacity.

"The old air hydraulic lift was broken," said Toru Hirota, vertical transportation equipment inspector.

Once the old in-ground lift broke down, the maintenance command had to decide whether to get the lift repaired or replaced based on cost efficiency.

After months of inspection, contractors confirmed trying to repair the old lift would be more costly than replacing it.

"(The contractors) asked, 'What kind of a lift would you like and

what capabilities,'" said Asuncion. "I said I want a lift that can lift up as heavy as a (7-ton), and they told me that was way too heavy."

Although Asuncion couldn't get his fantasy 7-ton lift, they offered the next best thing: a 14,000-pound capable above-ground hydraulic lift.

After seeing the capabilities, the decision was made to remove the old in-ground lift and install the new Bendpak lift.

Japanese contractors began removing the old in-ground lift Sept. 15 with a maximum of nine contractors working on the project at a time.

The motor transportation mechanics are more than satisfied with the upgrade.

"It'll definitely expedite our workflow, and at the same time. It's guided through the means of being able to lift the vehicle versus jacking up the vehicle," said Asuncion. "It's more convenient for us because this particular lift can get above the mechanic. So instead of crawling underneath it, now they're able to stand underneath it and perform the job."

Before the construction of the new lift, maintenance Marines had to manually hoist vehicles by using a good old fashion hydraulic hand jack and jack stands, which slowed down workflow exponentially.

"Through the manual labor of a hydraulic jack and jack stands, per vehicle, it takes at least an hour to get a humvee up on jack stands."

Not only does the new easy-to-use lift dismiss the hassle of manually hoisting a humvee and give mechanics more freedom when operating, it is also built to last.

"We perform maintenance every six months and do load tests every two to four years and replace if necessary," said Hirota. "The machine should last at least 20 years to 30 years with no problems."

For the motor transportation maintenance mechanics, the new lift will be a huge asset to getting the job done without a doubt.

"This will definitely increase our capabilities as far as output of maintenance being performed," said Asuncion.

All motor transportation maintenance mechanics will have to take a class and get approved by their maintenance chief before they can operate the new lift.



LANCE CPL. MARCEL BROWN

Masashi Muranaka, Japanese construction worker, attaches a line around one of the old in-ground hydraulic lifts and attaches it to a forklift during the construction of the new more efficient above-ground hydraulic lifts in the Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 motor transportation garage here Sept. 21. After removing the old in-ground lifts, the workers filled the space with concrete to install the new lifts.



LANCE CPL. MARCEL BROWN

Toru Hirota, Vertical Equipment Transportation Inspector, and Saito Yoshihide, Japanese contractor, give a period of instruction to a group of Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 motor transportation Marines on how to properly operate their newly installed, 14,000-pound-capable above-ground hydraulic humvee lift at the MWSS-171 motor transportation garage here Oct. 1. Before the new machine lift was installed, mechanics had to manually lift tactical vehicles using a hydraulic pump and jack stands.



The Ready Group

Jetting all over the Far East, beyond

LANCE CPL. CHRIS KUTLESA
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Times and conflicts have dictated the Marine Corps' various missions throughout its history. Currently, the Corps is called upon throughout the world for everything from battles in Afghanistan to relief efforts in Haiti. Stationed in Japan, Marine Aircraft Group 12 remains all the more relevant in today's mission as international headlines gear more and more toward the Far East.

"The best thing that MAG-12 does is offensive air support; that's basically what we train to do," said Col. Stephen G. Nitzschke, MAG-12 commanding officer.

MAG-12's mission statement reads as such: "The mission of the Marine Aircraft Group 12 is to conduct anti-air warfare and offensive air support operations in support of fleet Marine forces from advanced base, expeditionary airfields or aircraft carriers and conduct such air operations as may be directed."

For 60 years, the group has maintained its high level of readiness by training in Japan and in various other locations across the Far

East. "What we do has not changed since the 1950s," said Nitzschke.

"We rapidly deploy to friendly nations to conduct combined training to make sure our equipment is interoperable, our tactics, techniques and procedures are interchangeable, and we understand each other."

On average, MAG-12 supports around 30 training exercises a year.

Some of the countries MAG-12 trains with include the Philippines, Thailand, South Korea and Australia.

"Our war-fighting mission is number one, and that is the 'O' plan," said Nitzschke.

"There is another aspect to theater security cooperation, and that is just the fundamental interaction we have with our military contacts we make when we go to other countries, whether it be Thailand, Malaysia, Australia, Korea ... that's developing personal relationships with our counterparts that we may someday have to fight alongside," Nitzschke added.

After every exercise concludes, an after

action report is drawn up to highlight the training's positives and negatives.

"We use those lessons learned for two purposes," said Nitzschke.

"One is to improve the exercise for the next year, and two is to take lessons learned that we can use in combat and improve our tactics techniques and procedures should we have to fight."

At the local level, MAG-12's chaplain organizes multiple community relations events in the immediate area.

Events include everything from cleaning up public areas to volunteering at local schools.

Nitzschke said in addition to all the training, deployments, and high operational tempo, MAG-12 really wants to be good ambassadors for the United States, so that in the case the "ready group" goes to war, they have an alliance with their neighbors and the local community.

By conducting exercises with various countries and keeping good relationships with its host country, MAG-12 has purposefully positioned itself in a constant stance of readiness for today and tomorrow.



POHANG AIR BASE, Republic of Korea – Marine All-Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 242's flag plane is taxied in preparation for a sortie during exercise Invincible Spirit here July 27. Invincible Spirit was a joint combined exercise where the Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Republic of Korea forces worked together to demonstrate solidarity and a commitment to work together.

CPL. JOSEPH MARIANELLI

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE BASE TINDAL, Australia – Cpl. Cory Hediger, Lance Cpl. Melanie Lucas, and Cpl. James Sawyer, ordnance technicians with Marine All-Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 224, load ordnance onto a VMFA(AW)-224 F/A-18 Hornet jet during exercise Southern Frontier here Sept. 6. Exercise Southern Frontier is an annual, bilateral exercise hosted by the RAAF to allow Marine Aircraft Group 12 squadrons the air and ground space to drop live ordnance and participate in close-air-support training.



LANCE CPL. JENNIFER PIRANTE



CPL. KRISTIN MORENO

YECHON AIR BASE, Republic of Korea – A Marine conducts a personnel search while a Republic of Korea airman stands security during a training exercise here with the ROK Air Force April 16. The Marines and ROK airmen also learned how to conduct vehicle searches.



LANCE CPL. JENNIFER PIRANTE

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE BASE TINDAL, Australia-Staff Sgt. Dexter Williford, aircraft rescue and firefighting specialist, and Aircraftman Leigh Weston, firefighter with No. 322 Expeditionary Combat Support Squadron, set a controlled fire in the fields here Sept. 9.

CORPS NEWS

HIGHLIGHTING MARINES AND SAILORS AROUND THE GLOBE

Devil dogs help sniff out IEDs

CPL. EUGENIO MONTANEZ
1ST MARINE DIVISION

COMBAT OUTPOST SHABU, HELMAND PROVINCE, Afghanistan — Leading patrols and sniffing out improvised explosive devices may seem like a game for Cpl. Twister, but what she doesn't know, is that this "game" is saving the lives of many Marines.

Twister is a four year-old black labrador used to find IEDs for Marines with the 1st Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion. Many dogs such as her are being used with great success throughout the Marine Corps.

"There are many dogs in the battalion that have found IEDs," said Lance Cpl. Cody Campioni, a dog handler with the Dog Handler Platoon, Headquarters and Service Company, 1st Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion. The dogs can find IEDs a lot more accurate and faster than a metal detector can."

Dogs were first used in the Marine Corps to find the enemy during World War II. The number of dogs brought to Afghanistan to find explosive devices has increased throughout the years.

"Luckily we haven't encountered one yet, but if we do, I am more than confident she will find it," said Campioni, a Point Mills, Mich., native.

The dogs can detect more than 10 different types of materials used to make industrial explosives and homemade explosives.

"We've had a dog find three IEDs in under an hour," Campioni said. "We give the orders and they follow them, they're very obedient to their handler and that makes it so much easier."

In order to become dog handlers, Marines participate in a six to eight-week course with the dogs at the American K-9 Interdiction School.

"We spend a lot of time with the dogs to build up trust between the dog handler and the dog,"

Campioni said. "To be able to operate well you have to trust the dog and the dog has to trust you." Not only do they spend a lot of time with dogs during training, but also spend all their time with the dogs during the deployment.

"I have to make sure the dog is well fed, that she has enough water throughout the day and make sure she is medically okay," Campioni said. "Having a dog with you on a deployment is like having a piece of home with you."

The dogs also give Marines more options when it comes to tactical searching.

"The dog helps us whenever we search vehicles, buildings and bridges and it makes our job a lot more effective," said Cpl. James Hammond, a team leader with 3rd Platoon, Company A, 1st Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion. "Especially when we can't really reach certain areas we can send the dog in to search."

Being able to search an area accurately with the dogs makes the Marines more confident in their abilities on the battlefield, explained Hammond, a Redmond, Wash., native.

"I feel we can do more by having the dogs with us," Hammond said. "The dogs provide us with a sense of security."

COMBAT OUTPOST SHABU, HELMAND PROVINCE, Afghanistan — Lance Cpl. Cody Campioni, a dog handler with the dog handler platoon, Headquarters and Service Company, 1st Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, sends his dog in search of an improvised explosive device here Sept. 16. The use of dogs hails back to World War II when they were used to find the enemy.



COMBAT OUTPOST SHABU, HELMAND PROVINCE, Afghanistan — Lance Cpl. Cody Campioni, a dog handler with the dog handler platoon, Headquarters and Service Company, 1st Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, conducts bumper drills with his dog here Sept. 18. Marines use dogs in Afghanistan to locate improvised explosive devices.



CPL. EUGENIO MONTANEZ

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Emergency Phone Numbers Reminder

■Anti-terrorism force protection hotline: 253-ATFP(2837)

■Life, limb or loss of vision threatening emergencies while on the air station: 119 or 911. From a cell phone or for bilingual capability: 082-721-7700.

■For security issues, contact the Provost Marshal's Office: 253-3303. To report without talking to a person, Crime Stoppers: 253-3333.

■Sexual Assault: To make a confidential report of sexual assault or harassment, contact the victim advocate at 253-4526 during working hours. For after hours, weekends and holidays, call 090-9978-1033 or 080-3427-0835. You can also call the installation SARC at 253-6556 or 080-5865-3566.

CFC Kick-Off Fun Run

A Combined Federal Campaign awareness 5K run is scheduled to be held 11 a.m. Wednesday at Ironworks Gym. No sign up is required.

Special Commander's Corner

Power 1575 is scheduled to have Lt. Col. Thomas Wagoner, air station staff judge advocate, on air 9 – 10 a.m. Oct. 18. Have your legal questions answered live by calling 253-1575 or send a generic question to power1575.radio@usmc.mil before Oct. 16.

3rd Annual Arts and Crafts Fair

The fair is scheduled 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Nov. 6. Vendor application packets are ready. Sign-up by Oct. 18. For more information, call 253-2199 or 253-2151.

Navy Birthday Meal

North and southside messhalls are scheduled to host a special meal Wednesday for everyone aboard the air station to celebrate the Navy's 235th birthday. Menu includes New England clam chowder, shrimp cocktail, grilled steak, boiled crab legs, french fried shrimp, teriyaki chicken, baked potatoes, steamed rice, broccoli polonaise, corn on the cob, sauteed mushrooms and onions, and birthday cake. The meal is \$7 for civilian employees, family members and those on commuted rations. It is \$5 for family members of E-4 and below.

2010 Sake Festival

The 2010 Sake Festival is scheduled to be held today and Saturday in Saijo, Higashi-Hiroshima City, Hiroshima prefecture. Tickets are 1,800 yen. For more information, visit <http://www.sakematsuri.com>.

Sergeants Wanted

Corporals Course instructors are needed. If you are a sergeant who has completed Sergeants Course and have a 280 or higher physical fitness test score, contact your unit sergeant major to be a course instructor.

Sichuan Girls Band Concert

The Sichuan Girls band is scheduled to perform 7 p.m. Wed. at Shuto Pastral Hall. The program will feature a variety of musical genres. Seats are 2,000 yen for adults and 1,000 yen for high school students or younger. For more information, call 082-784-1400.

Red Cross Upcoming Events

The Red Cross has several events scheduled for October: Prenatal brief: 9:45 a.m. Oct. 20. Baby Sitting Instructor Course: 5 – 9 p.m. Oct. 15. Baby Sitting Course: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Oct. 16. Adult, infant and child first aid and CPR: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Oct. 23.

Chunchiki Tornado Concert

The Chunchiki Tornado brass orchestra is scheduled to perform 6:30 p.m. Oct. 24 at Shuto Pastral Hall. The concert will feature jazz, folk music and modern music. Tickets are 2,000 yen for adults and 1,000 yen for high school students or younger. For more information, call 082-784-1400.

UMUC Registration

Register for Fall Session II classes with University of Maryland University College, located in Building 411, Room 110.

Registration dates are now until Oct. 25 and sessions will run Oct. 25 – Dec. 19. For more information, contact your local field representative at 253-3392.

Hiroshima Food Festival

Hiroshima Castle and neighboring areas in Hiroshima are scheduled to host a free festival 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Oct. 30 – 31. The festival will feature free food samples, cooking demonstrations, cultural displays and more. Admission is free, but there is no parking in the area. For more information, call 082-222-1133.

Brief Submissions

To submit a community brief, send an e-mail to iwakuni.pao@usmc.mil. Include a contact name, a phone number and the information you would like published. You may submit your brief or classified ad in person at the Public Affairs Office, Building 1, Room 216. The deadline for submissions is 3 p.m. every Friday. Submissions will run the following Friday on a space-available basis. The Iwakuni Approach staff reserves the right to edit submissions for space and style.

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)
6:15 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

Call 080-4177-2060 or e-mail jletaw@ClubBeyond.org

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, October 8, 2010

7 p.m. Scott Pilgrim vs. the World (PG-13)
Premier
10 p.m. Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps (PG-13)

Saturday, October 9, 2010

1 p.m. Legend of the Guardians: The Owls of Ga'Hoole (PG)
Premier
4 p.m. Dinner for Schmucks (PG-13)
7 p.m. The Other Guys (PG-13)

Sunday, October 10, 2010

1 p.m. Legend of the Guardians: The Owls of Ga'Hoole (PG)
4 p.m. Scott Pilgrim vs. the World (PG-13)
7 p.m. Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps (PG-13)

Monday, October 11, 2010

1 p.m. Nanny McPhee Returns (PG)
Premier
4 p.m. The Lottery Ticket (PG-13)
Premier

Tuesday, October 12, 2010

7 p.m. Dinner for Schmucks (PG-13)
Last Showing

Wednesday, October 13, 2010

7 p.m. Charlie St. Cloud (PG-13)
Last Showing

Thursday, October 14, 2010

7 p.m. Scott Pilgrim vs. the world (PG-13)

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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Jobs

Travel Counselor

CWTSatoTravel has a travel counselor position available at the government travel office here. This position is responsible for booking air, car and hotel reservations for military travelers in official duty status using the

SABRE CRS. Desirable for the candidates to have travel agency or airline experience, and SABRE CRS experience. Knowledge of government travel regulation is also preferred. Send all inquiries and resumes to mkenat@cwtsatotravel.com. No phone inquiries.

Career Transition Trainer

Inverness Technologies is seeking a part-time career transition trainer. Will perform 1-2 seminars a month training military personnel to enter the civilian work force. Some overnight travel is required. Opportunity for military spouses or DOD personnel. Must know U.S. job market and have experience teaching job search technology. Experience in training is strongly desired. Training topics include skill assessment, career decision making, resume preparation, interviewing, job search, etc. If interested, e-mail your resume to careers@invernesstechnologies.com.

NMCRS Volunteer Opportunities

Be that 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, call 253-5311.

Mess Hall Menu

Monday

Cream of mushroom soup, Creole soup, sauerbraten, hot and spicy chicken, fried rice, oven-glo potatoes, fried zucchini, calico corn, dinner rolls, potato salad, mixed fruit salad, standard salad bar, congo bars, double layer marble cake with butter cream frosting, blueberry crunch.
Specialty Bar: Pasta

Tuesday

Cream of potato soup, chicken noodle soup, Southern fried chicken, barbeque beef cubes, steamed rice, buttered pasta, black-eyed peas, Creole squash, cornbread, macaroni salad, deviled potato salad, standard salad bar, chocolate chip cookies, spice cake with butter cream frosting, lemon meringue pie.
Specialty Bar: Taco

Wednesday

Cream of broccoli soup, vegetable soup, tempura fish, pepper steak, steamed rice, oven-glo potatoes, glazed carrots, brown gravy, dinner rolls, club spinach, potato salad, country style tomato salad, standard salad bar, peanut butter cookies, double layer devil's food cake with butter cream frosting, cheesecake.
Specialty Bar: Barbeque

Thursday

Tomato soup, cream of chicken soup, baked ham, macaroni & tomatoes, fried shrimp, fettuccini noodles, Alfredo sauce, grilled-cheese sandwich, tempura vegetables, peas and carrots, dinner rolls, macaroni salad, German tomato salad, standard salad bar, sugar cookies, strawberry shortcake with whipped topping, vanilla cream pie.
Specialty Bar: Deli Bar

Friday

Clam chowder soup, minestrone soup, braised beef and noodles, baked fish, mashed potatoes, fried cabbage, mix vegetables, chicken gravy, dinner rolls, potato salad, spinach salad, standard salad bar, banana bread, shortbread cookies, Dutch apple pie.
Specialty Bar: Hot Dog

Miscellaneous

Breast Pump

Medela double electric breast pump. Pump in style advanced with metro bag. Only used for a few weeks. All clean and sanitized. \$190 OBO. For more information, call 253-2249.

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Rainbow Home Daycare has openings for children from ages 2-5. Hours are from 8 a.m. to noon. First aid and CPR certified. Fourteen years of experience working in child care centers. Degree in early childhood education. Specializes in teaching pre-school age children in a structured environment that prepares them for kindergarten. For more information, call 253-2246.

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Halloween safety tips

Halloween on Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni can be a great time for residents of all ages. The Provost Marshal's Office asks that every member of the community consider the following tips and help to make this Halloween safe and enjoyable for all of our young trick-or-treaters.

Pedestrian Safety:

- Parents are highly encouraged to accompany their children in accordance with Marine Corps Bases Japan Youth Supervision Guidelines.
- Plan your children's routes and ensure you have a designated place to meet them in case you become separated.
- Children should use flashlights and stay on sidewalks.
- Children should cross the street at crosswalks and not between parked cars.
- Vehicle operators should drive slowly and watch carefully for children.

Costume Safety:

- Children should never go into homes - stay outside of the residence when asking for treats.
- Children should never talk to strangers or get into a stranger's car.
- Wear clothing that is bright, reflective and flame-retardant; wear short clothing to prevent tripping.

- Wear sneakers or comfortable shoes.
- Use face paint (non-toxic, hypoallergenic) and avoid masks - especially if the eye holes obstruct the child's vision.
- Don't wear floppy hats or wigs that slide over the eyes. Also, children should not wear long, baggy, or loose costumes or oversized shoes.
- Avoid toy weapons - if desired, use costume knives and swords that are flexible, not rigid.
- Stay away from pets. The pet may not recognize the child and become frightened.
- Children should travel in small groups and be accompanied by parents or an authorized adult chaperone.
- Children should know their home phone number and their parents' cell phone numbers, in case they are separated from one another.
- Children should bring treats home before eating them so parents can inspect them.

Military Police bicycle and foot patrols will be assigned to each housing area.

If at any time you or your child needs assistance, please call the military police desk sergeant at 253-3303 or for emergencies dial 911.

Team Torii notches belt again, edges out MAG-12 in 19-16 chili barn burner

LANCE CPL. CHRIS KUTLESA
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

The chili might have been hot, but it was the competition on the field that was heating up.

Softball teams from around the station competed in the annual Chili Slip-N-Slide Softball Competition at Penny Lake Fields here Saturday.

Six teams went head-to-head throughout the day beginning at 10:30 a.m.

The final game was between Team Torii and Marine Aircraft Group 12.

Team Torii won the competition, beating out MAG-12 with a score of 19 to 16.

Right out the gate Torii took an 11-run lead in the first inning.

The next few innings were stale with neither team getting much action.

Torii began having trouble stringing together enough hits, allowing MAG-12 to creep up the scoreboard making a couple of runs each inning.

According to Torii's captain Rodney L. Buentello, their troubles on the field were not so

much human error as it was for the sake of entertainment.

"The last game was good. We took an 11-0 lead. We knew we had it in the bag so we started playing around, you know, because we could. We tried to make it interesting for the kids to come out here and watch us play, but other than that, we knew we were going to win," said Buentello. "No team out here competes with us, so we knew we had it in the bag."

In the seventh inning, MAG-12 gave them a run for their money, racking up back-to-back runs.

Unfortunately, it was not enough to make them champions, ultimately leaving Torii as the Chili Slip-N-Slide victors.

"They played well... They played up to their level; we played below ours," said Brandon Mumme, left center fielder for MAG-12. "If we had played to our level like when we got that really nice rally going, maybe the outcome would have been different."

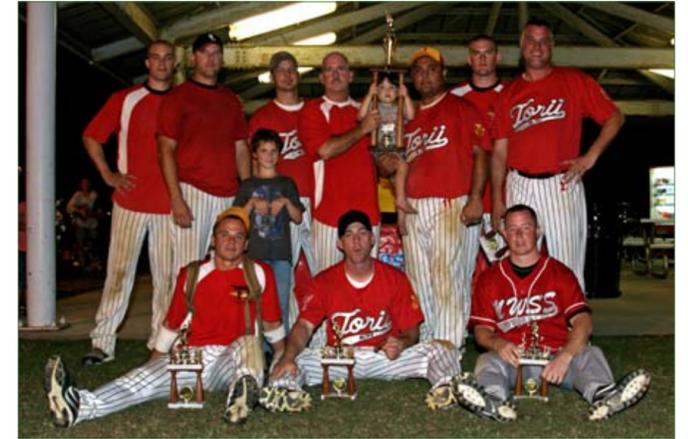
MAG-12 was particularly proud of themselves for making it so far in the competition considering

Torii's background.

"Everyone on our team is from one unit, MAG-12 headquarters, and from my understanding, their team is made up from all the best players around the station," said Mumme. "For us to come in second place and almost

beat an all-star team, if you will, is really cool."

Once the competition came to an end, both teams held informal ceremonies, handing out trophies to each player, courtesy of Marine Corps Community Services.



Team Torii takes first place at the Chili Slip-N-Slide Softball Competition at Penny Lake Field here Saturday. Six teams participated in the all-day competition.

All Stars rush to victory 33-12 in preseason flag football

PFC. VANESSA JIMENEZ
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

The preseason Intramural Flag Football Tournament came to an end Sept. 28 at the Penny Lake fields here with the All Stars winning the championship against Five-O 33-12.

Five-O had a hot start, winning the first game of the night against IYAOYAS 36-19. "The game didn't start off too well, but we stepped it up during the second half and came out victorious," said Seth Stringham, wide receiver and safety for Five-O.

IYAOYAS scored the first touchdown of the night in hopes of setting the tone six minutes into the game.

IYAOYAS didn't keep the lead for long with Stringham scoring a touchdown just 10 minutes later and Mikal Patterson scoring immediately after that, bringing the score to 12-7 in Five-O's favor.

The next touchdown was made by Joseph Brown, putting IYAOYAS in the lead by one, 13-12.

Jacob Mays, defensive back for Five-O, made an interception, which set up a Stringham completion for a touchdown at the end of the first half, putting Five-O back on top 18-13.

The second half of the game was rough for the IYAOYAS, and the team was only able to score one more touchdown.

Five-O prevailed with strong defense and good containment against the IYAOYAS. "We did what we had to do to put points on the board," said Stringham.

Stringham scored the last touchdown of the game making the final score 36-19 and leaving the IYAOYAS as the third-place finishers.

"There were a lot of mistakes made," said Stuart Sylvester. "We're a better team than we played; now we can work to improve for the regular season."

After winning the first game, Five-O went on to compete in the championship game against the undefeated All Stars.

Being a double-elimination tournament, the end result would determine whether another game would be played the next night.

On their first possession, the All Stars' offense marched the ball down the field for a touchdown.

By half time, the All Stars were up 13-6 with no plans on letting go of the reins.

The second half started right back up for the All Stars when they scored a touchdown, making the score 19-6.

Five-O came back quick with a touchdown, making the score 19-12 and giving hope for the rest of the game.

After some trouble moving the ball down field, the All Stars caught a break, but it didn't last long when an interception was thrown right into Five-O's hands.

After a penalty on Five-O, the All Stars got the ball back and scored again, raising the

bar and the score 25-12.

Five-O took the ball back down the field and scored, bringing them within touchdown range of tying the score.

With only three minutes left, the All Stars stopped Five-O and got the ball back.

In those three minutes, the All Stars made all the right plays to bring the championship game to an end and come out victorious 33-12.

"The lock tight defense is what got us through," said T.J. Ferguson, wide receiver for the All Stars. "We held up the game only letting them score 12 points."

"It was our first time playing together, but our chemistry was bliss," he added.

Regular season flag football begins Oct. 18.



IYAOYAS players attempt to take down an elusive Five-O player during the third-place game for the preseason Intramural Flag Football Tournament at the Penny Lake fields here Sept. 28. Five-O went on to lose in the championship to the All Stars 33-12.



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