

## Anthrax vaccination program paused

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The Department of Defense is currently reviewing a preliminary injunction issued Oct. 27 by the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia regarding the department's anthrax vaccination program.

The injunction did not question the safety and effectiveness of the anthrax vaccine or the immunization program in the DoD. The injunction centered on FDA procedural issues stating that additional public comment should have been sought before the FDA issued its final rule in December of 2003.

The Defense Department's anthrax vaccination program is an important force protection measure. Research conducted by several prominent medical experts and a report by the National Academy of Sciences has determined that the anthrax vaccine is safe and effective for all forms of anthrax exposure.

As a result of the injunction, the Department of Defense will pause giving anthrax vaccinations until the legal situation is clarified.

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## Air combat training storms Thai skies

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ROYAL THAI AIR FORCE BASE, Korat — Navy Strike Fighter Squadron 97 joined forces with Thai Air Force pilots here, October 26 – 29, to dominate the sky in a weeklong series of large force air combat exercises.

"We're simulating every aspect of an actual strike," said Lt. Jason Knapp, VFA-97 Thailand detachment officer in charge. "There's red teams simulating the enemy and blue teams simulating the good guys with Thai and Navy pilots on both sides."

The exercises, according to Knapp, require heavy planning and cover everything from close air support to actual target-on-target practice.

"We have different divisions of planes pass as different things," said Lt. Adam

Rosensweet, VFA-97 assistant logistics officer. "One group may be designated as strikers and bombers one day, and designated to clear out an area and gain air superiority the next."

Rosensweet said the role switching gives all elements involved the opportunity for practical training with a foreign military in an air strike situation.

Communication practice has also boosted the experience level of these elite fighter pilots.

"Of course there's the language barrier issue," he said. "This is giving us a chance to understand each other better, because when things get going fast in the air, communication is everything."

"As pilots, we're all pretty much the same," said Knapp. "We do a lot of hand motions during the briefings and they know exactly what we are trying to say."

Rosensweet said a debriefing at the end of the day brings further clarification and provides both forces the chance to go over lessons learned.

"It allows for constructive comments and for the experienced guys from both forces to give tips to the younger guys," he said.

"Some of the ways we operate both on the ground and in the air are different than the Thai," said Lt. Cmdr. Chris Angelopoulos, VFA-97 safety officer. "We need

to understand our differences so that each one of us can benefit by seeing the way other people do business."

Working toward that goal increases the trust between allies, according to Angelopoulos.

"If you don't know your ally, it creates a chaotic situation during real operations," he said. "These exercises add a great deal of stability on both sides so that we can operate quickly and efficiently."



Cpl. David Revere

A fighter pilot with the Thai Air Force waves from his F-16 en route to participate in a simulated air combat exercise with Navy Strike Fighter Squadron 97.

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Today  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 68

Saturday  
Rain  
High: 69

Sunday  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 65

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## Help needed for Niigata earthquake victims

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Station residents looking to lend a helping hand in the disaster relief effort for the people of Niigata Prefecture can now do so until Nov. 6.

A collection box has been set up at the GSA Mart, located east of the IronWorks Gym at Building 1007, to collect new and unused clothing, blankets, preserved foods and other daily necessities.

"If we can give one item that makes it to the Prefecture and helps one person through what must be one of the most difficult times in their lives, we've done what we hoped to accomplish," said Capt. Stewart Upton, Station public affairs officer. "But with that said, we are going to work hard to see if we can help more."

As of Tuesday morning, 24 items

have been donated.

"The single biggest item we need is new blankets," said Navy Lt. Brett Sandman, assistant logistics officer. "It's getting cold up there and they could use some warm winter blankets."

Other items that Station residents can donate are: Canned food, baby food, bottled drinking water, paper cups and plates, tooth brushes, soap, shampoo, towels, sanitary items, tissues, diapers and batteries.

U.S. Forces Japan have been quick to help in the relief effort by collecting



Cpl. Anthony D. Pike

Senior Chief Petty Officer Abel Dixon, Logistics Storage Division officer, sorts through the donated goods outside the GSA Mart.

goods and helping to transport them to the areas in need. MCAS Iwakuni has joined in with efforts at Yokota and Misawa Air bases.



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## A time to give comes early this year ... for Niigata

Marines can help estimated 103,000 displaced due to recent earthquake

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We have Christmas charities coming up soon, children in Afghanistan that need school supplies, children in Iraq and Africa that need just about anything we can send them, and we have 'our own' homeless people in need back in America.

So why give a donation to the earthquake victims of Niigata? It's about caring for your neighbors.

There have been countless times that Japan has come to our aid since the end of hostilities in World War II. It is time to come to their aid and we can do this with a minimal effort on our part.

Recently, the U.S. Ambassador to Japan, Howard Baker,

offered Japan \$50,000 to help aid the victims of the Niigata earthquakes on behalf of the citizens of the United States ... but we can do more. We should do more, we live here.

How you may ask?

Ideally, what you should give is something already purchased that is on the list of items needed for donation.

Think of what you would need if your home was swept away and you were living in a shelter. Simple things like diapers, bottled water, batteries, soap. Many times, we buy these items on sale

and forget to use them.

Rather than throwing it away or letting it languish in a closet; you can free up some space, find some clarity, and have a peace of mind while doing it.

**Back on Oct. 17, 1989 when the massive earthquake struck the San Francisco area with a magnitude of 7.1 on the Richter scale it did not take the local citizens of Iwakuni long to organize an effort for collection during their annual city festival in support.**

## Marriage: Something worth fighting for

CMDR. DONALD P. FIX  
Station Chaplain

When I think of married couples fighting thoughts of violence and disruption come to mind. I remember when I was a very young boy around 6 years of age hearing the turmoil of a relationship. I would stay overnight at times with one of my favorite aunts who had a heart of gold. On many occasions she and my uncle would begin fighting usually after they had both been drinking. I would be in the other room but the walls could not hold back the screaming, cursing and physical violence that happened.

What a dreadful feeling I had in my heart. I would feel so helplessness wanting the fighting to stop and think of ways that I could run out to help my aunt who sometimes would be yelling with pain. My aunt would continue to fight back and sometimes

these horrible episodes would last for a few hours. I was too young to understand the cycle of violence or the need for outside intervention but I did know that what was happening was harmful to everyone and no one came out the winner.

Now many years later I see the title of a book, 'Fighting for your Marriage' by Howard Markman, Scott Stanley and Susan Blumberg and the title catches my eye right away. This was the book given to each of us last week as we participated in the PREP (Prevention and Relationship Enhancement Program) instructors workshop here. I think to myself that this is exactly what my aunt and uncle needed to read years ago - how to invest their energy - and they had a lot of energy - in fighting for their marriage.

In reviewing this book and the PREP information I see that no one

comes out as the loser but both parties are winners when they learn the basic tools to prevent hostility in a relationship. I can now feel that I have something to offer when I encounter a couple troubled by disruption in their marriage. I can share with them that there are other ways of handling conflict in one's relationship and that marriage is certainly something worth fighting for!



SEMPERTOONS BY  
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## MAN ON THE STREET

"Why do you donate to charity?"



"It's personal for me. I give to two organizations that family members have had to utilize."

Florine Van Lieu  
Business Performance Office



"To help people who are less fortunate and in their time of need."

Lance Cpl. Brian Loeffel  
Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron  
legal clerk



"I just want to help the people."

Tadahiro Ozako  
Combat Visual Information Center

## First U.S. citizenship ceremony held in Japan

U.S. FORCES JAPAN PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Patriotism has new meaning for a group of soldiers, sailors and Marines who recently became U.S. citizens in Tokyo, Japan.

Twenty-three service members from more than 12 countries and three commands, traveled to the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo to become naturalized during the first U.S. citizenship ceremony to be held in Japan.

Naturalization is a lengthy process, involving a test on U.S. history, an interview and a background check. For military members, the candidates are exempt from the waiting period.

The ceremony was hosted by U.S. Ambassador Howard Baker, Jr., at his private residence, and began with the singing of the National Anthem and welcoming remarks by the Ambassador. This was the first official event the Ambassador participated in following his

recent heart surgery.

The Ambassador commended the candidates for their service to the United States, "Your choice to defend our country is greatly respected at the highest levels," he said.

He also said gaining the right to citizenship means more for service members because they are "willing to give their lives for this country."

The keynote speech was delivered by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Deputy Director Michael Pertrucelli who mentioned how glad he was to be a part of the ceremony.

"All I had to do was be born," he said, referring to his citizenship. He said all of the candidates standing before him



Official USMC photo  
U.S. Ambassador Howard H. Baker, Jr. waits to congratulate a new U.S. citizen as U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Deputy Director Michael Pertrucelli hands Lance Corporal Luis Disla his Certificate of Citizenship.

were serving for a country they couldn't even call home yet, and said he was astounded by how much they had to do

he called their country of origin, and

to prove themselves fit for citizenship.

The USCIS Chief of International Operations, Joe Cuddihy, presented the candidates for citizenship, and Pertrucelli, rose to administer the oath of citizenship.

"Welcoming new citizens is one of the most vital things we do as a nation. It invigorates our national spirit and reinforces the ideals and principles that are the foundation of our nation," he said.

Pertrucelli called the candidates to stand as

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## Thai youth learn English from Sailors

CPL. DAVID REVERE  
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ROYAL THAI AIR FORCE BASE, Korat — Something exceptional is sweeping through the schools here.

Sailors from Navy Strike Fighter Squadron 97 are visiting primary and secondary education centers, teaching basic geography and familiarizing students with English.

"We want to show the community here not only military support, but also humanitarian support," said Lt. Joseph D. Reardon, Marine Aircraft Group 12 chaplain. "It's important to have both, and we have our English speaking capability to share with the children."

During VFA-97's deployment in support of the Thailand Incremental Training Program exercise, Reardon has arranged a total of 12 school visits.

"The teachers have responded with incredible gratitude and respect for our efforts," he said. "They have also benefited from our English conversation."

Some were able to eloquently express the appreciation they felt.

"We are thankful for their visit," said SeSnior Master Sgt. Kamol Muadachai, RTAF foreign personnel chief. "It is important because the students learn how to pronounce the English words from native speakers."

Sailors pointed to objects like chairs or feet, pronounced the word, and had the students repeat it after them. Other activities included singing songs, teaching the alphabet and learning basic United States geography.

Warm smiles and laughter greeted the new teachers during a visit to the RTAF primary school, October 26.

"They were shy at first until they saw how friendly



Cpl. David Revere

Students enjoy a lesson in United States geography during a visit from the Sailors of Navy Strike Fighter Squadron 97. Warm smiles and laughter greeted the new teachers during a visit to the RTAF primary school, October 26.

we were," said Petty Officer 2nd Class Suchan Yi, religious program assistant, Marine Aircraft Group 12. "I think it's the fact that we're here that makes a difference. Our presence lets them know we are here to have friendship between two countries."

In a land where most are familiar with the U.S. military only through the news, it's unique opportunities like these that show the service member as a caring individual, according to Yi.

"Overall, we're making a major impact," he said. "We are giving a different view of America."

Reardon said it's an impact that benefits the Sailors as well.

"The Sailors are experiencing the spirit of giving," he said. "They are giving their time, giving their knowledge and giving their love to those that need to see that Americans care. What we have given them, they have returned through their smiles, gratefulness and goodwill."

## NEWS BRIEFS

### THEATER PUNCH CARDS

Starting now, Sakura Theater patrons may buy Punch Cards for admission to 10 movies at the Marine Corps Exchange and 7-Day Stores. Punch Cards cost \$25 for adults and \$10 for children. When the card has been punched 10 times, adult cardholders will receive a free medium combo meal and children cardholders will receive a free kid's combo meal. Call 253-3499 for more information.

### HOLIDAY HOURS

Commissary's hours of operation for the week of Thanksgiving are as follows:

- Nov. 21 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Nov. 22 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Nov. 23 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Nov. 24 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Nov. 25 Closed
- Nov. 26 Closed
- Nov. 27 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

### TORII TELLER DISTRIBUTION

The next issue of Torii Teller will be available for pick up on Wednesday vice Thursday due to the Veteran's Day holiday.

### WARRIOR APPRECIATION DINNER

There will be a free dinner for Marines and Sailors returning from combat areas Nov. 20, 6 p.m. in the Club Iwakuni Ballroom. RSVP should be made to Stephanie Sutton at 253-5762 before Nov. 8.



# Orphanage visit brings sunshine to small island

STORY AND PHOTOS BY  
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Combat Correspondent

Spend a Saturday traveling several hours on a mechanized landing craft; conduct a beach landing on a largely uninhabited island; make contact with the locals and proceed with food distribution. Reads like a typical Marine training exercise, except no Marines participated in this particular operation.

This operation was conducted entirely by branch medical clinic personnel, with local girl scouts and family members providing support.

Clinic personnel and the Girl Scouts of Studio 2B took their families on a trip to the Akebono orphanage Oct. 23. The mission for the day: to spend an afternoon enjoying a barbecue with the Akebono children, who inhabit an island more than 20 miles off the shore of Iwakuni.

"Hopefully the weather is very clear," said Senior Chief Ron Celestino, senior enlisted leader at the clinic.

The weather did cooperate with sunny skies marking the event for a perfect warm late-autumn day. The seas stayed calm throughout the two-hour ride to the island, however intermittent bumps came in the form of wakes from large cargo and fishing vessels sailing nearby.

The heavy drone of the landing craft's engines was also made less noticeable by earplugs the Sailors provided.

This trip was not the first time the orphanage residents and clinic staff had interacted with one another.

"The branch medical clinic has been sponsoring the Akebono orphanage for approximately 17 or 18 years," said Lt. Lloyd Davis, clinical psychologist. The children usually come to Iwakuni for Christmas

parties or swimming parties in the summer, he explained.

"This was the first time in probably three years that we've actually gone out to the island, and it's my first time, so it's really exciting," said Davis. "I've seen the kids a lot at the branch medical clinic, but I've never seen where they're coming from, so this is a nice experience to get out and see where they actually live."

The passengers on the boat weren't the only ones looking forward to the trip, said Celestino. The children at Akebono were eager to spend the day with their visitors as well.

"There's a high expectation on their part," Celestino said about the orphans.

"They've been waiting for this event; they've been waiting for this day to come."

Waiting children lined the seawall when the landing craft touched the beach. Children rushed down the stairs of the orphanage as the ramp of the vessel lowered to the sand, and Sailors ran to tie thick mooring lines to the shore.

The passengers carried barbecue supplies down the ramp and up the stairs to where the afternoon's activities would take place. While most of the visitors made preparations for the cookout and began impromptu games of soccer with the children, Sailors secured the ship and even gave tours to curious island residents.

A language barrier proved no major obstacle for the day's fun, and even provided some common ground for visitors and residents.

"I have a Japanese friend now. Her name is Lisa," said Rachel Ann Rauenhorst, president of Girl Scout Studio 2B. "She was correcting me on how to say my Japanese and I was correcting her on her English. It was really fun."



Keosha Byam, who joined her father on the trip to the Akebono orphanage Oct. 23, looks out upon the sea while travelling aboard a mechanized landing craft.

The afternoon was filled with soccer, skipping rocks through the surf, cooking, and eating. The day's menu included American barbecue staples such as hamburgers, hot dogs, ribs, and baked beans, along with cookies, cakes, and candy.

Orphanage residents regaled the crowd with their mastery of the unicycle, something that the visiting children and Girl Scouts found difficult to match.

"They're really, really good at it," said Rauenhorst, shaking her head. "I couldn't even begin to try."

As the afternoon games wound down, the last of the food was eaten, and the trash packed away, children lined the seawall and watched the Sailors make ready to cast off. The waving from island and boat alike didn't stop until the beach was nearly out of sight.

After a day of fun, food, and sun, many passengers opted to take a nap on the return voyage, sleeping through the crash of waves and roar of the engine. Those who remained awake, however, seemed happy with the day's outcome.

"We had a chance today to explore a little bit of the country we're in," said Rauenhorst. "We contributed something to them, and that's a good thing."



Chief Petty Officer Alejandro Paras introduces himself to some of the island residents.

# Teachers in-service improves school performance

AMY WALKER

Matthew C. Perry High School

The faculty of Matthew C. Perry High School recently underwent a day of in-service designed to enhance professional knowledge and improve school performance.

The two goals of the school were reviewed and data was presented to explain the progress that each grade had made in each area measured. Several national and local assessments were used to obtain the data, which was then analyzed by the School Improvement Leadership Team (SILT). The school has implemented several research-based intervention strategies that are used by all teachers to improve math and reading skills. The results of the analysis show that M. C. Perry students are improving in these areas as a result of dedicated teachers who are striving to provide

the best education possible.

The first goal at M.C. Perry is for all students to increase their ability to correctly apply appropriate computational methods for a given situation in all curricular areas.

The results of testing in Math indicate that scores are showing signs of consistent, overall improvement. School-wide interventions are working to improve students' mathematical computational skills. Integrating math in all content areas as a teaching strategy is a viable and effective intervention that is institutionalized on a permanent basis. This initial intervention was supplemented by an additional teaching strategy, IDEAL Problem Solving, to provide teachers an additional research-based intervention to continue improving the mathematical computational skills of students. This combination of interventions is mutually reinforcing,

assisting students in developing computational and problem-solving skills to enable them to better understand and apply mathematical concepts and applications.

The second goal of M.C. Perry is for students to demonstrate an improved performance in reading comprehension skills in all curricular areas.

The results of testing in reading indicate that scores are showing signs of overall improvement. School-wide interventions are working to improve students' reading comprehension skills. Sustained Silent Reading has encouraged students to read for pleasure during seminar period. Reciprocal Reading is a research-based teaching strategy in literacy instruction designed to provide teachers and students the comprehension skills necessary to engage in thoughtful and meaningful reading.

Interventions for this goal will continue in the coming school years. Sustained Silent Reading and Reciprocal Reading are improving students' reading comprehension skills. New faculty will be mentored to ensure that students are receiving consistent instruction. The school will attempt to strengthen curriculum planning, delivery and target additional assistance for certain grade levels that are not demonstrating sufficient improvement on reading comprehension assessments.

The administration and faculty meet regularly to review the goals and determine if strategies are working in the classrooms. This focused attention on the improvement of education is making a difference for the students and will continue to be implemented and improved upon at M. C. Perry High School.

# Marines get 'mess'y in the field

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Food service Marines with Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron took to Penny Lake in an all out cookout complete with cammie netting, service rifles and field stoves in place last week.

The Marines, about 44 in all, competing for the Major General W.P.T. Hill Memorial Award set up mess as if they were on deployment. The Hill award pits Marines from different units against each other in this annual Department of the Navy competition.

Although the results are not yet in for the competition, the leaders are proud of the Marine mess men and are sure their hard work did not go unnoticed.

"I think we did an outstanding job," said Sgt. Benjamin Dudley, field mess noncommissioned officer in charge. "The Marines were very precise in their work and their performance was above and beyond what was asked of them."



PFC John Partain checks the gauges before carrying the stove to the kitchen during the field mess, last week.

This was a first for some Marines. Having been assigned to a Marine Expeditionary Unit and deploying before, Lance Cpl. Fuqwa Richardson, mess man, has never set up a field mess hall.

"Setting up at Penny Lake was more of a field environment than I have had," said Richardson, a Miami native. "Even when I was on a MEU we didn't get off the ship. Getting a chance to do this I learned a lot more than I did on the MEU."

Richardson also sees the training at Penny Lake as a valuable experience to have.

"You can get deployed at anytime," he said, "you never know when you'll need to go. Getting 'hands on experience' in the actual process teaches you a lot."

Having covered many of the different aspects of setting up for a



Photos by Cpl. Dave Boni  
PFC Alain J. Alexandre, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron cook flips meat over while preparing for lunch during the field mess.

field environment such as security and setting up a mess hall, these Marines are more prepared for the future.

"You couldn't ask for a better group of Marines," said Dudley. "These Marines were great on the exercise and had no problem handling what we were giving them. They did everything I and the staff non commissioned officers asked of them."



Lance Cpl. Shawn Gardner, Marine Wing Support Squadron 171, adjusts the valves on a water pump during the field mess exercise.

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Today's ruling is similar to the judge's injunction issued in December 2003. At that time DoD paused the vaccination program pending clarification of the legal issues. The 2003 injunction was lifted roughly two weeks later.

Department of Defense remains convinced that the anthrax immunization program complies with all the legal requirements and that the anthrax vaccine is safe and effective.

A copy of the Secretary of Defense's memorandum concerning the action is at <http://www.defenselink.mil/news/Oct2004/d20041027anthrax.pdf>

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slowly the candidates rose as he called countries from China to Brazil. After they recited the oath each candidate was called forward where they received their Certificate of Citizenship and were congratulated by Ambassador Baker and Pertrucelli. By the end, there were flags waving, people cheering and grins on almost everyone's faces.

According to USCIS, more than 16,000 service members have requested expedited citizenship, and more than 8,000 have been sworn in as new U.S. citizens.

In recent years, becoming a U.S. citizen has become much easier and faster for thousands of noncitizen service members. In July 2002, President Bush expedited the naturalization process for service members through an executive order that states legal



Official USMC photo  
Candidates raise their right hand as they take the Oath of Allegiance during Japan's first U.S. citizenship ceremony held. Twenty-three sailors, soldiers and Marines traveled from various bases in Japan to become official U.S. citizens.

permanent residents serving in the U.S. military are immediately eligible to apply for naturalization.

The order also states that legal permanent residents who were on active duty on Sept. 11, 2001, or after, but have since been honorably discharged from the military are also eligible for expedited naturalization.

The Immigration and Nationality Act requires aliens to reside in the United States for at least five years after being lawfully admitted before applying for citizenship. That wait is three years for service members who are legal residents.

However, President Bush waived the time limits for service members serving during periods of military hostilities, such as the war on terrorism.





Sgt. Elvis Joseph familiarizes himself with the weapon of the Japanese Ground Self Defense Force.



Sgt. Nicholas D. Stewart converses with his fellow NCOs during breakfast at the North Side chow hall at Camp Otsu.



Joseph selects his music with the help of a fellow Japanese NCO.



Joseph belts out a tune during a night of Karaoke.



Joseph poses with a group of Japanese recruits at Camp Otsu.



Joseph shows his partner how to properly celebrate a victory during a friendly game of air hockey.

# Crossing cultures – Marines, Japanese learn more than just language

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SGT. ELVIS JOSEPH

Sixty years ago, they were bitter rivals locked in a deadly battle being waged across the Pacific. Today, Japanese and American military work in unison learning from each other and in some cases, making lifelong friendships.

On Oct. 20, 28 Japanese Ground Self Defense Force personnel traveled to Iwakuni from Camp Otsu, near Kyoto, to partake in a cultural exchange program that lasted a little over a week.

The soldiers who traveled to Iwakuni were part of a four-month Basic English course taught to only sergeants and above. Most of the soldiers worked in ground combat roles, with a few support soldiers mixed in. Two of the soldiers in attendance were preparing for an upcoming deployment to Iraq.

This trip to Iwakuni was considered a 'graduation' trip for the soldiers to test out their new English skills.

Spending three days and two nights on board the Air Station, the soldiers received briefs on almost every aspect of operations. They saw briefs conducted by martial arts instructors, canine handlers, armorers, pilots and their crews, and most impor-

tantly, they ate at a real Marine Corps chow hall.

Sergeants Elvis J. Joseph and Nicholas D. Stewart, accompanied the soldiers back to their home base, Camp Otsu, after the final day of the Iwakuni visit. The sergeants were hand selected by Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron Sergeant Major for their exemplary performances as Marines and leaders.

The sergeants spent their weekend on the other end of the spectrum learning about the Japanese military at Camp Otsu.

"The best part of the trip was when we participated in (physical training)," said Joseph. "We played soccer and rugby. There was a sense of camaraderie, we were very close knit."

When not participating in PT, the motivated Marines toured Camp Otsu and surrounding areas like Kameoka, Arashiyama, Kinkakuji and Lake Biwa, the largest lake in Japan.

"We've been hosting the Otsu soldiers for some time," said Yukie Wada, Station community relations specialist. "But, this is about the third time we've sent Marines back (on an exchange program)."

The soldiers of Camp Otsu wanted to do something in exchange for the Station's hospitality and came up with the idea to start an exchange program, Wada explained. This program also promotes a better relationship between the American military and its Japanese counterparts.



Stewart and Joseph learn that formation runs are universal. Both Marines even took the opportunity to call cadence.



# November celebrates children's health

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November is the time for the festival of Shichigosan in Japan. This festival celebrates the blessing that children make in parents lives.

Shichigosan literally means "seven, five and three" because these were significant times in children's lives and odd numbers are considered lucky.

In ancient times, samurai and aristocratic families celebrated the health and good fortune of their children at certain intervals in their children's lives. Boys and girls were allowed to grow their hair from age three. Prior to that, their heads were shaved. At age five, a boy started wearing hakama (pants worn with men's kimonos), and at age seven, a girl began wearing a kimono with a sash.

Since then, the custom of dressing children up and blessing them by Shinto priests has extended to commoners. Today, all families celebrate Shichigosan by dressing their children, ages 3, 5 and 7, in kimonos and having them blessed at a Shinto shrine.

While the official day for Shichigosan is November 15th, parents take their children to the shrine throughout the month of November.

After a short blessing by a priest, the parents usually buy them "chitose ame" which is "thousand-year candy." The candy is shaped in a long stick

and is usually either red or white, which are colors for good luck in Japan. On the package, there are decorations of turtles and cranes, symbols of long life.

This festival takes place at local shrines throughout Japan. However, one good place to observe it is at Gokoku Shrine located on the grounds of Hiroshima Castle. Also, until November 15th, the 33rd Annual Chrysanthemum show is taking place on the castle grounds, and is free and open to the public.

So here's a great chance to experience some of Japan's unique culture.



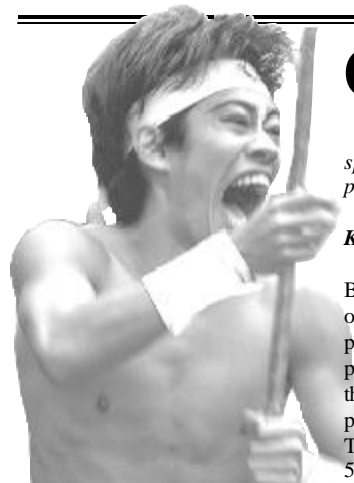
A father takes pictures of his daughter at Shichigosan festivities at Gokoku Shrine, which is located on the grounds of Hiroshima Castle.



These life size figures are made of flowers and quite popular at many chrysanthemum displays in November.



Visitors can view approximately 2,000 pots of chrysanthemum, at the Hiroshima Castle in Hiroshima City now through Nov. 15.



## OUT THE GATE

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

### Kintai Bridge Maple Festival

A festival is held near the Kintai Bridge now through Nov. 21. Various events are scheduled during this period. There is chrysanthemum display by the ropeway station now through Sunday, pressed flowers display at Iwakuni Chokokan museum Tuesday through Nov. 21, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Bonsai trees display at

Kikkawa Museum Nov. 13-21, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Noh plays and Japanese instruments performances will take place at the Noh stage in front of the Kikko Shrine Nov. 13, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. A market will be held by the Kikko Shrine Nov. 13, 14, 20 and 21, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Some of the events may be cancelled in case of rain. Call 41-1477 for more details.

### Hiroshima Castle Events

Visitors can view approximately 2,000 pots of chrysanthemum, at the Hiroshima Castle in Hiroshima City now through Nov. 15, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 082-221-7512 for details.

There will be Kagura performance, a Japanese sacred music and dance Saturday, starting at 5 p.m. It may be cancelled in case of inclement weather. Call 082-221-6516 for more information. Admission for both events are free.

### Yanai "Parasol Shop" Flea Market

A flea market is scheduled Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. along the street in front of JR Yanai Train Station. It may be cancelled in case of inclement weather. Call 0820-22-3731 for further information.

## TORII TELLER CLASSIFIED ADS

To submit your ads or announcements: *Torii Teller* accepts ads/announcements from nonprofit organizations and groups only. Briefs run on space-available and time-

priority basis. Deadline for briefs is noon Thursday. *Torii Teller* reserves the right to edit to fit space. Stop by Building 1, Room 216 to fill out a form.

### AUTOMOBILES

**Nissan, Laurel**, 1993, sedan, excellent condition, 93,000km, 6 disc CD player/changer, JCI until Aug. 2006, \$2,300. Call SSgt. Eldridge at 253-3838 dwh, or Andy or Jennifer at 253-2812.

**Toyota Surf**, 1992, excellent condition, CD player, custom rims & tires, well maintained SUV, JCI until March 2006, \$2,500 obo. Call Sean or Jolyn at 253-5549 dwh or 253-2291 aw.

**Nissan Cedric**, 1992, excellent condition, JCI until June 2006, \$1,500 obo. Call Sean or Jolyn at 253-5549 dwh or 253-2291 aw.

**Yamaha Venture Royal**,

1991, 1,300cc cruiser, has been garaged, 27,000 miles, excellent condition, loaded, shaft drive, cruise control, adjustable air suspension system, radio, computerized monitor system, AM/FM/cassette deck, much more, JCI until May 2005, \$3,000. Call Jim Davis at 253-3705 dwh or 0834-88-2551 aw.

**Kawasaki ZX9R**, 1994, 900cc, last chance to get a great bike, extra wheels/tires plus more, JCI until Oct. 2005, \$2,600. Call Maj. Braund at 253-4584 dwh or 253-5705 aw.

**Nissan Skyline GTS-T**, 1991, 2 door, black, automatic, sports exhaust, HKS blow off valve, Apexi air intake air filter,

engine mount bar, Hicas 4 wheel steering, Momo sports steering wheel, A/C, P/W, engine timer, Kenwood CD/stereo, JCI until July 2006, \$2,800 obo. Call Leroy at 253-5509 dwh or 090-6438-0685.

**Honda CB1000**, 1995, 1,000cc, great classic/retro look, lots of after market parts, JCI until June 2006, \$5,000 obo. Call Maj. Braund at 253-4584 dwh or 253-5705 aw.

**Honda Odyssey**, 1995, 8 passenger van, blue, 4 wheel drive, excellent condition, very clean, JCI until July 2006, \$3,000. Call Tim at 253-6853 dwh or 253-2804 aw.

### OTHER ITEMS

**Misc.**, old Canon 35mm camera with electric winder, flash, telescopic lens, filters plus more misc. with carrying case, \$300. Call Maj. Braund at 253-4584 dwh or 253-5705 aw.

**Misc.**, black futon with black frame, futon cover included, \$100. Call Jerome at 253-6367 dwh or 090-6861-5498.

**Misc.**, 6 free cats to good homes, very sweet and playful, 2 adult females & 4 young cats. Call Pat Hensley at 253-5647 dwh or 21-7933 aw.

### JOB OPENINGS

CHRO (253-6828)

**MCCS:**  
-Supervisory Education Services Specialist

**Logistics:**  
-Supply Management Officer

**Facilities:**  
-Interdisciplinary Engineer  
**S-6:**  
-Electronic Technician

**Chaplains Office (253-6460)**

-Gospel Choir Director  
-Non-Denominational Music Director

**MCCS (253-3030)**

*(The following jobs are open at MCCS Personnel)*

**MCCS Job Listing:**

-Physical Security Supervisor, Executive Administration Office

-Merchandise Manager, Merchandising, civilian only

-Secretary, Semper Fit Administration, civilian only

-Secretary, Single Marine Program

-Wood Hobby/Crafts Supervisor, Wood Hobby Shop/Arts & Crafts, civilian only

-Senior Loss Prevention Agent, Executive Administration Office, in-house only

-Security Guard, Loss and Prevention Agent

-Sales Associate/Cashier, Main Complex, civilian only

-Sales Associate (Cosmetics), Main Complex, civilian only

-Senior Sales Associate, Main Complex, civilian only

-Retail Area Supervisor, Main Complex, civilian only

-Senior Sales Associate, Sound Shop, civilian only

-Sales Associate/Cashier, Military Clothing, civilian only

-Beautician, Beauty Shop

-Recreation Assistant, Wood Hobby Shop

Go to [www.mccsiwakuni.com](http://www.mccsiwakuni.com) for a complete job listing.

# SAKURA THEATER



### WICKER PARK

After he has his heart broken, a young Chicago investment banker, Matthew, returns from two years away from the city as he tried to recover from the experience. He's engaged to a different woman now. When he becomes obsessed with a woman he sees in a cafe, believing her to be his long-lost love, to the extent that he puts his engagement on hold, as his search for the girl soon sends him down a dangerous path. (115 minutes)



### RESIDENT EVIL: APOCALYPSE

Picking up where the end of the first movie left off, an elite military agent, Alice, finds herself stranded in the ruins of Raccoon City following a virus outbreak which has turned the city's inhabitants into blood-thirsty zombies. Searching for a way to contain the virus, Alice also teams up with other survivors. (94 minutes)



### PAPARAZZI

When an overzealous group of four paparazzi photographers cause a car accident that injures his wife and son, a hot young and very angry movie star named Bo Laramie concocts a revenge plot against them. (85 minutes)

### FRIDAY

7 p.m. WickerPark(PG-13)  
10 p.m. Resident Evil: Apocalypse (R)

### SATURDAY

1 p.m. Superbabies(PG)  
4 p.m. Vanity Fair(PG-13)  
7 p.m. Resident Evil: Apocalypse (R)  
10 p.m. The Cookout(PG-13)

### SUNDAY

4 p.m. Paparazzi(PG-13)  
7 p.m. WickerPark(PG-13)

### MONDAY

7 p.m. Friday Night Lights(PG-13)

### TUESDAY

7 p.m. Paparazzi(PG-13)

### WEDNESDAY

7 p.m. Hero(PG-13)

### THURSDAY

7 p.m. WickerPark(PG-13)

# COMMUNITY BRIEFS

## EDUCATION

**Test Schedule**  
**Tuesdays/Fridays** - CLEP, DSST  
**Monday** - DLAB  
**Wednesday** - DLPT  
**November 17** -ASVAB  
**November 18** - EDPT  
**November 22** -SAT  
**November 29** -ACT  
 For more information call 253-3855.

## CHRO

**CHRO Training**  
 ■ **Family Member Local Employment Orientation:** Wednesday, 8-9 a.m.  
 ■ **RESUMIX:** Wednesday, 9:30-10:30 a.m.  
 ■ **Outbound Family Member Priority Placement Program:** Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
 For more information and nomi-

nation, call 253-6828 or send e-mail to shiomuram.jp@iwakuni.usmc.mil. Classes will be held at CHRO training room, Building one, Room 102.

## MCCS

**CRMC Classes (253-6439)**  
 ■ **Hello U.S.A.:** Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Open to foreign-born spouses.

### Club Iwakuni

■ **Thanksgiving Day Meals To Go:** Purchase a 12-14 pound whole roasted turkey for \$40 at Club Iwakuni for pickup on Thanksgiving Day. Club members receive a \$5 discount. \$60-meals are also sold. Club members get a \$10 discount on meals. Orders must be placed before Nov. 22, 12 p.m., and paid for prior to pickup. The pickup time is arranged at the time of

payment. Call 253-3382 or 253-5416 for details.  
 ■ **Warrior Appreciation Dinner:** Nov. 20, 6 p.m. in the Club Iwakuni Ballroom. Free dinner for Marines and Sailors returning from combat areas. RSVP should be made to Stephanie Sutton at 253-5762 before Monday. Childcare is provided.

### MCX (253-5641)

■ **Oscars Gift Shop Sale:** Thursday through Nov. 20 receive 10 percent off kimono, happi coats, yukata and sword sets.  
 ■ **Free USMC Travel Mug:** With every individual purchase of three Hallmark cards, MCX customers can receive a free United States Marine Corps travel mug. This offer is good while supplies last.

### Single Marine Program (253-3585)

■ **Fukuoka Sea Hawks Town:** Nov. 13. \$20 transportation. Bring extra yen for lunch and shopping.

### School Age Center (253-4769)

■ **Power Hour Party:** Today, 4-5 p.m. Come party with us and discuss your successes.  
 ■ **Mikan Picking On Oshima Island:** Nov. 15, 4 p.m. Open to members enrolled in the School Age Center Program. Call

253-5900 to sign-up.

### Youth & Teen Center (253-6454)

■ **SMART Girls Meeting:** The meetings are held 3-5 p.m. 10 to 12-year-old girls meet every Monday and teenage girls meet Wednesdays. Come on over for free food and fun. The club is open to girls in the fifth through 12th grade.

### MCFTB (253-3754)

■ **Single & Active Duty Parent Support:** Wednesday, 10-11 a.m.  
 ■ **Volunteer Enrichment:** Thursday, 7 p.m.

### Healthy Thanksgiving Cooking Class

Nov. 23, 6-8 p.m. in the Wellness Kitchen. Sign-up for \$5 by calling 253-6359. Children under 17 must be accompanied by an adult.

### Building Your Child's Self-Esteem

Wednesday, 12-1 p.m. Sandwiches and drinks will be provided. Call 253-6553 to sign-up.

### Thrift Savings Plan Brief

Wednesday, 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call 253-6250 to sign-up.

### Money Management 101

Nov. 12, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Early registration is required. Call 253-6250 to sign-up.

### Spouses Of Deployed Service Members Get-together Picnic

Nov. 12, 12-1 p.m. at the picnic

area (Freedom Park) across the street from Building 411. Spouses and children are welcome. Bring your lunch. MCFTB will provide beverages.

### Base Taxi

Starting today, the Air Station's taxi cellular phone number will change to 090-8567-8001.

### MCCS One Source

MCCS One Source is a free and confidential service offering on-line articles, workshops, business locators and more. Visit <http://www.mccsonesource.com> (login ID: Marines; password: semperfi) or call toll-free from the Station, 96001-800-237-42374, or off base, 0010101-800-237-42374.

## COMMUNITY

### Crime Stoppers

If you have any information pertaining to a crime please call "Crime Stoppers" at 253-3333. Crime Stoppers is an answering service designed for anonymous callers to give information that would assist the Provost Marshal's Office in solving and preventing crime.

### Thrift Store

The Thrift Store is open Mondays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wednesdays from 5-7 p.m. and the last Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in Building 1117, located next to the Chapel. Volunteers and donations are always welcome. Call 253-4721 for more information.

# Collecting green on the greens

STORY AND PHOTOS BY  
**CHL. ANTHONY D. PIKE**  
*Combat Correspondent*

After weeks of delay due to rain, the Parent Teacher Organization golf tournament finally teed off at the Torii Pines golf course Oct. 30.

The Parent Teacher Organization golf tournament offered golfers some fun competition playing a best ball format while raising money for a worthy cause, the elementary school.

The PTO golf tournament is one of a handful of fund raisers held during the year for the elementary school.

"All money goes directly to the school," said Melissa Young, PTO president. "Throughout the year, we buy the things teachers and the administration need."

The school should be fine as Iwakuni golfers came out in force, filling the list with enough extras to fill two teams.

"We have 72 players this year and we expect to reach \$1,000," said Lt. Cmdr. Robert Keating, organizer of this year's tournament. "We had a full format of 18 teams with four players."

This year's PTO golf tournament is the second annual and was continued after last year's success.

"We've been planning this since last year," said Young. "We wanted to do it again after last year's tournament. This year Keating said he would he would set up the tournament."

As for the golfers, they could



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say they enjoyed the best ball format.

"We played standard best ball which most of us like to play anyway," said retired Gunnery Sgt. Kevin Crone, Junior ROTC teacher. "I like to play it because I am a scrub, an avid golfer who doesn't get out to play enough."

Along the way for the golfers weary from too much sun, was a snack stand operated by teachers and a couple of Marine volunteers.

"The food and drink they had out there were plenty," said Crone.

It may have been plenty, but just not enough to push Crone and his teammates into the lead. "We shot perfect par for the day," he said. "Unfortunately, in this type of format you need to be shooting at least five under. But I still had a blast, it was a great time out there."



Bob Nelson tees off during the Parent Teacher Organization golf tournament.



Lance Cpls. Ricardo Moreno, left, and Christian Geronimo, both of Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 212, volunteered to cook food for the tournament.



Station Sergeant Major, Sgt. Maj. David Allison prepares to put on the 9th green of the tournament.

## CHAPEL SERVICES

### Roman Catholic

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

### Protestant

Sunday	8 a.m.	Non-Denominational Christian Worship Service
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowships
	11 a.m.	Gospel Worship Service

### Cooperative Chapel Ministries

3rd Saturday 8 a.m. Men's Fellowship Breakfast

## LAY LED SERVICES

### Church of Christ

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
Wednesday	7 p.m.	Bible Study

### Seventh-Day Adventist

2nd & 4th Saturdays  
 9:30 a.m. Sabbath School/Worship

### Jewish

Every other Friday  
 6:30 p.m. Shabbat

### Latter Day Saints

Sunday	1 p.m.	Priesthood/RS Meeting
	2 p.m.	Sunday School
	3 p.m.	Sacrament

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

## Batter Up!



Cpl. Anthony D. Pike

Master Sgt. Benjamin Slater, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, finance chief, hits a sacrifice fly during this at bat. Marines from the Station battled in soccer and softball against their Japanese counterparts in friendly competition at Penny Lake Monday. The Marines won the final softball game 8-4 after trailing early in the game.





Lawrence Giberson

Capt. Mary Kate Bailey, a member of the All Marine running team, runs amongst a group of men during the 29th annual Marine Corps Marathon Sunday.



Lance Cpl. Christopher Roberts

More than 16,000 runners stood on the starting line for the 29th Annual Marine Corps Marathon on Sunday. The 26.2 mile course began and ended near the Marine Corps War Memorial across the Potomac River from Washington, and passed several landmarks.

## Marine wins at 29th Annual Marine Corps Marathon

COL. J. AGG  
Combat Correspondent

**MARINE CORPS BASE QUANTICO, Va.** — Quantico Marine and veteran All Marine runner, Capt. Mary Kate Bailey, became the first Marine to win the women's division of "The Peoples' Marathon" Sunday in Arlington since 1st Lt. Joanna Martin accomplished the feat in 1979. Retta Feyissa, a New York resident from Ethiopia, won the men's division.

Bailey, a Long Island, N.Y., native currently serving as assistant inspector at the Base's Office of the Inspector, pulled away from her competition to run the final 12 miles of the 29th Annual Marine Corps Marathon unchallenged with a time of 2 hours, 48 minutes and 31 seconds. Lieutenant Cmdr. Kimberly Fagan, of San Diego, placed second at 2:51:17, and Suzanne Clemmer, of Gastonia, N.C., who won the Grandfather Mountain Marathon, Virginia Creeper Marathon and Charlotte Marathon earlier in 2004, finished third in 2:59:11.

Feyissa, who finished in 2:25:35 to claim the overall win, exchanged the lead with Terrance Shea of Rochester, Mich., for the final two and a half miles before Shea dropped behind to finish second in 2:25:57. Christopher Juarez of San Antonio finished third in 2:26:03.

Bailey, whose three brothers, all Marine officers, were on hand to offer support during and after the race, said the memory of her father, also a Marine and Vietnam War veteran, helped to keep her motivated throughout the race.

"My father is buried at Arlington,"

said Bailey. "He was in the back of my mind."

Bailey also praised the efforts of the Marines who worked in support of the marathon.

"The Marines out there are giving awesome support," said Bailey.

Bailey's older brother, Maj. Farrell Sullivan, a project officer for the Marine Corps Combat Development Command Concepts Branch here, said attending the Marathon to support Bailey was extremely important for her family.

"We've been a tight family for a long time," said Sullivan. "Dad was a Marine and was hurt in Vietnam, [and] he was a huge inspiration for all of us. We have always wanted to do well for him. It's about doing good for the Marine Corps and our family."

Sullivan said his sister's success at this year's Marine Corps Marathon was also fueled by her personal dedication to being the best in every endeavor.

"She has the will and determination to succeed," said Sullivan. "It's the kind of determination you don't see in normal people. She is a very focused person who takes a lot of pride in what she does."

Sullivan also said he could not have been more proud of his sister as the first representative of the Marine Corps to win the women's division of the race in 25 years.

"This is huge for the Marine Corps," said Sullivan. "My first thought was, 'Yeah, that's my sister.' I couldn't have been more emotionally touched if I had crossed the finish line myself. The amount of pride I felt was overwhelming."



Lance Cpl. Christopher Roberts

Col. Tom Bright, Chief of Staff, Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va. smiles as he places a first place medal on Capt. Mary Kate Bailey. Bailey, from Long Island, N.Y., and currently stationed at Quantico, was the first female finisher with a time of 2:48:31 during the 29th annual Marine Corps Marathon Sunday. She is the first Marine to win the marathon since 1979.