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## Thanksgiving Day Meal

The Northside Messhall will serve a Thanksgiving meal, open for everyone, from 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Nov. 22.

The food cost for COMRATS is \$6.05. Dependents of E-1 through E-4 pay will receive a discount rate of \$5.15. The Messhall would appreciate correct change be used due to the limited amount on hand.

The Southside Messhall will be closed for Thanksgiving Day.

## Tree Lighting Festival 2007

Marine Corps Community Services will host the 2007 Tree Lighting Festival at the Cherry Blossom Triangle on Nov. 24 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

SOFA status residents will have a chance to win a pair of round trip tickets from Hiroshima to Guam courtesy of Continental Airlines. Santa will also be on hand to help with the lighting of the tree.

## Bowl with Special Olympics Nippon

The station bowling center invites all station residents to come bowl with the Special Olympics Nippon from Hiroshima at the bowling center here from 10 a.m. to noon Nov. 25.

All volunteers bowl for free and volunteer translators are needed.

Contact the Bowling Center at 253-3495 for more information.

## Camp Lejeune Water Study

If you lived or worked on Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune between 1957 and 1987, you may have been exposed to contaminated drinking water.

The United States Marine Corps encourages all those who resided on the base prior to 1987 to register at the official Camp Lejeune water study website to receive updated information and notifications regarding the ongoing water study.

The Agency for Toxic Substance and Disease Registry (ATSDR), a federal public health agency, is conducting this study to determine whether any potential health risks are associated with exposure to the impacted drinking water. The projected completion of the study is expected mid-2008. At that time the Marine Corps will notify former residents with the results.

## Toys for Tots Kickoff

The Single Marine Program will host the Toys for Tots kickoff at the Hornet's Nest at noon Dec. 2.

The motorcycle club will conduct a Thunder Run around the base. Food and drink will also be provided. SMP is currently looking for Volunteers to assist with the ceremony and man the toy boxes.

## Visiting UMUC academic advisors

Station service members have a chance to meet with academic advisors Nov. 26 and 27 at Building 411.

It is advised that clients make their 30-minute appointments early to ensure the scheduled time is more convenient.

Necessary documentation to bring includes any prior University of Maryland University College evaluations, any transcripts from previous colleges and all training certificates from any military school (for possible transfer credits).

## SNCO evening dress survey

All Marines may have an impact on changes to the Marine Corps staff noncommissioned officers' evening dress uniform by taking a survey at <https://www.hsisurveys.com/usmc/sncosurvey/>.

A proposed modification to the SNCO evening dress jacket includes eliminating the bowtie and replacing it with a "standing collar and an open silhouette to provide a distinctive Marine Corps appearance apart from other services," according to the survey Web page. Those who take the survey will be able to voice their opinion to keep the current uniform or adopt the proposed changes.



# Station residents participate in town hall meeting



Lance Cpl. Chris Dobbs  
Col. Michael A. O'Halloran, station commanding officer and native of State College, Pa., addresses a gathering of 150 station residents during a town hall meeting at the station chapel here Nov. 20.

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Station residents spoke directly to the commanding officer about their concerns during a town hall meeting at the station chapel here Tuesday evening.

Col. Michael A. O'Halloran, station commanding officer, and other station representatives replied to residents' inquiries, which were submitted via the Interactive Consumer Evaluation (ICE) program.

"It's important as the CO that I talk to you so that everyone understands my view of how this air station should be run," said O'Halloran, who added that readiness, vigilance and quality of life are his three greatest concerns.

Approximately 150 residents attended the meeting. The most-debated topics were the quality of the station's medical and education facilities. Residents expressed concern about the size of the clinic, the number of doctors and a need for specialists.

Navy Cmdr. William Wike, Branch Health

Clinic commanding officer, explained that the clinic treats a large number of patients with its current capabilities. He also added that the clinic's doctors are general practitioners, as preferred by the Marine Corps, which can recommend patients to specialists, if needed.

Other issues addressed were the commissary's food selection and quality, the exchange's merchandise selection, the condition of the thrift store, telephone billing policies and after-hours noise.

David Haigh, Marine Corps Community Services Iwakuni director, fielded many questions regarding the station's services. Regarding the exchange Haigh said he and his staff do everything they can to ensure the store carries the items residents request. He said shipping time and order traffic affect the supply.

The meeting ended 15 minutes after its scheduled closing time, and the commanding officer and other station representatives continued to respond to individual inquiries afterward.

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**“I think it was a good idea to bring up the issues we all wanted to talk about,” said Toni Schmidt, a native of Chandler, Ariz. “(The CO) did a very good job ensuring everyone’s questions were answered.”**

**“It was a good opportunity for the department heads to explain why (the services provided) can’t be improved or when they will improve,” said Maj. Charles Terrasse, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron executive officer and native of Boca Raton, Fla. “Issues that maybe weren’t a station-wide concern before were brought to light, and I think we’ll see some positive changes from that.”**

**Navy Cmdr. William Wike, commanding officer, Branch Health Clinic, responds to questions at a town hall meeting at the station chapel here Nov. 20.**



Lance Cpl. Chris Dobbs



# Terrorists play with ‘stacked’ deck during Active Shield training

Lance Cpl. Noah S. Leffler  
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Tick, tick, tick.

With each passing minute the tension in the bowling alley mounted. Hostages too nervous to speak sat glued to their seats - they had already witnessed the shooting of two of their peers, and it seemed only a matter of time before the increasingly agitated captors turned their pistols on the rest of the terrified group.

Although the Provost Marshal’s Office hopes never to encounter such a situation, it is one they are well-prepared for. Military policemen here recently proved they have the skills and tactics to safely tackle a terrorist scenario on base.

As part of Exercise Active Shield VIII, an annual Japanese/American bilateral antiterrorism-force protection training exercise held here, PMO simulated a hostage situation Thursday morning.

For the training, 10 service members were held captive at the station bowling center by four Marines acting as terrorists demanding

the withdraw of U.S. forces from Iwakuni.

“The overall purpose of the training was to exercise a small crisis with what is called a crisis-management team,” said Gunnery Sgt. Terrell A. Lambert, PMO operations chief and native of Petersburg, Va. “We have several different communities that work together, but they don’t have the opportunity to (train) together all the time.”

MPs maintaining a perimeter, negotiators talking to the captors, senior enlisted and officers responsible for passing word to unit and station commanders as well as the Special Reaction Team, which quickly disarms the situation, must all be in constant communication, he added. Essentially, it’s the integration of many moving parts.

The training began with a frantic phone call to the Emergency Control Center.

“Help! The bowling alley is under attack,” yelled hostage actor Seaman Somatie J. Martinez, a native of Queens, N.Y., before quickly hanging up. With no information on the number of assailants or status of personnel inside, the military police had to act quickly and carefully.



Lance Cpl. Noah S. Leffler

Members of the Provost Marshal’s Office Special Reaction Team move in a stack through the station bowling center during a hostage scenario training exercise Nov. 15.

“The first and foremost priority is for units to set up a perimeter around the outside ... and get everyone out of the surrounding area,” Lambert said.

Sgt. Jeremy B. Berg, Marine Corps Community Services assistant store manager and New Braunfels, Texas, native, would be

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the morning's first casualty. At 7:50 a.m., Berg was used as a human shield as his captor demanded a patrol unit adjacent to the R. G. Robinson Messhall move away from the building.

Brandishing an M9 pistol armed with simunition rounds (paint-tipped, soft-shelled rounds), Gunnery Sgt. Jonathan Lindquist, MCCS staff noncommissioned officer-in-charge and native of Fall River, Mass., returned outside at 8 a.m.

Finding his request had not been met, Lindquist fired a shot and wounded Berg before darting back inside. Though Berg was able to crawl to safety, PMO now had every reason to believe these terrorists would use any means necessary to obtain their demands.

“Being that there was a lot of information they didn’t know, the MPs couldn’t just rush in and resolve the situation themselves,” said Lambert. “The one individual was shot in the side, and he was able to crawl away. He passed a lot of valuable knowledge to the hostage negotiators and MPs in the surrounding area.”

For PMO, the first step in ensuring the

hostages’ safety would be to establish an open line of communication between a negotiator and the terrorists. Calling on the bowling center’s phone at 8:35 a.m. and using Martinez as an intermediary, the military police arrange the delivery of a “throw phone,” a secure and direct line to PMO delivered to the captors by the Special Reaction Team.

The terrorists agreed to the phone, but not before showing they were still in control. Bluffing, hostage-taker Staff Sgt. Edward H. Sliwinski, PMO kennel master and Akron, Ohio, native, fired a shot into the floor, screaming, “We’ve already shot one, now one is dead!”

SRT wasted no time in forming a stack and delivering the phone through the front door of the bowling center. By 8:55 a.m. PMO made a call and Sliwinski once again fires into the floor.

“They think they run this show, but they don’t,” Sliwinski said, complaining the hostages were wearing on his nerves. “Now those two are dead.”

The gravity of the situation all too clear, a negotiator began pandering to the terrorists’ demands, promising to move back the perimeter of MPs on the condition two



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Sgt. Jeremy B. Berg, Marine Corps Community Services assistant store manager and New Braunfels, Texas, native, feigns a gunshot wound and attempts to crawl toward a patrol unit in front of the station bowling center during a hostage scenario training exercise Nov. 15.

hostages are released. After some coaxing Sliwinski agreed, and by 9:13 a.m. the first victims are freed.

“(The negotiators) are basically just trying to establish a rapport or friendship with the hostage-takers,” Lambert said. “They’re

trying to resolve the situation with the least amount of force necessary.”

For the next half hour negotiations continued. Though he kept a mostly civil

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tone, Sliwinski became more and more adamant about the immediate removal of troops from Iwakuni. Lindquist, angered over the request to release three more hostages in exchange for turning on the heat in the bowling center, began to play the “bad cop” role.

“We will negotiate no more! It’s over,” he screamed in the background. “I’ll send some (hostages) out, but you better have an ambulance. They won’t come out walking.”

Now over two hours into the standoff, SRT was ready to move in.

After taking position in an adjacent building, the tight formation of Marines punched over to their last point of cover and concealment, said Sgt. Shane A. Worley, SRT marksman observer.

“From there we made sure we had everybody, we did a last request of approval ... and we proceeded to our primary breeching point, which was the back entry,” added the Rockford, Ill., native.

After securing their entryway, the Marines moved in through the back door of the

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Lance Cpl. Noah S. Leffler  
Gunnery Sgt. Jonathan Lindquist, Marine Corps Community Services staff noncommissioned officer-in-charge and native of Fall River, Mass., holds Sgt. Jeremy B. Berg, MCCS assistant store manager and New Braunfels, Texas, native, at gunpoint during a hostage scenario training exercise in front of the station bowling center Nov. 15.



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bowling center. Shielded in the front and with weapons drawn, the stack cautiously approached Sliwinsky, who fired but was immediately dispatched with a well-placed chest shot. Lindquist was taken out in similar fashion soon thereafter.

“Right as soon as (a hostage-taker) shows aggressive action, we have to use our decision-making – whether or not we’re going to be fired upon or whether or not we’re going to make fire,” Worley said.

In an attempt to confuse the rescuers, the terrorists had planted weapons on five of the hostages. Worley emphasized in such situations everyone is suspect, so SRT took care in searching and flexi-cuffing all personnel in the bowling alley, ultimately ensuring everyone’s safety.

“When we made entry no victims were shot and none of our team members were shot,” he said. “The only ones that were taken out were the ones that were shooting at us. ... It was a very successful mission.”

Lambert commends the coordination and quick thinking of his Marines and said the outcome is a product of their diligence and extensive training.



Lance Cpl. Noah S. Leffler

A member of the Provost Marshal’s Office Special Reaction Team handcuffs suspects during a hostage scenario training exercise at the station bowling center Nov. 15.

“Overall, I think they performed exceptionally well,” he said. “Once they were given the green light to go, they did an outstanding job.

“Ultimately they took down all four of the bad guys, all the Marines came out alive, and once they gained entry to the building no other hostages’ lives were taken,” he added.

# USFK service members, dependents arrive in Iwakuni as ‘evacuees’ during NEO exercise

Lance Cpl. Chris Dobbs  
Shimbun staff

Station administrative personnel supported United States Forces Korea airmen, soldiers and their family members who arrived here as “evacuees” during a noncombatant evacuation operation (NEO) exercise here Friday.

The exercise gave Iwakuni NEO support personnel the opportunity to use a noncombatant tracking system, or NTS, while giving 45 USFK personnel and dependents the chance to explore the air station and surrounding cities.

“A natural disaster can occur anywhere, anytime,” said Chief Warrant Officer Eldon Boone, Installation Personnel Administration Center officer-in-charge and native of New Orleans. “It’s vital that we periodically train to ensure we can support a NEO.”

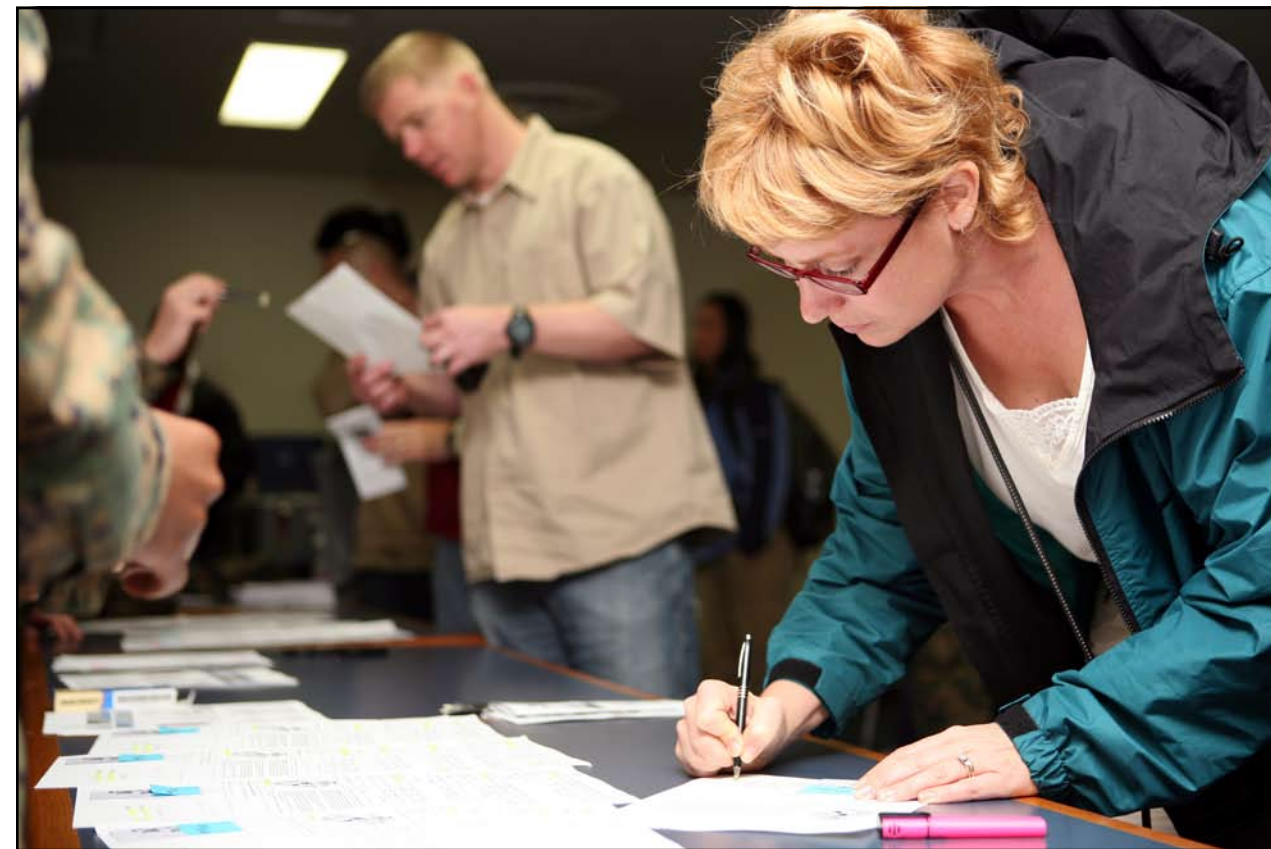
The NEO participants were given a bar-coded wrist band, which stored their personal information. Upon boarding the

station, the participants’ bands were scanned and their location was entered into the tracking system. The system ensures no one gets left behind, according to Sgt. Adrian Gallo, NTS chief, and native of Long Beach, Calif.

“It’s all about accountability,” said Gallo. “There would be a lot of moving parts in a real-life NEO – pets, vehicles, food – but most of all we have to ensure our service members and their families are safe and accounted for.”

If a NEO were conducted in the area, the station is the designated refuge for all U.S. military personnel stationed both in Korea and those stationed in Japan south of Tokyo, added Gallo.

“What we’re doing here (during the exercise) is just a small piece of the puzzle,” said Gallo, who added that a NEO would require a substantial amount of planning and personnel. “We’re just ensuring our Marines



Lance Cpl. Chris Dobbs

U.S. Forces Korea personnel and family members check in at Barracks 335 here during a noncombatant evacuation operation (NEO) exercise aboard the station Nov. 16. The exercise gave Iwakuni NEO support personnel the opportunity to use a noncombatant tracking system, or NTS, while giving 45 USFK personnel and dependents the chance to explore the air station and surrounding cities.

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know the basic procedures and are confident using the system.”

The exercise was also an opportunity for USFK members to explore Japan. U.S. Army Capt. Adam Kauffmann, 19th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary) plans officer and native of Minneapolis, intended to visit a friend in Hiroshima during his stay.

“I’m very excited about seeing him and touring the city,” said Kauffmann. “It’s great that we’re able to take part in this essential training and spend time in Japan at the same time.”

The visitors returned home Sunday.

While this exercise involved USFK personnel, station residents will be participating in a NEO exercise originating from the station early next year, according to Gallo.

“This pretty much lays the ground work for our exercise,” said Gallo, who said that approximately 200 residents will participate in the exercise. “We’ll hash out any problems that arise during this exercise, and we’ll be better prepared for future exercises and operations.”



Lance Cpl. Rainer Cabance, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron administrative clerk and native of San Diego, Philippines, scans an identification bracelet as U.S. Forces Korea service members and dependents arrive as “evacuees” during a noncombatant evacuation operation here Nov. 16.

Lance Cpl. Chris Dobbs

# Games, prizes, treats make for successful Fall Festival

Lance Cpl. Noah S. Leffler  
Shimbun staff

Families here proved a chilly, wet evening couldn't keep them from having fun during the 2007 Fall Festival at Matthew C. Perry Elementary School Friday.

Scores of youngsters and their parents swarmed the gym and outdoor foyer to enjoy the games, activities, prizes and treats. Though cancelled for the past two years due to low turnout, Friday's large attendance ensures the festival will once again be an annual staple of family fun.

"It's just a way for us to get together as a community and enjoy the fellowship," said Pamela Anthony, M.C. Perry 5th grade teacher and native of Columbus, Ga. "For a lot of us, this is a nostalgic memory. I remember doing this as a child, and to be able to (hold the festival) and give these memories to our students and children is a neat thing to do.

"It's one of those things, being so far away from home, that sort of brings home to us," she added.



Matthew C. Perry 1st-grader Madelyn Constine, 6, gets her face painted by Lance Cpl. Jacqueline Diaz, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron combat photographer and native of Columbus, Ind., during the 2007 Fall Festival in the school's outdoor foyer Nov. 16.

Organized with the cooperation of the M.C. Perry Elementary Parent-Teacher Organization and student council, the festival had something for every age and

interest. Kids could show off their creative talents at the marble art stand, blow off some steam in the inflatable bounce house, or simply have a ball with the basketball or

football toss. Parents placed their bids in a basket auction, perused the selection of snacks and received matching "tattoos" with their children at the face painting booth.

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M.C. Perry 5th grade teacher

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James Washington said the event was an opportunity for his children to let loose in a family-friendly environment.

"There was nothing else to do on a Friday night, so we just came out here for the kids," said Washington, a native of Port Arthur, Texas. "Everyone seems to be having a really good time. The kids are enjoying themselves and the parents came out to support. ... It's good to see the number of parents, especially the number of men, out here."

According to Anthony, the parental involvement was key in the success of this year's festival.

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Lance Cpl. Noah S. Leffler

Matthew C. Perry 1st-grader Luis Veliz, 6, goes for three-in-a-row during the beanbag tic-tac-toe during the 2007 Fall Festival in the school gym Nov. 16.

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“We certainly couldn’t have done it without the amazing parent support,” she said. “The



Lance Cpl. Noah S. Leffler

A group of Matthew C. Perry Elementary students line up to try their hand at the beanbag toss during the 2007 Fall Festival in the school’s gym Nov. 16.

parents have been incredible this year and so helpful.”

Though the nearly \$2,000 from tickets and concessions goes back to the PTO and will be used to purchase supplies for the students, most in attendance didn’t seem too concerned about new books or athletic

equipment.

“I wanted to come here to bring my brother and have fun,” said Perry 6th-grader Ziamara Wilson. “He’s never been to something like this and also I wanted to come because a lot of my friends are here.



Lance Cpl. Noah S. Leffler

Matthew C. Perry 4th-grader Luke K. Ruby, 11, shows off his creative talent at the marble art booth during the 2007 Fall Festival in the school’s outdoor foyer Nov. 16.

“The student council worked hard on this, and (so did) the parents and teachers,” the 11-year-old added. “This is pretty much for the kids.”



# *Japanese American Society trip gives station residents 'taste' of Japan*

Lance Cpl. Chris Dobbs  
Shimbun staff

A Japanese American Society-sponsored mikan-picking trip attracted more than 50 station residents and Japanese to a farm on the outskirts of Iwakuni Sunday.

The participants strengthened their friendships during the event, which has been held since 2001, according to Ann Alisa Duerden, JAS volunteer and native of Portland.

“It’s an opportunity to enjoy each other’s company and promote ambassadorship,” said Duerden.

The participants began their journey at the station’s Monzen gate before driving to the farm located about 25 minutes west of the station in the “foothills of Iwakuni.”

Upon arrival at the farm, the visitors were given orange-netted bags and clippers to

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Ani Erhart clips a mikan from a tree during a Japanese American Society trip to a local mikan farm Nov. 18.





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gather the mikans, which are commonly sold as tangerines in the United States. After being informed on how to properly clip the stems, the patrons embarked upon a row of forest-green trees blossoming with the bright orange fruit.

While doing so, many visitors paused to take in the sights from the farm's elevated location. The clear, breezy day brimmed with sunshine and revealed the beauty of the tree-laced mountainous terrain and Seto Inland Sea below.

"It's a beautiful, crisp fall day, and it's great to be able to come out here and do this," said Col. Michael A. O'Halloran, station commanding officer and native of State College, Pa. "It's a great opportunity for the entire family."

As the older patrons deliberately meandered through the row of trees and its branches, they mingled with their comrades. The children - many of whom were brothers and sisters - took a team-approach to gathering the fruit. One climbed a tree in search of a large, perfectly round mikan while the other directed her, holding the bag open ready to catch the prize fruit.



Lance Cpl. Chris Dobbs

Nearly 50 Japanese and Americans participated in a Japanese American Society fruit-picking trip to a local fruit farm Nov. 18. JAS officials encourage station residents to join the society and promote ambassadorship between Americans and Japanese.

"Where'd it go?" Ani Erhart, stretched between branches, asked her sister Lebet.

With their heads tilted back they shuffled positions until the fruit was back in sight.

"There it is!" shouted Lebet from a better

vantage point on the ground.

After filling their bags the patrons picnicked, savoring freshly grilled hamburgers, hotdogs, oysters and yakiniku prepared by their Japanese hosts. Following lunch, the guests partook in a game of bingo.

"It was a great day," said O'Halloran. "Small things like this add up to large understandings between the two of us - Japanese and Americans."

Station residents who would like to visit the mikan farm, which usually isn't open to the public, should contact a JAS representative at 253-4771.

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Station commanding officer

The JAS would also like to inform residents of its annual Christmas party at the Club Iwakuni Ballroom Dec. 1. The party will feature Santa Claus, crafts, games and a Turkey dinner. Tickets are 1,700 yen for adults and 800 yen for children and may be purchased at the JAS office, which is located across from the main post office next to the Artizen craft store.

"Our Japanese members enjoy spending time with Americans, and we enjoy spending time with them," said Duerden. "We hope many residents attend."



# CLC-36 dominates 6th Annual Turkey Bowl for second consecutive year

**Cpl. Luke Blom**  
Shimbun staff

John Madden wasn't there to hand out turkey legs to the gridiron stars of the 6th Annual Turkey Bowl here Nov. 17, but nonetheless the squad representing Combat Logistics Company 36 walked away with the top honors and congratulatory turkey for the second consecutive year.

Edging out Marine Aircraft Group 12's team 13-7, CLC-36 reestablished its station-wide football dominance for another year, but it didn't come easy, according to CLC's premiere wide-out and safety, Adam Lewis.

"We were down by seven going into the half of the championship game, but we weren't too worried," said Lewis, a native of Council Bluffs, Iowa, who brought down two touchdown passes on offense and picked-off the opposing quarterback equally as many times.

"We'd been playing good all day, but the coach just reminded everyone on the team to come out in the second half and have fun," added Lewis, who was also named the tournament's most valuable player.

While they came to "have fun" in the second half, MAG-12 almost wiped away CLC-36's smiles on the opening drive when a MAG-12 screen pass turned into a 60-yard dash.

However, what should have been a guaranteed touchdown for MAG-12, and a demoralizing blow to CLC-36, was overturned after the referees called MAG-12 for illegal blocking downfield.

"The refs took about 15 minutes to come to their decision, but they ended up calling us back to the original scrimmage line," said Adam Zybert, MAG-12 quarterback and coach. "It definitely let (CLC-36) regroup and catch their breath."

Determined to capitalize on MAG-12's costly mistake, CLC-36's defense began putting the pressure on.

"It was kind of a defining moment in the game when we stopped them on that drive," said Lewis "After that we just gained momentum and started putting points on the board."

With seven minutes left in the second half, CLC-36 got on the board when Lewis made



Cpl. Luke Blom

The team representing Combat Logistics Company 36 hoists the 6th Annual Turkey Bowl champion's trophy after knocking out Marine Aircraft Group 12, 13-7, at the north side football field here Nov. 17. This is the second consecutive year CLC-36 has won the Turkey Bowl.

an impressive vertical leap to pull in a 15-yard touchdown pass. However, CLC-36 was unable to tie the game when it failed to convert the extra-point attempt.

Leading 7-6, MAG-12 was still in a good position when it regained possession. All

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the team had to do was put together a solid offensive drive one more time to knock CLC-36 on it's heels, but it was not to be.

“We had the ball, we had the lead – all we had to do was get the first down to keep it going,” said Zybert.

Racking up yard-eating penalty after penalty, MAG-12 couldn't build enough momentum to gain a first down, forcing it to punt to an eager CLC-36 offense.

“We were still in control of that game at that point, but we just started catching a few tough breaks,” said Zybert referring to the penalties.

That's when CLC-36's quarterback who had been interception-prone throughout the game, David Leikwold, found his stride, executing a machine-like two-minute-drill style offense. They continued to march down the field virtually uncontested until they hit the 10-yard line.

After a couple incomplete passes, only 13 seconds remained on the clock.

With good protection, Leikwold dropped back, eyed his target and delivered a laser to

the center of the end zone in the direction of his favorite receiver, Lewis.

As a breathless sideline followed the ball into Lewis' hands, he bobbled the ball before pulling it in for the game winning score. After an easily converted extra point the score stood at 13-7.

After taking the ball with seconds on the clock, MAG-12 attempted a desperate hail-Mary only to be intercepted by CLC-36's Matt Dault, effectively killing any MAG-12 hopes of an incredible, albeit unlikely, come back.

“Obviously we'd like to be walking away with the trophy, but somebody has to lose,” said Zybert, whose team won three of their five games throughout the day. “Either way, we had a lot of fun. We're all jarheads so we like to run anyways.”

“We had a great day of football and the championship game did not disappoint, it was down to the wire,” said Andrew Porche, Marine Corps Community Services sports coordinator.

While the Turkey Bowl falls in the middle of the station intramural flag-football league, unfortunately for CLC-36 it does not affect league standings.



Cpl. Luke Blom

Combat Logistics Company 36's kick returner, Matt Dault, jukes his way down the side line, weaving through Marine Aircraft Group 12 defenders during the championship game of the 6th Annual Turkey Bowl at the north side football field Nov. 17.

“CLC-36 played really well today, but they're two and five in the regular season,” said Porche. “They're in 14th place out of 15 teams.”

The fact that the CLC-36 team is off to a rough start in regular league play did little

to dampen the confidence of the two-time Turkey Bowl Champs.

“We're the defending champs two years in a row, so all the other teams better watch out,” said Lewis as he held his MVP and team champion trophies.





A group of Special Reaction Team Marines move in a stack to take out a simulated terrorist hiding behind a pillar during a mock hostage situation at the station bowling alley held as part of Active Shield VIII. Active Shield is an annual Japanese/American bilateral antiterrorism-force protection training exercise held here.



# Combat Hunter kicks off

Lance Cpl. Robert Medina  
MCB Camp Pendleton

Marine instructors from the School of Infantry took the lead for the Training and Education Command Combat Hunters initiative on range 132 here Nov. 8. The initiative is a program designed to teach Marines how to be more proactive, vice reactive, in a combat situation.

“We wanted to use the mindset of a hunter,” said Gunnery Sgt. Thomas J. Layou, chief instructor for the mobile training cadre.

Layou said there are three aspects of the Combat Hunter program that improve Marines’ combat skills.

“We realized that Marines’ observation skills needed to improve,” Layou said. “So we came up with a two week package.”

The first is optics. “We train Marines how to properly use them,” Layou said.

Second is profiling. Marines are trained to be able to read a person’s body language and their actions to determine that individual’s threat level.

Third is tracking. The program teaches the Marines to be able to track an individual or several individuals in both urban terrain and a field environment.

“If you look at the scout sniper training, it’s the same minus the sniper portion,” Layou said. “You are out there looking for the enemy at a further distance.”

The skills taught in the course are vital tools that can be used on deployment.

“I wish as a private that I had these classes,” said Sgt. Carlo L. Gonzales, an instructor at the School of Infantry.

Gonzales says that this course has opened his eyes.

“One of the things that I learned in this course is to keep the sun to your back,” Gonzales continued. “It makes it so that you can see your enemy better and so that they can’t see you as well.”

Such skills are vital because once the instructors have finished this course they will once again become the teachers to their young Marines.



Lance Cpl. Robert Medina

Marine instructors from the School of Infantry take the lead for the Training and Education Command Combat Hunters initiative on range 132 here Nov. 8. The initiative is a program designed to teach Marines how to be more proactive, vice reactive, in a combat situation.

“We are all instructors that will be passing on the skills that we have learned today,” said Sgt. John T. Isenhour, an instructor at the School of Infantry. “These are good tools to use in theater.”

All the Marines that attend the Combat Hunters course are expected to relay the knowledge and skills they learned to their Marines, who will have the chance to apply that knowledge in real-world situations.



**Cpl. Scott Fromberg**  
**Valencia, Calif.**

"I'm thankful I get to go home because I'm (changing duty stations). It's been a hard year because I went to Iraq, and I'm thankful for surviving that and coming home alive. I'm thankful I'm going to be seeing my friends and family soon."

**Lance Cpl. Enrique Portillo**  
**New Orleans**

"I'm thankful for my fiancé and my newborn baby."



In the midst of Thanksgiving preparations, some may lose sight of the holiday's original purpose: to give thanks. Though you're probably not as concerned about the harvest season as the celebration's creators were, there are probably several things important to you. So we were wondering ..

## What are you thankful for?



**Lynelle Ballate**  
**Elk Rapids, Mich.**

"I'm thankful for my dogs and my husband."

**Seaman Jared Westbrooks**  
**Oak Park, Ill.**

"I'm thankful to be here in Japan with someone I know. I'm thankful I have a lot of people supporting me back home, my church and my family."





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