

DoD stresses troop support mail policy

DoD PRESS RELEASE

The Department of Defense announced, Nov. 2, the continued suspension of the "Any Service member" mail program. Accordingly, the general public is urged not to send unsolicited mail, care packages or donations to service members during the holiday season.

During this time of the year, the number of donation programs increases and causes mail from families and friends to be mixed with mail from unknown sources resulting in delivery delays.

DoD continues to emphasize that names and addresses of military service members must not be distributed by the media, Web sites, companies, nonprofit organizations, schools and individuals for the purpose of collecting letters of support or donations for mailing to service members.

Service members should receive mail only from those friends and family members to whom they personally gave their address.

Military addresses should not be passed around by family members for use by donation programs. Unknown mailers could then obtain

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U.S. forces in Japan gather for Keen Sword

JAPAN JOINT INFORMATION BUREAU PRESS RELEASE

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — Military units from the U.S. and Japanese Self Defense Forces, including various units from Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, conducted joint bilateral military exercises, November 11, at locations throughout Japan as part of Exercise Keen Sword 2005.

The exercise, which began Nov. 11, is designed to further increase the defensive readiness of Japanese and American forces through training in air, ground, and sea operations and to improve interoperability between the two countries' forces. It included dissimilar aircraft training, noncombatant evacuation operation, base security and force protection, search and rescue, close air support, and tactical air drops by C-130 aircraft.

Approximately 400 U.S. Air Force members participated in the exercise that also included members from the United States Army, Navy, Marines and a National Guard unit.

"The opportunity to work together with the Japanese on this large of a scale only comes about every two years," said Lt. Gen. Thomas C. Waskow, Commander, United States Forces Japan. "We are excited for the opportunity to rigorously test



Master Sgt. Val Gempis

A C-130 "Hercules" aircraft from the 36th Airlift Squadron, Yokota Air Base, Japan, takes off for a cargo air drop mission during exercise Keen Sword 2005, Nov 11.

what we have learned in the past against current mission requirements, not only at a command level, but also with our airmen, sailors, soldiers and Marines in a variety of scenarios."




The exercise was conducted at U.S. and Japanese military installations throughout Japan and concluded today.

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Officials warn residents to stay vigilant during holiday season

CHL. DAVE BONI
Combat Correspondent

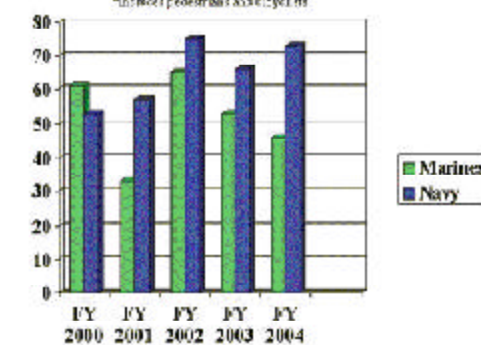
The holiday season is fast approaching along with all the gift-wrapping and tree decorating associated with it. But along with the flickering lights and plastic Santa Claus's, danger lurks for all unsuspecting Station residents.

Iwakuni officials warn residents here to stay vigilant during the holidays, where, year after year, someone falls off a ladder while hanging that last strand of lights.

"Holiday safety is really no different than any other time of the year except for the fact that you participate in

Privately Owned Motor Vehicle fatalities for FY 2000-2004*

*includes pedestrians and cyclists



activities you normally wouldn't like hanging lights and decorations," said Mark Parsons, Station Safety Center

safety and occupational health specialist. "People also tend to travel more during the holidays as well."

To combat senseless casualties this holiday season the Air Station is conducting a mandatory safety standdown.

"There are four mandatory safety standdowns required each year," said Mr. Richard Perry, Safety Director. "Two of those standdowns are to

be conducted by the section or unit and

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A service admirably accomplished

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This message goes out from the Marines within Marine Aircraft Group 12 to all the folks within Marine Corps Community Services and the military community who made this year's Marine Corps Ball an astonishing and magnificent event. The time, money, patience and man hours put into this year's Ball was clearly and completely worth the effort of all those who contributed.

We here in MAG-12 want to thank each individual who participated for your invaluable support ensuring this year's Ball was a sensation. Your hard work and commitment to the workforce was directly responsible for this year's ceremony and it would be selfish not admitting how memorable an event this Ball has been.

We thank all of you for your unflagging efforts as you assisted in the 2004 Iwakuni Ball. Even with the soaring number of personnel who had to participate and contribute, the celebration went off without a hitch and we are appreciative of a task well completed.

Nevertheless, there are those individuals who shined in the spotlight. MAG-12 would like to extend kudos to Master Sgt. Lloyd West, MCCA, and those Marines assigned to him who took the time, two weeks to be exact, to employ their hard labor setting up the interior portion of the inside gym. In addition, special recognition and gratitude should be awarded to Master Gunnery Sgt. Jim Jackson, MCCA staff noncommissioned officer in charge; Mr. Robert Johnston, MCCA Chief of Semper Fit; John Pace, Special Events Manager; the Staff of MCCA Productions and a splendid

thanks to Mr. Dale Smith, MCCA Director. Mr. Smith's extraordinary leadership and MCCA staff unparalleled expertise and motivation was infectious in enhancing the morale and spirits of all patrons who attended this year's event.

Lastly, Sgt. Maj. Roland Daniel, Headquarters & Headquarters Squadron Sergeant Major, methodically planned, practiced and executed the ceremony guaranteeing success through his extraordinary work ethic and keen insight. Sgt. Maj. Daniel, without a doubt, set the standard by captivating and pleasing the audience for his role of supervising the pageant and ceremonial segment of this year's Ball.

For all readers, MAG-12 would hope that each one of you would take the time, if you have not done so, and say thank you to those people who made this year's Ball a breathtaking event.

Girl scouts go above, beyond at birthday ball

TONYA DAHL
Studio 2B Girl Scout troop leader

On November 5, Studio 2B Girl Scouts hosted a fundraiser, by providing a hat, glove and coat check for the 229th Marine Corps Birthday Ball. We want to give a very big thank you to everyone who donated money to us that evening. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.

We would also like to give a most special thanks to Sgt. Maj. O'Donnell for his time and effort in helping us to raise the money. Sergeant Major, what you did really meant a lot to us. Thank you very much; we've elected you as our "Honorary Troop Girl Scout!" The money that was so generously donated that evening is going toward our winter conference in Tokyo; thank you all for helping us get closer to our goal.

To the five Studio 2B Girl Scouts who worked the hat and glove check, Jo Shulock, C.C. Dahl, Jay Ishimaru,

Spring Siaw and Stephanie Marks, we just want to say that we were very impressed with your manners, grace, and positive attitudes; not to mention your poise and bearing in the face of some of the end-of-ball "merriness." You all presented yourselves like outstanding young women and the money raised definitely was a reflection on you and the image you portrayed personally and as girl scouts. We were very proud to be associated with each and every one of you and are honored to be your leaders. Way to go girls.....you so totally rock!!

To the parents of these five girls: we know that you are already so proud of your daughters and we're sure you hear this often, however, we just wanted to thank you as well and let you know that you have daughters who set themselves above the rest with their maturity, unique personalities, compassionate and caring attitudes, bearing and ladylike manners. Give yourselves a most well-deserved pat on the back—you done good!!

CHATTERBOX

"What was your most memorable Thanksgiving?"



"The whole family got together for Thanksgiving... it came out to 36 people over for dinner and 26 ended up spending the night. There were about 26 pies that day."

Master Sgt. Benjamin F. Slater
Finance Chief
Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron



"I was eating with a girlfriend on Thanksgiving when she got arrested by the police."

Sgt. Tian L. Jackson
Motor Transport Operator
Marine Wing Support Squadron 171



"My cousin and I ran my truck into a canal one Thanksgiving."

PFC Neil D. Peterson
Inventory Clerk
Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron

Warhawks return from Thailand

CL. DAVID REVERE
Combat Correspondent

Navy Strike Fighter Squadron 97 and supporting Marines returned, Nov. 9, from Korat, Thailand in conclusion of this year's Thailand Incremental Training Program.

The primary purpose of TITP was to provide 1st Marine Aircraft Wing units the opportunity to conduct combined air-to-air and air-to-ground core competency training with Royal Thai Air Force units.

"We're here to do joint operations with the Thai," said Lt. Cmdr. Andrew McFarlane, VFA-97 administrative officer. "We do dissimilar aircraft combat training. We have large-scale exercises with some aircraft simulating an enemy."

The pilots valued the unique training opportunity, learning new techniques and imparting some of their own.

"It was a great opportunity to train

against a dissimilar aircraft," said Lt. Kevin Overmann, VFA-97 schedules officer.

The pilots flew simulated sorties in large-scale combat exercises with F/A-16s and F/A-5s from the RTAF.

"I think it went very well overall," Overmann said. "It's just a great experience to go and work with someone whose techniques are different than yours."

Flying wasn't the only important aspect of the joint exercise.

Petty Officer 2nd Class Suchan Yi, religious program as-



Cpl. David Revere
A Navy fighter pilot raises his hands clear of the controls of his F/A-18 for a "hot break" check at the end of a simulated combat exercise with the Thai Air Force.

stant, Marine Aircraft Group 12, said

many people benefited from the com-

munity relations projects throughout

the deployment.

"I think it's the fact that we're here that makes a difference," Yi said. "Our presence lets people 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, opportunities to visit villages and teach English at schools show the service member as a caring individual, according to Yi.

"Overall, we're making a major im-

act," he said. "We are giving a different view of America."

Banshees commemorate experience in Japan

LANCE CL. CULLEN J. TIERNAN
Combat Correspondent

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION CHERRY POINT, N.C. — In the skies over the ominous hills of Korea, through Guam's vast jungles, throughout the Pacific and stationed in the heart of Japan's mainland, Marine Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron 1 safeguarded the world and kept Marine commanders educated in the importance of electronic warfare.

The Banshees returned from a nearly seven month deployment, Nov. 1. The last of their EA-6B Prowlers landed at Cherry Point, reuniting the Marines with their families, who have seen them off in the skies for most of the last two years.

"In Japan, we demonstrated the Prowler's unique capabilities," said Lt. Col. Robert D. Loynd, commanding officer, VMAQ-1. "Our presence revalidated the value of airborne electronic warfare in support of the III Marine Expeditionary Force."

The Banshees have performed their jobs in a wide variety of difficult circumstances and different cultures. They were based out of Turkey during Operation Northern Watch, and supported Operation Southern Watch from Saudi Arabia. In 2003, they found themselves supporting ground forces in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"VMAQ-1 has been constantly deployed," said Capt. Jamie Conrad, electronic counter measure officer. "We have worked well on an international scene. With members of America's coalition, and more recently with the Japanese Air Force, and we have completed training missions, fulfilled training and proficiency requirements. In Japan, we were a forward American pres-



Lance Cpl. Cullen J. Tiernan
The North Carolina Sun sets on an EA-6B Prowler for the first time in months after the long trip home.

ence keeping stability in the region."

The deployments have rekindled a new sense of brotherhood at VMAQ-1. They have brought the squadron together, dealing with the same challenges and hardships as well as enjoying the good times.

"The whole experience was really good for me," said Lance Cpl. Brandon Haire, expeditor, VMAQ-1. "Learning about different cultures, hiking up mountains, exploring ancient Japanese temples, everything was just really interesting."

The Banshees hadn't been deployed to Japan for ten years. They proudly returned to the Western Pacific and were able to experience a new theater of operations, as well as immerse themselves in a new and exciting culture.

"We want to thank our gracious Japanese hosts," said Loynd. "We had an outstanding working relationship within the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing and Ma-

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NEWS BRIEFS

SENIOR CLASS YARD SALE

The Matthew C. Perry 2004-2005 Senior Class will sponsor a yard sale Dec. 4, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the triangle. All profits will support the yearly senior trip. Seniors are asking for community support through the donating of items for the sale. Points of contact for donated items are any high school senior or their care-giver. Donations need to be made by Nov. 27.

TORII TELLER POSTPONED

There will be no *Torii Teller*, November 26, due to Thanksgiving holiday. The paper will resume its normal schedule the following week. We apologize for the inconvenience. For further information, contact the Public Affairs Office at 253-5551.

PARENTS NIGHT OUT

Studio 2B Girl Scouts will be offering a baby sitting service, Nov. 26, in the Building 657 community room, from 6-10 p.m. A small snack and craft will be offered. CPR certified adults will be present. The money raised for November and December will help to finance a trip to the West Pacific Girl Scouts Winter Conference in Tokyo. Starting in December, the girls will be providing this service on the first and third Friday of each month. The fee is \$3 per hour per child. For reservations, call 253-2485 or 253-2276.

Ethics code restricts job search

Memorandum advises service members seeking post-government employment

CL. DAVID REVERE
Combat Correspondent

The Office of Government Ethics recently released a reference addressing the proper way to avoid potential conflicts of interest while pursuing employment opportunities.

The memo states under the following language: "Employees shall not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter that, to his knowledge, has a direct and predictable effect on the financial interests of a prospective employer with whom the employee is seeking employment."

The OGE memo clarifies the term "seeking employment," which is defined broadly.

For example, government employees must give an outright rejection to any overture by a prospective employer, or they will be considered to

be seeking employment.

A proper rejection should make it clear that there is no interest in considering the employment at the present time and no plans for such consideration are in the foreseeable future. The memo further states that communicating with a prospective employer through a third party is still considered seeking employment.

"A lot of these issues depend on what type of job you have and your rank," said Lt. Col. Charles W. Stubbs, Station Judge Advocate. "But we all need to do our best to represent government interests conflict free." Violation of the ethics codes regarding post-government employment is a serious, and potentially criminal, offense.

Even seemingly innocent interaction with a prospective employer may place government employees in conflict with the code.

In one government ethics code case this year, a U.S. Air Force contract negotiator pleaded guilty to a conspiracy charge for negotiating for a job with Boeing Corporation while still supervising the company's work for the Air Force. The woman was sentenced to nine months in prison.

"In cases like this, there's a serious conflict of interest," said Stubbs. "Our duty is to represent our government to the best of our ability, and to do so free of conflicts."

For more information on restrictions on seeking post-government employment, call the Station Judge Advocate office at 253-5591.

Information from a Staff Judge Advocate, Marine Corps Bases Japan memorandum was used in this story

Volunteer receives award for service to community

LANCE CL. CRISTIN K. BARTTER
Combat Correspondent

He wants you!... to volunteer.

Rick A. Perry, Station safety director, is a casual, soft-spoken, modest man who received the Chaplain's Volunteer of the Quarter award, Oct. 24, at his church for the services he has done for the local community.

For some families, spending time with loved ones involves a game or dinner and a movie, but for the Perry family it is all about volunteering.

With his wife Amelia and four girls: Michelle, 15, Elizabeth, 14, Kathleen, 12, and Nicole, 9, Perry wanted a way to combine time with his family with time devoted to helping the church and local community.

"Volunteering is a family activity for us," said Perry. "Whatever I did in the church I always did it with my children."

Perry said he insists on being a role model for his children and felt that being active in the community and church would help him.

"I wanted to do something to give my kids a good role model, one that they could look up to," said Perry. "If you want to show responsibility, it's easy to sit down with your kids and tell them to go to school and be a good kid, but the kids that see their parents out there doing things, they become very proud."

"He is a good role model for anybody," said Chris Clark, a fellow Parish counsel member. "If you are going to mold new Catholics and teach them how to be giving and serving to the church,

Perry is absolutely the perfect role model for that."

Perry is a part of the Parish Counsel, a small advisory board that makes decisions for his church.

There is pride in the decision making process for our community, said Perry.

Along with being a member of the Parish Counsel, Perry is also an elementary Sunday school teacher.

"I feel a joy knowing that I have a small influence in their lives, to help guide them," said Perry.

Perry is a volunteer during the Catholic Church services, and also a facilitator for the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults class, where people can come to ask questions about the Catholic faith.

"I feel charged after that class," said Perry, "I leave that class with a buzz."

Perry said he feels as though he learns more than the students in that class because, after receiving questions, he goes home and researches it so he can provide them with the correct, detailed answers.

Perry was very modest about receiving the award because of the other volunteers out there who have been working with him.

"We have more work than we have people," said Perry.

He said he loves what he does for the community and feels willing to take on more.

"If there is something going on, he's there," said Clark. "If you need something, you go to Rick."



Lance Cpl. Cristin K. Bartter

Rick A. Perry casually converses with students interested in the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults class. This is a time for people to come in and ask questions about the Catholic faith.

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are (military occupational specialty) specific. The other two are pre-holiday and pre-summer safety standowns."

According to Perry, before the push on summer safety standowns, Iwakuni suffered six drownings in four years. Since the pre-summer safety standowns, beginning in 2000, there has

not been a single drowning.

The focus of the pre-holiday safety standowns is drinking and driving and suicide prevention, said Perry.

According to statistics from the Naval Safety Center, from fiscal year 2000-2004, 258 Marines died from motor vehicle accidents. Four Marines have died said Parsons.

Other areas of concern drivers need to be wary

of are adverse weather conditions and road construction.

"Planning a route ahead of time and checking for anything that might impair your driving is always the best way to go," Parsons said.

Throughout the holidays, safety should be the first thing on everyone's list so the number of mishaps can be reduced and everyone gets back to work on Monday.

Marines go to school for 'child's play'

STORY AND PHOTOS BY
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Cultures of different generations and languages work together toward one common goal with the new Preschool Partnership Program.

The program offers Marines and Sailors a chance to get off base and interact with Japanese children and teachers.

"It gives us a good chance to interact with the community," said PFC. Doan T. La, Combat Service Support Detachment 36, supply and administration clerk. "The kids really appreciate what we do, plus it's a lot of fun. We basically just play with them the whole time."

"Everyone enjoys the visits," said Noriko Yamada, chaplain office administration specialist and Japanese liaison for the program. "The teachers and students love it every time we come in."

The program, which began in March, works two ways, said Yamada. While the Marines are teaching English words and American culture to the young students, the service members get to experience a piece of Japanese culture that most people don't get a chance to see.

"You get to see how Japanese classes are set up and see how different it is to what we are used to



Lance Cpl. Eric M. Koluch, CSSD-36 supply and administration clerk, teaches Japanese preschoolers basic English.

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those addresses and mail harmful items to service members.

For these reasons, DoD continues to indefinitely suspend general donation programs from unknown mailers.

Americans who don't have loved ones deployed overseas, can still show support during the holidays by other means.

A list of these programs is available at www.defendamerica.mil.

To guarantee mail arrives in time for end of year holidays, family members are encouraged to view the mailing guidelines at www.usps.com/cpm/ftp/bulletin/2004/pb22138.pdf.



Marines with CSSD-36 attempt to get a preschool class at Kinnan Hoikuen to "form-up" for a class photo.

back home," said La.

The program currently has 16 schools requesting volunteers from the Station to come and interact with the children at school. Out of the 16 schools that have enrolled in the program, 11 are adopted by various units.

Among the adopted schools, Kinnan Hoikuen was taken under the wing of CSSD-36. They visited the school, Nov. 9, for the first of their bimonthly visits. The five Marines who made the trip went into different classrooms and taught basic English words such as colors and numbers. After learning some English, the kids invited the Marines to help them make masterpieces out of Play-Doh.

"The kids learned basic words and phrases in English to

help communicate," said Lance Cpl. Eric M. Koluch, CSSD-36, supply and administration clerk. "They're really young but pick up on everything very fast. We had a good time."

"We're happy to see the interaction with the kids," said Shigeo Ishii, Kinnan Hoikuen Principal. "Through the program, we can get a better understanding of each other and our ideas. We are looking forward to the next visit."

The participating schools would like a small group of service members to participate once or twice a month from anywhere between half an hour to two hours a session, said Yamada. A Japanese translator usually accompanies the groups.

The Partnership Program is a great way to connect with the people of our



PFC Doan T. La, CSSD-36 supply and administration clerk, takes time to sit and play with some students.

host nation, said Koluch. It's an opportunity to experience something side-by-side in which we both have a chance to teach and to learn. Plus, when else do we get to play with Play-Doh at work?

There are still five schools that need sponsorship, said Yamada. Interested service members should contact the chaplain's office at 253-3371.

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rine Aircraft Group 12. One of the highlights of this deployment was the way we were able to formulate a cooperative relationship with the electronic warfare aspects of the Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force. Japanese Fleet Training Squadron, VC-91, cooperated with us on both a professional and a cultural level, and we thank them for their hospitality and friendship."

The Marines of VMAQ-1 have been working hard to perfect their important role as one of the six functions of Marine aviation. For the third year in a row, they have been recognized by the Marine Corps Aviation Association as the Marine Corps' Electronic Warfare Squadron of the year.

"None of these honors could have been accomplished without the tremendous skill and dedication to excellence demonstrated by the Marines of Q-1," said

Loynd. "Regardless of their job description, every Marine in our squadron has performed as a leader in their profession. I am distinctly proud of their accomplishments."

While working with the Japanese, VMAQ-1 focused on reestablishing the Prowler in support of the Pacific Command and the regional operation plans. In addition, they made clear to the MEF's commander, the electronic order of battle managers.

"Japan gave the Banshees an outstanding opportunity to exercise electronic warfare and surveillance techniques," said Loynd. "In defense of our vital assets and alliances overseas, we were able to demonstrate our unique capabilities. Showcasing, among other things, our Tactical Electronic Reconnaissance Processing & Evaluation System, which is a key segment of the Marine Air-Ground Intelligence System, and is something not offered to them by Naval Air."

Big Kyle claims Chili Slip-n-Slide softball tournament



Pery J. Miller and Leila R. Carlson of the Misfits proudly display their best chili trophy. "We might not be able to play softball very well, but at least we can cook," said Miller.



Do-Up shortstop Kenny A. Hendrix hammers a double down the third base line in the first game of the day against Big Kyle.

STORY AND PHOTOS BY
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The Chili Slip-n-Slide (no, it's not the newest ride at Disney World), held its sixth annual chili cook-off and softball tournament at Penny Lake, Nov. 13.

Five teams competed for two different Chili Slip-n-Slide titles: best chili and top softball team.

The spicy festivities kicked off at 9:00 a.m. with the first softball game between team Big Kyle and team Do-Up. Big Kyle stomped Do-Up in a 13-4 victory.

Big Kyle left fielder, Damon L. Wilson, was a bright spot in the lineup with a solid bat throughout the day. He hit an in-the-park home run as well as many other base hits to contribute to the win.

Competition is a large part of the tournament, but it's really just an excuse for everyone to come out and have fun and enjoy some good food, said Keith Carr, Marine Corps Community Services sports coordinator.

The teams were designed for this tournament only. The Chili Slip-n-Slide tournament has no affiliation with the intramural softball league, although teams from the league were allowed to join the competition.

Entrance to the tourney didn't cost the teams any money, but they did have to submit a pot of chili to gain admission.

The Chili competition was what many of the teams were waiting for. There were seven different recipes up for critique, ranging from vegetarian to lots of meat, spicy to mild, and canned to homemade.

In the end, the winner of the coveted chili cook-off trophy was team Misfits.

"We might not be able to play softball very well, but at least we can cook," said Perry J. Miller Misfits first baseman.

After everyone got a chance to get some chili, there was a little individual competition.

The first of the three individual events was the accurate arm throw. The competitor stands behind second base, 150 feet away from home plate, and throws a soft ball, trying to hit a trashcan sitting on home plate.

Last year's champion, Damon Wilson (who won all three events last year), was dethroned by Shawn R. Minsky who had a score of eight.

Wilson reclaimed his title in the fastest base runner contest with a smoldering time of 11.33 seconds.

Taking home the trophy and bragging rights of the home run competition was Freddie J. Jones, who hammered seven out of ten pitches for homers.

The overall team champion was Big Kyle, eliminating each of their competitors by at least five runs.

"The Chili was great and we had a great day of softball that everyone and their families could enjoy," said Carr.



Hitman's center fielder, Freddie J. Jones, rips a grounder down the first base line for a single in the last game of the night against Big Kyle. Big Kyle won the showdown, 15-6.



The trophy that is sought after by many teams year after year for the Chili Slip-n-Slide Softball Champions towers above the rest.



The Hitmen turn an easy out in their first game against Big Kyle. Big Kyle won the match 13-8.



Big Kyle's Jeffery T. Ball beats the throw from Hitman's second baseman Shawn R. Minsky. Minsky was also the winner of the accurate arm throw competition.



Big Kyle's center fielder Jeffery T. Ball sports a new hat as he walks off the field and prepares to bat.

New bills to foil funny money

Japanese currency changes frustrate counterfeiters



GUNNERY SGT. M.A. ZEID
Combat Correspondent

"Hey, this money is funny." No, it's not. It's just a new bill, which went into circulation the first of this month.

According to Masahiko Watanabe, assistant manager of a local branch of Yamaguchi Bank, the new Japanese banknotes were issued nationwide Nov. 1.

To prevent counterfeiting, the new banknotes have security devices such as pearl ink, watermarks and holograms.

In previous news releases, the Finance Ministry stated there is one more piece of technology used to prevent counterfeiting, but its being kept secret to make it harder for counterfeiters.

The real changes are the people honored on the bills. The old 1,000-yen bills honored Soseki Natsume, a 19th century author famous for his novels such as "Botchan" and "I am a Cat."

The new bills feature a portrait of Hideyo Noguchi, a microbiologist who isolated the cause of syphilis. Noguchi did research in the United States and then went on to South America and Africa where he died from yellow fever while trying to create a vaccine for the disease.

Inazo Nitobe was the person featured on the old 5,000-yen bills. He was a scholar who taught at several universities in Tokyo. He also wrote "Bushido - The Way of the Warrior."

The new bill has a picture of Ichiyo Higuchi, a 19th century female author who wrote about the unhappy and restricted lives of young women in Japan.

This was a subject she knew well from firsthand experience since she was forced to end her education after grammar school. She died from tuberculosis at 24 as a result of poverty and exhaustion. She is considered one of Japan's first feminist authors.

The only other woman on a Japanese banknote is Murasaki Shikibu, the 11th century author of "Tale of Genji," the story of life in feudal Japan. Her portrait is on the 2,000-yen bill, which was introduced in the summer of 2000 to commemorate the G-8 Summit Conference in Okinawa. This bill remains unchanged.

The 10,000-yen bill, the largest denomination bill, remains unchanged. It has a picture of Yukichi Fukuzawa, a 19th century scholar who founded Keio University in Tokyo.

The school is considered one of the top two universities in Japan and many of Japan's current politicians graduated from there.

The new bills are in circulation and are issued at banks. "The cash machines and vending machines are all set up to use the new bills," stated Watanabe.



OUT THE GATE

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

Kintai Bridge Maple Festival

There is a pressed flowers display at Iwakuni Chokokan museum now through Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Bonsai tree display at Kikkawa Museum now through Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. A market will be held by the Kikko Shrine Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Some of the events may be cancelled in the event of rain. Call 41-1477 for more details.

Ebisu Festival

A festival is scheduled around the Ebisu Shrine in Hiroshima City today and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. It will not be cancelled in the event of rain. Call 082-241-6268 for details.

Yanai "Parasol Shop" Flea Market

A flea market is scheduled Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., along the street in front of JR Yanai Train Station. Call 0820-22-3731 for more details.

Japanese Ancient Martial Arts Performance

Visitors can view the performance at the Itsukushima Shrine, Miyajima Island, Nov. 28, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., 26 martial art schools perform drills. An admission is required to enter the shrine. For further information, call 0829-44-2011.

Hiroshima Castle Events

There will be Kagura performance, a Japanese sacred music and dance, Saturday and Nov. 27, starting at 5 p.m. They may be cancelled in case of inclement weather. Call 082-221-6516 for more 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

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.

Nissan Skyline GTS-T, 1991, 2 door, black, automatic, sports exhaust, HKS blow off valve, Apexi air intake air filter, engine mount bar, engine timer, A/C, P/W, good car and deal, JCI until July 2006, \$2,500 obo. Call Leroy at 253-5509 dwh or 090-6438-0685.

Toyota MR2, 1991, 2 door, JCI until 2006, \$2,500. Call Christian Dale at 253-5578 dwh or 253-2613 aw.

Mitsubishi Chariot, 1991, 7 passenger, 4 door, hatchback, JCI until July 2005, \$1,500 obo. Call Tara Dale at 253-2613.

OTHER ITEMS

Misc., walnut lamp table with glass top, good condition, \$25; 18 speed bike, good condition, \$75. Call Beverly Suther at 253-2715.

Misc., Wave Master punching/kicking bag, sparring gear for adult male, female and child, stretching machine, \$300 for all or willing to sell separately; multi speed street bicycle, good condition, very tall, \$30; older Canon AT-1, 35mm camera with telescopic lens,

filters, electric winder, flash, accessories, carrying case, \$250. Call Maj. Braund at 253-4584 dwh or 253-5705 aw.

Misc., "Huge Yard/Moving Sale", provided by 7 families, Dec. 12, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the community room, Building 658, Yuri Tower. Items for sale include assorted pieces of furniture, home decor, household goods, electronics, craft and stamping supplies, camping gear, and name brand clothing and shoes.

Misc., Graco swing, \$20; Medela Pump-In-Style, \$200; Kolcraft bassinet, \$45; coffee and end table set, cherry color with glass in the middle, \$120.

Call Tara Dale at 253-2613.

Misc., small travel stroller, \$5; baby bath seat, \$2; infant bath tub, \$5; crib wedge, \$8; Boppy pillow, \$10; Graco infant car seat/carrier, blue & green plaid, \$15; head-n-back newborn positioner, \$5; picture ornament books, set of 2, new, \$6. Call Erica at 253-2203.

JOB OPENINGS

CHRO (253-6828)

MCCS: -Supervisory Education Services Specialist

Logistics: -Supply Management Officer

Facilities: -Interdisciplinary Engineer

-Architect
S-6:
-Electronic Technician
Clinic:
-Occupational Health Nurse

Chaplains Office (253-6460)
-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

-Retail Area Supervisor, Main Complex, civilian only

-Store Worker, Main Complex, civilian only

-Auto Hobby Shop Supervisor, Auto Hobby, civilian only

-Wood Hobby/Crafts Supervisor, Wood Hobby/Arts & Crafts,

civilian only
-Operations Assistant, Auto Hobby Shop, civilian only
-Club Operations Assistant, Club Iwakuni, civilian only

-Duty Manager, Temporary Lodging Facility
Continuously Open Jobs

Loss And Prevention:
-Security Guard (Loss And Prevention Agent)

Retail Branch:
-Laborer
-Sales Clerk
-Store Worker

-Food Service Worker (Auto Mini Mart)

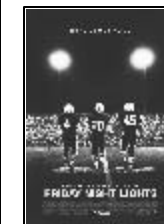
Food & Hospitality:
-ID Checker
-Waiter/Waitress
-Food Service Worker

Services Branch:
-Car Rental/Service Station Attendant

-Car/Washer/Laborer

Library Branch:
-Library Aid
-Library Technician
Go to www.mccswakuni.com for a complete job listing.

SAKURA THEATER



FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS

In depicting the daily grind of coach Gary Gaines' winning team and the potential destinies of its individual players, the story paints a vivid portrait of Odessa where, once a week during the fall, the town and its dreams come alive beneath the dazzling and disorienting Friday night lights when the Panthers take to the field. Friday Night Lights illuminates the hopes and dreams of Odessa's townsfolk. (117 minutes)



THE INCREDIBLES

Once one of the world's masked crime fighters, Bob Parr fought evil and saved lives on a daily basis. Fifteen years later, he and his wife have been forced to take on civilian identities and retreat to the suburbs with their children. The sidelined superhero gets his chance when a mysterious communication summons him to a remote island for a top secret assignment. Now, the family must come together and once again find the fantastic in their family life. (105 minutes)



POLAR EXPRESS

Believing in Santa Claus isn't easy when all of your friends and family insist he's just make-believe. A boy's faith is rewarded one Christmas Eve when he's awakened by a steam train that pulls up in front of his house and takes him and other children to the North Pole to meet Santa. (100 minutes)

FRIDAY
7 p.m. Ladder49(PG-13)
10 p.m. Friday Night Lights(PG-13)
SATURDAY
1 p.m. First Daughter(PG)
4 p.m. The Incredibles(PG)
7 p.m. Mr. 3000(PG-13)
10 p.m. Ladder49(PG-13)
SUNDAY
4 p.m. First Daughter(PG)
7 p.m. Resident Evil 2: Apocalypse (R)
MONDAY
7 p.m. Wimbledon(PG-13)
TUESDAY
7 p.m. Ray(PG-13)
WEDNESDAY
7 p.m. The Incredibles(PG)
THURSDAY
7 p.m. Polar Express(G)

MOVIE SCHEDULE

FRIDAY

11 a.m./5 p.m. Down Periscope (PG-13)
2 p.m./8 p.m. The Majestic (PG)
11 p.m./5 a.m. The Art Of War (R)
2 a.m. Beautiful Joe (R)

SATURDAY

11 a.m./5 p.m. Confessions Of A Teenage Drama Queen (PG)
2 p.m./8 p.m. Daddy Day Care (PG)
11 p.m./5 a.m. Beyond Borders (R)
2 a.m. WonderBoys (R)

SUNDAY

11 a.m./5 p.m. Two Brothers (PG)
2 p.m./8 p.m. King Arthur (PG-13)
11 p.m./5 a.m. Brown Sugar (PG-13)
2 a.m. Wrong Turn (R)

MONDAY

11 a.m./5 p.m. Ella Enchanted (PG)
2 p.m./8 p.m. I, Robot (PG-13)
11 p.m./5 a.m. Black Hawk Down (R)
2 a.m. The Contender (R)

TUESDAY

11 a.m./5 p.m. Good Boy! (PG)
2 p.m./8 p.m. Master And Commander (PG-13)
11 p.m./5 a.m. Bounty Hunter (R)
2 a.m. Exorcist (R)

WEDNESDAY

11 a.m./5 p.m. Hot Shots (PG-13)
2 p.m./8 p.m. Shallow Hal (PG-13)
11 p.m./5 a.m. Bulletproof Monk (PG-13)
2 a.m. The Last Stop (R)

THURSDAY

11 a.m./5 p.m. Orange County (PG-13)
2 p.m./8 p.m. League Of Extraordinary Gentlemen (PG-13)
11 p.m./5 a.m. Women On Top (R)
2 a.m. The Longest Yard (R)

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

EDUCATION

Test Schedule

Tuesdays/Fridays - CLEP, DSST

Monday - SAT

November 29 - ACT

For more information call 253-3855.

HEALTHCARE

Healthy Thanksgiving Cooking Class

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

CHRO

CHRO Training

Family Member Local Employment Orientation: Dec. 8, 8-9 a.m.

RESUMIX: Dec. 8, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Outbound Family Member Priority Placement Program: Dec. 8, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. For more information and nomination, 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)

Ten Steps To Federal Employment: Tuesday, 9-11 a.m. Learn effective writing and formatting tips for federal job applications.

Local Employment Overview: Nov. 30, 9-10:30 a.m.

Club Iwakuni

Thanksgiving Day Buffets, Thursday.

At the Marine Lounge, from 12 p.m. until all of the food is gone. Free and open to MCCS patrons and guests age 18 and older, in addition to all service members. Visit us on the second floor of Crossroads Mall

At the Hornet's Nest, from 12 p.m. until all of the food is gone. Free and exclusively for single and unaccompanied service members. Enjoy lots of food, drinks and games

Thanksgiving Day Grand Buffet in the Club Ballroom, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Enjoy herb roasted honeysuckle turkey, Seafood Newburgh, roasted prime rib of beef, roasted rum glazed ham with orange caramel sauce, and more. \$4.95 for children ages 4-10 and \$14.95 for adults. Reservations can be made by calling 253-5416.

MCX (253-5641)

After Thanksgiving Savings Event: Nov. 26-28, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Discounted items include Kuran and Cheviot jewelry, T-Fal cookware and Jamie Oliver series, Yamaha Speaker systems, Women's Corduroy jeans and Polo jeans, and more. Enjoy hourly door busters Nov. 26, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

MCFTB (253-3754)

L.I.N.K.S. Session: Saturday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Yujo Hall.

Single Marine Program (253-3585)

Spades Tournament: Saturday, 6 p.m. Great prizes for first, second and third place winners.

Kenko Kudamatsu Ice Skating: Nov. 27, 10 a.m. \$10 transportation. ¥400 for skate rental and ¥1,100 for admission. Bring extra yen for food and souvenirs.

School Age Center (253-4769)

Monthly Birthday Party: Nov. 30, 4-5 p.m. Celebrate your birthday this month with cake, games and friends. Members born this month receive a coupon redeemable at Iwakuni's Route 2 McDonald's.

Youth & Teen Center (253-6454)

Maple Festival At Iwakuni Kikko Park: Sunday, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Eight SMART Girl members can participate in a local festival dressed in kimono, listen to Japanese music, and eat Japanese food. Sign-up today.

Library Christmas Bingo

Now through Dec. 22, visit the Station library to receive bingo cards with various genres of books in each square. When library patrons read a book from a particular genre, a square is marked. When five squares are marked, patrons may select a small prize from under the Christmas tree. Their name is then entered into a drawing for a grand prize, to be selected Dec. 22. Participants must be at

least 18-years-old. For details, call 252-3078.

Thrift Savings Plan

Enrollment is open through Dec. 31 for the Thrift Savings Plan. Visit the Financial Fitness office in room 217, Building 411, to receive information about the five different types of funds to invest in. Call 253-6250 for more details.

Free Financial Counseling

Financial Fitness Counselors are available to provide assistance in setting up a spending plan to live within your means, pay off high interest debts more quickly, and develop your financial goals. Call 253-6250 for more information.

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.

Chaplain turns fighter pilot



Photo courtesy of MWSS-171 Chaplain's Office

Lt. Dan Reardon, Marine Aircraft Group 12 chaplain, takes off in the back seat of an F/A-16 fighter jet. Reardon, who has all his selected tactical jet passenger qualifications, received the flight as a special honor from the Royal Thai Air Force during this year's Thailand Incremental Training Program exercise. "We hit nine g's on a bombing getaway maneuver and we did a straight up rocket blast with full backward loop," said Reardon.

JROTC competes for Commander's Cup

STORY AND PHOTOS BY
LANCE CPT. CRISTIN K. BARTTER
Combat Correspondent



JROTC Iwakuni cadets work as a team to do as many sit-ups as possible. The goal is to move together as one.

The Navy Sasebo Junior Reserve Officer's Training Corps unit defeated the Marine Corps Iwakuni JROTC unit for the Commander's Cup, Saturday.

The Commander's Cup is a competition between the Iwakuni and Sasebo JROTC units to help build camaraderie and compete in healthy competition between the Marine Corps and Navy. The Cup consists of events such as paintball, drill, inspection, a physical fitness test and other relay events.

Nov. 12, the two teams battled it out on the paintball field. Although the event did not count for score, it was an event the cadets could enjoy some fun, paint-smearing competition.

The next day the two teams competed against each other in drill, Marine Corps knowledge and physical training.

According to Cadet Sharrell J. Bellous, one of the tougher events was the inspection. The students found the Marines intimidating. To some cadets, it was nerve-racking to be asked a question like,

"What is your fifth general order?"

"I think that this is great," said Cadet 2nd Lieutenant Cindy L. Stasher. "It allows us to show our ability and knowledge in competition."

The JROTC program is a military regulated high school course with the purpose of educating students in leadership and motivating them to become better U.S. citizens.

"One of our goals is to make them better leaders and to help mold them into respectable citizens so that, once they get out into the civilian world, they can succeed," said Gunnery Sgt. Kevin C. Crone, a Marine instructor for the Iwakuni JROTC unit. The leadership traits and the things that we teach Marines to help them become successful will bring success in the civilian world as well.

"We want to give them the tools that they need to be successful in what they choose to do," said Crone.



"It's been fun!" said Cadet PFC Kjrsten R. Okland as she takes cover in a paintball tournament against Sasebo.

Although the Iwakuni JROTC unit lost in almost every event, they managed to keep their spirits high and prepare for future events to come.

"We tried our best," said Cadet PFC Kjrsten R. Okland.

The JROTC unit will be competing in the Far East competition in February. The competition is going to have the same events as the Commander's Cup, but there will only be 13 cadets allowed to compete in every event.



Gunnery Sgt. Mathis L. Prunty inspects Cadet Lance Cpl. Jessica M. Kwasny on her military uniform and Marine Corps knowledge.

IWAKUNI SPORTS SCENE

FAMILY APPRECIATION BOWLING DAYS

Saturday, 1-5 p.m. All games are half price, 75 cents, at the Bowling Center. Call 253-4657 for details.

HOLIDAY BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Coaches meet Nov. 30, 9:30 a.m. in the IronWorks Gym Wellness Room. The tournament is Dec. 4, 9 a.m. on the Sports Courts. For more details, call 253-5777.

HOLIDAY PARTY & SALE

Dec. 19, 12-5 p.m. Customers receive 25-50 percent off select items at the Torii Pines Golf Pro Shop and enjoy free wine and cheese.

16TH ANNUAL JAPANESE AMERICAN GOODWILL DUATHLON

Race your friends for a trophy Nov. 28, 9 a.m. The Duathlon con-

sists of a five-kilometer run, 28-kilometer bike race, and second five-kilometer run on the Station. Open to the Station residents, family members, and local residents. The event kicks off at the IronWorks Gym. Call 253-5777 for further information.

DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT

Coaches meet Dec. 7, 9:30 a.m. in the IronWorks Gym Wellness Room. The tournament takes place Dec. 11, 9 a.m. on the Sports Courts. Call 253-5777 for more information.

ANNUAL THREE-CLUB GOLF TURKEY SHOOT

Sunday, 7:30 a.m. showtime and 8 a.m. shotgun start. Only three clubs per player are allowed on the course. Enjoy special contests in this point tournament with individual gross and net score prizes. For more information, call 253-3402.

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
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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
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Jewish

Every other Friday	6:30 p.m.	Shabbat
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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.

229-mile birthday run honors Marines

STORY AND PHOTOS BY
PFC LUKAS J. BLUM
Combat Correspondent

Mile one, Nov. 10, 1775, the leatherneck is born in Tun Tavern. Mile 137, 1912 Alfred A. Cunningham introduces aviation to the Marine Corps which adds a whole new dimension to it's war fighting prowess. Mile 229, present day Marines in Iraq and Afghanistan fight courageously for the war on terror.

Marines from Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12 began the 229-mile Marine Corps birthday run, Nov. 9, to commemorate each of the Corps' 229 decorated years as the best fighting force in the world. They completed their 2nd annual Marine Corps birthday run that was 229 years in the making Nov. 10.

"We wanted to bring camaraderie and focus to what it means to be part of this Corps," said Sgt. Maj. Devell Durham Jr., MALS-12 sergeant major. "We want people to remember the significance of being a U.S. Marine."

The run kicked off at 7:30 a.m. at the north side



Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12 runs down the home stretch of the 229-mile journey they began more than 30 hours ago.

football field. The oldest Marine in the squadron, Master Gunner Sgt. Allen Dedmon, MALS-12 avionics chief, born in 1956, ran the first mile carrying the squadron and Marine Corps colors.

The first 225 miles of the run were run in one-mile lengths by individual Marines from the squadron who volunteered prior to the event, said Durham. The runners kept a consistent eight minute mile pace.

"When we put the run roster up for volunteers to sign up, all 224 slots were taken in less than 15 minutes," said Durham.

The youngest Marine in the Squadron, PFC Michael A. Teague, MALS-12 maintenance administration clerk born in 1986, completed the 226th mile at 1:14 p.m.

Out of the 738 service members

with MALS-12, 580 were able to participate in the annual event, said Durham. Some of the absent service members are currently serving with the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit in Iraq.

"We want Marines to realize what's happening in the real world," said Durham. "We're going up against the enemy in Iraq and doing great things. This is about every Marine and Sailor and remembering what they are doing at this hour."

The run was started one year ago by the Marauders to begin a birthday tradition where they can continue to better themselves, said Durham.

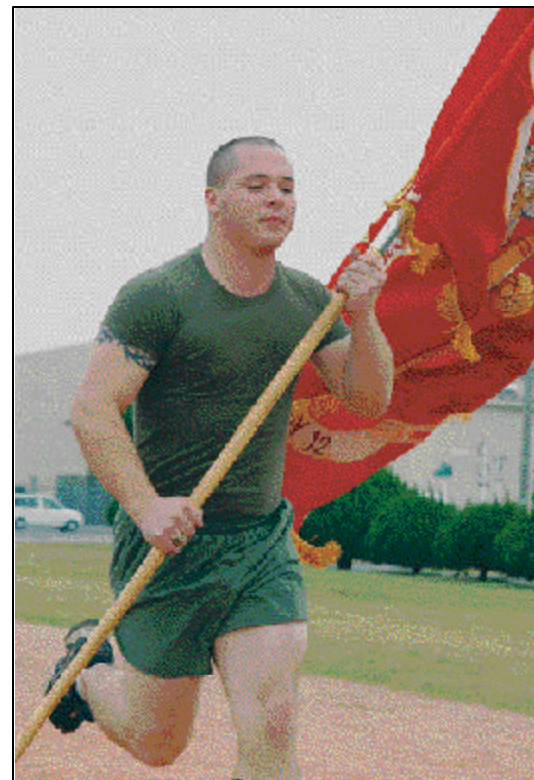
"We had nothing that brought the focus to the birthday," said Durham. "So we came together as Marauders and everyone touched the colors to signify esprit de corps and what we represent as a unit. The standard will be raised every year."

"We are professionals at what we do in procuring and delivering aircraft components," said Capt. Luis E. Ortiz, MALS-12 executive officer. "Sometimes you have to be well rounded in all aspects to

complete your mission. An event like this commemorates what we've done and exemplifies how we're well rounded Marines. This shows what we do beyond repairing aircraft parts."

With the 229th birthday run complete, the Marines of MALS-12 look forward to another year in the Marine Corps and new goals to accomplish.

"Whatever our job is, we're Marines first," said Durham.



Cpl. Trent A. Mathis, MALS-12 jet engine mechanic, carries the Marine Corps Colors on the 222nd mile of the birthday run at the northside track here.



MALS-12 formed up ready to complete the last three miles together. Service members of the squadron had been running for over 30 hours to complete their 229-mile goal.