

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION IWAKUNI, JAPAN

Consultant brings ideas to Iwakuni

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Author and management consultant, Mark Graham Brown visited the Station for two days of seminars Feb. 4 and 5 in order to provide consultation and performance measures to Station leaders

"Most folks don't ask you back to their house after you tell them their baby's ugly," Brown said in his opening remarks with the Iwakuni leadership

Brown, a professional management consultant since 1979, is a plain talker who prides himself on being straightforward and brutally honest in providing feedback to organizations when he reviews their strategic programs, goals and visions.

"Sears, for example, lacked a clear vision after it had to transition and compete with other companies like Wal-Mart and Kmart," Brown said. The vision for the Station is that

Iwakuni will be the assignment of choice in the Marine Corps. "Iwakuni has a good vision be-

cause it is short, clear, plain English, motivational and inspirational," Brown said.

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LANCE CPL. RUBEN D. CALDERON

A special visit was made by some of World Wrestling Entertainment's stars at Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Feb. 5.

visit to the Station while touring through Japan in promotion for the "Road to Wrestlemania."

Bobby Dillard, Marine Corps Community Services outdoor recreation director, invited eight of the wrestlers to the Station. The invited guest were Lita, Shawn Michaels, Triple H, Ric Flair, Chris Benoit, the Hurricane, D-Von and Bubba Dudley.

ing weights at the IronWorks Gym.

talents: muscles

Forces Network broadcaster.

Lita Hurricane and the Dudley Boys continued to surprise Station residents by appearing at the Crossroads Mall to sign autographs.

honor. This is our way of saying thank you to the Marines, " said Lita, the only female wrestler to visit the Station. "It's great to be here. We just wanted to show our sup-

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Growing problem breeds trash Overflowing trash at barracks has become health and safety problem. Page 3

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New MECEP selectees share experiences preparing for the program. Page 4



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WWE body slams Japan

Combat Correspondent

The wrestling stars paid the

All eyes were on the wrestlers as they displayed their

"They're huge," said Cpl. Mike Browning, American

"We were invited to come to the Station and it was an thing."

CYNTHIA BAUER

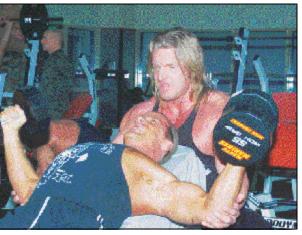
Air Mobility Command Public Affairs

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, III.-Fiscal realities and limited use have led U.S. Transportation Command to restructure Patriot Express. Patriot Express is the military's chartered commercial air ser- airports: Atlanta-Hartsfield, Baltimorevice for transporting service members Washington, Los Angeles and Seattleon permanent-change-of-station orders Tacoma, and four passenger reservation and their families to and from overseas centers, or PRCs, in Germany, Japan,

locations. Air Mobility Command, the air com-States ponent of USTRANSCOM, manages the Patriot Express program on behalf of the Department of Defense.

passenger service from the United States to 27 locations in European Command, Central Command and Southern Com-

Beginning next fiscal year through fiscal 2008, the restructure will lead to fewer flights and leave only one gate-Since the 1960s, Patriot Express, or a way, at BWI. Duty passengers will be similar program, has provided regular able to travel on commercial airlines through the General Service Administration's City Pair program. "Customer trends have led to this mand areas of operation. The system restructuring," said Capt. Billy Webb,



The day started with Flair, WWE superstars Triple H and Shawn Michaels workout at the IronWorks Triple H. Michaels and Benoit lift- Gym before meeting fans around the Station.

port to the troops," said D-Von Dudley, one-half of the Dudley Boys, "People often times see us as heroes. But it's not us, though. We're not the heroes; the troops are the true heroes. I can't stress this enough. I am deeply appreciative of the troops. Without them I wouldn't be able to do what I love doing. Because of them I feel safe. In every aspect of the word, you guys are the true heroes. Thank you for every-

The wrestlers will be putting on shows for the "Road to

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Patriot Express to see changes

handles more than 340,000 passengers chief of AMC passenger operations annually; however, more than twothirds of the seats on the contracted aircraft are filled by passengers on permanent change of station orders.

The Patriot Express system has four contracted U.S. gateway international Hawaii and the continental United

"We made our prices comparable to the commercial airlines and launched several customer-service improvements to attract more riders and offset costs. The number of riders did not increase. And even though DOD requires PCSing passengers to use Patriot Express, the department has paid about \$67 million more each year than what it would cost for official PCS travel through the City Pair program.'

The restructure will not only save the government millions of dollars annually, PCS travelers will gain more flexibility in planning their overseas moves.

"The restructure brings several advantages to those PCSing overseas," Webb said. "Commercial airlines fly into most locations served by Patriot Express, Torii Teller

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"This weekly newspaper is an

OPINION

T-bolts leave Iwakuni for Cope Tiger

VMFA-251 Combat Correspondent

NEWS

Marine (All-Weather) Fighter Attack Squadron 251 started preparing for their first deployment out of Iwakuni during their Western Pacific deployment Feb. 6.

The Thunderbolt's first detachment is to Korat, Thailand for Operation Cope Tiger. The four-week training evolution is a multilateral training exercise involving militaries from Thailand, Singapore and the United States

"Cope Tiger is a two-part exercise," said Maj. Mathew E. Tolliver, VMFA-251 operations officer. "It will involve a command post exercise and flying training exercise."

The T-bolts left Tuesday and will be returning to Iwakuni in early March. Cope Tiger's mission is to improve combat readiness in a combined force exercise while also enhancing security relations, demonstrate and support secu-

The Thunderbolts, along with other Station units, will be operating out of Korat Royal Thai Air Base. There will be 16 different types of aircraft used during this exercise

"Aircraft ranging from helicopters and jets to midair refuelers will be used between all the different services."

There are many objectives set forth for Cope Tiger including maintenance

"We as a unit also have objectives

Growing problem breeds more trash

barracks manager.

Attracting the birds causes not only a sanitary problem, potentially dumpsters located behind barracks a hazard of catastrophic proporhave been creating a hazard for tions according to Ryan Leming Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni. Facilities and Environmental solid waste supervisor.

The ongoing problem creates a domino effect. When birds' start picking at the trash, it attracts swarms of birds all over the Station. Leming "Everyone throws out their This causes a hazard for planes on

> "The amount of birds is increasing on the runway and air strikes

It is our hope that with the introduction of this Privilege Card, all members of the community will be able to take advantage of the benefit opportunities at Club Iwakuni.

The POC for questions regarding club membership and privileges is Master Sgt. Jim Jackson, MCCS SNCOIC. He can be reached at 253-3549 or by e-mail to james.jackson@usmc-mccs.org.

Iwakuni club cartel CR. MICHAEL WHITE have applied and got turned down pay It is as if they are saying if we do

the extra monev?

Letter to the Editor

Going to lunch at Club Iwakuni has become somewhat of a ritual for me. Not anymore. It has become ridiculous that you are being forced to participate in MCCS's Club Card program to get a decent meal rate at our clubs. I can understand a small discount

for club members, but when you are talking about a two-dollar difference in price between club cardholders and non-club cardholders, that is ludicrous. It isn't right that MCCS, which is

supposed to be for the Marines, is getting to the point where Marines can't afford it

I was going to lunch today and called about the price. It is \$7.40 for a Club Card member and \$9.25 for nonclub card members for the buffet. What happened to the \$5.95 that it

was last week? Is it fair to make the Marines that

taught by MCCS, it is recommended not to get yourself buried in credit card debt, but now you are telling those same Marines if they want a decent meal rate they have to get a

In financial management classes,

credit card. What is that relaying to these voung Marines? I'll tell vou what it's saying. It says don't get a credit card unless it helps out MCCS. It's bad enough that they can charge what they want at the Exchange, just because we don't have the opportunity to go to Wal-Mart or another retail store, and they know this.

It's bad enough that we are serving overseas, and have a limited number of places that we can get something to eat without having to go off base to get it as it is now. It seems as though MCCS is fully aware of this fact, and is exploiting it as well.

not get the club card and do business their way then we are going to, quite literally, pay the price. Correct me if I am wrong, but does MCCS not stand for Marine Corps Community Services? Isn't their sole purpose to make life

better for the Marines. Sailors and other branches serving on this base? I was under the impression that MCCS was for us, not the people that could afford it, or have good enough credit to get the club card.

Now it is the ones that cannot get the club card, have been turned down for one or do not want the card that are paying for the discounts that the cardholders are getting.

In all honesty, how do you expect the Marines and Sailors stationed here at MCAS Iwakuni to eat at the club if they cannot afford the prices without holding a club card? Somebody needs to draw the line somewhere.

Club Iwakuni justifies programs

DENNISA, DUCK Deputy Director, MCCS

There are two inter-related issues I would like to help clarify for the community. First is the history and policy surrounding the Bank One Club Card program and second is the recent pricing structure change at Club Iwakuni.

The Marine Corps Community Services Board of Directors at the HQ level includes the Commanding Generals from MCB Camps Pendleton, Lejeune, Hawaii, and Butler, COMCABWEST, COMCABEAST and the Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps, among others. Last year, this Board approved standardization of the MCCS Club Membership Program. The newly approved program is administered by Bank One's Military Card Program and is intended to replace the existing club cards in use at each individual installation. Marine Corps wide implementation was accomplished Feb 4

The program standardizes dues rates and sets minimun benefits available at each installation. Each member will keep the same membership card when transferring from base to base. MCCS Iwakuni has greatly enhanced these minimum benefits for the Club Iwakuni members. These enhancements include the club member only coupons in the Preview magazine, free bi-annual members-only events, eligibility for members-only contests and prizes, free birthday and anniversary dinners and most recently preferred pricing in their respective club dining rooms.

The type of club membership card, i.e., proprietary, standard or platinum Mastercard is issued solely at the discretion of Bank One based on the applicant's credit history. Applicants, however, will not be turned down for membership due to lack of past credit or prior credit problems. They will be issued proprietary cards. Only after misuse or non-payment of the proprietary card will membership be denied.

The Bank One card carries many benefits. A low (currently 9.9%) APR, five ways to pay, Military Blue Star program for deployments, world-wide acceptance, plus the additional benefits added by Club Iwakuni. There have been concerns raised that issuance of a credit card will adversely effect a members credit rating. If a member wishes to have his credit limit lowered to a level that does not affect his credit rating, it's a simple matter of requesting this

through Bank One. If the problem is too many credit cards, it may be worth examining which other card gives members a 9.9% APR and saves money every day through discounts, coupons and giveaways in addition to optional cash-back and mileage programs. Some members have cancelled other credit cards in favor of the Bank One card.

It is also important to note that MCCS does not require members to use the credit feature of their membership card in order to take advantage of any of the benefits. Prudent use of any revolving credit is an individual responsibility and MCCS does not profit from a member's use of this feature

The second issue I would like to address is the new club menu price structure. The Marine Corps Business Operations Manual dictates that the cost of goods sold (COGS) for a full service mess operation will be between 37% and 42%. This means that, on average, 37-42 cents of every dollar charged goes to pay for the food itself. Club Iwakuni is currently operating at over 47% COGS, which is too high. How does this happen? Primarily, through rising product costs. The SPI (Specific Price Index) has risen 9.2% since the year 2000. The devaluation of the dollar against the ven (Club Iwakuni purchases a lot of fresh product locally) results in a 22% increase in dollar costs since the year 2000. During this time frame, Club Iwakuni's food prices did not change. Couple this with rising wage scales (the Federal General Schedule rose 12.8% since 2000) and it becomes clear that the Club must raise its prices to keep up with the rising costs of doing business Remember if the club (and the food court, and the exchange, and the other revenue generating activities) do not show a profit, there will be no money to reinvest back into the community 100% of all MCCS profits are returned to the community. Most recent examples of this at the club are the entire club re-carpeting, the ballroom renovation and the complete makeover of the Landing Zone Enlisted Lounge.

As an additional benefit to club membership, the two tiered pricing format was introduced along with a completely revamped menu. With hiring a highly-qualified executive chef, the club is able to offer many innovations in its food production capabilities. Many of the items on the menus are new, many are improved in both quantity and

LANCE CH. ALEX C. HERRON rity in the region, according to Tolliver

Tolliver said.

of military to military relations, conduct ing a safe, accident free exercise, combining command post and training and improving unit proficiency, according to Tolliver

for Cope Tiger," Tolliver said. "Pilot upgrades including mission commander, division lead section lead and core proficiency are some of those." While in Thailand this will be some

of the junior Thunderbolt's first time on

LANCE CH. RUBEN D. CALDERON said Sgt. Jason K. Vanaman, H&HS Combat Correspondent

The overflow of trash at Rapid amounts of trash accu-

mulated, specifically on the night of Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron field day, is the cause of the problem

trash the same night, Thursday the runway. night. It overwhelms the dumpsters with too much trash, so it makes the trash more accessible for birds are a big issue. Because of the birds to start picking at it. That causes scattered all over the runway, an F/

CLUB from Page 2 —

quality, and some of the less popular items are gone. For example, in addition to the popular daily buffet in the dining rooms, the club now offers a "super buffet" twice a week in the ballroom. The entire menu is priced to bring the operation back to Marine Corps standards for COGS taking into account sales from both the member and non-member price structures.

I will stress that membership in the club is completely voluntary. However, with all of the obvious benefits, and with solutions available for credit concerns, it is MCCS's hope that the community at large will take advantage of this program and enjoy the benefits and tradition of becoming a Marine Corps Club Member for life.

Now, having said all that, MCCS is aware that some members of the community will choose not to participate, or be ineligible to participate (i.e., our valued Japanese patrons) in the Bank One program. This does not mean that this section of the population will be left out of the benefit opportunities offered by Club Iwakuni. In response to patron concerns, MCCS will be introducing the new Club

the trash to scatter everywhere," A-18 can hit a bird and the plane throw out their trash daily."

Iwakuni Privilege Card on Friday. The card can be purchased at your respective club cash cage for the same monthly dues you would be paying for Bank One membership. You may select how many months you wish to purchase at once, and the corresponding expiration date will be printed on the card. This privilege card will allow holders to take advantage of all Club Iwakuni benefits (such as free birthday/anniversary meals, use of members-only coupons, entry into members-only events and drawings as well as the members' pricing in your club dining room). There will be no charge privileges associated with this card, nor will it be subject to reciprocal privileges at other military clubs outside of Iwakuni. It is a Club Iwakuni privilege card and should not be confused with official club member-



Cpl. Michael Bassett, VMFA-251 powerline technician, pushes an engine trailer underneath an F/A-18 Hornet to drop an engine.

foreign soil other than within Iwakuni. "We'll be able to use a few different ypes of ordnance than we are in Iwakuni," said Cpl. Daniel Uselton, VMFA-251 ordnance technician. "I'm also excited to see how the other countries' ordies operate."

With the different militaries working

will go down. If a plane is about to takeoff and an air strike occurs, the plane will have to abort from taking-off. If a plane lands and hits a bird, an emergency team will have to be called," said Vanaman.

"If Marines follow Station Order 4015, which states that all personnel living in barracks must 'empty trash receptacles' everyday, the problem would be solved," said

New enclosures have been built for the dumpsters, which will make it harder for birds to get into That also would take care of some of the problems, Vanaman said, "But, personnel from the barracks should

together, some of the work sections have times set aside when they will assemble with their Singapore and Thailand counterparts

"We are going to have a 'mixer for all of the ordies from the different countries," Uselton said. "It should be interesting to talk with them about the different training and work they do compared to us."

This Cope Tiger Detachment encompasses the second most important reason for the Thunderbolts participating in WESTPAC, according to Lt. Col. John M. "Dog" Jansen, VMFA-251 executive of

ficer

"That reason being to strengthen ties with our international partners through military exercises," said Jansen. "This det also strengthens our national security, because of the significant threat that goes with having known terrorist organizations in the area "

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Future officers relate success

LANCE CEL. DAVID REVERE Combat Correspondent

The dingy back room of an air supply warehouse might not be the most obvious place to look for an officer candidate, but Sgt. Liam O. Begley has managed to distinguish himself in just such an environment

Begley has recently been selected for the Marine Enlisted Commissioning Education Program.

The 25-year-old Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12 maintenance noncommissioned officer takes pride in his database work, but he won't be there for long. His positive attitude and exceptional initiative have earned him respect from his superiors. and acceptance into a program that offers activeduty Marines an opportunity to receive a bachelor's degree and a commission as a second lieutenant.

"It has been my goal for a long time," said Begley. "We had MECEPs when I was in college. They were the ones who were in amazing shape, had 3.5 or higher grade point average, and were just all around studs. I finally asked myself, 'Why can't I do that?"

Begley pursued his commissioning goal by attending Officer Candidate School, but became sidetracked with sports, eventually leaving his bachelor's degree unfinished. His dream of becoming an officer was far from finished.

"I became convinced that my life wouldn't be complete if I didn't become a Marine, so I went to boot camp," said Begley.

Last year, Begley went before a squadron board and turned in a MECEP application package, finally

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But that is where the compliments on the Iwakuni strategic plan ended and the straight talk began.

Brown explained during one point of reviewing the strategic plan, "If you have an area assessed in yellow (on a green, vellow, and red scale; with red meaning an area is in trouble towards reaching its target), that doesn't mean sitting and waiting. That means you better have a plan on how to get that into the green.

"What is it at this Station you are going to do to make it become the duty station of choice? You haven't shown me in your goals and strategies how you are going to get there" Brown stated

Some of Brown's questions had to do with his lack of knowledge about the Station and the Marine Corps.

While Brown has been hired to consult for the Army, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard, this is his first time he has taken a look at a Marine Corps organization.

Overall, the Station received a grade of 25 percent from Brown. A grade of 25 percent basically meant that you had the beginnings of a good strategic plan, but that it needs work

Brown has never encountered an organization he has consulted for that achieved a grade of over 60 percent.

"If you have an organization that is 80 to 100 percent, you don't need me and you know it," Brown concluded. "We did in six hours what Mark (Graham Brown) said

normally takes two to three days with major corporations full of MBA's (Masters degrees in Business Administration)," said Col. Dave Darrah, the Air Station's Commanding Officer in reference to comments Brown spoke to him about in regard to the Iwakuni leadership's ability to comprehend and develop a new strategic plan

For more information please visit Graham's Web site at www.markgrahambrown.com/strategic/ strategic.html.



Cpl. David J. Haas, recently selected for the **Broadened Opportunity for Officer Selection** and Training program, works as a network administrator for Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron12.

getting back to his original goal of becoming an officer He will attend the two-month MECEP course. in June before enrolling for his final two years at New York Maritime University

Next year, he will attend OCS, now for the second time, as well as The Basic School, a required 10month infantry platoon commander training course. Begley hopes to receive his commissioning as a second lieutenant in 2006.

The Broadened Opportunity for Officer Selection and Training Program is another opportunity for outstanding enlisted Marines to receive a commission. Cpl. David J. Haas, MALS-12 network administrator, recently received notice of his selection for the program.

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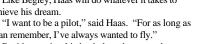
WrestleMania" in Hiroshima, Osaka, and Tokyo, according to Bubba Dudley of the WWE.

tlers at the Hiroshima Sun Plaza.

Gabriel Maldonado, Headquarters and Headquarters

our way of saying thank you," said D-Von.

tickets" said Dillard WWE star. Ric Flair, "Woo's" it out at the "It's the least we can do for the Marines. But it's IronWorks Gym Feb. 5, while pumping



Besides getting his bachelors degree and

According to both Haas and Begley, the same initiative that made them stand out will carry them to their goal.

"I've always said that chance favors a prepared mind," said Begley. "When your officer tells you that something needs to get done, and you are that guy that always gets it done, you will get noticed. We've both been put in those positions and that's what got us recommended for the program."

They can be reached at 253-6134. Additional at https://web.mcrc.usmc.mil/mcrc.htm.

information about MECEP or BOOST can be found

Haas and Begley invite any questions Marines

The 22-year-old worked hard for his selection. "I jumped up and down when I got the news," said

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Combat Correspondent

ROYAL AUSTRALIANAIR FORCE

BASE TOWNSVILLE, Australia —

NASCAR pit crews are designed to

take care of any problem that arises

during a race. Tires, fuel, oil and a

the pits.

aircraft's pit crew.

wide array of checks and inspections

all fall on the shoulders of the crew in

to the skies during Operation South-

ern Frontier 2004, the pilot must first

get the nod from the leader of the

at NASCAR because in between

flights, that is exactly what we are

sure it is ready for the next race."

"This runway is made with coral. It

really chews the tires up. Sometimes

we have to replace the tires on a half-

"If a tire blows on the runway, we

hour turnaround," said Sgt. Danny

all know what to do. Someone gets

come together to get the job done,"

said Sgt. Osvaldo Rincon, aircraft

pit crew is comprised of aircraft

mechanic.

powerline shop.

the tires, someone gets the jack, we all

The always-ready, fast-response,

mechanics belonging to Marine (All-

inspections work their way into the

mechanics' daily routine Each day

objects and debris that could wreak

begins with an inspection of the

launch area, looking for foreign

Weather) Fighter Attack Squadron 332

Inspections, inspections and more

Bumgarner, aircraft mechanic.

aircraft mechanic from Newburgh NY

"We are going over the plane to make

doing," said Cpl. Rafeal Klos, an

Before any F/A-18 Hornet can set

"You can compare us to a pit crew

Haas. "When my master sergeant told me, I said, 'your kidding right?"" He wasn't kidding. The corporal, who works

closely with Begley, will be heading off to BOOST school in July. The program, which is geared more for Marines who may not have received an opportunity to go to college in the past, is similar to MECEP. The most notable difference is that the BOOST school, geared for college preparation, is 10 months long instead of two.

Like Begley, Haas will do whatever it takes to achieve his dream.

I can remember, I've always wanted to fly."

attending OCS and TBS, Haas will have to undergo major eye surgery so that he can meet the physical requirements of a pilot.

may have regarding their application experience.

WWE from Page 1

The WWE donated over \$40,000 worth of tickets to the Station, allowing residents to watch the wres-

"It was a very good show. The crowd participation was lacking, but not from the Marines," said Sgt.

Squadron comptroller. "The WWE is truly generous for giving us the

PATRIOT from Page 1 and they fly more frequently, so there are more options in scheduling flights. And, with Patriot Express, travelers need to get to a

they have to make the connection with a Patriot Express flight. With the City Pair program, travelers, in many cases, will be able to get direct flights to their new duty location." no commercial service or where there are force protection consid-

erations will be phased out over a four-year period "Phasing out Patriot Express allows military services and con-

tract carriers time to adjust," Captain Webb said. In fiscal 2005, the Atlanta gateway will close, and Patriot Express flights to Rhein-Main Air Base, Germany, will end. The military will also adjust the frequency and size of flights to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and Keflavik, Iceland.

In fiscal 2006, service to Osan and Kunsan air bases, Korea: Kadena AB, Japan; Keflavik, Iceland; and Royal Air Force City Pair program information on their services link at www.gsa.gov. Mildenhall, England, will end. The reservation center at Hickam (Courtesy of AMC News Service)

STAFFSERGEANT NICHOLAS MCLAREN havoc on the multimil-

lion dollar engines.

The FOD check clears the way for the crew to pour over the aircraft making sure the bird is flight ready "Powerline is responsible for that airplane until it leaves the deck." said

Bumgarner, a Jacksonville, Fla., native, "All the other shops work with their own systems, but ultimately the whole jet is our responsibility."

"The plane has to go through an inspection and be flight ready when we are done. We have to sign off on it before the aircrew gets to the plane," Rincon said.

When the aircrew arrives, a powerline Marine, shouldering the responsibility of plane captain, prepares to take the final steps before seeing the jet barrel down the runwav.

"When the crew arrives, the pilot does a walk around and we have to be able to answer any questions they might have,"

explained Rincon, a Phoenix native. "If everything is good, the plane captain helps the pilot strap in," said Rincon, explaining that offering to

ern Frontier 2004.

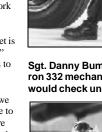
tional Airport will close Fiscal 2007 marks the end of service to three American bases in Japan: Yokota and Misawa air bases and the Marine Corps Air gateway terminal, which may be far from where they live. Then Station, Iwakuni, as well as the Japan passenger reservation center. The Seattle gateway will also close, and AMC's main PRC here will increase its operating hours. In the last phase, slated for fiscal 2008, service to Lajes Field, the Azores; Aviano AB, Italy; Rota, All Patriot Express routes, except for those into locations with Spain; and Sigonella, Sicily, will end, the PRC in Germany will close, and AMC's center will begin continuous operations.

"Even though Patriot Express will phase out, opportunities for space-A travel still exist on our own airlift aircraft, although not as frequently," Captain Webb said. Information on space-A travel is available at http://

public.amc.af.mil/SPACEA/spacea.htm. The GSA has Travel and



Moonlighter crews serve as nuts, bolts of operation







Photos by Lance Cpl. Giovanni Lobello Sgt. Danny Bumgarner, Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 332 mechanic, checks under an aircraft like some would check under the hood of a car.

assist the pilot is a



control checks before the F/A-18 is launched in support of Operation South-

sign of mutual respect, a tradition, and a courtesy that he ensures is always extended. "We go through

the process of starting up the aircraft, checking flight controls steering and brakes,' said Cpl. Roderick Britford, a Greensboro, Ala., native. "We need to get the plane set up before it goes on to the final

check. As the plane captains, it is our job to make sure the plane is good to go."

After a healthy dose of control checks and visual inspections by the plane captain and others, the final steps are taken to prepare to launch.

"After we give everything the thumbs up, we remove the chocks, the pilot releases the brakes and throttles up,' said Rincon "A steering check, brake check and then it's time to go to the position of attention and give a salute."

The powerline shop prides themselves on being the first ones to see the planes in the mornings and the last ones to put them to bed at night

That pride is a result of a powerline team of day and night workers. "At night, we pick up the brunt of the

maintenance and special inspections to get everything ready for the morning," explained Minneapolis native Set Carly Jacobson

Working in the dark in an unfamiliar environment is sometimes difficult, but Jacobson said she knows the team will always come together to help anvone out

"They are the fundamental reason we go flying every day," said F/A-18 pilot Capt. Greg Suma. "They do an extremely thankless job and do an extremely good job at doing it."

Lance Cpl. Joshua Eagelman hasn't worked in a NASCAR pit crew but he knows how his crew is able to perform their mission day in and day out under pressure.

"We trust each other. We have a very tight shop. If we didn't, you wouldn't get much done," the Sinking Spring, Penn., native said.

Air Force Base, Hawaii, and the gateway at Los Angeles Interna-

The restructure of Patriot Express will mean a reduction in the number of space-available seats, but space-A travel is still available at many AMC passenger terminals on military transports.

Court Martial

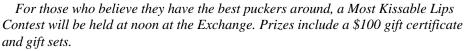
A staff sergeant with Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron was tried at a General Court Martial Feb. 2 for two counts of sodomy, two counts of fraternization and one count of adultery. The Marine is confined for six months, reduced to private and will receive a Bad Conduct Discharge.



Happy Valentines Day

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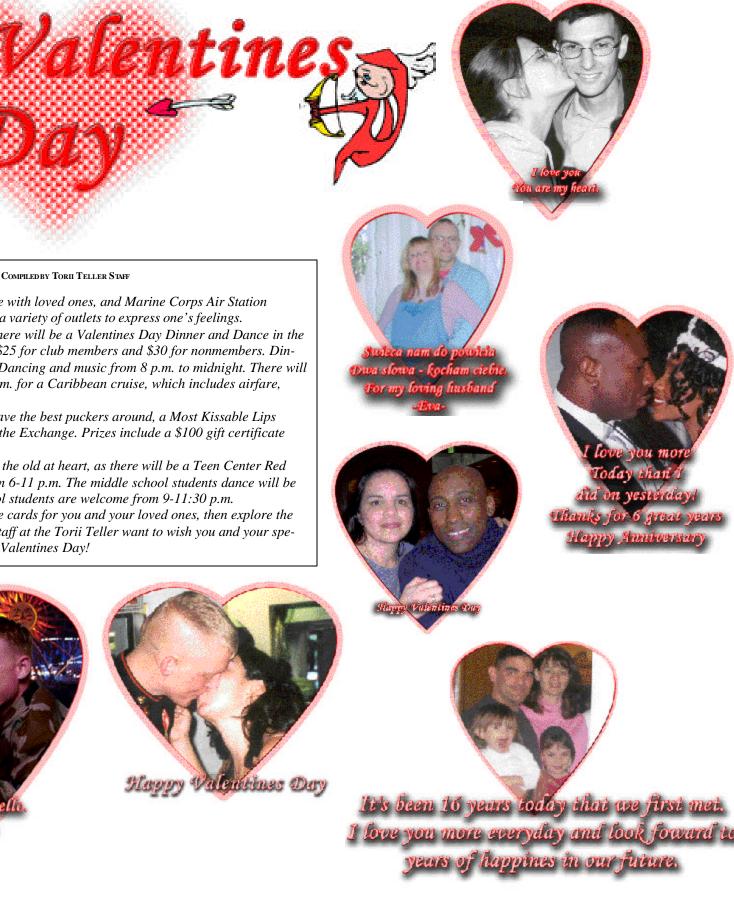
Valentines Day is a time to be with loved ones, and Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan will be offering a variety of outlets to express one's feelings. Tomorrow at Club Iwakuni there will be a Valentines Day Dinner and Dance in the ballroom at 6 p.m. The cost is \$25 for club members and \$30 for nonmembers. Dinner is served from 6-8:30 p.m. Dancing and music from 8 p.m. to midnight. There will be a drawing for two at 8:10 p.m. for a Caribbean cruise, which includes airfare, luggage and spending money.



Valentines Day is not just for the old at heart, as there will be a Teen Center Red and White Dance Saturday from 6-11 p.m. The middle school students dance will be 6-8:30 p.m while all high school students are welcome from 9-11:30 p.m.

If staying on base is not in the cards for you and your loved ones, then explore the romantic sights in Japan. The staff at the Torii Teller want to wish you and your special someone a happy and safe Valentines Day!







You had me at h Love Kelle



FEATURE

On sacred ground: temples of Japan

STORY AND PHOTOS BY LANCE CR. DAVID REVERE Combat Correspondent

High atop the frosted summit of Kvoto's Hiei mountain, a worshiper places incense in an altar before the entrance of Enryaku-ji, guardian temple of the city.

Leaving his boots by the gate, he enters the 1,200-year-old sanctuary within and kneels quietly before an altar containing wood carved statues of Buddha

The only source of light comes from an unwavering row of flames in front of the altar, a vigil that has continued for over 1 000 years

Low chanting can be heard in the flame's vicinity, but the source remains obscured in shadow Absorbing the magic of the moment, the worshiper offers hushed supplication and rises

holy places beautify mountains, lakes, and cities throughout the country. Unlike god-specific shrines, the temples are built to house statues of Buddha and used for the training of monks.

"I feel like I am purified when I enter the temple," said Yoko Seo, Marine Corps Community Services culture specialist. "Praying to Buddah gets rid of my bad desires."

According to Seo, the temples are essential in understanding the Japanese way of life. Tall gateways, hushed halls, and multi-roofed pagodas all tell a story of a worshipful and observant culture

"The building itself is built to help us keep our traditions," said Seo.

One of the most fascinating aspects of traditional Japanese architecture is that metal parts such

as nails and braces are not used Temples have stood for more than 1 000 years due to the extremely

> precise joints and fittings holding them together. This is spectacularly displayed

> in Kyoto's Kiyomizu Temple. Built

The water of Otowa-no-taki (Sound-of-Feathers Waterfall) is supposed to revitalize the

Kiyomizu's main hall boasts a huge veranda supported by hundreds of pillars. The temple provides a magnificent view of Kyoto City. in 778, the massive main hall extends out over the edge of a cliff, supported by a latticework hundreds of feet high. From its traditional mountain slope-

shaped rooftops, to the cascading waterfalls offering cleansing for those who drink, the temple enjoys harmony with its environment - a natural extension of the mountainside.

According to Seo, harmony with nature is reflected in every aspect of the temple. Intricate interior carvings express traditional understanding of humanity's connection with nature Respectful treatment of the Earth directly corresponds to an improved quality of life.

"Many temples are famous for a particular plant or flower," said Seo. "There may be a garden, or plants all around. Sometimes people go to the temple just to see the plants." Seo explained that Buddhism

teaches against killing any living thing. Because humans must kill to survive, balance comes by causing things to grow

Like priceless treasure, the temples bring a deep richness to the people of Japan. In view of the nation's

Bamboo Masterworks: Japanese Baskets From The Loyd Cotsen

There will be an exhibition of bamboo art Tuesday through March 28, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Hiroshima Prefectural Art Museum. One hundred six works of art from the Cotsen's collection will be displayed. Admission fee is required. The museum closes Monday. Call 082-221-6246 for details

Burning The Hills of Akiyoshidai

This event will take place Sunday in Shuho town. Visitors can information, call 0829-44-2011.

used to be," said Seo. "But the temple keeps our traditions alive." watch the burning around the obser-

roots.

vatory on the plateau. They will light the old twigs around 9:30 a.m. and finish the event around 12 p.m. In case of rain, it will be postponed to Feb. 21. Call 0837-62-0304 for more information

A statue sits in the main hall of

Kiyomizu Temple for all to see.

modernization over the past century,

integral link to its cultural and spiritual

"Japan is not as religious as it

the ancient buildings remain an

Miyajima Oyster Festival

The festival will take place in front of the ferry terminal on Miyajima Island, Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. They will sell ovsters and oyster dishes. They will also prepare a section where participants can cook ovsters themselves. For more

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MOVIE SCHEDULE

2 p.m./8 p.m. A Guy Thing (PG-13) 11 p.m./5 a.m. Valentine (R) 2 a.m. 8 Mile (R)

S ATT IRDAY 11 a.m./5 p.m. Princess Bride (PG-13) 2 p.m./8 p.m. Barbershop (PG-13) 11 p.m./5 a.m. Alex And Emma (PG-13) 2 a.m. The Wash (R)

SUNDAY

11 a.m./5 p.m. Cinderella (G) 2 p.m./8 p.m. Bad Company (PG-13) 11 p.m./5 a.m. An Ideal Husband (PG-13) 2 a m Brotherhood Of The Wolf (R)

> MONDAY 11 a.m./5 p.m. Good Boy (PG) 2 p.m./8 p.m. A Beautiful Mind (PG-13) 11 p.m./5 a.m. Terminator 3 (R) 2 a.m. 40 Days 40 Nights (R)

TUESDAY

11 a.m./5 p.m. How To Deal (PG-13) 2 p.m./8 p.m. Out Of Time (PG-13) 11 p.m./5 a.m. Seabiscuit (PG-13) 2 a.m. American Wedding (R)

WEDNESDAY

11 a.m./5 p.m. Radio (PG) 2 p.m./8 p.m. Shanghai Knights (PG-13) 11 p.m./5 a.m. Underworld (R) 2 a.m. O(R)

THURSDAY

11 a.m./5 p.m. Almost Salinas (PG) 2 p.m./8 p.m. HollywoodHomicide(PG-13) 11 p.m./5 a.m. Suddenly Naked (R) 2 a.m. My Boss's Daughter (PG-13)

To submit your ads or announcements: Torii Teller priority basis. Deadline for briefs is noon Thursday. Torii accepts ads/announcements from nonprofit organizations *Teller* reserves the right to edit to fit space. Stop by Building 1, Room 216 to fill out a form.

or 253-2291 awh

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or 253-2031 awh. Nissan Cedric, 1992, ex-Misc., vintage Pioneer



An unpopular but superintelligent teenage boy, Alvin Johnson, hires a cheerleader, by paying to fix her mother's car which she has recently wrecked, to pose as his girlfriend so that he can improve his reputation in school, which leads to high jinks and shenanigans that are both romantic and comedic (105 minutes).

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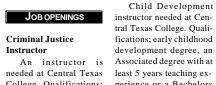






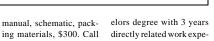
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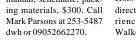
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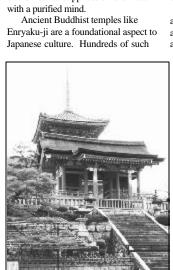
off-base English class

Monday mornings, Pay is

8,000 yen. Call 253-2264

structor





Sai-mon, Kiyomizu Temple's west gate, was built in the 1630s during the Momoyama period.





Note: Japanese who do not speak English may answer the phone numbers provided.

Plum Blossoms Tea Ceremony

There will be Umemichakai, a tea ceremony with viewing plum blossoms at Shukkeien Park in Hiroshima, Sunday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission fee is required in order to enter the park and also to attend the tea ceremony. It will not be can- Plateau celled in case of rain. Call 082-221-3620 for details.

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elors degree with 3 years Mark Parsons at 253-5487 rience. Call Jennifer Walker at 253-3631 dwh

English Instructor

An English instructor is needed at Central Texas MCCS (253-3030) College Qualifications: Masters degree of any person to substitute for kind with 18 graduate MCCS Job Listing: hours in English.

Child Development Instructor

Child Development instructor needed at Central Texas College. Qualifications: early childhood development degree, an Associated degree with at perience or a Bachelors degree with at least 3

CHRO (253-6828) MCCS:

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- termittent)
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- BPO:
- -Management and Program Analysis Officer

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- civilian only -Purchasing Agent, civil-
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- -Audit Clerk, Main Com plex, civilian only
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- -Inventory Control Spe-
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- -Basic Replenishment Clerk, civilian only
- -Material Handler
- -Leisure Travel Assistant, civilian only

- -Supervisor Vending Specialist, civilian only -Club Operations Assis
- tant, civilian only -Food Court Assistant
- Manager -Operations Assistant. civilian only
- -Library Technician, civilian only
- -Program Leader, civilian only
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- -Health Promotions Assistant, civilian only
- -Pubic Relations Specialist, civilian only
- Continuously Open Jobs Retail Branch:
- -Senior Sales Associate
- -Retail Ons Assistant
- -Sales Clerk
- -Store Worker
- -Laborer
- -Food Service Worker
- Food & Hospitality:
- -Club Ops Assistant
- -ID Checker
- -Waiter/Waitress
- -Food Service Worker

SAKURA THEATER

LOVE DON'T COST A THING

VERONICA GUERIN

Veronica Guerin was an award-winning journalist for Dublin's Sunday Independent, whose investigations into the city's drug underworld puts her in increasing danger (92

Michael Jennings is a brilliant computer engineer hired by high-tech corporations for specialized top-secret projects. Once a job is complete his short-term memory is erased so as not to divulge any sensitive company information to future clients. Highly paid for his work, he expects to earn \$4.4billion at the end of his latest 3-year project. But upon completion of the job Jennings is handed an envelope filled with random objects and told that he has agreed to forfeit all payment (110

FRIDAY

7p.m. LoveDon'tCostAThing (PG-13) 10 p.m. Gothika(R)

SATURDAY

- 1 p.m. Beauty And The Beast (G) 4p.m. LoveDon'tCostAThing (PG-13) 7 p.m. The Human Stain (R)
- 10p.m. TheMissing(R)

SUNDAY

- 4p.m. StuckOnYou(PG-13)
- 7 p.m. Veronica Guerin (R)

MONDAY

4p.m. StuckOnYou(PG-13) 7 p.m. Paycheck (PG-13)

TUESDAY

7 p.m. The Human Stain (R)

WEDNESDAY

7 p.m. The Missing(R)

THURSDAY

7 p.m. Paycheck (PG-13)

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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EDUCATION

Test Schedule Tuesdays/Fridays - CLEP, DSST Wednesday -ACT Thursday -SAT February 23 - EDPT, DLAB February 25 - DLPT, AFCT For more information call 253-3855

CHRO

CHRO Training

■ EBIS/My Pay/TSP: Tuesday, 1:30-3:30 p.m. (This training will be provided at Building **Valentine's Day Dinner &** 360, the Distance Learning Cen- Dance: Saturday, 6 p.m. in the ter) ■ **Privacy Act**: Feb. 24, 9-11 \$30 for nonmembers. Dinner is a.m. (This training will be provided at Building 1, Auditorium room) Family Member Local Employment Orientation : Feb. 25, Euricka Concert : Sunday, 8-9 a m **RESUMIX**: Feb. 25, 9:30-10·30am

Outbound Family Member

Priority Placement Program | MCX (253-5641) Brief: Feb. 25, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. ■ President's Day Sale: For more information and nomination, call 253-6828 or send email to shiomuram.ip.@iwakuni. brand clothing. usmc.mil. Classes will be held at Building 1, Room 102, CHRO training room except EBIS/

MyPay/TSP and Privacy Act. MCCS

CRMC Classes (253-6439) ■ Teaching English For Profit: Wednesday, 9-10:30 a.m.

Club Iwakuni (253-3119) ballroom. \$25 for club members. served from 6-8:30 p.m. Dancing and music from 8 p.m. to midnight. Entertainment by "Just As Nice" and DeeJay. 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. in the ballroom. Free. Adults only. Opening acts by local DJs and talents.

CHAPEL SERVICES

Roman Catholic

Saturday	4:30 p.m.		
	5:30 p.m.	Mass	
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Mass	
	10:45 a.m.	CCD	

Protestant

Saturday	9:30 a.m.	Seventh Day Adventist (second and fourth)		
Sunday	8 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Traditional Sunday School Contemporary Jesus Christ Apostolic Service		
Thursday	6:30 p.m.	Jesus Christ Apostolic Bible Study		
Church of Christ				
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study		
	10:30 a.m.			
Wednesday	7 p.m.	Bible Study		
Latter Day Saints				
Sunday	1 p.m.	Priesthood/RS Meeting		
	2 p.m.	Sunday School		
	3 p.m.	Sacrament		
Muslim				

Friday

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Jewish			
Friday	6 p.m.	Shabbat	

Noon

For information regarding divine services, religious education or any other Command Religious Program/ Chapel activity call the Station Chapel at 253-5218.

Praver

Monday, receive great savings on quality electronics and name

Teen Center

Red And White Dance: Saturday, 6-11:30 p.m. Middle

school students dance 6-8:30 p.m. All secondary school students are welcome 9-11:30 p.m. Middle school student needs a signed permission slip. Call 253-6454 for more information.

Single Marine Program (253-4656)■ Miyajima Sight-seeing

Trip: Sunday, 10 a.m. \$10 transportation. Bring yen for shopping and lunch. Also tour the Miyajima aquarium. Play Morning Tuesday and Feb. 24, 9:30-11a.m.

The group meets in the community room of Building 657. Sign up by calling 253-6553.

> COMMUNITY University Of Maryland An Academic Advisor from Yokota will be visiting UMUC at Iwakuni Wednesday through Feb. 20. Students should call 253-3494 or stop by Building 411, Room 110 to schedule an appointment.

Black History Month Jubilee | Healthy Snacking The Station Chapel will be hosting a Black History Month Program Feb. 20, 7 p.m. in the main chapel area. Join us for a special celebration in 2004 with the Master and Mistress of ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Tensley, followed by selective speeches, sermonettes, praise dancers, steppers, local chapel choirs, special solo's and various poetry readings. There will be a special Soul Food Dinner served

afterwards free of charge. Call the Station Chapel at 253-3371 for more information

WIC Overseas

WIC Overseas is a supplemental food and nutrition education program eligible participants are pregnant, postpartum or breast feeding women, infants and children up to their 5th birthday. Financial eligibility is based upon total family income and size. Call 253-4928 for more information

Antiques And Furniture Sale The American Red Cross is sponsoring Sophie's Chinese Antiques and Furniture sale, March 6 and 7. in the Matthew C. Perry High School cafeteria. Volunteers are needed. Call 253-3839 for details

Breast Feeding Basics Learn about the benefits of and how to breast-feed, Feb. 24, 2:30-3:30 p.m. in the CDC training room. Call 253-4928 to preregister.



An Ancient Spectacle

Kyoto's Kingakuji Temple, also named the Golden Pavilion, is one of the most famous temples in Japan. It was finished in 1409 by shogun Ashikaga Yoshimitsui as a retirement house. The pavilion is covered with gold leaf and built on a platform in the middle of a pond. The landscape surrounding the pond is a famous Japanese garden.

Learn what the right foods can be, Feb. 25, 2:30-3:30 p.m. in the CDC training room. Call 253-4928 to preregister.

Is Your Plate Overweight? Learn what sensible eating and

training room. Call 253-4928 to

moderation really mean, Wednesday, 2-3 p.m. in the CDC

preregister Thrift Store

The Thrift Store is open Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Thursday from 4-8 p m and the last Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., in Building 1117, located next to the Chapel.

Iwakuni Toastmasters

Toastmasters International provides an excellent opportunity to learn and practice proper public speaking and invaluable leadership skills. Meets every 2nd Thursday evening and 4th Friday at lunch. Call Nancy Regan at 253-4557 or Sallie Donahue at 253-5328 for more information

CDC & Wine Tasting Fastival If 10 or more people preregister by COB on Feb. 20, the Child Development Center will open 2:45-7:15 p.m. to provide childcare for those who wish to imbibe at the Winter Wine Tasting Feb. 28, 3-7 p.m. at the Club Iwakuni ballroom. Please make your reservations with the CDC by calling 253-5584 as soon as possible if you wish to attend.



LANCE CH. RUBEN D. CALDERON Combat Correspondent

SPORTS

Domination continues to reign on the court for the Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron Dynasty basketball team as they defeated the Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12 Supply team 56-41 at the IronWorks Gvm. Feb. 3.

Considering that Dynasty is undefeated with 11 wins in the intramural basketball league, Supply gave the unbeatable team a good challenge, said Lee A. Woodbridge, Dynasty team member.

"Supply and Dynasty are the two best teams in the league. In this game, Dynasty had a better turnout," said Kostas Lazarou, MALS-12 Supply head coach.

"The Dynasty is a tough team. I say the game was pretty close but we needed to come more prepared. We will win next time. We have a lot of talent on the team, a lot. We just need more practice," added Lazarou. Dynasty felt as though they were

not playing to their full potential. "We had some issues during the

first-half of the game. Our mind wasn't in it," said Woodbridge.

The first-half of the game, Supply was trailing behind Dynasty by only 10 points, 31-21, but MALS-12 kept coming strong into the next half, Lazarou said.

Although the final score was 56-41, Dynasty kept making too many mistakes in both offense and defense fronts because of Supply's players, said Roderick Havnes, Dvnasty head coach,

"Supply played a good game, but we didn't play like we normally do. There were too many turnovers in the game. We also had a bad shooting night, but everyone in the team managed to score a basket," concluded Havnes.

"We should have won the game, but we don't practice as much as Dynasty does. We play street

scrimmages because not every one of the players can be at the practices at the same time. We're shift workers. It's hard to get everyone together. There is a lot of talent on this team and Coach Lazarou is working hard to get us together to practice. "Without a doubt we would

ball. It's hard for us to have any

have won, but we will win the next time around," said Michael Hernandez, Supply team player.

Supply is looking forward to the next time they will meet up with Dynasty with hopes of ending their streak, said Hernandez.

SEABEE/CEC BIRTHDAY BALL GOLF TOURNAMENT

IWAKUNI SPORTS SCENE

Feb. 20, 9 a.m. start. Four-Man Scramble, 9:30 a.m. Shotgun start. Open to the first 80 Station personnel and invited guest. Entry deadline is Wednesday. Call 253-5084 for more information.

2004 F AR EAST POWERLIFTING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Feb. 21, 10 a.m. at the IronWorks Gym. Sign up for \$15 at the IronWorks Gym front desk for a competition open to the Station personnel, family members, and local Japanese residents. Call 253-6359 for weigh in times.

ALL-MARINE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Ladies, submit your resume to the Athletics Office before Feb. 20. Players will compete at MCAS Miramar, Calif. For resume format and more information call Jennifer Jones at 253-4605.

Coaches meet Feb. 24, 10 a.m. in the IronWorks Gym wellness room. Season begins March 8. For more information call 253-5777.

SKI TRIPS TO MIZUHO HIGHLANDS Monday, 5 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sign up at the IT&T office for \$20 per person, per trip. Patrons must bring 5,500 yen for a lift ticket. Call Bobby Dillard at 253-3822 for details.

Dynasty saga continues to grow



Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12 Supply's Michael Hernandez crosses over Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron Dynasty's Todd D. Lester, scoring two points.



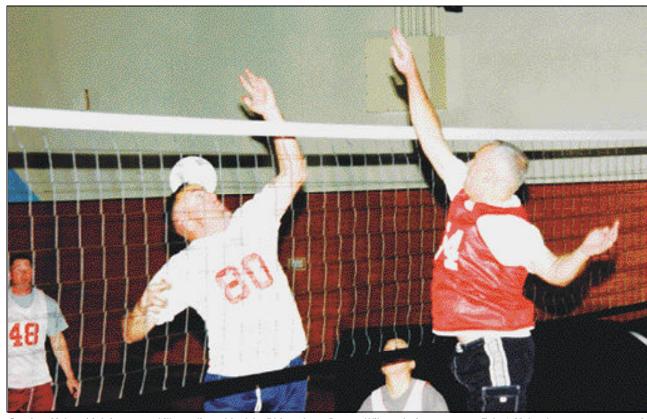


Supply's Keith A. Chambers shot is deflected by Dynasty's Corven D. Monigan at the start of the second-half.

Swim Lessons

Feb. 23-27, 5-5:30 p.m. The Station personnel and family members sign up for \$30 at the IronWorks Gym front desk. This water adjustment course allows parents to help their toddlers become comfortable in the water and learn the basics of swimming. Classes are at the IronWorks Gym indoor pool. Call 253-4966 for more information.

OVER 30 BASKETBALL



Stephen Mahon (right) scores a kill, evading a block by Rhino player Damon Wilson during game one Feb. 4. Mahon's team went on to win the first of the three-game competition, but lost the overall meeting held at the IronWorks Gym here.

Rhinos serve up victory

STORY AND PHOTOS BY LANCE CH. DAVID REVERE Combat Correspondent

IronWorks Gym hosted a hard-fought battle between the Marine Corps Community Services Rhinos and the preseason champions, Combat Service Support Squadron 36, during intramural volleyball action Feb. 4.

The best-of-three match included two, 25-point games and a final, 15-point tie breaker.

CSSD-36 came out strong in the first game, with several volleys providing early momentum to the competition. Their effort was well-matched by the

Upcoming Volleyball Schedule

Wednesday

6 p.m. Boat House vs BMC 7 p.m. Rhinos vs Scared Hitless 8 p.m. CSSD-36 vs Supply

Feb. 25

6 p.m. Rhinos vs BMC 7 p.m. CSSD-36 vs Fil-Am 8 p.m. Boat House vs Supply opposition. Jordan Hines provided strong stability for the Rhinos, denying several kill attempts with high-flying blocks. Nevertheless, CSSD-36 triumphed in the first game 25-23.

After a quick court switch, game two kicked off. Several CSSD-36 kills early on seemed to suggest a repeat performance. However, a key spike by Rhino Damon Wilson proved a tide-turning event. After an exciting volley, Wilson made contact with the ball off an opposing blocker, smashing it soundly onto the opponent's floor.

"His spike rallied the whole team," said Hines. "It was the inspiration that we needed."

The Rhinos began to build momentum, edging out of game two with a 25-23 victory.

The pressure was on for the final game, with solid team performances on both sides of the net.

This time, the Rhinos played with confidence from the beginning, finishing out with a 15-12 win, and securing the match victory.

"I think we had a lot of heart," said Hines. "I guess we decided that we had nothing to lose, so we started playing hard."

Both teams gave tight, well-rounded performances throughout the competition, making the match all the more exciting to watch. "Volleyball is a great team sport," said CSSD-36

coach Stephen Mahon. "All the players have to work together to make a point."

According to Mahon, many of his players from the preseason were gone due to deployments.

"I still had a lot of fun," Mahon said. "I thought we did pretty good today."



Rhinos player Matilda Montoyo prepares to return the ball during intramural volleyball action Feb. 4 at the IronWorks Gym here.

In addition to the exercise, the volleyball league provides an exciting opportunity for relationships between Station residents.

"I think it bonds units together through competition," said Hines. "It's a chance to relax and get to know each other."