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Bus explodes into 1st responder mass casualty drill



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BOOM! A bus filled with approximately 15 Marines and civilian personnel explodes and catches fire. Bodies are scattered inside and outside the bus. Blood is gushing from limbs and body parts are severely burnt. Screams of pain echo throughout the crash site. Sirens, flashing lights and confusion fill the area while first responders rush in to control the scene.

This chaos-filled area was the site for a mass casualty drill conducted to test the capabilities of the Station Fire Department, medical personnel, and the station Provost Marshal's Office during exercise Active Shield 2011 at the Penny Lake field here March 2.

Although the drill was part of Active Shield, an exercise to test the station's ability to defend itself against terrorist attacks, it also prepared first responders for any type of mass casualty situation.

As the first to arrive at the scene, PMO assessed the situation and began separating the victims according to the severity of their injuries, while also setting up a security perimeter.

The explosion left many of the casualties in critical condition and others with minor injuries.

Dispersed throughout the Penny Lake field, casualties had tags attached to them listing their injuries and physical or mental condition.

Japanese firefighters immediately prepared an area to triage the casualties.

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Japanese firefighters aid Lance Cpl. Sean Oakry, a simulated casualty, during a mass casualty drill conducted to test the capabilities of the Station Fire Department, medical personnel, and the station Provost Marshal's Office during exercise Active Shield 2011 at Penny Lake field here March 2.

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Suspicious package puts postal Marines on full alert

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What seemed like an average day at the northside Post Office turned out to be quite eventful here March 1 during exercise Active Shield 2011.

Postal Marines, unaware of the simulated exercise, went through their daily routine before the Post Office had even opened. They sorted and distributed mail until Lance Cpl. Krystal Baird, an augmented postal clerk for Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, noticed something out of the ordinary.

With fear-filled eyes and shaking hands, Baird showed her co-worker a grease-stained, ticking package with no return address.

Carefully examining the parcel and saying, "Whoever sent this does not want it back," Lance Cpl. Dominique L. Butts, a postal clerk for Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, made the final decision to call the suspicious package into the Provost Marshal's Office.

"We need to evacuate the building," said Baird. "Everyone needs to get out!"

Chief Warrant Officer 3 Isaias G. Rodriguez, the postal officer in charge, handed Butts a piece of paper with a phone number to call. Butts let out a sigh of relief when he was instructed to repeat the words, "exercise, exercise, exercise," over the phone.

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Facilities powers up station

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Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni simulated a power outage during exercise Active Shield 2011 here March 1.

During the simulated exercise, station Facilities was called in to stage, hook up and power a generator that would back up buildings without an emergency power system.

"In a real-life scenario, if this had actually happened, we would need generators for all the important buildings to be fitted with emergency power," said Petty Officer 1st Class, Adrian Scott, a station Facilities construction electrician.

During the simulation, Facilities responded to a complete disruption of power from a source located off base.

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Children, parents spruce with Dr. Seuss

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Matthew C. Perry Elementary School children and parents celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday by reading their favorite Dr. Seuss books together in classrooms here March 2.

The birthday of Dr. Seuss is a highlight of Read Across America Week, a national observance created in 1998 as a way for schools to celebrate reading, motivate children to become lifelong readers and allow every child to read in the company of a caring adult.

"Schools all across America join together this week and celebrate the joy of reading," said Charlene

Harris, M.C. Perry Elementary School educator. "It's a time when reading becomes the forefront of education."

Some students formed circles around parents as they shared their favorite Dr. Seuss rhymes, riddles and tongue-twisters.

"Some of the stories I haven't read since I was a little kid. So, it's always fun," said Angela Creason, parent reader.

Other students curled up near bookshelves or formed small groups to take turns reading and admiring their favorite illustrations.

"I like Dr. Seuss books a lot," said Corinne Compton, 6, M.C. Perry

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

'No Pain, No Gain?'

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MAG-12 GROUP CHAPLAIN

I think most people are familiar with the slogan, "No pain, no gain."

Well, pain is what I've been experiencing lately as I've been making use of the great gym facilities. The older I get the harder it is to stay in shape.

I'm told physical pain in the gym is a good thing; it's a sign that you are strengthening and building your muscles.

Personally, it often feels like I hurt something.

Well, I started thinking that if pain in the gym is good for you, maybe, just maybe, there are other types of pain in life that can actually be beneficial to us as

well.

Life in general affords us ample opportunity to experience pain or discomfort in a variety of ways.

For instance, there is the occasional emotional pain people experience in their relationships with one another; there is the pain of being separated from loved ones, the pain of a broken relationship or loneliness, just to name a few.

My best friend Billy used to tell me that pain and conflict were good for a person.

In his slow southern drawl he would tell me, "Wherever pain and conflict exist, there is opportunity for growth and education."

He'd go on to tell me, "When you're in pain, you should pause and ask the Creator, what are

you suppose to learn in this situation?"

For him, pain was opportunity for personal growth and education.

We live in a world that often seeks to avoid pain, and yet, it can be a means for personal growth and development.

It has the potential to strengthen us for future challenges in life.

Pain and conflict of the emotional kind offers us the opportunity of building, shaping and pushing us into becoming more mature human beings.

St. Paul, the apostle, once wrote, "We boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character and character produces hope, and hope will not disappoint us." (Romans 5:3-4)

Like my friend Billy, St. Paul knew that pain in life, just like in the gym, can have an upside, it can help us grow into being the people God calls us to be.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program

Where: Building 608 at the Staff Judge Advocate's office

Hours of operation: Mondays through Fridays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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.

BOOT SCOOTIN' ROUNDUP

A live 1-hour radio show featuring the best country music.
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Power 1575.

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Elementary School student. "They're funny and he makes funny words up like 'wocket in my pocket'."

"My favorite Dr. Seuss books are 'Green Eggs and Ham' and 'Cat in the Hat,'" said Richard Parlowski, 9, M.C. Perry Elementary school student. "They are really fun to read."

School-wide activities allowed students to show off their wackiest, tackiest Whoville fashion sense in character costumes.

From the smallest to the tallest, students and teachers also took their love for reading to the streets during a Dr. Seuss character book parade around the Crossroads Mall March 4.

Department of Defense Dependents Schools continue to be supporters of Read Across America Week to encourage children to read and learn in new and innovative ways.



Angela Creason, parent reader, reads "The Butter Battle Book" by Dr. Seuss to Matthew C. Perry Elementary students in their classroom here March 2. M.C. Perry Elementary school children and parents celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday by reading their favorite Dr. Seuss books together.

Bomb at Post Office during Active Shield

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It wasn't an actual bomb, but Post Office personnel continued to treat the incident as such by evacuating the building and getting as far away from the site as possible while waiting for PMO and explosive ordnance disposal Marines to arrive.

PMO and auxiliary security force Marines set up a 360 degree cordon of the area, cleared out all buildings within the 360 perimeter and set up medical and firefighting personnel at the edge of the cordon.

While EOD set up their equipment, the Criminal Investigation Division questioned Rodriguez, trying to find out as much information about the suspicious package as they possibly could.

Describing the package in as much detail as he could, he told them the size, weight and what the package looked like.

Over the span of approximately

two hours, EOD sent in their robots to examine the package. EOD then retrieved the package, neutralized and destroyed the bomb.

"I'm really proud of my Marines," said Rodriguez. "They had no idea what was going on and they noticed it right away. I think it's great Baird was the one to find it, especially because she's not even originally a postal Marine and she hasn't had the same training we have."

Even though it was a simulated incident, it gave some of the Marines a reality check.

"It was kind of scary," said Baird. "I had no idea that it wasn't really a bomb, and there was no way I was staying in that building."

Not only did this scenario provide good training to postal Marines, but also to all other supporting sections, including PMO, EOD, the station Fire Department, BHC and CID.

1st responders' mettle tested

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"The Japanese did an outstanding job," said Lt. Graham T. Danyleyko, the Branch Health Clinic emergency management officer. "They were moving quickly, they communicated well, and they worked well with our guys."

Medical personnel began evacuating casualties of the highest priority and reassured those with minor injuries they would be taken care of as soon as possible.

"This training is important, especially in our line of work because you never know what kind of things you may see," said Capt. Shawn Niemann, BHC senior medical officer. "All of us are seeing primary care-type patients on a day to day basis, but there is always the potential for a mass casualty of one kind or another, and that's something we need to be prepared for."

Though there were minor setbacks, the overall mission was accomplished.

"The biggest issue we had on the scene was communication," said

Lt. Aditya Raghunandan, the Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron flight surgeon. "A lot of us didn't have radios, so having to find someone to use their radio to communicate to the clinic made communication difficult."

Once the casualties were transported to the BHC, they were reevaluated and treated for their ailments.

"From the time we called the drill, we had everybody here. We set up and waited for our first patients," said Niemann. "From there, I think things ran very smoothly."

While every exercise has improvements that need to be made for the following year, Danyleyko said he feels like all responders improved greatly from last year and this year's exercise ran more smoothly than any other mass casualty drills he has witnessed.

The drill furthered the first responders' expertise, reinforced their skills and strengthened the simulated victims' confidence in the first responders' abilities.

Station Facilities gives power to buildings in need during loss of power

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Additional utilities were affected by the electrical outage such as sewage lift stations, the waste water treatment plant, potable water pumps and additional facilities aboard the air station not permanently equipped with backup power.

"The importance is to be self-sufficient," Scott said. "If the power goes out on the base, the Facilities Department needs to find a way to get power with electricians and generators fast."

Most buildings are equipped with an emergency power source that turns on the generator and transfers the power automatically



Lance Cpl. Dominique L. Butts, a postal clerk with Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, inspects a suspicious package that arrived at the Post Office March 1 during exercise Active Shield 2011.



LANCE CPL. JENNIFER PIRANTE

Marines with Aircraft Rescue Firefighting tend to injured victims during a simulated emergency crash landing on the southern end of the old runway here during Active Shield 2011. In the scenario, a U.S. C-12 Cessna was shot down on final approach of the runway by an anti-aircraft missile from an unknown location.

ARFF strengthens communication during crash fires

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IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Aircraft Rescue Firefighting and medical personnel from the Robert M. Casey Medical and Dental Clinic quickly responded to a simulated emergency crash landing on the southern end of the old runway here during Active Shield 2011, March 1.

In the scenario, a U.S. C-12 Cessna was shot down on final approach of the runway by an anti-aircraft missile from an unknown



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A Marine with Aircraft Rescue Firefighting grabs a stretcher during a simulated emergency crash landing on the southern end of the old runway here during Active Shield 2011.

location.

The result was a flame-engulfed crash scene where seven passengers were recovered from the wreck.

Six passengers suffered severe injuries to the arms and legs. The other passenger died on the scene.

While medical personnel conducted proper procedure to gain access to the crash scene, ARFF Marines went to work, applying the life-saving skills needed to save as many lives possible.

In the event of a crash fire, Air Traffic Control notifies the Emergency Operations

Center and ARFF via radio.

Once notified, ARFF personnel respond to the emergency.

ARFF's mission during the exercise was to conduct positive control, provide rescue and firefighting services to the scene and provide health services to victims.

Staff Sgt. Jason Nickell, ARFF training chief, was on the scene to evaluate his crew during the drill.

"The way the exercise was executed today was near perfect," said Nickell. "I was very pleased with what I saw."

ARFF's professionalism and effective coordination was exhibited by their quick response to the emergency.

"They got the call, they responded, they relayed information, the vehicles responded safely, the crews responded from their vehicles, they established a command system and used good communication," said Nickell.

During crash fire exercises, ARFF is not only responsible for maintaining effective communication among each other, but among other rescue and dispatch elements as well.

These types of exercises help train medical personnel and ARFF to communicate effectively among each other, which is important because both parts have to be able to respond to the

situation, said Lt. Graham Danyleyko, BHC disaster emergency manager.

One of the challenges the medical crew faces during an emergency is gaining access to the crash site due to safety precautions.

"Taking care of the patient is the easy part for us," said Danyleyko. "The hard part is making sure that we follow all the rules. We can't do that if we don't think about safety."

In a real crash fire emergency, safety restrictions can keep medical personnel from gaining immediate access to the scene, which is why first aid and life-saving skills are an essential part of ARFF's training.

"ARFF is trained enough to be the first responders and take care of many of the patients," said Petty Officer 2nd Class Leyla Castro, a BHC aviation medical technician. "That way, when we get there, it's just scoop and go."

After ARFF rescued the victims, put out spot fires and gained control of the situation, Marines and sailors met with their evaluators to gain feedback about the scenario.

"One thing that was done exceptionally well out here was communication," said Nickell. "In every exercise I have been involved in, communication has always been a huge issue. I was very surprised out here to see excellent communication among everybody."

ARFF and BHC personnel wrapped up the scenario for both sections with a successful rescue mission and valuable training for both sections.



LANCE CPL. JENNIFER PIRANTE

Marines with Aircraft Rescue Firefighting administer first aid to an injured victim during a simulated emergency crash landing on the southern end of the old runway here during Active Shield 2011.



LANCE CPL. KENNETH K. TROTTER JR.

The Provost Marshal's Office's Special Reaction Team performs a walkthrough of the fire training tower using chalklines to simulate the tower's layout as the SRT participates in a simulation during exercise Active Shield here March 2. The SRT stormed the building while the Japan Ground Self-Defense Force served as an extraction team during the simulation.

SRT MARINES GO IN FULL FORCE

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

Military police discreetly cordon off the area as two hostages plead to be rescued.

The armed captors tell the victims to be silent while they threaten the victims, would-be rescuers with deadly force should they try to be heroes.

This was the scenario the Provost Marshal's Office's Special Reaction Team had to face at the fire training tower as part of exercise Active Shield here March 2.

The simulation was used to assess the SRT Marines' capabilities and to see what needed improvement.

Cpl. Jairo Javier, SRT assistant team leader, felt communication was essential for the newly assembled team to be successful in the simulation.

The SRT went through several quick dry-runs before storming the building.

They used chalk outlines on the asphalt to serve as a guide to where they would be in relation to one another using the building's blueprints. While this is good practice, blueprints are not always accurate.

"Information is never 100 percent," said Javier. "It can change at the drop of a hat."

As the area was cordoned off, the role players brandished weapons and antagonized the SRT Marines by yelling threats at them.

Several minutes passed before the SRT Marines approached the building in a single column with a shield in their front. They

circled the building to assess the situation. The suspects tossed a "body" out the window to demonstrate their willingness to use

deadly force.

The SRT quickly grabbed the body and evacuated it to safety as they cautiously backed away



LANCE CPL. KENNETH K. TROTTER JR.

The Provost Marshal's Office's Special Reaction Team practices with a riot shield before taking part in a simulation during exercise Active Shield here March 2 outside of the fire training tower. The simulation involved several suspects taking two hostages as the SRT attempted to gain access the building.

from the building.

The next stage of the simulation involved breaching the building and subduing all suspects and victims inside.

The SRT once again approached the building but now carried a battering ram in their arsenal.

Rangers from the Japan Ground Self-Defense Force set a perimeter on both sides of the building as the SRT forced open the entrance.

The SRT systematically searched every floor, sweeping every corner before proceeding to the next level.

Once all occupants were subdued, the JGSDF rangers acted as the extraction team.

Both victims survived the simulation while several of the suspects were wounded.

The overall sentiment for having this type of training was good.

"Practice makes perfect," said Cpl. Jorge Aguilar, an SRT marksman observer. "If a situation arises, you're going to fall back to your training. It's something to go back on."

Staff Sgt. Bryce Good, SRT commander, shared the same line of thought.

"Complacency kills," said Good. "If you're not training, then you're not ready."

When operating, the SRT uses the acronym SEE: see the target, evaluate the target and, if need be, eliminate the target.

Training like this is a common occurrence for the SRT. They cover several aspects of training involving hostage situations and recovering.

ACTIVE SHIELD 2011

1. Suspicious person found



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Provost Marshal's Office Marines apprehend a hostage-taking fence-jumper as part of a suspicious person scenario during Active Shield 2011 here Feb. 28. Intelligence reports had already increased awareness on station; however, intelligence gathered on the suspicious person confirmed an imminent threat to military installations and officially kicked off Active Shield 2011.

3B. Station enters FPCON D

4. Other military installations experience suspicious activity

5. Power interrupted



A station Facilities electrician sets up a generator to power a building not equipped with a back up electrical source as part of a simulated power outage during exercise Active Shield 2011 here March 1. During the simulation, Facilities responded to a complete power disruption caused by external hostile forces attempting to disrupt station operations.

6. Chem plant explosion



CPL. ANDREA M. OLGUIN

Marines and sailors don mission oriented protective posture hazard protection gear as part of a Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear hazard scenario during exercise Active Shield 2011 here March 2.

2. Suspicious package found



CPL. ANDREA M. OLGUIN

Explosive Ordnance Disposal technicians use a robot to retrieve a suspicious package found during a bomb threat scenario at the northside Post Office during exercise Active Shield 2011 here March 1.

3A. Aircraft shot down



CPL. ANDREA M. OLGUIN

An Aircraft Rescue Firefighting Marine waits after extinguishing flaming wreckage as part of an aircraft mishap drill during exercise Active Shield 2011 here March 1. For scenario purposes, reports from ARFF confirmed that the aircraft was shot down by unknown hostiles near the air station.

8. Bus explodes



LANCE CPL. MIRANDA BLACKBURN

Station emergency personnel triage and treat victims of a mass casualty scenario caused by a bus explosion during exercise Active Shield 2011 here March 2. During the scenario, station medical, fire department and Provost Marshal's Office personnel worked hand-in-hand to effectively manage the scene.

7. Hostages taken



LANCE CPL. KENNETH K. TROTTER JR.

The station Provost Marshal's Office's Special Reaction Team conducts a 360 degree assessment of the the fire training tower here March 2 as part of a hostage simulation drill during exercise Active Shield 2011. During the scenario, the SRT worked closely with Japan Ground Self-Defense Force counterparts who provided security and extraction services once the SRT breached the structure to subdue hostiles and rescue hostages.

Disaster strikes, station responds

CPL. JOSEPH MARIANELLI
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

After roughly four days of ever-increasing mayhem and catastrophe, exercise Active Shield 2011 officially ended here March 3.

During the exercise, personnel all over the air station were measured and judged for their ability to respond to a slew of disastrous scenarios.

This year's exercise was a testament to the station's readiness clearly demonstrated through the maintenance of all daily station operations while conducting a large-scale exercise.

"I think at the end of the day we have a functional capability to secure this air station and conduct an exercise," said Lt. Col. Davin Keith, station executive officer and acting commanding officer for the exercise.

Despite the success, these exercises keep the personnel involved sharp and highlight areas

where improvement is possible. "Operating the air station under crisis conditions takes practice," said Maj. Grant Killmer, exercise officer in charge. "The confusion and fog of war in the emergency operations center was obvious as we started the exercise; however, as operations progressed, the EOC watchstanders found a battle rhythm and adapted to the new work conditions."

Japan Ground Self-Defense Force counterparts who were critical to this year's success expressed similar sentiments and the necessity of continued cooperation to improve interoperability.

"Mutual understanding at the unit level requires constant work; therefore, I consider this exercise important not only to improve our security capabilities, but also as a great opportunity to reinforce mutual understanding," said JGSDF Col. Hiroaki Omoto, 46th Infantry Regiment commander.

CORPS NEWS

HIGHLIGHTING MARINES AND SAILORS AROUND THE GLOBE

Rebuilding Now Zad

LANCE CPL. CLAYTON VONDERAHE
REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM 8

NOW ZAD, Afghanistan — Buildings lay in ruins. Vast stretches of the city are either destroyed or abandoned. Fields are bordered with rocks painted red and white, signifying if they are cleared of mines or if they are still unsafe to walk in. A destroyed Soviet tank lays to the wayside of the streets, identifying the rough battles this area has seen.

The city's inhabitants have dwindled from roughly 1,000 families to around 150. The inhabitants of Now Zad, Afghanistan have prevailed through vast hardships, and with the help of the Civil Affairs Team from 4th Civil Affairs Group, Regimental Combat Team 8, the town can hopefully be resurrected to greater strengths than it was before.

In the past year, Now Zad has been under reconstruction and development through the efforts of the Civil Affairs Team from 11th Marines Civil Affairs. In late February 2011, the new team took the reins and plans to continue the development.

"At the point we are stepping into, we are following possibly one of the most important years in Now Zad's history," said Maj. Aniela Szymanski, the team leader of the 4th CAG Civil Affairs Team in Now Zad. "2010 was vital, 2011 will be decisive."

The team's goal is to help develop the government and create a stable economy. In short, they are trying to help the city of Now Zad to operate on its own merit, without the aid of Marines.

Currently, one of the issues at hand is the task of developing an operating government that is developed around the existing tribal customs of the area. The district governor currently holds shuras, or meetings, where he listens to the grievances of the elders in his area and tries to work out their problems. This is similar to a gathering at a town hall in America, but it incorporates the customs and traditions of the locals.

"We don't want them to think it's an infidel government because it's not," says Szymanski. "It is a government of their own people, for their own people."

Through the development of a stable, work-

ing government, the team hopes to further expand the size of Now Zad's government. This will provide a stronger foundation for the citizens as well as stimulate the local economy.

"What we essentially have is a small cell of capable, legitimate, government officials; what we need is more," says Szymanski.

Szymanski continued to explain that they are currently working with a "skeleton crew" of functioning government employees. One of their goals is to find more qualified individuals to help fill the gaps.

Along with the development and expansion of the government, the team hopes to address other issues or topics of interest, such as: a justice system, a women's center, agricultural development, a comprehensive health clinic and vocational training.

Because the team of 10 is twice as large as the previous team, they hope to expand their influence to the outer areas of the security bubble in Now Zad.

Through the previous ground work laid out in the area, the arriving team hopes to capitalize off of the progress that has already been established and further the progress by spreading it to a greater area of Now Zad.

"We can't come in and change their rules," said Szymanski. "We have to carry on the torch that they worked so hard to light and we have to keep it burning."

Developing the local government and



Sergeant Jim Shevlin, a civil affairs Marine with 4th Civil Affairs Group, Regimental Combat Team 8, posts security while other civil affairs Marines interact with the populous of Now Zad, Afghanistan, Feb. 22. The civil affairs team's goals are to assess the needs of the local population and help structure their government.

boosting the economy are subtle yet effective ways of fighting insurgency operations in the area. Through the past and future efforts of civil affairs, they hope to have further success at stopping Taliban operations in Now Zad.

"I think that Now Zad is the poster child for COIN (counter insurgency) operations," said Szymanski. "It has worked beautifully in this area. To go from intense fighting to having locals greet Marines in the streets and not be afraid to be seen with them; it is incredible."

Though the team has large shoes to fill, they are ambitious and motivated to further the progress in Now Zad. For the next seven months, they will be devoting every waking minute to ensuring the people and the city of Now Zad are on their way to reconstruction and a brighter future.



Marines with Civil Affairs Teams from 4th Civil Affairs Group and 11th Marines Civil Affairs, Regimental Combat Team 8, inspect the progress of work being done by locals of Now Zad, Afghanistan, Feb. 22. Civil affairs teams fund and supervise projects to offer jobs to local citizens and help improve the overall city.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS | CLASSIFIEDS

Briefs

ARC Classes

The American Red Cross is scheduled to host several classes in the month of March. A Pet First Aid and CPR class is scheduled 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. Saturday. The fee is \$40.

An Adult, Child, Infant & Standard First Aid Instructor course is scheduled 5 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. March 17 – 18. The fee is \$125.

Adult, Child, Infant & Standard First Aid classes are scheduled 8:40 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. March 19 and 26. The fee is \$40.

Free Concert

A free koto, flute, guitar and taiko drum concert is scheduled 4 – 6 p.m. March 20 at the Marine Memorial Chapel.

Americable Activation

Americable is scheduled to begin service activation 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. The Digital Basic package costs \$52.95 per month. The Expanded Digital package costs \$73.95 per month. A basic free package will include 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, registration fees are not required.

Temporary Mess Hall

Building 240 is designated as a temporary mess hall. Hours of operation are 6 – 7:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Monday – Friday. The special shuttle bus will continue to run during the dinner and dinner/brunch meal periods.

Seasonal Uniform Change Approaches

Uniform change to desert utilities, sleeves down begins Monday. Deserts with sleeves up is scheduled for April 1.

School Registration

Kindergarten registration is scheduled to be held in the M.C. Perry Elementary School gym 8 – 11 a.m. and 1 – 2:30 p.m. March 28. Children must be five years old on or before Sept. 1 to be registered. There is a sixth grade parent night scheduled 5 p.m. April 19. Parents with children scheduled to attend M.C. Perry High School for seventh grade during the 2011-2012 school year. Registration for sixth graders going into the seventh grade is scheduled March 29 – April 6. Parents must come to the school to register their children for the 2011-2012 school year. Check immunizations with the

nurse before going to register. Registration for Sure Start is scheduled to begin for the 2011-2012 school year in April. Children must be 4 years old on or before Sept 1. Re-registration for all enrolled students is scheduled March 28 – April 1. All students must re-register or complete a student withdrawal form if executing a permanent change of station. Students returning for the 2011-2012 school year are expected to attend school through June 16.

Fellowship Breakfast

Christian fellowship and group discussion breakfasts are scheduled 6:30 – 7:15 a.m. every Wednesday at the north side mess hall. For more information, call Chaplain Bruce West at 253-3371 or John Cordero at 253-5301 or 080-3217-3205.

PMO Lost and Found

Contact the Provost Marshal's Office Lost and Found if you have lost anything around the installation. Examples may include: Cell phones, keys, digital cameras, bicycle helmets, etc. To recover lost items or for more information, call 253-4929.

Mothers of Preschoolers Volunteer Opportunities

Mothers of Preschoolers is looking for volunteers to work with their MOPPETS ages 0-5 years old. If you would like to help, call at 253-2031.

Vehicles

2003 Yamaha YZF R6

Asking \$6,000. Includes motorcycle, motorcycle cover, one-piece racing leather suit, helmet, gloves and riding jacket. For more information, call Neville Rush at 080-4263-1212.

Jobs

Commissary

Merchandiser
SARVIS Inc. is currently looking for a part-time commissary merchandiser, 48 hours per month. Workplace is Iwakuni Commissary/DeCA CDC. Experience in retail or commissary merchandising is preferred. For more information e-mail Mr. More at tmore_sarvis@yahoo.com

Americable International Positions

Americable International Japan Inc. is now accepting applications for office manager, customer service representative, CATV/Internet installer and installer technician positions here. For more information visit www.americablejapan.com. Applications and resumes may be sent to resume@americablejapan.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. 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.

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.

Medical Inspector General to visit Branch Health Clinic

The Medical Inspector General is scheduled to visit the Robert M. Casey Medical and Dental Clinic Wednesday, and the U.S. Naval Hospital Yokosuka with the Joint Commission March 21 – 24 to conduct an accreditation survey.

Patients and staff members may contact a Joint Commission surveyor March 21-24 to request a public information interview by calling (DSN) 243-5661, via the complaint hotline at 1-800-994-6610 or via e-mail at complaint@jointcommission.org.

Concerns may also be reported to the medical inspector general by calling the medical inspector general hotline at 1-800-637-6175, (DSN) 295-9019 or via e-mail at NavyMEDIGHotline@med.navy.mil.

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, calling 253-5551 or stopping 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
 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
 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



A Matthew C. Perry Elementary School child ecstatically peers from behind a pillow at "The Foot Book" during a celebration of Dr. Seuss's birthday in a classroom March 2. Children and parents celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday by reading their favorite books together. 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 submit them in person at the Public Affairs Office in Building 1 Room 216. Entries will be judged by the Iwakuni Approach Staff and the top selection will run in the next edition of the Iwakuni Approach. For more information call 253-5551.

SAKURA THEATER

Friday, March 11, 2011
 7 p.m. Country Strong (PG-13)
Premier
 10 p.m. No Strings Attached (R)
Premier

Saturday, March 12, 2011
 1 p.m. Despicable Me (PG)
 4 p.m. Country Strong (PG-13)
 7 p.m. Unknown (PG-13)

Sunday, March 13, 2011
 1 p.m. Megamind (PG)
 4 p.m. The Dilemma (PG-13)
 7 p.m. No Strings Attached (R)

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

General Admission: Ages 12+ are \$2.50 / Ages 6-11 are \$1 / Children ages 5 and under admitted free. For more information, visit www.mccsiwakuni.com or call 253-5291.

Monday, March 14, 2011
 7 p.m. True Grit (PG-13)
Last Showing

Tuesday, March 15, 2011
 7 p.m. Just Go With It (PG-13)

Wednesday, March 16, 2011
 7 p.m. The Dilemma (PG-13)

Thursday, March 17, 2011
 7 p.m. Unknown (PG-13)

253-5291

Mess Hall Menu

Monday
 Bean with bacon soup, shrimp gumbo soup, Caribbean flounder, country-style steak, steamed rice, macaroni and cheese, hush puppies, broccoli combo, calico cabbage, dinner rolls, potato salad, cucumber and onion salad, standard salad bar, peanut butter brownies, double-layer marble cake with butter cream frosting and banana cream pudding.

Tuesday
 Tomato soup, vegetable soup, lasagna, roast pork, au gratin potatoes, whole kernel corn, mixed vegetables, toasted garlic bread, cream gravy, country-style tomato salad, coleslaw, standard salad bar, cherry pie, Boston cream pie and oatmeal raisin cookies.

Wednesday
 French onion soup, cream of broccoli soup, baked tuna and noodles, breaded pork chop creole, garlic roasted potatoes, carrots, mixed vegetables, dinner rolls, mushroom gravy, cabbage apple and celery salad, three-bean salad, standard salad bar, chocolate chip cookies, Dutch apple pie, devil's food cake with butter cream frosting.

Thursday
 Manhattan clam chowder, split pea soup, chicken parmesan, Italian sausage, buttered pasta, oven-browned potatoes, eggplant parmesan, cauliflower gumbo, alfredo sauce, marinara sauce, garlic bread with cheese, macaroni salad, mixed fruit salad, standard salad bar, sugar cookies, German chocolate cake, banana cream pie with whipped topping.

Friday
 Chicken noodle soup, cream of mushroom soup, southern-style fried catfish, savory baked chicken, french fried cauliflower, macaroni and cheese, candied sweet potatoes, southern-style greens, jalapeno corn bread, cream gravy potato salad, country-style tomato salad, standard salad bar, coconut raisin drop cookies, double-layer Florida lemon cake with butter cream frosting and chocolate cream pie.

Soldiers deftly dodge Wolverines' claws 17-14 in youth basketball

LANCE CPL. CHARLIE CLARK
 IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

The Soldiers edged out the Wolverines 17-14 in a 13- to 15-year-old youth sports basketball season game at the IronWorks Gym sports courts here Saturday.

The Soldiers won the tip-off, but the Wolverines stole it.

Possession went back and forth several times before James D. Kerr, Soldiers' center, dropped his guard and allowed Malik Hale, Wolverines' power forward, to steal the ball and drive down the court for an easy layup to put the first two points on the board.

Hale then deflected a shot by Tenacity L. Clayton, Soldiers' small forward, into the hands of Tamina L. Croom, Wolverines' point guard. Despite the good fortune, she couldn't get the bucket.

With 3:20 left in the first quarter, Hale stole the ball and capitalized with a layup for a 4-0 lead.

"The game was really competitive," said Zachary Taylor, Soldiers' point guard. "The teams have been getting better each game."

The Wolverines and Soldiers seemed stuck in a defensive battle with neither team able to sink a ball.

Len Jon Cadavois, Soldiers' power forward, was able to put his team on the board with a layup to close the first quarter 4-2.

The Wolverines started the attack at the beginning of the second quarter.

The Soldiers' defense stole the ball then charged down the court enabling Cadavois to tie it up with a layup.

Kerr stole the ball and was fouled attempting to convert, but couldn't make his free throws.

The Soldiers took its first lead of the game when Cadavois rebounded the ball and drove back down the court to sink a 3-point shot bringing it to 7-4.

Moments later, Hale made a steal and capitalized with a layup making it 7-6.

The Soldiers fought back with each player covering their opponent.

In the last few seconds of the quarter, Cadavois blocked Crooms' attempt to take back the lead before the third quarter.

Even though the Wolverines started the third quarter with the ball, the Soldiers' full-court press came through and allowed Taylor to sink back-to-back buckets padding the Soldiers' lead 11-6.

Hale fired back with two layups, but at the end of the third quarter the Soldiers were still in the lead 13-12.

Both teams pulled no punches during the fourth quarter.

Hale sunk a ball to put the Wolverines back on top, but Cadavois immediately scored back-to-back layups to cement the win for the Soldiers 17-14.

"I think we could have done a better job on defense, but it was a good game," Kelly Marable, Soldiers' assistant coach, said. "In the next couple of practices we're going to start working on defense and rebounds."

The next few weeks will be busy for the teams with playoffs scheduled through next week and a tournament including Japanese teams scheduled for Sunday.



LANCE CPL. CHARLIE CLARK



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Zachary Taylor (left), Soldiers' point guard, and Len Jon Cadavois, Soldiers' power forward, attempt to trap Malik Hale, Wolverines' power forward, against the baseline to force him out of bounds during a 13- to 15-year-old youth sports basketball season game at the IronWorks Gym sports courts here Saturday.

(ABOVE) James D. Kerr, Soldiers' center, and Malik Hale, Wolverines' power forward, face off in the opening tip-off during a 13- to 15-year-old youth sports basketball season game at the IronWorks Gym sports courts here Saturday. Although Malik out-jumped Kerr and touched the ball first, Kerr was able to deflect the ball to one of his teammates to give his team the opening possession. While the Wolverines took control and the lead early on in the game, the Soldiers ultimately managed to edge out the Wolverines 17-14.



CPL. ANDREA M. OLGUIN

An Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting Marine assists an injured victim during a simulated emergency aircraft crash landing as part of exercise Active Shield 2011 on the south end of the old runway here March 1. Active Shield is an annual U.S.-Japan combined exercise designed to increase bilateral coordination in support of installation force protection operations and strengthen cooperation between U.S. military forces and Japan Self-Defense Forces in support of the Japan-U.S. security alliance.



LANCE CPL. KASSIE L. MCDOLE

Harbor patrol approaches a suspicious boat on the harbor during a scenario as part of exercise Active Shield 2011 here March 1.

Active Shield 2011



CPL. ANDREA M. OLGUIN

Lance Cpl. Daniel E. Stephens adjusts his Mission Oriented Protected Posture gear during an exercise Active Shield 2011 scenario here March 2. MOPP is protective gear meant to be used during a chemical, biological, radiological or nuclear strike.



LANCE CPL. KASSIE L. MCDOLE

Station Japanese firefighters aid Lance Cpl. Sean Oakry, a simulated casualty, during a mass casualty drill conducted to test the capabilities of the Station Fire Department, medical personnel and the station Provost Marshal's Office during exercise Active Shield 2011 at Penny Lake field here March 2.



LANCE CPL. KENNETH K. TROTTER JR.

The Provost Marshal's Office's Special Reaction Team perform a walkthrough of the fire training tower during a simulation as a part of exercise Active Shield here March 2. The SRT stormed the building while the Japanese Ground Self-Defense Force served as an extraction team during the simulation.