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An Imperial Japanese Navy World War II veteran looks at newspaper articles inside the Japan Maritime Self Defense Force museum at Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni April 20, 2012. Veterans visited Indian Joe's lounge after the JMSDF museum to talk with current U.S. pilots and other officers.

## How about this Apple?

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"Apple," the name may not mean much to many, aside from the delicious fruit. But among his peers and adults at Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Tylor D. Apple is a well-respected athlete and student.

Apple, a Matthew C. Perry High School senior, has been named the Stars and Stripes Pacific high school boys Athlete of the Week for the first week of April for scoring his 100th career soccer goal as a Samurai player, leading the Pacific this season with 55 goals and 15 assists so far. Tylor D. Apple, Yuta Fleming, Gaku Lange and R.J. Traylor, Samurai teammates, were all selected for the All-Association International Schools Asia Tournament Team.

Apple also excels in the classroom with a 3.5 grade point average.

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## Comic duo performs on station

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Station residents found a distraction from everyday life as a duo of comedians performed at the Club Iwakuni Ballroom here April 18, 2012.

The Comics performing were actor/comedian Joe Torry and comedian K-Dubb.

First on the stage was K-Dubb who grabbed the audience's attention quickly and played off of the audience by asking where they were from back in the states.

"I have been to Japan two or three times in the past,"

said K-Dubb. "Each time, I have really enjoyed myself performing for the troops. It feels really great to give something back to those who do so much for us."

After starting the show, K-Dubb passed the spotlight to Torry.

Torry took to the stage with charisma that has allowed him to appear in television shows as well as big screen full length feature films such as Poetic Justice, Sprung, Tales from the Hood and others.

As Torry began, he informed the audience that he

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# MWSS-171, heavy equipment: 1; Dirt: 0

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Heavy equipment operators from Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 got their hands and equipment dirty on the recently closed golf course here April 18, 2012.

MWSS-171 heavy equipment operators conducted training which allowed them a rare opportunity for removal, lifting and leveling of materials.

"This (heavy equipment) training is important because it keeps the Marines sharp," said Staff Sgt. Jose R Camberos, MWSS-171 heavy equipment operations chief. The opportunity for this type of training doesn't happen very often for MWSS-171. This project allows operators to keep up with other heavy equipment operating units which have the capabilities for this training.

This training can be used in combat environments, which makes this an essential part of these Marines' skill sets.

"While in combat, we can use this training to clear out areas much faster than by hand, creating openings where



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A Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 Marine uses a John Deere 850J Medium Crawler Tractor to level the landscape at the old location of the golf course here April 18, 2012. Marines use these heavy equipment vehicles to complete different projects for Marine Wing Support Squadron 171, including the lift, level, removal or destruction of certain landscapes.

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# CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

## 'Don't quit'

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How many of you have been in troubles such as financial, marriage, spiritual, physical, relationship, work and more?

There are many situations in our lives that we have trouble with.

I have encountered a lot of troubles in life. One of them was the internal noise I heard every minute of my life, except when I am asleep. This is called "tinnitus." It was annoying and disturbed my sleep, which affected my whole being. Every day I was down and weary. Because of this, I quit my job as a priest in California for almost three years.

I prayed to God that he would heal me and take away this annoying sound in my right ear.

My prayer was not answered. The noise did not disappear, but I was able to manage the noise and live my life normally.

My doctor gave me great advice and said: "Your world (life) is not in the problem you are facing."

I went back to my job as a priest and became a Navy Chaplain. Had I quit my struggle, I would not be around this base.

God was so good. He took good care of me during this problem.

St. Paul said, "Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing" (1 Thess. 5:16-17).

He is telling us to keep praying and keep moving forward when things get rough. A popular English proverb says, "When the going gets tough, the tough get going."

We have to remember many troubles are man-made. They are not permanent and can be resolved by our efforts and willingness to look for ways and means of overcoming without quitting.

In my early school years, I came to learn a person can be compared to a pliant bamboo.

I can see a bamboo branch during a storm sway as the wind blows, without breaking, and has the power to stand still again.

I have a poem written by an unknown author entitled "DON'T

QUIT" worthy to be shared. "When things go wrong, as they sometimes will; when the road you're trudging seems all uphill; when the funds are low and the debts are high, and you want to smile, but you have to sigh; when care is pressing you down a bit, rest, if you must, but don't you quit.

Life is queer with its twists and turns, as every one of us sometimes learns, and many a failure turns about, when he might have won had he stuck it out; don't give up though the pace seems slow— You may succeed with another blow.

Often the goal is nearer than, It seems to a faint and faltering man, often the struggler has given up, when he might have captured the victor's cup, and he learned too late when the night slipped down, how close he was to the golden crown.

Success is failure turned inside out— The silver tint of the clouds of doubt, and you never can tell how close you are,

It may be near when it seems so far, so stick to the fight when you're hardest hit— It's when things seem worst that you must not quit."

# The few, the loud

## Act responsibly, respect traditions, respect culture

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"I expect each of you to hold yourselves and your Marines to the highest standards...nothing else is acceptable." These are the words from Gen. Amos' recent white letter concerning leadership and conduct in our Corps.

While the content of this letter was recently discussed with all Marines, it seems the message from our commandant did not resonate with some Marines here.

Recently, I had the embarrassing misfortune of having to correct a few Marines while on a train to Hiroshima concerning their etiquette in our host nation.

These Marines boarded the train with a 12-pack of Bud Light – several of them open – numerous Coronas and, of course the staple of the American diet: fast food. Everyone in the train car knew the Marines had landed because they made it clear with their hooting and hollering that the weekend had officially begun.

I surveyed the situation for a minute and then informed the Marines that this type of behavior is not acceptable on Japanese trains, to which a young Marine was quick to point out that it is not illegal to eat or drink on trains in Japan and pointed to a search engine on his phone as his source.

"Yes, Marine, it is not illegal to consume alcohol or eat on a train in Japan, however, it is frowned upon," was my response.

Immediately after this took place, two Japanese gentlemen moved away from the Marines to the front of the train car. For the first time in my professional career, I was embarrassed to be a Marine.

I then asked who the senior Marine in the group was and spoke with him in private and informed him that the conduct of the Marines reflected poorly upon the Marine Corps and was not helping improve relations with our Japanese hosts. He admitted the Marines were loud, but they weren't breaking

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Gen. James F. Amos, *Commandant of the Marine Corps*

Japanese law and reiterated they looked up the applicable law on Google.

Since when has Google replaced common sense and small unit leadership in our Corps?

The Marine apologized and assured me he would take charge of his fellow Marines and have them act appropriately.

As I saw them walk out of Hiroshima Station, I wondered if these young ambassadors would choose the path of acting with dignity, proper manners and respect for the local culture that evening or if they would spend their evening acting like the stereotypical, obnoxious "Ugly American." I want to believe it is the first choice, however, my instincts tell me otherwise.

As guests in Japan we are expected to be ambassadors of our Corps and our country. Our conduct can't simply be that of the average citizen or visitor to Japan, our conduct needs to be above reproach.

It is a privilege to serve in Japan, not a penance, and our conduct needs to reflect this privilege. We need to remember what is acceptable behavior in the United States is sometimes not acceptable here in Japan. It is incumbent upon all Marines to learn the customs, practices and manners of our new home. If we don't, we will never live up to our moniker of, "The World's Finest Fighting Force: The United States Marine Corps."

## Comics strike again, another night in the minds of comedians

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himself was from a military family. Then he held their attention with uproarious personal experiences.

This event was Torry's first time to Japan.

"It's a whole new world over here," said Torry. "We like to bring a little bit of home to the troops in Japan. It has been really cool being out here and seeing the sites and what this country has to offer us."

The night ended with the two comics mingling with the crowd.

"We like to come out and take pictures with everyone so they will have a little keepsake of the night," said Torry.

Having been in Japan for just a few days, and performing in Sasebo the night before, the comic duo is returning to the states.

"Although we are leaving, we shall return," said Torry. "We will be back May 2, coming to do another show for as many of the troops as we can."

## Heavy equipment operators help golf course say good bye

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insurgency is occurring, by pushing down or clearing out walls," said Camberos.

Heavy equipment operators play a vital role in combat scenarios. They also help rebuild and support the creation of runways, which allows for forward air support.

Cpl. Kyle C. Clark, MWSS-171 engineer equipment operator, explains usually while in combat-deployed locations, MWSS-171's main

role is to lift and level terrain.

Although training may not occur on a regular basis, these Marines continue to refine their skills through station projects and exercises.

"Most of the projects we have here are loading and unloading of vehicles, so anytime we can get dirt work it is a very valuable opportunity for these Marines," said Clark. "The only time we have a slight chance of performing this training is during deployments.

The golf course could be

used as extra parking for the upcoming Friendship Day, slated for May 5.

"Our mission should be accomplished by the end of the month and the field here should be ready for use by the base for Friendship Day," said Camberos.

Upon completion of the golf course transformation the heavy equipment operators of MWSS-171 plan to take their skills to Tinian for Exercise Geiger Fury.

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Recently, he was selected along with his peers, David Pilitz and Jacob Garner, as the best in Europe and Asia in the Movie Tech Film Category (ages 16-18) sponsored by Microsoft and Comcast.

"With trying to focus on getting into college, soccer and just time management, you need to give up some fun things and just focus on what matters," said Apple.

Even with his athletic and academic pursuits, being a teenager is still an important part of Apple's life.

"When I have down time, I try to focus on school, but I still make sure I have time to go out and have fun," said Apple.

Apple's perseverance and dedication to his

future sets him apart from other kids in the classroom and on the field.

"(Apple) has a motor that is different than other kids. When he decides he wants to do something, he can throw it into overdrive," said Mark H. Lange, language arts teacher and high school volleyball and soccer coach.

"He is just a natural finisher and makes the most of the little chances, and he does it a lot."

The ability to finish a play and score are his goals on the field, but he manages to continue academic excellence in the classroom as well.

"In school as well, he has a gift. But more than anything it's all about balance, using your time wisely and having a plan," said Lange.

Apple, who graduates in June, plans to attend Montana State University on a full scholarship.

## Friendship Day 2012 gate, road, facility closures

**Main gate:** The Main Gate will grant access to Friendship Day guests from 7 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. The gate will close at 1:30 p.m. and reopen at 2 p.m. for outbound pedestrian traffic only. Bicycles are authorized through this gate and may park in the Zero Hangar parking area.

**Monzen Gate:** The Monzen Gate will open from 5 - 8 a.m. for event contractors only. After 8 a.m., access will be restricted to occupants residing in the Monzen Housing area, mission essential duty personnel, VIP, Japanese Police and special needs personnel. Personnel requiring access through the gate during the venue (mission essential duty) must obtain an access pass, which can be requested through Japanese Security Office, located at PMO. Freedom Bridge and Monzen Gate will reopen after FD-12 traffic has been relieved.

**Old Monzen Gate:** This gate will open from 5 - 8 a.m., for personnel who work or reside aboard the Air Station. All inbound vehicle traffic will be temporarily halted between 7 - 7:20 a.m. to allow screening of chartered buses for the Ferryboat Operation. This gate will close at 8 a.m. and all station residents will be routed to the Monzen Gate.

**North Gate:** The North Gate will open to vehicle traffic from 5 - 8 a.m., at which time inbound traffic will cease and be redirected to the Contractor's Gate. The Iwakuni City Shuttle bus will begin transporting FD-12 guests at 6:30 a.m. After 8 a.m., only Iwakuni City Shuttle Buses will have access, and will run continuously until all FD-12 guests are off station. The North Gate will provide limited outbound traffic during FD-12 for guests and station residents. Pedestrian and bicycle traffic will not be permitted to enter or exit through this gate at any time.

**Contractor's Gate:** The Contractor's Gate will open for personally owned vehicle, tour bus, and motorcycle traffic from 5 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., at which time all inbound traffic will cease. At 2 p.m., the Contractor's Gate will be utilized for outbound traffic only until FD-12 traffic has been alleviated. Pedestrian and bicycle traffic will not be permitted to enter or exit this gate.

**Road Closures:** E. Circle Avenue will close 8 a.m. May 4, 2012 from the Provost Marshal's Office intersection to the Crossroads and Commissary Intersection, in order to set up fencing for Friendship Day. Vehicles that need to access the Main Gate or the Crossroads area will be redirected around Brushert Street and Newell Drive (the road in front of Sakura Theater). Access to the Kintai Inn and Club Iwakuni will be limited and controlled by traffic control points.

All roads on the north side of station will be closed May 5, 2012, at 5 a.m. for Friendship Day vehicle traffic. Station residents should refrain from driving during Friendship Day. Access to base areas will be limited. PMO will have traffic control points that will allow vehicles to pass on a case-by-case basis to leave the station. Residents south of the Main Gate will utilize the Monzen Gate. Residents north of the Main Gate will utilize the North Gate. There are three station resident access control points for residents looking to access the Friendship Day venue. All station personnel will be required to present Military ID to be granted access to the venue. Without a Military ID, station residents will be redirected to screening points, but they will be still able to access the venue. The first point of access will be between Crossroads and the Marine Corps Exchange, the second point of access will be the intersection in front of Sakura Theater and the third point of access will be at the crosswalk entrance in front of Club Iwakuni, leading to the mid-rise adjacent the Main Gate.

### Facility closures

|                        |                                       |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| MCX Main Store         | IT&T                                  |
| Marine Mart            | Academy Travel                        |
| Services +             | Iron Works Indoor Pool and Gear Issue |
| Furniture store        | Marine Lounge                         |
| New Cars Sales         | Sakura Theater                        |
| Torii Video            | The Strike Zone                       |
| Auto Service Center    | Library                               |
| Auto Skills Center     | Wood Hobby Shop                       |
| Car Rental             | Behavioral Health Branch              |
| Gas Station            | Teen Center                           |
| Beauty Salon           | Education Office                      |
| Dry Cleaning           | School Age Center                     |
| Barber Shop            | Child Development Center              |
| Soft Bank Club Iwakuni |                                       |

# Keep the faith during the drawdown

## AVAILABLE OPTIONS

| WHAT                                 | WHO   | DESCRIPTION   | PAYMENT  |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|--|
| Temporary Early retirement Authority | Officers and Enlisted                                     | Early retirement for Marines with between 15 to 20 years of service                           | 32.5 to 40 percent of retirement                   |
| Early Discharge Authority            | Officers and Enlisted                                     | Officers up to six months Enlisted up to 12 months  | None   |
| Voluntary Separation Pay             | Officers and Enlisted                                     | Separation with six to 20 years of service  | Up to 40 percent base pay times years of service   |
| Time-in-Grade Waiver                 | O-5 and O-6s with two years time-in-grade                 | Two percent of grade per year (12 O6s and 38 O5s)   | Retire in grade                                    |
| Selective Early Retirement Board     | Officers and Enlisted                                     | Twice passed over O5s and O6s with four years time-in-grade/ up to 30 percent of eligible E9s | Retire in grade                                    |
| STAP Boatspace Caps                  | Enlisted  | Limit reenlistment for career Marines   | Eligible for separation pay                        |
| Enlisted Career Force Controls       | Enlisted  | Years of service limitations based on rank  | Eligible for separation pay                        |
| Involuntary Separation Pay           | Officers and Enlisted with more than six years of service | Officers - twice passed Enlisted - denied reenlistment  | Separation pay based on grade and years of service |

## KEY DRAWDOWN GOALS

- The drawdown will be incrementally phased.
- Marines will be allowed to complete their current enlistment contracts.
- The drawdown will continue to allow staff sergeants and majors to make it to retirement.
- **For Marines separating:**
  - Adequate transition time will be provided.
  - Effective transition assistance support and Department of Veterans Affairs coordination will be provided.
  - Ensure Marines are given adequate behavioral health and family readiness program support.

## WE'VE BEEN THROUGH THIS BEFORE...

|           |  |
|-----------|--|
| <b>45</b> | After World War II our troops were reduced from 475,000 in 1945 to 75,000 at the end of 1950. 80K per year.                  |
| <b>53</b> | After the Korean War our troops were reduced from 250,000 in 1953 to 190,000 at the end of 1958. 12K per year.               |
| <b>69</b> | At the end of the Vietnam era our troops were reduced from 310,000 in 1969 to 189,000 at the end of 1974. 24K per year.      |
| <b>90</b> | After the Cold War and Desert Storm our troops were reduced from 197,000 in 1990 to 174,000 at the end of 1994. 6K per year. |
| <b>12</b> | Starting in 2012, troops will be reduced from 202,100 to 182,100 by the end of 2016. 5K per year.                            |

## WHAT TO DO

- Ensure your official military personal file and master brief sheet are accurate, up to date and complete with schools, training and all fitness reports.
- Be responsible for the accuracy quality, and completeness of your records and pictures.
- Contact Manpower Management Support Branch early. Do not wait until a week prior to your board.

## WHAT NOT TO DO

- Forget to take a photo in accordance with order MarAdmin 003/09 and submit before the board convenes.
- Forget to make corrections to your record if needed.
- Forget to bring your "A" game every day.

### Fiscal Year 2013

The Marine Corps will start with 21,889 officers and 178,111 enlisted Marines. Required officer losses is set for 2,517 with 1,580 normal losses being augmented with 275 voluntary and 124 involuntary losses. Required enlisted losses is set for 32,261 with 31,000 normal losses being augmented with 1,242 voluntary and 379 involuntary losses.

### Fiscal Year 2014

The Marine Corps will start fiscal year 2014 with 20,972 officers and 173,490 enlisted Marines. Required officer losses is set for 2,140 with 1,580 normal losses being augmented with 250 voluntary and 50 involuntary losses. Required enlisted losses is set for 30,740 with 29,000 normal losses being augmented with 1,112 voluntary and 578 involuntary losses.

### Fiscal Year 2015

The Marine Corps will start fiscal year 2015 with 20,970 officers and 170,750 enlisted Marines. Required officer losses is set for 2,067 with 1,580 normal losses being augmented with 250 voluntary and 50 involuntary losses. Required enlisted losses is set for 32,740 with 31,000 normal losses being augmented with 1,283 voluntary and 457 involuntary losses.

### Fiscal Year 2016

The Marine Corps will start fiscal year 2016 with 20,763 officers and 166,010 enlisted Marines. Required officer losses is set for 1,979 with 1,580 normal losses being augmented with 250 voluntary and 50 involuntary losses. Required enlisted losses is set for 31,940 with 30,200 normal losses being augmented with 1,300 voluntary and 440 involuntary losses.

### Fiscal Year 2017

By the beginning of fiscal year 2017, the Marine Corps is scheduled to contain approximately 182,100 officers and enlisted Marines total.

# WORLD WAR II, THE OTHER SIDE

## Seeing history through different eyes

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World War II took the lives of millions of civilians and military personnel worldwide. Caught in the middle of the conflict were the servicemembers who fought on both sides. In war, these men were enemies, fighting out the politics of their nations on the battlefield. These warriors, these surviving few, on both sides have helped to forge an alliance of peace and prosperity from the ashes of that bloody war nearly 70 years since.

A group of these same surviving warriors, eleven Japanese Imperial Navy World War II veterans, reached out and across the decades during a recent visit to Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan, April 20, 2012.

"You are all fighters, I was a fighter," said Masayuki Matsumuro, World War II veteran. "We have a special language, we understand each other even though I speak Japanese and you speak English. I really like the Marine's spirit. I feel at ease when I'm here."

Matsumuro said his first experience with Marines was when he was traveling on a train with his fiancé after World War II, and a Marine was being belligerent to the fiancé. Matsumuro jumped on the Marine and ended up detained. He was brought to a military court-martial where the Marine confessed his mistakes for being intoxicated on the train, allowing Matsumuro to go free. When Matsumuro married his wife, he invited the Marine to his wedding. The Marine, along with his commanding officer and a military policeman, brought American cigarettes, Hershey's chocolate and whiskey as gifts.

Matsumuro said ever since this event, he has gone from never wanting to see Marines, to enjoying the friendship of Marines so much to devote all of his remaining life in promotion of the friendship of the U.S. and Japan.

The veterans started their tour in Building One, looking through the

trophy cases and reading across the Marine Aircraft Group 12 timeline, which stretches into the entranceway.

The visitors then made their way to the Japan Maritime Self Defense Force museum, a building aboard station which houses a multitude of historic articles, including pieces of uniforms, gear, newspapers, photographs and other important memorabilia. This wasn't the first time for some of the veterans to see this material, though.

"I have donated about one-fourth of what is in the museum," said Matsumuro.

Later in the evening, the veterans visited Indian Joe's Lounge to talk with pilots and other officers aboard station.

Some of the veterans shared stories from their World War II experience.

"I was in a submarine during the attack at Pearl Harbor. My job was to report the results of the battle," said Itho Susumu, World War II veteran. "I traveled about 90 days consecutively in my submarine, going from Yokosuka to Pearl Harbor to the West Coast and back. After the battle at Pearl Harbor, I chased a U.S. ship to the West Coast. My submarine sank five regular commercial boats. The U.S. news media recorded only two sunk, but I watched five of them go down."

Susumu also said he fought in a J2M Raiden to counterattack U.S. bombing runs on Japan, shooting down a total of five and a half (himself and one other Raiden getting one half each) B-29 bombers.

After nearly 70 years, the bond which ties American and Japanese veterans, troops and civilians, can continue to grow and prosper.

"I believe we share the mentality to protect nations, peace and democracy," said Matsumuro. "During war, we are enemies. But now, during peace, we can become best friends. I may be getting old, but there are still ways for myself and the other veterans with me to promote our friendship. That's why I'm here."



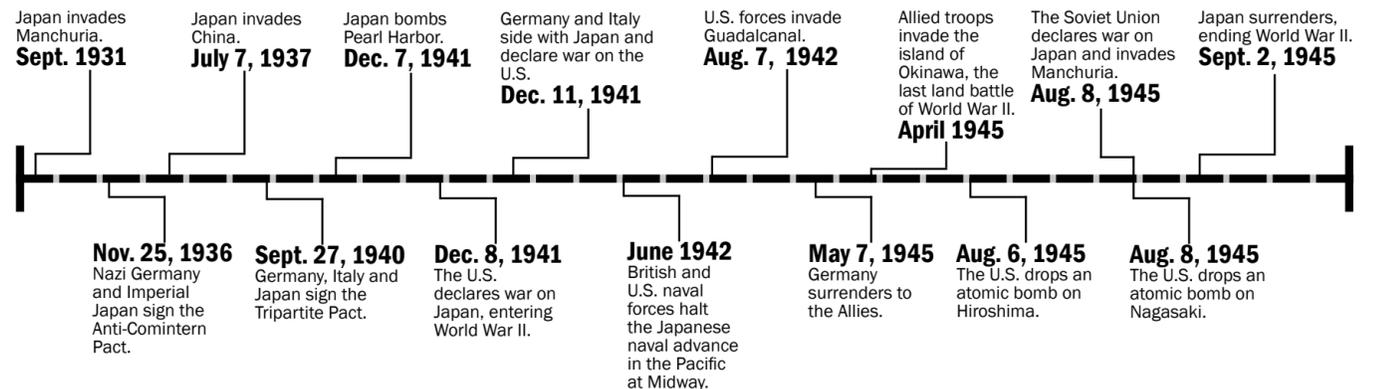
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Hamada Sadakatsu, Imperial Japanese Navy World War II veteran, and his wife look over a picture of Imperial Japanese Navy officers inside the Japan Maritime Self Defense Force museum at Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni April 20, 2012. Veterans visited Indian Joe's lounge after the JMSDF museum to talk with current U.S. pilots and other officers.



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Ogasu Kunihisa, Imperial Japanese Navy World War II veteran, reads a section of the Marine Aircraft Group 12 World War II timeline located in Building One at Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni April 20, 2012. Veterans toured the Building One trophy cases as well as the Japan Maritime Self Defense Force museum during the trip to the station.





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Matthew D. Stover, volunteer, searches between rocks north of Penny Lake on the ocean side of the seawall April 20, 2012, to rid the surrounding area of trash and debris washed ashore aboard Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni. The volunteers devoted several hours of their mornings to clean the seawall.

# They came, they saw, they ~~conquered~~ cleaned

## Volunteers take out trash during Earth Day sea wall cleanup

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Marines, sailors and civilians gathered at the seawall north of Penny Lake to volunteer their time to clean up the environment here April 20, 2012.

The cleanup celebrates April 22, declared International Mother Earth Day by the United Nations in 1970.

Volunteers came from all over the station to clean the outer regions of the seawall, which collects most of its debris from the ocean's current.

The volunteers took great pride in their work. They saw the cleanup as an opportunity to do their part for Earth Day the best way they knew how.

"We're here to cleanup all the debris washed up to the shore by ships or just from the general population," said Matthew Stover, seawall volunteer. "We're trying to make the base and the Earth a cleaner place to live."

The cleanup is an annual event that takes place on station at the seawall.

"We cleanup the seawall every year," said Charles R. Hill, comprehensive environmental training and education programs

trainer. "The sea side of the seawall is not easily seen. Therefore, it usually collects the largest amount of trash and debris washed up to the shore. That is why we pick this spot."

When running along the seawall if one were to peek over the edge they could find a large amount of debris. This was until volunteers devoted their time to helping restore Earth's natural beauty to its proper form.

Some of the items cleaned up included old nets, large foam fishing buoys, soda bottles, cans, tires and gas cans.

"There is no telling where all this trash comes from," said Hill. "The current pulls it all in. But we are happy to do this. We are happy to be out here doing our part to protect the environment."

When the volunteers finished collecting the trash, a barbecue was held for them free of charge in thanks for the time they devoted. The seawall and the air station in general are now cleaner places.

"Thank you to all the volunteers that came out to help," said Hill. "This could not have been possible without their help and I am very satisfied and happy with the amount of work they have done not just for the base but for the Earth as well."



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Volunteer Chad A. Welsh fills his trash bag with pieces of an old foam buoy after searching through piles of driftwood at the seawall north of Penny Lake aboard Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni April 20, 2012. The cleanup is an annual event that takes place every Earth Day.



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Volunteer Bryan J. Cowin stares down at the trash that has been washed ashore on the seawall north of Penny Lake aboard Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni April 20, 2012. April 22 was established as International Earth Day in 1970 by the United Nations.



LANCE CPL. J. GAGE KARWICK

Volunteers sort trash they collected after a seawall cleanup north of Penny Lake aboard Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni April 20, 2012. After volunteers collected trash and debris, they sorted the items in accordance with recycling regulations. When volunteers finished collecting the trash, a barbecue was held for them free of charge in thanks for the time they devoted.

### EARTH DAY NUMBERS

- 22** Earth Day was celebrated for the first time April 22, 1970.
- 24** 24 percent of the U.S. public declared protecting the environment to be an important goal in 2011.
- 2** There are actually two Earth Days, the second is the Spring Equinox Earth Day.
- 21** Conservationist John McConnell chose March 21 for the second Earth Day.
- 90** By 1990 Earth Day was celebrated across the globe by 200 million people.
- 69** Senator Gaylord Nelson came up with the idea for Earth Day in 1969.
- 94** More than 94 million people have pledged acts of green through the Earth Day network.
- 42** This is Earth Day's 42nd anniversary.

"Thank you to all the volunteers that came out to help. This could not have been possible without their help and I am very satisfied and happy with the amount of work they have done not just for the base, but for the Earth as well."

Charles R. Hill, comprehensive environmental training and education programs trainer

### HOW TO STAY GREEN

- If you see trash on the ground, toss it in the trash can.
- Recycle cans, bottles and paper.
- Ride your bike or walk. Too many cars cause a lot of pollution.
- Save paper.
- To clean up messes, use sponges or washable cloths instead of paper towels.
- Don't leave the water running while you brush your teeth.
- Turn off the lights when you leave the room.
- Don't leave the refrigerator door open. Get what you want quickly.

# CORPS NEWS

## HIGHLIGHTING MARINES AND SAILORS AROUND THE GLOBE

### 31st MEU Marines navigate four-hour jungle warfare endurance course

CPL. JONATHAN WRIGHT  
31ST MARINE  
EXPEDITIONARY UNIT

**OKINAWA, Japan** – While Marines are unlikely to find themselves deep in the heart of a jungle during current combat operations in the Middle East, they must always maintain their ability to fight in any clime and any place.

Marines with Company B, Battalion Landing Team 1st Battalion, 4th Marines, 31st Expeditionary Unit, completed a two-week training evolution at the Jungle Warfare Training Center by running the Jungle Endurance Course here, April 20.

“Everything they’ve learned over the past two weeks is put into play here, one after another,” said Cpl. Blake Cameron, an instructor with the center. “They must navigate the route through the jungle and over the various obstacles in their way.”

Spanning nearly four miles of winding jungle terrain, three platoons of B Co. rappelled down sheer rock faces, pulled themselves over ropes suspended above a creek, low-crawled under concertina wire and stretcher-carried companions through slippery ravines.

“Last time we did a course like this, it was in a cold-weather training environment, completely different from this,” said Lance Cpl. Asael Cornejo,



CPL. JONATHAN WRIGHT

**OKINAWA, Japan** – Marines with 2nd Platoon, Company B, Battalion Landing Team 1st Battalion, 4th Marines, 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, carry a simulated casualty on an improvised stretcher utilizing branches and their blouses during the Jungle Endurance Course here, April 20. After completing a two-week training evolution at the Jungle Warfare Training Center, the Marines underwent the four-mile-long course through the Okinawan jungle, utilizing the skills they learned. The 31st MEU is the only continuously forward-deployed MEU and remains the nation’s force in readiness in the Asia-Pacific region.

rifleman with Co. B, BLT 1/4, 31st MEU. “We may not be in jungles in Afghanistan, but this gets us used to different environments we may need to operate in.”

Adding to the value of the JEC training was a lack of officers, excluded from training to place the burden of leadership on squad leaders. Sergeants and corporals led their

Marines through the course, utilizing every element of small-unit leadership to accomplish the mission.

The jungle warfare course serves as one of the culminating training events for Company B, BLT 1/4 as they near the end of their tour with the 31st MEU. Amphibious training from ship to shore and trudging through

the dense, wet jungle of Okinawa has helped to broaden the experience of the infantry battalion’s small unit leaders.

“The Marines need to be ready to engage the enemy in any clime and place, because war does not discriminate against certain types of environments,” said 1st Lt. Zachary Duncan, platoon commander for 1st

Platoon, Co. B, BLT 1/4, 31st MEU. “This is some of the best training these Marines have gotten in a long time, and it all goes toward preparing us for tomorrow’s war, whenever and wherever it may be.”

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**OKINAWA, Japan** – A Marine with 1st Platoon, Company B, Battalion Landing Team 1st Battalion, 4th Marines, 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, crawls through a watery ditch and under concertina wire during the Jungle Endurance Course here, April 20. After completing a two-week training evolution at the Jungle Warfare Training Center, the Marines underwent the four-mile-long course through the Okinawan jungle, utilizing the rappelling, rope-crossing, improvised stretcher carry and other skills they learned. The 31st MEU is the only continuously forward-deployed MEU and remains the nation’s force in readiness in the Asia-Pacific region.



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**OKINAWA, Japan** – Marines with 1st Platoon, Company B, Battalion Landing Team 1st Battalion, 4th Marines, 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, craft an improvised stretcher out of branches and their uniform blouses to transport a simulated victim during the Jungle Endurance Course here, April 20. Amphibious training from ship to shore and trudging through the dense, wet jungle of Okinawa has helped to broaden the experience of the infantry battalion’s small unit leaders.

# COMMUNITY BRIEFS | CLASSIFIEDS

### Briefs

#### Marine A-4 Skyhawk Reunion

Marine A-4 Skyhawk Reunion, in conjunction with the MCAA Symposium and Centennial Celebrations, is scheduled for May 16-19 at the Gaylord National Hotel, Oxon Hill, MD. All drivers, maintainers and aficionados are welcome. For more information, contact Mark Williams at roderger.wilco@comcast.net.

#### Kaplan University Scholarships

The American Freedom Foundation has partnered with Kaplan University to provide more than one million dollars in scholarships to spouses and dependent children of U.S. servicemembers. Applications are due by June 1. For more information visit, <http://sms.scholarshipamerica.org/aff/>.

#### Like To Draw?

The Iwakuni Approach is looking for artistic people with a sense of humor to submit cartoon drawings. If you are interested, bring your drawings by the Public Affairs Office, Building 1, Room 216. Public Affairs approves editorial content for cartoons published each week.

#### Emergency Phone Numbers Reminder

- Put these numbers in your wallet:
- Anti-terrorism force protection hotline: 253-ATFP (2837).
- Life limb or loss of vision threatening emergencies while on the air station: 119 or 911. From a cell phone or for bilingual capability: 082-721-7700.
- For security issues, contact the Provost Marshal’s Office: 253-3303. To report without talking to a person, Crime Stoppers: 253-3333.
- Sexual Assault: To make a

confidential report of sexual assault or harassment, contact the victim advocate at 253-4526 during working hours. For after hours, weekends and holidays, call 090-9978-1033 or 080-3427-0835. You can also call the installation Sexual Assault Response Coordinator at 253-6556 or 080-5865-3566.

#### NMCRS Quick Assist Loans

The Iwakuni Navy Marine Corps Relief Society is providing Quick Assist Loans to prevent active duty service members from falling prey to predatory lenders. These loans are designed to assist with short-term living expenses up to \$300, interest free and must be repaid within 10 months. For more information, call the Iwakuni NMCRS at 253-5311 or stop by the Marine Memorial Chapel, Room 148.

#### Iwakuni Roadrunners

All servicemembers and civilians are welcome. Runs are Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. Meeting place is in front of Crossroads Mall. Time and length of runs vary. All abilities are welcome. For more information, visit “Iwakuni Roadrunners” Facebook page.

#### Off-limit Establishments

The following establishments are hereby off-limits:  
• The multi-tenant building “NOW,” Tenant occupant’s names change frequently. Past names for this building include, Ran, Massage Parlor, Welcome American, Follow Me and F-18.  
• Hiroshima’s Tougan Goods Company.

#### Lending Locker Program

The lending locker program is available to provide small home appliances and utensils for incoming and outgoing command sponsored members for up to 60 days inbound and 30 days outbound. A copy of PCS

orders are required to check out items, and the program is by appointment only. The lending locker is located in Building 411, Room 101. Appointments are 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. For more information, call 253-6161.

#### Mothers of Preschoolers

MOPS offers fun support and encouragement for mothers of newborns to age five. Meetings are the 1st and 3rd Thursday each month. Volunteers are also needed to help with the children’s program. For more information, call Sarah Spencer at 253-2303 or visit [www.facebook.com/IwakuniMOPS](http://www.facebook.com/IwakuniMOPS).

### Jobs

#### Volt Workforce Solutions, Inc.

Volt has launched the Volt Military Heroes Program. This program is designed to help the transition from military life to civilian life by providing veterans of any service with employment opportunities. If you know a U.S. servicemember who will be separating and is looking for a job, Volt is currently looking for applicants who are willing to go to Australia to work. To submit a resume visit [voltmilitary.com](http://voltmilitary.com). For more information e-mail Pedro A. Navagonzalez at [pnavagonzalez@volt.com](mailto:pnavagonzalez@volt.com)

#### Dental Assistant

The 11th Dental Clinic is now accepting applications for a full-time dental assistant. Certification of qualification is required. For more information, call 253-5252.

#### Brief and Classified Submissions

To submit a community brief or classified advertisement, send an e-mail to [iwakuni.pao@usmc.mil](mailto:iwakuni.pao@usmc.mil). Include a contact name, a phone number and the information you would like published. Alternatively, You may submit

your brief or classified ad in person at the Public Affairs Office, Building 1, Room 216 or you may call 253-5551. Ensure you provide all requested information to simplify the request process and ensure your request is processed properly. The deadline for submissions is 3 p.m. every Friday. Submissions will run the following Friday on a space-available basis.

## 10th Annual Iwakuni Kusunoki Fireworks Festival

The 10th annual Iwakuni Kusunoki Fireworks Festival is scheduled to be held May 3, 2012, approximately 1.2 miles West of the station. Schedule of events as follows:

- 11 a.m. Shitoh Ritual
- 12 p.m. Stage events, food/refreshment booths, and other display booths and games
- 7 p.m. Fireworks Opening Ceremony
- 7:30 p.m. Fireworks display
- 8:30 p.m. Fireworks display ends

#### STAGE EVENTS:

- 12-12:15 p.m. Kawashimo Junior High School Brass Band
- 12:25-12:55 p.m. M.C. Perry School music performance
- 1-1:30 p.m. Hurrah dance
- 1:35-2:05 p.m. Karate demonstration
- 2:15-2:35 p.m. Drum group performance by Mangyoji
- 2:40-3:30 p.m. Hip wrestling match
- 3:35-4:35 p.m. “Hakujaoh” appearance
- 4:45-5:30 p.m. Band performance by “Love Portion”
- 5:40-6 p.m. Iwakuni Daiko drum performance
- 6:20-7 p.m. “Mountain Mouth” live performance
- 7-7:30 p.m. Fireworks Opening Ceremony

## KUNI TOONS: TRAIN ETIQUETTE



SUBMITTED BY LANCE CPL. CHARLIE CLARK

# INFOTAINMENT

## Chapel Services

### Roman Catholic

Saturday 4:30-5:15 p.m. Confession  
5:30 p.m. Mass

Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass  
9:45 a.m. Religious Education

Mon. – Thurs. 11:30 a.m. Weekday Mass

### Protestant

Sunday 10:30 a.m. Protestant Service  
10:30 a.m. Children's Church  
10:30 a.m. Church of Christ Meeting  
1 p.m. Contemporary  
4:30 p.m. Lutheran Service  
5:30 p.m. FLOW (Youth Group)

Monday 7 p.m. Men's Bible Study

Tuesday 9 a.m. Ladies' Bible Study  
5 p.m. Working Women Bible Study

Wednesday 10:30 a.m. Ladies' Tea  
5:45 p.m. AWANA (Bldg. 1104)

2nd and 4th Saturday 10:30 a.m. Seventh Day Adventist Meeting

2nd Saturday 7:30 a.m. Men's Discipleship

### Bahai

Sunday 11 a.m. Bahai Meeting

For information regarding divine services, religious education or any other command religious program or chapel activity, call the Marine Memorial Chapel at 253-3371.

## THE IWAKUNI APPROACH CULTURAL LESSONS



Train etiquette is undoubtedly a subject of paramount importance when it comes to living and traveling in Japan. Unlike trains in the United States, where talking and other loud, boisterous activities are accepted, Japanese train systems operate like a self-automated machine, seamlessly transitioning from station platform to platform.

There are several rules which can help foreigners in this distant land while being an ambassador in Japan, which include being calm, quiet, respectful and using common sense.

Some things to remember while commuting on the train system are that Japanese are very polite and tend to avoid eye contact. That being said, being foreign may merit you a few glances or stares in certain areas.

Use headphones to listen to music, and do so in a way where no one else can hear it.

Along with your music, ensure your phone is on silent mode or off.

Eating and drinking on a train can be considered rude and should be avoided if possible.

It is polite to offer your seat to elderly, pregnant and injured people and is expected if the seat is in the designated handicapped area.

Allow the current passengers to exit the train before trying to board.

Keep your personal belongings tight to you during rush hours when there isn't much free space.

When the number of passengers goes up, the amount of noise usually goes down. This is out of respect for the current cramped situation.

If all else fails and you still have no idea what to do, just follow the pack! You can't go wrong if you're doing the same as everyone else.

## SAKURA THEATER

Friday, April 27 2012

7 p.m. Gone (PG-13)  
10 p.m. Wanderlust (R)

Saturday, April 28, 2012

4 p.m. Dr. Seuss' The Lorax (PG)  
7 p.m. The Vow (PG-13)

Sunday, April 29, 2012

4 p.m. Dr. Seuss' The Lorax (PG)  
7 p.m. Wrath of the Titans (PG-13)

Monday, April 30, 2012

7 p.m. Gone (PG-13)

Tuesday, May 1, 2012

Theater Closed

Wednesday, May 2, 2012

Theater Closed

Thursday, May 3, 2012

Theater Closed

The movie schedule is subject to change. Please check [www.mccsiwakuni.com/sakura](http://www.mccsiwakuni.com/sakura) often for updates, or call the Sakura Theater at 253-5291 for the latest schedule.

General Admission: Ages 12+ are \$3/ Ages 6-11 are \$1.50/ Children ages 5 and under admitted free. For more information, visit [www.mccsiwakuni.com](http://www.mccsiwakuni.com) or call 253-5291.

## Mess Hall Menu

### Monday:

Corn chowder, jerked styled chicken, spicy baked fish, Lyonnaise rice, baked macaroni and cheese, asparagus, corn, chicken gravy, dinner rolls, macaroni salad, potato salad, coleslaw, bear claws, blueberry muffins, cherry pie, white cake, butter cream frosting, brownies, chocolate pudding parfait, Jell-O parfait

### Tuesday:

Chicken with rice, baked Italian sausage, pepper steak, steamed rice, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, brussels sprout polonaise, brown gravy, dinner rolls, macaroni salad, potato salad, coleslaw, snails, banana nut muffins, peach crunch, cheese cake, peanut butter cookies, vanilla pudding parfait, Jell-O parfait

### Wednesday:

Cream of chicken soup, baked salmon, Yankee pot roast, paprika buttered potatoes, steamed rice, peas and carrots, calico cabbage, brown gravy, dinner rolls, macaroni salad, potato salad, coleslaw, kolaches, quick cherry coffee cake, pecan pie, marble cake, butter cream frosting, chocolate chip cookies, banana cream pudding, Jell-O parfait

### Thursday:

Minestrone soup, apple glazed corn beef, Cantonese pork ribs, potatoes au gratin, tossed green rice, orange carrots, amandine, spinach, mustard sauce, dinner rolls, macaroni salad, potato salad, coleslaw, bowknots, blueberry muffin, apple pie, devils food cake, coconut butter cream frosting, shortbread cookie, chocolate pudding parfait, Jell-O parfait

### Friday:

Chicken rice soup, savory baked chicken, fried catfish, mashed potatoes, long grain and wild rice, squash, asparagus, chicken gravy, brown gravy, corn muffins, macaroni salad, potato salad, coleslaw, quick French coffee cake, doughnut, cherry pie, yellow cake, chocolate butter cream frosting, brownies, vanilla pudding parfait, Jell-O parfait

## CLASH OF RUBBER-SUITED TITANS TAKES PLACE AT IRONWORKS GYM

CPL. KENNETH K. TROTTER, JR.  
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Servicemembers from Combat Logistics Company 36 took first place in the 2012 Commander's Cup Challenge in a Sumo Basho match at IronWorks Gym sports courts here April 20, 2012.

The purpose of the event was to bring about unit cohesion, teamwork and friendly inter-unit rivalry.

"This gives them an opportunity to not only interact with each other, but compete against one another," said Andrea Kawano, Marine Corps Community Service employee and assistant event organizer. "It's also a good way to get servicemembers more active in events like this, and it's fun."

Some of the groups who participated in the bash along with CLC-36 included units from Marine Wing Support Squadron 171, Robert M. Casey Medical and Dental Health Clinic, Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12, Marine Air Control Squadron 4 Detachment

B and Station Operations.

The Commander's Cup Challenge is a series of events and games ranging from traditional sports such as Ironman challenges, basketball and softball to more alternative sports such as ultimate Frisbee and, in the case of this event, a sumo bash.

The rules for the event had participants in rubber sumo suits attempting to push one another outside of a red circle. If any part of a participant's body exited the red ring before their opponent, they lost the round.

CLC-36 came in with a sound strategy to beat the others.

"We planned it out to have their little guys against our big guys and their big guys against our little guys," said Sgt. Mark Herrmann, CLC-36 sumo bash participant. "We wanted our little guys to be able to use their speed against the bigger servicemembers and we've got the best war dogs on base."

After CLC-36 claimed first place, Station Operations took second with MALS-12 finishing third.

CLC-36 hoped this victory will allow them to take the lead in the Commander's Cup and win the challenge again this year.

"We were in second place coming into this," said Herrmann. "We were tied with, I believe, MWSS-171. We're trying to come from behind and sweep the challenge."

Each unit was awarded points for participating in the event with CLC-36 earning 30 points, Station Ops 27 points and MALS-12 getting 25 points. All other groups received 20 points for participating.

Though CLC-36 won overall, the true intent of the challenge was met when all the servicemembers involved laughed and joined in from the sidelines cheering on their respective units.

"I was glad to see the servicemembers do something besides work," said Kawano.

Other events slated for the Commander's Cup Challenge are an aqua fitness challenge, ultimate Frisbee tournament and several other events later in the year.



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Marines with Combat Logistics Company 36 react enthusiastically to CLC-36 taking first place during the 2012 Commander's Cup Challenge Sumo Basho at the IronWorks Gym sports courts aboard Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni April 20, 2012. Combat Logistics Company 36 took first place with 30 points, Station Operations finished second with 27 points and Marine Air Control Squadron 4 Detachment B took third with 25 points. Along with those three units, groups from Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12, Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 and Robert M. Casey Medical and Dental Clinic were awarded 20 points.



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Sgt. Gaylon Summers, a Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron Sumo Basho participant, gets suited up to participate in the 2012 Commander's Cup Challenge Sumo Basho at the IronWorks Gym sports courts here April 20, 2012.

## COMMANDER'S CUP CHALLENGE STANDINGS

- Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12 is in 1st place for the Commander's Cup Challenge with 192 points.
- Combat Logistics Company 36 is in 2nd place for the Commander's Cup Challenge with 170 points.
- Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 is in 3rd place for the Commander's Cup Challenge with 160 points.
- Station Operations is in 4th place for the Commander's Cup Challenge with 121 points.
- Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron is in 5th place for the Commander's Cup Challenge with 100 points.
- Robert M. Casey Medical and Dental Health Clinic and Marine Air Control Squadron 4 Detachment B are tied for 6th/7th place for the Commander's Cup Challenge with 45 points.
- Logistics is in 8th place for the Commander's Cup Challenge with 20 points.
- Marine All-Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 242 is in 9th place for the Commander's Cup Challenge with 10 points.



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Staff Sgt. Jose Gil (left), Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12 sumo bash participant, prepares to tussle with Seaman Charles Carruthers, Robert M. Casey Medical and Dental Health Clinic sumo bash participant, backward during the 2012 Commander's Cup Challenge Sumo Bash at the IronWorks Gym sports courts here April 20, 2012.

# The Iwakuni Time Machine

In the April 26, 1974, issue of the Torii Teller, Marines reported alcohol withdrawal can be deadly; Red Cross promoted safety measures to prevent poison deaths; salvaging unusable material and selling it as scrap metal and Master Sgt. Brian P. Egan was presented a letter of appreciation by Iwakuni City mayor and the president of the Iwakuni Japanese-American association for his efforts in teaching Japanese conversational English.

## NEWS

### BRIEFS

**169 YEARS AGO TOMORROW.** On Apr. 27, 1805, 1stLt. Presley N. O'Bannon, with seven Marines, 24 sailors, and a force of Greeks and Arabs, raised the United States' flag for the first time over a conquered fortress of the Old World in Derna, a stronghold of the Tripolitan pirates.

**EMBASSY DUTY OPEN.** Marines who are genuinely interested in serving as security guards at U. S. embassies and consulates, and who meet the requirements, are needed to fill openings in several new detachments.

Lance corporals through master gunnery sergeants may apply. Exceptionally qualified privates first class may apply for a waiver and, if accepted, will be promoted to lance corporal upon successful completion of the Marine Security Guard School.

According to Headquarters, the time to apply for the program has never been better, and every consideration will be given on waivers on rank, MOS and time on station.

Details on the program, and a list of security guard detachments, are contained in Marine Corps Order 1306.2J.

**NEW SAFETY MOS.** Headquarters has established a new Category "B" MOS, for Marines in all grades, who manage or assist in the Marine Corps' safety program.

Marines assigned to MOS 9956, Ground Safety Specialist, will investigate accidents, conduct periodic inspections, organize vehicle safety programs and provide safety indoctrination and education programs at Marine Corps Commands.

Applicants will be required to complete the Fundamentals of Ground Safety Course at Lowry AFB, Denver, or the Army Materiel Command Safety School, Charleston, Ind. Those who have at least one year of experience in a command safety organization billet are not required to attend schooling.

Interested Marines should submit AA forms via their chain of command, with recommendations from local commanders, to CMC (Code MPS-40), HQMC, Washington, D.C. 20380.

## "In" Clothes Are Out

Summer, like every other season, has its own particular fashions. Tank tops, cut-off jeans and jeans jackets with the sleeves removed, T-shirts and sandals are a few of what seem to be fashionable items of wear during Iwakuni's hot and humid summers.

Persons wearing some of the above items, however, may be denied the use of clubs, the exchange and other facilities here, according to local regulations.

Many items of clothing which may be considered by the civilian community as appropriate for wear are not authorized for wear by military men and women stationed here. Undershirts or sleeveless shirts worn as outer garments; jackets or shirts with the sleeves removed; patched, fringed, cut up or tie dyed trousers; cut-off jeans with fringed cuffs — either purchased or homemade — are some examples of unauthorized apparel.

Some of these items of clothing may be bought in the exchange. Maj. Esta Grissom, assistant Wing inspector, cautions, "Just because an item of clothing may be purchased in the PX doesn't mean it's legal to wear. Make sure you check the regulations before you buy any item and expect to wear it."

Contained within the Station and Wing regulations are separate sections applying to civilians and military families.

For details on appropriate civilian attire, check Station Order 1020.1Q and Wing Order 1020.1.

## Green Side Out

Confused about the use of the new summer green uniform which will become a mandatory item of clothing July 1, 1977?

It's simple. Either of the green uniform trousers — summer or winter — may be worn any time of the year for work. For inspections, parades and formations, the appropriate uniform for the season must be worn.

Although the Marine Corps is phasing out the tropical uniform, recruits who wear sizes still in stock will be issued them. Recruits who wear other sizes are being issued one summer-weight blouse, one pair of summer-weight trousers and one summer green cover.

Because the summer green uniform is presently being made on a limited basis, Cash Sales can't carry them in stock. They will, however, order the uniform, and delivery can be expected within about 30 days.



SEN. KENGO FUTATSUGI (LEFT), HONORARY CONSULTANT TO THE JAPAN KENNEL CLUB, READS A LETTER OF APPRECIATION PRESENTED TO ROWDY, AN MP MARIJUANA DETECTION DOG HERE, DURING A KENNEL CLUB SHOW IN YANAI CITY APR. 21. ON HAND TO RECEIVE THE LETTER FOR ROWDY WERE 2NDLT. MICHAEL HAYNES (CENTER), ASSISTANT PMO, MR. KEN KAWAGOE, A CPAO INTERPRETER, AND SGT. VANCE E. DUNLAP, ROWDY'S HANDLER.

## Fete Plans Finalized

Parents who get lost in the crowd during Friendship Day May 6 will be glad to know there's a place to go where their children can find them. PMO will operate a Lost Child Center in Bldg. 457, the MP Operations building.

Persons driving automobiles aboard the Air Station that day will be required to enter and leave the base through the North Gate. Those driving motorcycles, riding bicycles or walking aboard that day will be directed to use the main gate.

Motorcycles and bicycles will be parked in the vicinity of the Officers' Club. Bicycles may also be parked in the Sakura Theater area. Autos will be parked in designated areas along the mainside flight line.

The "C" Gate will be used by busses only throughout the day.

The Provost Marshal has asked that members of the military refrain from using their privately owned vehicles on the Station between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. that day to help minimize traffic. The only vehicles allowed in the Friendship Day exhibit areas will be those displaying special passes.