

SEA WALL CLOSURE

The seawall fitness path from the school and housing area to the IronWorks Gym B1010 is scheduled to close to the public Aug. 1, 2011-May 2012 due to a major repair project by

the resident officer in charge of construction Iwakuni. The repairs are necessary to maintain the safety and serviceability of the fitness path. Community safety and security is paramount throughout the project duration.

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Marines, sailors make war against weeds



Full beautification story and pictures | P. 4

CPL. CLAUDIO A. MARTINEZ

TOWNSVILLE, Australia — Lance Cpl. Brittany Viruet, a Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 314 fixed-wing aircraft airframe mechanic tosses a weed onto a pile as Petty Officer 3rd class Omar Dalton, a Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 152 corpsman, rakes weeds out of the water. More than 20 Iwakuni and Okinawa-based service members participated in a landscape-beautification project at the Marabou Drive Park here July 15 in support of exercise Talisman Sabre 2011.

Students advance skills through Summer Enrichment Program

Lance Cpl. Cayce Nevers
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Students who participated in the Summer Enrichment Program ended their last day of summer school with a potluck at Matthew C. Perry Elementary School gym here July 22.

This year's M.C. Perry Summer

Enrichment Program was full of mysterious adventures as the voyagers, all students, tried solving puzzles which improved their math and reading skills.

"The voyagers have explored mysteries that have stumped people everywhere," said Netra

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MACS-4 Marines keep VMFA-314 safe

Cpl. Claudio A. Martinez
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN
AIR FORCE BASE
TOWNSVILLE, Australia —

Japan-based Marine Air Control Squadron 4 Detachment A continued operations at the flight line here in support of exercise Talisman Sabre 2011 by providing ground-controlled approaches to pilots of Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 314.

Talisman Sabre is a biennial exercise designed to test and improve on the Australian and American forces' ability to conduct joint-combined task force operations. The exercise focuses on improving combat readiness and interoperability of the participating units.

MACS-4 Detachment A Marines support the pilots by providing the landing aircraft with safe approaches toward the flightline here during inclement or cloudy weather.

"My Marines have been doing an outstanding job," said Master Sgt. Paul J. Watson, MACS-4 Detachment A air traffic control maintenance chief. "They've trained hard for this deployment, and it's really showing and paying off. Their performance has been outstanding."

Watson said Talisman Sabre has given his Marines a chance to work with some of the other equipment they are less experienced in using.

During the exercise, the MACS-4 Marines set up an expeditionary air traffic control site next to the flight line. The site is small with approximately 20 Marines running it at a time and they are able to guide pilots through inclement weather back to the airfield via radar signals.

"If (MACS-4) wasn't here, it would be a safety concern

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MCCS, MCAS Iwakuni personnel work together to bring USO to station

Lance Cpl. Cayce Nevers
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

The United Service Organizations have been serving military personnel and their families for more than 60 years. According to the USO website, the USO is a private, nonprofit organization, which is supported by private citizens and corporations.

There are currently more than 160 operating USO centers throughout the world, including four centers on mainland Japan.

With the four USO centers already established in Japan, talks of another center being launched have risen aboard the station, said Juliet Bucayu-Domingo, USO Japan country director.

USO Japan has been working together with military personnel and Marine Corps Community Services to determine if a USO center aboard the station is

possible or necessary.

"There is an anticipated build-up of the base," said Bucayu-Domingo. "The larger the population, the more support is required."

In March, personnel from USO Japan toured the base with station military personnel and MCCS members to assess the potential for a USO center aboard the station.

With the scouting phase done and possible locations selected, USO Japan workers and station personnel are currently discussing the need for a USO here.

"The USO and MCCS have had an existing relationship, and they have been very supportive of Iwakuni events," said Sean W. McHenry, MCCS Iwakuni marketing officer.

While there is still no existing USO aboard the station, its

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CPL. CLAUDIO A. MARTINEZ

TOWNSVILLE, Australia — Iwakuni and Okinawa-based Marines and sailors work together to clear weeds and unwanted trees during a landscape beautification project at the Marabou Drive Park here July 15 as part of community relations projects planned in support of exercise Talisman Sabre 2011. More beautification projects at the park are planned to take place each weekend until the end of Talisman Sabre July 29. Certain areas of the park have been invaded by foreign plants and weeds that have choked and killed off much of the natural Australian vegetation here.

Marines, sailors aim to make difference during park clean-up

Cpl. Claudio A. Martinez
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

TOWNSVILLE, Australia — More than 20 Iwakuni and Okinawa-based service members participated in a landscape-beautification project at the Marabou Drive Park here July 15 as part of the community relation projects planned in support of exercise Talisman Sabre 2011.

Talisman Sabre is a biennial exercise designed to test and improve on the Australian and American forces' ability to conduct joint and combined task-force operations.

Marines and sailors from Marine Aircraft Group 12 Headquarters, Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12, Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 314 and Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 152 participated in the event.

"Us being out here in the community, it just has a lot more positive impact," said Cmdr. Dean Hoelz, MAG-12 group chaplain. "We have jets flying over making lots of noise (during the exercise) and that can be irritating, but when the community sees Marines out doing this kind of stuff for them they go 'Oh yeah, but they are also giving us a hand and helping out and making our community a better place.'"

Certain areas of the park have been invaded by foreign plants and weeds that have choked and killed off much of the natural Australian vegetation here. The service members volunteered their day to cut down the unwanted trees and to pull out overgrown vegetation and weeds out of the swampy waters.

Hoelz said the beautification project was great way for the service members to make a positive impact in the community and allowed them to benefit in other ways.

"These community projects help the Marines and sailors get out of their normal everyday work and help them make a real

impact in the community," said Hoelz. "It's a great way for our Marines and sailors to interact with the local population and learn something about the country they are visiting. They also make and build wonderful friendships and relationships among each other and with the host nation."

Hoelz planned the event with Kim Sellars, the Coastal Dry Topics Landcare Incorporated community re-vegetation coordinator. The company has been working on the area for approximately two years but progress has been slow due to funding and lack of volunteers.

Sellars said the area the Marines and sailors cleared of weeds would have taken her people three months to clear.

"This is absolutely massive," said Sellars. "This is such a well-used park. It's got a bike track you can use to travel right through Townsville. It's going to be seen by a lot of people."

Sellars said she is very grateful for what the service members have done.

Many of the service members were also grateful for the opportunity to help out their host nation.

Lance Cpl. Christopher Sheppard, a VMFA-314 individual material readiness list manager, was one of the volunteering Marines at the project who felt what he was doing was important.

"It feels good to come to a country like this and to show people what Marines are about," said Sheppard. "To come here and to help is just a good thing."

Sheppard, a New York City native, said he was inspired to participate in community relations projects by the volunteers he saw in his community while he was growing up.

"Volunteering in projects like this is just an hour or a couple of hours of your time," said Sheppard. "You can afford it."

More beautification projects at the park are planned to take place each weekend until the end of Talisman Sabre July 29.



CPL. CLAUDIO A. MARTINEZ

TOWNSVILLE, Australia — Sgt. Eric Martinez, Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 314 career planner, saws at a tree trunk during a landscape beautification project at the Marabou Drive Park here July 15 as part of the community relations projects planned in support of exercise Talisman Sabre 2011. More beautification projects at the park are planned to take place each weekend until the end of Talisman Sabre July 29.

MALS-12 Marines provide boom!

Cpl. Claudio A. Martinez
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE BASE TOWNSVILLE, Australia — Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12 ordnance Marines have continued to build live ordnance in support of Talisman Sabre 2011 as the exercise moved into its ninth day of training here July 19.

Talisman Sabre is a biennial exercise designed to test and improve on the Australian and American forces' ability to conduct joint and combined task force operations.

Australian and American units have been conducting training in support of the exercise throughout Queensland, the Northern Territory, and neighboring naval areas since July 11.

Talisman Sabre focuses on improving combat readiness and interoperability of participating units.

MALS-12 service members are slated to provide thousands of pounds of live ordnance during the course of the exercise.

Chief Warrant Officer 2 Benjamin Jacks, MALS-12 assistant aviation ordnance officer, said the ordnance Marines have been doing a great job putting together good packages for Marine pilots.

The Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 314 Black Knights have been using live ordnance during several of the training scenarios conducted in support of Talisman Sabre.

Capt. Riccardo Scalise, a VMFA-314 pilot and aviation safety officer, said working with live ordnance is very critical for pilots because they gain a better understanding of the capabilities of ordnance they are using.

"You see the effects of your ordnance when it actually goes off," said Scalise. "We're able to practice with our pods and record the effects, which you can't do with just inert ordnance."

What the ordnance Marines are doing throughout the exercise is extremely vital for the training and experience pilots gain during the exercise, he added.



CPL. CLAUDIO A. MARTINEZ

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE BASE TOWNSVILLE, Australia — Cpl. John A. Moore, a Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12 aviation ordnance technician, aligns a part of the Guided Bomb Unit-12 he is working on before torquing it down to the unit in a warehouse on the flightline here in support of exercise Talisman Sabre 2011 July 19. The MALS-12 service members are slated to provide thousands of pounds of live ordnance during the course of the exercise.

Although the focus for the ordnance Marines has been to train with their Australian counterparts and build bombs in support of the exercise, Talisman Sabre has also presented the Marines with a great opportunity to cross-train into different military occupational

specialties.

"This is a good environment here where we can actually bring personnel from other MOS's," said Jacks. "Whether they decide to actually do a lateral move or not, it is still a good educational experience of what other jobs do in the Marine Corps — from your administrative personnel making sure you get paid to the logistics guys who help move the stuff. It's an opportunity for them to see what we really do and how we make a difference every day."

Pfc. Justine McPeters, a Marine Aircraft Group 12 ground supply clerk, was one of the many Marines who decided to take advantage of the cross-training here to try her hand at building bombs.

"I was pretty excited," said McPeters. "It gave me the chance to see what other people do as Marines instead of just the office work. I've been used to just working in the office with office people, and I actually got to go out to where the action was and do hands-on work instead of behind-the-scenes work."

McPeters said the experience gave her a broader understanding of what else is out there, and she is considering making a move into the ordnance field.

Several of the ordnance Marines were glad they taught others about their jobs through the opportunity afforded to them. They believed it would benefit the Marine Corps if Marines learned more than one MOS.

"This cross-training will give everybody a sort of elasticity when it comes to their jobs," said Cpl. John A. Moore, a MALS-12 aviation ordnance technician. "Everyone will be able to do different things. They won't be just in one position. They'll be able to branch out without much adjustment."

Other Japan-based Marine units participating in this year's Talisman Sabre include service members from Marine Wing Support Squadron 171, Marine Attack Squadron 214, Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 152, Marine Wing Communication Squadron 18 and Marine Air Control Squadron 4.



CPL. CLAUDIO A. MARTINEZ

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE BASE TOWNSVILLE, Australia — Lance Cpl. Shaylin Cobb, a Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12 aviation ordnance technician, observes Pfc. Justine McPeters, a Marine Aircraft Group 12 ground supply clerk, as she torques the fins onto a Guided Bomb Unit-12 in a warehouse on the flightline here in support of exercise Talisman Sabre 2011 July 19. Although the focus for the ordnance Marines has been to train with their Australian counterparts and to build bombs in support of the exercise, Talisman Sabre has also given Marines here the opportunity to cross train into different military occupational specialties.

MACS-4 trains to employ expeditionary runways



LANCE CPL. KENNETH K. TROTTER JR.

Sgt. Esteban M. Ramirez (left) and Sgt. Matthew R. Kolenc, Marine Air Control Squadron 4 Detachment Bravo air traffic controllers, check to make sure lights function properly during the Marine Air Traffic Control Mobile Team training at the station flight line here July 21. The training called for the Marines to successfully set up an expeditionary runway for a C-130.



LANCE CPL. KENNETH K. TROTTER JR.

Various lights serve as guidance for Marine Air Traffic Control Mobile Teams when conducting training at the station flight line here July 21. Every 100 meters, pacers, went dropped white lights. A Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron C-130 used the lights as guides as it landed and took off repeatedly on the expeditionary runway during the training.

Lance Cpl. Kenneth K. Trotter Jr.
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Marine Air Control Squadron 4 Detachment Bravo recently completed Marine Air Traffic Control Mobile Team training at the flight line here July 21.

Master Sgt. Thomas E. Kopp, MACS-4 Detachment B staff noncommissioned officer in charge, said one of the biggest reasons for this training is to shorten the response time during disaster relief operations like Operation Tomadachi.

"When we have destruction like that, we can send teams to set up aircraft landing zones to get aircraft in and out to get support where it needs to go," Kopp added.

Each six-man team is considered an essential part of a Marine Expeditionary Unit as every MEU has at least one team.

Each team has the capability to set up expeditionary runways for use by C-130s or C-17s.

The runway is 60 feet wide and 3,000 feet long.

Each team is also capable of establishing a helicopter landing zone. The runways can be set up in remote locations in combat scenarios, during medical evacuation or for humanitarian aid.

The training allows the Marines to train for expeditionary operations in a garrison environment.

"The only other option we have is to go to Okinawa or Korea," said Kopp. "It's cheaper to keep the Marines here, and bring one C-130 out here than to go back and forth."

Approximately 25 Marines took part in the training. The Marines were required to take classes on determining and establishing the length of the airfield and working with the Portable Radio Communications 117 radio before the



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Lance Cpl. Andrew P. Suarez, a Marine Air Control Squadron 4 Detachment Bravo air traffic controller, secures a light to a sandbag as part of training for the Marine Air Traffic Control Mobile Team at the station flight line here July 21. Red lights served as the departure point. The green lights marked were to land and white lights served as the runways borders.

practical application of training could begin.

"The MMT side of air traffic control is a very perishable skill," said Gunnery Sgt. Joshua R. Hooten, team leader training instructor. "It's very important for these

guys to conduct this type of training so these skills don't go away. We've got a lot of experienced guys out here, so we need to impart as much knowledge as we can."

The instructors are trained by Marine Aviation Weapons and Tactics Squadron 1 at Marine Corps Air Station Yuma over a six-week period. The first two weeks are in-class lecture followed by four weeks of real time operations before they are certified to instruct and certify Marines for the teams.

"The course we do at MAWTS-1 is a lot like what we are doing here but on a larger scale," said Hooten. "Also, a big portion of it is that we are in the same spaces as the pilots, so we're actually a part of their planning."

A C-130 from Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 152 was used during the training. The Marines conducted their training on the flight line using red, green and white lights as guidance for the C-130. Each color served as a particular stage point for the C-130 as it took off and landed. The green lights served as the approach point, the red lights as the departure point and the white lights as the runway's edge.

Several Marines served as pacers, dropping the lights every 100 meters as they set up the runway.

The C-130 performed several takeoffs and landings on the runway in rapid succession as the air traffic controllers communicated from the ground with the PRC-117s.

Communication is paramount in this training, especially in setting up the runway for the C-130 to land and takeoff, said Sgt. Richard A. Saenz, a MACS-4 Detachment B air traffic controller.

At the evening's conclusion, the Marines critiqued their response time and how quickly they were able to set up and disassemble the runway.



LANCE CPL. KENNETH K. TROTTER JR.

Warrant Officer Dante M. Rakestraw, Marine Air Control Squadron 4 Detachment Bravo weather service officer, goes over the specifics of the Kestrel 4500 pocket weather tracker during the Marine Air Traffic Control Mobile Team training at the station flight line here July 21. The weather tracker helps the Marines in coordinating with aircraft as they plan out where to construct an expeditionary runway and visibility. The runway itself is sixty feet wide and 3,000 feet long.



CPL. JENNIFER PIRANTE

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE BASE TOWNSVILLE, Australia — Lance Cpl. Fatimah Butler, a Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 food service specialist, receives instruction on new ways to stir rice from Belinda Pickles, an Australian chef, before serving lunch at the Airmen's Mess Hall here July 14. MWSS-171 Marines are training in the mess hall here for the duration of exercise Talisman Sabre 2011.

MWSS-171 Marines learn to cook Aussie style, support Talisman Sabre 2011

Cpl. Claudio A. Martinez
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE BASE TOWNSVILLE, Australia — As American and Australian Forces here moved into their fourth day of training in support of exercise Talisman Sabre 2011, Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 food service specialists have been working side-by-side with their Australian counterparts at the Airmen's Mess Hall here July 14.

MWSS-171 Marines are working closely with Australian chefs to learn new cooking skills in order to better support the service members participating in exercise Talisman Sabre.

"The experience my Marines are having here with the Australians is great," said Staff. Sgt. Juan J. Inzunza, MWSS-171 mess chef. "Some of (the Australian cooks and chefs) have been in the food service industry for 20-plus years, so it's definitely a good opportunity for these younger Marines to learn some great culinary skills."

The mess hall here employs civilian chefs and cooks to work alongside the military Australian food service specialists. Many of the civilian chefs and cooks received extensive training from top culinary schools.

Inzunza said he'd noticed the Marines are already learning several new skills from the Australian chefs and hopes the Marines will apply those skills in their jobs later on.

Some of the skills the Marines have learned include more efficient ways of cooking and new techniques to handle knives for better cuts.

They also learned new recipes. "I feel confident I'll be able to use these new skills here and just general cooking or in restaurants," said Lance Cpl. Fatimah Butler, an MWSS-171 food service specialist. "We're working with actual chefs. It's just awesome."

Butler has been a food service specialist for more than a year and said she's realized one thing.

"I'm still learning," said Butler. "You're always learning something new. They do it differently everywhere."

Many of the Australian chefs and cooks here have enjoyed their time working and teaching the Marines. "They're pretty good," said Belinda Pickles, a civilian chef working at the Airmen's Mess hall here. "They seem to really want to learn new things."

Pickles said she hopes the Marines will teach others what they learned here and maybe also show them what Australian cuisine is like.

Australian Air Force Sgt. Lance Rennie, 27 Squadron Airmen's Mess military chef-in-charge said, the Marine food service specialists have adapted well in their new environment and believes their new-found skills will serve them well to support the mission here.

"We are just a small piece in the larger wheel," said Rennie. "Without the chow hall — without us providing four meals a day here, the (service members) won't get the sustenance they need to get out to the field to be able to put the birds up in the sky so the pilots can do their missions. We are just a small support element to build the big picture."

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Iwakuni-based MWSS-171, Marine Aircraft Group 12 Headquarters, Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12, Marine Attack Squadron 214, and Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 314 service members are here in support of the exercise.

Okinawa-based service members with Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 152, Marine Wing Communication Squadron 18 and Marine Air Control Squadron 4 are also participating in the exercise.

CORPS NEWS

HIGHLIGHTING MARINES AND SAILORS AROUND THE GLOBE

Female Engagement Team supports 1/5, Afghan soldiers

Cpl. Katherine Keleher
REGONAL COMMAND
SOUTHWEST

PATROL BASE FULOS, Afghanistan — The two service women of Female Engagement Team 15, Petty Officer 2nd Class Amanda Richeal and Lance Cpl. Chandra Francisco, have been supporting 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 8, and their Afghan partners in their counterinsurgency mission since arriving in Sangin District, Helmand province, in the late spring.

The FET provides support by interacting with a key demographic that would be otherwise unapproachable by Marines and their Afghan National Army counterparts: women.

With Afghanistan being an Islamic republic, it is against religious and local customs for men and women who are not relatives to interact with one another.

“We go out with 1/5 and the ANA because the Afghan women are restricted to their compounds, and it’s a good way to meet them, show our faces, get them to open up and build relationships so they can help themselves,” said Richeal, team leader for FET 15.

While on operations and patrols in Sangin, the Marines and ANA typically work toward securing the district by sweeping for insurgent activity and searching for improvised explosive devices.

The FET accompanies many of these patrols, interacting with local women and children.

The female troops also screen local women for security purposes when the need arises.

Typically after FET has performed this function, they work toward their own mission: to engage, find, understand and bridge the gap with the local population.

“We’ll go in there and ask them about their kids, education, health and security,” said Richeal, who is a corpsman by trade. “To the locals, it’s nice to see that the Marines are taking initiative to show there are females and that we respect their culture.”

A recent patrol through the district served as a typical example of the team in action.

“For 1/5 and the ANA, their mission was to follow and trace the compounds surrounding their patrol base and to follow up on some intelligence they had received,” Richeal said. “Our mission as FET was to

search all women and children, communicate with them and build relationships.”

On the two hour patrol, 1/5 Marines and their ANA partners searched multiple compounds, checked for improvised explosive devices and asked locals if anything unusual was happening in the area.

“We got a really good atmospheric of the area and the locals,” said Francisco. “We leave such an impact on the Afghans we interact with by just making a presence and letting them know we’re here and that we want to help. It’s a slow process, but you can’t just jump right in and expect things to be peachy keen; you have to build that foundation.”

With only a few months left before the end of their deployment, Richeal and Francisco look forward to continuing to work closely with the women and children in Sangin, and giving the next FET a successful area of operation in which to work.

“I hope that we set a strong enough foundation that they can just continue to grow and build from it,” Francisco said. “Hopefully they can build off of what we are doing now, and they can build more relationships and trust with the people of Sangin.”



CPL. KATHERINE KELEHER

PATROL BASE FULOD, Afghanistan — Lance Cpl. Chandra Francisco, with Female Engagement Team 15 in Sangin District, Helmand province, talks to children while on patrol July 17. Francisco was on patrol with her fellow FET member, Petty Officer 2nd Class Amanda Richeal, in support of Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment and the Afghan National Army.



CPL. KATHERINE KELEHER

PATROL BASE FULOD, Afghanistan — Petty Officer 2nd Class Amanda Richeal (right), the team leader for Female Engagement Team 15 in Sangin District, Helmand province, talks to a group of children July 17. Richeal and the other member of FET 15, Lance Cpl. Chandra Francisco, were on patrol in support of Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment and the Afghan National Army.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS | CLASSIFIEDS

Briefs

Childcare

If you have an unborn baby and will need childcare, put your name on the waiting list as soon as possible. If you do not sign up for the waiting list you are at potential risk of not having childcare. For more information, call Melissa Valdez at 253-4141.

Central Texas College

Register for term 1 August 8- 19, class dates are Aug. 22- Oct. 16. Distance learning and traditional classes are available. For more information call 253-5288 or e-mail Iwakuni.jpn.pfec@ctcd.edu.

Summer Bible School Classes

Summer vacation bible school classes are scheduled to be held at the Marine Memorial Chapel Aug. 15 – 19, 5 – 7:30 p.m. Register at the chaplain’s office during normal working hours. For more information, contact Aileen Flores or the chapel staff at 253-3371.

Crime Stoppers

To report a crime, call 253-3333. Callers can leave a detailed message without having to speak to a live person.

Lending Locker Program

The lending locker program is available to provide small home appliances and utensils for incoming and outgoing command-sponsored members for up to 60 days inbound and 30 days outbound. A copy of PCS orders is required. The lending locker is located in Building 411 room 101. For more information call, 253-6161.

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. A sandwich bar is also available from 1:30 – 5:30 p.m.

NMCRS Quick Assist Loans

The Iwakuni Navy Marine Corps Relief Society is providing Quick Assist Loans to prevent active duty service members from falling prey to predatory lenders. These loans are designed to assist with short-term living expenses up to \$300, interest free and must be repaid within 10 months. For more information, call

the Iwakuni NMCRS at 253-5311 or stop by the Marine Memorial Chapel, Room 148.

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.

Birthday Break

The birthday break is an ongoing promotion held every Friday at 9:15 a.m. on Power 1575 radio. The promotion is open to anyone with a birthday. Just visit www.mccsiwakuni.com/birthdaycake, fill out the form and let Power 1575 and Marine Corps Community Services take care of the rest. Every Friday, birthdays from the previous week will be announced and on the last Friday of every month there will be a random birthday cake giveaway for one birthday in the upcoming month.

Jobs

Administrative Associate NA022

Part time position. Must be capable of

performing on-site contract administration and secretarial duties under the supervision of the lead mechanic. Perform administrative and clerical duties involving data collection. Establish and maintain files, shipping and receiving, aircraft logs and records updating aircraft and maintenance data, training records, inventory control and tool control. Shall be conversant with maintenance and utilization aircraft logbooks and records and have knowledge of OPNAVINST 4790.2 Series, Volume II. A secret U.S. security clearance is required. For more information visit the L-3 Communications site at l-3com.com/careers or contact Albert Ivanoff at 253-3061.

Program Management Positions

Louis Berger Group is seeking experienced DoD, retired or separated military members for program management positions located at Camp Courtney, Okinawa, Japan. Some requirements include a minimum 4-year degree, 5-years experience, U.S. citizen, able to obtain secret security clearance, experience with military requirements, planning

and operations. For immediate consideration for local residents, you may submit an advance resume to lbginokinawa@gmail.com. For more information visit www.louisberger.com and look for the jobs indicated for Okinawa.

Brief and Classified Submissions

To submit a brief or ad, send an e-mail to iwakuni.pao@usmc.mil. Include a contact name, phone number and the information you to be published. You may submit your brief or ad in person at the Public Affairs Office, Building 1, Room 216 or call 253-5551 to submit over the phone. 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.

2 snakes, 1 spider to look-out for

AWARENESS FROM PAGE 2

For more information contact the Preventive Medicine Department located in the Branch Health Clinic at 253-5236.

The Yamakagashi



PHOTO COURTESY OF TADAIRO OZAKO

The Yamakagashi is a thin snake which varies in length from about two to four feet, with an average of two and a half feet. Its back has black dots, separated by yellowish brown bands which are spotted with red patterns. It has a thin neck and a triangular shaped head. They tend to inhabit flatlands and low hills around rice patties, lakes, and marshes. An added area of concern with the Yamakagashi is, they have specialized glands in their neck which secrete a poisonous substance that can cause blindness if you come into contact with it.

The Mamushi



PHOTO COURTESY OF TADAIRO OZAKO

The Mamushi is the smaller of the two snakes. It varies in length from one to two feet, and its main characteristics are a triangle shaped head with a narrow neck and flared jaw. Unlike some poisonous snakes, the Mamushi is not particularly colorful. Generally they are either grayish brown or dark-brown black with pairs of blackish brown dots going down both sides. They can be found in damp forested terrain, bamboo thickets and dry riverbeds. The Mamushi also tends to be slow to react to things, so it may not move right away if you approach it.

The Black Widow



STOCK PHOTO

The Black Widow Spider is a poisonous spider that can inflict a painful- and sometimes fatal- bite. The poison from these spiders attacks the nervous system. Symptoms include headache, nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain and hypertension. The body of an adult Black Widow varies from approximately half to one and a half inches. Female black widows are normally black with an hourglass marking on the abdomen. It can be found in rubble piles, under stones, sheds and garages. Indoors it can be found in undisturbed, dark and cluttered areas in basements or crawl spaces.

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 7 a.m. Men's Ministry
 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
 Tuesday 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
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 • 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



CAMP FUJI, Japan - Marines with Combat Logistics Company 36 conduct a combat patrol during exercise Dragon Fire at the Combined Arms Training center here July 8. Dragon Fire is an annual combat training exercise CLC-36 Marines conduct to maintain their combat if you would like to submit your own photo you can submit 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, July 29, 2011
 7 p.m. Zookeeper (PG)
Premiere
 10 p.m. Horrible Bosses (R)

Saturday, July 30, 2011
 1 p.m. Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 1 (PG-13)
Free Admission
 7 p.m. Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 2 (PG-13)
Premiere

Sunday, July 31, 2011
 1 p.m. Zookeeper (PG)
 4 p.m. Priest (PG-13)
 7 p.m. Transformers:
 Dark of the Moon (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 \$3 / Ages 6-11 are \$1.50 / Children ages 5 and under admitted free. For more information, visit www.mccsiwakuni.com or call 253-5291.

Monday, August 1, 2011
 1 p.m. Zookeeper (PG)
 7 p.m. Pirates of the Caribbean:
 On Stranger Tides (PG-13)

Tuesday, August 2, 2011
 Theater Closed

Wednesday, August 3, 2011
 Theater Closed

Thursday, August 4, 2011
 1 p.m. Cars 2 (PG)
 7 p.m. Conspirator (PG-13)
Premiere

253-5291

Mess Hall Menu

Monday
 Corn chowder, sauerbraten, jerked styled chicken, spicy baked fish, lyonnaise rice, baked macaroni and cheese, asparagus, corn, brown gravy, dinner rolls, macaroni salad, potato salad, coleslaw, standard salad bar, bear claws, blueberry muffins, cherry pie, white cake with buttercream frosting, brownies, chocolate pudding parfait, Jell-O parfait.

Tuesday
 Chicken gumbo soup, baked Italian sausage, southern fried chicken, pepper steak, steamed rice, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, brussels sprouts polonaise, brown gravy, dinner rolls, macaroni salad, potato salad, coleslaw, standard salad bar, kolaches, quick cherry coffee cake, pecan pie, marble cake with buttercream frosting, chocolate chip cookie, vanilla pudding parfait, Jell-O parfait.

Wednesday
 Cream of chicken soup, baked salmon, roast pork, Yankee pot roast, paprika buttered potatoes, steamed rice, peas and carrots, calico cabbage, brown gravy, dinner rolls, macaroni salad, potato salad, coleslaw, standard salad bar, kolaches, quick cherry coffee cake, pecan pie, marble cake with buttercream frosting, chocolate chip cookie, banana cream pudding, Jell-O parfait.

Thursday
 Minestrone soup, barbecue chicken, apple glazed corned beef, Cantonese pork ribs, grilled cheese, potatoes au gratin, tossed green rice, orange carrots amandine, spinach, chicken gravy, dinner rolls, macaroni salad, potato salad, coleslaw, standard salad bar, bow knots, blueberry muffin, apple pie, devil's food cake with coconut buttercream frosting, shortbread cookie, chocolate pudding parfait, Jell-O parfait.

Friday
 Chicken rice soup, savory baked chicken, fried catfish, salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, long grain and wild rice, summer squash, asparagus, chicken gravy, brown gravy, dinner rolls, macaroni salad, potato salad, coleslaw, standard salad bar, quick French coffee cake, doughnut, cherry pie, yellow cake with chocolate buttercream frosting, brownies, vanilla pudding parfait, Jell-O parfait.

Gunners shoot down MACS-4 7-0

Lance Cpl. Charlie Clark
 IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Gunners shut out MACS-4 7-0 during a 2011 intramural soccer season game at Penny Lake fields here July 20.

MACS-4 started the game with possession. Its offense drove the ball down field, and squeezed through the Gunners' defense and fired a shot.

Rey Mata, Gunners goalkeeper, was able to deflect the shot.

The MACS-4 players quickly stole the ball and attempted another shot only to have Mata block the second shot.

"Our defense gets complacent sometimes, that is when our goalie saves us," said Christian A. Felix, Gunners forward.

Cesar J. Colchao, Gunners defender, passed the ball down field to Jose M. Nieto, Gunners forward. Nieto was able to blast the ball past James R. Simmons, MACS-4 goalkeeper, which made the score 1-0.

The MACS-4 players stepped up their game and kept the ball on the Gunners' side of the field.

Ricardo A. Borrego, Gunners forward, stole the ball and dribbled it down the grassy battlefield. Borrego kicked the ball into an open corner of the goal, which brought the score to 2-0.

MACS-4 tried to push through the Gunners' defense, but Edgar A. Castaneda, Gunners defender, stole the ball from Ryan C. Snyder, MACS-4 forward.

"We need to improve our defense," said Snyder. Castaneda passed down field to an open Yuta Fleming, Gunners forward, who attempted to score, but his shot was blocked.

Colchao, who switched to forward, saw an opportunity after the goalie was still recovering from deflecting the last shot and kicked a grounder into an open corner bringing the score to 3-0.

Ross M. Whitaker, MACS-4 forward, managed to sneak through the Gunners' defense and shoot for the goal. Mata blocked the ball.

The Gunners kept the heat going on the MACS-4 defense, and David Ramirez, an open Gunners forward, was able to blast the ball past the goalie making the score 4-0.

The Gunners quickly stole possession and Colchao was set up to make another goal. He used too much power in his kick and sent the ball flying over an open goal.

Ramirez recovered the ball from the MACS-4 throw-in and made up for Colchao's blunder by scoring the Gunners' fifth goal.

"I have been playing soccer since I was a little kid," said Felix. "I love it. It is my passion."

The MACS-4 players fought through the Gunners' defense but the referees called halftime before they could attempt to score a goal.

The Gunners started the second half with possession.

The Gunners' forward players could not get their first two scoring attempts past the MACS-4 keeper.

"Playing soccer keeps up our endurance, but you have to practice for a few hours to be able to run during the games," Carlos Barrera, Gunners forward.

The defensive wall of the keeper finally broke when Luis M. Lozano, Gunners forward, fired the ball into an unguarded corner of the net making the score 6-0.

Before the MACS-4 players could run onto the Gunners' territory, Fleming stole the ball and scored the final goal of the game 7-0.

"We play really well together. I think that is why we scored a lot of goals," said Felix.

The referees called the game with 15 minutes left on the clock due to the mercy rule.

The mercy rule states if a team is winning by seven points the game will end.

"This tournament gives the Marines and sailors here a good way to interact with each other," Snyder said.

The 2011 soccer season games are scheduled to change to three games starting at 6 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights until August 24.



Tene Castaneda, Gunners forward, attempts to get past Wade J. Armstrong, MACS-4 defender, during a 2011 intramural soccer season game at Penny Lake fields here July 20. Castaneda scored the winning goal for the Gunners in the second half of the game.



Cesar J. Colchao, Gunners defender, prepares to kick the ball down field to an open teammate during a 2011 intramural soccer game at Penny Lake fields here July 20. Colchao assisted teammates by blocking MACS-4 players.

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