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SGT. CHARLES E. MCKELVEY

Petty Officer 2nd Class Shuhei Hamaguchi, a Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 corpsman, assisted by station firefighters, prepares to move an injured role player during Exercise Active Shield, March 5, 2013. As emergency responders arrived on scene, they triaged the wounded and treated them based on priority level. Active Shield is an annual exercise designed to test the station's response capabilities in an emergency situation.

Active Shield 2013 tests station personnel crisis response, readiness

Lance Cpl. B. A. Stevens
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

U.S. servicemembers came together and took up arms to defend Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni by land, sea and air against an uncommon enemy.

The enemy consisted of Marines and sailors stationed here, operating under code name, "Red Cell." Units responding and observers evaluating performances operated under code name "White Cell."

"I get to construct a scenario that tests all of our unit's capabilities with assistance from subject matter experts from all those entities,"

said Lt. Col. Michael J. Carreiro, white cell officer in charge. "During the execution, my job is to make sure that the script plays out. In other words, we present the scenario to the commanding officer and all his staff and they don't know what the scenario is, they then have to make decisions based on their knowledge of the base and how they want to win the war."

Participants overcame situations such as finding suspicious packages, hazardous material spills and a gunman with multiple hostages.

Throughout the exercise, multiple events would occur at the same time in an effort

to see how many obstacles Active Shield participants could juggle at once.

"This year, when we sat down, we said, 'we want to make this the most dynamic, realistic and valuable exercise that we've ever experienced on Iwakuni,'" said Carreiro. "I think in previous years, we certainly had the same objective to get the training, but the scope of imagination wasn't as wide. It was wide this year because the commanding officer said, 'I want to be tested to our utmost.' That gave us a great latitude of activity."

Like many training events in the Marine

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

'Grace from God'

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MAG-12 CHAPLAIN

As a Chaplain, I counsel Marines and Sailors, and sometimes they tell me they don't like being in the Marine Corps, or Navy. I try to help them realize the weight of their choices. Every Marine or Sailor chose to serve. The same is true with God. If you had a choice between two things from God ... let's say between getting God's grace or getting opposition from God, which one would you choose? Most would choose grace. So, how do we get grace from God? We cannot earn God's grace but the Bible gives a formula for obtaining his grace. Proverbs 3:34 says, "Though He scoffs at the scoffers, Yet He gives grace to the afflicted." God scoffs at scoffers. To scoff means to mock. God mocks those who mock others. Have you ever made fun of someone? Has anyone ever called you names, bullied you? God mocks those people.

God gives grace to the afflicted. The word in Hebrew means poor, afflicted, humble, meek. God gives them grace. James 4:6 says, "But He gives a greater grace. Therefore it says, "GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE." Also, Peter says in 1 Peter 5:5, "You younger men, likewise, be subject to your elders; and all of you, clothe yourselves

with humility toward one another, for GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE." Let's break apart this biblical phrase. First, It says he ... God ... is opposed to the proud. In Greek it means to rage in battle against, to set oneself against to oppose, to resist. The Greek word for proud means showing oneself above others, arrogant.

God is in battle against the arrogant and proud. Do you know people like that? God is in battle against them. God gives grace to the humble. What is grace? I'm talking about grace for daily living.

In Greek grace means kindness, blessing, concession, credit, favor, gift, grace, gracious. Humble means low-lying, lowly in spirit, depressed, humble, lowly, meek. God gives a gift, blessing, concession, credit or favor to the lowly, depressed, humble and meek. This depressed is not the "I'm so sad" depression. It just means someone not arrogant. James and Peter are explaining how God reacts to people. If we are arrogant, God opposes us.

I know very little about football, but I do know when two teams are on the field ... those on the defense are looking at the offense, thinking ... I am going to stop you in your tracks ... I am opposed to you ... In the same way God is against us when we are arrogant. It is purely a choice. Honestly, the other choice is better. Be humble.

In James 4:10 we read: "Humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you.

1 Peter 5:6 says "Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time." We have control.

We can choose to humble ourselves before God and people. Ephesians 4:32 says, "Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you." We are to live humble lives. I was a missionary in Japan. We learn the important custom of bowing in Japan. Bowing expresses respect, gratitude, requesting forgiveness, humility and greeting.

Bowing elevates, honors and respects the other person. When we humble ourselves before God, we elevate, honor and respect him as God.

Psalm 95:6 says: "Come, let us worship and bow down, Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker."

How can we be arrogant and prideful if we are bowing low? 1 Peter 5:6 says if we humble ourselves before God, he will exalt us at the proper time. God lifted David to be king and Mary to be Christ's mother.

Christ, who literally spoke the entire universe into existence ... humbly lived in a human body, and died ... on our behalf, like a common criminal. He chose to be humble. Do you want opposition from God?

Then, be proud, arrogant, full of ego. God will be completely against you. If you want God's grace, "humble yourself" and He will lift you up at the proper time.

Hagel appointed secretary of defense

Lance. Cpl. B. A. Stevens
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

The Senate appointed Charles Hagel to serve President Barack Obama as secretary of defense, Feb. 26, 2013.

The Senate voted 58-41 in favor of Hagel, the closest vote ever for appointing a new secretary of defense. Hagel served as an enlisted servicemember for the Army during the Vietnam War and received a Purple Heart for being wounded twice in combat before becoming a Republican senator of Nebraska.

"I will work closely with the Congress to ensure that we maintain the strongest military in the world and continue to protect this great nation," Hagel said in a statement shortly after being appointed.

Following the Senate's appointment, President Obama spoke about the importance of Democrats and Republicans coming together.

"I am grateful to Chuck for reminding us that when it comes

to our national defense, we are not Democrats or Republicans, we are Americans, and our greatest responsibility is the security of the American people," said Obama.

Obama also said he will count on Hagel's judgment as the end of the war in Afghanistan draws near and to keep our military the finest fighting force on the planet.

Hagel has no time to settle in he faces a \$46 billion budget cut, which started two days after his swearing in and will last the remaining seven months of this fiscal year.

Hagel also faces talks with lawmakers who voted against and ridiculed him days prior.

Hagel addressed the Pentagon after being appointed, saying "America must work with its allies to face the challenges ahead."

Although some congressmen disagreed with Hagel's confirmation as secretary of defense, he has been sworn into office and will lead the Pentagon through budget cuts and the end of the Afghanistan war.

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Corps, the exercise's goal is to learn from the mistakes and to improve for the future.

"We are actually still working on all the after-action reports from the different scenarios, but we learned that we can operate on organic forces as an air station," said Gunnery Sgt. Robert Baker, a white cell observer. "We also learned where our stress points are and how

far we can push ourselves while still being able to accomplish the mission. The task now is utilizing the information we learned and improving for next year, not to stress ourselves out even more, but to be more efficient as a unit."

In the end, Marines adapted and overcame every obstacle thrown their way, showing the command, as well as the world, MCAS Iwakuni is ready for anything that may come.



STAFF SGT. CHARLES G. POAG

Marines and sailors from Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron serve as red cell role-players during a suspicious vessel exercise at the Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni Harbor March 4, 2013. The event evaluated Harbor Operations and the Provost Marshal's Office ability to respond to an unknown vessel operating with suspicious intent in restricted waters during Exercise Active Shield 2013.

Station holds remembrance for beloved teacher, wife, mother

Lance. Cpl. Benjamin
Pryer
IWAKUNI APPROACH
STAFF

Station residents gathered inside the Matthew C. Perry Elementary School gym here March 8, 2013, for a remembrance ceremony dedicated to Mindy Garner, a beloved teacher who passed away recently.

Mindy's family donated a cherry blossom tree to the station, which was the focal point of the ceremony.

"I can't say enough about her sister and mom, who had this idea to give something back to the community," said Rick Garner, husband of Mindy. "We lose a lot of Marines and we lose a lot of soldiers, but sometimes we forget about the citizens who give a lot as well."

The fleeting blossoms of the cherry tree represent the brief yet meaningful life Mindy lived.

"Just remember that life is short, but it's sweet," said Rick. "You have to cherish those beautiful moments. And she did, she cherished life."

With the help of Gary Saiki and Brian Goering, friends of Mindy, the tree was planted in front of the elementary school.

The three talked of the past, laughing and smiling at fond memories, while also looking toward the future for Rick and his children.

"The place we were from was Lemon Bay, Florida, Mindy actually taught 17 years in the county," said Rick. "We'll probably go move around that area again. Her mom, dad



LANCE CPL. BENJAMIN PRYER

Rick Garner, husband of Mindy Garner, remembers his wife Mindy during a ceremony dedicating a sakura tree donated by her family in her memory outside of Matthew C. Perry Elementary School here, March 8, 2013. The tree was planted in a temporary pot as it is slated to be transferred when the new school is built.

and sister are there and I have a brother and sister there. We know a lot of people around that area, so it should be nice. Hopefully, I can find a job, that's the main thing, and to try and get things as normal as possible again for the boys."

A temporary pot housed the tree, with plans to move it to the new school once it's constructed.

Goering planted flowers around the tree, adding a personal touch to the memorial.

Aside from the colorful flowers, the tree stands bare, but with the season for cherry blossoms only weeks away, the remembrance tree will hopefully blossom soon, standing as a testament to the beautiful life of a dearly-missed wife, mother, teacher and caring friend.

"We feel so blessed to be here, we got to do so much, being in Japan," said Rick. "You've got to take time to stop and smell the roses, that's for sure."

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¥ 22,000
¥ 19,000
¥ 7,500

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■ April 24 through 26, tax collectors from the city will be at the Provost Marshal's Office pass and registration section for heavy vehicle owners to pay their tax on station from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

■ Heavy vehicles can otherwise pay road tax on the first floor of the New Symphonia Building from 8:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. Parking is free in the rear of the building.

■ Once your road tax is paid, bring the following to the pass and registration section of the PMO building, to receive your new base decal:

- Japanese title, secondary insurance, the vehicle or motorcycle, Japanese Compulsory Insurance (JCI), SOFA license and AFID card, recycling fee receipt and new road tax receipt.

■ Light Vehicles and motorcycles will pay road tax on the second floor of City Hall located across from the police station from 8:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. Validated parking is free.

■ Maps to the new Symphonia building and City Hall can be obtained from the PMO pass and registration section. For any other questions, contact pass and registration at 253-3135.

■ To avoid the long lines of the "last minute rush" at PMO, please pay your road tax and renew your decal early in April.

■ April 30 the PMO pass and registration section will only process 2013 Road Tax registration and licenses. No other business will take place during this time.

Failure to pay road tax can result in the impoundment of your vehicle.



LANCE CPL. J. GAGE KARWICK

Mike Rodriguez, Marine Corps Community Services 12th Annual Wine Festival attendee, prepares to receive a sample of red wine for himself and his wife during the festival in the Club Iwakuni Ballroom March 9, 2013. MCCS sells 500 tickets for the festival, usually selling out two to three weeks after they go on sale.

MCCS hosts 12th Annual Wine Festival

Lance Cpl. J. Gage Karwick
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Station residents celebrated Marine Corps Community Services' 12th Annual Wine Festival at the Club Iwakuni Ballroom here, March 9, 2013.

"We have wine from Mexico, Argentina and all over," said Andrew Chung, MCCS Divisional sales

manager. "We have more than 100 different types of wine and it was a difficult logistical effort getting all the vendors together and selecting which wines we would have as well as how we would get them here."

Tasting wine can be an all-day event. Therefore, MCCS provided food and snacks for patrons to enjoy, including pasta, roast pork, fruit and several types of cheese.

"We work in conjunction with the exchange to bring in a lot of the alcohol and numerous vendors to bring in our vast variety of food," said Chad Landry, Club Iwakuni General Manager. "We do a raw bar, with raw oysters and clams, as well as sushi and different chef specialties."

Patrons filled the ballroom during the event as the line stretched outside and down the hallway.

The 500 tickets for the event sold out. M C C S

organizers originally thought that to be a sufficient number to sell.

"We sell 500 tickets and we usually sell out about two-to-three weeks after the tickets go on sale," said Landry. "This event is one of the most popular events that we do all year." It was obvious from the smiling faces everyone was having fun.

"I have been here almost three years," said Manuel Valenciacantu, 12th Annual Wine Festival attendee. "This is my first time coming to the wine festival and now I regret not coming before. Since I'm going to be here another three years, I plan on coming back. My favorite wine so far has been the Casablanca. I'm not sure where it comes from, but it has a great flavor to it."

Many patrons enjoyed the night and already look forward to next year's event, and the upcoming Fall Harvest Festival, which is another popular MCCS event featuring beer from across the globe.



Daimyo training prepares MWSS-171 Marines

Lance Cpl. Benjamin Pryer
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 Marines participated in Exercise Daimyo Eagle 2013, which started behind the XtremeWorks skate park here, March 8, 2013.

Exercise Daimyo Eagle is an opportunity to establish a squadron level aviation ground support operations center (AGSOC), perform staff functions in a field environment, and improve the ability to plan. The tactics, techniques, and procedures developed during this exercise will prepare MWSS-171 to operate in a deployed environment.

"We're supposed to be ready at a moment's notice," said 1st Lt. Robert Arellano, MWSS-171 Daimyo Eagle action officer. "If we need to pick up tonight and be able to communicate, this is it. This is a very essential piece of the puzzle."

Daimyo Eagle prepared its participants for more extensive training.

"The reason why we're doing this is because we're going to go to (Infantry Training Exercise)," said Arellano. "Back in the day, it used to be called Mojave Viper. We're going to go to Twenty nine Palms and we're going to be in a supporting role over there, so this is in preparation for that."

Daimyo Eagle perfected the Marine's speed and efficiency of setting up communications.

"In the words of (Lt. Col. Michael Taylor, MWSS-171 commanding officer), 'Before you set up the chow hall, you have to set up communications,'" said Arellano. "Why? Because the commander wants to know what's happening on the ground. You have to have communication first, no matter where you're going."

The training also gave the individual Marines the opportunity to observe and learn the jobs of those in other sections around them.

"I feel like I'm part of something bigger than myself," said Lance Cpl. Aaron Thompson, MWSS-171 radio operator. "I like coming out here and getting out all the S-6 guys together, data, radio, wire, and making everything move as one big machine. All the parts together make it work."

Exercises such as this prepare units aboard station for real-world events, should the need arise.

"Say we deploy...we can't go out there not knowing what to do," said Thompson. "We have to be as ready as possible at a moment's notice. Coming out here and doing things like this, it's just making us more prepared."

Arellano said MWSS-171 is also planning to run simulated battle drills using the completely constructed facilities.



LANCE CPL. BENJAMIN PRYER

Lance Cpl. David Hefferly, Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 data network specialist, troubleshoots the receiving equipment on a Support Wide Area Network (SWAN) during Exercise Daimyo Eagle 2013, which took place in the field behind the XtremeWorks skate park here, March, 7, 2013. Daimyo incorporated all main units within MWSS-171 in an effort to fortify combat readiness.

ACTIVE SHIELD 2013



A firefighter with Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni Fire Department decontaminates after stopping a hazardous material leak in simulated training as a part of Exercise Active Shield 2013 here March 5, 2013. Active Shield is a week-long exercise conducted annually in order to validate base-wide preparations and test response procedures to a broad spectrum of escalating provocations.

LANCE CPL. TODD F. MICHALEK



SGT. CHARLES E. MCKELVEY

A station Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting crew responds to a roaring fire, which was part of the mass casualty drill during Exercise Active Shield, March 5, 2013. The ARFF Marines were first on the scene, and upon extinguishing the fire they assessed numerous injured personnel in the area. Although the incident was notional, the response was real as the ARFF Marines capitalized on critical seconds until additional emergency arrived.



(Right) An Explosive Ordnance Disposal robot checks the scene of an exploded car after EOD Marines disposed of an explosive device during a suspicious vehicle exercise March 4, 2013, here during Exercise Active Shield 2013. EOD uses the robots whenever possible to ensure the safety of their Marines.

LANCE CPL. J. GAGE KARWICK



LANCE CPL. B. A. STEVENS

A firefighter with Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni Fire Department seals a hazardous material leak in a simulated HAZMAT spill during Active Shield March 5, 2013. The fire department was expected to complete the task in three hours, but accomplished it in approximately an hour.



SGT. CHARLES E. MCKELVEY

Chief Petty Officer James Ward, a Robert M. Casey Medical and Dental Clinic independent duty corpsman, applies fake blood to Lance Cpl. Roslyn E. Norman, a red cell role-player, during a mass-casualty scenario during Exercise Active Shield, March 5, 2013. The role-players acted out a helicopter crash and simulated wounds ranging from bruises to major lacerations. Once notified, medical and emergency personnel responded, triaged and treated the patients.



SGT. CHARLES E. MCKELVEY

Lance Cpl. Peter A. Smith, a military policeman with the Provost Marshal's Office, instructs Lance Cpl. Takerio D. Bills, a red cell role-player with Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, to stay on the ground after a notional-hostage scenario during Exercise Active Shield, March 5, 2013. Smith used a training pistol during this event to help simulate the scenario.

CORPS NEWS

HIGHLIGHTING MARINES AND SAILORS AROUND THE GLOBE



CPL. PAUL PETERSON

A landing support specialist guides a CH-53E Super Stallion over its simulated cargo load during a field exercise conducted by Combat Logistics Battalion 6, 2nd Marine Logistics Group aboard Camp Lejeune, N.C., Feb. 28, 2013. The battalion conducted the helicopter support training to familiarize some of its personnel with the basics of conducting operations with helicopters in the field.



CPL. PAUL PETERSON

A CH-53E Super Stallion takes off with a simulated cargo load during a training exercise held as part of a field exercise conducted by Combat Logistics Battalion 6, 2nd Marine Logistics Group aboard Camp Lejeune, N.C., Feb. 28, 2013. A convoy of nine vehicles from the battalion's main staging area took part in the event, which was designed to introduce the basics of helicopter support missions to some of the unit's personnel.

Convoy operation looks to the skies

Cpl. Paul Peterson
2ND MARINE LOGISTICS GROUP

CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. — The nine-vehicle convoy broke through the clearing, and the Marines set up their security perimeter.

Time was short, and the helicopter was already on its way as 31 Marines with Transportation Company, Combat Logistics Battalion 6, 2nd Marine Logistics Group brought their vehicles to a halt at the edge of Landing Zone Bluebird here, Feb. 28, 2013.

They spent the last week conducting a series of training exercises before setting out on their mission.

They ran drills to hone their ability to secure landing areas and conducted convoy operations to prepare for possible improvised explosive devices along their route.

"We're working nonstop and staying on our toes," said Lance Cpl. Justin T. Barrett, a motor transportation operator with the battalion. "We have a lot of Marines who just got out of the schoolhouse. It's good for them to get out here and learn what it's like to be in the field."

Their final lesson of the exercise was a first for many of the Marines at the landing zone as the rotor blades of the CH-53E Super Stallion thundered over the tree canopy.

"You need to remember that's a Marine up there," said Capt. Mike Hilleary, a joint terminal attack controller with CLB-6, as he explained the procedures for conducting helicopter-support missions. "He may be a pilot. He may be a major or a lieutenant colonel. It doesn't matter. His job is to save you, help you and support you."

Landing support specialists with Combat Logistics Regiment 27, 2nd MLG raced to connect the helicopter with a simulated cargo load.

The Marines with CLB-6 observed as the crew guided the helicopter over the field and used hand and arm signals to lower the bird over a large metal beam.

It was a vital learning point for the Marines with CLB-6, who will likely need

to set up and conduct their own landing zones during their upcoming deployment to Afghanistan, said 2nd Lt. Jarrod C. Birney, the convoy's commander.

"This will give us a baseline," said Birney. "We haven't been able to see specifically what they do to set up. We have a concept of what they do and go through, but since we haven't seen it, that's all it is — a concept."

Hilleary helped put the Marines' concept of helicopter support missions into practice. He emphasized the essential elements for a landing zone: accessibility, security and terrain, as well as taught the Marines how to interact with the helicopter above.

"He's going as fast as he can to get to us," said Hilleary. "If you're talking on the radio to that guy, your job is to make sure he's safe. He's relying on you."

It falls to the Marines on the ground to select a safe area, suppress enemy activity, and guide the pilot to the desired location. These tasks may fall to the Marines with CLB-6 during their time in Afghanistan.

Constant communication is the key to a successful mission, said Hilleary. The pilot needs to know what the situation on the ground is like and exactly where the landing crew needs him.

The area also needs to be cleared of dangerous debris, which can be whipped across the landing field by the helicopter's rotor wash.

"In the heat of the moment and combat, this guy is going to help you," Hilleary said. "That's his sole purpose in the world — to support you."

The Super Stallion flared as it neared the ground. A gust of wind and debris slammed into the landing crew as they fought to maintain their footing and communicate with the pilots above.

The 31 Marines watched as the ground team strapped the metal beam to the underside of the CH-53E. The bird rose into the sky, gently bucked and yawed against the wind, and sailed back over the treetops.

The convoy crew boarded their vehicles, pulled in the security posts, and rolled out of the landing zone.



CPL. PAUL PETERSON

A nine-vehicle convoy waits to depart the staging area for Combat Logistics Battalion 6, 2nd Marine Logistics Group during a field training exercise aboard Camp Lejeune, N.C., Feb. 28, 2013. Thirty-one Marines with the battalion later manned the convoy on a route clearing exercise launched to support a helicopter support team.

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Briefs

Substance Abuse Prevention

If you or anyone you know is struggling with substance abuse or for more information on services provided, please contact the Substance Abuse Counseling Center at 253-4526, or visit Building 411 Room 219.

PMO Lost and Found

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

We Are The World

Matthew C. Perry Elementary School sixth graders are scheduled to host a presentation on historic figures and ancient civilizations March 29, 2013, inside the M.C. Perry cafeteria. Admission is free. For more information, contact Netra Harwell at 253-3447/5827.

Like To Draw?

The Iwakuni Approach is looking for artistic people with a sense of humor to submit cartoon drawings. If you are interested, bring your drawings by the Public Affairs Office, Building 1, Room 216. Public Affairs approves editorial content for cartoons published each week.

Off-limit Establishments

The following establishments in Iwakuni and Hiroshima are hereby off-limits:
• The multi-tenant building "NOW." Tenant occupant's names change frequently. Past names for this building include

Ran, Massage Parlor, Welcome American, Follow Me and F-18.
• Hiroshima's Tougan Goods Company.
• Spice Ecstasy
4-4 Nagarekawa, Naka-ku Hiroshima City, Japan
• Buri Buri Nomi
1-18 Horikawa-cho, Naka-ku Hiroshima City, Japan
• Joint
3-22 Yayoi i-cho Naka-ku Hiroshima City, Japan

Parent Representatives Needed

Parent representatives are needed for the School Advisory Council and Installation Advisory Committee. The SAC meeting will take place April 16, 2013, at 3:30 p.m., and the IAC will take place April 25 at 3:30 p.m.

Kindergarten Round-up

Registration for the 2014 school year for kindergarten students will take place March 20, 2013, between the times of 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 12:30-2:30 p.m. inside the Matthew C. Perry Elementary School gym. Sponsors must bring a copy of their orders and area clearance, immunization records and child's passport for eligibility determination.

Station Power Outage

A station-wide power outage is scheduled for April 5 at 10 p.m., lasting until April 6 at 8 a.m.

Motorcycle Mentorship Program

A motorcycle club is in the works for Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron. The focus of the group will be on discussing the importance of motorcycle safety, but will also provide opportunities to ride. There is no membership fee. The first meeting time is to be decided.

Women's Leadership Symposium

A Women's Leadership Symposium is scheduled for March 19, 2013, inside the Club Iwakuni Ballroom, from 7:15 a.m. to 4 p.m. Uniform for the event will be appropriate civilian attire. For more information, contact Gunnery Sgt. Alvin P. Cruz at 253-4186.

Marriage Enrichment Workshop

There will be a marriage enrichment workshop Friday, March 15, from 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at Yujo Hall. The intent of this session is to help new and seasoned married couples reduce

risk factors and raise protective factors in their marriage. Topics to discuss will include communication danger signs, forgiveness, events and hidden issues and good communication. Couples will work intimately together during this workshop to truly understand each other's feelings and needs. For more information, contact Neda Amaya at 253-3542, or email amayan@usmc-mccs.org.

Brief and Classified Submissions

To submit a community brief or advertisement, send an e-mail to iwakuni.pao@usmc.mil. Please include a contact name, a phone number and the information to be published. You may submit your brief or ad in person at the Public Affairs Office, Building 1, Room 216 or you may call 253-5551. Please provide all the requested information to simplify the request process. The deadline for all submissions is 3 p.m. every Friday.

SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE SUPPORT GROUP

SOS provides a safe place to feel understood and supported, find hope and strength, and help others do the same. Groups are open to anyone impacted by suicide, including family, friends, coworkers, and those who have contemplated suicide in the past.

Groups will be held on the second floor of Yujo Hall Thursdays April 18 - May 23, 2013.

For more information call the station chapel at 253-3371, or for inquiries email Madelyn Santiago at madelyn.santiago@med.navy.mil or Lt. j.g. Barbara Bentley at barbara.bentley@med.navy.mil

KUNI TOONS: WHAT A TREAT

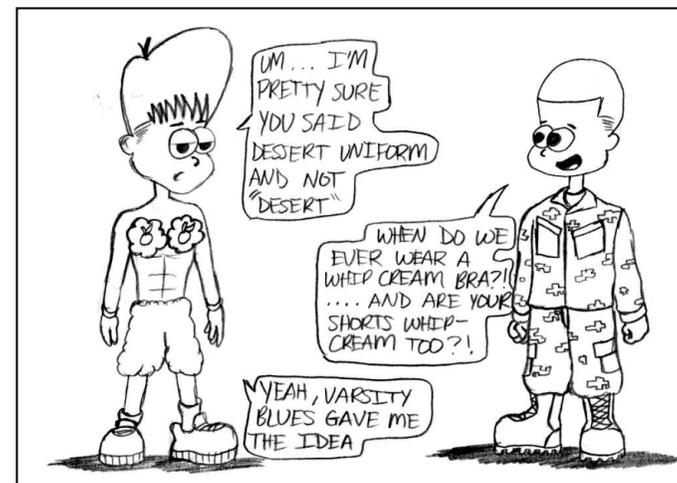


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INFOTAINMENT

Chapel Services

Roman Catholic

Saturday
4:30-5:15 p.m. Confession
5:30 p.m. Mass

Sunday
8:30 a.m. Mass
9:45 a.m. Religious Education

Mon. — Thurs.
11:30 a.m. Weekday Mass

Protestant

Sunday
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.

OUT AND ABOUT: Japan

CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVALS

The time is near for the annual cherry-blossom festival. Usually set in late March and early April, the cherry blossom, or sakura, blooms for a relatively short time, lasting a few weeks before withering away.

They serve as a poetic reminder of how the fragile and delicate state of life should be celebrated. Local residents can experience this brief, beautiful event at the Kintai Bridge. Approximately 3,000 pristine cherry blossoms trees stoically stand in the bridge area.

Spectators can also see these wonderful and brief displays of nature after sunset, as the trees are often lit to create a different but equally beautiful experience as in the daytime. This year, experts predict the cherry blossoms in Iwakuni will bloom the final week of March and are expected to reach full bloom the first week of April.

Hanami, which translates to "flower viewing," is a traditional Japanese custom closely associated with an almost picnic-like entertainment around flowers, most commonly sakuras. Hanami normally involves an outdoor party underneath the sakuras, either in the day or night. During night time, hanami is called yozakura, literally meaning "night sakura."

For more information on upcoming events visit our website at <http://www.mcsiwakuni.marines.mil/News/LocaleventInformation.aspx> or visit Information Tours and Travel located in the Crossroads Mall or call 253-4377.

SAKURA THEATER

Friday, March 15, 2013
7 p.m. Mama (PG-13)
10 p.m. Broken City (R)

Saturday, March 16, 2013
4 p.m. Escape from Planet Earth (PG)
7 p.m. Bullet to the Head (R)

Sunday, March 17, 2013
4 p.m. Escape from Planet Earth (PG)
7 p.m. A Good Day to Die Hard (R)

Monday, March 18, 2013
7 p.m. Bullet to the Head (R)

Tuesday, March 19, 2013
Theater closed

Wednesday, March 20, 2013
Theater closed

Thursday, March 21, 2013
7 p.m. Mama (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.

THE IWAKUNI APPROACH CULTURAL LESSONS

Kanji Adventures VENDING MACHINES



If you haven't noticed, vending machines are a prominent part of Japan. In every city or town, you can find vending machines lining the streets.

According to att-japan.net, the first vending machines in Japan were introduced in 1888 and dispensed tobacco, stamps and postcards. The machine applied the same mechanics as traditional Japanese wind-up dolls (karakuri dolls).

In the late 1950s, vending machines became popular with the Fountain-style Juice dispenser, a box mounted with a juice fountain that dispensed a paper cup for ten yen.

When beer companies and others entered the vending

business, the number of vending machines in Japan skyrocketed from 240,000 in 1964, to 1 million in 1970.

Today, according to the Japan Vending Machine Manufacturers Association, there are 5,582,200 machines in Japan, roughly one vending machine per 23 people in the country.

Some are unique to certain parts of the country and are quite odd, such as vending machines dispensing eggs, umbrellas and even live lobster!

So whether you're looking for a drink, or feel like trying to get a juicy lobster for a cheap price, there's a vending machine for that.

M. C. Perry dominates during WJAA Soccer Tournament

Ashley Starnes
INTERN

The Matthew C. Perry High School Lady Samurai soccer team hosted the Western Japan Athletic Association soccer tournament here March 8-9, 2013. Three teams traveled to Iwakuni to participate in this small-school competition: the Marist Brothers International School Bulldogs, Nagoya International School Dolphins and Ernest J. King High School Cobras.

The tournament started Friday morning at 9 a.m. with round-robin games lasting until 4 p.m. Although the games on Friday didn't determine the girls' place in the tournament, Saturday morning's games did. The Samurai's first game started at 9 a.m. once again to play the Bulldogs and determine who would move onto the championship game and who would play for third. The Samurai dominated the first half with four goals: two from junior Ghia Ulrey, and one each from senior and Samurai captain, Samantha Herritt, and senior Kyandra Lane. The second half was scoreless for both teams, resulting in a 4-0 Samurai win.

The lady Samurai then watched the Cobras and Dolphins battle it out to move onto the championship game. The Dolphins won and suited up to face the Samurai for the championship game.

Perry came out strong in the first half, with two goals from junior Courtney Beall. In the second half, however, the Dolphins would not go down without a fight, scoring a goal on the Samurai. Nevertheless, the Samurai managed to score two more goals, another from Beall and one from Herritt, sealing the win for the WJAA tournament.

It was certainly a victorious moment, displayed by the way each player spoke of their skills.

"I felt that we played to our best ability, and our starters got such a lead that everyone on the team got a chance to play," said Herritt. "When subs were called in, they were able to keep up the same amount of intensity as the starting team, which was an amazing accomplishment."

The praise continued not only from the players, but the coaches as well, who shared their highlights of the game.

"I thought it would be very tough, but I knew our girls would step it up," said Rick Stanford, M. C. Perry High School Lady Samurai head soccer coach. "The offense played perfect. Kyandra's crosses were phenomenal and Courtney was just so powerful. Sam directed the offense superbly."

"I think they played well and they had moments where they shined," said Suzette Lopez, assistant lady Samurai coach. "But there's a lot of room to improve."

Stanford shared how the WJAA tournament will help them prepare for 2013 Far East Soccer Tournament.

"It allowed us to see how our subs could go in there to hold down the fort almost as good as our starters," said Stanford. "They held their own. I don't know if they could do that against Far East teams, but it gave me hope for sure."

After five games, there was only one goal scored against the Samurai.

"Our main goal is to create a defense that creates shutouts for the other teams," said Stanford. "Our defense is what keeps us in every single game."



Kaila Knueppel, a Matthew C. Perry soccer right midfielder, runs toward the ball during the Western Japan Athletic Association soccer tournament March 8-9, 2013, here.

The Iwakuni Time Machine

In the March 11, 1978, issue of the Torii Teller, Marines reported the winners of an Iwakuni model-building contest, the success of exercise MULTIPLEX-2-77, conducted at Naval Air Station, Cubi Point, Republic of the Philippines, and the name change on a 1st Marine Aircraft Unit from Wing Equipment Repair Squadron 17 to Headquarters & Ground Maintenance Squadron 17.



BEST IN THE SHOW - This model of the Izumo Taisha Shrine is the product of 40 hours of tedious work by Richard Puckett. The MCAS legal administration chief won first place overall. (Photo by LCpl. E.C. Haskins)

Creators prove building skills in model meet

Richard Puckett, MCAS legal administration chief, won Best in the Show for his entry of a Japanese shrine, during an Iwakuni model contest Feb. 26.

The shrine, modeled after Izumo Taisha Shrine near Matsue, entailed 40 hours of work. The shrine itself was in kit form, but the gunny went much further to make it as realistic as possible. He hand-painted the shrine, all the surroundings, added moss, and even included a pond with little fish.

This was far from being the gunnery sergeant's first endeavor with models. He started at age 14 with model cars and airplanes; arriving in Japan his model interest turned to temples and pagodas. He now has 10 such models including a Himeji Castle.

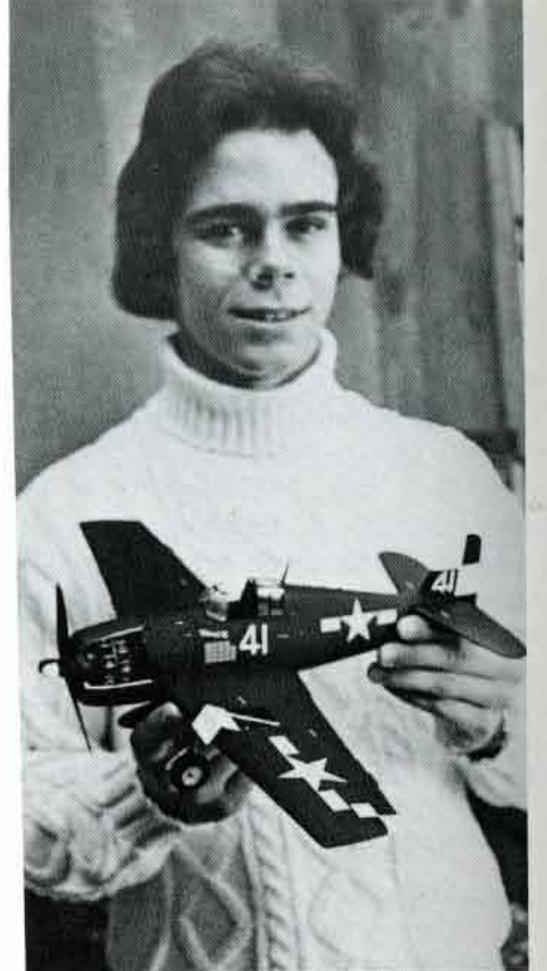
The competition consisted of six

additional categories: aircraft models, ground models (tank and gun), dioramas, ship models, ground models (car and motorcycle), and children's entries.

Claiming first place in the aircraft area was Eric Cunningham for his Grumman Hellcat entry. Eric also picked up a third place award in the diorama class for three tanks on a battlefield.

Gary Williams took first place in the tank and gun ground model competition with his Panther panzer.

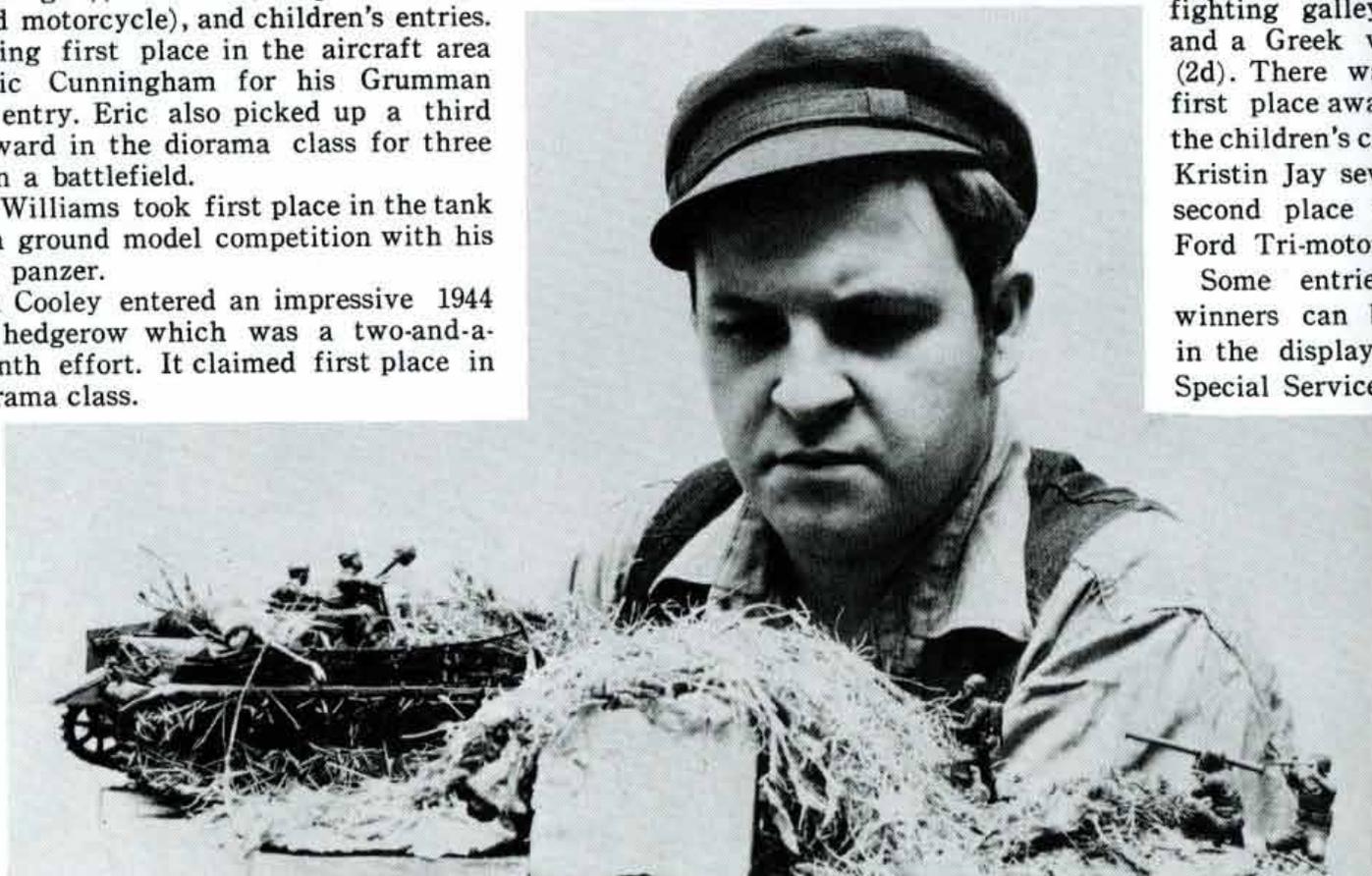
Kevin Cooley entered an impressive 1944 French hedgerow which was a two-and-a-half-month effort. It claimed first place in the diorama class.



HELLCAT - Time and detailed effort paid off for Eric Cunningham during the model contest Feb. 26. His Grumman Hellcat was chosen as first place in the aircraft competition. (Photo by Sgt. Richard Barnes)

In the ship models category William Riddle took both first and second places with two ship entries: an Italian fighting galley (1st), and a Greek warship (2d). There wasn't a first place awarded in the children's class but Kristin Jay sewed up second place with a Ford Tri-motor entry.

Some entries and winners can be seen in the display case at Special Services.



DIORAMA - Gauze, glue, tweezers, patience and a little grass clinched the honors for Kevin Cooley's entry of a 1944 French hedgerow. (Photo by Sgt. Richard Barnes)