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NEO kicks off Active Shield 2011

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Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, military volunteers and civilians participated in a simulated noncombatant evacuation operation here Feb. 23-25.

Noncombatant evacuation operations evacuate civilian noncombatants and nonessential military personnel from locations in a foreign nation to a designated safe-haven during times of endangerment.

Endangerment can be imminent during a natural disaster, hostilities or time of war, said Lt. Col. Michael R. Coletta, H&HS commanding officer.

The first step in the exercise was to inform civilians and military spouses about the NEO process and essential documents they would need to keep in their NEO envelopes for processing.

"In the event that we actually need to evacuate noncombatants, the NEO packages are all ready to go," said Coletta. "We have to be proactive."

H&HS personnel worked hand-in-hand with family readiness, the American Red Cross and Department of Defense educators to gather experience and feedback during execution.

The family readiness officer played an important role in the NEO exercise by relaying vital information from the H&HS command to the spouses and families.

H&HS personnel put out a list of essential



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Civilian volunteers get ready to board an aircraft bound to safe-haven during a noncombatant evacuation operation here Feb. 24. The noncombatant evacuation operation helped prepare Marines and civilians for the possibility of an evacuation emergency.

and suggested items printed on the front of a NEO envelope to assist civilians and military families with preparation.

Identification cards and passports are vital to include in the NEO package as well as a power of attorney, which allows a military spouse to act on the service member's behalf in the service member's absence, said LaToya Diane Heard, H&HS family readiness officer.

Single military parents are also encouraged to have a family care plan and should designate someone to be in charge of the child in case of an emergency, she said.

Once information and packages were assembled, evacuee participants processed their information at various stations,

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Marine receives logistician of the year award

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Capt. Miguel Cruz, Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 maintenance management officer and S-2 intelligence officer, received the 2010 1st Lt. Travis Manion Memorial Marine Corps Officer Logistician of the Year Award during the 7th annual MCA Ground Logistics Awards dinner in Arlington, Va. Feb. 3.

Cruz received the award for the work he did as part of the U.S. Forces - Iraq J4 last year.

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MAG-12 to receive new sergeant major

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After three years of service as the sergeant major of Marine Aircraft Group 12, it is time for Sgt. Maj. Karl Villalino to move on to Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Ariz.

Villalino is scheduled to be relieved by Sgt. Maj. Drew Benson, the current sergeant major of Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12, during a relief and appointment ceremony at the Marine All-Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 242 hangar here 10 a.m. Thursday.

"It has been an honor to work at this post," said Villalino. "Because of the dynamic of MAG-12, you have to be very involved with all of the new Marines and (Unit Deployment Program) commands, and I have absolutely loved it."

Villalino's 24 years of Marine Corps service and dedication to duty have benefited MAG-12's ability to grow in its operational readiness throughout his tour in Iwakuni.

"He was a great leader," said Col. Stephen Nitzschke, the MAG-12 com-

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

'The book of faces'

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Let's talk about a subject that is near and dear to the hearts of many ... Facebook. A few years ago, I had no idea what Facebook was or what it was used for.

I would hear folks talk about Facebook this or Facebook that, not really having a clue as to what they were referring to. So it was left to my imagination as to what this magical, mythical thing was.

At first, I thought Facebook was an actual book, a special book if you will. If I were an alien zombie from another galaxy, I would want a "Facebook" on my coffee table every day as I would sit with my breakfast of brain stew and I would pour through the book, page by page, picture by picture. And in this Facebook, I could look at all the different flavors of humans that are available to try. I imagine the "Hawaiian" would taste very sweet.

Most of us have a Facebook account. Most of us sign-in on a daily basis, and a few of you out there have fished for sympathy on Facebook by posting things like "I am such a horrible person, somebody please put me out of my misery" or "I'll never find true love. I'm going to die single and

alone."

Certainly those dramatic posts are responded to with a flood of comments from your "friends" (I use the term "friends" loosely) telling you how great and wonderful you are and that everybody else misunderstands you and Mr./Mrs. Perfect is waiting for you out there, all you have to do is be patient.

Certainly, Facebook has its function and purpose. Think of all that this website has allowed us to do.

It has allowed us to keep up with near and distant family members that we would not normally take time out of our day to connect with.

Our cousins who live in northern California and our aunt and uncle who live in central Texas are now only a click away.

In year's past it took a lot of time and effort to contact these distant relatives. Before, you would have to pick-up the phone, call your mom to get an e-mail address of that relative, talk to your mom for an hour about why you haven't been calling her as often as she would like, get the e-mail address, and then finally sit down to punch out an e-mail.

It was about a two-week process from start to finish by the time you actually sent the e-mail.

With Facebook, connecting became faster and much less painful.

With the introduction of Facebook, it also became easier to connect with those whom we should not be connected. What do I mean by that? I think you know. Let me illustrate by asking these questions: Do you have an old boyfriend/girlfriend listed as a "friend" on Facebook? Or have you been in any legal trouble with a Facebook "friend"?

The point is that sometimes the people from your past should remain in your past.

There was a reason why you and your old boyfriend/girlfriend broke up. There was a reason why you moved out of that old neighborhood and don't run with that old crowd anymore. Some of those old relationships just don't add anything to your life and don't push you to be a better person. So why stay connected to those people?

Why let these folks from the past continue to affect and influence your present and future life? Memories of those relationships can be deceiving. We tend to look back and only remember the fun and good times we had, and not all the reasons why we broke ties with those people and walked away.

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"This award recognizes the company grade officer who has made the greatest impact in the world of Marine logistics whether it is through the development of logistics programs, doctrine, through other significant accomplishments in Marine logistics, or through significant accomplishments as a logistician representing the Marine Corps," Cruz said.

Cruz worked on the team that planned all the logistics for the drawdown to 50,000 troops as mandated by the president.

Among his contributions, Cruz coordinated planning between approximately a dozen one star-level units and the USF-I J4 headquarters. Cruz designed and executed the data collection effort necessary for planning to take effect, as well as increased throughput at Al Asad Air Base.

Cruz received the award for increasing the passenger redeployment capacity at Al Asad Air Base by more than 200 percent. This saved the U.S. government more than \$35 million during the drawdown, added logistics flexibility to U.S. Central Command, and helped meet the president's Aug. 31, 2010 deadline.

This was the inaugural presentation for the 1st Lt. Travis Manion Memorial Marine Corps Officer Logistician of the Year Award.

The award is named in honor of Manion, who was killed in action in Iraq. Manion was serving as a member of 1st Reconnaissance Battalion and working temporarily with a military transition team.

Not long after arriving to his first duty station, Manion and his unit were sent to Iraq for their first tour. During the tour, the 1st Reconnaissance Marines were part of many critical events including uncovering weapon's caches throughout the region and assisting with other Iraqi transition missions.

Manion returned from this successful tour in March 2006 and was selected to be part of a military transition team.

He deployed back to Iraq Dec. 26, 2006, for his second tour in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Manion worked diligently along with his Marines to change the outcome in Fallujah, building a brotherhood with the Iraqi Army.

During a patrol mission April 29, 2007, Manion was killed by enemy sniper fire in Al Anbar Province, Iraq while fighting to defend against an enemy ambush.

Winning the award that commemorates Manion is a great honor. His legacy is what new Marines should be required to learn and should already be learning, said Cruz. Manion is a hero, like those we learned about during boot camp.

Cruz lived up to his reputation as a Marine by excelling at the projects and missions set before him.

"I would not have been so honored if I didn't live up to my reputation as a Marine," said Cruz. "I encourage all Marines to live up to it, no matter the rank."

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manding officer. "The Marines respected him, the officers respected him, and like I always say, he was an individual who could advise the officers, direct enlisted Marines and not lose credibility with either one of those populations."

Having a great mentor and predecessor is what has led to Villalino's success, he said.

While serving as the MAG-12 sergeant major, Villalino has implemented more staff non-commissioned officer calls and professional military education, as well as having himself and the commanding officer meet with every new join that arrives to the unit.

"It's important that they know who we are and the CO's intent," said Villalino.

But more importantly, he did the day-to-day tasks that were expected of a sergeant major by looking out for the Marines' best interest and making sure MAG-12 was accomplishing the mission at the same time.

"Thank you so much to the Marines and sailors who have served under me, said Villalino. "They are accomplishing the mission and are really living up to our name, 'The Ready Group'. They are some of the finest Marines around."

After serving for three MAG-12 commanding officers, Villalino knows MAG-12 as well as the Western Pacific area of responsibility inside and out.

"He's got a lot of experience," said Nitzschke. "We will be losing a lot of corporate knowledge with him departing, but I have the utmost confidence that Sgt. Maj. Benson, the individual who is replacing him, will soon be able

to fill his role."

Now that it is time for Villalino to move on to new places and new adventures, Benson is ready to step up and take the job.

"He is ready and more than capable," said Villalino. "Working with (Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12) and working with some of the other sergeants major in the area, his learning curve will not be as steep, and he will be able to adapt much quicker than a new guy moving in here."

Benson, who has served as the MALS-12 sergeant major since July 2009, explained how being selected as the MAG-12 sergeant major is a great privilege, but the feeling is bittersweet.

"It's an honor to be able to serve for MAG-12, but I have mixed emotions," said Benson. "I love MALS-12, and I love the Marines and sailors. It's the best unit I've served for in all of my 28 years."

He hopes to achieve the same kind of command climate at MAG-12 he established in MALS-12, he added.

"Our job up here is to take care of the Marines and sailors, and they will accomplish the mission," said Benson.

Although Benson is ready to take over, he knows he has big shoes to fill.

"I plan to stay quiet and see how things run at first," said Benson. "Sgt. Maj. Villalino has done a great job at MAG-12, and I know he will do great things in Yuma."

With Benson in place as the new MAG-12 senior enlisted advisor, both of these exceptional sergeants major will take the reigns of their respective commands and further influence junior Marines under their charge.



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Sgt. Maj. Karl Villalino (above), sergeant major of Marine Aircraft Group 12, is scheduled to be relieved by Sgt. Maj. Drew Benson, the current sergeant major of Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12, during a relief and appointment ceremony at the Marine All-Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 242 hangar here 10 a.m. Thursday. Villalino's 24 years of service benefited MAG-12's operational readiness.



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manned by military volunteers during a simulated evacuation scenario.

"The packet was very extensive but very thorough," said Netra Harwell, evacuee and educator at Matthew C. Perry High School. "It prepared us to be able to function in any other place and have success anywhere we go."

"The stations were also informative for me regarding how to handle issues and situations with my off-base residents and how to turn over properties," she said.

According to Harwell, the training for the Marine volunteers was instructional because it gave them experience with the process by exercising with a small group.

"The gathering of the information prior to any form of possible evacuation is key," said Harwell. "When the moment arrives, there is no time to go back and gather those things."

The American Red Cross played a vital role in the NEO exercise by providing disaster welfare information about connecting evacuees to families and loved ones through www.safeandwell.org.

The purpose of the safe and well website is to provide a platform for communication and peace of mind to those concerned about loved ones during disasters, said Brenda Hindman, American Red Cross station manager.

"We are the helping hand," said Hindman. "When a NEO happens, we are the ones who help coordinate and provide a link to the families back home."

American Red Cross volunteers also assist families and individuals to register on the Safe and Well website, post messages and manage phone calls concerning the whereabouts of loved

ones to ensure safety and wellbeing.

Due to successful execution of the NEO, the H&HS command was able to gather feedback from a wide spectrum of evacuees.

According to Rosa Taylor, NEO participant, going through the exercise has given her peace of mind and informed her about many aspects she had not considered when preparing for a possible evacuation.

"I know that my paperwork is already filled out, and I know that at a moment's notice I will be taken care of and my family will be taken care of," said Taylor.

Noncombatant evacuation envelopes and folders must be kept in each household in case of emergency.

The following forms should be completed and up to date: DD Form 1337 authorization/designation for emergency pay and allowance (for military), DD Form 2461 (for civilians), DD Form 1745 animals euthanasia, DD Form 1797 personal property counseling checklist, DD Form 2209 veterinary health certificate, DD Form 2585 preparation sheet, a copy of vehicle registration and TMO form.

All forms can be downloaded at <http://www.marines.mil/unit/mcasiwakuni/pages/neo/neo.aspx>.

The following items should be kept in the NEO envelope: ID cards, U.S. passport for all family members, birth certificates, medical and immunization records, housing documents with inventory, housing contract, automobile papers with bill of sale and registration, legal documents, insurance policies, powers of attorney, traveler's checks or other forms of currency, completed noncombatant information cards and instructions to dependents upon return to the U.S.

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Deadline: April 15th

For the past year, tax filers need to bring the following information at a minimum:

- Proof of a valid Social Security Number for both the tax filer and all dependants claimed on this year's tax return
- W-2 (wage and tax statement)

The following documents should be brought if applicable:

- Form 1099 (interest statements from banks earned on savings or checking accounts)
- Child care expenses
- Records reflecting spousal or child support payments
- Mortgage interest statement
- Individual retirement account (IRA) contributions
- Dividends, interest, capital gains and losses from the sale of stocks, bonds or property
- Charitable contribution records
- Electronic tax filers need to bring their savings or checking account routing number to have refunds electronically deposited

To ensure a prompt refund, file as early as possible.

Any questions, please contact the Tax Center at 253-3540 or 253-4398.

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1. Operational Readiness – As Pacific Command's 911 force – we will be ready today for today's crisis

- One integrated air-ground team – our bases and stations are the fifth element
- Strengthen our naval ties; it's all about the blue-green team
- Maintain an expeditionary mindset

2. Personal and Family Readiness – important force multipliers

- Our Marines, Sailors and families deserve the best; continually strive to raise the bar
- Balance life, career and mission

3. Relationship with our host nation – more than 60 years of dedicated teamwork

- We are guests – be good neighbors and treat everyone with respect and dignity
- Conduct operations and activities in a manner that strengthen and leverage our alliance

4. Force protection and safety – planned into all operations and exercises as well as off duty activities

- Our mission is to be combat ready; safety enhances readiness
- Our most valuable assets are the individual sailors and Marines, protect them

5. Leadership will be continuous at all levels – be visible and proactive

- Ensure the commander's intent is clearly understood

6. Effective Communications will drive our operations

- Keep the chain of command informed; what do I know, who needs to know it and have I told them
- Be proactive in our strategic messaging – seize the initiative and control the narrative

7. Know your personal limitations; as well as limitations of your Marines and equipment – plan accordingly

8. Core values are your moral compass – always stay the course!

- Professional, moral and ethical behavior is expected 24/7
- Hazing in any form will not be tolerated

9. Know your basic Military Occupational Specialty skills and perfect them – your teammates depend on you

10. Lost communications procedures or when in doubt:

- Follow your commander's intent
- Lead from the front and seize the initiative
- Demonstrate responsibility and accountability

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Seabees, Navy Civil Engineers Corps officers celebrate their heritage

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Armed with a hammer in one hand and a firearm in the other, the Seabees have forged their place in American history for the past 69 years. They made their way through America's fiercest battles with the motto "we build, we fight" engrained in their hearts.

Led by the building plans made by the Navy Civil Engineer Corps officers, who celebrated their 144th birthday Wednesday, the Seabees have accomplished their missions by building advance bases, airstrips and roads to victory during World War II, Vietnam and every major U.S. war thereafter.

Station Seabees, sailors, Marines and guests are slated to gather today to commemorate those actions during the Navy Construction Battalions' 69th birthday ball at the Club Iwakuni Ballroom here today.

The ball will serve as an opportunity to celebrate and remember the deeds done by the Civil Engineer Corps and Seabees, said Cmdr. Jason Zeda, station Facilities officer.

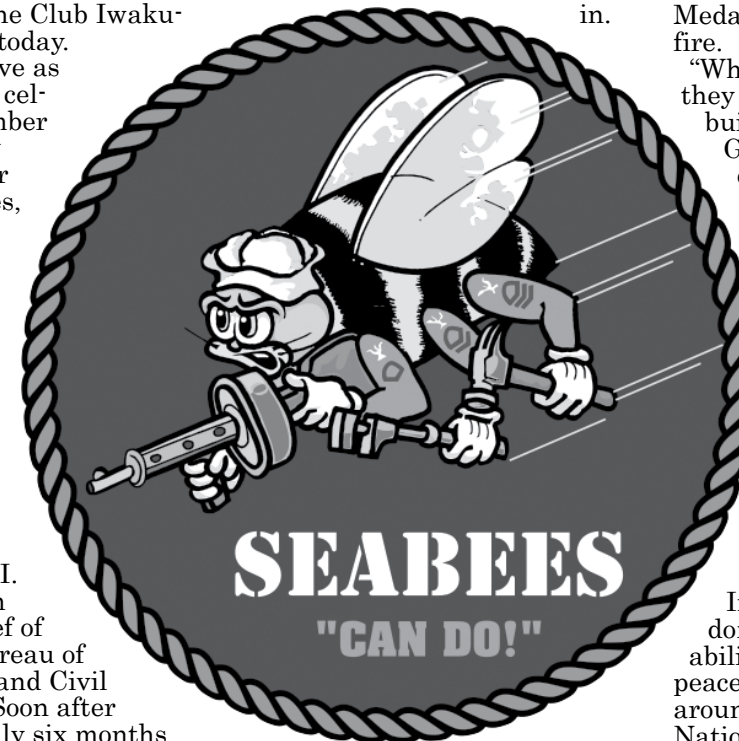
The ball is scheduled to run from 6 p.m. – midnight, and will be Hawaiian themed. The Seabees were officially established on March 5, 1942 at Quonset Point, R.I. by Rear Adm. Ben Moreell, then chief of the U.S. Navy Bureau of Yards and Docks and Civil Engineer Corps. Soon after their birth and only six months old, the Seabees were baptized under fire during the fierce battle of Guadalcanal, when they landed side by side with Marines to build fortifications and an airstrip.

By the end of World War II, more than 325,000 men filled the ranks of the Seabees, fighting and building in over 400 locations. Also, approximately 11,400 officers joined the Civil Engineer

Corps with 7,960 serving with the Seabees. At that time, many of the Seabees who fought side by side with service members on the ground, were about 35 years old, with a few more than 60 years old.

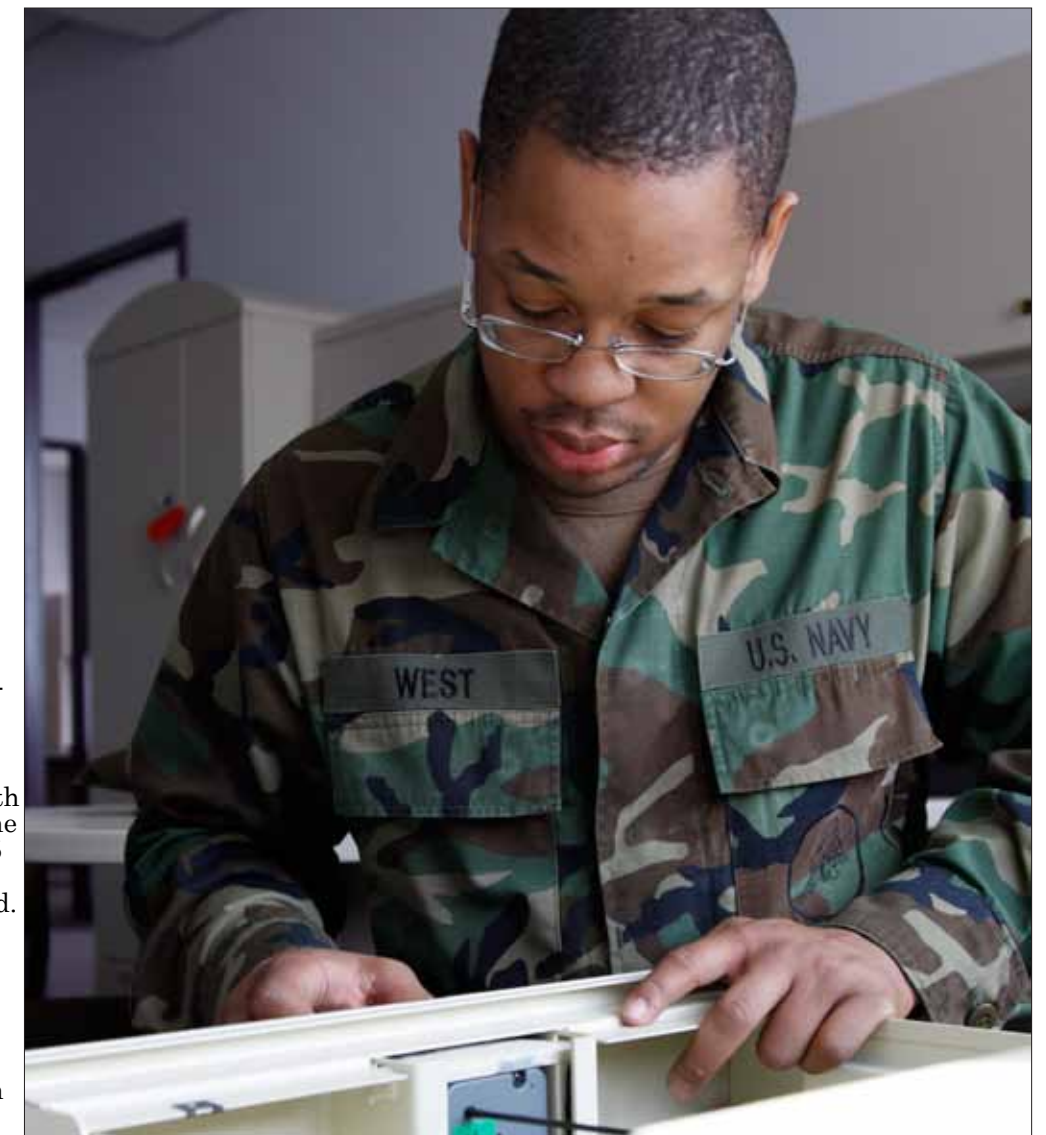
Many people in the Navy don't know that much about us," said Zeda. Conversely, he said Marines usually know about the Navy Seabees because when Seabees go into any type of war effort or training effort, they are typically attached to the Marine Corps.

Since their birth, in nearly every engagement, the Seabees have provided Marines with facilities to live, heal, eat, and shower in.



Zeda said many sailors and Navy aviators may go most of their career without interacting with Seabees because they are tied to the Marine Corps more so than to Navy sailors.

Although still young with only 69 years behind them, the Seabees have enriched their history with the heroic acts and construction projects done by the



Seabee Seaman Anthony West, construction electronic construction man and station locksmith, fixes the lock to a safe at the station air terminal here Feb. 25. 22-year-old West is the youngest Seabee aboard the air station.

6th Special Naval Construction Battalion during World War II and Seabee Team 1104 during the Vietnam battle of Dong Xoai, where Seabee Petty Officer 3rd Class Marvin Shields earned a Medal of Honor for actions under fire.

"When the Seabees started, they were taking people who built Hoover Dam, the Golden Gate Bridge and skyscrapers in New York," said Chief Petty Officer Mark Gerard, station Facilities maintenance officer. "Those were the type of people who were recruited in World War II during the creation of the Seabees. Now we're bringing in 18- and 19-year-old kids. They have big shoes to fill."

Today, those young Seabees continue to prove their mettle by serving with Marines in Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom. They also prove their abilities by participating in peacetime construction projects around the world through United Nation's peace efforts in Somalia, Bosnia and the Haitian crisis.

"When you leave a deployment site you are leaving behind a legacy," said Gerard. "You've left something that is built for somebody else to use. Whether it be for Marines or schoolhouses for kids, or something — you are making an impact wherever you go."

Although only 12 Seabees are stationed here, the Seabees have

also made an impact noticed by several station Marines.

Lt. Col. Charles A. Redden, Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12 commanding officer, said he appreciates everything the Seabees have done for his squadron.

The Seabees here recently assisted the MALS-12 airframes and aviation life support system Marines with installing new machines in their warehouse. The machines are vital to the Marines' ability to accomplish their mission to support the aircraft here.

"They make things better for the warfighter," said Capt. Michael Barrball, MALS-12 airframes and aviation life support systems officer in charge. "They build things, they do things, they put up tents, they do the engineering, and they are trained to do it in a combat environment. That helps out the warfighter. They enable the warfighter to do his job without having to worry about the rest."

Barrball said the Seabees can do what civilian contractors cannot do because they know how to fight and build while civilian contractors can only build and need protection.

Although only 69 years old, the Seabees have been to nearly every clime and place alongside service members. They've carefully built their reputation in battle and proved their craftsmanship in projects like Diego Garcia, an 11-year construction project that was invaluable during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

ACTIVE SHIELD



Marines respond to hostage simulation

LANCE CPL. KENNETH K. TROTTER JR.
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Marines of the Provost Marshal's Office and Criminal Investigation Division kicked off the start of exercise Active Shield 2011 by taking part in a simulated exercise here Monday.

The scenario involved a suspicious suspect scaling the fence near the front entrance and making her way down to the fuel station. The suspect, portrayed by Lance Cpl. Ashley Mizrahi, took a hostage and brandished a knife in a threatening manner.

The suspect was meant to serve as a representative of a fictional country who was trying to gain access to the station. She concealed a flash drive within the bun of her hair along with a letter written in a foreign language.

The purpose of the scenario was to increase

said 1st Lt. Mark J. Enoch, white cell officer in charge.

The call went out notifying PMO that the suspect had been spotted in the vicinity of Combat Logistics Company 36.

PMO Marines approached cautiously before drawing weapons when she brandished a knife. Simple negotiations were attempted with the suspect to determine her demands.

The suspect responded belligerently to the negotiators with her demands as she paced back and forth gripping her hostage and knife close to her.

The role-players were allowed to add more realism to the scenario and more accurately evaluate how the Marines would respond to the threat.

PMO called in backup after several attempts to calm the suspect. Backup was on hand

within minutes to help deescalate the situation. Speaking over a megaphone, the CID negotiator worked to calm the suspect. Several evaluators were also on hand to observe the responsiveness of the respective sections involved.

Gunnery Sgt. Michael K. Kropiewnicki, white cell assistant officer in charge, said he felt those involved in the scenario adapted and improvised successfully to make it as realistic as possible.

All this served as training to accomplish different Marine Corps essential task lists, said Enoch. The task lists are numerous and cover the six functions of war fighting.

The scenario also serves as a refresher in the command and also gives those involved a chance to stay sharp.

Enoch harped on the necessity to constantly improve through these types of simulations just like other Marine Corps training.

"You don't just assume someone can swim 25 meters in deep water. You make them re-qualify. This is what Active Shield does for the station."

The simulation was moved forward with a second part to evaluate interrogation after apprehension.



Lance Cpl. Ashley Mizrahi, left, holds Lance Cpl. Adrienne M. Rivera hostage at knifepoint in a suspicious person simulation as part of exercise Active Shield 2011 here Monday. Mizrahi played the role of a foreign national who scaled the fence and was spotted by Provost Marshal's Office personnel near Combat Logistics Company 36. Upon being approached by PMO, Mizrahi grabbed Rivera and forced her around a corner before being subdued by PMO. Mizrahi was taken to the PMO holding area for interrogation.

LANCE CPL. KENNETH K. TROTTER JR.



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Members of the Criminal Investigation Division assess the suspicious person simulation and provide support as part of exercise Active Shield 2011 here Monday. After several minutes of Marines from the Provost Marshal's Office attempting to subdue the suspect, CID appeared on the scene. The CID negotiator managed to talk the suspect into releasing the hostage and surrendering peacefully.



LANCE CPL. KENNETH K. TROTTER JR.

Lance Cpl. Mitchel Mertz, background, draws down on Lance Cpl. Ashley Mizrahi, left, and Lance Cpl. Adrienne M. Rivera as they take part in a suspicious person simulation during exercise Active Shield 2011 here Monday.



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Lance Cpl. Ashley Mizrahi is placed in handcuffs by Lance Cpl. Mitchel Mertz as part of a suspicious person simulation for exercise Active Shield 2011 here Monday.

****Additional coverage of exercise Active Shield will be published in the March 11 edition of the Iwakuni Approach****

CORPS NEWS

HIGHLIGHTING MARINES AND SAILORS AROUND THE GLOBE

Afghan Army poised to fight roadside bombs

SGT. JESSE STENCE
REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM 1

CAMP DWYER, Afghanistan — The soldiers inched forward in carefully spaced columns, tracing crescents over the harrowed terrain with combat metal detectors.

From one hundred yards, the detectors crudely resemble the upturned foot of a prosthetic leg. The Afghan National Army soldiers of Route Clearance Company, 1st Brigade, 215th Corps crept along Camp Dwyer's improvised explosive device course, knowing the training scenario will soon be their reality.

After two months of instruction from Regimental Combat Team 1's Embedded Training Team here, Route Clearance Company put their training to the test, Feb. 23. The company cleared a 32,500 square-meter field filled with simulated IEDs that pack a small but sobering punch.

The jarring percussion of one-twelfth a pound of C-4 startled a few of the soldiers after an instructor set one off. The explosives were a safe distance from the soldiers and a fraction of the standard IED size, but they did the trick.

"The first one really gets their attention," said Staff Sgt. Ladonna Prosser, the explosive ordnance disposal team leader at Camp Dwyer.

The soldiers cautiously resumed the patrol. They moved across the tilled field, training their eyes on clumps of loose dirt. One soldier started across a dirt bridge of a fake canal but stopped abruptly less than a step away. He slid a few feet down the sandy bank and carefully waved his detector over the bridge. The sensor began chirping like an AM radio searching the North Dakota plains for a signal.

The company avoided 15 of 17 devices scattered throughout the course. Among the array of simulated IEDs were pressure plates, remotely controlled explosives and trip wires. Some lay in the open field; the instructors planted others in three small compounds the company cleared.

Prosser, from Amarillo, Texas, said the ANA soldiers seemed confident and fairly proficient at the task.

She added, "Just being trained, you expect them to be skittish."

According to Sgt. Michael Mondt, the lead instructor with the RCT-1 ETT, the company's next stop is Camp Leatherneck, home of 1st Marine Division (Forward), RCT-1's parent command. There, they will continue training at Camp Shorbak, the ANA compound inside Camp Leatherneck.

As for the IED training, Mondt, from Winnemucca, Nev., seemed fairly satisfied with the company's performance.

"They are the most trained they are going to get," Mondt said. "They will learn more by experience."



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Afghan National Army soldiers with Route Clearance Company, 1st Brigade, 215th Corps, provide 360-degree security after one of the soldiers discovers a simulated improvised explosive device at the IED course at Camp Dwyer, Helmand province, Afghanistan, Feb. 23.



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Staff Sgt. Ladonna Prosser, the explosive ordnance disposal team leader at Camp Dwyer, debriefs Afghan National Army soldiers with Route Clearance Company, 1st Brigade, 215th Corps, on a pressure plate they discovered on the improvised explosive device course at Camp Dwyer, Helmand province, Afghanistan, Feb. 23.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS | CLASSIFIEDS

Briefs

Mothers of Preschoolers Volunteer Opportunities

MOPS is looking for volunteers to work with our MOPPETS ages new born - 5 years old. MOPPETS is the children's program for MOPS. If you enjoy working with children and would like to help, contact Michele at 253-2031 for more information.

Iwakuni Pacific Basketball Camp

Basketball camp is scheduled to run April 11 - 17. The camp is open to all community recreation leagues and DoDEA students age 10-18. Registration is \$150 and includes a \$50 non-refundable deposit. Registration runs until Friday at the Matthew C. Perry High School front office. For more information, call coach Dewayne Pigge at 080-3411-5697 or e-mail dewayne.pigge@pac.dodea.edu.

Baby Boot Camp

The class will focus on postpartum care, infant care, couples communication, etc and is scheduled March 11 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Registration required. Expecting mothers in their third trimester are encouraged to attend. To sign up or for more

information, call the New Parent Support Program at 253-5043 or 253-6553.

Fellowship Breakfast

Come join us for Christian fellowship, group discussion, and breakfast every Wednesday from 6:30 to 7:15 a.m. at the northside mess hall. For more information, call Chaplain Bruce West at 253-3371 or John Cordero at 253-5301 or 080-3217-3205.

School Registration

Kindergarten registration is scheduled to be held in the M.C. Perry Elementary School gym here March 28 from 8 to 11 a.m. and resumes 1 - 2:30 p.m. to register children in Kindergarten, children must be 5-years-old on or before Sept. 1.

Uniform Change Approaches

Daylight savings time is near. The time to wear the desert utilities has come. Begin preparing and getting the desert utilities ready for the big changeover. The uniform of the day switches to desert utilities, sleeves down beginning March 14. Deserts with sleeves up begins April 1.

Choir Tryouts

The gospel choir will perform at the annual Cherry Blossom Gospel Concert scheduled to be held at the Kintai Bridge

park stage in April. Choir tryouts and practices are scheduled, Sundays from 2 to 3 p.m. For more information, call 090-4104-1541 or e-mail billiej316@gmail.com.

Americable Activation

Americable is scheduled to begin activation of services in certain areas of the base March 28. NTT services will no longer be available as of June 21. Two boxes maximum per barracks room, one per customer. No limit to the amount of boxes in a household. The Digital Basic package costs \$52.95 per month. The Expanded Digital package costs \$73.95 per month. There will be a basic free package which includes all channels currently provided minus channels 22 and 23. Internet packages include Silver, Gold and Platinum. Internet prices are unknown. If currently an Americable customer or previous customer, past registration fees are not required.

Temporary Mess Hall

Building 240 will be the temporary mess hall until the renovation project for Building 222 is complete, October 2011 or TBD. Building 240 will serve breakfast 6 - 7:30 a.m. and lunch 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Building 204 will be closed for dinner, weekends and holidays. The special shuttle

bus will continue to run during the dinner and dinner/brunch meal periods until the renovations for Building 222 are completed. This bus is marked "Special-North Side Chow Hall". The bus schedule for the special shuttle will not change from its current schedule.

Jobs

Commissary Merchandiser

SARVIS Inc. is currently looking for a part-time commissary merchandiser to work approximately 48 hours per month. Workplace is the Iwakuni Commissary/DeCA CDC. Experience in retail is recommended and experience in commissary merchandising is preferred. For more information, email Mr. More at tmore_sarvis@yahoo.com.

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. Knowledge of government travel regulations, SABRE CRS, travel agency or airline experience is recommended. Please

send all inquiries and resumes to mkenat@cwtsatotravel.com. No phone inquiries please.

Vehicles

1996 Mitsubishi Delica Reliable, clean, easily converted for transporting large items. Asking for \$1,700. JCI good until May 2012. Call 253-2226 for more information.

Brief and Classified Submissions

To submit a community brief or classified advertisement, send an e-mail to iwakuni.pao@usmc.mil. Include a contact name, a phone number and the information you would like to be published. Alternatively, You may submit your brief or classified ad in person at the Public Affairs Office, Building 1, Room 216 or you may call 253-5551. However you choose to submit, ensure you provide all requested information to simplify the request process. 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.

African-Americans' service in Civil War celebrated



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Master Gunnery Sgt. Glenn D. Baker, Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12 avionics chief, speaks during the Black History Month observance at the Marine Memorial Chapel here Feb. 25. Baker, who was the guest speaker of the event, recounted the honor and bravery of African-American service members who served and sacrificed their lives during the Civil War.

got news?

Do you have an idea for a story or need coverage for an event? We are here for you. Contact the Public Affairs Office two weeks in advance of projected publication date for review by e-mailing iwakuni.pao@usmc.mil, call 253-5551 or stop by Building 1, Room 216.

INFOTAINMENT

Chapel Services

Roman Catholic
 Saturday 4:30-5:15 p.m. Confession
 5:30 p.m. Mass
 Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass
 9:45 a.m. Religious Education
 11:30 a.m. Weekday Mass
 Tuesday - Friday 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
 4:30 p.m. Lutheran Holy Communion Service (Small Chapel)
 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.

Photo of the week



LANCE CPL. CHARLIE CLARK

Aoki Toshiki, a Takamori Midori Junior High School student, practices a comedy routine during an M.C. Perry High School field trip to Takamori Midori Junior High School. Do you have your own photo to submit? Submit your photos to the Public Affairs Office by e-mailing them to iwakuni.pao@usmc.mil or submitting them in person at PAO in Building 1 Room 216. Entries will be judged by the Iwakuni Approach staff and the top selection will run in a future edition of the Iwakuni Approach.

SAKURA THEATER

Friday, March 4, 2011
 7 p.m. Unknown (PG-13)
Premier
 10 p.m. Dilema (PG-13)
Premier

7 p.m. Unknown (PG-13)
Monday, March 7, 2011
 7 p.m. Season of the Witch (PG-13)
Premier

Saturday, March 5, 2011
 1 p.m. Megamind (PG)
 4 p.m. Gulliver's Travels (PG)
Last Showing
 7 p.m. Dilema (PG-13)

Tuesday, March 8, 2011
 7 p.m. The Fighter (R)

Sunday, March 6, 2011
 1 p.m. Despicable Me (PG)
 4 p.m. Season of the Witch (PG-13)

Wednesday, March 9, 2011
 7 p.m. Just Go With It (PG-13)

Thursday, March 10, 2011
 7 p.m. The Dilema (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.

Mess Hall Menu

Monday
 Cream of broccoli soup, French-onion soup, baked chicken and rice, Yakiniiku steak and vegetables, steamed rice, lyonnaise green beans, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, chicken gravy, dinner rolls, macaroni salad, standard salad bar, peanut-butter cookies, chocolate cream pie with whipped topping and double layer banana cake with butter cream frosting.

Tuesday
 Minestrone soup, tomato soup, roast fresh ham, shrimp scampi, potatoes au gratin, rice pilaf, glazed carrots, broccoli combo, grilled cheese, potato salad, Italian-style pasta salad, standard salad bar, brownies, spice cake with butter cream frosting and coconut pie.

Wednesday
 Chicken and rice soup, New England clam chowder, chili macaroni, grilled cheese, ham and cheese, tempura-fried fish, macaroni and cheese, oven-glow potatoes, broccoli polonaise, mixed vegetables, dinner rolls, macaroni salad, spring salad, chocolate drop cookies, double-layer Florida lemon cake with lemon butter cream frosting and blueberry pie.

Thursday
 Chicken noodle soup, cream of potato soup, apple-glazed corn beef, teriyaki chicken, rissole potatoes, noodles Jefferson, succotash, fried cabbage, hot mustard sauce, chicken gravy, cornbread, potato salad, German-style tomato salad, standard salad bar, pecan brownies, yellow cake with butter cream frosting and chocolate cream pie with whipped topping.

Friday
 Vegetable soup, beef noodle soup, shrimp creole, beef cordon bleu, herbed broccoli, lemon-baked fish, parsley-buttered potatoes, steamed rice, carrots, dinner rolls, macaroni salad, cucumber and onion salad, standard salad bar, ginger molasses cookies, double-layer German chocolate cake with coconut cream frosting and pumpkin-pie with whipped topping.



LANCE CPL. CHARLIE CLARK

Barbara Roman, a Semper Fit fitness coordinator, leads a cycling fitness demonstration during the 2011 Marine Corps Community Services Health Expo Saturday. Many different health stations were available to the community as information was given out and questions answered about physical, financial and mental health.

Fitness Business

Physical, mental, financial health services revealed during MCCS Health Expo



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Yanai Hiroko, a Semper Fit fitness coordinator, leads a fitness demonstration during the 2011 Marine Corps Community Services Health Expo here Saturday.

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 IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

The noise of bustling health-conscious patrons filled the IronWorks Gym sports courts here during the 2011 Semper Fit Health and Fitness Expo Saturday.

Many different health stations were available to the community as information was given out and questions answered about physical, financial and mental health. "The focus of the event is to promote the resources that are available on the base," Alma Dickinson, Semper Fit health promotions director said. "Semper Fit staff is out here at our station and also giving physical fitness demonstrations all morning, but there are other entities of health. That's why the other stations are out here too."

Cycling, kickboxing, kettle bells, core conditioning, jump rope and yoga were the exercises the Semper Fit fitness coordinators demonstrated. Some of the other booths at the expo were the Robert M. Casey Medical and Dental Clinic, the library and the station Education Office.

The Branch Health Clinic staff was in full force at the event. Cholesterol, blood sugar and blood-pressure screenings were available to the people. "This is a great opportunity to come out to these events because they are where the people are," Lt. Cmdr. Stella Annunziato, a BHC nurse in charge of health promotions and staff education training, said. The BHC staff also gave out information about tobacco hazards, proper diet and nutrition, and women's health.

"We come out here to let the people know that we have these

services available to not just the active duty service members, but to their dependants and beneficiaries too," Annunziato said.

The station Education Office booth, which included the library, was also at the event. The station Education Office provided information for both mental and financial health.

"We're here to provide an overview of the services we offer to the residents aboard Iwakuni," Sonja Berry, the station Education Office guidance counselor, said.

Tuition assistance was a topic of financial health and is available through the station Education Office for the Marines and sailors, as well as tests to prepare them for college. Help with submitting officer packages are also available.

"On the library side, we have programs with the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society to help spouses with deployed service members," Berry said.

One such program to help with the mental health of family members allows service members to record themselves reading a story. The service member's child can then listen to the parent reading the story while the parent is still deployed.

"It's a really nice way to keep the family connected through long deployments," Berry said. Michael McElhenny attended the event and seemed to add to his health knowledge.

"Health and science is always changing," McElhenny said. "These events give you new tips and ideas on how to take care of yourself."

Armed with the knowledge from the expo, the thought of a healthier future for everyone doesn't seem that far away for station residents.



PFC. CHARLIE CLARK

Landon Rakestraw, Heat point guard, covers Bryce Ruppel, Bulls power forward, as he attempts to get open for a shot during a 7- to 9-year-old youth basketball season game at the IronWorks Gym sports courts here Feb. 24. The Heat's defense flared up, but the Bull's exceptional passing kept the Heat players at bay.

Bulls get fired up against Heat

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The Heat was fired up against the Bulls in a 7- to 9-year-old youth basketball game at the IronWorks Gym sports courts here Feb. 24.

Like the 5- to 6-year-old division, the 7- to 9-year-old division does not keep score since the players are so young.

The Bulls started strong and took possession from the get-go. The Heat defense started flaring up, but the Bulls' exceptional passing kept the Heat players at bay.

Landon Rakestraw, Heat point guard, was able to get a hold of the ball and ran the court but missed the layup. Kris Wood, Bulls forward guard, snatched the rebound and sprinted ahead of his opponents to get a layup of his own.

Wood furthered his skillful demonstration and stole the ball. Shortly thereafter, with help from his teammates, Wood sunk another basket.

The Bulls continued to dominate and stole the ball again.

Rakestraw, not wanting to be outdone, stole the ball back and got a shot of his own.

With 1:45 left in the first quarter the Heat put up a fight, but the Bulls players' animalistic rage made their defense too strong for the Heat to contend with.

"I think our defense played well," Ebrima Jallow, Heat assistant coach, said. "Offensively, I think we could have done a lot better, but that is something we can work on during practice."

Chance Byers, Heat forward guard, rebounded after a failed attempt to score. Wood outplayed Byers to get the ball but was unable to get the shot.

With 30 seconds left in the quarter, Wood was finally able to get the shot he wanted,

ending the first quarter on his terms.

"I thought the game was fun because we were all playing around," Wood said.

Chandler Pigge, Bulls power forward, started the second quarter off with a bang by making a long-distance basket.

Wood led the Bulls stampede against the Heat, but Matthew Tanglao, Heat center, stole the ball from Colson Baggs, Bulls forward guard. The Bulls defense stepped up their game again and Tanglao wasn't able to convert on the steal.

Rakestraw stopped the Bulls in their tracks as he made a comeback of his own. The Heat's confidence was building again until Baggs stomped the Heat's fire out by making a shot with a minute left in the second quarter.

"The kids were practicing the basics of the game and sportsmanship, so they did well tonight," Brian Goering, Bulls head coach, said.

The Heat's offense kept the Bulls on their toes, but all attempts to sink a bucket in the remaining second quarter failed.

Pigge fought for the ball at the start of the third quarter. Rakestraw dominated as he plucked the ball and shot a bucket halfway through the quarter.

Wood rallied his team. Their teamwork came through for Pigge. His teammates passed him the ball and he sank another bucket for his team, ending the third quarter.

The fourth quarter was when the players really let loose. The Heat quickly stole the ball from the Bulls. The Bulls fought back but Braiden Chatigny, Heat point guard, rebounded and kept the ball in the Bulls court. Sebastian Barrientos, Bulls small forward,



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Chandler Pigge, Bulls power forward, attempts to block Chance Byers, of the Heat, as he tries to shoot the ball during a 7- to 9-year-old youth basketball season game at the IronWorks Gym sports courts here Feb. 24.

attempted to retaliate but to no avail.

After Rakestraw sank a bucket, Wood came back with a score of his own.

Baggs was fouled but couldn't get the free points.

Both teams battled to end of the game with no other shots being made.