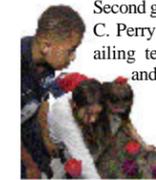


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## Marines return from Foal Eagle

LANCE CPL. CRISTIN K. BARTTER  
Combat Correspondent

Marines, sailors and airmen recently returned from participating in Exercise Foal Eagle in Cheongju, Korea.

The exercise showcased Marine Aircraft Group 12, Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 and Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 122 working hand in hand with the South Korean Air Force.

"Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 and MAG-12 arrived as the advance party and built tent city on a soccer field in Cheongju," said Master Sgt. Timothy L. Benton, MAG-12 logistics chief.

"Once the main body arrived, which mainly consisted of VMFA-122 personnel, the actual exercise began. Multiple sorties were flown, a Rapid Runway Repair simulation and other field exercises were accomplished with the South Koreans during the exercise."

The unpredictable weather turned tent city into a large trench, muddy by day and icy by night. Tents were heated with potbelly heaters that would go sour, unexpectedly, setting



Lance Cpl. Cristin K. Barter

**Lt. Col. Kevin J. Killea, Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 122 commanding officer gives Sgt. Maj. Larry W. Morris, VMFA-122 sergeant major, the thumbs up after arriving to Cheongju, Korea to work with the South Koreans in Exercise Foal Eagle 2005.**

tents on fire during the night.

"The Marines did a great job in operating and maintaining the antiquated heaters that were provided during the exercise," said Lt. Jose Hernandez, MAG-12 safety officer.

For Exercise Foal Eagle, six F/A-18C aircraft from VMFA-122 arrived to fly sorties with the Korean Air Force.

According to Capt. Zachary Curry, VMFA-122 quality assurance officer, diligently through rain, wind, cold

temperatures and the occasional snowfall, to keep the aircraft up in the air. Because of their efforts, the Crusaders flew over 100 sorties in six days to support the exercise.

During the exercise, the Marines, airmen, sailors and Korean Air Force members accomplished their objectives with the support of the USS Kitty Hawk and other Air Force squadrons based in Korea.

Together, the coalition was enhanced through the accomplishments of the exercise.

"The successful detachment to Cheongju helped to strengthen the U.S. and ROK alliance through the daily interaction and coordination between the military services," said Curry. "Additionally, the Marines and sailors of MAG-12 exercised and improved their expeditionary skills as the aviation support element within the Marine Air Ground Task Force."

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## JENS Corporation merges with surviving company

LANCE CPL. CRISTIN K. BARTTER  
Combat Correspondent

JENS Corporation merged with JAPAN TELECOM CO. LTD., and TELECOM SERVICES LTD. April 1, to better serve customers of their online services.

JAPAN TELECOM CO. LTD., as the existing company, takes over all rights, responsibilities and industry obligations of JENS Corporation.

"In this increasingly competitive telecommunica-

tions industry, Japan Telecom Co. LTD. has decided to integrate its two subsidiaries in order to strengthen its management practices and to utilize our combined expertise to develop services that better meet the needs of today's customers," said Susumu Sugimura, JENS Corporation president and CEO in an informational letter.

According to Sugimura, there will be an immediate surface change, consisting of title alterations.

"The name JENS and JENS Corporation will be re-

moved from our personal telecommunications centers, Web site, customer invoices, credit card statements and e-mail notifications immediately, and removed from our prepaid card products over time," stated Sugimura.

The prices and products will not change along with customer account numbers, e-mail addresses, calling card numbers, log in information customer service numbers and business hours.

"All prepaid telephone cards that carry the JENS see JENS Page 5

## South Dakota offers bonus for active-duty veterans, service members

HEADQUARTERS MARINE CORPS  
Press Release

The state of South Dakota is paying a veteran's bonus of up to \$500 to certain military personnel who were legal residents of the state for no less than six months immediately preceding entry into the armed forces, who are currently on active duty or were honorably discharged from the armed forces, and who served on active duty during one, or both of the following periods:

For service between the dates of Jan. 1, 1993 through Sept. 10, 2001, payment

will be made only to those who served overseas and were awarded the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal, Kosovo Campaign Medal or any other United States campaign or service medal awarded for participation in combat operations against hostile forces.

All active duty between the dates of Sept. 11, 2001 through a date to be determined, qualifies for a bonus payment. Application forms may be obtained by writing to: SD Veterans Bonus, 500 E. Capitol, Pierre, SD 57501 or by calling at (605) 773-4656. If you have e-mail access you can request a form by writing to Kayla.Trebesch@state.sd.us.



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## Chaplain's Corner: Mind, body and spirits

LT. CMDR. AL CONCHA  
Station Chaplain

Mind, body and spirit are three essential components of a human being. We must take care of them if we wish to have a well balanced and successful life. Continuous learning enriches our mind. Simply, we cannot stop learning! Our body requires a balanced nutrition and regular fitness. What do we do with our spirit? How do we take care of it? Again, we need time to look to our creator, the source of everything we have, and ask for nourishment for our souls.

There is a story of a churchgoer who wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained "it made no sense to go to church every

Sunday." "I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 2,500 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them...So, I think I'm wasting my time and the chaplains and pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column, much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this note back and said: "I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals.

But I do know this...They all nourished me and gave me the

strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today.

Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today! When you are down to nothing.... God is up to something! Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and receives the impossible! (NAB Hebrews 11:1-4, 8-12, 17-30, 40)

Thank God for our mental, physical and spiritual nourishment readily available in Iwakuni! Look at the several opportunities you have to attend worship services. There is all kind of flavors. But all of them would help you to contact the good Lord.

For more information contact the Marine Memorial Chapel, 253-3371.

## Ask the Inspector

MAJ. MATTHEW D. RAZVILLAS  
Station Inspector

Questions for Marine Corps Community Services

This is our second week for general questions to MCCS. Mr. Smith, Director of MCCS at Iwakuni, provided answers to all questions asked. In the future, if you are satisfied or dissatisfied with the service at MCCS, let them know about it. One way for immediate feedback is the MCCS Interactive Customer Evaluation (ICE) system. This system can be accessed through the main MCCS Web site at [www.mccsiwakuni.com](http://www.mccsiwakuni.com). Comments can also be directed to the MCCS administrative division at 253-3424.

1. Are Japanese and American workers paid the same amount of money for the same job at places like the Club, MCX, and Crossroads? **No, there are five separate pay schedules used by MCCS; NE, GS, IHA, MLC and Contract. All are paid at different levels.**
2. Where can people get a copy of all the pay schedules at MCCS? **MCCS Personnel Office (NAF, IHA and Contract Employees) and CHRO (MLC and GS) depending on the schedule. However, be advised that NAF employees are pay banded and the pay band information is all you will receive. I do not divulge individual pay amounts.**
3. Should we tip Japanese waiters/waitresses at the club since they are paid more? (If they are paid more) **Tipping is a decision between the server and the customer. MCCS**

## CHATTERBOX

### "What is the biggest advantage of being a military child?"



Jose C.  
Arante, 15



Javier A.  
Braham, 10



Antonio L.  
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Ashley N.  
Marin, 10

"You get to meet new people, experience different cultures and make new friends. Plus, you have the chance to see places other kids don't."

"Growing up around the military. It makes me happy and safe."

"You get to see a lot of new places, and it's fun to learn new cultures."

"Getting to travel to different places."

## Lighters prohibited in terminal, aircraft

LANCE CPL. LUKAS J. BLOM  
Combat Correspondent

The Iwakuni Air Mobility Command Terminal aboard the Station began enforcing a regulation Thursday, outlined by the Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004, which prohibits all travelers from carrying lighters beyond security checkpoints throughout the United States' airports.

The Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 was signed into law Dec. 17, 2004, by President George W. Bush in an effort to unify the U.S. intelligence community so they could act as a more coordinated, cohesive and effective group. This Act also outlined many steps that will increase security for American citizens and service members directly.

The Transportation Security Administration has placed lighters on a list of prohibited items including weapons, explosives, incendiaries, and items that are seemingly harmless but may be used as weapons, the so-called "dual use" items.

Because of the fact that terrorists constantly evolve their techniques to skirt authorities, new measures must be put in place, according to Pvt. Jaime Davis,

Iwakuni AMC Terminal air terminal operations center controller. In recent history, many objects, not identified as weapons to most, have been used by terrorists in attempted or successful criminal acts; shoes, box cutters, cellular phones and household tools found in most garages.

When going through terminal security checkpoints, travelers carrying lighters will be given two options; surrender the lighter to terminal security, or give it to someone who is not traveling for safe keeping.

"If you're in the states and have a valuable Zippo lighter, or anything you don't want confiscated when you travel, don't take it with you because you might lose it," said Davis.



Lance Cpl. Lukas J. Blom

**As of Thursday, lighters are no longer allowed on aircraft or past security check points at the Iwakuni Air Mobility Command Terminal.**

For more information contact Iwakuni AMC Terminal at 253-5509.

## Threat hidden in trail of paper

LANCE CPL. LUKAS J. BLOM  
Combat Correspondent

More than 10,000 pounds of white office paper are processed at the Station Recycling Center each month. A mere 2,500 pounds are shredded, leaving 7,500 pounds of legible documents. Each pound contains approximately 100 sheets of paper, making 750,000 legible documents full of information available to anyone looking for personal or unit information.

The Station Anti Terrorism Force Protection Office has recently expressed the presence of a potentially devastating security threat to Station residents; the amount of personal and unit information found in recycling bins across the Station.

"It all comes down to information security," said Andrew Samuels, Station ATFP officer. "In the past, people were pretty good about protecting their information, but within the last 30 days we've seen a rise in the amount of information found in recycling bins. From social security numbers, recall rosters, orders, tax information and other personal information, there's a lot of unsecured information out there."

Although shredding paper may seem to be a mundane job that is perpetually someone else's responsibility, this simple act plays a vital role in the recycling process as well as Station security, according to Samuels.

The information threat begins when a document is placed in the recycling bin without being shredded. There it sits until the bin fills up and is taken out to the

larger, dumpster-style recycling bin and wait to be picked up by one of the six members of the SRC. Once it reaches the SRC, the document goes through a large machine to prepare the paper for being baled into large cubes. Once baled, the paper is purchased and picked up by outside contractors for 10 to 15 Yen per pound. At that point the paper, and any information on it, is no longer secure.

This issue not only represents a personal threat of identification theft for Station residents, but also to Station units and equipment.

"Being overseas, our biggest concern is I.D. fraud," said Gunnery Sgt. Anaiz Stinson, Station information assurance manager. "Once someone gets a stolen ID, they can potentially get access to certain parts of the base in which they normally could not be able to. If they got access to the flight line, imagine how many millions of dollars in equipment they would have access to."

Even though this escalating problem has disturbing effects, it also has a very quick and easy answer: use a paper shredder.

"We would really like community support with this effort," said Ryan Leming, SRC solid waste manager. "If we see something like an ID card,

we'll take care of it. But, unless we're incredibly lucky, we probably miss a lot more than we catch."

Request forms to have recycling picked up by SRC are available via the Intranet, but if transportation is available the SRC encourages recycling be dropped off at their 24-hour drop off point. For more information call 253-3039.



Lance Cpl. Lukas J. Blom

**A bail of white paper sits on the floor of the Station Recycling Center waiting to be picked up by off base contractors.**

## NEWS BRIEFS

### SPRING BOOK FAIR

Matthew C. Perry Elementary School will hold a Spring Book Fair Monday through April 22, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at the elementary school gym's stage. For more information or to volunteer, call Missy Escalante at 253-2514.

### NDTA

The Honshu Chapter of the National Defense Transportation Association (NDTA) will award 12 scholarships, in amounts of \$250 - \$1,500, to mainland Japan high school seniors graduating in 2005. All DoDDS high school guidance counselors in mainland Japan have the application package. The deadline for submission is May 13. Contact your high school guidance counselor for details.

### OSCS SCHOLARSHIP

The Officer Spouses' Club is offering scholarships for high school children and dependents aboard the Station. Deadline for applications is April 22. Contact Therese Tinker at 253-2224 for guidelines and application requirements.

### HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE

"Day Of Remembrance" for Victims of the Holocaust will be held at the Station Chapel April 27, 10-11 a.m. Rev. Makoto Otsuka will be the guest speaker.

# Grey Wolves homeward bound

NAVY LT. CARY D. MITTELMARK  
VAQ-142

Navy Electronic Attack Squadron 142 returned to Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, Ala. recently, after a highly successful six-month deployment here.

The Grey Wolves deployed to Japan in early October, flying EA-6B Prowlers across the Pacific to their deployment site in Iwakuni. Upon arrival, the squadron immediately began planning and flying sorties in support of Keen Sword 2004, a joint force exercise involving both U.S. and Japanese forces.

While in Japan, the squadron also participated in Beverly Midnight, Terminal Fury and Foal Eagle joint exercises, as well as supporting Operation Unified Assistance, the U.S. led effort to aid impoverished tsunami victims in the Pacific region.

The Squadron flew 343 sorties totaling more than 690 hours on the deployment. Aircrew used the time wisely, completing 97 Prowler Weapons and Tactics Program syllabus events including six level II upgrades and two mission commander upgrades (pilots moved up in flight levels).

"It was outstanding to see the initiative and dedication shown by the junior officers," said Lt. Cmdr. Michael G. Frantz, VAQ-142 electronic warfare officer. "They really impressed me with their mission planning and execution. I haven't seen that kind of excellence since I left the Naval Strike Air Warfare Command."



The squadron continued its impressive streak of over 11,750 mishap-free flight hours, dating back to when VAQ-142 was established in 1997.

Instrumental to this streak is the professionalism and quality standards of the maintenance department.

"The department continues to set the bar for excellence," said Lt. Cmdr. Russ T. Hor, VAQ-142 maintenance officer. "They can be proud of everything they have accomplished."

According to Navy Lt. Cary D. Mittelmarm, VAQ-142 unit information officer, maintenance sailors performed superbly throughout the deployment,

achieving a 93 percent sortie completion rate. They performed two 364-day inspections toward the end of the deployment, a major undertaking, including one while supporting a major exercise.

Also, the Power Plants shop was instrumental in a quick drop and change of the port motor on one of the aircraft, allowing that aircraft to return to full mission capable status in minimal time and facilitating aircraft turnover, added Mittelmarm.

"Overall, the six months in Iwakuni were extremely productive and afforded a great opportunity to get to know Japanese culture and customs," said Mittelmarm. "The Gray Wolves are now looking forward to some well-earned leave and the pleasant Whidbey summer, as they are reunited with their loved ones."

*This story was contributed by Lance Cpl. Mark Fayloga*

# Star Warriors make first trip to Iwakuni

LANCE CPT. MARK FAYLOGA  
Combat Correspondent

Tactical Electronics Warfare Squadron 209 arrived aboard the Station Monday from Naval Air Facility, Washington.

The Star Warriors are making their first trip to Iwakuni as part of the Unit Deployment Program.

"This is the first deployment of a reserve Prowler squadron to the Pacific," said Cmdr. Jeffrey W. Zimmerman, VAQ-209 executive officer. "This is our first time in country and we've already had incredible hospitality from Marine Aircraft Group 12 and the Station. Deploying here gives us a chance to experience a new culture."

The Star Warriors are a part of Carrier Air Wing Reserve 20, which is the only Tactical Reserve Carrier Air Wing in the world today and is an integral part of the Navy's 11 Carrier Air Wing force structure. Their primary mission is to provide operational and training support for active forces.

According to Zimmerman, VAQ-209 plan on

conducting integrated training with MAG-12 as a part of operational plans, and will also conduct low maintenance and flight training.

The Star Warriors come equipped with more than 200 sailors and will be conducting missions with the help of five EA-6B Prowlers.

The Prowler aircraft provides an umbrella of protection for strike aircraft, ground troops and ships by jamming enemy radar, electronic data links and communications. It is a long-range, all-weather aircraft with advanced electronic countermeasures capability.

The Star Warriors have a decorated history including recent deployments to Prince Sultan Air Base in Saudi Arabia to support Operation Allied Force.

According to Zimmerman, this will be the first time in Japan for the majority of the squadron and they are looking forward to a chance to experience the Japanese culture.

"I'm looking forward to seeing the sites and taking in some of the local flavor," said

Petty Officer 2nd class Mark A. Bergstrom, VAQ-209 aviation ordnance technician. "This is a great chance to take some trips and tours to see what Japan has to offer."



Official Department of Defense Photo

**The EA-6B Prowler aircraft provides an umbrella of protection for strike aircraft, ground troops and ships by jamming enemy radar, electronic data links and communications.**

## Public notice of JCAHO Survey and Navy Medical Inspector General visit

The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) and the Navy Medical Inspector General (MEDINSGEN) will conduct a joint accreditation survey of Naval Hospital Yokosuka from May 9 through May 20.

The purpose of the survey is to evaluate the organization's compliance with nationally established Joint Commission and United States Navy standards. The survey results will be used to determine whether, and the conditions under which, accreditation should be awarded the organization.

Joint Commission standards deal with organizational quality of care issues and the safety of the environment in which care is provided. Anyone believing that he or she has pertinent and valid information about such matters may request a public information interview with the Joint Commission's field representatives. Information presented at the interview will be carefully evaluated for relevance to the accreditation process. Re-

quests for a public information interview with JCAHO must be made in writing and should be sent to the Joint Commission no later than five working days before the survey begins. The request must also indicate the nature of the information to be provided at the interview. Such requests should be addressed to:

Division of Accreditation Operations  
Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations One Renaissance Boulevard  
Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181

The Joint Commission will acknowledge such requests in writing or by telephone and will inform the organization of the request for any interview. The organization will, in turn, notify the interviewee of the date, time, and place of the meeting.

Concerns may also be brought to the attention of the Medical Inspector General by calling 1-800-637-6175 or DSN 295-9019.

# Marauders hone combat skills

STORY AND PHOTOS BY  
CAPT. RUSS NORRIS  
MALS-12

The Marines and sailors of Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12 hit the dirt recently for weapons familiarization and tactical emplacement classes.

The Marauders are an aviation



**Master Sgt. Thomas Poston, MALS-12 operations chief, speaks to his Marines on the concept of "every Marine is a rifleman first."**

support element consisting of 673 service members representing 72 aviation and ground military occupational specialties.

In an effort to reinforce and maintain the spirit of "every Marine is a rifleman first", Master Sgt. Thomas Poston, MALS-12 operations chief, led more than 270 aviation logisticians through classes on weapon characteristics, employment, emplacement and how to produce accurate range cards.

The round-robin style training event allowed the Marauders to assemble, sight, dry-fire, and disassemble the M249, M240G, M2 .50 cal. and the MK19 weapons. Recently, the Marauders have sent numerous service members to fill individual augment billets in support of Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom.

Feedback from aviation Marines deployed to these combat zones serves as a reality check for those currently serving in rear operations. Once on the ground in Iraq or Af-



**A Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12 Marine looks down the site of a M240G during a weapons familiarization and tactical emplacement class, recently.**

ghanistan, and put into a convoy or on a post, that's not the time to relearn how to load the .50 cal. or clear the MK19.

Poston, the only infantryman assigned to the squadron, seizes every opportunity to increase the survivability of his Marines in combat. "Really, if you think about it, the air wing has twice the load when compared to Marine infantryman," said Poston. "The infantryman focus is on combat and all training is geared

around that element. As for that air wing Marine, he must not only have that role of keeping the aircraft flying in support, but at the same time, provide security for his or her operational area."

Poston said this training is important because it keeps the Marine or sailor in tune with the combat side. This is the side that makes a fighter comfortable when their tool changes from a wrench to a crew-served weapon, this is the side that brings the Marines and sailors home in war.

The entire evolution took place over three days and provided the Marines and sailors with the basic tools to build on in the upcoming months.

Sergeant Hilda Amador, MALS-12 maintenance administration specialist, assisted other Marauders in understanding the Traversing and Elevation mechanism on the "Ma Duce".

"Sometimes we lose sight of what Marines really do," said Amador. "We are Marines who train to kill and win battles."

# Students' love of teacher helps garden grow

LANCE CPT. MARK FAYLOGA  
Combat Correspondent

To many people, a blooming tulip is a sign that the harsh winter weather is behind them and spring has arrived, but to students at Matthew C. Perry Elementary School, it represents hard work, hope and love.

Second grade students at M.C. Perry planted a flower garden in front of the school, Dec. 10, 2004. The garden was christened "Ms. Berg's Garden" as a gift to their former teacher Arlene Berg, who was diagnosed with a serious illness and forced to return to the U.S. for treatment. The first tulip in the garden bloomed April 8.

The garden however, is not a memorial. It is a beacon of hope, a visual representation of the students' love and adoration for their former teacher. The tulips signify the students' wishes for a speedy recovery followed by a return to Iwakuni and have served as a different type of medicine.

According to Tamra N. Barker, M.C. Perry



Lance Cpl. Mark Fayloga

**Matthew C. Perry second graders tend to Ms. Berg's Garden, located in front of the school, April 7.**

second-grade teacher, Berg's condition has improved after receiving treatment and she is feeling better.

"I think it's the garden and the letters we've sent to her that have made her feel well," said Danom R. Wilson, 7.

Aside from serving as emotional support for Berg, the class has also used the garden as a teaching tool.

"I've used the garden to help the children with science. We've been charting the blooming patterns of the tulips and made predictions on the next color to bloom," said Barker. "The class has also written letters to Ms. Berg as writing assignments. We edit them and it's a good way for the kids to learn how to express their emotions through writing."

By integrating the garden into class activities, the students have kept fond memories of Berg and have enjoyed seeing changes in it, said Barker.

"I hope Ms. Berg gets better and I can't wait for her to come back," said Ashley L. Hunter, 8. "I really like her garden because it helps me remember how she was sweet and kind."

According to John Stroup, M.C. Perry Elementary vice principal, Berg taught at the school for two years and was highly respected by faculty and students alike.

"I like her a lot," said Wilson. "I think she is a nice lady and the best teacher in the world."

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9. Are the prices the same for products at the South side 7 Day Store and the North side 7 day store? **Yes, however sometimes pricing discrepancies may be encountered. If so, please let management know and it will be corrected.**  
10. What is a way the residents can contact MCCA directly about issues they may have? Is there a list of previously asked questions where people can access via the internet? **ICE is the quickest avenue to get your questions answered. Additionally any question can be directed to the Executive Office at 253-3424.**

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logo will continue to be honored and supported by JAPAN TELECOM CO. LTD. and will remain active through the expiration date noted on the reverse side of each card," assured Sugimura.

JENS Corporation and JAPAN TELECOM CO. LTD will now share the commitment to better Iwakuni resi-

dents with online services.

"During this transition, we will work hard to ensure that any changes that will affect customer accounts or services are clearly communicated and customer inquiries are handled with care," said Sugimura. "We look forward to combining our resources to better serve your telecommunications needs and those of the community."



Lance Cpl. Lukas J. Blom



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LEFT: Cpl. Brian Veek, VMFA-212 power liner technician, guides in an F/A-18C while it parks on the flight line after returning from a flight. ABOVE: A Lancer conducts a mid-air refueling exercise with the help of an Air Force KC-10 aircraft.



Lance Cpl. Lukas J. Blom

Cpl. Brian Veek, VMFA-212 power liner technician, checks to make sure the tire is secure on an F/A-18C after returning from a flight.



## Lancers maintain air supremacy



LANCE Cpl. LUKAS J. BLOM  
*Combat Correspondent*

Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni has many tenant units, many of which call southern Japan home for only a few months. There has only been a single squadron that has been continually at the fingertips of Station commanders for nearly a decade.

The Lancers of Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 212 play a unique role in Station operations. Acting as the only permanent squadron who employ aircraft aboard the Station, the Lancers continue to be an integral piece of the Station community.

Born in 1942, and initially dubbed the Hell Hounds of VMF-212, the Lancers hold a distinguished history of aviation superiority. Fighting with the "Cactus Air Force" at Guadalcanal and Okinawa in F4U-4 Corsair aircraft,

the Hell Hounds were one of the most feared units in World War II. They were credited with destroying more than 132 aircraft and countless tons of shipping equipment.

For their efforts in the Guadalcanal and Okinawa campaigns, they earned two Presidential Unit Citations.

With the new designation of Marine Attack Squadron 212 in 1951, the Devil Cats, the Lancers predecessors fought valiantly in support of the 1st Division's battles at the Chosin Reservoir.

Receiving the name that is still inscribed on each aircraft today, the Devil Cats were renamed the Lancers in 1965 when they sailed to the coast of Vietnam.

In 1972, the Lancers were awarded a Meritorious Unit Citation for their efforts in Vietnam.

They later earned the Chief of Naval Operations Aviation Safety

Award, Robert M. Hanson Award and another Meritorious Unit Citation during their numerous deployments to Japan and the West Coast.

In 1988, the Lancers received the aircraft in which they still employ to this day, the F/A-18C. The F/A-18C Hornet is an improved model of the single seat F/A-18A, while incorporating provisions for employing updated missiles and jamming devices. The C model also has improved night attack capability, more powerful engines and new radar.

Since the Lancers are the only permanent squadron aboard the Station, the Marines of VMFA-212 have a one-of-a-kind opportunity - the chance to live overseas and experience a foreign culture.

"Being over here I get the opportunity of a life time to experience a new culture," said Lance Cpl. Gustavo Monterroso, VMFA-212

flight equipment technician. "One of the biggest benefits of being a part of this squadron is the places I've been able to deploy to; Guam, Hawaii, Kadena and Australia."

Although the Marines of VMFA-212 take advantage of the unique opportunity of being over here, they never lose sight of their mission.

"We're here to defend U.S. interests in eastern Asia," said Sgt. Dennis G. Deppen. "To prepare ourselves for that, we participate in many exercises throughout the year."

The Lancers continue to prove their aviation prowess and continually write new chapters in their history, whether fighting the War on Terrorism or training at some remote island in the Pacific, the Lancers continue to live up to their motto.

"Train to fight, fight to win."



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ABOVE: Lance Cpl. Liv Thygesen, VMFA-212 aviation electrician adjusts an M-61A1 20 mm weapon system, which will be mounted on one of the Lancers F/A-18C aircraft. LEFT: Cpl. Brian Veek, VMFA-212 power liner technician, prepares to give an incoming F/A-18C hand signal that will guide it into its parking space on the flight line.

# Hanami translates into good time

STORY AND PHOTOS BY  
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The Cherry Blossom Festival or Hanami, which means flower viewing, is one of the most popular events of spring in Japan. It is a time for friends and family to gather together and enjoy good food, as well as the scenic beauty that blooms during the Japanese spring time.

The Cherry Blossom Festival draws large crowds to areas such as the Kintai Bridge, where Sakura Trees cover the area with its pinkish-colored petals, offering a serene feeling like no other.

"In Japan, April is the beginning of the school year as well as the business financial year," said Yoshiko Kihara, Marine Corps Community Services cultural specialist. "So, to the Japanese the blooming of the cherry blossoms represents a fresh start and new beginning. It is a great time to gather together and enjoy fun activities in a beautiful environment."

The Sakura Tree only blossoms for a couple of weeks in spring and fills the Japanese landscape with a

beautiful display of color ranging from white to deep pink.

"The scenery is great," said Sgt. Shelvie R. Edmonds, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron internal controls noncommissioned officer-in-charge. "When God blesses us with all this natural beauty, you can't help but to enjoy it"

According to Kihara, it is not unusual to see a young man in a business suit sitting under a cherry tree early in the morning reserving a space for his company. In popular viewing areas, competition for prime seating can get intense.



ABOVE: Festival-goers take a break from the Cherry Blossom Festival and enjoy a beautiful view at the Kintai Bridge, April 8. BELOW: A Japanese couple walk hand in hand down a trail surrounded with Sakura Trees at the Kintai Bridge, April 8.

eating, drinking and celebrating in the gorgeous environment."

The Hanami experience is one that Station residents will seldom have another chance to see after their stay in Iwakuni, so it is highly recommended.

"People should definitely check out the festival because it's a chance to see the natural beauty that God has given us," said Edmonds. "The festival is a totally different experience from things we commemorate in the States. They celebrate nature here and it is a great celebration. It's something we should get into in the United States."

"I attended a Hanami party with my wife's company and it was a lot of fun," said Edmonds. "I felt like I had the full Japanese experience, it was great to just hang out with them and eat and drink together."

"I enjoy the festival," said Kihara. "For me, it's just a fun time sitting under a Sakura Tree with family and friends



The festival was filled with patrons sitting on tarps enjoying a barbecue with good friends, family and food and drink. The festival is all about relaxing under a Sakura Tree and celebrating nature's beauty.

## OUT THE GATE

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

### Ceremony of Walking Over Fire

There will be a ceremony at the Daishoin Temple in Miyajima Island today. The ceremony begins at 11 a.m., and people start walking across live coals praying for health around 2 p.m. All eventgoers can join this walk. Admission is free. It will not be cancelled in case of rain. For more information, call 0829-44-0111.

### Big Water Wheel Festival

This festival will be held Sunday, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Nekasa Iwaya Kannon, around the big water wheel, in Mikawa Town. Events such as a drawing, green tea serving, rice cake give away, are scheduled. Call 76-0314 for details.

### Toukasai Festival

A ceremony will take place with a court dance and music performance at the Itsukushima Shrine in Miyajima Island today, 5-8:30 p.m. Noh performance is scheduled from Saturday to Monday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Admission fee is required to

enter the shrine. Call 0829-44-2020 for details.

### Tokuyama Zoo

The entrance fee will be free at the Tokuyama Zoo Thursday. Call 0834-22-8640 for details.

### Mikuradake (Three Peaks) Yamabiraki Ceremony

There will be a ceremony for the beginning of the mountaineering season Saturday, 9:30-10 a.m. at the Three Peaks. Music performance is scheduled Saturday, 11 a.m., and Sunday, 10 a.m. Admission is free. Call 52-3105 for details.

## TORII TELLER CLASSIFIED ADS

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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

**Toyota Liteace**, 1988, 8 passenger van, JCI until Feb. 2006, \$1,200 obo. Call SSgt. Malone at 253-3659 dwh or 253-2475 awh.

**Nissan Laurel**, 1989, 4 door, 160,000km, new battery/alternator, JCI until Nov. 2005, \$600 obo. Call Cpl. Franklin at 253-5799 dwh or 253-2918 awh.

**Mazda MPV**, 1990, mini van, tinted windows, leather interior, sell by the end of May, JCI until April 2007, \$2,200. Call 253-2001

and leave a message.

### OTHER ITEMS

**Misc.**, Kenmore washer and dryer, Heavy Duty Super Capacity Plus Quiet Pak, white, 5 years old, for set only, sell by May 2005, \$650 obo. Call 253-2001 to leave a message.

**Misc.**, 12ft fishing boat, 8 HP Yamaha and trolling motor, \$800. Call Bill at 253-4264 dwh or 31-8529 awh.

**Misc.**, Graco infant swing, different speeds, plays music, excellent condi-

tion, \$30; set of 4 lamps, \$35. Call Tina at 253-2498.

**Misc.**, Fisher Price baby swing, hardly used, 5 speed/5 songs, remote control, \$50; maternity/nursing clothes. Call Irina at 253-2275.

**Misc.**, Harley Davidson boots, men's size 9 1/2, \$35; HP Deskjet 970 CSE printer, refills, \$100; girls' bike, training wheels & pads, \$40; Ross-Simons slate grey small pearls necklace & bracelet, never worn, \$45; counter size Waterfall, never opened,

\$30; Princess House, 2 piece crystal jar, deep blue, never used, \$10; Lightning roller blades, pink/black, size 6 1/2-7, \$20; full length silver fox fur coat, \$2,000; Campbell Hausfeld inflator & mattress, \$20; Homedics electric heated foot massage, \$15; George Foreman grill, \$40; Japan Fodor's new edition, \$18; China Frommer's first edition, \$20; Life "Our Century In Pictures", \$45; Daniel Ost "Leafing Through Flowers", \$30; Christian Riese "The Art of Lassen", \$20; solid oak looking glass, mirror, \$100; Vornado electric fan, \$40; large L-shaped desk for comp center, \$40; wooden picture frames; desk chair, padded, adjustable, \$25; Japanese photo albums; Guatemalan antique park bench, \$75; Little Tikes Storybook cottage toddler bed, \$150; Marine Corps golf size umbrella, \$35; ESL teaching supplies. Call Jennifer Hopley at 253-2852.

### JOB OPENINGS

#### CHRO (253-6828)

Go to [www.iwakuni.usmc.mil/HRO/default.htm](http://www.iwakuni.usmc.mil/HRO/default.htm) for a complete job listing. Contact CHRO, Building 1, room 104 for details.

#### MCCS (253-3030)

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

## Red Cross renders recognition



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Lance Cpl. Christopher L. Nieweglowski, Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12, hydraulics technician, fills out a volunteer questionnaire at the Red Cross Volunteer Recognition luncheon in the Club Iwakuni Ballroom, Apr. 7. Nieweglowski received a certificate of appreciation for volunteering 147 hours as a disk jockey at Armed Forces Network. The Red Cross estimated a total of 7,776 volunteer hours for Iwakuni.

## MOVIE SCHEDULE

### SAKURA THEATER

**FRIDAY** - 2 p.m. Son Of The Mask (PG); 7 p.m. Hitch (PG-13); 10 p.m. Cursed (PG-13)  
**SATURDAY** - 1 p.m. Because Of Winn Dixie (PG); 4 p.m. Pooh's Heffalump Movie (G); 7 p.m.; Cursed (PG-13); 10 p.m. Boogeyman (PG-13)  
**SUNDAY** - 4 p.m. Because Of Winn Dixie (PG); 7 p.m. Hitch (PG-13)  
**MONDAY** - 7 p.m. Boogeyman (PG-13)  
**TUESDAY** - 7 p.m. Hide & Seek (R)  
**WEDNESDAY** - 7 p.m. Hitch (PG-13)  
**THURSDAY** - 7 p.m. Alone In The Dark (R)  
This schedule is submitted by the Sakura Theater and is subject to change. For show times call the Sakura Theater at 253-5291.

### MCTV CHANNEL 19

**FRIDAY** - 11 a.m./5 p.m. Billy Madison (PG-13); 2 p.m./8

p.m. Miss Congeniality (PG-13); 11 p.m./5 a.m. The Quiet American (R); 2 a.m. Along Came A Spider (R)  
**SATURDAY** - 11 a.m./5 p.m. Yu-Gi-Oh! (PG); 2 p.m./8 p.m. Welcome To Mooseport (PG-13); 11 p.m./5 a.m. The Punisher (R); 2 a.m. Boyz 'N The Hood (R)  
**SUNDAY** - 11 a.m./5 p.m. All The Pretty Horses (PG-13); 2 p.m./8 p.m. Without A Paddle (PG-13); 11 p.m./5 a.m. I, Robot (PG-13); 2 a.m. Seven (R)  
**MONDAY** - 11 a.m./5 p.m. Tunderbirds (PG); 2 p.m./8 p.m. Walking Tall (PG-13); 11 p.m./5 a.m. Brown Sugar (PG-13); 2 a.m. Demolition Man (R)  
**TUESDAY** - 11 a.m./5 p.m. Finding Nemo (G); 2 p.m./8 p.m. Out Of Time (PG-13); 11 p.m./5 a.m. Thelma And Louise (R); 2 a.m. Air Force One (R)  
**WEDNESDAY** - 11 a.m./5 p.m. The Terminal (PG-13); 2 p.m./8 p.m. Confessions Of A Teenage Drama Queen (PG); 11 p.m./5 a.m. Blackheart (R); 2 a.m. Eurotrip (R)  
**THURSDAY** - 11 a.m./5 p.m. Austin Powers (PG-13); 2 p.m./8 p.m. Pay It Forward (PG-13); 11 p.m./5 a.m. The Chronicles Of Riddick (PG-13); 2 a.m. Amistad (R)

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### CHRO

#### CHRO Training

- **Ethics/Privacy Act/POSH**: Wednesday, 9-11:30 a.m.
- **Civilian Career Mentoring Training**: April 28, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- **Acculturation Program Training**: May 10, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information and nominations, call 253-6828 or send e-mail to [shiomuram.jp@iwakuni.usmc.mil](mailto:shiomuram.jp@iwakuni.usmc.mil). Classes will be held at CHRO training room. Building one, Room 102.

### MCCS

#### Club Iwakuni

- **Comedy Showcase**: Comedy Showcase starring Patt Brown and Ali, Wednesday, free and all ranks in the Club Ballroom. Adults only. Doors open at 8 p.m. Show starts at 9 p.m. This event is free. For more information, call 253-3727.

#### Single Marine Program (253-3585)

- **Space World Trip**: April 23, 8 a.m. \$20 transportation. Bring \$5,000 for admission, lunch and souvenirs.
- **Yanai Go Carts Trip**: April 24, noon. \$10 transportation. Each series of laps costs \$2,000. Long sleeves and long pants are required. Shop at Mr. Max afterward.

#### Cultural Quests (253-6165)

- **Grocery Shopping for Your Child at The Big**: Today, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Take a trip to The Big (grocery store), and learn how to recognize and buy snacks and other items for your children to enjoy. Adults only. The group will be led by a cultural specialist.
- **Kamotsuru Sake Festival**: April 22, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Enjoy free sake (rice wine) tasting at Higashi Hiroshima. Bring yen for transportation and lunch.

#### Dial-A-Story

The library now has a Dial-A-Story service for the community. Call 253-6607 to listen to a short story. The story changes every Monday and lasts two to three minutes.

#### Month of the Military Child Celebration

Saturday, noon to 4 p.m. at the MAC Dome. Rides, games, refreshments, information booths and more await children. Call 253-4803 for details.

#### Financing Your Education for Military Veterans

Wednesday, 6-8:30 p.m. Call 253-6439 for more details.

#### Stress Management for Parents

Wednesday, 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. at Building 411. For further information, call 253-4526.

#### Kids' Mini Health Fair

Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Crossroads Mall. Join us for a wealth of information with a focus on "healthy kids" from MCAS Iwakuni health and wellness professionals. Call 253-6359 for more information.

### OTHER

#### CCLD Mentoring Program

All MCAS Iwakuni Civilian Marines, both Civil Service and Non-Appropriated Fund (NAF), have the opportunity to enhance their leadership skills through the Civilian Leadership Development (CCLD) Mentoring Program. Point of contact for all U.S. Civil Service (USCS) employees is Pat Mareham at 253-6834 and Kelly Johnson at 253-3455. MCCS NAF employees' point of contact is Bruce Merritt at 253-4128.

#### Grand Opening

The entire community is invited to a grand opening ceremony and tour the new Head to Toe Beauty Salon Monday, 10 a.m. Starting that day, all salon customers will be seen at the new facility in the Crossroads Mall. Days and times for anyone who has a hair or nail appointment at the current facility will not change. The customers simply need to go to the Crossroads Mall instead of the MCX.

# Nihongo de...

## 「フォールイーグル」から海兵隊員帰還

米韓合同訓練「フォールイーグル」に参加していた海兵隊員、海軍隊員、空軍隊員が韓国、清州（チョンジュ）から帰国した。

訓練中は、海兵第12飛行大隊（MAG-12）、海兵第171航空師団支援中隊（MWSS-171）、海兵第122戦闘攻撃中隊（VMFA-212）が韓国空軍と協力して訓練した。

「MWSS-171とMAG-12が先遣隊として到着し、清州のサッカー場にテントを設営した。」とMAG-12、後方支援チームのティモシー・L・ベントン先任上級曹長は話した。「本隊は主にVMFA-122の人員で構成されており、この本隊が到着するとすぐに実際の訓練が始まった。フォールイーグルでは複数の突撃隊が飛行し、韓国軍とともに滑走路応急修復シミュレーションやその他の陸上訓練を遂行した。」

予期しない天気に見舞われ、テント設営地は、日中はめかすみ、夜間には濡った溝のようになってしまった。テント内は石炭ストーブで暖められるが、ストーブは旧式のため、突然、夜中にテントに火がつかつたりした。

MAG-12、安全管理担当官のジョセ・ヘルナンデス中尉は「この訓練中に供給された旧式のストーブを操作、整備する上で海兵隊員は大変いい仕事をした。」と話した。フォールイーグル中、岩洞基地所属のVMFA-122から6機のF/A-18Cホーネットが派遣され、韓国空軍とともに出撃隊として飛行した。

VMFA-122、品質管理担当官のザカリー・カリー大尉によると、雨や風の吹く中、低い気温の中、また雪の降る中でも、整備担当の海兵隊員は航空機が飛行できるように、ひたすら動いた。

海兵隊員、空軍隊員、海軍隊員、および韓国空軍隊員は本訓練中、空母キティ・ホークや韓国駐留の他部隊からの支援を受けながら、訓練を成し遂げた。

また、訓練をともに成し遂げることで、同盟力は高まった。

「清州への派遣が成功したことで、軍隊間で行われるの毎日の交流や調整を通して、米韓同盟は強化された。」とカリー大尉は話した。「さらに、MAG-12の海兵隊員や海軍隊員は、海兵隊空地任務部隊における航空支援要素としての遠征技術を訓練、向上させることができた。」

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フォールイーグル終了後、テントを解体する海兵第171航空支援師団中隊の積習部隊。

**Marine Wing Support Squadron 171's construction platoon work together to break down tent city after Exercise Fowl Eagle 2005 was accomplished.**

### CHAPEL RELIGIOUS SERVICES

#### Roman Catholic

Saturday  
4:30 p.m. Confession  
5:30 p.m. Mass  
Sunday  
8:45 a.m. Mass  
10:05 a.m. CCD

#### Protestant

Sunday  
9 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Fellowships  
10:15 a.m. Non-Denominational Christian Worship  
10:30 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Fellowships  
11:45 a.m. Gospel Worship Service

#### Cooperative Chapel Ministries

Wednesday  
6:30 p.m. AWANA Children's Program  
3rd Saturday  
8 a.m. Men's Fellowship Breakfast  
1st Thursday  
6 p.m. Protestant Women of the Chapel

### LAY LED RELIGIOUS SERVICES

#### Jewish

Friday  
6 p.m. Shabbat Service

#### Seventh-Day Adventist

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

#### Episcopal

Sunday  
7 p.m. Worship Service

#### Church of Christ

Sunday  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Wednesday  
7 p.m. Bible Study

#### The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

Weekdays  
6:30 a.m. Seminary  
Sunday  
1 a.m. Priesthood, Relief Society & Sunday School  
3 p.m. Sacrament Meeting

### OTHER SERVICES

#### Islamic

Friday  
12 p.m. Prayer

To confirm current schedule of services at the Marine Memorial Chapel, call 253-3371.

## Mess Hall Lunch Menus

### Week Of April 18-22

**Monday** - Cream of Mushroom Soup, Creole Soup, Sauerbraten, Hot and Spicy Chicken, Fried Rice, Oven Glo Potatoes, Fried Zucchini, Pinto Beans  
**Tuesday** - Cream of Potatoes Soup, Chicken Noodle Soup, Baked Halibut Fish, BBQ Beef Cube, Wild

Rice, Buttered Pasta, Lima Beans, Creole Squash  
**Wednesday** - Cream of Broccoli Soup, Vegetable Soup, Breaded Pork Chops, Pepper Steak, Oven Glo Potatoes, Glazed Carrots, Brown Gravy, Club Spinach  
**Thursday** - Minestrone Soup, Cream of Chicken Soup, Creole Macaroni, Crab Cakes, Fettuccini with

Alfredo Sauce, Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Tempura Vegetables, Peas and Carrots  
**Friday** - Clam Chowder Soup, Minestrone Soup, Braised Beef and Noodles, Baked Fish, Mashed Potatoes, Fried Cabbage, Mixed Vegetables, Chicken Gravy



## M. C. Perry School Lunch Menus

### Week Of April 18-22

**Monday** - Chicken Tenders, Crispy Potato Wedges, Cinnamon Toast, Awesome Applesauce, Fresh Fruit, Milk  
**Tuesday** - Cheese Pizza, Carrot & Celery Sticks, Ranch Dressing, Seasoned Green Beans, Fruit, Milk  
**Wednesday** - Sloppy Joe on a Bun, Tomato, Cucumber, Curly

Fries, Seasoned Corn, Chilled Fruit Mix, Milk  
**Thursday** - Chicken Nuggets, Crispy Potato Wedges, Garden Salad, Ranch Dressing, Awesome Applesauce, Milk  
**Friday** - All Beef Hot Dog, Carrot & Celery Sticks, Baked Beans, Cheddar Crackers, Chilled Pears, Milk (Elementary No School)

# Midgets crush Crew Dawgs, 33-9

STORY AND PHOTOS BY  
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Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron Crew Dawgs were annihilated by the Marine Aviation Logistic Squadron 12 Guatemalan Circus Midgets, 33-9, at Penny Lake, Monday.

The Dawgs, with a 4-0 record were anticipating a good game with the Midgets, 5-1, but were surely disappointed with their opponent's lackluster performance.

"The competition out here is pretty bad," said Jordan J. Hines, coach of the Midgets. "I mean, the rest of these teams look like they have never played a game of softball or baseball in their lives. It makes it easy for us."

Although Joseph P. Beal, Dawgs pitcher and coach, had big aspirations before the game began, the Dawgs did not have a chance from the start.

"They have what we want skill wise," said Beal. "As long as we hit at their level this will turn out to be an interesting game."

The hitting started soundly enough for the



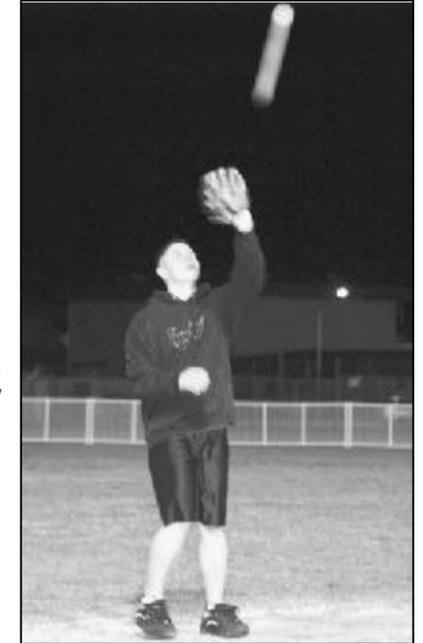
Although the Dawgs were beat, they still showed their support to the Midgets when the game ended with the mercy rule, 33-9.

Dawgs, with a two-run blast by shortstop Gary L. Allen. The score stood at 2-0 with the Midgets taking their turn at the plate.

In the bottom half of the inning, the Midgets exploded for 12 runs in a matter of minutes while sending the Dawgs reeling for answers. In the middle of the onslaught of runs, Cliff J. Lindgren, shortstop, drilled a pitch over the left field fence for a three-run homer and the game was quickly getting out of hand.

The Midgets shutdown the Dawgs hitters in the top of the second and it was back to the run-scoring machine of the Midget offense.

"We are not in our game tonight. We are just out of our groove," said Jose P. Martinez, Dawgs right fielder. "They are on top of their game, getting base hits and doing everything that they need to be doing, and that's why they are winning." If being down by 10



Cliff J. Lindgren, shortstop for the Midgets, catches a pop-fly from the Crew Dawgs at the softball game at Penny Lake, Monday.

was not bad enough, the Midgets bombarded the Dawgs with hits as they put up 21 more runs. The lineup batted around continuously and the game became a laughter. The game ended in the third inning with the mercy rule in effect and the Dawgs going home with their tails between their legs, losing 33-9.

"They're a stacked team, and that's all," said Beal. "They are the two best teams from last season combined. This is intramural softball not the All-Marine team."

All-Marine team or not, the significant gap in score didn't change, and the Midgets were not one bit surprised with the outcome of the game.

"It was like taking candy from a baby with them," said Hines. "You tease them a little and let them get a couple runs, but then you just take it away."



The Midgets second baseman Isaac E. Elizondo smacks a line drive for one of the many hits by the Midgets.

## IWAKUNI SPORTS SCENE

### INDOOR CYCLING ORIENTATION

April 23, 9-10:30 a.m. Open to Station residents ages 16 and older. This free class requires no sign up and takes place at the IronWorks Gym Aerobics Room. Wear comfortable work clothes and athletic shoes. Bring a water bottle. For details, call 253-6359.

### LIFEGUARD CLASS

Monday through April 29, 5-9 p.m. Call 253-4966 for more information.

### SHINZEN SWIM MEET

April 22, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the IronWorks Gym indoor pool. U.S. and JMSDF service members compete. For further information, call 253-4966.

### FAMILY APPRECIATION BOWLING DAYS

Saturday, 1-5 p.m. All games cost 75 cents. Call 253-4657 for details.

### MIKURADAKE HIKE

Saturday, 7 a.m. This is a moderate to difficult hike. Sign up for \$15 at IT&T. For details, call 253-3822.

### OVER 30 GROUP SWIM LESSONS

April 25-29, 6-6:45 p.m. For further information, call 253-4966.

### ANNUAL MCAS MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

Saturday through May 15. Golfers are bracketed according to handicap. For details, call 253-3402.

### 2ND ANNUAL OSHIMA BIKE CAMPING TRIP

This camp will be held at the Mutsu Park on the Oshima Island Saturday and Sunday. The fee is ¥1,000, includes food, games and music. Call Len at 080-3024-3882 for more information.

# Boxers rumble in racquetball ring

STORY AND PHOTOS BY  
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Racquetball players on their way to the courts for a quick game often do a double take as they walk by one of the four courts and notice boxing gloves have replaced racquets. After the initial shock wears off, the onlookers notice one thing the pugilists have in common with themselves. They've got a smile on their face.

Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at about 5 p.m., Akinori "Kick" Hamada ushers his students into one of the four racquetball courts at IronWorks Gym for another lesson in boxing, kickboxing, Karate, Muy Tai or any other form of fighting the students want to experiment in.

"I let my students decide what they want to learn," said Kick, who has been practicing Karate and kickboxing for approximately 10 years, earning a black belt in each. Akinori is also experienced in traditional boxing and Muy Tai fighting.

There is one exceptional aspect of this group of people who continually hone their fighting ability. Even when they get hit in the face while sparring, a smile never leaves their face.

"This club is about building relationships and having fun with each other while we try to stay fit," said Akinori. "It's like playing catch, we never try to knock out each other."

The club usually starts out each session by stretching out on their own, moving on to shadow boxing and most often finishing off the night with some light sparring.

"I used to play racquetball a lot and I always saw everyone sparring in here," said Takanari Kaneda, a two-year student of Kicks. "I got really interested and finally joined them. At first, my muscles were really stiff because boxing is a totally different sport from anything else. My shoulders, arms, stomach and back got pretty tight for the first couple weeks, but then my body grew stronger."

The club focuses on a full-body workout while in the racquetball "ring". They always try to work up a good sweat, and through the nature of boxing and martial arts, muscle will build naturally with continued participation.



Takanari Kaneda keeps his guard up while sparring with another student during a evening session of Akinori "Kick" Hamada's boxing club at IronWorks Gym.



Akinori "Kick" Hamada spars with one of his students during an evening session in one of IronWorks Gym racquetball courts. The boxing club meets every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at IronWorks.

Although many of the members of Kick's club partake in the weekly classes solely to stay in shape, some also come looking for real knowledge in the full-contact sports.

"One of my students has only been coming here for two months, and a couple weeks ago he went to a tournament and placed second," said Kick referring to one of his brightest students, Kijiyu Tomohiro.

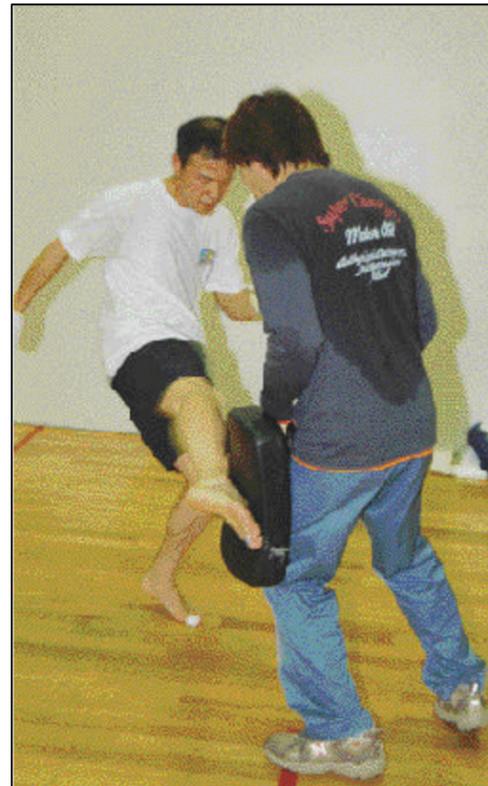
Each session is totally dictated by the students; what they want to learn, how hard they want to practice and how long they want to practice.

"(Kick) knows many techniques, so each week I make new discoveries in boxing," said Kaneda.

"Any martial arts are welcomed here, but please don't beat me up," said Kick with a chuckle.

The club has an open door policy for anyone desiring to learn a few of the finer points of boxing or kickboxing, and there is only one prerequisite for potential students. They must have a very good sense of sportsmanship.

"I love the smiles on people's faces," said Kick. "People come in with a kind of stern face sometimes and when they finally get a smile on their face, it proves that this club is successful."



Toshiyaki Takenaka practices a kick with Hamada "Kick" Akinori inside a racquetball court at IronWorks Gym, Monday.