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Newly promoted chief petty officers stand in front of a crowd inside the station chapel aboard Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan, Sept. 13, 2013. Sailors promoted were; Jowel Kinney, aviation machinist's mate chief petty officer with Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12, Tracy Moore, chief aviation electronics technician with MALS-12 and Jonathan Vitug, chief equipment operator with Station Motor Transportation.

## Station sailors achieve important benchmark in career

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Three sailors aboard Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan, earned the grade of Chief Petty Officer at the station chapel Sept. 13, 2013.

Sailors promoted were; Chief Petty Officer Jowel Kinney,

aviation machinist's mate chief petty officer with Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12, Chief Petty Officer Tracy Moore, chief aviation electronics technician with MALS-12 and Chief Petty Officer Jonathan Vitug, chief equipment operator with Station Motor Transportation.

The grade of chief petty officer

was officially established April 1, 1893. The promotion from petty officer first class to chief petty officer is very important, hard to acquire and has many new and difficult requirements said Gary Bernhard, command master chief (ret) and guest speaker at the promotion ceremony.

"Chief Petty Ceremony is a

culmination of six weeks of training and candidates have gone through a rigorous series of tests and acceptance to prove to us they can become chief petty officers," said Bernhard. "With the culmination of the training they have proven they are ready to become a chief petty officer on

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## Suicide Prevention Month raises awareness

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September is National Suicide Prevention Month and station specialists have initiated a series of events to help raise awareness aboard Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan.

The next event planned is the "Into the Light" Suicide Prevention 5K Fun Run/Walk, then from Sept. 26 - Nov. 14, 2013, every Thursday there will be a Survivors of Suicide support group meeting in the station chapel's library/conference room.

"Suicide prevention month is every September and the ribbon color for suicide awareness is yellow," said Heather Payne, Marine Corps Community Services substance abuse prevention specialist. "The reason we are getting more and more information out there is

because suicide has become a huge problem in the Marine Corps. In 2012, in the Marine Corps alone, there were 47 suicides, and it has risen since then and being the smallest branch, that is a huge number."

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# CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

## 'Duck Corps for Marine Corps?'

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COMMAND CHAPLAIN

In an era where Sexual Assault Prevention and Response training seems to overwhelm our Corps and the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) lifestyle is quickly becoming the norm and acceptable, there appears a reality TV program so far-fetched that even the very cast members had doubts of having any viewers at all. It's about an ordinary "redneck" duck-calling patriarchy from Louisiana with long beards dressed in hunting outfits. Just recently, they reached 11.8 million viewers and continue to be one of the most popular shows in American TV. It makes us question, "why?" What's so special about these duck-calling country boys hunting, fishing and going through their daily life with their family and friends?

You'll find that Duck Dynasty

offers a lot of things we all long for. It's about wholesome family value.

Over the past years, our society has lost some important family values in exchange for vain entertainment. As a result, we are paying the price with a high rate of family and relationship breakdown. Each show ends with family members together in their dinner table, talking and mending their differences. Family can be a tremendous place of grace and acceptance, which we all need. Duck Dynasty has that.

Another reason for popularity is that the cast members are truly kind, funny, just plain down to earth and happy. It seems like TV shows and reality programs have to keep injecting more drama, suspense, and unexpected behavior in order to keep viewers on their toes. Many modern programs are filled with distorted relationships; malice, impregnated with greed and jealousy. If one's TV viewing diet

is composed of such shows and programs day after day, who is to doubt the value viewers buy into? Marines and sailors need to see warm, pleasant, happy people. One phrase many Marines and sailors tell me time after time is that they want to be treated with respect, we can find that in Duck Dynasty.

Lastly, it offers solid spirituality. The oldest son of the clan is a preacher and all the patriarchs, church going believers. Their outer image might appear a little shabby, but they all have strong, unshakable spirituality. Many can't understand, nor relate, to the important realm of their person that is their spirituality. If there is one area our Corps can do better, it is to make Marines and sailors stronger in spirituality. Underneath the long beard lies a spiritual giant well respected and admired by their wives and families. Spirituality brings the person together and makes them whole. It makes us better, stronger, and wiser in every way. Let us embrace or adopt Duck Dynasty into our Corps!

## OPSEC advisors go dumpster diving aboard station, test PII training

Cpl. J. Gage Karwick  
IWAKUNI  
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Servicemembers hear about, 'operational security' every day, but how often is it practiced?

Station operational security advisers pillaged through the paper trash bins at the station recycle center aboard Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan, Sept. 11, 2013. The purpose of this 'dumpster dive' was to look for personally identifiable information that could potentially cause harm to the station or individuals aboard it.

Operational security is part of a servicemember's annual training, and OPSEC advisers search through trash to determine how effective that training is.

"We are looking for any kind of personal information an adversary could use to do physical or financial harm," said Staff Sgt. Robert Pippin, station OPSEC manager. "This is the first time this year we have done this. We do it at

random and we come down and rummage through the trash to see if the training we are providing is getting through to the Marines. It is very important because we can find some critical information in the dumpster that there is absolutely no reason for."

The advisers found

said Pippin." We have found rosters from the station that list individuals names, numbers, contractors names that work on base, their badge numbers, gate pass numbers, manuals that are for official use only and not to be released to the public; all of that thrown in the trash."

The advisers said

Juan Flores, the MCAS Iwakuni anti-terrorism. "I have done this six times and we always find a lot of stuff, even though we try really hard to get the message out to make Marines more aware of what they are doing. People tend to forget or they just get complacent in their work area and don't think about what they are doing and it just ends up here."

Pippin added that there are many different ways that even the smallest bit of information can be harmful.

"Depending on what the information is, or how much they have determines what sort of damage they can do," said Pippin. "If they gather enough information, they might as well be working in the commanding officer's office. The more specific the information is and the more they get, the better they can piece it together. Information found in a common trashcan can hurt someone."



**CPL. J. GAGE KARWICK**  
Michael Bengs, criminal investigation department agent, left, and Staff Sgt. Robert Pippin, station operational security manager, search through a recycle paper container at the recycle center aboard Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan, Sept. 11, 2013. The agents found numbers, names, account information, etc. that could potentially be used to harm station residents financially and physically.

many names, lists and numbers within the first few minutes of searching.

"So far today, we have found that people have been throwing away personal bank information that hasn't even been opened,"

they will always find something; it is only a matter of time.

"Unfortunately, I was also able to find some (bank) account numbers that could be used to financially harm someone," said Gunnery Sgt.

# Station residents support yellow ribbon

**SUICIDE** FROM PAGE 1

The station has integrated several steps to help raise awareness of suicide.

"Like so many other important campaigns, September is the month set aside to bring about awareness of suicide and try to support those who struggle with it, as well as those who have been impacted by it," said Lt. j.g. Barbara Bentley, clinical social worker for Education and Developmental Intervention Services. "We have been doing a lot to bring more awareness. We set up a booth outside of (Cross

Roads Mall) a day before the world-wide suicide prevention day. Next Saturday, there will be a suicide prevention 5K to bring awareness, as well as the second round of our Survivors of Suicide support group."

According to Bentley, the best way of preventing suicidal tendencies is also the hardest way.

"It is all about getting the word out and talking about it, and that is the hardest part because no one wants to talk about it," said Bentley. "Suicide is a difficult and uncomfortable subject to talk about. That is

what mostly prevents people from seeking help. We have Navy psychologists that came down a few months ago and really good training on suicide prevention ... the fact is that most people just want to end the pain. The pain can come from different reasons for different people, so if you end the pain, you can end the thoughts of suicide. There are other options besides taking your own life."

Those who are thinking of taking their own lives often show signs not characteristic of their personality.

"When suicide happens, it

affects all," said Payne. "Some of the most common signs are depression and changes in mood. A huge key is when people start giving things away as a sort of token to remember them. However, just because someone is depressed doesn't mean they are suicidal. Just go talk to them and see if you can help."

According to Payne, suicide prevention month has a new theme annually. This year, the theme is "lighting a candle." The theme calls for people to light a candle in remembrance for those lost from suicide or those with suicide issues.



**CHIEF PETTY OFFICER JONATHAN VITUG**, Station Motor Transportation chief equipment operator kneels down as his 5-year-old daughter, Natalie Vitug, pins his new Chief Rank Insignia on his collar at the chapel aboard Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan Sept. 13, 2013. As Vitug knelt down to his daughter's eye level, tears streamed down his face as his daughter smiled, laughed and gave him a kiss out of happiness for her father.

**CHIEF** FROM PAGE 1

the deck plate of our Navy."

The newly appointed chief petty officers take on the responsibilities, expectations and standards of their new rate in the United States Navy.

"In the United States Navy when you go from E-6 to E-7 everything changes, including your uniforms," said Bernhard. "The responsibilities and privileges that you get as a chief

petty officer are not written down anywhere, you can't find them by a file number, or order number, but they are there because of the chief petty officers that have gone before us to take care of sailors and to train our junior officers, we are tasked with those missions aboard ship and ashore."

Vitug said that one thing that hit him at heart was seeing his dedication to his career the Navy paying off.

"I kind of got emotional earlier,

especially when they read the Chiefs Creed and they read about the Chiefs Anchor," said Vitug. "It's a greater responsibility. It's the day to day things that we do as a chief. There are a lot of ups and downs. It's not always going to be a good day. As a chief, you still have to have the composure to actively do the job. You can't just give up."

The Chief Petty Officer Creed states that a sailors way of life changes when promoted to chief.

"The demands put on you as the chief to maintain our heritage and enforce the standards will most likely challenge you on a daily basis," said Bernhard. "You will be expected to always do the right thing, and live up to our core values of honor, courage and commitment."

Bernhard said that a statement that has existed for over a century, yet still remains true is, "Officers run the Navy, but Chiefs make the Navy run."



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY LANCE CPL. ANTONIO J. RUBIO

Lance Cpl. Daisy Zamora, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron food service specialist, butters the bread used to make the grilled cheese sandwiches at the Southside Mess Hall aboard Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan, Sept. 13, 2013. Zamora returned to the southside chow hall after deploying on a Marine Expeditionary Unit for approximately six months and is slated to return before the end of the year.

## Station cooks keep servicemembers lean, mean

Lance Cpl. Antonio J. Rubio  
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

CRACK! An egg hits the rim of a bowl while the sun is still sound asleep. Food service Marines awake before 3:30 a.m. to prepare morning chow at the Southside Mess Hall aboard Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan, Sept. 13, 2013.

Food service Marines working at the chow hall have an enormous responsibility of feeding servicemembers aboard station.

"We feed about 400 Marines a serving and we do that three times a day, so we feed roughly 1200 Marines regularly," said Lance Cpl. Shwanda Roberts, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron food service specialist.

Approximately nine Marines, seven of them junior in rank, and Master Labor Contractors feed half the station.

"It puts a lot of stress on us because you have to think about preparation, available workspace, is the food thawed out, do you have all the ingredients you need," said Roberts. "Although you're allowed as much work space as you can gather, most of the time, we're all cooking, so finding work space is very difficult."

Work space isn't the only difficulty food service Marines face.

"The most challenging entity would be two things; getting used to the hours and getting good, quality chow out; to make sure we don't make any one sick, to ensure it's nutritional and throughout the day, meet the standard of cleanliness and sanitation," said Gunnery Sgt. Christopher D. Woods, H&HS Southside Mess Hall manager.

Cooks aboard station have to follow recipes exactly for quality, nutrition and weight standards of a meal.

"The hardest part about being a cook is being precise with everything you do," said Roberts. "I can make the best meat ever today, but the



LANCE CPL. ANTONIO J. RUBIO

Pfc. Edward Hung, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron food service specialist, prepares fried rice in the kitchen of the Southside Mess Hall aboard Marine Corps Air Station, Iwakuni, Japan, Sept. 13, 2013. After completing the rice, Hung cleaned the equipment used to prevent any contamination.

next time I make it, it might not be so great, so it's really hard making the same quality every time."

Another complication Marines face is the same entrée isn't made daily. To provide quality food and service, the chow hall serves a variety of meals.

"It's a continuous process," said Woods. "It's not just something where a lot of Marines and sailors think it's time to make the doughnuts and we do the same thing over and over again, we don't. We're continuously making different

products every day."

Food service Marines work extended hours aboard station. Occasionally they can get deployed on Marine Expeditionary Units, where the work can be more rigorous and time consuming.

"The MEU was challenging, but I personally liked it," said Lance Cpl. Daisy Zamora, H&HS food service specialist. "I made a lot of friends. However, it was hard to actually interact with them because on the MEU, we didn't get breaks. We worked from (6 a.m.) all the way to (8 p.m.), sometimes even to (1 a.m.) just depending what kind of day it was. Every day is different and you don't know what's going to happen."

With their irregular sleep pattern, cooks have to learn to adapt and overcome, something the Marine Corps teaches in recruit training.

"We don't work consistent hours," said Zamora. "Sometimes, I would wake up in a panic thinking I was late to work when, in fact, I was waking up an hour and a half early."

Every MOS presents challenges. For cooks, learning to work with little sleep, being consistent, and for some, going without a meal, are some major trials.

Even with the work food service Marines face, most enjoy cooking and want servicemembers to enjoy the different tastes and aromas available in the Southside Mess Hall.

"A lot of servicemembers may take it for granted when we say we're here to support them, we appreciate it, and we like cooking for them," said Woods. "We want you to come in, have a good meal, a good experience and go away happy."



LANCE CPL. JAMES R. SMITH

Sgt. Steven W. Belske, right, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron air traffic controller, and Cpl. Roy A. Covington III, H&HS ATC tower supervisor, review and prepare training on tower operations for other Marines at the air traffic control tower aboard Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan, Sept. 16, 2013. Marines from ATC constantly study and execute training pertaining to operations performed in the tower.

## From 215 feet high, ATC puts birds in the sky

Pfc. D. A. Walters  
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Near the Japanese shoreline where Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni's runway meets the Seto Inland Sea, there stands a 215 foot tower overlooking the air strips and taxiways.

The Air Traffic Control tower aboard MCAS Iwakuni is the newest and tallest tower in the Marine Corps. It allows Marines at the top a clear view of all runway and airfield space to observe and coordinate flights leaving and taking off from Iwakuni's runway.

"We are important because we are the eyes of the pilots," said Sgt. Simon P. Armstrong, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron Operations tower supervisor. "They may be able to see us, but they may not be able to see other aircraft."

Marines who work in the tower share a common

mission with Marines in the radar room, to escort aircraft safe and soundly, yet both jobs complement the other perfectly.

"Radar does what we cannot see, and we do what radar cannot see," said Cpl. Casey J. Moore, H&HS air traffic controller. "We separate aircraft on initial departure and initial arrival, and ultimately (guide) them when they are on the ground and in the terminal environment. A radar room does not have windows, so when we say, 'clear for takeoff,' we need to ensure the runway is clear of all vehicles, other aircraft or any type of airfield personnel. We ensure the safety that the radar cannot."

Teamwork is a necessity for most units within the Marine Corps in order to accomplish a specific mission. It just so happens with ATC, if there is no communication or teamwork, then somebody's life could be on the line.

"In all realism, the worst thing that could happen is an aircraft crashes and there could be a fatality," said Moore. "As the professionalism we uphold, the worst that would happen is we will make a mistake and it will be corrected prior to any conflict."

All positions in the tower; ground control, tower flight data, local control and tower supervisor, use communication and teamwork in order to prevent mistakes leading to bad scenarios.

"Regardless of the (pilot) I speak to, I am in charge of ensuring that they are safe and all operations go smoothly," said Moore.

The position of an air traffic controller requires Marines to ensure their job is performed with the utmost proficiency.

Moore said that knowing he is doing something bigger than himself is the reason why he continues giving his best.



PFC. D. A. WALTERS

Staff Sgt. Xavier W. Wethington, middle, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron air traffic control tower chief, assists Lance Cpl. Christian A. Orellana, left, H&HS Operations air traffic controller and Pfc. Steven D. Simpson, right, air traffic controller trainee, with requirements for military occupational specialty qualifications inside the ATC tower aboard Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan Sept. 16, 2013. In ATC, failure to continue training could end in removal from the MOS.



LANCE CPL. JAMES R. SMITH

The air traffic control tower stands 215 feet high along the runway on the airfield aboard Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan. The ATC tower aboard station is the newest and tallest tower in the Marine Corps.

# VMR detachment tours pacific region



CPL ANDREA M. OLGUIN

Maj. Mark McCauley and Capt. Andrew Kelemen taxi a C-12W King Air 350 aircraft while arriving at Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan, Dec. 21, 2010. Iwakuni was one of four air stations and the first active duty unit to receive the new variant of the C-12, which replaced the C-12F King Air 200.

Cpl. B. A. Stevens  
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Many Marines get to travel across the globe throughout their career, but only a few get the opportunity to see multiple countries across the Pacific in one day.

Marines with Marine Transport Squadron, the C-12 squadron attached to Iwakuni, get that rare chance.

"The main purpose of a C-12 squadron is personnel transport," said Sgt. Justin Brock, VMR detachment operations chief. "Most of our missions are from here to Okinawa and back, but we will take people anywhere."

Brock added that the unit travels to Korea, the Philippines and Guam on a regular basis.

"One time, I landed in four countries in one day, said Cpl. Channing Leinen, VMR crew chief.

The U.S. Army introduced the C-12 in 1974 for general personnel transport. It then branched out to other services and is now used for multiple purposes, such as medical transportation and even global positioning system jamming.

Iwakuni's C-12 detachment is small in numbers, but the few Marines they do have are always traveling.

"Some weeks, we go to Okinawa four times," said Brock. "We are always going somewhere."

The C-12 is also unique because military contractors do the maintenance for the aircraft.

Marines attached to the VMR detachment all agreed that they enjoy their job and are grateful for it.

"I love my job," said Leinen. "I plan to extend out here and finish out my current enlistment."

Even Marines who were previously stationed elsewhere agree that the experience is one of a kind.

"It's my favorite unit so far," said Brock. "I use to work with (Marine All Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 242), but I prefer working with VMR."

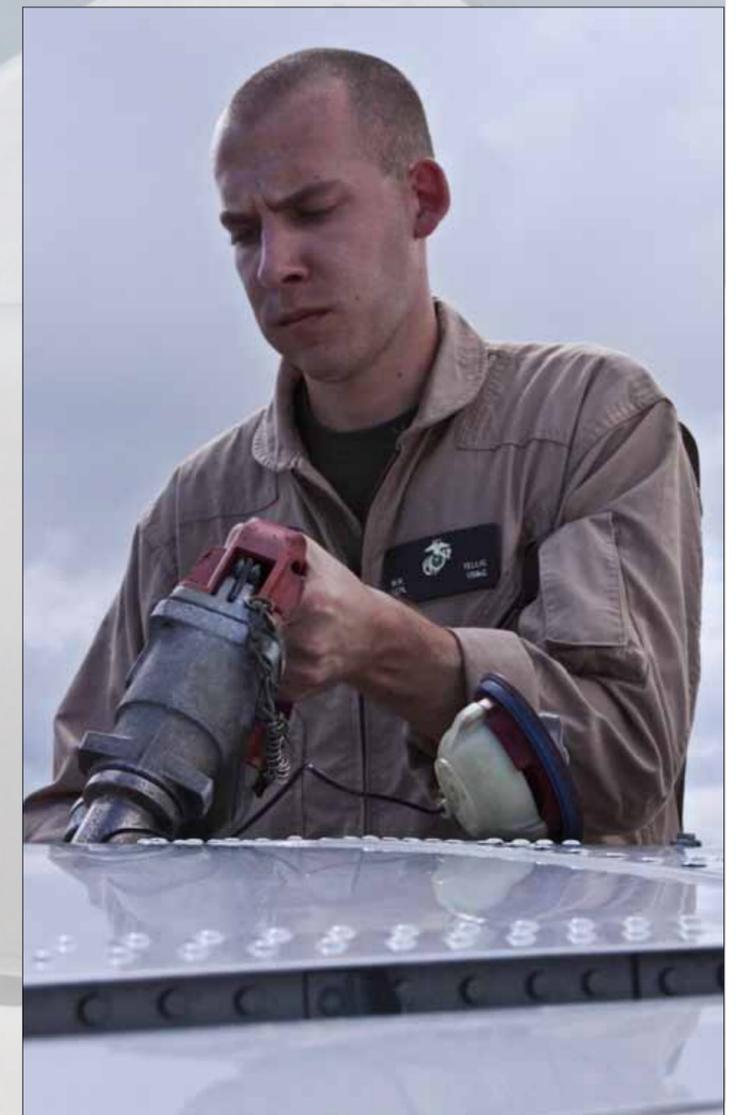
Marine Transportation Squadrons may be small in numbers, but their job is still an essential part of the Marine Corps' overall mission and gives Marines in the unit an opportunity to travel around the world.

The C-12 aircraft has continually proven its ability to provide a quick and efficient means of transportation that could essentially take Marines from Iwakuni to anywhere and everywhere in the Pacific region in as little as one day.



LANCE CPL. ANTONIO J. RUBIO

Lance Cpl. Michael Yellig, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron transport air crewmen trainee, prepares a C-12 to be fueled while aboard Marine Corps Air Station Futenma, Japan, Sept. 10, 2013. The C-12 has 13 variants and carries 13 passengers, or 5,000 pounds of cargo onboard.



LANCE CPL. ANTONIO J. RUBIO

Lance Cpl. Michael Yellig, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron transport air crewmen trainee, fuels a C-12 aboard Marine Corps Air Station Futenma, Japan, Sept. 10, 2013. There are four fuel tanks located on the top of each wing, with a total fuel capacity of 675.2 gallons.



LANCE CPL. ANTONIO J. RUBIO

Lance Cpl. Michael Yellig, left, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron transport air crewmen trainee, and Cpl. Channing Leinen, H&HS crew chief, fill out a naval aircraft flight record onboard a C-12 while aboard Iwakuni, Japan, Sept. 10, 2013. Information logged into the record was the flight hours, the number of passengers and weight of the cargo aboard the aircraft.

## UC-12W SPECIFICATIONS

- Primary Function: Light passenger and cargo airlift
- Date Deployed: 2010
- Propulsion: Two Pratt & Whitney PT6a-60A turboprop engines
- Length: 46 feet 8 inches
- Height: 14 feet 4 inches
- Weight: Max. gross, take-off: 16,500 pounds
- Airspeed: 304 knots (344 miles per hour)
- Ceiling: 35,000 feet
- Range: 2,345 nautical miles
- Crew: Two
- Prime Contractor: Hawker Beechcraft Corporation

# CORPS NEWS

HIGHLIGHTING MARINES AND SAILORS AROUND THE GLOBE



Bob Licker, left, listens to guest speakers during the 63rd Anniversary of the Landing on Inchon at the Chosin Few Monument adjacent to the Pacific Views Event Center here Sept. 13. Licker is a Korean War veteran and was apart of the Chosen Few. The ceremony for the 63rd Anniversary of the Landing on Inchon is also a time to commemorate those who gave their life during the conflict.

## The Chosin Few

Story and photos by  
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CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. — The 63rd Anniversary of the Landing on Inchon was held at the Chosin Few monument adjacent to the Pacific Views Event Center here on Sept. 13. The ceremony commemorated the landing on Inchon and the Marines that fought at the Chosin Reservoir during the Korean War.

Veterans from the 1st Marine Division and the Republic of Korea Marines came together in remembrance of their fallen comrades.

Special guests were Republic of Korea veterans and a Korean War survivor who

was 8-years-old during the Hungnam Evacuation. She traveled on the United States Naval Ship Meredith Victory to South Korea in December of 1950. Upon reaching the evacuation port of Hungnam, there were almost 98,000 refugees that made the treacherous trek down mountainous, trails and roads following the American forces in subzero temperatures that got as low as 40 below zero.

At the end of the ceremony the 1st Marine Expeditionary Unit conducted a 21-gun salute and the 1st Marine Division Band performed TAPS in remembrance of the fallen from the Chosin Reservoir.

A luncheon was held after the ceremonial inside the Pacific Views Event Center to honor the special guests and the Chosin Few.



(Above) Republic of Korea Marine veterans attended the 63rd Anniversary of the Landing on Inchon at the Chosin Few Monument adjacent to the Pacific Views Event Center here Sept. 13. The veterans all fought in the Korean War and some even fought side-by-side with the 5th Marine Regiment in the Chosin Reservoir. The ceremony for the 63rd Anniversary of the Landing on Inchon is also a time to commemorate those who gave their life during the conflict.

(Left) Bob Licker, right, holds the wreath for Chosin Few veterans that are placing American flags during the 63rd Anniversary of the Landing on Inchon Memorial Ceremony held at the Chosin Few Monument adjacent to the Pacific Views Event Center here Sept. 13. The ceremony is also a time to commemorate those who gave their life during the conflict. Licker was a once the National President of the Chosin Few Chapter.



# COMMUNITY BRIEFS | CLASSIFIEDS

## Briefs

### Women's Fellowship

The Chapel Contemporary Service Women's Fellowship invites all women to attend the "Conference for Women." This event will take place Sept. 27-28. Registration is open until Sept. 23. For more information, contact Nancy Arnold at 080-9409-7277.

### Gospel Choir

The Gospel Choir is looking for participants. Practices occur every Friday night from 7:30-8:30 p.m. for more information please contact Billie Scott at 080-3272-5902 or email BillieJ316@gmail.com.

### Crime Stoppers

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

### 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. For more information, call 253-4929.

### 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.

### 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.

### NMCRS Quick Assist Loans

The Iwakuni Navy Marine Corps Relief Society is providing Quick Assist Loans to prevent active duty service members from falling prey to predatory lenders. These loans are designed to assist with short-term living expenses up to \$500, interest free and must be repaid within 10 months. For more information, call the Iwakuni NMCRS at 253-5311 or stop by the Marine Memorial Chapel, Room 148.

### Contractor Gate

Recently, the Contractor Gate has experienced traffic congestion due to heavy use. Due to the congestion, the Provost Marshal's Office requests that personnel who are not contractors (Active Duty Military, JMSDF, MLC/IHA employees, etc.) access the installation via the Main Gate or Monzen Gate and refrain from using the Contractor Gate, including bicycle riders. For more information, call 253-6942.

### Brief and Classified Submissions

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## Camp Zama to host next Keystone Conference

Lance Cpl. James R. Smith  
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Students from Matthew C. Perry High School have the opportunity to attend the 2013 Asia Regional Keystone Conference held at Camp Zama, Japan, Oct. 10-13.

Only 32 students can participate and in order for students to attend, they must be 14-18 years of age and can't be participating in a fall sport.

"The Keystone Conference is a great opportunity for the kids to learn all these skills to prepare

them for the future," said Eugene Clark, Youth and Teen Center director. "Juniors and seniors have the chance to use this time to start putting their scholarships and grants applications in. Since 2006, Iwakuni has won more scholarships and grants than anyone in the Boys and Girls Club movement."

The event provides teenagers with classes on different aspects of college, such as moving from overseas to a college in America, preparing an exceptional application package and learning

to effectively manage money.

In addition to those classes, the conference provides several other classes on career preparation, building relationships with parents and several other personal development courses.

The twist behind the conference is how the students need to work together as a team throughout the seminar to achieve a goal.

"What will help to keep the leadership amongst teens engaged during the conference is that there will be competitions for the chance to earn prizes," said

Clark.

Although teenagers will be attending classes for the majority of the day, there will be times when the teens will be able to enjoy themselves.

There are only 32 slots available to attend the Keystone Conference. Parents who want their teenagers to attend, but missed the previous meeting, can contact Eugene Clark at the Youth and Teen Center at 253-6454 or 253-5549 for more information regarding the event.

## Looking into the history behind Hispanic Heritage Month

Lance Cpl. James R. Smith  
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

On Sept. 16, 1810, in small town named Dolores near Guanajuato, Mexico, a cry for independence was heard starting the Mexican War of Independence. On Sept. 15, 1821, five countries in Central America also fought for their independence.

Fast forward to 1968, President Lyndon B. Johnson started an observance in September for Hispanic Heritage Week. Twenty years later, President Ronald Reagan enacted a law Aug. 17, 1988, extending the observance to 30 days.

Hispanic Heritage Month is a time from Sept. 15 – Oct. 15

of celebrating and reflecting the contributions made by the ancestry from Spain, Mexico and South America.

"There is a very strong tie between the history of Mexico and other Hispanic and Latin American countries and the United States," said Sgt. Maj. Sergio MartinezRuiz, Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12 sergeant major. "When you look at the history of the Marine Corps, you can see that Hispanic heritage is in our Marine's Hymn when it speaks about the Halls of Montezuma. We talk about the Battle of Chapultepec in Mexico tying in with the history of the (noncommissioned officer) and the blood stripe."

Although Hispanic Heritage month is something celebrated nationally, it can be important to those away from home. According to Gunnery Sgt. Alvin Cruz, station equal opportunity representative, 17 percent of the total population at Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan, is made up of Hispanics.

"Hispanic Heritage Month is not just a thing for Hispanics to get together and hang out amongst themselves," said Lance Cpl. Marvin Fuentes, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron Indoor Small Arms Range safety noncommissioned officer. "It's a chance for the Hispanic community to bring in others and celebrate for them."

These 30 days a way for others to reflect on the contributions of the Hispanic community.

"A lot of people don't know what Latin people are and typically segregate us saying we're Mexican," said Staff Sgt. Osvaldo Rosario, ISAR staff noncommissioned officer in charge. "We come from different parts of the globe, not just one race. It's these different parts that we want to share with everyone else."

Station residents are encouraged to partake in a celebration scheduled Oct. 9, 2013, at the Club Iwakuni Grand Buffet honoring Hispanic Heritage Month. There will be entertainment and a special guest speaker.

# 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 Service  
1 p.m. Children's Church  
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  
5:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study  
5:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study

2nd Saturday 7:30 a.m. Men's Discipleship

1st and 3rd Saturday 10 a.m. Seventh Day Adventist

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

# THE IWAKUNI APPROACH CULTURAL LESSONS



Bowing in Japan is so deeply ingrained in culture and society that it's not something people really think too much about. For foreigners, they're not going to be expected to bow all the time, though that depends on the person. There are, however, so many different ways one can and should bow.

The meaning of a bow totally depends on the situation, depth, and length of time one holds their bow. Bowing in Japan shows respect for the person or thing someone bows to. Societal ranking in Japanese is really important. If someone is higher up in society from another person, they talk more politely to them, bow more deeply, and even perhaps order the same food as them at a restaurant.

Bows are only one of the many ways one can show respect and humble themselves in front of another person. Depending on who the person is bowing to, they can bow more deeply, longer or not bow at all.

Beyond humbling oneself, it seems like people can bow for almost any other reason at all such as greeting people, saying thank you or sorry, congratulating someone and more.

# OUT AND ABOUT: Japan

## JAPANESE LANGUAGE COURSE FALL SEMESTER

A Japanese language course is scheduled to take place Sept. 24 - Dec. 10, 2013, from 7 - 9 p.m. every Tuesday at the Iwakuni Shimin Kaikan (Civic Hall) Training Room. Sign up will take place in advance at the Public Affairs Office located in Building 1, room 216. Only 40 seats are available. 1,000 yen per term is charged for enrollment. Once enrolled, students are expected to attend as many lessons as possible. For more information, contact Hiromi Kawamoto at 253-5551.

## HIROSHIMA FOOD FESTIVAL 2013

Oct. 26 - 27, from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the area around Hiroshima Castle, Hiroshima City. Admission is free, food and drinks at booths are charged. Autumn is a good season for an appetite. The Hiroshima Food Festival is an event where seafood and food from the mountains in Hiroshima will be gathered. At the Hiroshima Castle, the Japanese historical scroll will be displayed with a feudal warlord as well as a Kagura performance.

For more information, contact the Hiroshima Food Festival 2013 executive committee at 082-222-1133.

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

<p><b>Friday, September 20, 2013</b> 7 p.m. Kickass 2 (R) 10 p.m. We're the Millers (R)</p> <p><b>Saturday, September 21, 2013</b> 4 p.m. Percy Jackson: Sea of Monsters (PG) 7 p.m. Jobs (PG-13)</p> <p><b>Sunday, September 22, 2013</b> 4 p.m. Planes (PG) 7 p.m. Elysium (R)</p>	<p><b>Monday, September 23, 2013</b> 7 p.m. We're the Millers (R)</p> <p><b>Tuesday, September 24, 2013</b> Theater closed</p> <p><b>Wednesday, September 25, 2013</b> Theater closed</p> <p><b>Thursday, September 26, 2013</b> 7 p.m. Kickass 2 (R)</p>
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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 5 and under admitted free. For more information, visit [www.mccsiwakuni.com](http://www.mccsiwakuni.com) or call 253-5291.

# Samurai shutout Red Devils

Story and photos by Pfc. Alissa P. Schuning IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF



A Nile C. Kinnick High School Red Devils football player catches the ball during a game against Matthew C. Perry at M. C. Perry football field aboard Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan, Sept. 14, 2013. This was Kinnick's first all Junior Varsity game of the season.



Tyson Moore, Matthew C. Perry Samurai running back, runs the ball down the field during a game against the Nile C. Kinnick High School Red Devils at M. C. Perry football field aboard Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan, Sept. 14, 2013. The Samurai are slated to play the American School in Japan in Tokyo Sept. 21, 2013.

The Matthew C. Perry High School Samurai won their first game of the season against the Nile C. Kinnick High School Red Devils 21-0 at the M. C. Perry football field aboard Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan, Sept. 14, 2013.

The Red Devils traveled 14 hours from Yokosuka, Japan, to play their only game of the season against M. C. Perry, a game the Samurai did not intend to lose.

"I find it's always good to walk into a game expecting to win," said Michael H. Carreiro, M. C. Perry high school sophomore and Samurai quarterback. The Samurai dominated the game through each quarter, proving their many hours of practice and hard work are paying off.

"It feels good to train for a long time, put in blood, sweat and tears, then it all pays off," said Carreiro. "It makes it all worth it."

Frank Macias, M. C. Perry Samurai head coach, said that the team's best quality is the effort they give when they are out on the field.

Nearing the end of the game, when it appeared obvious the Samurai had the win in the bag, they still played as hard as they did at the beginning of the game.

"You can't look at the scoreboard," said Carreiro. "I think the tendency is to look at the scoreboard and think, 'we're winning, so we don't have to put out anymore,' but this team puts out 100 percent all the time and I think that's why we won."

Although M. C. Perry shutout the Red Devils, Macias said the Samurai still have a lot to learn during their upcoming season.

"We still have a lot of things we need to work on," said Macias. "We were rotating so many people, there was some confusion about who went out where and we are still slow on our execution."

According to Carreiro, the team also needs to work on memorizing the plays, something that will happen with time and repetition.

With a win under their belt, the Samurai will head to Tokyo to play the American School in Japan, Sept. 21, 2013.

"We have a short week and a lot of work to do," said Macias. "(American School in Japan) is tough."

With a great start to the team's second season and another challenge around the corner, the expectations for the future of the M. C. Perry Samurai are high.

"I expect that if we continue to get better, we are going to have a great season," said Macias.

"It feels good to train for a long time, put in blood, sweat and tears, then it all pays off."

Michael H. Carreiro, M. C. Perry high school sophomore and Samurai quarterback.

# The Iwakuni Time Machine

In the Sept. 19, 1980, issue of the Torii Teller, 19-year-old Marine Corps Exchange civilian employee Pat Sheehan takes on the sport of sumo wrestling, changes made to the Unit Deployment Program were announced and Sgt. Neil McCarty from Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 232 wins the Marine Corps Aviation Association Plane Captain of the Year Award.

## McCarty Plane Captain of the Year

*Story and Photos*

*by SSgt. John B. Simmons*

A 22-year-old sergeant assigned to Marine Fighter Attack Squadron-232, Marine Corps Air Station, Iwakuni, Japan has been selected as Plane Captain of 1980.

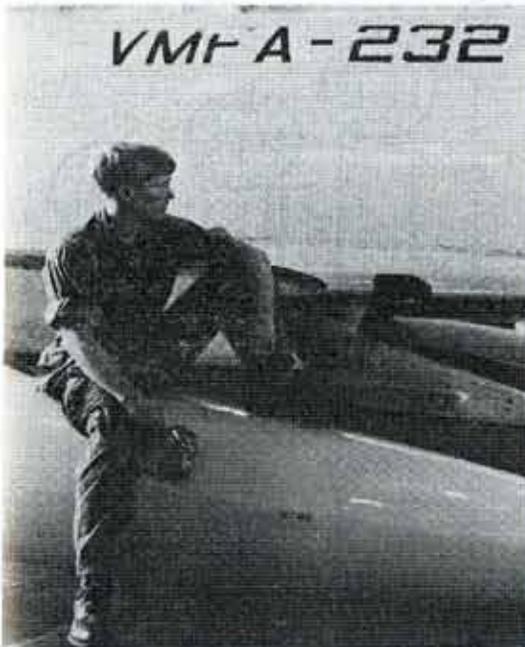
Sergeant Neil V. McCarty will be presented the prestigious annual Marine Corps Aviation Award during ceremonies next month in Washington, D.C.

The New Jersey native entered the Marine Corps in 1976 and attended recruit training at Parris Island, S. C. His reasons were twofold—education and aviation.

"I've been interested in aviation since I was five years old," said McCarty. "I didn't want to go to college immediately after high school, so I figured I could get an aviation guarantee from the Marine Corps and would be able to use the GI Bill to pay for my college."

After recruit training he went to Naval Air Station Millington, Tenn. for training as a jet mechanic and then to MCAS El Toro for on the job training prior to entering the fleet.

McCarty joined the Red Devils in



*Sergeant Neil V. McCarty, VMFA-232, pauses after preflighting an F-4J Phantom. Sgt. McCarty was recently selected as the Plane Captain of 1980 by the Marine Corps Aviation Association.*



*Sergeant Neil V. McCarty, VMFA-232, straps 1stLt. Robert Knutzen into the seat of an F-4J Phantom as part of his duties as a plane captain. McCarty was selected as the Marine Corps Aviation Association's Plane Captain of 1980.*

July 1977 as a private first class and qualified as a plane captain in September '77 while still a PFC.

"I wanted to learn more about the entire aircraft," explains McCarty. "If I'd stayed just a power plants mechanic, I would have been limited."

A plane captain is responsible for the safety of everyone around an aircraft prior to launch. He is also responsible for inspecting the plane, in minute detail, to ensure that it's safe to fly. This is a responsibility normally reserved for people with more rank and experience.

"Sgt. McCarty's aggressive character prompts him to seek responsibility," remarked 1stLt. Robert Knutzen, McCarty's officer in charge. "His resourcefulness and pride in a well done job makes him an unusually sharp plane captain."

These traits not only make him a sharp plane captain but has also saved the Marine Corps the possible loss of lives and money on two occasions. In November 1979, while performing a daily checklist inspection, Sgt. McCarty discovered a broken engine mount. Inspecting engine mounts isn't part of a routine daily inspection, but his attention to detail and well-trained eyes missed little. Again in January, during a hot refueling, he discovered

a fuel leak that others hadn't noticed. He ordered the aircraft shut down, again preventing a possible fire and loss of life and aircraft.

McCarty's initiative also carries over to other duties as senior plane captain for '232. He worked 18 hour days as part of the advance party inspecting aircraft, insuring they were ready when '232's main body arrived. When '232 deployed to Korea, he kept his flightline crews motivated during their 14-16 hour days which permitted the squadron to fly over 400 hours during May.

"The long hours are necessary to get the flightline personnel motivated for their mission as combat fighter support," said McCarty. "Without this type training some begin to feel as if this is just another job."

Although McCarty plans to leave the Corps and obtain a degree in aviation, he admittedly has enjoyed his tour, especially the travel.

"I've packed my trash 43 times in 48 months," he said with a chuckle. "I now want something a little more permanent. After I get my degree and Air Frames and Power Plant license, I hope to work for an aircraft producer. Staying in one place for a long time, I like to work on and around aircraft, but I hate to fly."