

# THE IWAKUNI APPROACH

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## VMA-513 draws end to 69 years of service

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IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Since World War II, Marine Attack Squadron 513 conducted operations in the Pacific. After 69 years since their activation, the "Flying Nightmares" took their last flights out of Marine Corps

Air Station Iwakuni, Japan, May 24, 2013.

VMA-513 flew their fleet of six AV-8B Harrier II aircraft to Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, Japan, before the unit heads back to Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Ariz., for its decommissioning July 13, 2013.

"The point here is that we are ending a true warfighting legacy," said Lt. Col. Samuel Smith, VMA-513 commanding officer. "It's sad that we are wrapping that up, but I think we're doing it in the right way."

Smith also touched on how the unit's final deployment would be

in the same place the unit initially activated in 1944.

For the squadron's last deployment, they performed to their highest capability in the last six months in Japan.

"We've been able to put out more

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LANCE CPL. BENJAMIN PRYER

An AV-8B Harrier II aircraft from Marine Attack Squadron 513 prepares to take off from Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan, to Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, Japan, May 24, 2013. VMA-513 conducted their last flights before their deactivation slated July 13, 2013.

## Col. Mahoney hosts final PT with 'Ready Group'

PFC. D. A. WALTERS  
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Col. Christopher J. Mahoney, Marine Aircraft Group 12 commanding officer, hosted a motivational run here for all of MAG-12 and subordinate units, May 24, 2013.

The motivational run had all members of MAG 12 present, which totaled 2,035 Marines.

"To get 2,000 people at one place

at one time and look out over all the Marines is really gratifying and motivating," said Mahoney.

According to Mahoney, the one and only reason MAG-12 exists is for presence and projection of combat power.

When Mahoney saw all the Marines of MAG-12 at the run, it was not only motivating to him, but symbolized something a little

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## MMA fighters grapple, leave servicemembers baffled

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Servicemembers gathered at the Ironworks sports courts to learn basic strikes, kicks and grappling techniques from professional mixed martial arts fighters in an MMA Clinic, May 22, 2013.

Professional MMA fighters Anthony Njokuani, Todd Duffee, Matthew Brown and Kurt W. ShROUT came to MCAS Iwakuni,

Japan, as part of the Armed Forces Entertainment Tour.

ShROUT, a former enlisted Marine, 41 years old and native of Denver, Colo., started boxing at the age of 11, which led him to furthering his fighting knowledge in Brazilian jiu-jitsu.

"I was a really aggressive kid," said ShROUT. "My dad, who was an international Judoka (a Judo participant), tried to find

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# CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

## 'Prayer, meditation, temptation'

LT. CMDR. RON COX  
MAG-12 CHAPLAIN

The Lord is the potter; we are the clay. God molds us into his people. So how does God mold, hammer and shape us?

Often we might find that God is working in our lives through prayer, meditation and temptation.

In thinking about prayer, I am reminded that our heavenly father gives good gifts.

Luke 11:2 says, "What father among you would hand his son a snake when he asks for a fish?"

There are many promises in the scripture concerning prayer. "Ask and you will receive,

knock and the door will be opened." These remind us how gracious and loving our heavenly father is.

It is our duty to pray, and we ought to pray for all things. Perhaps especially when we are away from our families and loved ones, when we go on deployments or exercises, we pray for them and they pray for us. To these prayers, God attaches great and precious promises. When I think of meditation, I am reminded that God's word is a light to our path and a lamp to our feet.

Quite simply, we need to hear the good book. "The decree of the Lord is trust-worthy, giving

wisdom to the simple. The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart," Psalm 19:8-9.

We read and reread, we hear and learn God's holy word.

You might compare it like a cow with its cud; or like an herb we rub that releases its fragrance and healing powers by being crushed.

We concentrate on it, physically, mentally and emotionally, so that it reaches our heart, our core, the very center of our being. When all seems dark, it is the light we need.

It may not seem or feel like it at the time, but God also works in our life through temptation

or trials. ("Through much tribulation we enter the kingdom of God.") We face spiritual warfare.

We will often find the sinful world opposes us.

The large number of laments in the Psalter indicate that this is quite normal but it is often through trials, troubles and temptation that God tempers our faith.

Troubles can make us more godly.

In this way, God trains us to rely on him and his promises.

Our troubles in life are not strange, but we remember God tested Job and all his people.

How is God molding you as his son or daughter? Consider how God is working in your life, through prayer, meditation and temptation.

# Uniform regulations for Dummies

## Trousers

It's been a few months since the commandant ordered the wearing of service uniforms on Friday.

Yet there is still an unfortunate plague sweeping the station of 'out of regs' trousers!

In order to motivate Marines to take in their uniforms or to clarify regulations, this week, we're covering trousers.

According to Marine Corps Order P1020.34G, service trousers will be full cut, straight hanging,

zipper fly front, and without cuffs.

Trousers will be pressed to present a smooth vertical crease at about the center and rear of each leg.

The crease will extend from the bottom of the hem to about two inches above the trouser crotch.

All Marines are additionally required to maintain their uniforms in a neat and serviceable condition and "by their appearance, set an example of the strictness and neat conformity" with uniform regulations.

This means Marines are overdue to get themselves squared away.

### MCO P1020.34G (MALE)

... Will be long enough to break slightly over the shoe in front and to reach the juncture of the welt of the shoe in the rear. A variation of 1/4 inch above or below the welt is acceptable. Hem will be from 2 inches to 3 inches wide.

**BREAK**

Trouser legs will provide easy fit and be long enough to break slightly over the shoe in the front.

**HEM**

Hems will be two to three inches wide.

**WELT**

Trouser legs will extend to the "welt," where the leather meets the rubber sole. A variation of 1/4 inch above or below the welt is acceptable.



Two AV-8B Harrier II aircraft from Marine Attack Squadron 513 take off from Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan, to Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, Japan, May 24, 2013. VMA-513 conducted their last flights before their deactivation July 13, 2013.

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than 1,000 hours and 550 sorties, which if you look at historically, is quite an achievement for such a small unit," said Smith. "VMA-513 has set the bar very high on what a Harrier unit can accomplish out here."

Most Unit Deployment Program squadrons take their aircraft back to their original station. For VMA-513, they had a different plan.

"In the past, we have often left the Harriers here for a period of a year just to make it easier, so we don't have to bring them across the Pacific every time we rotate units," said Smith. "In this particular case, our sister squadron, VMA-214 'Black Sheep,' will be coming to relieve us and we will leave these jets here for them."

After the aircraft are changed over to VMA-214, the "Black Sheep" will continue to use the aircraft

for years to come.

Leaving behind the aircraft also means leaving behind a rich history of what the Nightmares accomplished.

"This squadron has a lot of history behind it," said Staff Sgt. Andrew Carrigan, VMA-513 air frame mechanic. "We were the first squadron able to drop bombs at night using radar systems."

According to Maj. Andrew P. Diviney, VMA-513 executive officer, all the Marines with the squadron will either transfer to other Harrier units or to F-35 units. For some servicemembers, the bond between Marines and the squadron itself is something to hold on to.

"Unfortunately, with it being the second to youngest squadron, someone has to go at some point and time," said Carrigan. "I don't want see it go. I've had a great time, a lot of good memories and a lot of friendships have been made here."



Col. Christopher J. Mahoney, Marine Aircraft Group 12 commanding officer, leads a motivational run May 24, 2013 as his last physical training session before his change-of-command ceremony May 31. The motivational run had all members of MAG 12 present, which totaled 2,035 Marines.

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different.

"It's important to me to see all the squadrons next to each other and to see the combat power that represents," said Mahoney.

Throughout 26 years of service, Mahoney deployed to Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, Australia, the Philippines, Korea and more.

It's inevitable Marines deploy, but nothing had an impact on Mahoney like watching his junior Marines deploy, adapt

and get their job done.

"The younger Marines get taken away from their friends, family, home and language they know how to speak. Then get put in a foreign country," said Mahoney. "The way they adapt, and put their shoulder to the wheel to produce that combat power is stunning."

Mahoney wants his Marines to know what kind of impact they have on world, and to always remember it.

"If they remember anything from their time at MAG-12, remember they had an

effect," said Mahoney. "Remember their presence and ability to push metal into the sky, and perform aviation ground support in the manner that they do it, scares people. It scares the people we want to be scared."

Sgt. Cristhian Santana, MAG-12 Headquarters administrative chief, was not only motivated by the run but by seeing all of the MAG-12 squadrons come together.

"It showed what the CO was actually trying to portray while he spent his time out here," said

Santana. "It showed combat power and the unit readiness that we can all get together and move at a moment's notice."

Mahoney showed leadership through his actions and portrayed that to his Marines by leading from the front and interacting with them as a leader.

"I'll go anywhere with him," said Santana. "He's the person you want in the front calling the shots. He's always thinking in the mind of the Marines, and considers what the outcome will be."

## MMA fighters host clinic aboard station during Armed Forces Entertainment tour

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something that appealed to me, and that was boxing."

Shrout is now an MMA instructor and a competitive Brazilian jiu-jitsu fighter and also has fought professional bouts in Muay Thai.

Being a former enlisted Marine, Shrout said he knows what it's like being overseas and wants to give back to his brothers.

"When I was in, it didn't matter who it was that came to visit us, it was exciting," said Shrout. "Now I'm in a position where I can provide some of that back, so anytime I get invited or asked to do a tour, I always do it."

Shrout has one main goal to get across when doing MMA tours for servicemembers.

"The big thing is just for people to know that, we miss you guys, love you guys, and we're excited for when you come home," said Shrout.

Marines take pride in doing things bigger than themselves and Shrout understands this and said he wants to continue that as a civilian.

"There are very few times in life where you get to do things bigger than yourself," said Shrout. "The military has a ton of missions that are based off of doing things bigger than one's own self."

Sergeant Justin T. Perez, Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 administrative clerk, was a former boxer on the Marine Corps All-Star Boxing Team in 2004 and attended the MMA grappling session.

Although Perez's fighting experience comes from boxing, he participated in the grappling session for a specific reason.

"I wanted to come see where I was at physically when it came to fighting an (Ultimate Fighting Championship) fighter," said Perez.

Marines are a combat ready force and Perez believes it's important for Marines to attend events like this because it can help with combat readiness.

"It's a base of fighting and it establishes a group of people that can be physically fit," said Perez. "It provides situations for close quarter combat that can help you out."

In the Marine Corps, teamwork and unit cohesion are essential. In MMA, the same aspects come into play when it comes down to training.

"The environment around it brings people together," said Perez.

Throughout the training, sweating, and hard work the MMA fighters were here to show their support to the military and left servicemembers with memories and stories to tell.

## Station recognizes contributions of Asian Americans, Pacific Islanders

CPL. KENNETH K. TROTTER JR.  
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Station and local residents took part in the Asian American/Pacific Islander Heritage Month celebration at the Club Iwakuni ballroom here, May 22, 2013.

The celebration demonstrated to station and local residents a part of American culture and how those of Asian or Polynesian extraction contributed to American society. "Everyone makes an impact in American history," said Chief Warrant Officer 2 Jana Tang, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron personnel officer and event coordinator. Tang cited the president as an example, his humble beginnings in Hawaii and ascension to the presidency.

The celebration consisted of a Taeko drum performance, renditions of the Filipino and Chamorro national anthems and various Japanese, Hawaiian and Filipino dances.

"We wanted performances vice a guest speaker," said Tang. "A lot of times when you have guest speakers, they talk about history. Yes, history is very important, but instead of talking, why not show it?"

The celebration also served as a way for those in attendance to reflect on the personal difficulties those closest to them endured.

"It allowed me to recognize what my family has accomplished," said Tang. "My mother came here to the United States and she worked hard to get where she's at. She's the one who supported me and made sure I

was successful. It allows me to appreciate her and everyone who came before me."

For Tang, who is a mother, she hopes her daughter can appreciate and recognize the sense of admiration in knowing one comes from a proud, diverse people.

"I hope she has a sense of responsibility, appreciation and upholds all that she is," said Tang of her daughter. "She's not just Asian American, she's also African American, Irish and Native American. I want her to appreciate everything her heritage has brought."

For some, this was a way to be patriotic, in the sense of they are paying tribute to the U.S. through their heritage and giving back to the community, too.

"Several different cultures came together and showed their love for their countries while still being patriotic to the country they're serving," said Pfc. Kristen K. Kahalewai, a H&HS fiscal budget technician. "From a Marine standpoint, it's me giving service to my community. From a Hawaiian standpoint, it's a way of showing what makes me, me."

Whether black, white or somewhere in between, Americans are a diverse group. No matter what adjective is placed before that, America is comprised of a multitude of nationalities.

It is impossible to recognize all the contributions Americans made. Hopefully, awareness months such as this, allow people to feel a certain appreciation for all the cultures of the U.S.



CPL. KENNETH K. TROTTER JR.

Pfc. Kristen Kahalewai, a celebration performer, performs the "He Mele No Lilo," made famous from the Disney movie, "Lilo and Stitch," during the 2013 Asian American/Pacific Islander Heritage Awareness Month celebration at the Club Iwakuni ball room May 22, 2013. The celebration helped to bolster the appreciation and understanding of the numerous Asian and Polynesian cultures which contribute to American society.



CPL. KENNETH K. TROTTER JR.

Members of the Filipino American society perform the Filipino folk dance of Maria Clara during the 2013 Asian American/Pacific Islander Heritage Awareness Month celebration at the Club Iwakuni ball room May 22, 2013. The celebration helped to bolster the appreciation and understanding of the numerous Asian and Polynesian cultures which contribute to American society.

## Girl Scouts give back during ceremony

LANCE CPL. BENJAMIN PRYER  
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Station residents gathered inside the Matthew C. Perry Elementary School cafeteria here, May 24, 2013, to celebrate two special occasions. The progression of the station's girls scouts during their bridging ceremony and to congratulate the scouts on their effort and achievement of personally making care packages for new and expecting mothers, all of which were received by Navy Capt. Sandor Niemann, Robert M. Casey Medical and Dental Health Clinic acting officer-in-charge, and Lt. Beverly Torres, Branch Health Clinic family practice department head.

"We made about 500 care packages and inside the care packages are things a new or pregnant mother would need, such as diapers ... a toothbrush with toothpaste and sanitary items," said Paige Pippin, M. C. Perry elementary school student.

Pippin mentioned her desire to find even more ways to help not only the local community, but also everyone she could.

"Just getting to help people and getting to support the community is what I really like about girl scouts," said Pippin.

Pippin also took the time to thank the leader of her Girl Scout troop, who made such a donation possible.

"I want to thank my troop leader, (Naomi Ferral, Girl Scout Troop 30 troop leader), she has put in so many hours for us," said Pippin. "She has been planning meetings for us to sew and she's just a wonderful person and I really want to thank her."

The packages, retrieved by the BHC leaders, will provide families with a feeling of comfort during the trying times of child birth, a comfort the BHC is happy to supply.

"We're here today to accept some new mom-care kits that the Girl Scouts made," said Niemann. "It's fantastic that the Girl Scouts have spent so much time and energy to make the new mom care kits because it's nice when you are away from home to get something that's homemade with love that has something you may need, that you might have forgotten in the stress of having a baby or getting to the hospital in time."

Niemann continued to talk about his approval and happiness on accepting such useful gifts.

"I think the scouts took away a sense of how much good they can do for their community," said Niemann. "What might seem to be small things, if they work together, can make a world of difference to a new mom and their family. I'd like to say thank them on behalf of the clinic, the new moms and the moms-to-be. This goes a long way to making things better for them. This is a touch of caring they will remember for a long time to come."



LANCE CPL. BENJAMIN PRYER

Station Girl Scouts pack boxes full of care packages for new and expecting mothers after their bridging ceremony at the Matthew C. Perry Elementary School cafeteria here, May 24, 2013. "We made about 500 care packages and inside the care packages are things a new or pregnant mother would need, such as diapers ... a toothbrush with toothpaste and sanitary items," said Paige Pippin, M. C. Perry elementary school student.

Marines attending the Water Survival Advanced course compete against one another in a run-swim-run event May 23, 2013 at the WaterWorks outdoor pool. This event consisted of Marines practicing each of the three different types of rescue swimming techniques.



CPL. J. GAGE KARWICK

# Marines receive Advanced Water survival training aboard station

CPL. J. GAGE KARWICK  
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Marines toughed out one week of intense pool training to obtain their Water Survival Advanced certification at the WaterWorks outdoor pool here, May 20-24, 2013.

Obtaining their WSA qualification allows Marines to become safety swimmers and assist a Marine Corps Instructor of Water Survival with larger classes.

"For the past few days, we have been conducting WSA, Water Survival Advanced," said Cpl. Tiffany L. Baker, Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12 Marine Corps Instructor of Water Survival. "It is a weeklong course

and at the end, if you pass, you are certified and qualified to become a safety swimmer, which means for every safety swimmer a MCIWS has with the WSA qualification, they can add five more students in the pool at a time."

Some students attend the course merely to advance their swim qualification. Others have bigger plans for the future.

"I am doing this because I want to go to MCIWS school later this summer and this course is the best preparation for it," said Cpl. Andrew Purvis, MALS-12 aviation ordnanceman and WSA student. "This is great for helping in the advancement of your career as a Marine, helping other Marines become better swimmers."

Water survival is an important aspect toward Marine Corps readiness. A standard of readiness with the coined term, 'Marines are

amphibious' at the very root of the purpose of the Marine Corps.

"For the entire base, there are only two Marines that are MCIWS certified," said Baker. "By getting more Marines WSA qualified we can train more Marines faster and hopefully get a few of those to the MCIWS course to help with keeping their units readiness level where it needs to be."

With the completion of the first WSA course conducted aboard Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, hopefuls wonder when the next course will be.

"We want to host more of these classes in the future," said Baker. "We were able to coordinate with Marine Corps Community Services Aquatics Division and they helped us with using the outdoor pool the week before it opened."

The WSA course is a long stretch from MCIWS. However, it has proven in the past to be a strong basis for those wishing to attend the MCIWS course with a better grasp on the techniques of proper water survival.



CPL. VANESSA JIMENEZ

Cpl. Joshua Daehnke, a Water Survival Advanced Course participant, demonstrates rescue techniques during a WSA course at the IronWorks pool May 24, 2013. Water survival is an important aspect toward Marine Corps readiness. A standard of readiness with the coined term, 'Marines are amphibious' at the very root of the purpose of the Marine Corps.

# SWIMMERS Make a SPLASH



Sgt. Micah D. Wright, Marine Corps Instructor of Water Survival, watches as Marines attending the Water Survival Advanced course practice life saving and rescue techniques May 23, 2013, at the WaterWorks outdoor pool. Obtaining their WSA qualification allows the Marines to become a safety swimmer with the ability to assist a Marine Corps Instructor of Water Survival with larger classes.

CPL. J. GAGE KARWICK

# CORPS NEWS

HIGHLIGHTING MARINES AND SAILORS AROUND THE GLOBE

## MWSS-274 Marines qualify with heavy weapons

LANCE CPL. ANDREA C. DICKERSON  
MARINE CORPS AIR STATION  
CHERRY POINT

**MARINE CORPS AIR STATION CHERRY POINT, N.C.** — Approximately 28 Marines with Marine Wing Support Squadron 274 completed the Machine Gun Assistant Instructor Course at the Basic Skills Training School aboard Camp Lejeune, May 20, 2013.

The purpose of the course is to teach non-infantry Marines proper machine gun employment and to ensure they have the necessary skills to defend their unit's position in a real-world scenario.

Now, those Marines are qualified and ready to assist their comrades on the ground.

"The training is beneficial because it teaches Marines what to do during certain operations like engaging an artillery battery," said Lance Cpl. Kaheem J. Sharpe, an automotive organizational mechanic with MWSS-274.

During the two-week course, the Marines learned proper operating procedures and basic fundamentals of the MK-19 automatic grenade launcher, the M240B medium machine gun and the M2 .50-caliber heavy machine gun.

The newly-certified machine gun



LANCE CPL. ANDREA C. DICKERSON

Ammo for an M2 .50-caliber machine gun rests on the ground during the Machine Gun Assistant Instructor Course at the Basic Skills Training School aboard Camp Lejeune May 20, 2013. During the two-week course, Marines learned proper operating procedures and basic fundamentals of the MK-19 automatic grenade launcher, the M240B medium machine gun and the M2 .50-caliber heavy machine gun.

assistant instructors completed more than 30 hours of classroom instruction, said Sgt. Milton L. Winrow, a machine gun instructor at the school.

"The Marines performed great," said Winrow. "They more than exceeded the expectations I set

for them."

Sharpe said before coming to the course, he hoped to gain better understanding of the weapons systems and have the knowledge he needs to instruct others as well. He said he now feels confident in his abilities and looks forward to

teaching his counterparts.

"This training benefits not only our unit," he said. "It benefits the whole aircraft wing, because we need people to operate weapons in theater. Now we can instruct and pass on our knowledge to others in different units."



LANCE CPL. ANDREA C. DICKERSON

Marines with the Marine Wing Support Squadron 274 practice assembling and disassembling the M2 .50-caliber machine gun during the Machine Gun Assistant Instructor Course at the Basic Skills Training School aboard Camp Lejeune May 20, 2013. The purpose of the course is to teach non-infantry Marines how to properly employ machine guns in a real-world scenario.

# COMMUNITY BRIEFS | CLASSIFIEDS

**Briefs**

**Off-limit Establishments**

The following establishments in Iwakuni and Hiroshima are off-limits:

- The multi-tenant building "NOW." Tenant occupants' 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

**Okinawa CREDO**

The Okinawa Credo is scheduled to host a Family Enrichment Retreat from July 17-19, 2013. Children five years and older are invited to participate and each family may bring two children max. For more information, contact the station chapel at 253-3371.

**Infertility Seminar**

An Infertility Seminar is scheduled for June 13, 2013, at 5 p.m. in the Robert M. Casey Medical and Dental Branch Health Clinic lobby. Dr. Atsushi Tanaka, a local gynecologist and infertility specialist, will speak about the different non-TRICARE infertility treatment

options. The seminar is open to anyone interested. For more information, contact the TRICARE representative at 253-3126, or your Primary Care Manager via Relay Health message.

**Vehicles**

**Nissan Cube 1999**

Nissan Cube, 1999. \$2,500. Automatic drive, air conditioning, power doors, windows, steering and brakes. Four door, hatch, 4 seats. Amenities include a JVC CD player with bluetooth and two USB inputs, snow chains, owner's manual, road flare and basic care tote (wax, rags and detailing products). JCI good through Feb. 2014, road tax paid;

timing chain, tension relay and head gasket recently replaced. For more information on "Bumblebee," please call Karma Rich at 090-9061-7783.

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## Lt. Col. Thomas A. Wagoner retires after honorary service



LANCE CPL. TODD F. MICHALEK

Lt. Col. Thomas A. Wagoner, Station Judge Advocate, shakes hands with Col. James C. Stewart, Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni commanding officer, during Wagoner's retirement ceremony, which took place on the parade deck in front of Building One here, May, 23, 2013. Wagoner served more than 20 faithful years of service, which he started as a motor transportation officer.

### MCAS TAX CENTER: FAST & FREE TAX SERVICE

The MCAS Iwakuni Tax Center is located on the first deck in Building 608 at the Station Judge Advocate's office. Hours of operation are Monday - Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The deadline for taxes is June 17.

**Tax filers need to bring the following:**

- Proof of a valid social security number or ITIN for both the tax filer and all dependants claimed on this year's tax return
- W-2 (wage and tax statement)
- Form 1099 (interest statements from banks earned on savings or checking accounts)
- Child care expenses
- Proof of alimony paid and SSN of person paid alimony. Court ordered document stating divorce and powers of attorney
- Mortgage interest statement
- Individual retirement account (IRA) contributions
- Dividends, interest, and capital gains and losses from the sale of stocks, bonds or property
- Charitable contribution records

**The general deadline for filing your tax year 2012 federal income tax return is April 15. For those stationed outside the continental U.S., the deadline is June 15. Call the tax center at 253-5951 for more information.**

## 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

2nd and 4th Saturday  
10 a.m. Seventh Day Adventist

## 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.

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## YAMAGUCHI HOTARU FESTIVAL (FIREBUG FESTIVAL)

The Yamaguchi Hotaru (Firebug) Festival is a weeklong celebration, with the main event taking place June 1, 2013. Several of the streets near the local river will be illuminated and full of souvenir and food stands. The firebug viewing will begin at approximately 5 p.m. The viewing area of the festival is an approximate 10-minute walk from the JR Yamaguchi station.

## RICE PLANTING FESTIVAL

A traditional rice planting festival will take place June 14, 2013, at Sumiyoshi Taisha Shrine, Osaka. The festival dates back more than 1,700 years. While rice planting occurs throughout all of Japan, the Sumiyoshi Taisha Shrine event is unique for its display of ritual observances and ceremonial, ancient procedures. The ceremony includes a tilling of the fields by oxen, dancing and singing by locals, and a procession of people clad in full Samurai armor. The main performance is the Sumiyoshi Odori, a dance by 150 girls.

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

## SAKURA THEATER

## Friday, May 31, 2013

7 p.m. The Big Wedding (R)  
10 p.m. Scary Movie 5 (PG-13)

## Saturday, June 1, 2013

4 p.m. The Big Wedding (R)  
7 p.m. Pain & Gain (R)

## Sunday, June 2, 2013

4 p.m. Scary Movie 5 (PG-13)  
7 p.m. Pain & Gain (R)

## Monday, June 3, 2013

7 p.m. Oblivion (PG-13)

## Tuesday, June 4, 2013

Theater closed

## Wednesday, June 5, 2013

Theater closed

## Thursday, June 6, 2013

7 p.m. Pain & Gain (R)

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

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

## THE IWAKUNI APPROACH CULTURAL LESSONS



The Tale of Genji Monogatari is a classic work of Japanese literature written by Murasaki Shikibu, a Japanese noblewoman, in the early years of the 11th century, around the peak of the Heian period. Sometimes called the world's first novel, the first modern novel, or the first psychological novel.

The first partial translation of Genji Monogatari into English was by Suematsu Kenchō, published in 1882. Arthur Waley published a six-volume translation of all but one chapter, with the first volume published in 1921 and the last in 1933. In 1976, Edward Seidensticker published the first complete translation into English. The most recent English translation was published in 2001 by Royall Tyler and aims at fidelity in content and form to the original text.

The Tale of Genji has many elements found in a modern novel: a central character and

a very large number of major and minor characters, well-developed characterization of all the major players, a sequence of events covering the central character's lifetime and beyond. However, the work does not make use of a plot; instead, events happen and characters evolve simply by growing older.

One complication for readers and translators of the Genji is that almost none of the characters in the original text are given explicit names. The characters are instead referred to by their function or role, such as Minister of the Left, His Excellency, or their relation to other characters, like Heir Apparent, which changes as the novel progresses. This lack of names stems from Heian-era court manners that would have made it unacceptably familiar and blunt to freely mention a person's given name.

Modern readers and translators have used various nicknames to keep track of the many characters.

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"If you don't win, you don't deserve it. Life is all about big moments and memories. This is about to be a big moment boys, no matter what the outcome. So let's go out and not let fear of failure hinder our success."

Mark Lange, the boys' soccer coach of Matthew C. Perry High School, walked around the room, taking objects off of bookshelves, whiteboards and walls. He showed his boys soccer balls signed by former team members, trophies that players dedicated to their coach as a token of their appreciation, and photographs which captured the countless memories of soccer that Lange as well as dozens of former players enjoyed.

Lange gave a motivational speech to his boys' varsity soccer team before the 2013 Far East Pacific Division II DoDEA soccer championship game, hosted on Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan. The Samurai would appear in the championship match for the 4th consecutive year and attempt to win the title for the third time in four years.

In order to achieve their goal, the Samurai had to compete against seven other teams, including the Daegu High School Warriors, the Edgren High School Eagles, the E. J. King High School Cobras, the Okinawa Christian International School Crusaders, the Osan American High School Cougars, the Yongsan International School Guardians and the Zama American High School Trojans. Soccer matches began May 20, with pool play to determine seeding. The Samurai earned the top seed in group B, winning all three matches.

In double-elimination bracket play, the Samurai beat the Cobras 4-0, the Trojans 4-0, and the Cougars 2-0 to earn a spot in the championship match. Osan American High School managed to win their way back into the championship match.

On May 23, the championship match began at 3:30 p.m. at the Perry high school field. The first and second goals were scored by Perry junior Gaku Lange. The Cougars pulled one back before half-time and the first half ended with a score of 2-1 in favor of Perry. In the second half, the Samurai took control of the match and their strong defense made sure the ball stayed on the opposite side of the field. The Samurai scored their third goal through Perry sophomore Jon Cadavos, whose long throw-in bounced off a Cougar defender and into the goal, making the final score 3-1.

The final whistle sounded and the remaining team members as well as Coach Lange surged onto the field. The Samurai boys wept tears of joy as they rejoiced on the field. The boys then gave their thanks to Osan American High School, the referees, and finally the supportive crowd. Everyone then retreated to the high school gym, where awards were presented, including the Far East Championship banner. The Perry boys won awards, including All Far East, which went to Gaku Lange, senior Yasuki Milsop, sophomore Justin Hill, and junior Calvin Barker. The best offensive player award went to Gaku Lange, and best defensive player went to Yasuki Milsop. The Golden Boot award, given for the most goals scored during the tournament, was awarded to Gaku Lange, who scored 14 goals.

Gaku shared why he thought the team was so strong this year.

"It's definitely the Samurai mentality that continues this brotherhood going," said Gaku. "This year's team was miles ahead of previous years' teams in terms of communication, both on and off the pitch. On the field we helped each other out, directing and communicating, and off the field after matches we did well to assess our weaknesses and strengths and that helped us grow as a team."

It's without a doubt Coach Lange has led his teams (past and present) to success both on and off the field.

"I enjoy helping student-athletes growing both as athletes and as people," said Mark.



Mark Lange, Matthew C. Perry High School boys' soccer coach, embraces Jon Cadavos, Junior and offensive player, after he scored his first, and what may be the most important goal of the season, during the 2013 Far East Pacific Division II DoDEA soccer championship game, hosted on MCAS Iwakuni, Japan. The final whistle was blown for the championship game between Osan American High School and Matthew C. Perry High School. Perry wins with the final score of 3-1.

# *The Iwakuni Time Machine*

In the June 1, 1990, issue of the *Torii Teller*, Marines reported on the benefits of the Joint Reception Center, the arrival of 1-800 numbers aboard the station, the retirement of A-4M Skyhawks, the arrival of Marine Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron 2 as part of the Unit Deployment Program and a page featuring Ozako Tadahiro, the film developer for Training and Audiovisual Support Center.

## His darkroom work produces bright results

Flipping through the pages of the *Torii Teller*, a picture of a plane captain guiding a Harrier in grabs the readers attention. It's sharpness comes from the concentration of the photographer, but its production is from the hardwork of one man.

Ozako Tadahiro, or Snap as he is called, is the film developer for Training & Audiovisual Support Center (TAVSC). He takes care of all black & white, color, and slide film.

"Snap does 99.9% of the work in the *Torii Teller* as far as photo developing is concerned. He also shoots the pictures in the studio," remarked Sgt. Malcolm Jones, a TAVSC photographer.

"Snap is really good in the technical aspects and is capable of doing any job in the photolab. He's very good at what he does," emphasized Jones.

Snap's small frame and modest manner belies his abilities. He responds to questions politely without boasting or bragging about his knack for film developing.

For the past two years, Snap has been working at TAVSC, coming off ten years as a member of the Japanese Maritime Self Defense Force (JMSDF) where he received his training in photo developing.

Not only does Snap develop, he also takes pictures. "He'll just say he processes, but he some-



Sgt. Malcolm Jones - Nikon

times goes out and shoots too. However, he doesn't work on classified material. The Marines do that," replied Cpl. Mark Maynard, motion picture photographer.

It may seem odd to process film all day, but for Snap dealing with pictures is an enjoyment that is also carried on into his personal life.

"As long as I have free time, I'll shoot pictures especially Japanese events and festivals. I also like to take pictures of children," remarked Snap.

Since he was a young child, Snap has wanted to do photography. This was the main reason for joining JMSDF since he wanted to be a photographer.

Now the next step for Snap is to study the various aspects of shooting with a video camera.

For now, he's taking each job as it comes. "He's always willing to do what needs to be done. Snap's very professional and diligent," replied Jones.

This professional attitude brings about a friendly working environment. "I learn a lot because there is a difference between Japanese and American photography as far as equipment is concerned," Snap remarked.

As he continues to learn new aspects of photography, Snap works on and keeps the days from becoming too long, developing what went on that day.

By LCpl. Velda McCoy

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(top) Ozako Tadahiro focuses in on his subject. Studio pictures are one of Ozako's many jobs at TAVSC.

(left) Taking a break, Ozako Tadahiro, or Snap as he is called, often takes time to check the quality of his workmanship.