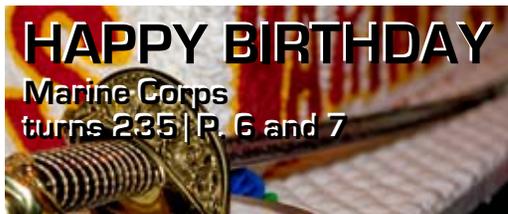




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JASDF aviation cadets get birds-eye view of Marine aviation support

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IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Nine Japan Air Self-Defense Force personnel from the 12th Flying Training Wing, Hofu North Air Base, Yamaguchi Prefecture, along with 61 aviation cadets visited the air station to take an organized tour of the base Nov 4.

“Just like (Reserved Officer Training Corps), boot camp or (Officer Candidate School), the cadets are going through their training, and this is a chance for them to kind of see all

the different facets we have here,” said Capt. James N. Snyder, Marine Aircraft Group 12 current operations chief.

The tour included a trip to the top of the new air traffic control tower, a visit to the Marine All-Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 224 hangar to view their static display, a test flight in the Tactical Operations Flight Trainer, and finally a walk through of the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force section of the station.

“It’s important for them to have visits like this because it pretty much lets them know if

anything happens the U.S. has their backs,” said Cpl. Lorenzo L. Woods, MAG-12 future operations chief.

The tour began with a welcome aboard slide-show presentation explaining the mission of the air station and the different areas of operation on station.

After the brief, the JASDF personnel and cadets were broken into three groups where they remained until the end of the tour.

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LANCE CPL. CLAUDIO A. MARTINEZ

Station Marines run through drills designed to teach them how to save the life of a drowning victim during a three-week Marine Combat Instructor Trainer of Water Survival course at the IronWorks Gym pool here Nov. 4. Marines are both physically and mentally tested through various written and physically demanding exams.

Marines get back to roots, hit pool for water combat

LANCE CPL. CLAUDIO A. MARTINEZ
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

There are many sayings used to describe U.S. Marines. Marines are a force in readiness.

Every Marine is a rifleman first. One that some people feel is overlooked in today’s desert and mountain warfare is Marines are amphibious by nature.

In keeping true with that saying, six station Marines are taking part in a three-week, 15 training day, Marine Combat Instructor Trainer of Water Survival course at the IronWorks Gym pool here, which started Nov. 3.

Master Sgt. Jason Miller, MCITWS instructor trainer, is the senior instructor of the course here.

Miller said the MCITWS course is tougher than a regular Marine swim-qualification course because they are creating Marine instructors during the course.

“There’s no joking (during the course) because we are talking about human lives,” said Miller. “You’re talking about Marines who can be afraid of heights and water (during a swim qualification course). Here, there’s a different level of seriousness.”

Approximately 15 Marines started the course. After the preliminary tests, only six Marines were allowed to continue.

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Night under stars: Bonfire honors Girl Scout founder

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IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Iwakuni Girl Scout troops, volunteers and parents gathered around a bonfire, Saturday evening, to celebrate the birthday of Juliette Gordon Low, the founder of the USA Girl Scouts.

Low was born Juliette Margill Kinzie Gordon on Oct. 31, 1860 in Savannah, Ga.

Interested in developing a new youth movement, Low assembled 18 girls to organize the first Girl Scout Troop on March 12, 1912, in her hometown.

According to girlscouts.org, Low believed all girls should be given the opportunity to develop physically, mentally and spiritually.

Today, there are more than 2 million Girl Scout members and more than 900,000 adults who volunteer and work to keep the organization going.

To celebrate the outgoing nature and traditions of the USA Girl Scouts, local troops sang songs, told stories and roasted hotdogs and marshmallows around a bonfire before camping out in tents during the night.

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

'Patriotism, like charity, begins at home'

LT. CMDR. JOHN COMETA
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CHAPLAIN

When I was growing up, my father, the late Dr. Hernando Cometa, a World War II veteran, would tell me his war exploits in the Philippines.

He would also take me and my elder brother to movie theaters to watch his favorite movies like "The Longest Day," "Sands of Iwo Jima," "Tobruk," "Where Eagles Dare" and other war movies that depict the brutality of war and gallantry of our American fighting men and women who defended the freedom we all cherish most.

While my elementary classmates idolized superheroes like Superman, Spiderman, Batman and Robin, my superheroes were men and women who made up the Marines, Army, Navy and Air Force.

I have always dreamed of becoming a Marine.

In my tender age, my father instilled in me that America is the only nation in the world prepared to give dignity to man that God intended.

My father instilled in me, true American patriotism.

He would proudly tell me, "John, I fought the invading enemy forces during the second World War under the American flag."

John Schaar, in his case for Patriotism wrote, "Patriotism is unwelcome in many quarters of the land today and unknown in many others. There is virtually no thoughtful discussion of the subject, for the word, in most people's mind into a brackish pond of sentiment there thought cannot reach. Many Americans do not think patriotic thoughts. The republic for them is a vague and distant thing absent from their hearts, lost to their eyes."

We need to instill true patriotism in our children. "When we teach our children about the American flag, our country, and our national anthem we teach them respect, pride, honor, commitment, strength and so many other quality characters. I believe they carry this character into every thread of their lives once learned."

This is one important legacy we can leave to our future generation - love for God and love for our county. (Pro Deo et Patria)

In the Scriptures, in Deuteronomy 6:5-6 says, "Love

the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up."

Last week, November 11, 2010, we celebrated Veterans Day. President Obama encouraged all Americans to recognize the valor and sacrifice of our veterans through appropriate public ceremonies and private prayers.

President Obama wrote, "On Veterans Day, we come together to pay tribute to the men and women who have worn the uniform of the United States Armed Forces. Americans across this land commemorate the patriots who have risked their lives to preserve the liberty of our Nation, the families who support them and the heroes no longer with us. It is not our weapons or our technology that make us the most advanced military in the world; it is the unparalleled spirit, skill, and devotion of our troops. As we honor our veterans with ceremonies on this day, let our actions strengthen the bond between a Nation and her warriors."

Leadership - Part 1: Respect & a caring attitude

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One of the primary goals of every leader is for human relations to have a positive meaning.

It is to a leader's benefit to treat people fairly, with respect and dignity. Such a stance helps create a conducive working environment where subordinates look forward to coming to work, learning to do their job, and working side-by side with their co-workers.

Effective human relations do not forsake organizational standards, common courtesy, and discipline.

Human relations expresses to supervisors the need to show concern for people and acquire knowledge about the respect for the background, values, goals, needs and skills or subordinates.

Quality leadership is willing to listen, respond, and demonstrate trust and confidence in each individual's ability to do the job.

Such leaders also treat individuals and groups with respect and dignity.

Leaders must foster a work environment that is conducive to accomplishing the mission.

Treating all others with respect and dignity is absolutely essential to ensuring that everyone

is developing and working toward their full potential.

All are valued members of the team; each expects to be treated as an adult, not as someone of lesser status. They have rights. These rights must be made known to them and thereafter respected. They have ambitions. These must be stirred. They have a belief in fair play. This must be honored. They have a need for comradeship that must be supplied. Their imagination must be stimulated.

Their sense of personal dignity must be sustained.

Pride must be satisfied and made the bedrock of character which is possible once they have been assured that they are playing a useful and respected role.

To provide a subordinate these things is the acme of inspired leadership. Loyalty emanates because loyalty is given to them.

We must enhance within ourselves and our subordinates the urge to practice daily the fundamentals of our military values: honor, commitment, courage, integrity, selfless service, duty, loyalty and personal courage.

This is not an overnight mission but one that involves a change in our cultural mindset. The opportunity to reach new heights is here now.

VETERAN

MISTY BENEDICT
MARINE AND FAMILY SERVICES

Amongst them all, a few did stand
Men and women joined hand and hand.
They fight for America at all cost
Put their lives in danger and some lost.
When hearing the Anthem, it makes them cry

A song devoted to them, their lullaby.
Some are off in far-away lands
Writing letters and praying to be home again.
They hold their own, depend on none
Knowing this is how it must be done.
So then you question the reasons why
This service member is ready to die.
On our behalf they took an oath,
To defend against all, foreign and home
These are the Veterans that proudly serve
Give them the respect that they deserve.

JASDF cadets experience Marine aviation, get hands on with simulator

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Groups rotated between the ATC tower, the VMFA(AW)-224 static display and the Tactical Operations Flight Training building.

With a total of about 25, group 1 was the smallest group in rotation. Their first stop was the new ATC tower located on the northside of base.

"The tower was very interesting," said Maj. Taku Iyama, 12th FTW Instructor. "It had a very beautiful view."

After seeing the air station from its highest view, group 1 proceeded to the VMFA(AW)-224 hangar to see the setup of the F/A-18D Hornets at the static display.

"They will probably feel more comfortable

about looking at us as more reliable allies now after seeing some of the ways we operate," said Woods.

The cadets and service members walked through the hangar while being briefed on the different parts of the aircraft and were finally given an opportunity to see the cockpit of an F/A-18 Hornet while Capt. Natalie Fries, VMFA(AW)-224 pilot, explained the functions of the different tools in the cockpit.

The last stop on the tour for group 1 was the Tactical Operations Flight Trainer where cadets and service members were given an opportunity to take a short F/A-18 test flight using two of the indoor flight simulators.

"We enjoyed the whole tour very much, but we especially enjoyed the flight delta simulator,"

said Iyama.

Sounds of laughter and gasps of fear scattered through the facility as cadets and JASDF service members barely swerved past buildings and mountains while taking their simulated flights.

"I think everyone always enjoys the simulator the most," said Snyder. "It's like a big multi-million dollar video game. You get to get in there and fly an F/A-18."

After the groups finished rotation, they were complete with the American side of the tour. All groups assembled in front of the VMFA(AW)-224 hangar and were directed to the JMSDF here to conclude their Iwakuni tour.

Marines test out sea legs, train to be combat water survival instructors

WATER FROM PAGE 1

"The course has pretty much a 60- to 70-percent attrition rate," said Miller. "The course is extremely challenging."

The training teaches the student Marines the various ways to rescue a conscious or unconscious victim from the water. Marines also learn how to teach what they've learned to someone else.

"In (the regular swim-qualification course) Marines learn how to conduct rescues, but the difference between that is an instructor has to be able to (teach) every technique," said Chief Warrant Officer 4 Bradley

J. Goode, an MCITWS instructor. "We have to review that, we have to go through the school and we have to (teach those) individuals so their technique is perfect, so when they're instructing, they're instructing the right (way)."

As Marines move forward through their training, they are required to pass a variety of written and physical condition exams.

"We don't have time to build them up because we only have 15 days," said Goode. "We get them in shape quick, show them the techniques and they either pass or fail. They either do the techniques right or they fail the

course. There's no in between about it."

The student Marines are physically and mentally pushed to their limits as they learn the various swimming and lifesaving techniques.

"When I first came to pre-qual, I was like, 'OK, this is kind of easy,'" said Pfc. Michael Hicks, a MCITWS-course participant. "Once you get the course started, it's no joke. It's the real deal. It's just that much more intense."

Although tough and intense, the reason is not lost on Marines like Hicks.

"As Marines, we are an amphibious assault," said Hicks.

"We need to be not only good on land but on water. We need to be able to help the other armed forces. That's what the Marine Corps is for. We're the big dog."

Miller is slated to leave here soon, which will leave the station without a qualified senior MCITWS-course instructor.

The Marines who graduate will graduate as Marine Corps Combat Instructors of Water Survival and only be able to test other Marines during a regular swim qualification and during an instructor-qualification course.

Plans are still being discussed to qualify another Marine as a senior MCITWS-course instructor.

Girl Scouts take night out for commemoration, s'mores, fun

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"The main thing we wanted to do was just let the girls know who Juliette Gordon Low (was) and why we are here tonight," said Sarah Summers, cadet troop leader.

Information about the founder's life and early history of the Girl Scouts was shared with the young troops to emphasize her effort to establish the Girl Scout organization and its moral value.

According to the Girl Scout cadets, grades 6-12, Low was a woman who believed in giving back to the community and helping others.

"Girl Scouts try to build girls of courage, confidence and character in girls of all ages," said Summers. "That is our goal. We try to get involved in the community. We try to let the girls take it upon themselves to figure out how they want to do that."

Throughout the year, the girls have spent much time volunteering at the base thrift store, the library, and even donated books to send to children in Africa.

"We mostly volunteer," said Areal Goode, Girl Scout cadet. "We like to get together and help people."

In addition to volunteering, the girls also carry on traditions of the Girl Scouts by participating in various outdoor activities including a camp out at Seven Falls and a climb to the top of Mount Fuji, a challenge the girls met with determination.

"Every single girl who attempted the climb made it to the top and back down," said Summers. "We were very proud of them."

According to Goode, the Girl Scouts organization allows young girls to build camaraderie like no other.

"We are all in the same grade, have the same classes and are good friends," said Goode.



LANCE CPL. JENNIFER PIRANTE

Iwakuni Girl Scout troops roast marshmallows around a bonfire Saturday evening to celebrate the birthday of Juliette Gordon Low, the founder of the USA Girl Scouts. To celebrate the outgoing nature and traditions of the USA Girl Scouts local troops sang songs, told stories and roasted hotdogs and marshmallows around the bonfire before camping out in tents during the night.

"We're like one big family. We get together and just laugh."

According to girlscouts.org, girls discover the fun, friendship, and power of girls together. Through a myriad of enriching experiences, such as extraordinary field trips, sports, skill-building clinics, community service projects,

cultural exchanges, and environmental stewardships, girls grow courageous and strong.

Local members of the Girl Scouts continue to carry out the Girl Scout mission, which is to build courage, confidence, and character within its members who, in turn, potentially make the world a better place.

Behind the scenes: Station members build birthday ball

LANCE CPL. CLAUDIO A. MARTINEZ
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

The Marine Corps celebrated its 235th birthday on Nov. 10. Venues of various sorts across the world were decorated to host the traditional Marine Corps Birthday Ball for Marines to celebrate the occasion.

Following suit, Marines here were chosen and directed to prepare the IronWorks Gym sports courts here for the Marine Corps birthday balls hosted Nov. 8, 9 and 10.

Forty-one Marines from different units around the station were responsible for turning the gym's sports courts into a venue fit to celebrate a night filled with traditions and camaraderie.

"(The Iwakuni birthday ball) is very unique compared to any other balls that you're going to go to," said Larry Mask, Marine Corps Community Services special events entertainment manager. "(MCCS and a handful of Marines) go through and set up the whole show and do everything. In the states, a lot of units set up their own and go through different hotels, but no one really does it the way we do."

The Marines started work on the gym on Oct. 18 and worked hard for nearly three weeks.

In an effort to accomplish their goal, the working-party Marines also sacrificed some of their weekends.

Mask said the ultimate goal for the working party was to provide the best possible birthday ball for the station Marines to celebrate in.

The working-party Marines labored hard in laying down blue sheets to protect the gym floor, putting down red carpet throughout the gym hallways and setting up hundreds of tables for the ball.

It took the Marines nearly three days to zip-tie hundreds of feet of cammie-netting together and hang it from the gym walls.

Cpl. Jacob Mays, a Provost Marshal's Office military police officer and a birthday ball working party supervisor, said the hardest part in setting up the gym was the beginning stages of getting to know the other Marines and keeping their morale up throughout the working party.

The Marines spent days and hours obsessing on the smallest details of the ball.

They used strings and measuring tapes to cover and align the tables, chairs and silverware. Nothing less than perfection was expected from the Marines as they worked to align the tables.

"The hardest thing (to set up) was definitely the tables," said Mays. "Everything from the place mats, to the cups, to the mementoes — everything is all aligned. Everything is lined up perfectly in every single way. It's pretty tedious."

After the work was done and the Marines looked at what they accomplished, many did so with some pride.

"When I look in that room, I look back at day one and I think this was a gym with gym equipment, and how we transformed it into pretty much a hall, it makes me feel good," said Mays. "Making it perfect for our guys to have a good Marine Corps birthday — nothing compares to (the feeling)."

Combat Logistics Company 36 and Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 had their ball on Nov. 8. Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron had theirs on Nov. 9. Marine Aircraft Group 12 and Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12 Marines had their ball on Nov. 10.

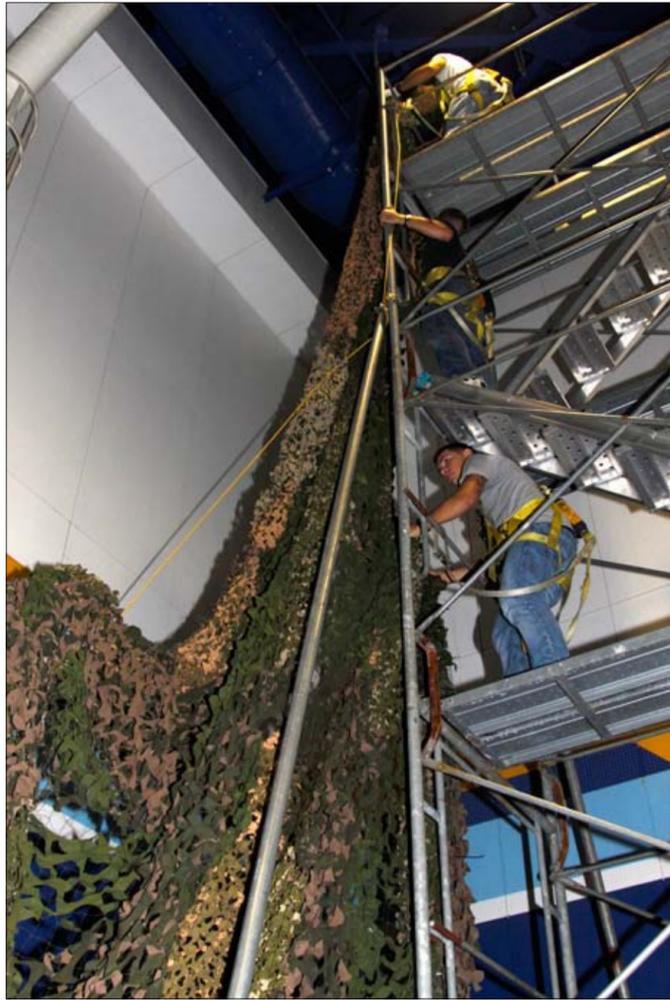
The Marines had to redecorate the gym after the first two balls.

Tables and chairs were realigned while floors and silverware were re-cleaned.

Pvt. James Zimmerman, a Marine Aircraft Group 12 small arms technician and working-party Marine, said he still felt pride that the Marines were only able to have their celebration because of the work he was involved in, even though it involved a lot of work only to be redone the next day.

"I only hope they think it looks pretty nice and realize we did a lot of hard work," said Zimmerman.

After the last ball, the working-party Marines are slated to spend a week breaking down the decorations to turn the ballroom back into a gym's sports courts.



LANCE CPL. CLAUDIO A. MARTINEZ

Marines work together to hang hundreds of feet of camouflage-netting to the IronWorks Gym sports court wall here for the Marine Corps Birthday Ball, Oct. 20. Forty-one Marines from around the station were responsible for turning the gym's sports courts into a venue fit to celebrate the 235th birthday of the Marine Corps.



LANCE CPL. CLAUDIO A. MARTINEZ

Lance Cpl. Khiei Rollins, a Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12 maintenance management specialist, tries to align decorative flags to each other during a working party he participated in to help turn the IronWorks Gym sports courts into a hall for the Marine Corps Birthday Ball, Nov. 3.



LANCE CPL. MARCEL BROWN

Cpl. Shaquan Jackson, Marine Aircraft Group 12 ground safety manager, prepares to fire an Indoor Simulated Marksmanship Trainer AT4 rocket launcher during the weapons familiarization class at the Indoor Small Arms Range here Nov. 2. Marines practiced firing drills with the M-249 SAW, M-240G and the AT-4.

BIG GUNS: MAG-12 NCOs enjoy MCT refresher at ISAR

LANCE CPL. MARCEL BROWN
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Two groups of Marine Aircraft Group 12 noncommissioned officers attended a weapons familiarization class at the Indoor Small Arms Range here Nov. 2 to refresh themselves on the fundamentals of being a Marine rifleman.

"I think the class is very important because every Marine is a rifleman," said Master Sgt. Rodney Buentello, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron training chief and class instructor. "It's important for everyone to keep abreast with all weapons because, in today's war, anybody can go to war at anytime, and the more knowledge you get, the better war fighter you become in the long run."

The class began with an instructor introduction followed by a period of instruction on the importance of the different weapons systems, the importance of teamwork in combat and the importance of being a rifleman.

"It's nice to get training like this because as an admin specialist, I don't get very much time out in the field or very much time to handle these kind of weapons," said Sgt. Eric Benitez, MAG-12 administrative Specialist.

After the informal periods of instruction, the Marines were brought into the Indoor



LANCE CPL. MARCEL BROWN

Marine Aircraft Group 12 Marines practice firing as part of a combat scenario during a weapons familiarization class at the Indoor Small Arms Range here Nov. 2. Marines practiced trigger discipline during combat scenarios during the class.

Simulated Marksmanship Trainer where they practiced weapon identification, firing drills and combat tactics; the same type of training grunts do on a regular basis, and the same training that will be important for Marines deploying to Afghanistan in the near future.

"With this war going on, the grunts sometimes need breaks, so the non-infantry guys have to go into rotation and become the infantry Marines," said Buentello.

After Marines receive orders to combat, they must undergo countless hours of pre-deployment training before getting sent out

to theatre.

Pre-deployment training covers a vast amount of knowledge Marines need to know before deploying; however, several Marines said the weapons familiarization class plays a helpful role in pre-deployment training.

"It's better to be familiarized with the weapon systems before you go through (pre-deployment training). That way when you get to (pre-deployment training), you can increase your knowledge instead of starting from scratch," said Cpl. Elijah M. Selvidge, MAG-12 chemical biological radiological and nuclear non-commissioned officer-in-charge.

After getting familiar with the weapons and practicing combat tactics with crew-served weapons, the Marines practiced aiming and firing discipline while going through programmed real-life scenarios on screen.

"The (Indoor Simulated Marksmanship Trainer) gives you an image to see instead of having a stationary target to shoot at," said Selvidge. "It's more of a real-world situation."

Even though many of the NCOs were familiar with the material taught, they said operating the weapons systems was a blur until they took the refresher class.

"Once they know it, they store it, and when it's brought up again, they'll remember it like riding a bike," said Buentello. "Me being a (grunt), teaching these classes helps me stay abreast with my knowledge as well."

Buentello said he is willing to begin convoy training, patrol alertness training and other combat-related training based on command request.



PFC. CHANGE HISER

The sword detail stands at present arms as the official party enters during the Marine Corps Birthday Ball at IronWorks Gym here Tuesday. Following the guest speaker's arrival, attendees watched the birthday message from Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. James F. Amos.



LANCE CPL. MIRANDA BLACKBURN

A Marine dressed in World War I garb stands at parade rest during the pageant at the Marine Corps Birthday Ball held at the IronWorks Gym here Monday. During the pageant, Marines appeared in uniforms from every different era of the Marine Corps.



PFC. CHANGE HISER

Brig. Gen. Mark A. Brillakis, deputy commanding general of III Marine Expeditionary Force and honored guest, takes the first bite of cake during the Marine Corps Birthday Ball at IronWorks Gym here Tuesday. During the Marine Corps Birthday Ball, the guest of honor traditionally receives the first piece of cake.



LANCE CPL. MIRANDA BLACKBURN

The cake detail walks out the cake during the Marine Corps Birthday Ball held at the IronWorks Gym here Monday. A piece of cake was given to the guest of honor, the youngest Marine and the oldest Marine at the ceremony. Station members celebrated the birthday over the course of three days and three separate balls.

The oldest Marine, Master Sgt. Leonard B. Crooms, passes a slice of cake to the youngest Marine, Lance Cpl. Drevonn Fluellen, during the Marine Corps Birthday Ball held at the IronWorks Gym here Monday. The cake passing symbolizes the passing of the torch from the oldest generation of Marines to the newest generation of Marines, for they will be the stewards of the Marine Corps in years to come.



LANCE CPL. MIRANDA BLACKBURN

Marine Corps turns 235, celebrates 235 years of honor, courage, commitment

LANCE CPL. MIRANDA BLACKBURN
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Since 1921, when Gen. John A. Lejeune issued Marine Corps Order No. 47 summarizing the history, mission and tradition of the Corps, Marines all over the world have celebrated the birth of the Marine Corps either on or around Nov. 10.

"Ten November represents the start of our Corps, a beginning of a belief in oneself, in each other and in a commitment to a fledgling nation that had to defeat the greatest political, economic and military power of its age to begin an experiment in government and in the fundamental rights of man," said Brig. Gen. Mark A. Brillakis, deputy commanding general of III Marine Expeditionary Force and guest speaker for one of the Marine Corps Birthday Balls.

"Our commitment to that great experiment as Marines and in the United States has not wavered in those 235 years," he added.

Marine commands began celebrating the birthday

in their own special ways from staged formal dances to mock battles until the Marine Corps held its first formal birthday ball in 1925.

In celebration of the 235th Marine Corps Birthday, station members here celebrated the birthday over the course of three days and three separate balls.

Service members and civilians from across the station observed the birthday in a lavishly transformed IronWorks Gym here Monday through Wednesday.

As each night began, Marines and their dates socialized and made casual conversation while finding their seats. The lights grew dim, and video from the commandant of the Marine Corps played.

In his first birthday message since becoming the Commandant of the Marine Corps Oct. 22, Gen. James F. Amos paid tribute to the Marines of the Korean War and recognized their contributions to our enduring legacy.

Amos also focused on the recent accomplishments of today's Marines in marking the end of combat operations in Iraq and the future accomplishments to

come. After the ceremony concluded and the colors were retired, Marines stood at attention for the playing of the Marine Hymn and Anchors Aweigh, while a large Eagle, Globe and Anchor disco ball descended from the ceiling as the cue to start the party.

A gourmet dinner was served and attendees made their way to the dance floor.

"It is crucial to celebrate our illustrious history and to keep our traditions alive," said Sgt. Maj. Gonzalo A. Vasquez, guest speaker for one of the Marine Corps Birthday Balls. "I personally value the Marine Corps Birthday celebration. I see it as a time to dress up, enjoy the company of our brothers and sisters and to eat, dance and party. It is also a time to reflect on those who have gone before us and also on our personal contributions to the Corps."

Throughout the world on Nov. 10, Marines celebrate the birth of their Corps — arguably the most loyal, most feared, most revered and most professional fighting force the world has ever known.

CORPS NEWS

HIGHLIGHTING MARINES AND SAILORS AROUND THE GLOBE



LANCE CPL. BRUNO J. BEGO

CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C.—Staff Sgt. Pete K. McKinney (left), and Staff Sgt. Roger L. Walker (right), two explosive ordnance disposal technicians with Combat Logistics Battalion 22, Combat Logistics Regiment 27, 2nd Marine Logistics Group, bury a simulated improvised explosive device as part of a convoy training exercise, Oct. 20, at Fort Bragg, N.C. The exercise tested the Marines' capabilities to recognize a possible IED threat.

Convoy Op, IED prevention maintain Marines combat readiness

LANCE CPL. BRUNO J. BEGO
2ND MARINE LOGISTICS GROUP

CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. — Successfully completing convoy operations through terrain heavily saturated by improvised explosive devices, like Afghanistan, can be challenging and dangerous.

Eighteen Marines with Combat Logistics Battalion 22, Combat Logistics Regiment 27, 2nd Marine Logistics Group, embarked on a day-long convoy IED awareness drill that took them 12 miles into the deepest training areas on Fort Bragg, Oct. 20.

"The main idea was to show the Marines step-by-step how a basic tactical convoy movement works," said Sgt. Timothy D. Dankemeyer, the CLB-22 motor transportation chief. "Basically, how to disperse the vehicles during stops, post convoy security, scan and sight possible IED threats and in case the convoy gets hit, practice how to perform a [medical evacuation]."

During the convoy, Marines were challenged with obstacles such as road side bombs and mine fields.

"The hardest part for the Marines, I believe, was the patience they had to have while waiting from 45 minutes to an hour for the quick reaction force to do their job and make sure the road was clear to continue," Dankemeyer said.

Marines not only learned the basics of clearing IEDs, but they also learned how to properly MEDEVAC casualties.

"I think my Marines did a great job during the exercise," Dankemeyer said. "Especially

for the amount of experience they have, some are new to the unit and some haven't even deployed yet, so the overall performance was what I expected."

Explosive Ordnance Disposal Marines played an important role during the exercise by providing realistic training material.

"In today's combat environment, IEDs are the number one threat. That's why we take IED awareness training very seriously," pointed out Chief Warrant Officer 3 Luke A. Moore, the EOD officer-in-charge with CLB-22. "My biggest issue, regardless of the Marine's occupation, is complacency."

The training exercise puts Marines in real life scenarios where they will have to perform the appropriate action according to the situation.

"Marines don't like to be wrong," Moore expressed with serious concern. "If they see something suspicious they prefer to make sure there is an actual IED on the road."

"They feel like they will waste their and our time and nothing can be more wrong than that mindset," said Moore. "That only means they are paying attention and trying to save lives by doing the right thing."

Proper preparation is key to accomplishing any mission, but with an invisible enemy that can hit when least expected, training can mean the difference between success and failure.



LANCE CPL. BRUNO J. BEGO

CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C.—Lance Cpl. Jeffrey J. Chene (left), Lance Cpl. Peter P. Clapsaddle (center) and Cpl. Ryan E. Buchanan, three combat engineers with Engineer Company, Combat Logistics Battalion 22, Combat Logistics Regiment 27, 2nd Marine Logistics Group search for buried mines as part of a convoy training exercise, Oct. 20, at Fort Bragg, N.C. The exercise tested the Marines' capabilities to find and identify the different type of mines.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Lending Locker Program

The lending locker program is available to provide small home appliances and utensils for incoming and outgoing command-sponsored members for up to 60 days inbound and 30 days outbound. A copy of PCS orders are required to check-out items and the program is by appointment only. The lending locker is located in Building 411, Room 101. Appointments can be made 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. For more information, call 253-6161.

Provost Marshal's Office

The PMO Community Relations Office has new hours of operation for fingerprinting, flight-line access, passport reentry stamps, and the lost and found. New office hours are from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. daily.

NMCRS Quick Assist Loans

The Iwakuni Navy Marine Corps Relief Society is 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, call 253-5311 or stop by the Marine Memorial Chapel, Room 148.

Volunteers wanted

Marine Corps Community Services is looking for service members to participate in a focus group to determine the tastes and preferences related to entertainment and dining. For more information, call 253-5715.

Fertility Seminar

Dr. Atsushi Tanaka is scheduled to host a fertility seminar in the Branch Health Clinic lobby 5 p.m. Thursday. The seminar will cover infertility treatment options and other child conceiving topics. The seminar is for all interested personnel. For more information, call Lt. j.g. Torres at 253-3014.

Kuragake Castle Festival

There is an opportunity for six men to participate in the Kuragake Castle Festival Nov. 21 in a remote area of Iwakuni City. The men will be dressed up as real samurai warriors from the past. Costumes and transportation will be provided for the event. For more information, call 253-5551 or e-mail hiromi.kawamoto.ja@usmc.mil.

Thanksgiving Day Buffet

All single and unaccompanied service members are encouraged to come and enjoy a great meal 12 – 6 p.m. Nov. 25 at the Club Grand Ballroom. Spend this day enjoying the company of others and partaking in holiday activities. For more information, call 253-3585.

Day After Thanksgiving Party

Need something to do after turkey day? Have fun at the Marine Lounge Thanksgiving party. There will be free snacks, refreshments, games, and gift cards! Open to all single and unaccompanied service members. For more information, call 253-5368.

Damah Film Festival

The Damah Film Festival is scheduled to run 7 – 10 p.m. Nov. 26, 10 a.m. – 10 p.m. Nov. 27 and 10 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. Nov. 28 in several theaters located in Iwakuni, Hiroshima

and Fukuyama. One-day passes are available at the four participating theaters and the Damah Film Festival in Hiroshima. Tickets for Nov. 26 are 1,000 yen in advance and 1,200 yen at the door. Tickets for Nov. 27 and 28 are 1,500 yen in advance and 1,700 yen at the door. For information, visit <http://www.dama.jp/en/programs.html>.

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.

Looking for
santa



Your local Marine Corps Exchange is looking for a volunteer to be Santa for this coming holiday season. Stop by the MCCS Human Resources office on the second floor of the Crossroads Mall to fill out a volunteer form. For more information, call 253-3030.

SAKURA THEATER

Friday, November 12, 2010

7 p.m. Hereafter (PG-13)
Premier
10 p.m. The Resident Evil (R)
Premier

Saturday, November 13, 2010

1 p.m. Alpha and Omega (PG)
4 p.m. Red (PG-13)
7 p.m. Machete (R)

Sunday, November 14, 2010

1 p.m. Alpha and Omega (PG)
4 p.m. Hereafter (PG-13)
7 p.m. The Resident Evil (R)

Monday, November 15, 2010

7 p.m. Going the Distance (R)
Last Showing

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

7 p.m. Red (PG-13)

Wednesday, November 17, 2010

7 p.m. Machete (R)

Thursday, November 18, 2010

7 p.m. The Last Exorcism (PG-13)

FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, ADMISSION IS FREE FOR ALL ACTIVE DUTY PERSONNEL AND VETERANS.

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.

CLASSIFIEDS

Vehicles

1994 Toyota Corsa

Complete with CD player. JCI good until October 2012. Asking for \$500. For more information, call 253-7716.

2002 Nissan Liberty

Seats 7. Has sunroof, Japanese navigation system, power sliding door, keyless entry. JCI good until December 2011. Asking for \$4,200 OBO. For more information, call Jenn at 253-2146 or 080-4179-3033 or email jenn8164@yahoo.com.

Mess Hall Menu

Monday

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

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

Cream of broccoli soup, knickerbocker soup, turkey curry, Chinese five spice chicken, pork fried rice, mashed potatoes, vegetable stir fry, whole kernel corn, egg rolls, chicken fravy, dinner rolls, spring salad, deviled potato salad, standard salad bar, peanut butter cookies, sweet potato pie, with whipped topping and coconut cake.
Specialty Bar: Barbecue

Thursday

Minstrone soup, pepper pot soup, fried chicken, beef stroganoff, buttered pasta, candied sweet potatoes, savory summer squash, Southern-style green beans, chicken gravy, cheese biscuits, potato salad, spinach salad, standard salad bar, double layer devil's food cake, coconut pecan frosting, pumpkin pie with whipped topping and oatmeal raisin cookies.
Specialty Bar: Deli Bar

Friday

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

2000 Toyota Noah Field Tourer

Seats 7. New front brakes and rotors. AWD power moonroof. JCI good until July 2011. Asking for \$3,950 OBO. For more information, call Jenn at 253-2146 or 080-4179-3033 or email jenn8164@yahoo.com.

Jobs

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.

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.

Miscellaneous

Free Translator

Stay-at-home mom looking to help others in spare time. For more information, e-mail nakahashimikiko@msn.com.

Ad Submissions

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Interested in becoming a DJ?

You could rock the club and enjoy all the night time parties that Club Iwakuni has to offer! If you are interested in becoming a DJ, call MCCS Productions at 253-3727 for details.

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Danilo A. McCabe, a Marine Corps Martial Arts Instructor-Trainer, performs a proper take-down using the course corpsman Jesse L. Smith as a dummy opponent during a Marine Corps Martial Arts Instructors Course period of instruction in the Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 warehouse here Oct. 25. The majority of the course training was originally scheduled at Penny Lake Fields but was changed due to the weather.

Martial arts instructors spar, pugil, box, push to next level

PFC. VANESSA JIMENEZ
IWAKUNI APPROACH
STAFF

The Marine Corps Martial Arts Instructors course took the final step in their training and graduated on base here Nov. 5.

Danilo A. McCabe is the Martial Arts Instructor-Trainer for the course and is one of two people on base certified to teach it.

Since there are only two instructors qualified to teach the course seats are limited.

"There can only be 12 students to every instructor," said McCabe. "That's why I encourage my students to continue their training, so that they may pass the same information to their Marines."

The class follows a strict schedule that must be pre-approved by the Martial Arts Center of Excellence.

"My method of training is as by the book as possible," said McCabe. "I think it will help my students be better trainers in the future."

The course employs approximately 125 training hours and is three weeks long.

McCabe offers the course approximately twice every fiscal year.

"I would offer it more but because of the shortage of MAIT's it makes it difficult to make the time," McCabe said. "I encourage my students to achieve the instructor-trainer status so that the class may be more readily available."

McCabe worked his way up through the different belt grades quickly when the program started and became an instructor. In 2006 he achieved the red tab status, making him a certified MAIT.

The Martial Arts Center of Excellence, located at Raider Hall, Camp Barrett in Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va., is the only place that has the MAIT course available.

In order to attend the course, students must first pass through the MAI course, like the one offered by McCabe.

The course has focuses on many different aspects of the Marine Corps Martial Arts Program.

The MAI course is meant to be physically challenging but McCabe also likes to focus on mental strength and discipline.

"The training doesn't just focus on one aspect, it is mental, physical and challenges your character discipline," said Walnes Metayer, MAI student. "You learn how to use core values in a different way through the training."

All of the training is important, but through the free sparring sessions McCabe is able to see the levels that each student is at.

"The free sparring, pugil sticks and bayonet techniques are great because they show who has the will to fight and who doesn't," said McCabe.

There are many ways to expand training through MCMAP and otherwise.

"I've taken classes like Jujitsu and wrestling but I still learn different maneuvers from my students," said McCabe. "Someone is always going to know something that you don't; it's pretty awesome."

Now that the students have gained the status of instructor they are certified to train up to the green belt but can award up to the gray belt level.



Joseph H. El-smeirat and Brandon M. Chew, Marine Corps Martial Arts Instructors Course students, pull out their best techniques while free sparring during a class in the Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 warehouse here Oct. 25.



CPL. SALVADOR MORENO

Garrit Fox, middle linebacker and offensive lineman for the IYAOYAS, tip toes down the line to gain a few extra yards after a reception during the championship game of the 9th annual Turkey Bowl flag football tournament at the Penny Lake football field here Saturday. The IYAOYAS destroyed the Vikings 31-13 to remain undefeated during the tournament.

Undefeated: IYAOYAS bring home the turkey

CPL. SALVADOR MORENO
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Marines, sailors and station residents concluded the 9th annual Turkey Bowl flag football tournament at the Penny Lake football field here Saturday.

The tournament featured six teams in a double elimination tournament hosted by Marine Corps Community Services intramural sports, which began on Nov. 5 and concluded Saturday with the IYAOYAS dominating the Vikings for the title.

After losing to Five-O last year in the championship 32-13, the IYAOYAS seemed to be playing as if they needed to make a statement.

The statement being last year was a fluke and is not going to happen again.

The IYAOYAS almost effortlessly walked over opponent after opponent until they received their trophies.

"We did outstanding," said Robert Figueroa, player for the IYAOYAS. "Our defense is pretty amazing."

Any sport enthusiast knows defense wins games and with the IYAOYAS that is exactly what won them the championship as well as bragging rights for the upcoming year.

Needless to say they were ready and hungry for victory.

"The most difficult team we played was the Vikings," said Keon Beccles, running back and rusher for IYAOYAS who was named Most Valuable Player. "The first game they didn't score at all, but the second they actually put 13 points on the board."

The IYAOYAS started the championship game just where they left off during their first encounter with the Vikings putting points on the board early thanks to an interception pro-

vided by Timothy "Darkness" Ferguson, safety/wide receiver for the IYAOYAS.

Ferguson's interception was just the beginning for the Vikings quarterback George Adams.

The Vikings committed four turnovers by interception in which the IYAOYAS capitalized on three of them.

Christopher "Swift" Williams, corner for the IYAOYAS, made the second interception for the IYAOYAS with two minutes left in the first half to set up their third touchdown to end the half with a 19-6 lead.

On the Vikings first possession coming off the bench from halftime Ben "Army Joe" Armijo, safety and wide receiver for the IYAOYAS, picked off Adams with 11:05 left in the game, however Adams redeemed himself with a pick of his own to retake possession with 7:09 on the clock.

With the interception and some time on the clock, it seemed the Vikings were going to make a comeback, but a few dropped passes forced Adams with third and long to make a risky throw that didn't pay off.

Williams earned himself his second pick of the game and this time was able to take it to the house for six and extend the IYAOYAS lead 25-6 with less than five minutes left.



CPL. SALVADOR MORENO

Timothy Ferguson, wide receiver and safety for the IYAOYAS, shakes and bakes his way to the goal line during the championship game of the 9th annual Turkey Bowl flag football tournament at the Penny Lake football field here Saturday. The IYAOYAS destroyed the Vikings 31-13 to remain undefeated during the tournament.

If a team is ahead by 18 points at the second half two-minute warning, the game ends.

Just before the two-minute warning the Vikings were able to get off one last play in which they were able to find the end zone with 1:59 left avoiding the mercy rule of an 18-point deficit.

After converting the extra point, they left the IYAOYAS with the ball and just under two minutes trailing 25-13.

The IYAOYAS marched down the field and poured salt on the Vikings open wound to end the game with a 20-yard completion for another touchdown to Ferguson to take the Turkey bowl.