

# THE IWAKUNI APPROACH

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Students from the Matthew C. Perry elementary school and parents walked and ran laps around the soccer field here Sept. 11, 2012, in memorial of 9-11. After each lap, the kids hands were stamped to show the number of laps completed so the total number of miles could be tallied later in the day.

## Corpsman recognized for quick thinking in saving life

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Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12 recognized one of its own with a Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal pinning ceremony at the Marine All-Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 242 hangar here Sept. 6, 2012.

Petty Officer 3rd Class Nicole R. Rodriguez, a Robert M. Casey Medical and Dental Clinic hospital corpsman, and Sanger, Calif., native, was presented the NAM by Brig. Gen. Christopher S. Owens, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing commanding general, for quick, decisive thinking and

response to a medical emergency when a victim ceased breathing at Crossroads Mall Aug. 9, 2012.

"He was in obvious shock with no vitals," said Rodriguez.

Her instinctive reaction and quick thinking provided her with the ability to respond in a timely fashion.

"I directed two of the other civilians that were there to move him onto the floor where I reassessed his vitals," said Rodriguez. "Once I determined I could hear or feel something, I started CPR. After about 30 seconds of CPR, he started to come back." This was Rodriguez's

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## Women's Symposium empowers many

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A group of Marines and sailors gathered to ask questions and learn from each other about females in the military at the Women's Symposium Sept. 6, 2012.

"A Women's Symposium is always important. Such an event reminds us of how women are making a difference in the Military and in the world," said Petty Officer Third Class Renlee K. Cage, H&HS machinists mate. "Too often women and their contributions to our country go unnoticed. A Women's Symposium is a way to recognize and learn from women in the workplace."

According to multiple military websites, women make up less than 15 percent of the total number of people in the military and that number is slowly rising.

"To feel more empowered, women should take more leadership roles, get involved with the community, and encourage other women that we can achieve anything that we strive for. Moreover, we should not be afraid to make mistakes. We learn from our mistakes, and then we move on," said Cage.

There are more males in the military, but it shows the drive of the women who fight to show the reason they deserve to be here.

"It's only fair that since the majority of the military is male, males have most of the top positions in the service. Women though, are slowly climbing up that ladder."

As Marines and sailors of all

different rank, age, sex, and nationality asked each other difficult questions on what they have been through, many began to realize the impact women have on the military.

"The Women's Symposium is an opportunity to discuss the impact of a gender integrated military," said Lance Cpl. Mason A. McGerry, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron permanent change of station clerk. "The vast importance of this event is to ensure misunderstanding and assumption does not create fear and unnecessary separation in the military."

Everyone had their own ideas on why they came to the symposium, but all left with a wealth of knowledge.

"Before the symposium I hoped to learn the issues that we face in reference to the gender integrated military as well as what I could do to improve any situation that I may come across. I wasn't aware of how much concern there was for allegations of sexual harassment," said McGerry.

There may be a wide variety of people in the military, but that diversity allows it to overcome a wide number of challenges.

"The differences are that we think, feel and react differently. This however does not imply either party is better suited, quite the contrary," said McGerry. "If you have a piece missing from a machine, it most likely won't function or properly at least," said McGerry. "The balance that is provided with estrogen and testosterone is essential, not only emotionally but also practically."

## Marine Spouses receive classes on Iwakuni opportunities

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Marine spouses gathered at Building 411 Sept. 9, 2012, for the first Spouses' Day.

Spouses' Day was established in order to inform Marine spouses about opportunities presented here.

"Our intent was to put together a day of personal and professional development classes," said Mary Cory, the personal professional development director. "We hear that many of (the spouses) want to start their own business from home, we want to give them the information they need to do that."

Spouses are encouraged to fully experience the unique

opportunity of living in Japan.

"There are unlimited opportunities for spouses overseas and this is a really great way for them to get out and see all that is available," said Andrea Aguirre, health promotions assistant director.

Spouses' Day offered classes in subjects such as professional Japanese etiquette, Pilates, yoga and relaxation techniques.

"The class I am teaching is steps to a healthier weight," said Aguirre. "It really just offers the community different information on personal and professional development."

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# CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

## Messengers from God

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"At once, the Spirit sent him out into the desert, and he was in the desert forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him" (St. Mark 1:12).

Angels were not on my mind until I received a wonderful email from a young Marine. She has given me permission to quote her as long as she remains anonymous. She said perhaps it would be helpful to others. Here is what she wrote: "Sometimes, growing up with hardship is the best way. I grew up with divorced parents and a stepfather that, while I loved him, we never made a connection until very recently. I struggled through being picked on and finding my own way and my own personality. I was very lucky, however, that through all of it, I had guardian angels, many of them."

All the major world religions speak about the importance

of angels. Many of us grew up with the images of winged beings or angels. However, the word "Angel," simply means, "messenger," primarily, angels are "messengers from God."

In the Jewish and Christian Scriptures, angels appear to people who are experiencing times of hardship, suffering, or uncertainty. An angel appeared to a pregnant Hagar as she journeyed through the desert. An angel of the Lord came to a teenage Mary, saying she would bear a son, the Messiah. While Jesus was in the wilderness, angels ministered to him. The writer of the Book of Hebrews tells his readers, "do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing so, some people have entertained angels" (Hebrew 13:2).

The young Marine who emailed me is wise beyond her years. For her, personal hardship and struggles enabled her to recognize angels, whom God sent into her life. No, not the winged type, but the human kind; people who came

into her life at the right time and place, supplying her with words of comfort, hope, insight and protection. Like this young Marine, we can all identify with hardship of some type. Who hasn't had problems with relationships, difficulties at home, aging parents, deployments, death of someone close to us, separation from loved ones, career choices, and the list is endless.

In the hardest times of our lives, God sends his angels to supply us with unexpected strength, encouragement, and hope. If we have eyes to see and ears to hear, we will, like this young Marine, discover that these messengers of God come in all shapes and sizes and they all have names as well, like mother, father, daughter, son, friend, and stranger etera. The neat thing about angels is that if you are willing to assist another person in need, or take the time to listen to someone who needs to talk, then you too, have just earned the title angel.

## SUMMER SAFETY:

### Home Safety Continued

- Use safety latches and locks for cabinets and drawers in kitchens, bathrooms, and other areas to help prevent poisonings and other injuries. Safety latches and locks on cabinets and drawers can help prevent children from gaining access to medicines and household cleaners, as well as knives and other sharp objects.

Use safety gates to help prevent falls down stairs and to keep children away from dangerous areas. Safety gates can help keep children away from stairs or rooms that have hazards in them. Look for safety gates that children cannot dislodge easily, but that adults can open and close without difficulty. For the top of stairs, gates that screw to the wall are more secure than "pressure gates."

- Use door knob covers and door locks to help prevent children from entering rooms and other areas with possible dangers. Door knob covers and door locks can help keep children away from places with hazards, including swimming pools.

- Scald prevention devices for faucets and shower can help prevent burns.

- Use window guards and safety netting to help prevent falls from windows, balconies, decks, and landings. Window guards and safety netting for balconies and decks can help prevent serious falls.

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first time administering CPR on someone when not performing training.

As fate would have it, Rodriguez was not even on duty as a first responder.

"I just happened to be an EMT (emergency medical technician) walking past the doors," said Rodriguez. "They were like, 'Hey! They don't have an EMT there.' So I went on the run."

The adrenaline rush which accompanied her as she was en route to aid the victim soon dissipated when she was on scene.

"When I saw him, everything just escaped me for about five seconds," said Rodriguez. "I had that momentary pause of 'Oh, crap! I don't know what to do.'"

She quickly overcame the shock and sprang into action.

"It just all came back," said Rodriguez. "It was all instinctive."

Rodriguez felt her NAM was not only a testament to her own belief in her abilities as a corpsman but her unit's faith in her as well.

The honor of having a NAM is something which Rodriguez said was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity many never experience.

"I can say this was one of the happiest days of my life," said

Rodriguez.

That sentiment is shared with those in her chain of command, who feel she embodies the motto of looking out for their fellow servicemembers and living up to the standard of always being ready at a moment's notice to help.

"A lot of times, Marines take for granted the term 'corpsman up,'" said Sgt. Maj. Gerard J. Calvin, MALS-12 sergeant major. "When that call is made, it's made with the expectation that that sailor will be there for you."

Servicemembers who go above and beyond, reacting to a situation with forethought and capabilities at their disposal, was nothing new and something to be expected.

"I've been in that situation before where I had a young sailor do the exact same thing with a very limited amount of training," said Calvin. "But when the time came for that sailor to do what was expected of them, they performed in the exact same way."

Though not every servicemember receives a NAM for their efforts, those who do serve as a shining example of what it means to go above and beyond, demonstrating the traits on which the Marine Corps and Navy are founded.



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Petty Officer 3rd Class Nicole R. Rodriguez, a Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12 and Robert M. Casey Medical and Dental Clinic hospital corpsman, is presented a certificate awarding her the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal by Brig. Gen. Christopher S. Owens, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing commanding general, near the Marine All-Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 242 hangar here Sept. 6, 2012. Rodriguez felt her NAM was not only a testament to her own belief in her abilities as a corpsman but her unit's faith in her as well.



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The Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal rests on the pocket of Petty Officer 3rd Class Nicole R. Rodriguez, a Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12 and Robert M. Casey Medical and Dental Clinic hospital corpsman. Rodriguez was awarded the medal by Brig. Gen. Christopher S. Owens, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing commanding general, near the Marine All-Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 242 hangar here Sept. 6, 2012. Rodriguez received the medal for going above and beyond for helping to resuscitate an unresponsive person at the Crossroads Mall Aug. 9, 2012.



LANCE CPL. B. A. STEVENS

A Spouses' Day instructor teaches the proper Japanese etiquette in giving and receiving a business card in Building 411 here Sept. 7, 2012. Spouses Day hosted a variety of classes for personal and professional development. Spouses' Day was intended to teach spouses the unlimited opportunities while living in Japan.



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Spouses' Day instructor Mary Cory teaches spouses about proper interview attire and behavior in Building 411 here Sept. 7, 2012. Spouses day hosted a variety of classes for personal and professional development. Spouses' Day was intended to teach spouses about the unlimited opportunities of living in Japan.

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lives in Iwakuni," said Cory.

The event focused on career paths offering classes on professional interview techniques.

"If they don't want to work for MCCS, station or the government they can start their own business," said Aguirre. "There is really good information on how to do business on base the right way."

The event also hosted 11 resource tables in the library where subject matter experts were available to talk about things such as education, careers, finance and The American Red Cross.

When spouses arrived at the event, they were given a passport to personal and professional development. Throughout the course of the day, they were given a stamp for each class they attended. Participants with six or more stamps were entered into a drawing for prizes. Prizes included everything from a boom box to hair care and beauty products.

"This is great because it will open up their views on what they can do here career-wise," said Dyah Burleson, the jewelry supervisor at the Marine Corps Exchange.

"They really have unlimited chances in Iwakuni."



Jesús Dominguez, station volunteer, plays with Garden of Light Children's Home children in the WaterWorks Pool here Sept. 1, 2012. "I'm a very religious person and I believe that it's God who is putting me in the right position and helping me contact the right people and then he provides everything I need, the food, the volunteers, the weather. I'm just a finger in his hand and he's moving me around as he needs me," said Dominguez.

## Station volunteers provide sunshine, joy to Garden of Light

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Station volunteers welcomed Japanese locals from the Garden of Light Children's Home aboard station for an afternoon of food and fun at the WaterWorks Pool here Sept. 1, 2012.

The station chapel sponsored the event for the Japanese visitors.

"I decided to volunteer for this event because I just really like helping people out," said Joshua Ellis, station volunteer. "I figured this would be a great way to spend a Saturday afternoon, especially considering that these are kids who may not have someone in their life who they can have a close bond with. It makes me feel good knowing that at least for one day I can be like a big brother to a child who may not have someone to look up to in their life."

While other entities aboard station already have children's homes they are devoted to, the goal for this event was to incorporate those Japanese children who are not afforded the opportunity to participate in other station events.

With the ratio of children to volunteers for this occasion, every child was constantly accompanied by at least one volunteer.

"Sponsoring this event is a good thing to do because these orphans really want to socialize with other people," said Fulgencio L. Legaspi, station volunteer and Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron chaplain. "We want to share our happiness and help the kids to be happy. If these children are happy then we are happy too."

While any organization aboard station could sponsor a children's home, it takes a special desire to put enough effort into properly supporting local Japanese who have lost family.

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Yamekia Cushenberry, station volunteer, throws a Garden of Light Children's Home child in the WaterWorks Pool here Sept. 1, 2012. "Sponsoring this event is a good thing to do because these orphans really want to socialize with other people," said Fulgencio L. Legaspi, station volunteer and Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron chaplain. "We want to share our happiness and help the kids to be happy. If these children are happy then we are happy too."

## Station residents gather to remember fallen

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Station residents gathered at the station chapel here Sept. 11, 2012, to remember the terrorist attacks on New York City and the Pentagon 11 years ago.

More than a decade has passed, yet many still remember everything that happened on that fateful day.

"I myself was in Darwin, Australia," said guest speaker Lt. Col. Thomas A. Wagoner. "I personally feel both lucky and unlucky, I missed the pain and anguish, the fear and uncertainty that those in the United States felt, but I was on the Marine Expeditionary Unit that was the first to go into Afghanistan at Camp Rhino and began to extract some sense of justice."

Other people got a firsthand look at how Iwakuni reacted to the attacks. "I was here in Iwakuni, Japan, at the barracks," said Staff Sgt. John Whitney, Provost Marshal's Office accident investigation chief. "There was a lot of anger, frustration and people wanted to do the right thing by going after those responsible."

Some people were nearly at the front lines of the attacks.

"I was 25 miles from the Pentagon," said Maj. Bernard Hess, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron executive officer. "In between classes, I was walking by our dining facility area when I happened to notice everything

had stopped and people were wondering if this was real."

The station chapel played songs during the ceremony and rang a bell. Tolling of the bell represented the firefighters, servicemembers and federal employees who lost their lives during the attacks.

Pictures of the Twin Towers and Pentagon were also shown on a projection screen throughout the event.

Those who were part of the United 93 flight, which crashed near Shanksville, Penn., were also honored.

"It's important to remember the sacrifice that people have made over the last 11 years," said Maj. Frederick L. Lewis, H&HS commanding officer. "It also reminds us that we need to be vigilant and keep our guard up because something like this could happen in the future."

Whitney agreed by stating, "Those who forget history are doomed to repeat it. It's important to remember the amount of life that was lost and the significance of what we do."

Wagoner ended his speech by saying, "We will constantly be on the job, searching out threats to our nation.

It is different from past threats posed from nation states, but it is still a real issue, one that we see come to the public's attention suddenly after we disrupt the enemy's plots to do harm to America and our allies."



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Servicemembers sit in silence while attending the Sept. 11 memorial at the station chapel Sept. 11, 2012. A moment of silence was held at 8:46 a.m., the same time the first plane struck the World Trade Center.



Servicemembers bow their heads for the benediction of the 9-11 remembrance ceremony at the station chapel Sept. 11, 2012. The service lasted approximately 45 minutes and a moment of silence was held at 8:46 a.m., the time the first plane struck the World Trade Center.



A station firefighter rings a bell in honor of the firefighters who lost their lives on 9-11 during a remembrance ceremony at the station chapel Sept. 11, 2012. 347 firefighters lost their lives due to the terrorist attacks.



LANCE CPL. TODD F. MICHALEK

DHAKA, Bangladesh — A girl peers out of a classroom at Hazi Joynuddin High School as Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 Marines mingle with schoolchildren in Dhaka, Bangladesh, September 3, 2012. MWSS-171 went to Bangladesh as part of an Engineering Civil Action Program to enhance the relationship between the United States and Bangladesh by building the second story of Hazi Joynuddin High School.



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DHAKA, Bangladesh — Staff Sgt. Burney Camarillo, Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 safety noncommissioned officer-in-charge, shows Bengali schoolchildren a picture taken of them in Dhaka, Bangladesh, September 3, 2012. MWSS-171 went to Bangladesh as part of an Engineering Civil Action Program to enhance the relationship between the United States and Bangladesh by building the second story of Hazi Joynuddin High School.



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DHAKA, Bangladesh — Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 Pfc. Jon L. Beirsdorf, a combat engineer, hammers a nail into a form in Dhaka, Bangladesh, September 6, 2012. MWSS-171 went to Bangladesh as part of an Engineering Civil Action Program to enhance the relationship between the United States and Bangladesh by building the second story of the Hazi Joynuddin High School.

## Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 performs reconstruction of buildings, hearts, community relations

LANCE CPL. TODD F. MICHALEK  
COMBAT CAMERAMAN

**DHAKA, Bangladesh** — While Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 continues to construct the second level of Hazi Joynuddin High School in Dhaka, Bangladesh, Civil Affairs (CA) Marines are working to enhance and maintain the reputation of the United States and the Marine Corps by interacting with those who live in the area surrounding the school. The objective of CA Marines, who work as a part of Civil Military Operations (CMO), is to win the hearts and minds of those in areas where the

Marine Corps has, or may have, a presence.

As the landscape of operations changes, one of the primary missions of the Marine Corps is to enhance the role of CMO by utilizing the capabilities of CA Marines. While not always known as CMO, the practice has been used dating back to the Revolutionary War, when George Washington persuaded the colonies to support the war for independence from the British.

Lance Cpl. Christopher Schlesinger, a civil affairs non-commissioned officer, said "Back then, it (CMO) didn't really have its title. It was mainly

just everybody doing it with their interactions with the local populace, talking to local leaders and learning about where they live."

In the past three years, the Marine Corps has placed a greater importance on the role of CMO, which has seen its biggest push in operations in Afghanistan.

"In the past 3 years, we have sent CA teams to rebuild wells and pay for damages caused in combat zones. In other countries, and in permissive environments, where we don't really have the combat threat, we establish a rapport with these countries and build a relationship to sustain allies and

build new ones," Schlesinger said. Building the second story of the school in Bangladesh is the vehicle for sustaining and building a new ally. CMO Marines enhance and build these relationships with their civil engagements and building relationships with the community.

Gunnery Sgt. Shane Cote, a CA team chief currently serving in Bangladesh, is in charge of the day-to-day CMO operations and monitors how the objectives of CMO are being met. CMOs effectiveness is measured by monitoring meetings with local businesses, teachers, and working with the Bengali Army.

"We assess different areas around the local area so they are aware of what we are doing. We talk to the teachers to get an understanding of what kind of education the school is going to provide and what effect building the second story will have on the school. The army provides interpreters, transportation and security. We're learning how they (the Bengali Army) operate and we're teaching them what we do so they are more flexible in their schedule," Cote said.

Sgt. Edward Cobbs, a CA non-commissioned officer serving in Bangladesh, said, "Improving the image of the United States and the

United States military is one of the goals of civil affairs. Through community relations, we are able to get the community's support in whatever project we are working on and hopefully by the time we leave, the community will want to keep the project sustained after we are gone."

When in country, CA Marines conduct civil engagements to interact with the community. While meeting with the local population, Marines take notes on the information they are given. After a civil engagement is complete, the Marines send their situation reports back to be reviewed by other CA Marines.

The information is then used to make the Marine Corps more adaptable to circumstances they may encounter in future operations in that area of the world.

The role of CA Marines in garrison is equally important as those in the field. As the nation's force-in-readiness, these Marines look for areas of the world where the Marine Corps can make a positive and lasting impact. "Back in garrison, we do a lot of current events and keep up with what's going on around the world. If there are any natural disasters or anything, we can go and provide humanitarian aid and disaster

relief," Schlesinger said.

While the role of CMO is of high importance to the Marine Corps, the role of being a CA Marine just feels natural to those who carry it out.

"It's all about helping someone make their life a little easier," Cobbs said. "We're able to give them tools to make their lives better, especially with humanitarian-aid missions. I think that's the best thing we're doing and the reception is the most enjoyable part. At first, I didn't know what Civil Affairs was, but I'm here now and I love it."



LANCE CPL. TODD F. MICHALEK

DHAKA, Bangladesh — Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 Marines set up forms at Hazi Joynuddin High School in Dhaka, Bangladesh, September 3, 2012. MWSS-171 went to Bangladesh as part of an Engineering Civil Action Program to enhance the relationship between the United States and Bangladesh by building the second story of Hazi Joynuddin High School.



LANCE CPL. TODD F. MICHALEK

DHAKA, Bangladesh — Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 Cpl. James M. Harrison III, a combat engineer, cuts rebar during construction of Hazi Joynuddin High School in Dhaka, Bangladesh, September 3, 2012. MWSS-171 went to Bangladesh as part of an Engineering Civil Action Program to enhance the relationship between the United States and Bangladesh by building the second story of Hazi Joynuddin High School.

## CORPS NEWS

HIGHLIGHTING MARINES AND SAILORS AROUND THE GLOBE



CPL TYLER J. THORNHILL

CAMP BLANDING, Fla. — Ecuadorian and U.S. Marines listen to a religious service during UNITAS-Partnership of the Americas 2012 Sept. 9. UNITAS-Partnership of the Americas gives the participating troops from Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, the United States and Uruguay an opportunity to exercise critical thinking based on realistic scenarios, reinforce essential tactics and techniques and build on a strong foundation of professional cooperation.

## More than 1,400 US, allied Marines, soldiers build legacy in Florida

MASTER SGT. CHRIS COX  
MARINE FORCES RESERVE

CAMP BLANDING, Fla. — What do you get when you take hundreds of professionals from 9 different countries and put them in the same location? In the military, it's called "multi-lateral partnership."

Officially, it's called Partnership of the Americas 2012.

"The Partnership of the Americas involves all of the Marine Corps' of the western hemisphere," said 23rd Marine Regiment's operations officer, Lt. Col. Daniel Temple. Temple is also the lead planner for this year's exercise. "It's the only opportunity where these countries come together at the operational and tactical level. It's a very unique opportunity."

The multi-national exercise with participants from Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, the United States and Uruguay allows the Marines, soldiers and U.S. sailors to learn and practice common tactics and techniques. There's more to it than working together for two weeks though. Like any gathering of professional peers, networking is also a priority.

"The first thing we're looking at is relationship building — not necessarily the relationship between the U.S. and the partner nations, but the relationships between the individual partner nations," Temple explained. For these allies, who may

one day work together to avert natural or man-made disasters, understanding how to operate efficiently is vital — especially when there is no common language. Most of the participants — U.S. Marines from 2nd Bn., 23rd Marine Regiment — speak English, while many of the partner nation personnel speak Spanish exclusively.

"My guys, they don't really speak English, but here we get a lot of help because you have a lot of Hispanic guys in your units," said Ecuadorian Marine 2nd Lt. Luis Carvajal, a member of Ecuador's Marine Corps special forces.

One truism that became apparent early is that Marines are Marines when it comes to working in the field, and practices often transcend language.

"We've realized that we have a lot in common," Carvajal said. "There are some little differences, but the things you do differently, you explain to us why. We're going to mix them and try to figure out what's better for our units."

Partnership of the Americas has the most diverse population of all the Corps' annual exercises — representatives from nine countries, rather than only one, two or three as is often the case — and most of the participating countries' militaries don't have regular opportunities to work together as they are in the field and classroom here.

"Secondly, we're looking at improving the real-world

capacity for these countries to come together and work together interoperably," Temple said. "For example, if we have a humanitarian assistance mission that takes place, we want them to come together as an organization and handle the situation."

"Haiti would be the perfect example," he continued. "An earthquake or a hurricane takes place and rather than the U.S. heading up the effort to go into the country, what we're trying to do is develop the regional capacity for these nations to come together and go handle the situation."

Brazil currently leads the U.N. mission in Haiti and contributes the largest contingent to the peacekeeping and humanitarian assistance operations there. In July, Brazilian Defense Minister Celso Amorim announced his country would assist in forming and training a new, Haitian public defense force to take the place of the multi-national force that has been in the country off and on since 1994 — a reflection of missions recently undertaken by the Americans in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Even though the U.S. is the host country for Partnership of the Americas, make no mistake, this is clearly a multi-national exercise and everyone is here to learn. The easiest way to observe that fact is in the different uniforms and languages leading different aspects of the training — a point that was planned months

in advance.

All these countries are subject matter experts in certain areas," Temple said. "They have a lot of experience with humanitarian assistance. Some countries are experts in riverine operations."

"During the planning conferences, we solicited those areas where they felt they were experts," he said. "We hope to learn as much from them as they'll learn from us."

Partnership of the Americas has been described as a "unique opportunity," a "partnership," and "an honor to be a part of" by participating Marines, but another description also applies — "legacy."

"These partner nation officers and staff NCOs that are here, they come from militaries that are very small and in the next 10 or 20 years, these officers will become the leaders of their militaries," Temple said. "The young captains that are here from these countries will one day potentially be the commandants of their Marine Corps."

"They'll look back on their experiences at Partnership of the Americas, and the friendships they developed here are going to benefit their Marine Corps and their countries in the future," he said. "It's a legacy that we have developed within the western hemisphere for all the Marine Corps' and hopefully it will continue."

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## Briefs

**Active-Reserve Career Information**

Marines seeking information about transitioning to the Reserve component should contact Gunnery Sgt. Robert Noyes, Okinawa Active-Reserve Career Planner, at (315) 622-6004 or send him an e-mail at robert.noyes@usmc.mil.

**MCX News**

Effective Sept. 1, 2012, credit options at all Marine Corps Exchange facilities are limited to the Military Star and all major credit cards. Layaway is no longer available. While existing layaway agreements will be honored, all MCX facilities will discontinue layaway programs to comply with Department of Defense instructions 1330.09 and 1015.15.

**Get Ready Day**

The American Public Health Association is scheduled to hold a disaster preparedness course Sept. 18, at Yujo Hall from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. All station residents are encouraged to attend. For more information, call 253-3696.

**Gospel Choir**

Gospel choir practice will be held every Thursday night in preparation for the 2012 Annual

Christmas Concert. For more information, call Billie Scott at 080-3272-5902 or e-mail billiej316@gmail.com.

**Thrift Store Funds**

The Thrift Store gives funds generated from donations they receive back to the community. If your organization is hosting a community event, or wondering how they will fund their next community-relations project, your Thrift Store may be able to help. For more details, contact Sharon Rostkowski at 253-4711.

**VRAP**

The Veterans Retraining Assistance Program provides eligible veterans, those 35 to 60-years-old, with education benefits for up to 12 months of training. For more information, visit [www.benefits.va.gov/VOW](http://www.benefits.va.gov/VOW) or call 888-442-4551.

**Off-limit Establishments**

The following establishments are 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.

**Japanese Language Class**

The Yamaguchi International Exchange Association is

sponsoring a Japanese language course at six locations in Yamaguchi prefecture, with one location available to Iwakuni residents. For more information on the class schedule and time, or to participate, contact the Public Affairs Office at 253-5551.

**Seawall Closures**

Sectioned portions of the seawall have closed for construction scheduled through April 2013. The affected area of the seawall includes any portion of the seawall after the "NO THROUGH PATH" sign. Take extra care, construction vehicles will pass through. The affected areas will shut down completely when heavy equipment is transferred. For more information on the closures, call Walter Chan at 253-5004.

**Time Machine Submissions**

If you have a specific year you would like to see represented on the Iwakuni Time Machine Page, please contact the Public Affairs Office at Building 1, Room 216, or call 253-5551. If you would like your request to run in an upcoming week's paper, please submit at least three weeks in advance.

**Catholic Mass Changes**

Catholic Mass will not be held aboard station Sept. 16. However, a van will be provided for those who do not have a vehicle to go

to the Christ The King Catholic Church in Iwakuni. The van leaves the station chapel parking lot at 8:30 a.m. The Saturday Catholic Masses for Sept. 15 will still take place inside the chapel. Daily Masses Sept. 17 to 20 are cancelled. For more information and directions to Christ The King Church, contact the Chaplain's office at 253-3371.

**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.

**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, phone number and the information you would like to be published. You may submit your brief or advertisement in person at the Public Affairs Office, Building 1, Room 216 or you may call 253-5551. Please ensure you provide all requested information to simplify the request process.

## KUNI TOONS: COLOR DODGER



SUBMITTED BY LANCE CPL. J. GAGE KARWICK

# INFOTAINMENT

## THE IWAKUNI APPROACH CULTURAL LESSONS Kanji Adventures: Baseball in Japan



LANCE CPL. BENJAMIN PRYER

Baseball was originally introduced to Japan in the 1870s, with the first team being the Shimbashi Athletic Club. Baseball teams steadily began forming in schools and universities for the next few decades and participated in games against other Japanese teams and international tours. Japan's first professional baseball team was the Yomiuri Giants, which joined the newly-formed Japanese Baseball League in 1936, along with six other teams. Today, Japan's professional association for baseball is called Nippon Professional Baseball. The NPB consists of a central and a pacific league, each having six teams. The baseball season is eight months long, with games beginning in April and championship games held in October. Teams play a total of 144 games throughout the season. There are also a few differences between NPB and Major League Baseball. Tie games are allowed in NPB and the baseballs, strike zones and playing fields are smaller in NPB, along with many other differences, such as time limits to games.

### Chapel Services

#### Roman Catholic

\*FOR UPCOMING CATHOLIC MASS TIMES, SEE THE COMMUNITY BRIEFS.

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

Sunday 9:45 a.m. Religious Education

#### Protestant

Sunday 9:30 a.m. Lutheran Service  
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  
5:30 p.m. FLOW (Youth Group)

Monday 7 p.m. Mens' 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 Saturday 7:30 a.m. Men's Discipleship

#### Bahai

Sunday 11 a.m. Bahai Meeting

For information regarding command religious programs or chapel activity, call the Marine Memorial Chapel at 253-3371.

## SAKURA THEATER

Friday, September 14, 2012  
7 p.m. Bourne Legacy (PG-13)  
10 p.m. The Campaign (R)

Monday, September 17, 2012  
7 p.m. Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter (PG-13)

Saturday, September 15, 2012  
4 p.m. Ice Age: Continental Drift (PG)  
7 p.m. Seeking a Friend for the End of the World (R)

Tuesday, September 18, 2012  
Theater closed

Wednesday, September 19, 2012  
Theater closed

Sunday, September 16, 2012  
4 p.m. Ice Age: Continental Drift (PG)  
7 p.m. The Expendables 2 (R)

Thursday, September 20, 2012  
7 p.m. People Like Us (PG-13)

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.

### SAFETY FROM PAGE 2

- Use corner and edge bumpers to help prevent injuries from falls against sharp edges of furniture and fireplaces. Corner and edge bumpers can be used with furniture and fireplace hearths to help prevent injuries from falls or to soften falls against sharp or rough edges.
- Use outlet covers and outlet plates to help prevent electrocution. Outlet covers and outlet plates can help protect children from electrical shock and possible electrocution.
- Use door stops and door holders to help prevent injuries to fingers and hands. Door stops and door holders on doors and door hinges can help prevent small fingers and hands from being pinched or crushed in doors and door hinges.

# M. C. Perry high school wins first home game of season

LANCE CPL. B. A. STEVENS  
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Iwakuni residents gathered at Matthew C. Perry High School football field here Sept. 8, 2012, to watch the Samurai compete in their first official home football game in nearly a decade.

The Samurai hosted the Nile C. Kinnick Red Devils junior varsity team in the first home game of the regular season.

Steven Brown, parent of senior running back and linebacker Steven Brown, was given the honor of flipping the coin to start the game.

"I'm out here to support my son," said Brown. "High school football really brings our community together and gives us something to support."

After winning the coin toss, the Samurai elected to defer, giving the Red Devils the ball at the start of the game.

The Samurai set the tone of the game with a big first quarter rushing touchdown. The Samurai followed the touchdown with a two-

point conversion and played strong defense to end the first half with a score of 8-0.

During the second half of the game the Samurai continued to play strong defense, stopping the Red Devils from scoring until the final quarter.

After scoring a touchdown, the Red Devils attempted to tie the game with a two-point conversion, but once again the Samurai defense stepped up and stopped the offense short.

The game ended with a final score of 8-6 in favor of the Samurai.

"Our players are excited for the opportunity to play football and the community really shows its support for the program," said Frank Macias, Samurai head coach.

The Samurai players were also excited after their first home win, shouting "We love you coach" to Coach Dewayne Pigge, tight end and defensive back coach, as they gathered on the field after the game.

The players also showed their thanks to the community by expressing their appreciation

for the food provided and the audience's attendance.

"We had a scrimmage a few weeks ago and I think that really helped us win this game," said Samurai senior quarterback Chris McQuillen.

Perry's homecoming game is Sept. 22, 2012, against the Yokota High School Panthers, with the game set to start at 10 a.m.

Iwakuni residents are encouraged to come out and watch the Samurai try to continue their success after nearly a decade with no football.

The homecoming dance will be at the Iwakuni Club Ballroom from 7-10 p.m. Coronation will be presented at 8:30 p.m., during the dance. Each ticket costs \$15, appetizers and beverages will be provided.

Editors note : Station resident who may be interested in being a chaperon for the dance please contact Rebekah Kirsch at [rebekah.kersch@pac.dodea.edu](mailto:rebekah.kersch@pac.dodea.edu).



LANCE CPL. B. A. STEVENS

Steven Brown, parent of Samurai running back and linebacker Steven Brown, flips the coin to kick off Matthew C. Perry's first football game in nearly a decade at Matthew C. Perry football field here Sept. 8, 2012. The Samurai won the coin toss but elected to defer.



LANCE CPL. B. A. STEVENS

Two Matthew C. Perry High School Samurai football players tackle a Nile C. Kinnick High School Red Devil player after a punt return at Matthew C. Perry football field Sept. 8, 2012. The Samurai defense held the Red Devils scoreless until the final quarter of the game. The Red Devils traveled approximately nine hours to play the game.



LANCE CPL. B. A. STEVENS

Matthew C. Perry High School Samurai football player Chris McQuillen stiff-arms a Nile C. Kinnick High School Red Devil defender to avoid being tackled at Matthew C. Perry football field here Sept. 8, 2012. The Samurai hosted their first home game in nearly a decade. The Samurai won with a final score of 8-6.



LANCE CPL. B. A. STEVENS

Matthew C. Perry High School Samurai quarterback, free safety and kicker Chris McQuillen kicks off the ball to the Nile C. Kinnick High School Red Devils to start the game at the Matthew C. Perry football field Sept. 8, 2012. The Samurai won the coin toss but elected to defer. The Red Devils traveled approximately nine hours to play.

# The Iwakuni Time Machine

In the Sept. 6, 1974, issue of the Torii Teller, Marines reported on a group of 23 Marines participating in a community relations event with the Garden of Light Children's Home near Miyajima and the beginning of the intramural flag football season.



LCPL. EDDIE ALICEA FROM WTS-17 AND HIS WIFE DENISE SHOW THEIR NINE-MONTH-OLD SON AMALIK THE CONTENTS OF A "C" RATION MEAL. ALICEA AND HIS FAMILY WAS ONE OF SEVERAL FAMILIES THAT TOOK SHELTER IN THE SAKURA THEATER WHEN IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT TYPHOON POLLY MIGHT HIT THE AIR STATION. POLLY PASSED WITHIN 50 MILES OF THE AIR STATION DUMPING 1.42 INCHES OF RAIN IN THREE HOURS SUNDAY. THE HIGHEST WIND RECORDED HERE WAS 37 KNOTS EARLY MONDAY MORNING.

## Two Civilians Receive Awards

Miss Miyoko Kamei, a clerk typist with the Telephone Office received a Sustained Superior Performance Award and Sunao Yamamoto, administrative specialist with the H&HS Material Division, received 10,000 yen for a beneficial suggestion. The awards were presented by LtCol. William C. Service III, Air Station executive officer, Aug. 29.

## Blood Drive Wednesday

A blood drive will be held at the Sakura Theater Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.



COL. EDWARD S. MURPHY, AIR STATION CO, "BREAKS GROUND" AT A SHINTO GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY HERE LAST SATURDAY. THE CEREMONY PURIFIES THE GROUND UPON WHICH CONSTRUCTION OF NEW BACHELOR OFFICER AND STAFF NCO QUARTERS WILL BE BUILT. THE PROJECT IS BEING FUNDED BY THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT.



CPL. YOSHIHIKO YASUI (RIGHT), A CALIBRATION TECHNICIAN WITH MWHS-1, ACCEPTS HIS JAPANESE CIVILIAN DRIVER'S LICENSE FROM SGT. RICHARD RIDNOUR, AN INSTRUCTOR AT THE GROUND SAFETY LICENSING SECTION HERE. YASUI IS THE 3000TH PERSON TO RECEIVE HIS LICENSE HERE THIS YEAR.



LTCOL. MARTIN J. EGAN JR. ACCEPTS THE MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 533 COLORS DURING A CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY AUG. 22. PRIOR TO ASSUMING COMMAND, LTCOL. EGAN SERVED ON THE STAFF OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE. LTCOL. CHARLES L. ZANGAS, FORMER CO, WILL REPORT TO THE MARINE CORPS AIR STATION AT QUANTICO, VA. FOR DUTY. THE CHANGE OF COMMAND TOOK PLACE AT NAS CUBI POINT, PHILIPPINES WHERE THE SQUADRON WAS DEPLOYED.

## Six Complete UDL Course

Six Marines graduated from the Unit Discussion Leaders Course here last Saturday. The graduates were: GySgt. D. McMackin and Sgt. R. Webb from H&MS-12; Sgt. R. L. Oliver from H&MS-15; Sgt. D. G. Wolfkiel from VMCJ-1; Sgt. J. D. Istenes from MWCS-18; and Sgt. J. D. Reyes from WES-17. The Unit Discussion Leaders Course is given by the Human Affairs Division. The graduates of the course will return to their units and act as discussion leaders in their squadrons.

## Ropeway Closed

The ropeway to Iwakuni Castle will be closed from Sept. 9-18 for routine maintenance.