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Marines, sailors visit Okkodo High School JROTC cadets, students

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ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE, Guam — Sixteen Marine All-Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 224 (VMFA-224), VMFA-225, and Marine Aircraft Group 12 Marines and sailors visited Okkodo High School Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer's Training Corps cadets and students during a community relations event at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, Oct. 17, 2012.

Volunteers consisted of junior service members, noncommissioned officers, staff NCOs and officers. "This was a really beautiful thing," said Petty Officer 3rd Class Jarvis K. Broom, a VMFA(AW)-224 aviation corpsman. "Being around the cadets and listening to them, I learned they are very smart and bright."

The cadets welcomed the Marines and sailors using proper etiquette and rank.

"I loved the formality of everything here," Broom said. "They are very respectful and that is a rare thing to see in teenagers nowadays."

The cadets demonstrated their eagerness to learn military life and customs by asking the servicemembers about their jobs and experiences in the military.

"We teach the freshmen and sophomores leadership traits and how to become leaders," said Kristen C. Pangelinan, a JROTC cadet, second squad leader and Okkodo High junior. "We motivate them and

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Marine All-Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 224, 225 and Marine Aircraft Group 12 Marines and sailors watch an Okkodo High School Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps cadet receive a high and tight haircut aboard Andersen Air Force Base Oct. 17, 2012. Sixteen VMFA(AW)-224, 225 and MAG-12 Marines and sailors visited Okkodo High School JROTC cadets and students.

MCX to offer First Lady of the Marine Corps Recommended Reading List titles

HQMC NEWS RELEASE

Spouses at Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni now have a new resource for learning how to overcome the challenges of military Service. Bonnie Amos, spouse of the Commandant of Marine Corps, Gen. James Amos has established "The First Lady of the Marine Corps Recommended Reading List."

To make finding this first of its kind in any service collection easier, a new section in Marine Corps Exchange (MCX) main store book departments will feature the books. The official launch date for this initiative was Oct. 15, 2012. But, due to the limited availability of some titles and limited space at some locations, not all titles will be available at all locations. Requests for large quantities of books for clubs or organizations should be addressed with the local MCX store manager. Marine Corps libraries will also be adding the books to their collections.

Many of the books on the reading list are written by military spouses who share their experiences and offer tips on how to find military resources and avoid learning things the hard way. The reading list contains books for new spouses, for those facing their first move or deployment, about understanding the effects of post traumatic stress and living a healthy lifestyle, as well as ideas on how to follow your own dreams while you follow the military. The collection also has books for military children.

According to Karen Macdonald, MCX buyer for stationery, books & magazines, "this new collection is similar to the Commandant's Professional Reading List, which features books that are recommended reading for Marines in order to help them progress through their careers. In the same way, Mrs. Amos hopes "The First Lady" of the Marine Corps Recommended Reading List will help military spouses be successful regardless of the challenges they may face living a military lifestyle."



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Capt. Bradley N. Buick, a Marine All-Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 225 F/A-18D Hornet weapon systems officer, performs a preflight check before performing air-to-air and air-to-ground training as part of Exercise Island Fury aboard Andersen Air Force Base Oct. 19, 2012. More than 800 VMFA(AW)-224 and 225, Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12 and Marine Aircraft Group 12 Marines and sailors, as well as Air Force aircrew and support personnel, work in conjunction to participate in Exercise Island Fury.

Vikings, Bengals train rain or shine during Exercise Island Fury

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Beginning in October, Island Fury is a month-long, multi-service exercise that allows Marine Corps squadrons to work with their Air Force counterparts to improve air-to-air and air-to-ground training. This close coordination and cooperation also improves operational readiness and core expeditionary competencies as the U.S. shifts focus to the Pacific region.

Conducting training on Guam provides a unique

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Gentle answers turn away wrath

Lt. Cmdr. Louis Lee
COMMAND CHAPLAIN

In the Old Testament, book of Proverbs 15:1 says, "A gentle answer turns away wrath..." How many of you have ever been frustrated with someone who mistreated you? How many have ever had someone say things or do things just to irritate the heck out of you? Have you ever been mistreated? Verbally abused? Snubbed? Shunned? The answer to all of these questions is probably a resounding, "yes!"

Abraham Lincoln, America's most popular president, was anything but beloved while he was in office. The South hated him, the anti-war activists hated

him and Democrats hated him, calling him a widow-maker. The media ridiculed his eyes, looks, and body, calling him a freak of nature. Harper's Magazine so much as to call him a host of names in print: filthy story teller, despot, liar, thief, braggart, buffoon, usurper, monster, ignoramus Abe, old scoundrel, perjurer, swindler, tyrant, field-butcher, land-pirate. Lincoln, however, would not stoop down to the level of his critics. He won over a lot of his enemies and critics by holding fast to this famous principle encapsulated in his second inaugural address: "With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right."

I think we all can learn this

important principle from Abe Lincoln. We all have a choice to make when it comes to respecting others and/or responding the proper way.

We don't have to respond to others in anger or in rage just because we feel they deserve such response. One of the best response we can give to an angry voice is to reply in a gentle, soft answer. This is like pouring cold water over burning coal. The Scripture wisely points out that a gentle answer will turn away wrath. Although this is not an easy discipline, it will pay huge dividends if we practice on a regular basis. Our Lord lived his exemplary life to show us how to do this. Yes, there are times where we should demonstrate indignation, but those are few and far between. Let me challenge you to practice giving gentle answer in order that we might turn-away or turn-off burning wrath.

Trouble Conceiving Come to a Seminar on Infertility Treatment Options

Speaker: Dr. Atsushi Tanaka MD

When: Thursday, November 29, 2012 @
5:00 p.m.

Where: Branch Health Clinic Lobby

Who: All base personnel interested

Contact: LT Torres: 253-3485

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get them dedicated to bettering themselves."

For many of the cadets and students, having military members in their family is a common occurrence.

"I have family in the Army," said Pangelinan. "They taught me how to march and drill to cadence and that really got me interested in ROTC and the military."

The juniors and seniors in the program emulated many Marine Corps values and a sense of brotherhood to the visiting servicemembers.

"We learn responsibility, leadership and faith in your junior cadet," Pangelinan said. "We don't have favoritism in ROTC. We work as a unit and if one of us messes up, then we all learn from it."

During a question and answer discussion with the students, the Marines and sailors

told their individual experiences and reasons for joining their respective branches. The students and cadets learned they have the opportunity to serve before, after or while attending college.

"I want to go officer, but I'm going to enlist first and get my college degree later," said Pangelinan. "This program really caught my eye and is well organized, which is what we need to learn how to be before going to boot camp."



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Marine All-Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 224, 225 and Marine Aircraft Group 12 Marines and sailors talk with Okkodo High School Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets and students at Anderson Air Force Base about personal experiences in the military Oct. 17, 2012. Sixteen VMFA(AW)-224, 225 and MAG-12 Marines and sailors visited Okkodo High School JROTC cadets and students.



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Capt. Matt H. Langferman, a Marine All-Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 225 F/A-18D Hornet pilot, and Capt. Bradley N. Buick, a VMFA(AW)-225 F/A-18D Hornet weapon systems officer, perform preflight checks during air-to-air and air-to-ground training as part of Exercise Island Fury aboard Andersen Air Force base Oct. 19, 2012. Guam provides a unique training experience due to varying terrain for day and night exercises and close proximity to sister services for training and support.

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opportunity due to varying terrain for day and night exercises and close proximity to military facilities for training and support.

More than a dozen aircraft fly sorties at any given time during the exercise, depending on the weather.

"We fly a good amount of sorties each day," said Capt. Vishal J. Amin, a VMFA(AW)-225 F/A-18D Hornet weapon systems officer and San Diego native.

"We are respectful of the quiet

hours on the island, so some days we fly as few as two sorties and other days as many as 20."

"There is really no better place to train than here in Guam," Amin added.

In the air-to-air arena, VMFA(AW)-224 and 225 fly in support of each other and as simulated enemy aircraft to improve the pilots' and WSOs' abilities and combat effectiveness.

Both squadrons use live ordnance at the air-to-ground range here and fly simulated scenarios to maintain proficiency

in air-to-ground operations.

"A big part of why and how we are able to conduct this kind of training is MAG-12 and MALS-12," said Amin. "They keep us well stocked on supplies for our aircraft."

MALS-12 has been able to request and receive any part needed to keep the squadrons flying in less than 72 hours.

"We have a vast pipeline of support in this expeditionary environment," said Master Gunnery Sgt. Nigel V. Francois, MALS-12 aviation supply chief.

"We can reach all the way

to Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 11 and Hawaii. We support these squadrons with anything they need from flight suits to aircraft parts. We emulate the same support as if the squadrons were at their parent commands."

MALS-12 brought more than 2,000 items and equipment to effectively maintain a self-sufficient support squadron.

"We are able to complete the mission and keep those birds flying no matter what situation presents itself," Francois said.



(Left to right) Lance Cpl. Gustavo Moreno, Marine Aircraft Group 12 aviation operations specialist, Sgt. Ryan Harris, MAG-12 intelligence specialist and Sgt. Cristhian Santana, MAG-12 administration specialist, set up concertina wire around the perimeter of an expeditionary command operations center aboard Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni Oct. 17, 2012. The COC was built to ensure the Marines could deploy a system in an efficient and timely manner.

'The Ready Group' practices readiness aboard station

Story and photos by
Lance Cpl. J. Gage Karwick
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Marines with Marine Aircraft Group 12 constructed an expeditionary command operations center near the skate park, XtremeWorks, here throughout the week of Oct. 17, 2012, in preparation for future exercises.

An expeditionary COC is a multi-element system with the capability to be set up or loaded up at a moment's notice.

"We are setting the expeditionary Command Operations Center up for accountability of all the gear, making sure our Marines are trained to operate this gear properly and effectively," said Sgt. Timothy J. Brant, MAG-12 intelligence analyst. "Not only do we get to practice skills we know, but also learn some new ones or brush up on the ones we may be less familiar with."

When it comes to setting up equipment in the field, preparation is essential.

"I specialize in training Marines on the proper construction and functional capabilities for this system," said Justin Grove, Marine Air-

Ground Task Force communicative systems training engineer, Mystic Okinawa Command Operations Center equipment trainer. "We start by teaching them how to set up the tents, then grounding the trailers and connecting the power, then connecting the servers in the operations trailer, setting up all the electronic tables, making sure they are connected to the servers as well."

According to Grove, the gear the Marines are working on is complex equipment and it is imperative they assemble and disassemble all the elements of this equipment as quickly as possible.

"You never know when it is going to be time to pick up and move on," said Grove. "They are going to go out and set this up from start to finish, they need to be able to do it in less than an hour. It's a tall order, so we do it once then we tear it down, then we do it again and again and again, until they can do it as quickly and proficiently as possible."

With this training evaluation, MAG-12 shows that training for possible

unknown future operations or impending exercises is a common thing aboard Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni.



Sgt. Ryan Harris, Marine Aircraft Group 12 intelligence specialist, sets up concertina wire around the perimeter of an expeditionary command operations center aboard Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni Oct. 17, 2012. The COC was built to ensure the Marines could deploy a system in an efficient and timely manner.



Lance Cpl. Wendell Brown, Marine Aircraft Group 12 Marine Air-Ground Task Force planner, works with Justin Grove, MAGTF communicative systems training engineer with Mystic Okinawa Command Operations Center equipment trainer, while inside the expeditionary command operations center aboard Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni Oct. 17, 2012.

Bengals, Vikings receive MAG-12, MALS-12 support for Exercise Island Fury

Cpl. Charlie Clark
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ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE, Guam — Marine All-Weather Fighter Attack Squadrons 224 and 225, Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12, and Marine Aircraft Group 12 Marines and sailors work in unison to support Exercise Island Fury aboard Andersen Air Force Base.

Island Fury began early October and is a month-long exercise.

Island Fury is a multi-service exercise, firmly grounded in the successes and lessons learned from Exercise Geiger Fury 2012, conducted by MAG-12 in the Marianna Island Range Complex this past May, that allowed Marine Corps squadrons to work together with Air Force counterparts to improve air-to-air and air-to-ground training, and also practice working with sister services to increase operational readiness and improve core expeditionary combat capabilities in this area of operation.

A well-planned and executed exercise needs capable squadrons that can complete the mission. Capable squadrons need more than just pilots and mechanics. Many unsung heroes of a squadron spend more time behind a computer than with a wrench in hand.

"Maintenance control is the life line of the squadron," said Sgt. Victor Pagan-Diaz, VMFA(AW)-224 maintenance control noncommissioned officer-in-charge. "Everything happens through maintenance

control. We dictate all the work that happens on all the aircraft and make sure the aircraft are safe to fly."

The logistics of an exercise reinforces mission readiness. "I ensure all the components on an aircraft are in specified limits so they don't fail," said Cpl. Justin T. Frye, VMFA(AW)-225 aviation maintenance administration specialist. "Each part has a certain amount of hours of use in it. I make sure the components are never used past their lifespan and are maintained regularly."

"If a component is nearing the end of its life cycle, then I get the replacement for the mechanics to install," Frye added.

Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni does not have the training areas required to conduct core competency expeditionary airfield operations. Guam allows for necessary training to increase expeditionary readiness and simulate a deployed, austere environment.

Both squadrons use live ordnance at the range here and fly simulated scenarios to maintain proficiency in air-to-air and air-to-ground operations.

"My Marines make sure the weapon systems on the aircraft work rain or shine," said Gunnery Sgt. William B. Payne, VMFA(AW)-225 ordnance staff noncommissioned officer-in-charge. "Our commanding officer can tell us to put any weapon system that can go on an F/A-18 and we make sure it's on there and it works. The end result of our efforts is the bad guy dies."



Cpl. Joseph S. Lorenzen, a Marine All-Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 225 F/A-18D Hornet airframes mechanic, and Sgt. Frank Gottardo, VMFA(AW)-225 F/A-18D Hornet airframes quality assurance representative and mechanic, troubleshoot a VMFA(AW)-225 F/A-18D Hornet during Exercise Island Fury aboard Andersen Air Force Base Oct. 19. Island Fury is a month-long exercise, which began early October.



Cpl. Joseph S. Lorenzen, a Marine All-Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 225 F/A-18D Hornet airframes mechanic, troubleshoots a VMFA(AW)-225 F/A-18D Hornet during Exercise Island Fury aboard Andersen Air Force Base Oct. 19, 2012.



Pfc. Alexander Huntington, Gladiator's Cup competitor for Combat Logistics Company 36, attempts to drag his opponent during the Bull Pull during the Gladiator's Cup challenge at Penny Lake fields here Oct. 19, 2012. The event lasted from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. and included aquatic and land-based challenges.

Gladiators Cup challenge concludes Commander's Cup

Story and photos by
Lance Cpl. B. A. Stevens
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After months of competition, Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12 emerged victorious, winning the Commander's Cup here Oct. 19, 2012.

Units won points throughout the months of competition, and the top three point leaders, MALS-12, Combat Logistics Company 36 and Marine Wing Support Squadron 171, competed in the final challenge of the year, the Gladiator's Cup.

"The Commander's Cup has been going on for about seven or eight years," said Barbara Roman, Semper Fit fitness coordinator. "The idea is to do something fun and challenging, while getting Marines together."

The winning team, MALS-12, was coached by 1st Lt. Antonio B. Boyd, who accredited their victory to a high state of physical fitness maintained throughout the year. Upon winning the title, the MALS-12 team took group photos and returned to work,

planning their 2013 Commander's Cup strategy.

The Gladiator's Cup was an all-day, multi-disciplined evolution, and teams received points based on their placement in each event. At the end of the day, officials totaled each team's points for the day to decide the victor.

CLC-36 took first place in the Gladiator's Cup with a total score of 71, MALS-12 took second place with a total score of 66 and MWSS-171 took third place with a total score of 56.

The first challenges took place at the pool inside IronWorks Gym as well as Penny Lake. Competitors started the day with a relay swim in which every team member had to wear the same pair of cammies.

"This year is the first year we've introduced the relay and it was pretty neat to see," said Roman.

After the water events the Marines ate chow and transitioned to the afternoon land-based events.

Marines first competed in the ten-legged race and the Bull Pull.

Following the Bull Pull was an event

that required two team members. One member was strapped into a metal cage while the other pushed the metal cage around three cones and back to the starting point. Once the Marine was out of the cage, he sprinted to a cone and back.

"You have to roll with the turning but it really wasn't as bad as I expected," said Lance Cpl. Michael Perez, electrician specialist for MALS-12 and Gladiator cup participant.

The final event was an obstacle course that included going above and below obstacles, jumping rope and jumping through tires at the end of the course.

"The goal is to bring the Marines together and build morale," said Roman.

After the blood, sweat and tears were shed, those who were not victorious returned to their units and completed the day's work; hoping for another opportunity to claim a future victory.

The Commander's Cup is slated to resume next year.



A Gladiator's Cup challenge team competes in the ten-legged race during the Commander's Cup's final event, the Gladiator Cup challenge, which took place at Penny Lake fields here Oct. 19, 2012. The Gladiator's Cup was an all-day, multi-disciplined evolution and teams received points based on their placement in each event. At the end of the day, officials totaled each team's points for the day to decide the victor.



Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12 Gladiator's Cup competitor Lance Cpl. Lawrence M. Logaglio pushes Lance Cpl. Michael Perez around cones during a Gladiator's Cup challenge event at Penny Lake fields Oct. 19, 2012. Perez had to sprint to a cone and back as fast as he could after rolling around in the metal cage.



A unit coach tapes two competitors' legs together in preparation for the ten-legged race during the Gladiator's Cup challenge at Penny Lake fields here Oct. 19, 2012. The Gladiators Cup challenge's goal is to help improve morale of units aboard station while competition in unusual activities.

CORPS NEWS

HIGHLIGHTING MARINES AND SAILORS AROUND THE GLOBE



2ND LT. MATTHEW FINNERTY

Marines and sailors with the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit and Peleliu Amphibious Ready Group sing and dance with Timorese children after they presented books, school supplies and sporting goods to their elementary school in Liquecia, Timor-Leste, Oct. 13. The donations were part of a community relations program supporting Exercise Crocodillo 2012, a U.S./Timor-Leste event promoting interoperability and regional stability.

Marines, sailors spread joy to children in Timor-Leste

2nd Lt. Matthew Finnerty
15TH MARINE EXPEDITIONARY UNIT

USS PELELIU — The sounds of loud cheers, joyful screams and celebratory high-fives engulfed a small dirt schoolyard in Baucau, Timor-Leste. Two tired teams, one a group of students, the other a band of U.S. service members, stood surrounded in the festivities.

What started as a week of donations and goodwill ended in a soccer game filled with friendship and lasting memories, as Marines and sailors of 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit and Peleliu Amphibious Ready Group finished their final stop of a community outreach program that began months earlier.

"We started planning in February, about eight months ago," said Petty Officer First Class Edward S. Debaun, religious program specialist, Command Element, 15th MEU. "We contacted numerous donors, procured money, purchased sporting goods and planned the logistics with the embarkers. It took everybody to make this work."

The Religious Ministry Team, which includes Debaun and the 15th MEU's Chaplain, Lt. Cmdr. David D. Dinkins, finally put the plan into action when USS Peleliu anchored off the Timorese capital of Dili, Oct. 10.

A short afternoon transit aboard a landing craft utility brought the team and volunteers ashore for the long and tiring process of organizing the thousands of donated books, school supplies, hardware tools and sporting goods. Ultimately a two-day sorting extravaganza, in which Marines and sailors willingly volunteered to organize items provided by non-profit organization Mr. Books, Navy-run Project Handclasp, Aviara Oaks Elementary School in Carlsbad, Calif., and money from the U.S. Agency for International Development.

Finally, on their third day in Timor-Leste, the RMT took a group of volunteers to six schools throughout Dili. Greeted by hundreds of giant smiles on hundreds of little faces, the Marines and sailors experienced the happiness a simple soccer ball or basketball brings.

"A ball in America isn't the same," said Sgt. Nicholas O. Troyer, data chief, Battalion Landing Team 3/5, 15th MEU, a volunteer for the community outreach group. "They are so excited and happy for the littlest things."

And this excitement for the simplest things continued throughout the day as the volunteers traveled around Dili, taking in the sights, sounds and culture.

Each school provided a new adventure. Some children sang and danced, others rushed the Marines and sailors in fits of joy and excitement. All the students and teachers wore expressions of appreciation and sincere gratitude.

At the end of the exhausting day, the group of participants took the windy and rutted drive back through Dili to their starting point at the port. The volunteers returned to the ships at-sea while the RMT prepared and organized for the next day of donations.

As the week rushed past, the same happiness, joy and excitement met each new day's volunteers. Five schools in Liquecia and three in

Manatuto, all filled with hundreds of kids happy to see and play with American Marines and sailors.

On the final day of the community outreach program, the MEU and PELARG service members boarded a helicopter to the city of Baucau, Timor-Leste's second largest city. Settled along the country's northern coast, Baucau lies only 75 miles from Dili, but takes up to four hours by car due to treacherous roads and terrain.

When the team touched down, they loaded the vehicles with all of the donations like days past. Three sport utility vehicles were packed to the brim with books, school supplies, hardware tools and sporting goods. The group then filled the seats and they began the bumpy trek to the final two locations.

Unlike past days though, a different experience awaited the Marines and sailors at these schools.

The first stop, situated on a small hill overlooking a green valley, contained a full-sized basketball court. And after a little negotiating through the RMT's interpreter, the school's director announced a basketball game over the loudspeaker.

All of the classrooms emptied and five students stepped forward to test their skills against the Americans. A half an hour later, both teams stood drenched in sweat surrounded by cheering children.

When the kids returned to class, the volunteers said their goodbyes to the school's staff and headed to the last school in the community outreach plan.

This last visit ended with hundreds of children cheering the end of a friendly soccer game between America's warfighters, Marines and sailors, and the students of their local school. A moment none will forget.

"The 15th MEU and PELARG pushed the envelope with 16 [events] in four days," said Dinkins. "Visiting 15 schools and one community center, the sailors and Marines had a fantastic opportunity to experience the warm hospitality of Timor-Leste. The books, sporting goods, tools, and meaningful interaction demonstrate our appreciation for the Timorese people and our commitment to lasting friendships around the world."

In the end, the RMT and members of the 15th MEU and PELARG visited schools across Timor-Leste and donated hundreds of balls and Frisbees, thousands of children's books and textbooks, hundreds of reams of paper, and thousands of writing utensils. Most importantly, the Marines and sailors experienced a new country and showed its children that a bright future lies ahead.

The community outreach program left a mark on both the children of Timor-Leste and all the U.S. service members involved. One Marine best described the feelings, though.

"I'm so humbled," said Cpl. Aysia C. Acaffle, administrative clerk, Command Element, 15th MEU. "I'm so happy."

15th MEU is currently embarked as part of the Peleliu Amphibious Ready Group while they serve as the nation's rapid response, sea-based, Marine Air Ground Task Force for Western Pacific Deployment 12-02.

Briefs

MWSS-171 Haunted House

Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 is scheduled to host a haunted house from Oct. 26-28, at Building 128. The event will take place from 6-9 p.m. and will cost three dollars for each participant. There is planned to be food for sale, free candy for children and a bouncy house.

Community Rooms

Community room inspections are required in order to rent a community room. Patrons reserving community rooms risk losing their reservation by missing their inspection appointment. To schedule a community room or get more information, call Housing at 253-3341.

Unit Reporting Numbers

When filling out envelopes for Combined Federal Campaign donations, the unit reporting number required corresponds to a person's unit. Unit reporting numbers for the station include:

1480006-Robert M. Casey
Medical and Dental Health
Clinic
1480008-Department of Defense

Dependents School Matthew C. Perry Elementary School
1480009-DoDDS M.C. Perry High School
1480021-Defense Commissary Agency Iwakuni
1480031-Marine Corps Community Services Food & Hospitality
1480032-MCCS Services
1480033-MCCS Retail
1480034-MCCS Semper Fit
1480035-MCCS Marine & Family Services
1480036-MCCS Support
1480037-MCCS Miscellaneous/Executive Office/Internal Co.
1480038-H&HS Provost Marshal's Office
1480039-H&HS Logistics
1480040-H&HS Operations
1480041-H&HS Facilities
1480042-H&HS Administration
1480100-Iwakuni Friends

Family Housing Grills

All barbecue grills will be placed a minimum of five to 10 feet away from any structures or trees. The only exception is for those living in a Mid Rise, who have permissions to use small 16 oz. gas bottles and no open flames on the balcony. If damage to the structure is caused by the resident, the resident will be held accountable to reimburse the government for repairs.

Registering Halloween Guests

• SOFA personnel may sponsor guests (up to ten per family). All guests must be escorted by the sponsor at all times while aboard the air station.

• Sponsors must pre-register their guests at the PMO Administrative Section, Bldg 608, prior to 4 p.m., 24 October 2012.

• MLC/IHA employees may sponsor their immediate family members (e.g., spouse, children, children's spouse(s), brother(s), sister(s), parents, and spouse's parents) up to ten per family.

• Sponsors must meet their guests at the Contractors Gate between the hours of 4-7 p.m. All guests may exit the air station via the Main Gate after the event.

• Guest's vehicles are prohibited from parking at the BOQs, BEQs or housing areas.

• "Trick or Treating" will be limited to the housing areas ONLY. BOQs, BEQs, and office spaces will be off limits.

• Residents who do not wish to participate will turn off their porch lights and "Trick

or Treating" participants will avoid the residence.

• From 5-7 p.m., Oct. 31, 2012, no one will be allowed to sign guests aboard the installation unless they have been pre-registered with the PMO Administration Section. All other visitors must be signed on before or after these times.

• Station residents are advised that the Monzen Bridge and the inbound lane of Monzen Gate will be closed to vehicle traffic from 5-7 p.m. due to this event.

• Military Police bicycle and foot patrols will be assigned to each housing area.

• If at any time you or your child needs assistance, please call the Military Police Desk Sergeant at 253-3303 or for emergencies dial 911.

• For more information contact the PMO Administration Section at 253-4386 or Gunnery Sgt. Husman, PMO Services Section at 253-6942. For more information and safety tips, please visit the PMO website.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS | CLASSIFIEDS

MWSS-171 Marine Corps Ball Date Change

The Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 Marine Corps Birthday Ball Ceremony has been rescheduled to take place Nov. 7, 2012, instead of its original slated date of Nov. 9. The ceremony is still planned to be held at the IronWorks Gym. Cocktail hour is scheduled for 5 p.m.

Stripes and Rockers

The Stripes and Rockers Enlisted Spouses Club is welcoming all enlisted spouses aboard station. Goals of the club include serving the community in a positive manner and working toward fund raisers that afford the opportunity to provide scholarships to Matthew C. Perry graduates and enlisted spouses with a desire to further their education. Meetings are currently taking place in community rooms. Meetings are scheduled for the last Wednesday of every month. For more information, join the Facebook page, "Stripes & Rockers Enlisted Spouses Club," or email stripesandrockers@hotmail.com.

Emergency Phone Numbers Reminder

Put these numbers in your wallet and phone:

- Anti-terrorism force protection hotline: 253-ATFP (2837).
- Life limb or loss-of-vision threatening emergencies while on the air station: 119 or 911.
- From a cell phone or for bilingual capability: 082-721-7700.
- For security issues, contact the Provost Marshal's Office: 253-3303. To report without talking to a person, Crime Stoppers: 253-3333.

• Sexual Assault: To make a confidential report of sexual assault or harassment, contact the victim advocate at 253-4526 during working hours. For after hours, weekends and holidays, call 090-9978-1033 or 080-3427-0835. You can also call the installation Sexual Assault Response Coordinator at 253-6556 or 080-5865-3566.

Trick-or-Treat Fun Night

There is a Trick-or-Treat Game Fun Night at the station chapel scheduled for Oct. 31, 2012, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. The event is open to all children aboard station.

Lending Locker Program

The lending locker program is available to provide small home appliances and utensils for incoming and outgoing command sponsored members for up to 60 days inbound and 30 days outbound. A copy of PCS orders are required to check out items, and the program is by appointment only. The lending locker is located in Building 411, Room 101. Appointments are 8 a.m.- 3:30 p.m. For more information, call 253-6161.

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 submit your brief or advertisement in person at the Public Affairs Office, Building 1, Room 216 or you may call 253-5551. Please ensure you provide all requested information to simplify the request process. The deadline for submissions is 3 p.m. every Friday.

Holiday Mailing Dates

Be sure to get packages and letters mailed before the below recommended mailing dates.

Destination: United States
Express: Dec. 17
1st Class: Dec. 10
Priority: Dec. 10
PAL: Dec. 3
SAM: Dec. 26
Parcel Post: Nov. 13

Destination: APO/FPO AE
Express: Dec. 17
1st Class: Dec. 10
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Parcel Post: Nov. 13

Destination: APO/FPO AP
Express: Dec. 17
1st Class: Dec. 10
Priority: Dec. 10
PAL: Dec. 3
SAM: Nov. 26
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INFOTAINMENT

THE IWAKUNI APPROACH CULTURAL LESSONS

Kanji Adventures: Matsuri



Matsuri, translated into festival, is used to describe annual festivities in Japan. Some Japanese festivals have garnered their roots in Chinese tradition, but have undergone extensive changes as they melded with local customs, while some are so different they don't even resemble the original festival, despite sharing the same name and date.

There are also various local festivals that are mostly unknown outside a given prefecture. It is commonly said that you will always find a festival somewhere in Japan. Unlike most people in East Asia, Japanese people generally do not celebrate Chinese New Year, although Chinese residents in Japan still do. Festivals are often based around one main event, with food booths, entertainment, and carnival games, to keep people entertained. Some are based around temples or shrines, others incorporate hanabi (fireworks) and still others focus on contests related to the respective festival.



OPEN DOMAIN IMAGE

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
- Mon. — Thurs. 11:30 a.m. Weekday Mass
- Protestant**
- Sunday 9:30 a.m. Lutheran Service
10:30 a.m. Protestant Service
10:30 a.m. Children's Church
10:30 a.m. Church of Christ Meeting
1 p.m. Contemporary
5:30 p.m. FLOW (Youth Group)
- Monday 7 p.m. Men's Bible Study
- Tuesday 9 a.m. Ladies' Bible Study
5 p.m. Working Women Bible Study
- Wednesday 10:30 a.m. Ladies' Tea
5:45 p.m. AWANA (Bldg. 1104)
- 2nd Saturday 7:30 a.m. Men's Discipleship
- Bahai**
- Sunday 11 a.m. Bahai Meeting

For information regarding divine services, religious education or any other command religious program or chapel activity, call the Marine Memorial Chapel at 253-3371.

SAKURA THEATER

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| Friday, October 26, 2012
7 p.m. Premium Rush (PG-13)
10 p.m. Looper (R) | Monday, October 29, 2012
7 p.m. Argo (R) |
| Saturday, October 27, 2012
4 p.m. Frankenweenie (PG)
7 p.m. The Campaign (R) | Tuesday, October 30, 2012
Theater closed |
| Sunday, October 28, 2012
4 p.m. ParaNorman (PG)
7 p.m. Argo (R) | Wednesday, October 31, 2012
Theater closed |
| | Thursday, November 1, 2012
7 p.m. Premium Rush (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.

253-5291

This week in Samurai sports

Cross-Country
The Samurai Cross Country team traveled to Sasebo and took on the Cobras last weekend. The girls team had a clean sweep, taking the top five spots. Sandra Granados led the way with a time of 21:33 on the 5,000 meter course. Ghia Ulrey came in 2nd with a time of 23:03. Aimi Primus held on to 3rd with 23:12. Cheryl Van Allen held off Kaila Knueppel for 4th and both ran a time of 23:13.

The boys won their event by a score of 17-15 over Sasebo. Leading the way was Greg Graham with a time of 17:55. Justin Hill held on to 3rd place with a time of 19:08. Ryan Archambault ran a 19:45, finishing in 6th. Martin Ziola took 7th with a 22:19 and Hinun Crespino came in 8th running a 22:44.

This week the team will travel to Misawa and participate in the Department of Defense Education Activities Japan meet.

Football
The Matthew C. Perry Samurai football team traveled to Zama High School last weekend and played against Robert D. Edgren High School and Zama High School junior varsity squads. Perry dominated Edgren, beating them 39-12. Perry also defeated Zama with a score of 8-0.

The last game of the season will be played at home this coming Saturday at 10 a.m. against Zama.

Tennis
The Matthew C. Perry tennis team traveled to DoDEA Japan this weekend to confront Robert D. Edgren High School, E. J. King High School, Nile C. Kinnick High School and Yokota High School. They are scheduled to return Sunday morning.



LANCE CPL. CAYCE NEVERS

Leilani Duncan, a Matthew C. Perry Elementary School 5th grade student, looks for eggs, larva and caterpillars at the station Community Garden Oct. 18, 2012. Since the beginning of the Community Garden, students are not the only ones who have begun to help with the garden, other teachers and parents have also taken an interest in helping to make the garden a success. The Community Garden, has already won an award recognizing them as one of only ten schools to win the "How Do You Green Your School?" contest by Nickelodeon and the National Wildlife Federation.

Community Garden greens school grounds

Lance Cpl. Cayce Nevers
IWAKUNI APPROACH
STAFF

Matthew C. Perry Elementary School is home to the station's own Community Garden. Although the garden is on school grounds, it is open for any station resident to enjoy and work.

Brian Goering, Matthew C. Perry Elementary School 5th grade teacher, and his students entered the "How Do You Green Your School?" contest by Nickelodeon and the National Wildlife Federation. M.C. Perry's Community Garden was one of only 10 that won top recognition.

"I started the Community Garden because I had a passion for it and grew up with an agricultural mindset," said Goering. "The Community Garden was started two and a half years ago. This piece of land was being wasted."

The Community Garden is a multifunctional learning environment, teaching biology, science and that children can reap the fruits of their labor.

"We wanted to beautify the school and also use it as a living classroom," said Goering. "We grow fruits, vegetables and flowers. We have produce sales with the

produce to raise more money to expand the garden."

The overall goals of the Community Garden are to move the garden to the front of the school, build a compost bin to make their own fertilizer, and get the community more involved.

"I started a parent organization, I asked the parents of the children in my homeroom class if they would help," said Goering. "It becomes like a second job."

Goering and his students are not the only ones currently helping out with the Community Garden, many teachers and their student also got involved.

"It makes my job easier and the kids learn more, said Goering. "They are super excited to come to school every day they always bring a new specimen in for me to look at."

The garden has helped the children learn about the life cycle of a moth as well as many other facts involving history of agriculture, writing, reading and science.

The Community Garden also presents a volunteer opportunity for service members and station residents.

"The parents created a Facebook page and a Google group, where we can start getting more people into this kind of stuff," said Goering.



LANCE CPL. CAYCE NEVERS



LANCE CPL. CAYCE NEVERS

Asia Sherman, a Matthew C. Perry Elementary School 5th grade student, tries to pick up a caterpillar at the station Community Garden Oct. 18, 2012. The Community Garden was started two and a half years ago to help with student education and to make learning more fun.

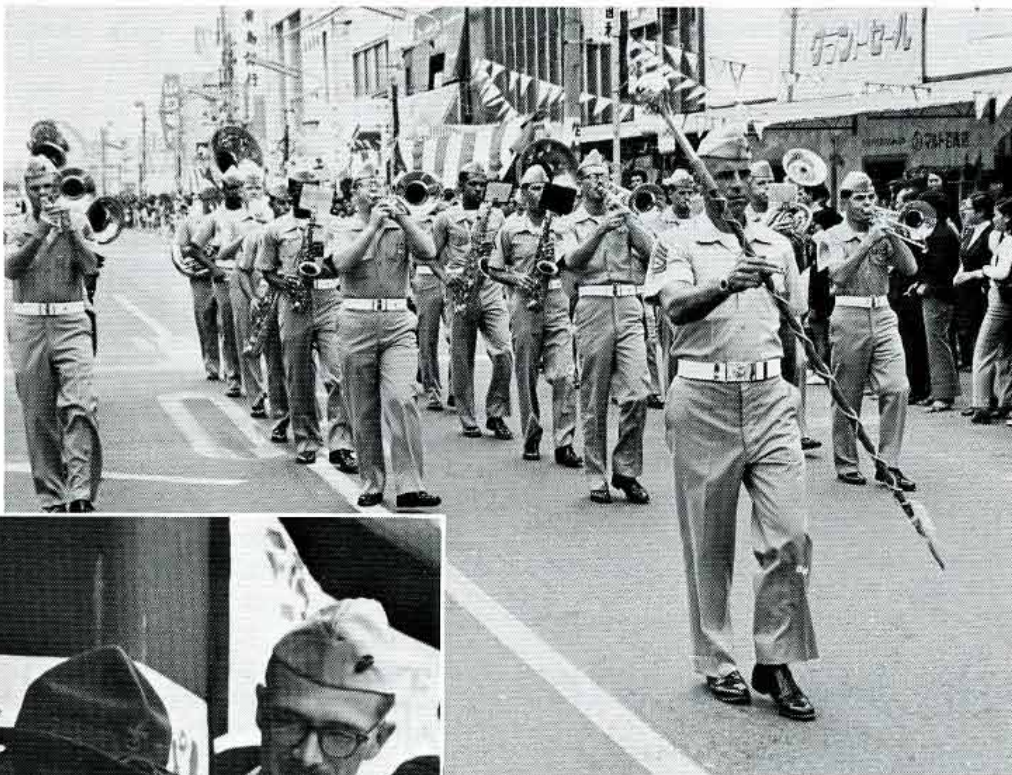
The Iwakuni Time Machine

In the Oct. 22, 1971, issue of "The Torii Teller," Marines reported on Navy Capt. Arthur K. Bennett Jr. taking the helm as the commanding officer of Fleet Air Wing 6 and Bob Gibson, two-time winner of the Cy Young Award, visiting the station as part of a five-man show with the United Service Organization.



Iwakuni Festival

A good time was had...



The biggest local Japanese celebration, the Iwakuni Festival, got underway here last weekend.

Highlighted by street parades, in which the 1stMAW band and American scout units participated, the festival is a local adaptation of the traditional Japanese Autumn Festival symbolizing the wish for good crops and business during the next year.

The November 23 festivities will come to an end with two appearances of the famous Takarazuka Girls' Operetta from near Osaka.

This group, one of two of its kind in Japan, has been featured in several movies, including "Sayonara".

Tickets for the two performances, to be held at the Iwakuni Gymnasium, are not for sale but will be given in exchange for purchases in excess of Y10,000 at several stores in Iwakuni.

