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# IWAKUNI APPROACH

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## Station residents seek to combat suicide by raising awareness

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The station Family Advocacy Program hosted the Suicide Awareness and Prevention 5K Run/Walk on the seawall here Sept. 25. The purpose of the event was to raise station residents' awareness of suicide, the warning signs and ways to prevent it.

"The more people know, the more they can help break the silence," said Mary C. Esquivel, station FAP victim advocate and prevention specialist. "A committee was formed to see where they could implement prevention."

Approximately 80 participants took part in the event, ranging from service members to dependents and Status of Forces Agreement personnel. No official

time was kept. Participants were encouraged to travel at whatever pace was comfortable.

"It's just to show support," said Esquivel. "We're not doing a race. It's so people can come out and show their support so other people can see they care about (suicide prevention)."

According to the Marine Corps Community Service website, suicide is the second leading cause of death among Marines following combat deaths. This statistic is significantly higher than the national U.S. average of eleventh leading cause. As of August 2011, 23 Marines had taken their lives and another 125 had attempted.

"It's crazy to think (Marines) come home, make it through combat and they end up dying from suicide," said Esquivel. "It's

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Sgt. Andrea M. Olguin, a station combat camera photographer, and Tony J. Lewis, a runner, take part in the 5 kilometer Suicide Awareness and Prevention Walk/Run at the sea wall here Sept. 23. As of August 2011, there have been 23 suicides and 125 attempted suicides within the Marine Corps. The purpose of the event was to raise station residents' awareness of suicide, the warning signs and ways to prevent it.

## Keep ID under wraps

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Identity theft is a growing problem and is a danger to everyone. Whether civilian or a Department of Defense employee, anyone can become a target.

Identity theft is when someone uses another person's identity for any reason without their consent.

"You always think it's going to happen to someone else but when it happens to you it will change your life," said Capt. Samuel H. Kennon, station judge advocate.

Identity theft is an unpredictable crime. The only defense is to make yourself a hard target and stay safe.

Kennon and Scott Vouboukis, supervisory special agent of Naval Criminal Investigative Service, both agree identity theft is "all about the money."

"To steal somebody's identity, all you need these days is someone's Facebook account," said Kennon.

When an identity is stolen, victims will more than likely not notice right away. They won't know how or when their information was stolen.

"Thieves can try 100 times but they only need to be right once," said Vouboukis.

There is a very important letter to look for when inputting information online.

"Anytime you input your information online make sure there is an 'S,'" said Vouboukis. "When the link says 'https' it means it is a secured site."

Although identity theft mostly occurs online, physical theft of

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## JAS slated to host speech contest

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IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Preparations are underway for the 50th Annual Japanese American Society Speech Contest, which is scheduled for Nov. 6 at Iwakuni Sinfonia Concert Hall Nov. 6.

The speech contest was created to bring the Japanese and American communities closer. The contest is open to all Matthew C. Perry Elementary and High School students.

Deadline to turn in an application to compete is Oct. 14.

The contest will require American participants to prepare speeches in Japanese and the Japanese children to rehearse speeches in English.

The contest helps participants from both sides of the spectrum with learning, writing and speaking English and Japanese.

JAS has Japanese tutors available to help children with their Japanese in preparation for the contest.

"Everything is free," said Ralph B. Mora, JAS president. "The sign

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# CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

## 'Hear my prayer, O Lord; let me cry'

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MAG-12 CHAPLAIN

I led a Bible Study one evening, the topic was on prayer.

I asked the group how they understood prayer and what it meant to them.

There were various responses, but one response made by a Marine really made me pause.

He said, "Prayer is my opportunity to be heard."

When he further explained what he meant, he spoke of how he felt sometimes in conversations with others. He wasn't sure if the person he was talking to really heard him. However, he was certain God always listened no matter what.

We live in a world where everyone wants our attention. People at work make requests as well as demands of us. Family members seek our undivided attention.

Commercials played loudly on the television seem to scream out to us in hopes we will listen to their sales pitch. With so many voices wanting our attention throughout the day, it is no wonder we try to distinguish what is important and what is not. Sometimes, we fail to hear and really listen to the important voices that most need our attention. When that happens, the crucial needs of others can go unheard and their concerns ignored. There are times when I wonder if anyone heard what I said, or I wonder if they were listening at all.

At times, when we feel as though no one is listening to us, prayer offers us the assurance there is one who indeed listens. That one is God. God promises to listen to us no matter what! Just as he heard the cries of his people in bondage in Egypt just as he heard the cries of Miriam,

Anna, Job and countless others, so he hears our cries, concerns, needs and requests. Even if we don't know how to pray or what to pray about, Holy Scripture tells us that "the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express" (Romans 8:26). Thank goodness, God hears and understands us even when we don't know what to say or how to express ourselves. I don't know about you, but I need a listener like this in my life. The good news is, the God of love is always ready to listen to our spoken and unspoken prayers. He hears our joys and sorrows.

May God hear each of your needs and requests and may all be blessed by the abiding presence and assurance of his love and mercy.

May God richly bless and take care of each of you. May he look over you in times of need.

## VERTREP allows station to replenish supplies



Justin Davis, a Civil Service Mariners Sealift command landing signalman, signals to a Puma SA330J pilot, clear for takeoff during the vertical replenishment aboard the station here Sept. 24. The annual Ordnance VERTREP operation is necessary for the air station to retrograde material to and from the U.S.

## BOOT SCOOTIN' ROUNDUP

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## Run for suicide prevention

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enormous when you think about it. After they've given so much all ready, they take their own lives."

Suicide can affect anyone at any given time or place. It is an act which not only robs a person of life, but can also have a debilitating effect on a person's friends and family. Like any disease however, it can be treated. All one has to do is recognize the signs.

Some warning signs service member can look for when they suspect someone they know is contemplating suicide include giving away possessions, bouts of depression, a general sense of apathy and constantly contemplating or discussing death.

"The key thing is just knowing the warning signs," said April L. Lombard, a Matthew C. Perry elementary school teacher. "MCCS has a website for suicide prevention. There are people on base who are willing to speak with (others) to help them."

Lombard became involved with suicide awareness and prevention after she lost her father to suicide. Once she arrived on station, she began searching for ways to help deliver the message of suicide prevention and awareness.

"Capt. King was the public

affairs officer at the time, and I asked him what is there on base I can be involved with," said Lombard. "He put in motion having monthly meetings, pulling in the chaplains, people from counseling, so that started the ball rolling on putting (programs) in place."

Lombard said once she shared her story with coworkers, they became comfortable enough to relate personal dealings with suicide.

"It's good not just on the military front but the civilian front as well," said Lombard. "It's a whole community involvement. Everybody needs to be involved with the issue."

Silence can be one of suicide's greatest allies. The stigma associated with it causes many service members to avoid the subject with their brothers and sisters-in-arms.

"I've seen it happen to others," said Lance Cpl. Thad D. Cully, a Provost Marshal's Office Special



LANCE CPL. KENNETH K. TROTTER JR.

Approximately 80 station residents participated in the five kilometer Suicide Awareness and Prevention Walk/Run at the seawall here Sept 23. Suicide is the second leading cause of death among Marines behind combat. The event came about as a result of raising station residents' awareness of suicide, the warning signs and ways to prevent it. Suicide is an act which not only robs a person of life but can also have a debilitating effect on a person's friends and family.

Reaction Team member. "It's easy to get down when you're away from the first time."

Suicide prevention is more than mission accomplishment. It is in knowing fellow Marines will look out for one another even when they feel no one else will.

"They need to know people do care about them," said Cully.

"There's a lot of people that don't know that."

When Marines do not stop to recognize the signs of suicide or choose to ignore them, they are leaving that Marine behind to fight a battle on their own.

If anyone is having thoughts of committing suicide, contact the station counselor at 253-5104.

## American and Japanese cultures bridge gap with speech contest

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up for the contest and the tutors is completely free. We want the children to participate in this, have fun and learn how to speak Japanese and English better."

The children participating in the contest are required to write their own speeches and are put into different age groups. Each group's speech requirements are different. The older children have longer, more advanced speeches than younger participants.

Any student interested in competing is encouraged by the JAS to sign up at M.C. Perry Elementary and High School front offices.

"This is our biggest event of the year. We want as many students there as we can get," Mora said. "The more students who participate, the

more fun and entertaining the contest will be."

Judges for the contest are from not just the station community, but the Iwakuni City community as well.

M.C. Perry Elementary and High School principals as well as a high school Japanese teacher are scheduled to judge the English speeches.

"The hand movements, voice control and accuracy with the language are the biggest factors we will look at during the speech contests," said Morgan Nugent, M.C. Perry High School principal. "We want the speeches to really grab our attention and keep the audience interested from start to finish."

Some M.C. Perry students are already working on their speeches.

"This contest is a great way for us to show

everyone how hard we have been studying," said Jazmin Braswell, an M.C. Perry 10th grade student. "I am looking forward to hearing the other students' speeches."

Approximately 50 volunteers continually help with the contest.

Volunteers are the invisible force behind the contest, Mora said. They organize and produce everything from the plaques, trophies and certificates to contacting the Japanese and American schools for children to participate.

Prominent members of the station, Iwakuni city government officials and Japanese Maritime Self Defense Force personnel and other important Iwakuni community figures are slated to attend the contest.

All station residents and Status of Forces Agreement personnel are welcome to attend.

## Protect your identity, keep others from becoming you

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information and personal items is still a problem.

"The ladies in the night clubs are really good at attaining peoples' Department of Defense identification cards, dog tags, and credit cards," said Vousboukis.

Holding excess informational items creates a much larger chance of identity theft.

"People can become a harder target by just trying not to use credit cards in night clubs and not keep your social security card in

your wallet," said Vousboukis. "It can be your roommate, your buddy you went out drinking with, that girl you met the night before, or even relatives," said Vousboukis.

Family members can also be suspects of identity theft because they already know information which may be used as security questions.

"It's not always about phishing scams," said Vousboukis. "Sometimes it's loved ones, it's cousins, brothers or mothers who can steal your identity."

People need to watch out for each other. Especially, when it comes to family and children.

"Goes with kids too, goes with the 10-year-old that has a military id and they want their own wallet," said Vousboukis. "The biggest problem with kids is they most likely won't find out until they're 18."

Generally, children have bad credit or none at all due to their young age, but identity thieves can run their future credit.

Identity theft isn't only about gaining money.

"Someone may steal an identity for money or to commit another crime" said Vousboukis.

Illegal immigrants use fake or stolen identification cards in order to get work.

Identities can be used for anything.

"You can never be too cautious when it comes to protecting your identity," said Vousboukis. "To anyone outside your family, friends or people that know you personally, you're just a number; anyone can be you, your voice or your number if they have it."

# Children take stand by sitting down to read

PFC. NICHOLAS RHOADES  
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The Child Development Center is scheduled to hold a Read for the Record book reading for station children at CDC facilities and the library here Oct. 6.

All around the world prominent people will be reading the book, "Llama Llama Red Pajama" to children ages 1 through 5 at 10 a.m., including Matt Lauer on The Today Show, in order to help people understand the importance of literacy at an early age.

"The program is to help raise awareness of the importance to read to children during the first few years of their lives," said Pam A. Zeugin, project coordinator.

Children are easily influenced during the early stages of their development and it is important to take advantage of their first few years.

"Children's brains develop 80 percent during the first three years of their lives," said Zeugin.

Parents try to give their children a proper education, but some families simply do not

have the resources based on income, location and available opportunities.

"We are trying to bring attention to the fact there's a real problem with early literacy in the United States with many children living in poverty," said Zeugin.

We have been trying to get pertinent members of the station to read to the children, or just be involved in the project, Zeugin said.

A child requires more than the influence of parents.

Role models from all different settings are very influential in a child's development.

"It takes a village to raise a family and we have a great village here at Iwakuni," said Zeugin.

The project is designed to have families come together, enjoy each other and simply read a book.

"It really helps bring families together," said Zeugin. "Parents have been constantly asking to be more and more involved in the project."

The goal of this project is to create a connection between parents and their

children's education and improve family-bonding.

"It is about promoting early literacy among children and getting parents to sit down with children to read," said Courtney E. Pollock, marketing coordinator.

The event is scheduled to take place at the CDC facilities.

There is an additional reading scheduled to take place at the station library.

"The library allows all children on base an alternative place to go and listen to the book," said Pollock.

This project is only just beginning on the station, but reading events have been going on in the U.S. for many years.

"The project was originally created by Yale students trying to go into lower income schools and reading to children in order to try and encourage earlier literacy," said Pollock.

Station residents have also been working with children here during the Summer reading Program "Midsummer Nights Read".

This project began in 1993 and has spread throughout the U.S.

# MAG-12 Marine honored during Tokyo ceremony

LANCE CPL. CHARLIE CLARK  
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Cpl. Michael A. Clemens, Marine Aircraft Group 12 special intelligence communications center noncommissioned officer in charge, received the United Service Organizations Japan Service Salute Award during an award ceremony for U.S. and Japanese service members at the New Sanno Hotel in Tokyo Sept. 17.

The USO Service Salute Award honors active duty U.S. military members and those from the host-nation of Japan for exceptional performance on and off duty.

Clemens was one of 15 honorees from all branches of the U.S. military as well as the Japanese Self-Defense Force.

Vice Admiral Scott H. Swift, 7th Fleet commanding officer, was the guest speaker for the event and handed Clemens his award.

Clemens accumulated approximately 300 hours of volunteer service, was a Corporal's Course honor graduate and is the NCOIC of his section.

Clemens volunteered for different community relation projects such as going to Japanese orphanages and elementary schools to help children learn to read.

"It was a great honor to receive the award," Clemens said.

Clemens' command said his name had been put in for the award and about a month later was told he won.

"Clemens is what a corporal should be in the Marine Corps," said Gunnery Sgt. Andrew F. Causey, MAG-12 first sergeant.

"He knows his (military occupational specialty) very well,



Cpl. Michael A. Clemens, Marine Aircraft Group 12 special intelligence communications center noncommissioned officer in charge, volunteers for the 2010-2011 Matthew C. Perry homecoming parade here Feb. 11. Clemens volunteered approximately 300 hours to receive the United Service Organizations Japan Service Salute Award during an award ceremony for U.S. and Japanese service members in Tokyo Sept. 17.

and is known as the go-to guy in his shop. He mentors Marines and constantly strives in his off time to better himself."

Causey accompanied Clemens to the award ceremony.

"It was great to see Clemens recognized for being a good Marine," Causey said. "He sets the example not just for junior Marines but senior Marines as well. I am very proud of him."

Both Clemens and Causey encourage other Marines to

volunteer for the station and Iwakuni communities.

"If I could get this award, then I think anyone can win it," Clemens said.

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

The former president, Franklin D. Roosevelt requested in 1941 to form the USO to serve America's armed forces.

Various organizations such

as the Young Men's Christian Association, Salvation Army, National Travelers Association and the National Jewish Welfare Board merged their support by the USO to help U.S. service members.

The USO operates as a nonprofit charitable organization to provide morale, welfare and recreation activities to military personnel.

# Station children have fun during Day for Kids

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IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Station children and parents participated in the Boys and Girls Club Day for Kids 2011 held at different locations around station Sept. 21.

The Day for Kids allowed children to play, socialize and have fun during a day of no school.

"The main thing today is making it a fun day for children," said Eugene Clark, Youth and Teen Center activities director. "We want them to go outside and have fun."

The Youth and Teen Center, School-Age Care and Child Development Center here provided activities for the children.

"We want everyone to know that Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni is the best place for kids to have fun and be themselves," Clark said.

To encourage the children to interact, the Youth and Teen Center turned off every computer and television inside the building and had them play pool, board games and basketball.

The SAC took children outside to the playground in front of the building and held a talent show inside.

The talent show allowed the children to be creative and entertaining.

"The children like to show off their talents and musical skills," said Nina E. Nuttael, SAC activities program lead. "They love to entertain and be entertained by each other. This is great because the children are rewarded with applause for doing something they love to do."

"The Day for Kids gets children from staying home and watching television all day, to having fun with other children and being active outside," Nuttael said.

The CDC gave station children and their parents the option to decorate sugar cookies with icing and sprinkles.

"The cookies tasted really good," said Matthew C. Benson, 3, a CDC Day for Kids participant. "My dad and I had a lot of fun."

Parents seemed to appreciate how station youth facilities helped their children.

"It is days like this, a Day for Kids, which really shows parents how station residents take care of our own," said Sgt. Maj. Drew C. Benson, Matthew Benson's father and Marine Aircraft Group 12 sergeant major.

The CDC opened different classrooms for all age groups present.

In each classroom the children decorated cookies with the help of their parents.

The SAC offers a variety of planned group and individual activities for children ages 5-12.

The CDC offers full daycare for children six-weeks to five-years-old who are not enrolled in kindergarten.

Fees for youth and teen Programs at SAC and CDC are set on total-family income.

Call the Resource and Referral Specialist at 253-4141 for more information about the School-Age Care and Child Development Center.

The Youth and Teen Center closes at 5 p.m. and the center's staff encourages ages 10 to 18 to stop by and enjoy amenities the center has to offer.

For more information, contact the Youth and Teen Center at 253-6454.



Sgt. Maj. Drew C. Benson, Marine Aircraft Group 12 sergeant major, talks with Matthew C. Benson, 3, his son, after making cookies during the Boys and Girls Club Day for Kids 2011 at the Child Development Center here Sept. 21. The CDC had classrooms for different age groups to decorate and eat cookies.



Sean Bradford, 2, nibbles on a cookie he made during the Boys and Girls Club Day for Kids 2011 at the Child Development Center here Sept. 21. The children at the CDC decorated and ate cookies with their parents.

LANCE CPL. CHARLIE CLARK

# Modified Triathlon

## MCAS Iwakuni brings out tough competitive drive

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IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Marine Corps Community Services held the 34th annual MCCS Iwakuni Modified Triathlon here Sunday.

200 participants came out to fight their way through a 1 kilometer swim, a 32k bike ride, and two 4k runs.

Shin Sugino, a well-respected marathon runner and member of the Hiroshima Triathlon Club, led the pack, completing the 41k triathlon in 1:44:29, what he says to be "a pretty good time."

Sugino was competing in the 29-years-old and under category but also won first place overall. For the 30-49-years-old age group, Nobuhisa Tanigawa lead his class with a time of 1:48:01, happened to tie with Masakatsu Kawamura the leader of the 50 and over age group.

Females also had their own age groups. Aiko Mibara lead the 34 and under group with a time of 1:59:45. Yuko Kishida lead the 35 and over female age group with a time of 2:05:44.

The race was a unique triathlon due to the changes in the order of events.

Due to restrictions and construction zones at the station, the triathlon needed modifications in order to meet station requirements.

"A normal triathlon is a swim, bike, and run but we did a swim, run, bike, and run," said Thomas Durning, MCCS athletic director.

Modifications to the triathlon, brought something different to the table instead of the usual, customary style races.

"The fact that it's modified means it's not traditional for a lot of athletes" said Durning. "This is their only way to get on base and have an American style event, which draws a lot of competitors."

Although it was modified, only the run was changed. MCCS coordinators tried to keep the main structure of traditional triathlons.

"We made sure to keep the swim at the beginning and to end with a footrace, because for many, that is the climax of the competition," said Durning.

Kenichi Kabe, a confident cyclist, leads a pack of competitors through a turn on their third lap of a four lap bicycle portion of the Marine Corps Community Services Iwakuni Modified Triathlon here Sunday. During a triathlon, competitors race their customized lightweight bicycles 32 kilometers right before a foot race to the finish line. 200 participants came out fight their way through a 1 kilometer swim, 32k bike ride and two 4K runs.



PFC. NICHOLAS RHOADES

There were many competitors of different abilities and experience.

"We had everything from 1:44:29 to over 3 hours," said Durning.

Everyone was allowed to compete in the event no matter experience or expected time.

"We accepted all people who registered," said Durning. "This could be the first triathlon for someone. There were no qualifications needed for this triathlon."

Since there were no restrictions on who could participate, this was the first triathlon for many of the competitors.

"We had quite a few people who today was their first time competing in a triathlon," said Mai Tajima, MCCS recreation specialist.

Even though there were many first-timers, not a single person quit on the track.

"A total of 200 people went out, and 200 people came in," said Tajima.

Many of the participants came from off the station in order to compete in something unique.

"Off base there are a lot of hills, but here it is all relatively flat. There is no need to be an expert on the track layout in order to compete," said Tajima.

Many different athletic events occur off base as well as on base giving people an opportunity to compete in teams or relays.

"Japanese even have relay marathons where one person covers one kilometer then another person takes the next," said Tajima.

Teams were allowed to compete along with many individual from different racing clubs.

"Every participant paid 1200 yen in order to compete, but with that they all received lunch, a t-shirt, a number, a swim cap, and their score result," said Tajima.

The triathlon brought in many competitors for many reasons including the cost and uniqueness.

"Flat area, easy, cheap and a different environment really draws people in," said Tajima.

MCCS is hoping to continue the event next year, but for now they are focusing on a duathlon, which is run, bike, run, scheduled for December.



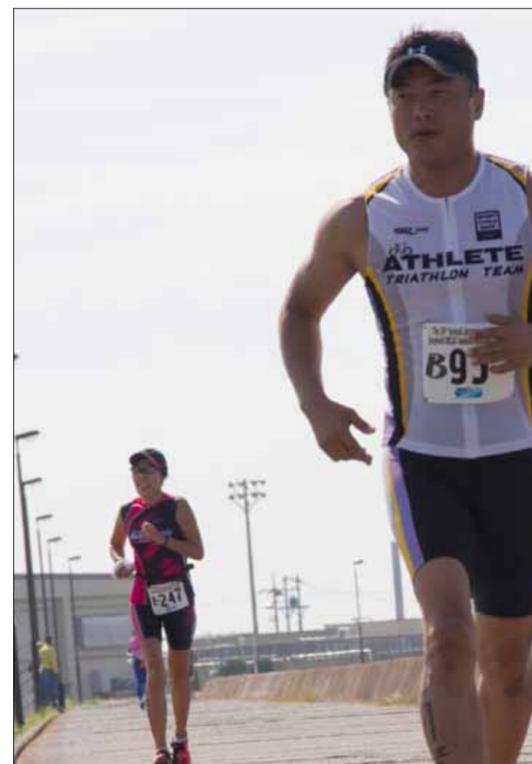
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Competitors begin the Marine Corps Community Services Iwakuni Modified Triathlon with a one kilometer swim here Sunday. The swimming portion consisted of two laps out to a buoy and back. The buoy was placed 250 meters away, but with the current and the turn-around point forcing competitors to slow down. 200 participants came out to fight their way through a 1 kilometer swim, a 32k bike ride, and two 4k runs. Many of the participants came from off the station in order to compete in something unique. Many different athletic events occur off base as well as on base giving people an opportunity to compete in teams or relays.



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Masafumi Yasui, a triathlon competitor, pushes himself to finish the last running portion of the Marine Corps Community Services Iwakuni Modified Triathlon here Sunday. Yasui lost his leg years ago and continues to compete in triathlons and other races



SGT. DANIEL K. BROWN

Tsutomu Morimoto, an experienced triathlon competitor, overtakes another triathlon competitor, during the Marine Corps Community Services Iwakuni Modified Triathlon here Sunday.



PFC. NICHOLAS RHOADES

Makoto Kanemiya, a triathlon competitor, finishes his second lap, also considered the halfway point for the bike portion of the Marine Corps Community Services Iwakuni Modified Triathlon here Sunday.

# CORPS NEWS

HIGHLIGHTING MARINES AND SAILORS AROUND THE GLOBE

## Lifeline: Marine KC-130Js resupply the fight in Afghanistan

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**CAMP BASTION**  
Afghanistan — When supplies run thin at forward operating bases peppering the Helmand River valley, reassurance often comes with the strong hum of a Marine Corps KC-130J Hercules.

"Providing aerial resupplies is one of our primary missions," said Capt. Sergio Luna, a KC-130J Hercules pilot with Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 152. "We have been flying out a lot of supplies and putting a lot of energy into getting ground forces in Afghanistan what they need."

The counterinsurgency in southwestern Afghanistan relies on U.S. Marines and their coalition partners who live at small outposts among Afghan towns and villages. The Marines patrol village streets assisting Afghan citizens and police forces to stand on their own.

However, these small outposts are often largely cutoff from the outside world and can be difficult to reach by convoy. Marine aviators use the Hercules aircraft to drop supplies by parachute, allowing ground troops to stay in the fight with water, food and ammunition.

"I feel that the most important factor of conducting aerial resupplies is the fact you are saving lives," said Lance Cpl. Shane Johnson, a Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 152 loadmaster, and native of Green Bay, Wis. "We are giving supplies to those who need them and keeping motor transportation Marines on the ground from being put into harm's way."

In addition to being immune to the threat of improvised explosive devices that could hinder a ground supply convoy's progress, aerial drops deliver supplies faster without limitation from geographical obstacles.

"Our KC-130J is excellent for delivering large amounts of supplies quickly to where they are needed most," said Luna, a native of Redmond, Wash. "We can get to areas and perform drops at speeds and places convoys can only dream about."

The KC-130J Hercules is the largest aircraft in the Marine Corps arsenal. The propeller-driven, fixed-wing behemoth is the latest iteration of an airframe the U.S. military has relied on for more than 50 years. The Marine Corps uses the

Hercules for troop and supply transport throughout southwestern Afghanistan, as well as battlefield illumination during coalition night operations. The KC-130J also serves as an aerial refueling platform for Marine Attack Squadron 513's AV-8B Harrier attack jets.

KC-130J support in Afghanistan comes from a combined unit made up of three Marine aerial refueler transport squadrons, detachments from Miramar, Calif.; Okinawa, Japan; and Cherry Point, N.C.

Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 252, out of Cherry Point, currently serves as the command element for the deployed detachment.

The Cherry Point troops work daily with Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 152 Marines, deployed from Okinawa.

Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 352, deployed from Miramar, operates the specially equipped Harvest HAWK KC-130J, which in addition to typical Hercules duties, is also capable of providing close-air support with its advanced targeting system and air-to-ground missiles.

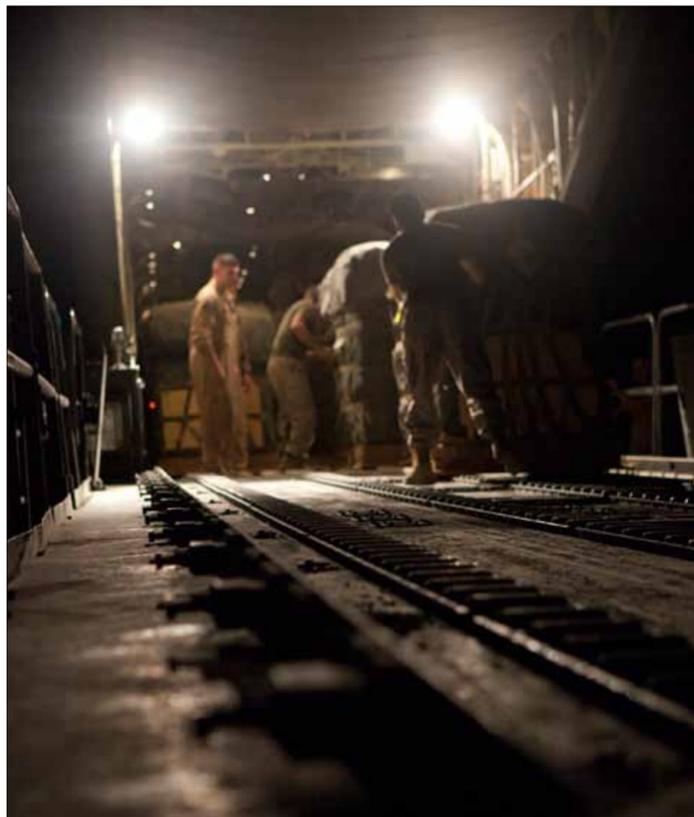
"This is a great opportunity for us to demonstrate that we are a team. We deliver supplies to all those fighting the insurgency," said Luna.

The ability to move life-sustaining supplies safely and efficiently keeps Marines on the ground fighting. The Marines of the aerial refueler transport squadron said they understand the importance of their missions and use the strength of the Hercules to get the supplies and equipment where they are needed most.

"We can load up to 30,000 pounds of water and other supplies, which can be lifted and delivered to our forces on the ground in a single drop," said Johnson. "I have been on more drops than I can count. I cannot even begin to imagine the amount of stuff that we have given to troops and will continue to get them in the future."



Camp Bastion, Helmand, Afghanistan—Marines with Marine aerial refueler transport squadrons deployed in support of NATO International Security Assistance Force operations move cargo in a KC-130J Hercules over Afghanistan, Sept. 5.



Camp Bastion, Helmand, Afghanistan — Marines with 2nd Marine Logistics Group (Forward) and Marine aerial refueler transport squadrons deployed in support of NATO International Security Assistance Force operations, load cargo onto a KC-130J Hercules at Camp Bastion, Afghanistan, Sept. 5. The Marines conducted an aerial drop to re-supply ground troops with necessary supplies of ammunition, food, and water.

# COMMUNITY BRIEFS | CLASSIFIEDS

## Briefs

### Iwakuni Wheels

MCCS is scheduled to conduct the Iwakuni Wheels event Saturday. 5th St. will be closed from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. between E Ave. and C Ave.

### Wrestling Club

Lt. Col Fredrick and Maj. Reed of Marine Aircraft Group 12 are hosting a wrestling club Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11:30 a.m. at the IronWorks Gym near the basketball courts. It is open to anyone interested in practicing or getting a good workout.

### Hispanic Heritage Month

Marine Corps Equal Opportunity Program will host the 2011 Hispanic Heritage Month Observance at the MCAS Iwakuni Ballroom Friday at 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. There will be a buffet costing \$10.25. This event is open to all active duty members and civilians.

### Special Olympics

Marine Corps Community Services, Semper Fit Division is scheduled to host the 4th Annual MCAS Iwakuni Special Olympics (Hiroshima branch) Sports Day on Oct. 16. The event will be held from 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. to approximately 160 participants.

### Now on Flickr

MCAS Iwakuni PAO and Combat Camera are now on Flickr! View and download images from air station activities and events at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/mcasiwakuni/>.

### Girl Scouts

The Iwakuni Girl Scouts is looking for fun-loving, devoted women and men who want to make a positive impact on the lives of young girls. If you are interested in becoming a leader, co-leader, board member or parent volunteer, e-mail [iwakunigs@gmail.com](mailto:iwakunigs@gmail.com).

### Breast Cancer

MCCS Semper Fit is scheduled to host a walk to promote breast cancer awareness Oct. 15 at 9 a.m. Starting Position at the sea wall behind the Iron Works Gym. Call 253-6359 for more information.

### Seawall Closure

The seawall fitness path from the school and housing area to the IronWorks Gym Bldg. 1010 is scheduled to remain closed until May 2012 due to a major repair project by the resident officer in charge of construction Iwakuni. The repair will be conducted in two phases. The IronWorks Gym to

the Port Area Security Gate is scheduled to close from June 2012 to April 2013. Repairs are necessary to maintain safety and serviceability of the fitness path. Community safety and security is paramount throughout the project duration.

### 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.

### 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 MOPETS ages 0-5-years-old. If you would like to help, contact Michele at 253-2031.

### 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. Appointments are 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. For more information, call 253-6161.

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](mailto:lbginokinawa@gmail.com). For more information visit [www.louisberger.com](http://www.louisberger.com) and look for the jobs indicated for Okinawa.

### Brief and Classified Submissions

To submit a community brief or classified advertisement, send an e-mail to [iwakuni.pao@usmc.mil](mailto:iwakuni.pao@usmc.mil). Include a contact name, a phone number and the information to you would like to be published. You may submit a brief or classified ad in person at the Public Affairs Office, Building 1, Room 216 or call 253-5551. 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

## Jobs

### Part-time Dental Assistant Position

The dental clinic is seeking a certified dental assistant. For more information, stop by the Robert M. Casey Medical and Dental Clinic, Bldg 111 or call 253-3331 to speak with Petty Officer 1st Class Sean Bohl or Senior Chief Petty Officer Ron Hunter.

### Program management positions

Louis Berger Group is seeking experienced DoD, retired or separated military members for program management

## Emergency Phone Numbers

- Antiterrorism Force protection: 253-ATFP (2837)
- Life, limb or loss of vision threatening emergencies while on the air station: 119 or 911. From a cell phone or for bilingual capability: 082-721-7700.
- For security issues, contact the Provost Marshal's Office: 253-3303. To report without talking to a person, Crime Stoppers: 253-3333.
- Sexual Assault: To make a confidential report of sexual assault or harassment, contact the victim advocate at 253-4526 during working hours. For after hours, weekends and holidays, call 090-9978-1033 or 080-3427-0835. You can also call the installation Sexual Assault Response Coordinator at 253-6556 or 080-5865-3566.

## Interested in becoming a DJ?

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

## Iwakuni Roadrunners

Iwakuni Roadrunners will host runs every Tuesday through Thursday. All service members and civilians welcome. All runs will meet at Crossroads Mall.

**Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.:** Speed Drills, Six mile sea wall run, half-mile on half-mile off workout for all six miles.

**Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.:** Group Run, Six mile course off-base three miles out and three miles back. There will be markers at one and two miles points in case you do not want to run six full miles.

**Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.:** Ladies Night, this will be a two-three mile moderate pace run open to all women.

# 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

**Protestant**  
 2nd & 4th Saturday 10 a.m. Seventh-Day  
 Adventist Sabbath Meeting  
 Sunday 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Adult  
 Bible Study  
 10:30 a.m. Protestant Service  
 4:30 p.m. Lutheran Holy  
 Communion Service  
 (Small Chapel)

Tuesday 9 a.m. Ladies Bible Study  
 Wednesday 5:45 p.m. Awana (Bldg. 1104)  
 1st & 3rd Thursday 9:30 a.m. MOPS

**Church of Christ**  
 Sunday 9:30 a.m. Bible Study (Small  
 Chapel)  
 10:30 a.m. Service Fellowship

**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

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



John Manke, a 2011 Far East Powerlifting Championship competitor, grunts as he squats 319 pounds during the 2011 Far East Powerlifting Championship competition held at the IronWorks Gym here Sept. 18. 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

<b>Friday, September 30, 2011</b> 7 p.m. 30 Minutes or Less (R) <i>Premiere</i>	<b>Monday, October 3, 2011</b> 7 p.m. Sesame Street ( <i>Free Admission</i> )
<b>Saturday, October 1, 2011</b> 4 p.m. The Smurfs (PG) 7 p.m. Final Destination 5 (R) <i>Premiere</i>	<b>Tuesday, October 4, 2011</b> 3 p.m. Sesame Street ( <i>Free Admission</i> ) 7 p.m. Sesame Street ( <i>Free Admission</i> )
<b>Sunday, October 2, 2011</b> 4 p.m. The Smurfs (PG) 7 p.m. 30 Minutes or Less (R)	<b>Wednesday, October 5, 2011</b> Theater Closed
	<b>Thursday, October 6, 2011</b> 7 p.m. 30 Minutes or less (R)

The movie schedule is subject to change. Please check [www.mccsiwakuni.com/sakura](http://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](http://www.mccsiwakuni.com) or call 253-5291.

# Mess Hall Menu

<b>Monday:</b> Corn chowder, sauerbraten, jerked chicken, styled chicken, 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.	<b>Tuesday:</b> 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, snails, macaroni salad, potato salad, coleslaw, standard salad bar, banana nut muffins, peach crunch, cheese cake, peanut butter cookies, vanilla pudding parfait, Jell-O parfait.	<b>Wednesday:</b> 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.	<b>Thursday:</b> Minestrone soup, barbecue chicken, 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, bowknots, blueberry muffin, apple pie, devil's food cake with coconut buttercream frosting, shortbread cookie.	<b>Friday:</b> 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.
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# Match made in skill

## Soccer teams battle it out, game ends in 0-0 draw

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Inter Milan and Platypi, station youth soccer teams, battled it out at the Matthew C. Perry High School soccer field here Sept. 22 during the 2011 youth sports soccer season 13-15 year-old age group.

Both teams proved and advocated their defense as the final outcome was a tie score, 0-0.

"I wasn't expecting a scoreless game," said Saddam Ahmad, Inter Milan coach.

The two teams came onto the field with determination from the beginning as Inter Milan took control of the ball first.

Inter Milan maneuvered down field to come within striking distance of the goal.

Several Platypi players swarmed the goal, forcing Chancellor C. Gardiner, Inter Milan forward, to sail the ball over the net.

The Platypi quickly rebounded after the ball was thrown back in.

They attacked, doing their best to wear down Inter Milan, passing the ball back and forth before attempting to score. Justin R. Hill, Inter Milan goalie, blocked and denied the Platypi the chance to score.

Inter Milan's biggest strength seemed to be in the number of players compared to the Platypi, substituting all their players every few minutes.

"We definitely had way more kids than the other kids," said Ahmad. "We were pretty fresh. I also wanted to make sure that all my kids got a chance to play and not get set in one (position)."

Several times throughout the match, both teams were flagged for attempting to kick the ball back into play as it went out of bounds.

"We got called on that a couple of times," said Ahmad. "We've got to keep both feet in."

Both teams continued to attempt to score, but were denied the opportunity by the fierce dedication of both teams' goalies.

"Our defense definitely stopped a lot of shots," said Edgar A. Castaneda, Platypi coach.

Several times throughout the game, both goalies swatted, dived and jumped to deny the other team a score.

"Our (goalie) did great," said Castaneda. Coletta stopped 10 to 12 shots straight at the goal, so defense was our key point today."

As the sun set, the two teams continued to fight for possession of the ball.

"My mentality was just, 'save everything so my offense can at least score one,'" said Michael N. Coletta, Platypi goalie.

Both hoped to land a blow to the other team's defensively steady goalies, but neither could.

"I was just trying to stop everything out there," said Coletta.

The two teams are slated to play each other again as the season progresses.

Both teams proved the old saying, "defense wins games," true for this game. It remains to be seen if it will prove true when they lock horns again.



Miranda Allen, a Platypi midfielder, attempts to maintain control of the ball during a 0-0 soccer game at the Matthew C. Perry Soccer field here Sept. 22. Both teams came determined to put points on the board but it was each team's goalie that proved the deciding factor.



Tyler R. Stevenson, an Inter Milan midfielder, attempts to maneuver the ball around Johnny Baseel, a Platypi defender, in a soccer game at the Matthew C. Perry soccer field here Sept. 22. A series of blocks and swats from both teams' goalies resulted in a score of 0-0. The Platypi quickly rebounded after the ball was thrown back in. They attacked, doing their best to wear down Inter Milan, passing the ball back and forth before attempting to score. Justin R. Hill, Inter Milan goalie, blocked and denied the Platypi.



# Navy Birthday Meal

October 13, 2011 10:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
 North Side Mess Hall South Side Mess Hall

**\*\*Special Meal Prices\*\***

*Everyone aboard MCAS is welcome! ComRats, civilian employees and family members: \$7.00. Family members of E4 and below: \$5.95.*

**SPECIAL TIMES:**

*Military Only: 10:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.  
 Military/Civilian/Family: 12:15 - 2:00 p.m.*

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**Attire**

Formal Civilian Attire  
 Service Dress Blues  
 with large medals or  
 Service Equivalent

**Contact Information**

ET1 Cole 080.3428.4837

**Cocktail Hour**  
 6-7 p.m.

**Ceremony, dinner & dance**  
 7 p.m. - 12 a.m.

**Ticket Information**

SNCO Cash Cage through Oct. 7  
 E1 - E5 \$40  
 E6 - E9 \$50  
 Officers, DoD Civilians and MLC \$60

## Matthew C. Perry High School Homecoming Week

Monday: Pajama Day

Tuesday: Superhero Day

Wednesday: Sports Day

PowderPuff Girls Football game (5-6 p.m.)

Fire Pit Festival (6-8 p.m.)

Thursday: Class Theme Day

Seniors - Ceasar's Palace

Juniors - Hardrock Hotel

Sophomores - Treasure Island

Freshman - Paris

8th Grade - New York, New York

7th Grade - Circus Circus

Friday Oct. 7: Class Color Day

Pep Rally (1:30 - 2:30 p.m.)

Parade (3-4 p.m.)

Saturday Oct. 8: Homecoming Dance,  
 Iwakuni Ballroom (7-11 p.m.)