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Part two, facts: Be safe, sensible and prepared

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Last week you read about the conflicts

between Lisa and her husband Dan. This week you will read about ways to get help if put into situations such as that scenario.

The month of October is designated Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Recognition for the month evolved from the "Day of Unity" created by the National Coalition against Domestic Violence in October 1981.

The purpose was to connect advocates working to end violence against women

and their children across the nation. Congress passed the law in 1989 designating October as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. To support this month Col. James C.

Stewart, station commanding officer, signed a proclamation September 30, 2010, declaring the station also October as Domestic recognize Violence Awareness Month.

According to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence website, Domestic violence can happen to anyone.

It is not based on race, age, gender, sexual orientation or religion.

Domestic violence is a pattern of abusive behaviors including physical, psychological or sexual attacks used by one person in a relationship to gain or maintain power and control over the other partner.

Abusive partners use many different tactics to terrorize, hurt, humiliate, frighten, blame, injure and manipulate

a current or former intimate partner. According to the Abuse in America National Domestic Violence hotline website, a recent poll found 74 percent of all murder-suicides in the U.S. involved an intimate partner, spouse or former spouse.

Ninety-six percent of these were women killed by their partners.

"The most important thing I want people to know is strangulation is the number one factor leading to homicide in women in domestic violence cases," said John Kelly, a station individual and family counselor. "I believe if a victim's spouse attempts to choke or strangle them, they need to leave the relationship as soon as possible and

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Nitrogen and oxygen give pilots safe training

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ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE, Guam – An F/A-18 Hornet flies overhead, trailing its target at sub-sonic speeds. The pilot's breath is quick and sharp as he gets close to hearing the lock tone over the image of his evading opponent. Seconds seem to tick away as his

breath becomes labored and slow, and that's when he realizes his oxygen is nearly depleted.

He must disengage the target and descends to 10,000 feet or risk unconsciousness. Without adequate oxygen, he must break off his pursuit, allowing his quarry to escape. For Cryogenics Marines from Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12, this is a scenario they seek to prevent.

"We are the support for both the squadrons here but also back at (Marine Corps Air Station) Iwakuni, where we service them with liquid oxygen, gaseous oxygen and liquid nitrogen," said Lance Cpl. Joseph S. Charles, a MALS-12

cryogenics technician. The two states of oxygen serve the same purpose for the two squadrons both here and in Iwakuni.

"We service squadrons such as Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 115 with liquid oxygen for breathing and Strike Fighter Squadron 94 with gaseous oxygen," said Charles.

The reason for the difference is distinction between the two aircraft the squadrons use. VMFA-115 aircraft are able to utilize both gaseous and liquid oxygen whereas VFA-94



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ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE, Guam – Cpl. Jose L. Beas (left) and Lance Cpl. Joseph S. Charles, Marine Aviation Logistic Squadron 12 cryogenic technicians, connect the hose of a pressurized nitrogen cart to the cart body at the flightline here Oct. 26.

> is not. Nitrogen has a vital role in providing essential components needed in mission accomplishment for pilots of VMFA-115 and

Tuition assistance re-instated for Marines

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All around the world Marines were affected when Marine Administrative Message 616/11 was approved and release, Oct. 17. However, MARADMIN 639/11 was released Oct. 27 restoring tuition assistance to its previous amount.

The amount of money Marines received from using the eligible TA exceeded the amount the Marine Corps was given. Last year education offices Marine Corps wide were given a TA budget of 54 million dollars, 58 million dollars were spent

MARADMIN 616/11 stated "Marines shall be restricted to 5 semester hours per year for TA reimbursement (875.00 dollars per fiscal year).

This cost was significantly lower than last

years' TA cost. "A ceiling of 175.00 dollars per semester hour for undergraduate classes, 225.00 dollars per semester hour for graduate courses, and 3,500.00 dollars per FY is the established Department of Defense TA rates," MARADMIN 616/11 stated. "However, Marine Corps TA analysis confirms that most Marine TA users take an average of four or five semester hours per year.'

While MARADMIN 616/11 has officially been renounced, the education office will continue to push other alternatives to receiving money for school besides using only TA.

opportunities There are many other

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

'Used vs. Loved'

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How many times have we acted spontaneously without foreseeing the consequences of our actions? With a spur of the moment we react instantly by doing this and that without first investigating what things really happen in that instant.

After coming to our senses and looking back at the big picture, we realized we did something wrong.

Then we ask ourselves, "Can I go back to that moment, rewind what happened at that instant so I can act in the right manner?" "I should have done (things

differently)," keeps running in our thoughts. What is past is past.

We cannot change the past anymore but we can change what lies ahead of us.

character to make a good history for the

future. All we can do is learn from the past, live the present moment well and make a good plan for the future.

We have to be thankful to God that we were given things in this world to use for our everyday life and people to love and cherish as long as we live in this planet.

Here is yet another story to ponder. I bet you'll like the lesson of the

While a man was polishing his new car, his 4-year-old son picked up a stone and scratched lines on the side of the car.

In anger, the man took the child's hand and hit it many times; not realizing he was using a wrench. At the hospital, the child lost all of his fingers due to multiple fractures.

When the child saw his father,

The events in the past are history but we can change our actions, habits and speechless; he went back to his car and kicked it many times.

Devastated by his own actions, sitting in front of that car he looked at the scratches; the child had written, 'LOVE YOU DAD'. The next day the man committed suicide.

Anger and love have no limits; choose the latter to have a beautiful, lovely life...

Things are to be used and people are to be loved, but the problem in today's world is people are used and things are loved.

During the day, be careful to keep this thought in mind: Things are to be used, but people are to be loved. Be yourself...

This is the only day we HAVE. Have a nice day. Watch your thoughts; they become words.

Watch your words; they become actions. Watch your actions; they become habits. Watch your habits they become character; Watch your character; it becomes your destiny.

Jack Wittle receives 50 year service award



officer, cuts his 50-years-of-service cake after the award ceremony at the facilities building Monday. Wittle enlisted in the Marine Corps in Oct. 1961 and retired in Nov. 1992. Since his retirement, Wittle has served alongside fellow Marines. totaling 19 years of civil service. Wittle's personal decorations include: the Bronze Star with combat "V." Meritorious Service Medal with two gold stars, Joint Service Commendation Medal. Navy Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, Drill Instructor Ribbon and numerous unit and service awards. He holds the Silver Beaver, Saint George, Distinguished Commissione Vigil Honor, Wood Badge Course Director and numerous other Scouting awards. He has served as the Counsel Commissioner and Vice President, Membership for the Far East Counsel, Boy Schouts of America and as International Representative to the Okinawa Counsil, Boy Schouts of Nippon. He has three children and four grandchildren. He married his wife Eve a year ago.

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get help."

Most cases of domestic violence are never reported to the police.

lence aboard the air station. Victims can file restricted or unrestricted reports. Restricted reporting lets victims make a confidential report disclosing information about the incident to uniformed or civilian victim

advocates, the sexual assault response coordinator, and mental or health care providers without an official investigation of the crime. "There are exceptions to restricted reporting if there's child abuse involved, if the victim's

life is in danger or if (the victim) says they're going to hurt themselves or someone else it's a mandatory report," said Christie Esquivel, a station Victim Advocate and Prevention specialist."Even though these exceptions have to be reported, I can still keep the domestic violence incident restricted unless they want to report it.

Restricted reporting also has limitations. With a restricted report, abusers will not be punished and victims will be unable to receive a military protective order.

The second option is unrestricted reporting. This option initiates an official investigation and will involve the command and law enforcement.

Unrestricted reporting does not provide con-

fidentiality. "If the neighbors call (the Provost Marshal's Office) and the victim makes a statement about the incident, it will be considered unrestricted reporting," said Esquivel. This option gives victims an opportunity

to openly address all concerns and problems with the command.

These could include collateral misconduct, transfer requests, further threats or harassment by the abuser. Victims will still be entitled to receive medi-

cal care, counseling and support of a victim advocate using unrestricted reporting. A few programs offered on the air station

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VFA-94 to land comfortably and safely in their training missions here.

"We provide nitrogen to service tires, "That's part of a convenience issue for us," struts or landing gears on the aircraft," said said Cpl. Jose L. Beas, a MALS-12 cryogenics Charles.

When travelling in the upper atmosphere at 30,000 feet, components or pieces of an aircraft that have compressed air in them have the ability to shatter when a pilot tries to land, after freezing at that elevation. Liquid nitrogen helps prevent this because it is already at a cool temperature with liquid nitrogen inside it, keeping it from freezing.

The Marines accomplish this with an N2O2 generating plant which can produce up to two tons of oxygen or nitrogen a day.

This piece of equipment makes it possible for Marines to provide support for deployed units in active combat zones like Iraq or Afghanistan and on training missions.

The Marines are required to ensure oxygen and nitrogen levels are of the highest quality before aircraft are allowed to taxi off the runwav.

"Cryogenics has to make sure the oxygen and nitrogen we use is 99.5 percent pure and with minimal contamination," said Charles. "The reason for this is so pilots will not pass out in-flight due to toxic concentrations of hydrocarbons and fluorides.'

Hydrocarbons and fluorides reside in the air but can also be found in the oxygen and nitrogen the cryogenics department supplies to pilots.

The two elements are so sensitive to the atmosphere in their purest form they can absorb the two molecules when Marines are

There are two ways to report domestic vio-

to provide help to domestic violence victims

are general counseling, substance abuse counseling, the Victim Advocacy and

Prevention Program, and the Sexual Assault Prevention and Re sponse Program.

that help with prevention and outreach offered to victims and their partners such as Anger Management, Stress Management, Couples Communication, Substance Abuse Workshops, Alcohol Early Intervention, Child Abuse & Neglect Detection, Preven tion, and Recognition Training and Domestic Violence Awareness offered in Building 411.

Programs offered on station are not limited to service members and are offered to station spouses as well.

"It's OK to ask for help. It's not (the victim's) fault," said Esquivel. "There's no way to predict this will happen. (Victim advocates) just want to make sure victims are safe and they know there's nothing wrong with getting help. It's the first and most difficult step to take.

We aren't going to force anyone to leave but we want to be able to provide the tools they need to change the situation so they can go on living happy and healthy lives.'

Victims may call the Counseling Services Center at 253-4526 to make a report and speak to a victim advocate between the hours of 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday - Friday.

To report sexual assault or domestic violence after hours, call a victim advocate directly at 090-9978-1033 or 080-3427-0935.

transporting the liquids to pilots for use. Even when the transport is complete, Marines must also perform a practical applications test on the liquids in the form of a smell test.

technician. "The oxygen can still be good but every once in a while it can smell like rotten eggs. So if the pilot is trying to focus on the mission and breathing that in, he can lose concentration and that can affect the mission.

The Marines are not alone in this as they work in conjunction with the Air Force while here to provide the support needed to both squadrons.

"There are a lot of aspects that go into making all this work and they've been a great help in that," said Beas. "We're getting all our liquid from them. We don't have the capability to (create oxygen) here. They're making it, and we're giving it to the pilots.

Being stationed on Guam, affords cryogenics Marines the opportunity to work alongside their Air Force counterparts by augmenting the cryogenics Marines and providing them their facilities for use.

"We have our own oxygen plants, so we actually produce our own product here,' said Senior Airmen Shawn Luedke, a 36th Logistics Readiness Squadron cryogenics technician. "It goes directly from the tanks to the Marines' jets."

As cryogenics Marines continue to provide to VMFA-115 and VFA-94 pilots, the need to work in conjunction with the Air Force can only help to further their capabilities in supplying squadrons and continuing them on their training.



Information graphic provided by National Center on Domestic and Sexual violence. They provide trianing, counseling and advocacy help. Mailing address is 4612 Shoal Creek Blvd., Austin, Texas 78756, call (512) 407-9020 or visit their website at www. ncdsv.org.

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available for interested students to further their education.

"For education specifically, TA (instability) doesn't have to affect an average Marine at all," said Mary Cory, station education services officer, "There are so many other ways to fund a college education.'

Other ways to fund a college education include, grants and scholarships. "One that we are directing folks to is FAFSA.

gov," said Cory. "Make sure you don't go to the .com website, that is a false website that takes money from you."

While loans are another way to fund your education, they are not recommended.

"We don't want people to accept loans because those you have to pay back," said Cory. With these other opportunities available to

students, the TA should be used as a backup.

"I was worried that I wouldn't be able to continue my current work load," said Cpl. Justin Brock, Marine All-Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 242 aviation opperation specialist. "After doing some research, I found out that I rated the full amount of FAFSA, and that I could take most of my classes for free using that."

With MARADMIN 616/11 repealed, and the other opportunities available, students can complete their education for free with no worries.

"I was excited, especially since I had already been approved for FAFSA," said Brock. "Now I have additional funding for courses.'

Students can relax and continue to further their education. If you would like to find out more about TA or available options contact Mary Cory at the Building 411 education office.

November Promotions

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APO/FPO/DPO AE 094-098	17 Dec.	10 Dec.	10 Dec.	3 Dec.	26 Nov.	12 Nov.
APO/FPO/DPO AA 340	17 Dec.	10 Dec.	10 Dec.	3 Dec.	26 Nov.	12 Nov.
APO/FPO/DPO AP 962-966	17 Dec.	10 Dec.	10 Dec.	3 Dec.	26 Nov.	12 Nov.

AE: Armed Forces Europe (Serves Europe, Canada, Africa and the Middle East.)

AP: Armed Forces Pacific (Serves Asia and the Pacific.)

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Pfc. Benjamin Pryer IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF The teachers then brought the children into one room where Yamada and volunteers began to teach children how to say, "trick-or-Station chapel members, Marines and sailors volunteered and visited Midoro treat." The children shouted back cheerfuly, each one trying their best to mimic the Hoiken school in downtown Iwakuni Oct. words

As the volunteers began entering school grounds, the children flocked around smiling and laughing. The emotions on their faces ranged from surprise and wonder to shock and awe.

Dressed as a wolf, Petty Officer 2nd Class Children and volunteers played a game where they walked around in a circle while music played. Once the music stopped, one Alex G. Vinluan, Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 religious programmer, volunteer held up a number, the others attracted both fear and excitement from the children. would drop to the ground and try to gather

The chapel has been going to Midoro that number of children around them. once a month for the past eight years to "I like getting to see the childrens' help Japanese children learn English and expressions when you talk to them in their to teach the value of exchanging cultures. anguage," said Burleson. Eight years ago, Noriko Yamada, station Petty Officer 3rd Class Brandon Reed, a chapel administration specialist, started these monthly visits to Midoro. station religious programmer, volunteered his time in order to teach children and have Yamada began these visits in order to help fun with them at the same time.

the Japanese children learn English, teach them about friendship, culture and give the students good childhood memories.

"We would like to keep this good relationship," said Yamada. Once volunteers were led upstairs, they were distributed among three rooms. Each room was full of children eagerly waiting to

play. The children with their selected volunteer put together puzzles, read English alphabet They then said trick or treat and reached into the bags of candy. "Kids are awesome, they make your day," books and played with their volunteer's said Reed. costume.

Along with station residents who seek out volunteering opportunities, e-mails are sent out to anyone who may want to go. Volunteers bought the candy they gave to

the children using their own money. When the children graduate in March, the chapel will present English graduation



the children using their own more

Volunteers teach children English, Halloween

"I feel like I'm making a difference," said Petty Officer 1st Class Lance Burleson, an Iwakuni Armed Forces Network mass communication specialist.

It's up to us to show the Japanese we do care, Burleson added.

"We showed up, got to play with the kids, got to teach them some English and taught them a little about Halloween," said Reed.

The room was separated by a screen with children on one side and volunteers on the other.

The children would then come up to the screen three at a time, knock on the screen and wait for it to open.

Going to Midoro is Reed's way of helping the country and his way of proving the station is capable of having good relations with the locals.

The costumes the volunteers wore were

provided by the chapel. The chapel goes to Midoro on the fourth

A child stares at a bag of candy at Midoro Hoiken school Oct. 27. Volunteers helped teach the children about Halloween. Eight years ago. Noriko Yamada, station chapel administration specialist, started these monthly visits to Midoro. Volunteers bought the candy they gave to



Chief F. B. Dizon, Station chapel religious programmer chief, shows an English alphabet book to children at Midoro Hoiken school Oct. 27. The chapel has been going to Midoro once a month for the past eight years to help Japanese children learn English and to teach the value of exchanging cultures. The chapel goes to Midoro on the fourth Thursday of every inless a holiday makes it otherwise

Petty Officer 2nd Class Alex G. Vinluan, Marine Wing Support Group 17, Camp Foster, Okinawa, Chaplain's office religious programm him at Midoro Hoiken school Oct 27 Vo



Shaka Taylor, 11, Matthew C. Perry sixth-grader, holds his hand over his heart during the marching of colors followed by the playing of the American national anthem during the first Mini Marine Corps ball at the Club Iwakuni ballroom here Oct. 27. Children ages 5 - 12 were invited and encouraged to dress in their Sunday's best and bring dates to the event.

Eugene Clark, director of Youth and Teen Center activities, hands the first slice of cake to Andres Ibanez, 5, the youngest child present during the cake cutting ceremony of the Mini Marine Corps ball at the Club Iwakuni Ballroor here Oct. 27. During the cake cutting ceremony, the oldest and youngest child in attendance were presented with the first slices of cake before others were served.

Children dress to impress for mini Marine Corps ball



Marine Corps Community Services School Age Care Center, Youth and Teen Center and Marine Corps Family Team building coordinated the first-ever Mini Marine Corps Ball at the Iwakuni ballroom here, Oct. 27.

"We thought it would be fun for children to experience a shorter version of the ball since most of the time they can't go with their parents, at least until they get older," said Nina Nuttall, MCCS School Age Care Center program lead.

Approximately 140 mini warriors, ages 12, and 70 parents attended the mini ball.

The event included food, beverages, a live disc jockey, a uniform pageant, a photo booth and a mini Marine Corps ceremony.

"The ballroom was packed. Kids were engaged," said Eugene Clark, director of Youth and Teen Center activities. "They had a great time and that was the main key. We wanted them to have a good time."

Children were encouraged to dress in their Sunday best and bring dates to the event.

"This will boost my confidence to go with a girl and to know what it's like, so I won't be nervous at my first (ball)," said Shannen Lundverd, 11, Matthew C. Perry sixth-grader.

The ceremony kicked off with a welcome ceremony introducing children to Marine history and traditions of the Marine Corps Ball.

The marching of the colors presented by the M.C. Perry Junior Reserves Officers' Training Corps color guard followed the welcome ceremony. "If I become a Marine, I would already

have the experience of the ball and know what it would be like in the future," said

he added. Along with the youthful experience and passing of knowledge, the event also gave residents old and young a chance to fellowship with one another. "It shows that MCAS Iwakuni is a family community," said Clark. "We care about the youth and children here aboard the air station. Also, it draws us closer because it takes a joint effort from all of us on the air station to pull off an event like this.

Marine.





CPL. MARCEL BROWN



Lundverd. "Events like this are good for other kids because they can have fun and interact with some of the kids their age."

Guest speaker Master Gunnery Sgt. Clinton I. Taylor gave a few words of encouragement to the little warriors before the children turned to the cake cutting ceremony.

During the cake cutting ceremony, the oldest and youngest child in attendance were presented with the first slices of cake before others were served.

After the ceremony concluded, children ate dinner and the dance floor was open for business, giving them the full Marine Corps ball experience.

"We mainly just want them to take away the experience of the Marine Corps ball," said Nuttall. "Since the parents do it every year, we figured that it would good for them to know what their parents experience." Coordinators agreed the station's youth

enjoy getting a peek into the life of a

Since most children on station have an active duty parent, it gives them an opportunity to walk in their parents' shoes. The future is our youth," said Clark. So here aboard the air station, our main job as Marine and Family programs is to keep the station happy. If I keep my staff happy, the staff is going to keep the kids happy. If the kids are happy, everybody is happy,

Coordinators plan to make the mini Marine Corps Ball an annual event.



Master Gunnery Sgt. Clinton I. Taylor, event guest speaker, gives some motivational words to a group of little warriors during the first Mini Marine Corps Ball at the Club Iwakuni Ballroom here Oct. 27. Along with the youthful experience and passing of knowledge, the event also gave residents, old and young, a chance for fellowship with one another.

Jazmin Johnson, 6, Matthew C. Perry elementar kindergartener, poses for a photo during the first Min Marine Corps ball at the club lwakuni ballroom here Oct. 27. Approximately 140 mini warriors, ages 5 - 12, and 70 parents attended the mini ball. The event included food, beverages, a live disc jockey, a uniforn pageant, a photo booth and a mini Marine Corps

CPL. MARCEL BROWN

Philippine, U.S. Marines build brotherhood on gun line

Cpl. Garry J. Welch 31ST MARINE EXPEDITIONARY UNIT

CROW VALLEY, Republic of the Philippines — Marines fought side by side with the Philippine armed forces in World War II.

Fighting for their freedom and the promise of peace, a brotherhood was formed between them

Today, Marines with the 81mm Mortar Platoon, Weapons Company, Battalion Landing Team 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines, 31st Ma-rine Expeditionary Unit, keep that brotherhood alive as they train side by side with the Philippine Armed Forces.

Philippine and U.S. Marines are working together in a bilateral Combined Arms Live Fire Exercise, as part of the Amphibious Landing Exercise, Oct. 27.

We are conducting a bilateral mortar exercise with the Philippine Marines," said Cpl. Cpl. Samuel Potenti, a Marine with Weapons Co, BLT 2/7, 31st MEU. "Their weapon systems are older, but they still get the job done and it is impressive to see them do it.'

During the training event, Marines of both

the chance to interact

"I'm actually teaching these guys how we operate; it's a unique experience seeing the simi larities between us," said Potenti.

Between fire missions, the Marines passed the time by talking with their Philippine counterparts, telling stories of past deployments, trading souvenirs and learning about each other's culture.

'It's a good interoperability experience learning how the U.S. Marines move and how we do things," said Philippine Marine Maj. Joel Bonavente, an operations officer, with the Philippine Marine Corps. "We have had a chance to acquire some skills and knowledge from them on tactics, techniques and operating procedures.

Working with Philippine Marines and seeing a different culture was beneficial to everyone involved, but especially to the junior U.S. Marines, many of whom have not been to the Philippines before.

"The experience is worthwhile and should be continued," said 1st Lt. Rory H. Smith, the Platoon Commander of Mortar Platoon, Weapons Co., BLT 2/7, 31st MEU. "It builds

Gaining experience that can be passed down to their junior Marines as they mature in the Marine Corps.

Today's junior Marines will lay the foundation for the success of future exercises with the Philippine service members.

The Philippine Marines gained a lot of experience out of the exercise as well, learning tricks of the trade from the U.S. Marines that can be applied during their own training events.

'It's a good experience," said Bonavente. "We have a good training relationship between our nations and get to exchange a lot of knowledge.

As the exercise concluded, the Marines of both nations left with new friends and maintained the brotherhood between the two na-

PHIBLEX is an opportunity to conduct training which is vital to maintaining the readiness and interoperability of the U.S. and the Republic of the Philippines military forces.

The 31st MEU is operating in support of the 3rd Marine Expeditionary Brigade for the exercise, is the only continuously forward-deforce in readiness in the Asia-Pacific region.



traffic weekdays from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. During these times, all outbound traffic

Main Gate Construction

Roadway repaying at the

Main Gate is scheduled

from Tuesday through

at 253-5368

The West NEXCO is installing and starting operation of "unstaffed tioll adjustment machine" which automatically distinguish a type of vehicle and collect tolls in place of the staff at all tollgates (SUMA, MYODANI, OOKURADANI, IKAWADANI, TAMATSU, OOKUBO and AKASHINISHI) on "the Second Shinmei Road" except Takamary IC on Monday.

An unstaffed toll adjustment machine is equipment which can automatically distin-guish a type of a vehicle and collect tolls in place of the staff.

late January. This construction will impact

Motorcycle Rally is scheduled Dec. 4 from 12 - 4 p.m. They will need

Toys for Tots Motorcycle Rally

The Toys for Tots

Briefs

volunteers to help set up, cook and clean up. Set up begins at 8 a.m. and clean up starts at 4 p.m. If you are interested in volunteering, visit or call the Single Marine Program Hornet's Nest at 253-4656 or visit or call the SMP Marine Lounge at 253-5368.

Toys for Tots Collection Toys for Tots collection is slated to begin Nov. 26 from 5-7 p.m. The collection will be in front of the exchange Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 6-8 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Volunteers in dress blues will be needed. If you are interested in volunteering, visit or call the Single Marine Program Hornet's Nest at 253-4656 or vistit or call the SMP Marine Lounge

COMMUNITY



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will be redirected to the North and Monzen Gates. Pedestrians and bicyclists will not be affected. The visitor center will be fully operational.

Girl Scouts

The Iwakuni Girl Scouts is looking for fun-loving, devoted women and men who want to make a positive impact on the ves of young girls. If you are interested in ecoming a leader, coleader board member or parent volunteer, e-mail iwakunigs@gmail.com.

Childcare

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

Crime Stoppers

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

4th Annual Arts and Crafts Fair

The 4th Annual Arts and Crafts Fair is scheduled Nov. 19 from 11 a.m. - 5 n 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.

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

Iwakuni Roadrunners

All service members and civilian welcome. Runs are Mondays at 9 a.m., Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m., Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m and Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. Meeting place for all runs is in front of Crossroads Mall. Time and length of runs vary. All abilities are welcome For more nformation visit the "Iwakuni Roadrunners" Facebook page.

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

Now on Fliker MCAS Iwakuni PAO and Combat Camera are

now on Fliker. View and download images from air station activities and events at http:// www.fliker.com/photos. mcasiwakuni/.

Miscellaneous

Mattress

Queen size pillow top mattress for sale for \$100.00. For more information contact Carrie Baltazar at 080-4073-3115

Jobs

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. For more information visit www. louisberger.com and look for the jobs indicated for Okinawa.

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.

Brief and Classified Submissions

To submit a community brief or classified advertisement, send an e-mail to iwakuni. pao@usmc.mil. Include a contact name, a phone number and the information you would like to be published. You may also submit a brief or classified ad in person at the Public Affairs Office, Building 1, Room 216 or call 253-5551. The deadline for submissions is 3 p.m. every Friday. Submissions will run the following Friday on a space-available basis.

New tollgate to begin use

Kuragake Castle Festival volunteers needed

There is an oportunity for five men to participate in the Kuragake Castle Festival Nov. 20 in a remote area of Iwakuni City. The men will be dressed up as Samurai Warriors, in actual Samurai armor. Note: The costumes and transportation will be provided.

Public Affairs Office began sign-ups 8 a.m. Thurs-day. Volunteers must contact by e-mail to sign up. Marines, sailors and family members who want to volunteer should contact Hiromi Kawamoto by e-mail at hiromi.kawamoto.ja@usmc.mil. Positions will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Kawamoto will contact volunteers back asking for height and shoe size for costume preparation.

Volunteers will need to be available from 7:10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Nov. 20.

Costumes and transportation will be provided

INFOTAINMENT

Chapel Services

Roman Catholic

Saturday				
v	4:30-5:15 p.m. Confession			
	5:30 p.m. Mass			
Sunday	1			
	8:30 a.m. Mass			
	9:45 a.m. Religious Education			
Tues. – Fri.	C			
	11:30 a.m. Weekday Mass			
Protestant				
2nd & 4th Saturday				
	10 a.m. Seventh-Day			
	Adventist Sabbath Meeting			
Sunday	U			
U	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



Lance Cpl. Byron Johnson, station Instillation Personnel Administration Center administrative clerk, does the M.C Hammer dance for children trick-or-treating in Building One here Monday. 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 rmation call 253-5551

SAKURA THEATER

(PG-13)

Monday, November 7, 2011

Tuesday, November 8, 2011

Wednesday, November 9, 2011

Thursday, November 10, 2011

7 p.m. Don't Be Afraid of the Dark (R)

Theater Closed

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7 p.m. I Don't Know How She Does It

Friday, November 4, 2011 7 p.m. I Don't Know How She Does It (PG-13) Premiere 10 p.m. Don't Be Afraid Of The Dark(R)

Premiere

Saturday, November 5, 2011

4 p.m. Dolphin Tale (PG) 7 p.m. Footloose (PG-13) Premiere

Sunday, November 6, 2011 4 p.m. Dolphin Tale (PG)

7 p.m. Warrior (PG-13)

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

General Admission: Ages 12+ are \$3/Ages 6-11 are \$1.50/Children ages 5 and under admitted free. For more information. visit www.mccsiwakuni.com or call 253-5291.

Mess Hall Menu

Monday

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.

Chicken gumbo soup,

fried shrimp,

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,

bread pudding, Jell-O

barbecue

cookies,

French

sukiyaki,

shortbread

parfait.

French onion soup, Chinese 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, macaroni salad, potato salad, coleslaw, standard salad bar, snails, quick bar, kolaches, apple cherry coffee cake, coffee cake, cherry blueberry pie, white cake with buttercream brownies, frosting, vanilla pudding parfait, Jell-O parfait.

New England clam five spice 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 crunch, banana cake with buttercream frosting, macadamia chocolate chocolate chunks, parfait, Jell-O parfait.

Tomato soup, beef fried catfish, 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.

SPORTS

CPL. CLAUDIO A. MARTINEZ IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Station residents gathered at Penny Lake field here to close out this year's soccer and cheerleading season during a ceremony hosted by the station's Youth

Sports program Saturday. Approximately 420 youth ages 3-17 and their parents came out in support of

the ceremony. "This year went very well," said John Baltazar, station Youth Sports coordinapate in this year's soccer season. "(These sports) build camaraderie, build teamwork and it gets them inter-acting with other kids," said Barrientor. "Everyone took the play with sports-manship to heart. It was a very successtos "It's an awesome experience seeing my kids out there. As a parent, you are ful season Approximately 365 children signed up to play soccer this year while 55 chilproud that your kids are playing and it's even better when they are actually dodren signed up for cheerleading in this ing well."

year's soccer and cheerleading season.

Participation trophies were handed out during the ceremony to all players and cheerleaders. Placement trophies were given to competitive leagues 10 -12-year-old and 13-15-year-old categories. The Honeybadgers placed 1st in the 10 - 12-year-old category. The InerMila-ns placed 1st place in the 13-15-year-old category.

During the ceremony, attendees were entertained with a musical performance by a Hiroshima children's xylophone band and Iwakuni cheerleaders' performance routines. The ceremony was closed out with a community barbecue to feed the players and cheerleaders.

"Things like this build up (the children's) character," said Baltazar. "We've got coaches that are from the Marines, most of our volunteers are all Marines, so they are going to instill in these kids some of that responsibility. Sports themselves, especially team sports, teach kids they have to rely on somebody else."



Soccer/Cheerleadingcomes to close with loud cheers

Baltazar said it is important children are taught teamwork at an early age because as they grow older they will be forced to work as a team in the career field or in society.

Several of the parents appreciated the opportunities sporting events, like soccer, offered to children.

J.T. Barrientos, a station resident, had his 10-year-old son, Sebastian, partici-

Sebastian said he enjoyed his time playing soccer and hopes the program will continue in the future.

Savannah Davis, 11, participated in this year's season as an Elite cheerlead-

Teamwork and helping other people are the most important things I've learned," said Savannah "If you want to play soccer and you want to make a goal, teamwork will help. (In cheerleading) you need teamwork when you want to build. You need teamwork when someone holds up their legs for them (so they can) hold up their arms."

Savannah said it takes everyone working together.

Now that soccer season is over, flag football is scheduled to run Nov. 19 -Dec. 17. Registration is underway for ages 7 - 15 until Nov. 11 with a \$40 fee. After Nov. 11, sign-ups will be accepted for a \$45 fee.

Call Youth Sports at 253-5777 for more information



A Hiroshima children xylonhone band performer beats a Taiko drum to entertain attendee of this year's soccer and cheerleading season closing ceremony hosted by the station's Youth Sports program at Penny Lake fields here Saturday. Approximately 420 children ages 3-17 and their parents came out in support of the ceremony. Approximately 365 children signed up to play soccer this year while 55 children signed up for cheerleading Call Youth Sports at 253-5777 for more information about youth sports

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Cpl. Claudio A. Martinez IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12 and Marine All-Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 242 Marines participated in a three-day Monitor, Survey, and Decontamination course at the Marine Aircraft Group 12 Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Defense training facility here Oct. 25 - 27.

The course trained service members in the basics of monitoring and surveying and decontaminating CBRN contamination.

"In my (military occupational specialty), we are reactionary," said Sgt. Peter Hatfield, MAG-12 CBRN Defense noncommissioned officer-in-charge. "We train for the worst, hope for the best. If we were not to do this training we, as a unit, would not know how to react or have sufficient personnel assets. Using this philosophy — train for the worst, hope for the best — we will be prepared."

At least 25 percent of each squadron's E-5 and below are required to participate in the course, in addition to quarterly MSD refresher training.

The service members are trained to increase the unit's readiness against any CBRN threat, whether attack or accidental.

Hatfield said the training allows each individual unit to become self-sustained by having a group of service members within its ranks qualified in handling a contaminated environment.

contaminated environment. "Here with (MAG-12) we (as CBRN Defense specialist) are deployable," said Hatfield. "We could become contaminated here or we can be deployed forward. Whatever the case, our units are able to self-sustain by conducting moniter, survey, and decontamination missions."

Participating Marines spent hours each day learning the dangers of CBRN threats and how to counter their effects. Marines also received handson training with Mission Oriented Protective Posture gear, detection equipment and decontamination methods for personnel and equipment. On the third day of the course, Marines were tested on the knowledge they learned throughout the training with a written test and a performance evaluation.

evaluation. "If there ever were to be a (CBRN) attack, I think I'd be ready and I'd know what to do to help other people," said Pfc. Courtney Moss, a MALS-12 ordnance technician and course participant. "If something were to kick off, the unit would be able to send us out to help."

Moss said even though she feels confident she would be able to respond to a CBRN threat, she would like additional training so she could be more effective in the event of an attack. Several participating Marines felt the training they received greatly increased their combative abilities.

"We are definitely more combat ready with this training," said Lance Cpl. Dragos Carstea, a VMFA(AW)-242 flight equipment technician. "I think training like this is very important and I think it would be a good idea to have more Marines trained in this. The more Marines that know this the better and more prepared we will be in combat."

For more information on attending this training contact their unit's training representative.



Lance Cpl. Dragos Carstea, a Marine All-Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 242 flight equipment technician, dabs his face with M90 powder during a monitor and survey decontamination course at the chemical biological radiological nuclear defense facility here Oct. 26. Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12 and VMFA(AW)-242 Marines participated in the three-day course that trained service members in basics of monitoring and decontaminating a CBRN-contaminated area.



Sgt. Peter Hatfield, Marine Aircraft Group 12 chemical biological radiological nuclear defense noncommissioned officer in charge, instructs a group of Marines in the basics of using Mission Oriented Protective Posture gear during a three-day monitor and survey decontamination course at the CBRN training facility here Oct. 26. The course also trained service members in basics of monitoring and surveying and decontaminating CBRN contamination. The service members are trained to increase the unit's readiness against any CBRN threat, whether attack or accidental.Any service member who would like to attend this training may contact their unit's training representative for more information.



Pfc. Courtney Moss, a Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12 ordnance technician, puts on her gloves during a monitor and survey decontamination course at the chemical biological radiological nuclear defense facility here Oct. 26. MALS-12 and Marine All-Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 242 Marines participated in the three-day course that trained service members in basics of monitoring and decontaminating a CBRN-contaminated area.