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## Training begins in Guam to enhance job proficiency

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**ANDERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Guam** – Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12, Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 115 and Strike Fighter Squadron 94 arrived here Oct. 6 to begin aerial and ground training in the region as part of a month-long deployment to improve and bolster combat efficiency.

The purpose of the training is to re-familiarize pilots and ground crew service members in their job proficiency.

“Our main focus of effort is training for the aviators and for their air crew core competency,” said Master Sgt. William E. Hetrick Jr., VMFA-115 aircraft maintenance chief. “Our second (focus) is on our maintenance Marines.”

The Marines and sailors will be

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**ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE, Guam**—F/A-18 aircraft from Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 115 stage on the flightline as more aircraft from Strike Fighter Squadron 94 arrive to begin training with VMFA-115 in the coming weeks. Marines from Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12, VMFA-115 and sailors from VFA-94 will be working together to until the training ends in November.

## MWSS-171 Engineers tear down communication barriers, build school

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Approximately 30 Marines with Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 combat engineers deployed to the Philippines for an Engineering Civic Action Project with III Marine Expeditionary Force Oct. 5 to build a school for the local community in Ternate, Philippines.

Civic action projects are operations designed to aid areas using military or civilian resources.

The Engineers conduct projects to improve or build schools, clinics, roads or drinking wells during an ENCAP with equipment.

“These ENCAPs are a great experience and they help support our

missions,” said Lt. Col. Michael C. Taylor, MWSS-171 commanding officer. “Our goal while we’re down there is to learn about vertical construction, stay safe on the work site, liberty and learn something about the Filipino military and people.”

The combat engineers will work side-by-side with Air Force Rapid Engineer Deployable Heavy Operational Repair Squadron Engineers, Filipino seabees, and Filipino Marines through the duration of the project.

“We are not going to treat the airmen, Filipino seabees and Marines as a separate entity,” Taylor said. “They are all attached to (III MEF) so we need to make sure they’re integrated. We’re

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## Operation Comfort, Care: Volunteers ready

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Marine Corps Family Team Building is scheduled to conduct Operation Comfort and Care in front of the Marine Corps Exchange and Commissary here Nov. 18 - 19.

Operation Comfort and Care gives station residents an opportunity to send care packages to forward-deployed service members supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

Station residents are asked to donate anything they are able to for service members deployed abroad.

“This is great for the community,” said Keeya O. Charleston, Marine Aircraft Group 12 family readiness officer. “Residents come together as a team to help our deployed troops. It does not matter what branch of service they are in because the families here have friends or family members serving in the Army or the Air Force.”

If station residents have addresses of non-station forward-deployed service members, MCFTB encourages them to bring those

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# CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

## 'What does love have to do with it?'

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This is one of the first popular songs written by Tina Turner after dissolution of The Ike and Tina Revue and sequentially became a top move seller by the same name. The movie reflected the story of her life married to Ike Turner. While Tina Turner's life isn't the focus of this article, the question still remains: "What does love got to do with it?"

We hear this word on a daily basis in movies, books, songs and even in our daily interactions with each other. We love our food, animals, clothes, favorite actress, actor and musicians. We love our job and we even love our families (most of the time). It seems as if this word may have lost some of the significant value and true meaning, or has it?

The definition of love given by Webster dictionary states: "A deep, tender, ineffable feeling of affection and solicitude toward

a person, such as that arising from kinship, recognition of attractive qualities, or a sense of underlying oneness." While this is a very good definition, I prefer the one in 1 Corinthians because it extends from one person and becomes inclusive for all people, encompass all our relationships and interaction with others.

The scripture text is often used within the context of marriage or wedding ceremonies but I don't believe that it is exclusive only to martial relationships. As Paul shares his meaning and definition with the Corinthian church in 1 Corinthians 13: 4-7: "Love is being patient, kind, long suffering, not jealous or boastful, not proud or rude, keeping any record of wrong and doesn't rejoice over injustice. Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful and endures through every circumstance." I must admit these are very powerful words and definition of love. This definition is one that is beyond

ourselves and becomes selfless.

This kind of love can often seem difficult to have in a society where it seems that everyone is in a hurry and people seem to have their own agenda. What if we actually slowed down and practiced this in our daily lives one person at a time. What would happen if we showed love through random acts of kindness to each other? How would this impact the community around us? I believe Jesus was on to something when he told us to (Matthew 22:38) "Love our neighbor as ourselves."

I would like to answer the question that Tina challenges us with, "What does love got to do with it?" Everything, we chose each day in our interactions to show kindness to others. It is up to us to live our lives filled with joy and love or with unhappiness and hate.

The choice is ours.

## Safety award presented to construction co.



Cmdr. Jason D. Zeda, station facilities officer, presents Eiji Hirata, the executive vice president of Nishimatsu Construction Co. Ltd., a challenge coin to represent the partnership between Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni and the construction company after a final safety inspection of the new renovations done to midrise 1200 here Oct. 5. The station and Nishimatsu have been working together for years and have completed many projects here. The renovations to midrise 1200 have been going on for more than a year and are still undergoing with new electrical systems and final adjustments.

## BOOT SCOOTIN' ROUNDUP

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able to accomplish this by speeding up the tempo and alternating work schedules.

"We're going to have a pretty tough flight schedule with numerous events; air-to-ground, air-to-air," said Hetrick.

VMFA-115 will work closely with VFA-94 and MALS-12. MALS-12 will be providing logistical support and offering additional ground support.

The opportunity for both VMFA-115 and VFA-94 to train with one another can provide both squadrons with an opportunity to learn more and experience a different side of their work field.

"It's going to be a great experience," said Hetrick. "I would say 95 percent of (VMFA-115) Marines have not served next to a Navy squadron. They don't get to see the Navy like we do here and in Iwakuni, unless we're an actual air integration squadron that goes on a boat and the same with the sailors as well."

VFA-94 is the only Navy squadron that is part of the Unit Deployment Program and works alongside other Marine squadrons when training.

"We spend our entire deployment working with Marine units," said Petty Officer 1st Class Marcus D. Fuller, VFA-94 maintenance controller.

VFA-94 is scheduled to conduct many of the same training missions and exercises as their VMFA-115 counterparts.

"We're operating out of the same space," said Fuller. "We fly the same type of aircraft."

The F/A-18 Hornet serves as the flagship for both squadrons' mission accomplishment. The

Hornet affords them the opportunity to engage in a wider variety of training missions and exercises while in Guam.

MALS-12 will also play a role by providing support to both squadrons.

"We are providing aviation logistics support, that involves providing supply pack (containers)," said 1st Lt. Nicolas V. Eguiguren, MALS-12 detachment officer in charge. "We're also the link between the squadrons and MALS-12 supply systems in the rear."

MALS-12 will be working alongside both squadrons, providing support and augmenting the efforts of each squadron's ordnance component, helping to load weapons, ammunition and maintenance.

"We have 16 Marines providing everything that has to do with ordnance for both squadrons to utilize during their combat training operations," said Eguiguren.

This is just a small part of the overall support MALS-12 will be supplying to both squadrons as it also has Marines and sailors working to provide other aspects of logistics to ensure both squadrons are capable of continuing their training.

"We provide all the supply support for the squadrons," said Eguiguren.

"Apart from that, we have ground support equipment and cryogenics gear on site, staged outside our work spaces for both squadrons to use."



ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE, Guam—Sailors from Strike Fighter Squadron 94 make their way to the flightline here Oct. 6 as VFA-94 F/A-18s arrive to begin training in the region along with Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 115. Both squadrons will be using the F/A-18 in their training as they set about performing air-to-air and air-to-ground training missions. VFA-94 is the only Navy squadron that is a part of the Unit Deployment Program.

## MWSS-171 set out to build friendships, help Philippine community

setting the example and showing them how a work site should be run, how we take care of our younger Marines, each other and learning the techniques of vertical construction."

The main obstacle concerns the typhoon season, which is in full swing.

"There is approximately two feet of water on the ground out there," said Lt. Ian Dick, ENCAP officer-in-charge. "Everyone should expect to get dirty."

The school house will be one room, 8 by 30 meters with ceramic floors with built-in grade beams which gives the school the capability of converting from one to three rooms in the future.

Though their main purpose is

to build the school, the Marines will work avidly to maintain and continue to improve relations with Filipino military members.

"These are our Filipino Marine counter parts," said Sgt. Maj. Albert Biaz, MWSS-171 sergeant major. "Many countries established their military and made Marines for a specific reason. We don't only represent this unit, we have a big footprint on what the United States is doing for other countries. We're building a school and showing them what we do as Marines."

The dedication ceremony for the school house is slated for Nov. 4 and the Marines are slated to return Nov. 13.

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## Station cares for deployed troops

addresses to the Operation Comfort and Care drop off sites to ensure those troops get care packages.

"We are all a band-of-brothers and sisters," Angela L. Calderon, MCFTB readiness and deployment support trainer, said. "Those of us here who are not in the military are still away from our families back home. We know what it is like to be deployed from loved ones for a long time."

Community volunteers are encouraged to help out with collecting and packing the supplies residents drop off.

"We really need the support of the station community to help our service members fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan," Calderon said.

Letters of appreciation will be given and volunteer hours will be marked for all volunteers who want to help.

"I am just one person," Calderon said. "My office has just a few people in it, but we have this big idea. Big ideas need big support."

MCFTB has a list of helpful

supplies deployed service members may need.

"Anything you need here, they need there," Calderon said. "Canned food, toiletries and even skivvy shirts and shorts would be great to send. They might not have washing machines readily available where they are at so extra clothing would be a big help for them."

The care packages were planned to be early Christmas presents for the service members. A Christmas theme has been added among the usual needed supplies.

"We have a (naughty and nice list) for the service members who have not gotten into trouble," Calderon said. "We want them to get games or puzzle books. Anything that will help pass the time and keep them smiling until they get home to their families."

To volunteer, have non-station service members receive care packages or for more information, call Calderon at 253-3754.

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# NCIS, EOD teach basics of IEDs to Japan Coast Guard

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IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Station personnel were invited to give an improvised explosive device brief to Hiroshima Headquarters Japan Coast Guard in their Hiroshima Port Office Oct. 4.

Members of station Naval Criminal Investigative Service and Marine Explosive Ordnance Disposal technicians spent the day briefing approximately 30 Japan Coast Guardsmen on the dangers of IEDs.

"We are here for the defense of Japan under the U.S. - Japan Security Treaty, but at the same time, we want to share our knowledge and experience in order for them to better themselves in terms of law enforcement," said Bobby Shibazaki, a NCIS representative. "Law enforcement officers must always be vigilant, and they have to conduct their operational missions in the safest manner possible to protect themselves as well as the general public."

Shibazaki said there are many things American and Japanese forces can learn from each other through a good working relationship, and the IED awareness brief is a testament to that.

During the brief, EOD technicians and NCIS exposed the attending coast guardsmen to the realities and threat of IEDs.

They discussed ways IEDs are made and steps to take if they are ever confronted with one.

"The brief gave them a better understanding of awareness in how to be vigilant for IEDs," said Shibazaki. "Japan is a safe country, but we wanted to host something in which they would benefit by knowing the danger of IEDs and the importance of implementing evacuation and safety procedures."

The class in attendance reviewed several IED attacks caught on video. One video involved an IED attack aboard a small vessel approaching a larger patrol boat.

"We don't really deal with IEDs or other explosives but, as part of our operations, we have to conduct a counter terrorism mission within the coast guard," said Hisashi Okada, Japan Coast Guard, Headquarters Hiroshima Guard and Rescue section chief, through a translator. "After seeing the video of the patrol boat — how they got close and actually had a detonation by the bombers — it's made me think, we might have to change our policy on how we can implement an approach to other vessels."

Although the Japan Coast Guard conducts rescue and recovery missions and maintains order at sea, many have never seen the effects and deaths involved when dealing with IEDs.

"Through the brief, I wanted my staff and personnel to become more vigilant and aware of the threat involved in IEDs and for them to realize there are real dangers out there," said Okada. "I wanted them to realize there are people out there that create and use IEDs to harm people."

Japan Coast Guardsmen were selected from aboard three vessels to attend the brief.

Individuals were selected from the Guard and Rescue section, while others were from a regular section who worked closely with Guard and Rescue.

Takuya Murao, Japan Coast Guard Hiroshima branch patrol craft Shimagiri chief engineer, was among the individuals who attended the brief.

"We've actually gotten close to suspicious vessels in the past," said Murao, through a translator. "Now, after observing what



CPL. CLAUDIO A. MARTINEZ

A station explosive ordnance disposal technician explains how the materials of improvised explosive devices work to Japan Coast Guardsmen during an IED brief given in one of their Hiroshima port offices Oct. 4. During the brief, EOD technicians exposed the attending coast guardsmen to the threats of IEDs. Although the Japan Coast Guard conducts rescue and recovery missions many have never seen the effects of an IED.

happened in the videos and learning from the brief, I'll probably use other methods to keep our distance, either by using a verbal command through a loud speaker or even sending a smaller vessel to make that initial contact. I plan on starting that today."

Murao said he appreciates everything he learned during the brief and believes the relationship and security that has been built between American and Japanese forces can continue to grow through training like this.

According to NCIS and EOD, this marks the first time a brief like this was done at Headquarters Japan Coast Guard Hiroshima.

# Save the station one light at a time

PFC. NICHOLAS RHOADES  
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Energy Conservation month is here, and station residents should be aware of their energy consumption, not only for the month of October but for the whole year.

The reason for energy conservation month is to make people aware of saving all types of energy, such as fuel, water, or the biggest one, electricity.

"It's hard to change an adult's behavior because they've done it for so long that at least if we can start with the younger children — if we can start with the younger children and educate them about turning stuff off that doesn't need to be left on then it helps save energy," said Mark R. Lahey, station energy manager.

"Not only does (conservation) help children, but it helps them in the long run to save money, and also save the nation."

There are many benefits to saving energy, not only the obvious reasons such as saving money or even saving the planet.

"Not only does it help them as individuals, but it helps the station because not only will we be saving them money, but we will be saving money for the station so we can add things in the barracks or the buildings, which really need that fresh paint or new furniture," said Lahey.

Energy conservation not only helps the station now, but will help it in the future.

We probably won't see these changes on this base but it's not for us, it's for the next generation

and the following Marines and sailors, who take our place on this station, said Lahey.

To help reach children, Marine Corps Community Services is getting in touch with the schools to get children involved.

"We are doing an energy conservation/awareness poster contest," said Lahey.

Contestants' posters are scheduled to be due Monday and are slated to be judged Wednesday. There will be a total of 12 winners, 3 from each category. The four groups will be made up of kindergartners through 2nd-graders, 3rd through 5th-graders, 6th through 8th-graders, and 9th through 12th-graders.

"The posters will be distributed around some high traffic areas all around the station," said

Lahey.

This will allow children to view their success in the competition and also educate the entire station of energy awareness month.

"Just because this month is the 'official' energy awareness month, we should be aware all year long, every day at home and at work," said Lahey. "You should always try to think if you are saving energy."

Everyone knows the basics about saving energy, like turning off lights and closing windows, but it's the little things which are costing this station.

Facilities, alongside of utilities, will be installing new monitoring systems for each individual facility on station.

"We are going to put a meter on each facility; it's like a normal meter on a house but (better)," said Cmdr. Jason D. Zeda, station facilities officer. "These

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# Station youth put "home" in homecoming

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IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Matthew C. Perry Intermediate and High Schools hosted a week-long homecoming for the children here from Oct. 1 through Oct. 7.

Children who come from military families are not always offered the same opportunities that non-military children are offered.

"It's important that the kids have a homecoming experience, even though they are over five or six thousand miles from their homes, we have a little home coming, Iwakuni-style here," said Morgan A. Nugent, principal of M. C. Perry Intermediate and High Schools.

The purpose of homecoming is to give the youth school spirit and an experience they won't forget, no matter what the size is.

"A lot of homecomings have big floats and giant crowds of alumni associations, well we don't have that, but we make it our own and give it some Iwakuni style," said Nugent.

Homecoming week might have been smaller compared to some schools back in the states but there were a lot of events that took place.

This week has been filled with nothing but fun and crazy themes and activities that the children actively participate in, said Nugent.

The children dressed up each day in different themes to show their school spirit.

"Friday was Class Color Day, every class had a different shirt to show when they're graduating. Then on Thursday, it was Theme Day, so the children would dress up in their class theme, such as Caesars palace, said Samantha B. Inzunza, senior class president.

Every grade had a different theme to represent their grade, but they all dealt with the main theme of Las Vegas.

"(Seniors) got Caesars palace as a class theme," said Inzunza. "Juniors got The Hard Rock Café, and sophomores got Treasure Island."

Some of the other themes included Paris for freshmen, New York, New York for 8th-graders and 7th-graders got a Circus, Circus theme.

"We have all been competing to show which grade has the most school spirit by dressing up all week long as super heroes, sports teams or even just our class themes," said Danielle F. Rosales, an M.C. Perry junior.

The main event of the homecoming week was a Homecoming Dance Saturday, Oct. 7.

"The dance was so much fun, there was food and a live (Disc Jockey) and everyone was dancing and having a great time," said Rosales.

Many children had fun at the Homecoming Dance, but the week packed with events made it a real experience.

"It was a really good opportunity for our kids to have fun here in Iwakuni," said Nugent.

The event was put together to try and give the children of M. C. Perry an experience which most kids back in the states have already.

"We want to celebrate and enjoy this moment and make sure they all have this memory 20 years from now," said Nugent.



PFC. NICHOLAS RHOADES

Matthew C. Perry Intermediate and High School students dance during the Homecoming dance at the ballroom here Oct. 7. Homecoming week is a week of school-spirited activities that allow the students to feel welcomed back to school.



PFC. NICHOLAS RHOADES

Matthew C. Perry Intermediate and High School students show off their basketball skills during a game of knockout during a pep rally at the school gym here Oct. 6. Knockout is a sport that allows students from each grade as well as a few teachers to compete against each other, trying to earn the title of most spirited grade. As each grade member shot the ball trying to knock out the other players, students from their individual grades cheered them on from the sidelines. Homecoming Week finished with a homecoming parade immediately following the pep rally and a dance Saturday.



PFC. NICHOLAS RHOADES

Matthew C. Perry Intermediate and High School students show their school spirit at a parade around the area on Oct. 6. Every grade made their own float to represent their class theme. Throughout Homecoming Week the students dressed up in different styles and participate in powderpuff football games, pep rallies, homecoming parades and finished the week off with a homecoming dance.

# Honoring the fallen:

## H&HS master sergeants respect those who came before

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IWAKUNI APPROACH  
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**CLARK VETERANS CEMETERY PAMPANGA, Philippines** – Twice a year on Memorial Day and Veterans Day, Americans take time to remember the sacrifices of veterans who have died in battles throughout American history.

Many ceremonies take place at different cemeteries around world where the fallen are buried.

Unfortunately, there is one cemetery in the Philippines that is the final resting place for thousands of American service members that is not being maintained at the level it needs to be.

A group of Marines from Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron here visited Clark Veterans Cemetery in Pampanga, Philippines, Sept. 28 - Oct. 1 to provide some much-needed restorations.

Clark Veterans Cemetery was established in 1948 following World War II to receive the remains of four earlier American military cemeteries that were being closed. The remains from the other cemeteries dated as far back as 1901.

The Air Force maintained the cemetery from 1948-1991. Following the impact of the 1991 volcanic eruption of Mount Pinatubo and breakdown of the base's agreement for U.S. forces to remain in the Philippines, there was no U.S. government provision made for long term care of the cemetery. After the last U.S. troops left in 1992, the cemetery was neglected and ash and weeds began to cover the grounds and headstones. What had been hallowed ground was left deserted and encroached by heavy vegetation.

"In 1994, the people at VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars) post 2485 decided something had to be done, and a volunteer effort was started to maintain the cemetery as best we could," said John Gilbert, senior vice commander of VFW post 2485. "Over time we have managed to get it to a decent level, though it is not nearly what it should be. We do try to maintain some level of respect and dignity for those who came before us."

Though many people donate to the maintenance of the cemetery, the VFW is only able to hire a small staff of five to do the minimum upkeep.

"We are actually still an active cemetery. We do about four burials a month of veterans not only from the local area but folks who have served here that have an Asian connection," said Gilbert. "We raise about \$2,000 a month and that is just enough to pay the employees and buy the equipment needed for the burials and do basic maintenance."

Hearing about the poor condition of the cemetery, some station Marines decided to take action to help out.

"Somewhere around the first week of July, there was an article in Stars and Stripes about a cemetery that was being ran by veterans, but was not part of the

national registry of graves, and they were looking for help," said Master Sgt. James Wentling, Air Traffic Control staff noncommissioned officer in charge. I got with a group of my fellow master sergeants, and we decided that it was not right for service members who have given so much for their country to be interred in that state. So we got with the commanding officer and asked if we could go down there, volunteer our time and help turn the cemetery back into a place of honor."

This first trip was a test run in what hopes to be a recurring event. "We wanted to lay the ground work for future community relation projects out here at the cemetery," said Master Sgt. Brian Kolbiaka, air field operations chief. "We wanted to make all the contacts and know what they had to work with equipment-wise. Coming here we didn't know what they had and just thought it would be easier if us master sergeants came and set the stage for what we hope is a quarterly trip."

The cemetery has more than 8,600 graves and over 20 acres of land, so the VFW was happy when the Marines called them and asked to lend a helping hand. "My staff is only able to do so much. We have a funeral or some other ceremony at least once a week so that takes one day out of their schedule," said Gilbert. "The other days they have just enough time to keep up with the grass cutting and trimming around the headstones. So what I asked the Marines to do when they came out here was help with the outside of the fence."

The fence around the cemetery has only been up for a year, but over that time a lot of vegetation has grown around it. "I've seen throughout the Pacific theater what happens to places like this, I actually expected it to be worse than what it actually was, so I am extremely glad that I was able to come out here and lend a hand," said Master Sgt. Todd Kneuppel, station ordnance chief. I was also impressed with the knowledge that the VFW members had on the people who are buried there and where they fall in our history."

Even though the Marines were only able to stay for a couple days, the VFW members were truly thankful for what they were able to accomplish.

"We do the best we can with what we have, so to get someone to come here and do something that makes a big difference and that is very special to us," said Gilbert. Clark Veterans Cemetery Restoration Association is undergoing a major effort to bring government funding to the cemetery so that it can be maintained at a proper level for a U.S. military cemetery.

Information on their efforts may be found at [www.cvcra.org](http://www.cvcra.org).

Until federal funding is approved, the members of VFW 2485, along with the many people who donate their time and money, are truly doing their part to not only take care and remember these veterans on holidays, but every day.



STAFF SGT. JIMMY H. BENTON JR.

Master Sgt. James T. Wentling, Air Traffic Control staff noncommissioned officer in charge, uses a weed wacker to clear grass and other vegetation along the outside fence at Clark Veterans Cemetery Sept. 29. Wentling, along with 6 other master sergeants travelled to the Philippines last month to help clean up the cemetery.

Master Sgt. Leon R. Harpel, Air Traffic Control Maintenance Department Chief, uses a bolo to chop branches of a tree at Clark Veterans Cemetery Sept. 30. Harpel, along with 6 other master sergeants from Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, travelled to the Philippines to give VFW post 2485 a hand and clean up the cemetery. The cemetery is not federally funded, making funerals and maintenance a volunteer basis. This is the first trip in what the Marines are hoping to make a quarterly trip.



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Master Sgt. Robert W. Creps, station motor transportation chief, clears built-up small branches and tall grass around the outside fence at Clark Veterans Cemetery Sept. 30. The operation and maintenance of the cemetery is done by the veterans of VFW post 2485. The post raises around \$2,000 a month, which is only enough to conduct funerals, cut the grass and keep the headstones clean.



STAFF SGT. JIMMY H. BENTON JR.

Outside the fence before several master sergeants cleaned it up at Clark Veterans Cemetery Sept. 29. The fence was put up last year, but due to minimum funds and staffing, the volunteers who maintain the cemetery do not have the time and resources necessary to provide proper upkeep. The Marines who travelled to the cemetery cleared all excess vegetation around the fence in two days.

## CORPS NEWS

HIGHLIGHTING MARINES AND SAILORS AROUND THE GLOBE

# Harrier Marines stay diligent through tough times of Afghanistan

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**KANDAHAR AIRFIELD, Afghanistan** — The temperatures in Afghanistan are cooling, but the Marines of Marine Attack Squadron 513 are losing no steam as they continue to support NATO International Security Force Operations from Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan.

Since May the Marines have been working 24 hours a day in conditions far from comfortable.

Temperatures have turned the working environment into an oven. An intense flight schedule has kept Marines on their toes for as long as they've been in country.

However, for the Marines, it doesn't keep them from accomplishing their mission of supporting NATO International Security Force Operations with their AV-8B Harrier attack jets.

"Each shop has its own specific job to make sure each and every system performs at maximum to send the safest aircraft out with that pilot to a sortie," explained Cpl. Brandon Jones, a Marine Attack Squadron 513 airframes mechanic.

The "Flying Nightmares" of VMA-513 are part of 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward) the aviation combat

element in support of NATO operations in southwestern Afghanistan.

The Marine Corps uses the vertical take-off and short-landing capabilities of the AV-8B Harrier attack jet to provide close-air support to Marine infantrymen and other coalition forces on the ground.

"If there's anything I can do to protect them, I will," added Staff Sgt. James Seigfried, the Harrier squadron's avionics noncommissioned officer in charge.

Throughout their four months in Afghanistan, the Harrier squadron has racked up hundreds of flight hours and dropped dozens of bombs.

Yet, even with the prospect of home only a few months away, the Marines haven't forgotten their mission.

"It feels pretty good knowing Marines' lives are in our hands and knowing everyone is doing the best they can to support them," said Cpl. Michael Prince, a VMA-513 powerline mechanic.

Aside from the knowledge that they've allowed fellow Marines to wake to another day, the Harrier squadron's Marines said they also take away something more personal from this deployment.

"This deployment has given me a sense of self-satisfaction and a ridiculous amount of self-confidence," said Cpl. Michael Garetz, a VMA-513 ordnance technician.



KANDAHAR AIRFIELD, Afghanistan — Sgt. Justin Jacob, a Marine Attack Squadron 513 powerline mechanic, performs a preflight assessment on one of the squadron's AV-8B Harriers on the flightline at Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan, Sept. 29. The Marines stay focused on the task at hand while on deployment.



KANDAHAR AIRFIELD, Afghanistan — Cpl. Michael Garetz, a Marine Attack Squadron 513 ordnance technician and Comstock, Texas, native, inspects flares loaded aboard one of the squadron's AV-8B Harriers on the flightline at Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan, Sept. 29.

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS | CLASSIFIEDS

## Briefs

**Officer and Spouses Club**  
The Officer and Spouses Club is slated to hold an 80's membership drive at the Officers Club Oct. 7 from 5-7 p.m. 80's inspired costumes are encouraged and a prize will be given to the best dressed. 80's style appetizers will also be served. Membership is open to all active duty and retired officers and spouses, officer-equivalent civilians and spouses serving aboard the station. For more information contact Sheila Mendez at 253-2746.

#### 4th Annual Arts and Crafts Fair

The 4th Annual Arts and Crafts Fair is scheduled Nov. 19 from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Crossroads Mall. Deadline to enter is Nov. 1. The fair is open to SOFA and Non-SOFA artists, craft makers, home business owners and fundraisers. For more information e-mail Valeriekpsaunders@yahoo.com

#### Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Workshop

ASIST is scheduled to conduct a free suicide first-aid intervention workshop Tuesday and Wednesday at the Marine

Memorial Chapel annex on the 2nd floor from 8 a.m. - 4:40 p.m. The two-day workshop will help assist you in becoming a better listener of those having suicidal thoughts. The workshop is open to all military, civilian, contractors and adult family members. For more information call 253-6931.

#### Wrestling Club

Lt. Col. Thomas Frederick and Maj. Andrew 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.

#### Special Olympics

Marine Corps Community Services, Semper Fit Division is scheduled to host the 4th Annual MCAS Iwakuni Special Olympics (Hiroshima branch) Sports Day Oct. 16. The event is scheduled 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>.

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#### Breast Cancer

MCCS Semper Fit is scheduled to host a walk to promote breast cancer awareness Oct. 15 at 9 a.m. Starting point will be 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. 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.

#### 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 a potential risk of not having childcare. For more information call Melissa Valdez at 253-4141.

#### 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.

#### MLC/IHA Length of service ceremony

A Master Labor Contractors/IHA length of service ceremony is scheduled to be held in the Iwakuni Ballroom Oct. 18 1:30 p.m. MLCs and IHAs will be awarded for their time of service aboard the station. For more information call 253-6739.

## 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 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. 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 also 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 all submissions

## Preserve energy: Is your green light on?

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meters will be able to track energy consumption in real time and send the information back to a centralized location so we may continuously monitor each facility."

The new meters are scheduled to be installed within the new fiscal year and in a two phase project.

Jack Whittle, station utilities director and facilities operations officer, has his own perspective on energy conservation. Whittle says everyone must do their part in order to save the entire station's energy, much like the story of the child throwing starfish back into the ocean.

In the story, A woman comes along a child throwing starfish back into the ocean and she says, "There are millions of starfish in the ocean. How much of a difference are you really going to make?"

The young boy then replies, "Well, I made a difference for that one."

Energy conservation is a big problem and everyone needs to do their part to not only save our station for the future but also to save our starfish.

## 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.

## Main Gate Construction

Roadway repaving at the Main Gate is scheduled from Oct. 30 through late January. This construction will impact traffic weekdays only from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. During these times, all outbound traffic will be redirected to the North and Monzen Gates. Pedestrians and bicyclists will not be affected at anytime. The visitor center will be fully operational during this period as well.

# 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



Jackie Wentling, 4, and Emma Stiller, 3, watch the United Service Organizations Sesame Street Tour at the Sakura Theatre here Oct. 4. The show focused on the hardship for children changing duty stations and how to cope. 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, October 14, 2011</b> 7 p.m. Our Idiot Brother (R) <i>Premiere</i>	<b>Monday, October 17, 2011</b> 7 p.m. Columbiana (PG-13)
<b>Saturday, October 15, 2011</b> 4 p.m. Spy Kids: All the Time in the World (PG) 7 p.m. Columbiana (R) <i>Premiere</i>	<b>Tuesday, October 18, 2011</b> Theater Closed
<b>Sunday, October 16, 2011</b> 4 p.m. Spy Kids: All the Time in the World (PG) 7 p.m. Conan the Barbarian (R)	<b>Wednesday, October 19, 2011</b> Theater Closed
	<b>Thursday, October 20, 2011</b> 7 p.m. Conan the Barbarian (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, turkey yakisoba, Chinese barbecue diced pork, red pepper glazed fish, pork fried rice, steamed rice, orange carrots amandine, fried cabbage, Chinese egg roll, dinner rolls, macaroni salad, potato salad, coleslaw, standard salad bar, bear claws, cinnamon crumb top muffin, blueberry pie, velvet pound cake, brownies, chocolate cream pudding parfait, Jell-O parfait.	<b>Tuesday:</b> Chicken gumbo soup, French fried shrimp, sukiyaki, barbecue beef cubes, home fried potatoes, steamed rice, cauliflower parmesan, southern style greens, creamy gravy, dinner rolls, macaroni salad, potato salad, coleslaw, standard salad bar, long Johns, banana muffin, lemon meringue, devil's food cake with chocolate buttercream frosting, shortbread cookies, bread pudding, Jell-O parfait.	<b>Wednesday:</b> French onion soup, Chinese five spice chicken, Swiss steak with brown gravy, mustard dill fish, steamed rice, garlic roasted potato wedges, fried cabbage with bacon, mixed vegetables, brown gravy, dinner rolls, snails, macaroni salad, potato salad, coleslaw, standard salad bar, quick cherry coffee cake, blueberry pie, white cake with buttercream frosting, brownies, vanilla pudding parfait, Jell-O parfait.	<b>Thursday:</b> New England clam chowder, beef stroganoff, pork adobo, baked ham, macaroni and tomatoes, pork fried rice, steamed pasta, scalloped cream style corn, peas with onions, brown gravy, dinner rolls, macaroni salad, potato salad, coleslaw, standard salad bar, kolaches, apple coffee cake, cherry crunch, banana cake with buttercream frosting, macadamia chocolate chunks, chocolate parfait, Jell-O parfait.	<b>Friday:</b> Tomato soup, fried catfish, beef stew, chili macaroni, grilled cheese, Franconia potatoes, steamed pasta, succotash, broccoli parmesan, mushroom gravy, dinner rolls, macaroni salad, potato salad, coleslaw, standard salad bar, cinnamon rolls, quick French coffee cake, blueberry pie, carrot cake with cream cheese frosting, chocolate chip cookie, chocolate parfait, Jell-O parfait.
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# School unites during Powder Puff festivities

LANCE CPL. CHARLIE CLARK  
 IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Matthew C. Perry High School senior class smashed M.C. Perry 8th-graders 7-0 during the championship round of the Powder Puff flag football game at the M.C. Perry soccer fields here Oct. 6.

The Powder Puff flag football game was part of M.C. Perry Homecoming week from Oct. 3 - 7.

The seniors won the coin toss and first possession of the ball.

Rebekah Harwell, senior's quarterback, handed the ball off to Jenny Shibazaki, senior's running back, to gain 20 yards and the first down.

Samantha B. Inzunza, senior's wide receiver, ran a button hook as Harwell launched the ball to her.

Inzunza caught the ball and zig zagged through 8th-graders to reach the end zone, making the score 1-0.

Breana Lews, 8th-grader's quarterback, tried to get the ball down field, but the senior's defense blocked every play the underclassmen could think of.

The seniors paraded through the 8th-graders for the next few plays by passing and running the ball through the 8th-grade defense.

They capitalized running an interception all the way to the end zone and made a 6-0 lead.

A turnover on downs was called when the seniors blockaded the 8th-graders attempts to gain yardage.

In just two passing and running plays the seniors scored their final goal ending the game by way of the mercy rule and shut out the 8th-graders 7-0.

"Powder Puff games are a part of that normal high school experience we try to give the students every day," said Morgan A. Nugent, M. C. Perry High School principal. "I was really proud of the 8th-graders taking it to the upperclassmen.

In the end, the seniors pulled together for the win."

The 8th-graders won their games against the 7th and 10th-graders to battle the seniors for the championship.

"This was a great way for the students to interact with everyone," said Ana U. Erhert, 8th-grade running back. "The Powder Puff game really brings the whole school together."

Despite their loss in the final round, Erhert and the other 8th-graders stayed upbeat.

"Last year we were dead last, but this year, we came all the way up to second place," Erhert said. "We really made a comeback."

The seniors seemed to enjoy the camaraderie the students got from competing against each other.

"The 8th-graders put up a good fight," said Inzunza. "Everybody enjoyed cheering on their grade's team. We all showed a lot of spirit today and that we had the heart of warriors."

After the championship game, the students congratulated and high-fived each other on a well played game.

"Today is about us being us," Patrishia M. Santos, senior's center, said. "We loved playing against each other because it was all for fun, and we definitely had fun today."

The seniors chased the juniors off the field.

The 8th-graders gave the seniors a run for their money, but in the end the seniors demonstrated why they were top dogs when they shut-out the lowerclassmen in the championship game.

The students agreed the Powder Puff game was all about being friends, showing school spirit and breaking away from the routine of high school.



Rebekah Harwell, Senior's quarterback, gets tackled by Junior's defense during the 2011 Matthew C. Perry Powder Puff junior/senior game at the M. C. Perry Soccer Fields here Oct. 6. The Powder Puff flag football game was part of M. C. Perry Homecoming week from Oct. 3-7. The seniors won the championship game against the 8th-graders 7-0. The students agreed the Powder Puff game was all about being friends showing school spirit and breaking away from the routine of high school.



Samantha B. Inzunza, Senior's wide receiver and defensive lineman, reaches out for Ana Erhert's, 8th-Grader's running back, flag to tackle her during the 2011 Matthew C. Perry powderpuff junior/senior game at the M. C. Perry Soccer Fields here Oct. 6. The 8th-Graders gave the seniors a run for their money, but in the end the seniors demonstrated why they were top dogs when they shut-out the lowerclassmen in the championship game 7-0.

# OCTOBER IS CRIME PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH



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## “Trick or Treat”

The station will be hosting Halloween “Trick or Treating” Oct. 31 from 5 - 7 p.m. For the safety of pedestrians, the Freedom Bridge and Monzen Gate will be closed to all vehicular traffic during this period. “Trick or Treating” will not be permitted at any office spaces or barracks. Residents not wishing to participate will indicate this by turning off their porch light. MLC/IHA employees are welcome to sponsor immediate family members onto the station this period. The gates will be open to pre-registered Japanese guests at 4 p.m. Sponsors can pre-register their guests at the PMO Administrative Office, 2nd Deck, Bldg. 608 prior to 12 p.m. Oct. 26