

THE IWAKUNI APPROACH

Issue No. 19, Vol. 1

Friday, May 23, 2008

Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan

2nd Marine sentenced at general court-martial in Hiroshima investigation

COMPILED BY THE IWAKUNI PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE

A Combat Logistics Company 36 Marine was sentenced to 600 days confinement — during which he will suffer automatic forfeitures, reduction in rank to private, and a bad conduct discharge at a general court-martial held here Tuesday for his involvement in incidents that took place in Hiroshima, on Oct. 13 and 14, 2007.

Gunnery Sgt. Jarvis D. Raynor, a 35-year-old who enlisted in the Marine Corps on July 8, 1991, was found guilty of conspiracy to violate military orders about liberty and alcohol, conspiracy to engage in indecent acts, violating liberty and alcohol orders, fraternization, committing indecent acts with one woman, committing adultery with another woman, and larceny.

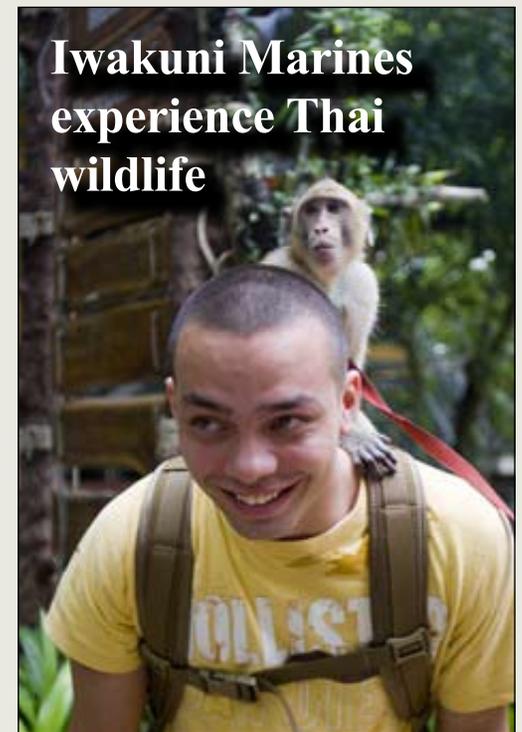
U.S. Marine Corps personnel sentenced to confinement of one year or longer or a punitive discharge automatically have their cases forwarded to the Navy-Marine Court of

Criminal Appeals for review. The military judge for the proceeding was Maj. Charles C. Hale.

Raynor is the second of four CLC-36 Marines to be court-martialed in connection with allegations that they violated several articles of the Uniform Code of Military Justice in Hiroshima in October.

The first Marine court-martialed was Lance Cpl. Larry A. Dean, a 20-year-old who enlisted in the Marine Corps on July 10, 2006, who on May 8 was found guilty of conspiracy to violate military orders about liberty and alcohol, conspiracy to commit indecent acts, violating military orders about liberty and alcohol, fraternization, and committing wrongful sexual contact and indecent acts. He was sentenced on May 9 to two years confinement, reduction in rank to private, forfeiture of all pay and allowances, and a dishonorable discharge.

Gunnery Sgt. Carl M. Anderson's court-martial is scheduled to be held June 9-13. Sgt. Lanaeus J. Braswell's court-martial is scheduled to be held June 23-27.



Iwakuni Marines experience Thai wildlife

Lance Cpl. Santy Wood plays with a monkey at the Jungle House Resort in Thailand May 11 during a break from Exercise Cobra Gold 2008, an annual combined, joint exercise focused on humanitarian assistance projects and military training among the exercise's participating countries. SEE FULL STORY ON PAGE 3

Safe & Sober: PMO works to fight drunk driving

PFC. ASHLEY M. HOWARD IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Military police with the station Provost Marshal's Office held their third Safe and Sober sobriety check point here Friday in the pursuit of eliminating drunk drivers.

"The safe and sober vehicle inspection is a newly initiated program which the base commanding officer started to allow us to place check points around the base and look for drunk drivers," said Sgt. Daniel S. Stephens, PMO patrol supervisor and head of the Safe and Sober vehicle inspection.

The program started Feb. 26, 2008 began at 11:30 p.m. and ran for an hour before closing.

"This is the first time I've see anything like this," said Petty Officer 3rd Class Anardo S. Crossman, a religious program specialist and 26-month inhabitant of Japan.

"I think the program is a good thing," he added after

SEE SOBER ON PAGE 3



Marine proves drama doesn't have to be dainty

The King of Siam, Lt. Col. Todd Hyson, explains the concept of snow to his children under the gaze of Anna, Andrea Rausch. The King hired Anna, an English widow, to teach his 67 children and the few wives he considered in good favor. The Iwakuni Civic Theatre presented Rogers and Hammerstein's "The King and I" May 14, 15, 17 and 18 starring Hyson as the King of Siam. Photo by Lance Cpl. Joseph Marianelli

SEE FULL STORY ON PAGE 4

INSIDE IWAKUNI



Local golf pro lived famous life

5



Experience nature at Seven Falls

6



Iwakuni softball club, Japanese teams face off

12



**Commanding Officer/
Publisher**
Col. Michael A. O'Halloran

Public Affairs Officer
Maj. Guillermo A. Canedo

Public Affairs Chief
Master Gunnery Sgt.
John A. Cordero

Operations Chief
Sgt. Edward R. Guevara Jr.

Editors
Cpl. Lendus B. Casey
Lance Cpl. Kyle T. Ramirez

Press Chief
Cpl. Josh Cox

Combat Correspondents
Lance Cpl. Chris Dobbs
Lance Cpl. Noah S. Leffler
Lance Cpl. Joseph Marianelli
Pfc. Ashley M. Howard

"This weekly newspaper is an authorized publication for members of the military services stationed overseas and their families. Its contents do not necessarily reflect the official views of the U.S. Government, the Department of Defense or the U.S. Marine Corps, and does not imply endorsement thereof."

Editorial content is edited, prepared and provided by the Public Affairs Office of Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan.

All queries concerning news and editorial content should be directed to the Public Affairs Office, Building One, Room 216, MCAS Iwakuni, Japan. Call 253-5551.

The Iwakuni Approach welcomes Letter to the Editor submissions. Letters must include a full name and unit, if applicable. Anonymous letters and comments will not be published. Letters are the opinion of the writer only. Submissions may be edited for clarity and space. Letters can be dropped off at the Public Affairs Office or sent via e-mail to iwakuni.pao@usmc.mil.

PSC 561 Box 1868
FPO AP 96310-0019
Phone 253-5551
Fax 253-5554

CORPS SAFETY

Critical Days of Summer Safety Campaign 2008

THIS WEEK'S SAFETY TOPIC: Vehicle safety, driving back in the U.S.

**SUBMITTED BY
THE STATION SAFETY OFFICE**

Here on Iwakuni it is very easy to get complacent when we get behind the wheel of a vehicle. The most important thing to remember when you do drive is that you are responsible for your actions. As we drive around this base, I'm sure we all see drivers doing things that make us scratch our heads. The most blatant violation you may see on a day-to-day basis is people not wearing their seat belts. Seat belts save lives! In a vehicle collision where a seat belt is not used, there are actually three collisions that occur. The first is your vehicle striking another vehicle or object, the second is your body striking something inside the vehicle or the ground if you are not ejected, and the third is your internal

organs striking your body. By Marine Corps Order 5100.19E we all are required to wear our seat belts. Another common violation is talking on your cell phone without a hands-free device. If you receive a call on your cell phone and you feel that you must answer it, you must pull over to do so. When you pull over you must be completely out of the lane of travel to avoid causing an accident. Finally, with the end of the school year upon us, remember there will be a lot of children out during the day. The one thing to remember about children is that they are unpredictable. So when you are driving in the housing

areas or next to a playground, slow down and be extra watchful of your surroundings. Finally, as some of you depart from Iwakuni to go back to the United States, remember to take it slow; it is not like riding a bike, it takes time to get use to driving on the right side of the road again.

Tips for Pulling Over

- Using the side of the road is for emergency use ONLY.
- Pulling over to use the cell phone does not constitute an emergency.
- If you must pull off the road use an exit ramp.
- DO NOT BLOCK TRAFFIC!!!!

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

GUILT IS GOOD

**CHAPLAIN NORBERT KARAVA
DEPUTY GROUP CHAPLAIN**

One of the more perplexing and perennial questions of philosophy, literature and life is why is there pain (to say nothing of death) – especially in a universe supposedly created and managed by a good and provident God?

While not pretending to answer the question, we cannot help noticing that without the experience and conditioning of pain, armed with merely mental indicators or contra-indicators, we would never have sufficient motive to avoid the harmful and lethal in our environment, and thus, never live to see our 10th birthday. Ironically therefore, pain is a device that supports life and cumulatively affords us more advantages than disadvantages.

Guilt is an analogous phenomenon. At the outset, human guilt is to be distinguished from merely emotional or animal guilt. Mammals generally manifest emotional or psychological guilt, something akin to shame. We have but to observe our cowering canines after their episodes of

incontinency; they exude guilt.

For a person, guilt is a trans-emotional experience, an event that, while associated with certain emotional states of affairs, goes beyond the perimeter of passion. Guilt proper is the reaction of the mind to its violation of the moral order, and the closest description of this violation is probably betrayal. Shame, sorrow, embarrassment, grief – all may orbit around the black hole of betrayal, but they certainly are not that nucleus of darkness. Betrayal does not "feel" like anything (hence, it is not something innately psychological), but rather is a uniquely horrible state in which a person is incapable of feeling anything.

This "feeling nothing" is symptomatic of despair; short of a miracle, a divine intervention, or a resurrection from the dead, there is no recovery from betrayal brought to term. Psychology may read this as "sociopathy," but it is worse than merely that; it is the existential stench of "dead man walking."

Just as physical pain teaches us to avoid the physically harmful and perhaps lethal, so guilt teaches us to avoid the moral equivalent of harm and death. Like physical pain, it is also a device that supports life.



"Commander's Corner" — *A live 2-hour talk-radio program hosted by command representatives discussing community issues. Air station commanders host the show which is talk format and revolves around on-air and phone-in questions. Two full hours of command information and community issues. Mondays from 10 a.m. to noon.*

Iwakuni Marines get Thai-ed to nature

**CPL. KEVIN M. KNALLAY
COMBINED-JOINT
INFORMATION BUREAU**

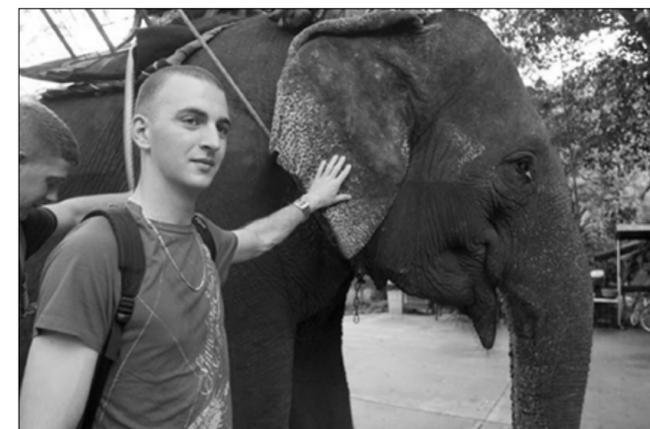
KHAO YAI NATIONAL PARK, Thailand — Approximately 20 service members took a quick break from Exercise Cobra Gold 2008 to enjoy a side of Thailand few service members take the opportunity to see – its jungles.

After a two-hour drive north from Korat, the service members arrived at the Jungle House Resort and embarked on a tour provided by the Single Marine Program.

"Thailand has so many aspects," said Sgt. James D. Harris, section leader, crash fire rescue, Marine Wing Support Squadron 171. "The (city) is great, but this side of Thailand, being out away from the city, is amazing and something completely different."

Marines crossed raging jungle rivers and trekked through mud while sitting on an Asian elephant, which can grow up to 12 feet tall and weigh up to 11,000 pounds.

The ride proved to be the highlight of the day for most of the Marines.



U.S. Marine Corps Sgt. Jason Morgan pets an elephant at the Jungle House Resort before going on an elephant ride through Thailand's jungle May 11 during a break from Exercise Cobra Gold 2008. Cobra Gold is an annual combined, joint exercise focused on humanitarian assistance projects and military training among the exercise's participating countries. Morgan is a motor transportation dispatcher from Marine Wing Support Squadron 171. Photos by Cpl. Kevin M. Knallay

"Where else can you go and say, 'While I was deployed, I got to ride an elephant,'" said Sgt. Sean O' Brien, an ordnance technician with Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12. "When you're actually sitting on the elephant and you feel its huge legs and shoulders working under you – it's a unique experience."

After the ride, the Marines traveled further north to Khao Yai National Park to hike through the jungle and see some of the park's waterfalls.

Muddy, slippery slopes, constant rain and the occasional attack by leeches made the approximate four kilometer trip through the dense jungle tough, but made the final

A Marine feeds an elephant a banana after taking an elephant ride at the Jungle House Resort in Thailand May 11 during a break from Exercise Cobra Gold 2008. CG 2008 is an annual combined, joint exercise focused on humanitarian assistance projects and military training among the exercise's participating countries.

SOBER FROM PAGE 1

being sent through the Safe and Sober checkpoint.

The MPs at PMO have assumed the responsibility of doing the vehicle inspections without the help of other offices.

"As of right now PMO is taking care

of the entire program. However, if any other shop wants to participate, they can get in contact with the administration section at PMO," Stephens said.

According to Stephens, the Safe and Sober program has received a lot of positive feedback. But before anything else, the MPs who work on the program are concerned with one thing, the

safety of the service members and their families.

"Our sole purpose is to make sure people on the road are safe and not consuming alcohol," Stephens said. "We want to keep not only the people in the car safe, but also the people walking to and from work and to and from recreational activities safe."

MACS-4 Marines maintain control for Cobra Gold

**CPL. JOSH COX AND
CPL. ANDREW MILNER
COMBINED-JOINT
INFORMATION BUREAU**

UTAPHAO AIRFIELD, Thailand — Marines from Marine Air Control Squadron 4, Detachment B, connect aircraft to the ground, ensuring pilots have a solid link of communication during training and real-world missions here.

Their task is straightforward -- ensure vital radar and communication equipment is properly assembled and running for mission-capable airfield operations while participating in Exercise Cobra Gold 2008, an annual combined, joint training evolution and humanitarian effort held throughout the Kingdom of Thailand.

"It's a different experience," said Lance Cpl. Nicholas Bishop, an auxiliary equipment support technician. "You can't really get it any place else, especially back in the rear. There's a lot of stuff we can't do there, but here we are able to."

Bishop and his crew specialize in the generators that keep the air traffic control's sophisticated equipment running.

"We've never taken (the generators) out in the field by any means," he explained. "It lets us see exactly what we would have to do if we deployed to a war zone."

The crew attributes their success to clear-cut teamwork, a philosophy Marines live by to accomplish the mission -- no matter the climate or place.

"As soon as we got here, we started rocking and rolling and got our stuff together," said Lance Cpl. Candice Valentine, an auxiliary equipment support technician.

"Everybody started helping each other out -- more teamwork. If we didn't have teamwork, then I don't think we would have got everything done so fast. We got it done in less than two days."

News Briefs

OHA Survey deadline extended

The deadline for the annual Overseas Housing Allowance Utility/Recurring Maintenance Survey for Japan has been extended to May 30. Service members here currently in private leases under the OHA program are encouraged to participate. The survey is available online at <https://www.perdiem.osd.mil/oha/survey/proha.html>

Asian Pacific American Heritage

May is recognized as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. The Special Emphasis Program is searching for individuals who would like to volunteer with the Asian Pacific American planning committee being formed. Volunteers will be asked to assist in planning events aboard the air station in honor of the month. If interested, call Master Sgt. Derrick Hart at 253-5530.

Filipino - American Association

The Fil-Am Association is presenting its 13th annual Pista Sa Nasyon "Town Fiesta" May 24 at the Club Iwakuni Ballroom. The event will include traditional Filipino song-and-dance routines, dinner and dancing following along with raffle prizes. Tickets are \$30. For more information, contact the Fil-Am Association president, HM1 Cadavos at 253-4825.

Devil Dog turns thespian as the King of Siam

LANCE CPL. JOSEPH MARIANELLI
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Devil Dog, leatherneck, Marine, thespian. One of these titles might seem out of place, but is it?

For some, the thought of theater might conjure images of men dressed in effeminate outfits, wearing makeup and generally doing things at odds with masculinity.

In reality there is no reason Marines cannot also be actors so long as they are willing to meet the challenge theater presents.

The Iwakuni Civic Theatre presented Rogers and Hammerstein's "The King and I" May 14, 15, 17 and 18 starring Lt. Col. Todd Hyson as the King of Siam.

According to Hyson, the therapy of theater provides a sort of mini-vacation from his job as the station's plans officer.

"For two-and-a-half hours, I get to be someone else," Hyson said.

Although he had some acting experience prior to joining the Marine Corps, Hyson originally had let his theater career wane. He hadn't considered taking it up again until a friend mentioned an ad for "Annie" as a suggestion for his daughter.

"I got back into theater to spend more time with my kids," Hyson said. "The next thing I knew I had my head shaved doing Daddy Warbucks.

Now it's just something I really have a passion for myself," he added.

Now with a number of productions under his belt, Hyson's theater experience proved very helpful during "The King and I."

"With a new individual you have to give them what you want to see," said Jennifer Cutshall, president of the Iwakuni Civic Theater Group and



The King of Siam, played by Lt. Col. Todd Hyson, disagrees with Anna, played by Andrea Rausch, about the specifics of their agreement regarding her teaching contract during the Iwakuni Civic Theater Group's production of "The King and I" at Sakura Theater May 15. Photos by Lance Cpl. Joseph Marianelli

director of "The King and I." "He is a very seasoned actor; you can give him a feeling or emotion you want expressed and he can hit it on the nail every time," she added.

In choosing the king, Cutshall said

"He is a very seasoned actor; you can give him a feeling or emotion you want expressed and he can hit it on the nail every time."

- Jennifer Cutshall

it was back and forth between Lt. Col. Hyson and a Navy lieutenant.

"Ultimately it was a gut feeling, the difference between a Yul Brynner look and a Chow Yun-Fat look," said Cutshall.

Much like his roles change in the Marine Corps, his acting roles change, but much more literally.

When taking on a character study, Hyson first dissects the script to ascertain what the playwright's intent for the character was. Then he researches who has played the role before to see what they said about the character. If possible, he'll even try to place himself in the character's environment.

"It's neat to do something different – this role as king is definitely not me," Hyson said.

"I try to bring my own character," he added.

Along with the challenge of assuming another identity, the Marine Corps comes first and can affect a serious actor's performance.

"This particular show I was gone for two to three weeks and I couldn't rehearse," Hyson said.

Hyson said having everyone at rehearsal is important for the interplay between characters; he can always rehearse his lines alone, but it's not the same.

The King of Siam, played by Lt. Col. Todd Hyson, prays to Buddha during the Iwakuni Civic Theater Group's production of "The King and I" at Sakura Theater May 15.



"We have never had every single person at this show," said Hyson.

"Of course, that takes a little piece away from the show," he added.

Despite these challenges, Hyson is very committed to the theater and even serves as vice president for the Iwakuni Civic Theater Group.

He was also a benefactor in the group's early stages.

"When we initially set this group up, Todd's group in Okinawa gave \$1,000 to the theater here to get them started," Cutshall said.

"He's the driving force behind our group here," she added.

Apart from being a creative release, theater has benefited Hyson in his Marine Corps career.

"I'm an introverted person," Hyson said. "I don't like being in front of other people, and theater helped me be more comfortable being in front of people."

Acting has even assisted Hyson with his recent work coordinating and negotiating with the Japanese on the Iwakuni Runway Relocation Project.

"(Acting) helps me step into or see their side of the negotiations," he said. "I can understand why they want something," he added.

Hyson's enthusiasm for acting is mirrored in his enjoyment of the Marine Corps.

"As a Marine, it seems like you get really good at something and then move on," said Hyson. "I relish that challenge of learning a new skill and job."

Even though Hyson seems willing to take on an array of challenges, there is a line when it comes to the theater.

"I would never do full nudity," he said laughingly.

Humble local golf pro spent career as world-renowned trick-shot artist

LANCE CPL. CHRIS DOBBS
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

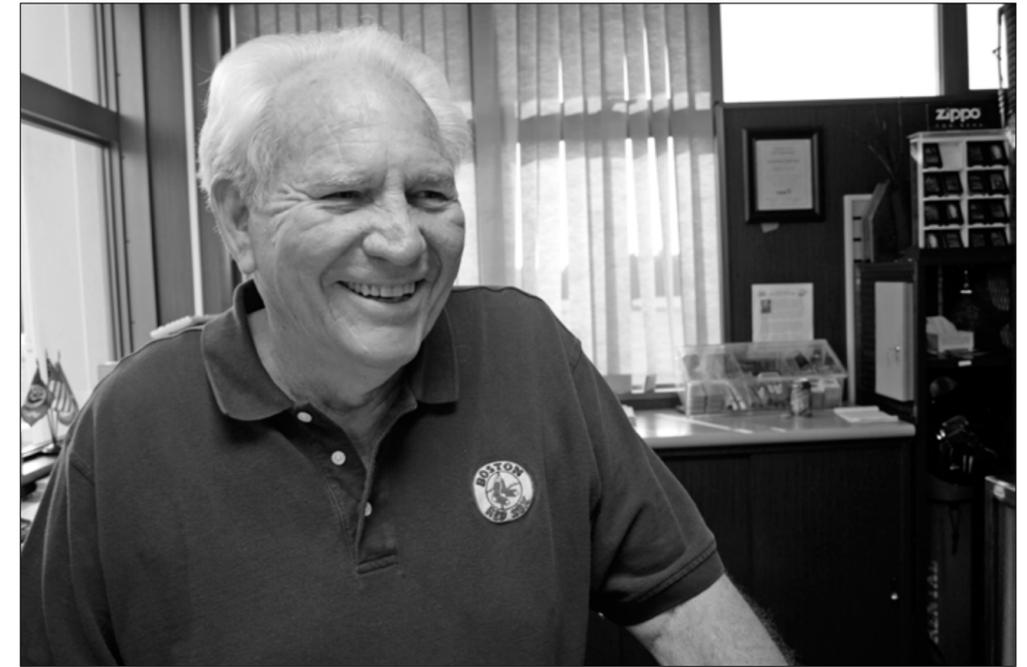
Many would probably be surprised to learn that the modest, easy-going gentleman graciously greeting guests at Torii Pines Golf Course here spent much of his life traveling the world as a renowned golf trick-shot artist.

During his 30-year-plus career, Paul Hahn Jr., Torii Pines manager, PGA professional and aviator, transversed the globe in his private plane giving exhibitions at professional golf events, on United Service Organizations (USO) tours and other outings where he met many famous golfers and personalities, including golf legends Jack Nicklaus and Arnold Palmer and former president Gerald Ford.

The native of Hilton Head Island, S.C., who spent four years as an enlisted man in the Air Force, also was several times a guest on the Mike Douglas Show – the the United States' most popular talk show at the time – and co-piloted an F-16 Fighting Falcon after giving an exhibition for then Secretary of the Air Force Pete Aldrich and other military leaders at Homestead Air Reserve Base, Fla., in 1988.

Hahn's 30-minute trick-shot routine featured a unique combination of instruction and humor, in which he hit balls with a club that had a hose for a shaft, off super-tall tees, and from kneeling, seated and standing positions. He perfected the act under the tutelage of his father, Paul Hahn Sr., a professional golfer and trick-shot artist who gave exhibitions alongside Hahn up until his death in '76. The performance is showcased in the film titles, "Outrageously Funny Golf" and "Trick Shots."

"My forte was to give clinics and exhibitions and entertain people," Hahn said in a deliberate, slight South



Paul Hahn, Torii Pines Golf Course manager and PGA professional, greets a customer in the golf shop Wednesday. Hahn, who during the past five years has worked as a golf course manager at Naval Air Facility Atsugi and here, spent most of his career as a golf trick-shot artist, performing exhibitions in 56 countries. Photo by Lance Cpl. Chris Dobbs

Carolinian drawl.

After serving honorably for four years in the Air Force as a cryptographer and graduating from the University of South Carolina with a degree in Education, a young Hahn set his sights on making a living playing golf professional. After two unsuccessful seasons on the professional circuit however, he decided to take a different avenue to forging a career in the game.

"I didn't have all the required skills to compete at the professional level so I took the entertainment route," he said.

Hahn spent much of his time touring the United States with his

were doing more than 200 exhibitions in 200 cities a year," Hahn said matter-of-factly. "At times I got tired, but I enjoyed it. I met a lot of people and I enjoyed making them laugh."

After more than 30 years of entertaining, including exhibitions in 16 USO Tours, which took him to countries such as Korea, Turkey and Italy, Hahn decided

to retire the act and settle down in the golf management business.

Since retiring in 2003, he has spent the past five years in Japan, first as a golf course manager at Naval Air Facility Atsugi and the last two here. Hahn said he's very happy where's he's at in his life and enjoys the diversity of tasks his current position demands, including overseeing operations, maintenance, instruction and promoting the game.

"Everyday I enjoy coming to work," he said. "I'm delighted to be here."

While reminiscing about his travels and experiences, it seems Hahn is left in a state of wonder.

"I didn't know I'd get to the 18th hole so fast," he said. "I'm happy with what I accomplished though. I think I did what most people want to do – raise a family, give your children an opportunity for an education and play a positive role in the community."

"I'm happy with what I accomplished though. I think I did what most people want to do – raise a family, give your children an opportunity for an education and play a positive role in the community."

- Paul Hahn Jr.

family – which includes his wife of 23 years, Betsy, a school teacher he met

while touring in Raleigh, N.C., and children, Tracy, 39, and Blair, 36 – and the rest of it flying "very slow and low" across the world's oceans in his four-seat Comanche airplane with his bag of motley clubs in the back.

"We were busy – we



Paul Hahn, Torii Pines Golf Course manager and PGA professional, shares a laugh with talk show host Mike Douglas and former president Gerald Ford on Douglas' show in Palm Springs, Calif., Feb. 9, 1979. Hahn met many famous people during his tour of the country and world as a renowned golf trick-shot artist.

GET UP, GET OUT

Enjoy serenity at Seven Falls



One of the many views of the surrounding countryside from a Seven Falls peak. Although not huge, this spot provides enough room for a good sized party to sit and enjoy the cool breeze with a snack. Photos by Lance Cpl. Joseph Marianelli



Light penetrates the canopy, illuminating this peaceful scene. This is just one of the many clearings with a running stream in the Seven Falls area.



This small Buddhist shrine sits atop one of the Seven Falls peaks. Proper technique is to kneel in front of the shrine, bow with arms extended and palms flat on the earth, offer a prayer, come back to the kneeling, clap twice and rise.

LANCE CPL. JOSEPH MARIANELLI
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

For a relaxing afternoon filled with luscious green scenery and the peaceful sounds of running water, consider taking a day-hike at Seven Falls.

Seven Falls is located about two hours North of Iwakuni. Shortly after exiting Route 434, lush, green canopy covered mountains pop up like flowers in the spring time.

Nestled in the mountains is a small snack shop and parking lot connecting the launch points for the Seven Falls' trails.

There are a number of trails that snake through the Seven Falls area allowing for a virtually new experience many times over.

Although at times the climb can be quite steep, there are steps and handrails to ease the ascension.

For the weary, there are many spots to stop and take in the soothing site and sound of one of the many waterfalls while catching their breath.

Those that might be timid about tackling a mountain hike should "start small, try urban hikes and work up to the big stuff," suggests Clint Hurda, IronWorks

Gym Outdoor Recreation manager.

Hurda, who organizes and leads the Marine Corps Community Services' hikes, said he is always open to suggestions for future trips.

"I kinda go out and do what I would like and then I show it to other people," Hurda added.

Hurda wasn't the only one who enjoyed the Seven Falls area.

"Actually, I really enjoyed the hike; it was a relaxing and enjoyable afternoon," said Petty Officer 1st Class Martin Marini.

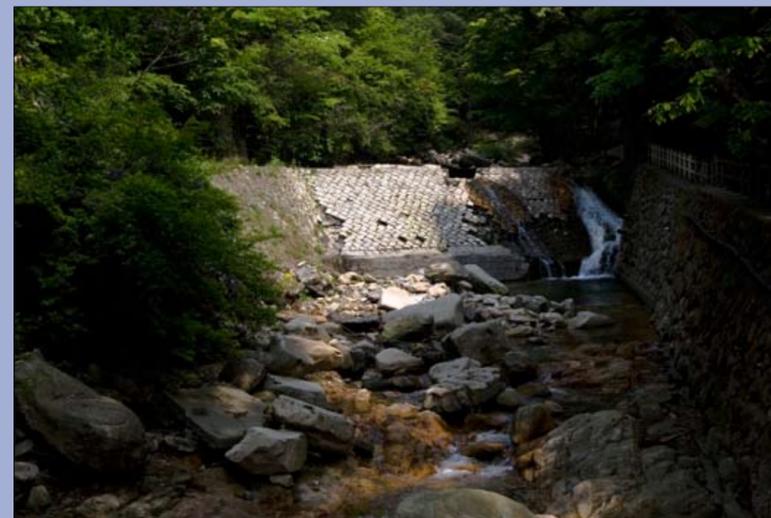
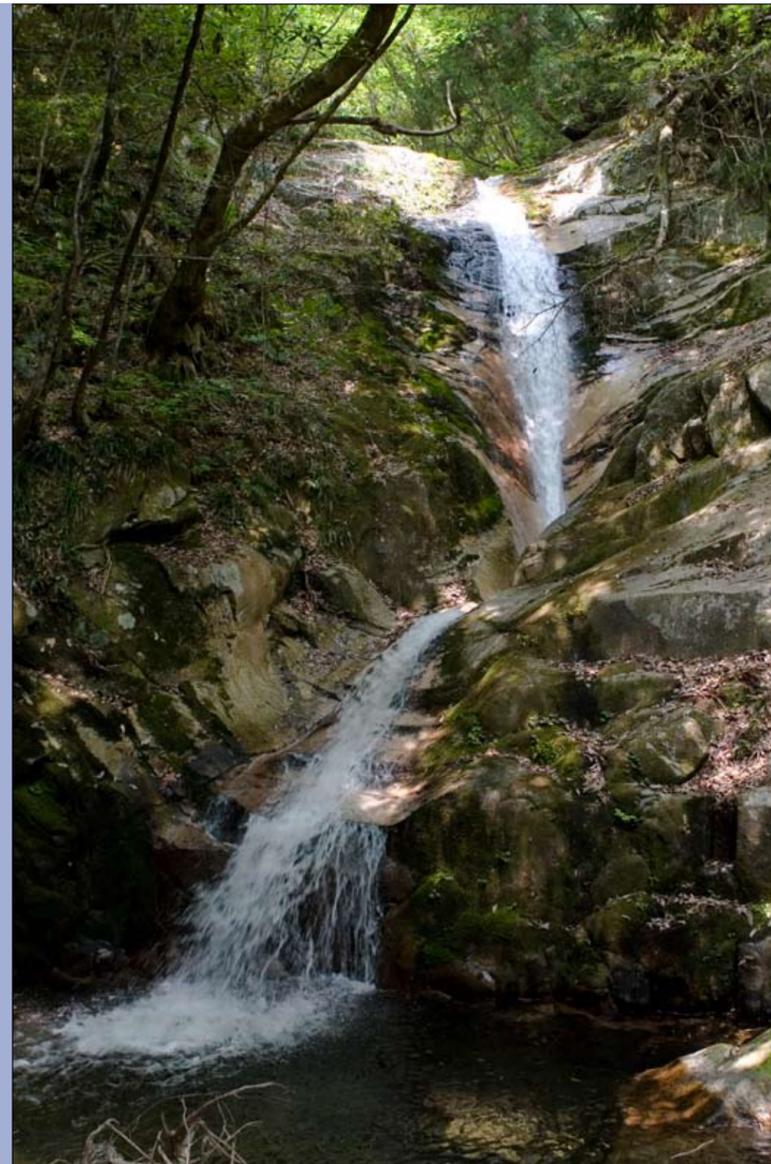
"For 15 bucks you can't beat it," Marini added.

Marini has gone on hikes before and would go on more if he could, but he only has two weeks remaining aboard Iwakuni.

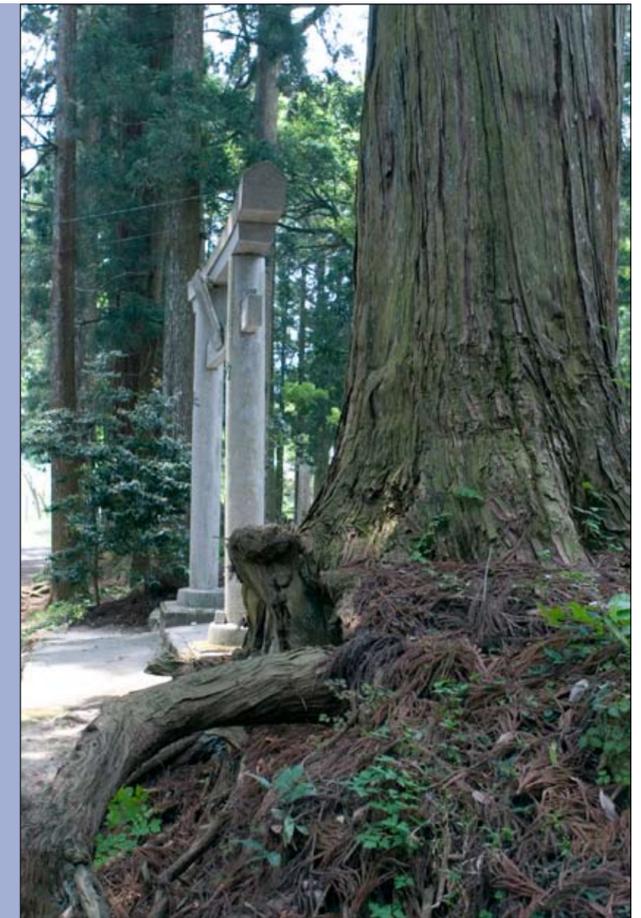
Hiking enthusiasts should consider Outdoor Recreation's upcoming Oshima Island hike June 21 or one of the Mt. Fuji climbs.

With any hike, plan ahead and take water, snacks, yen, insect repellent and sunscreen as needed.

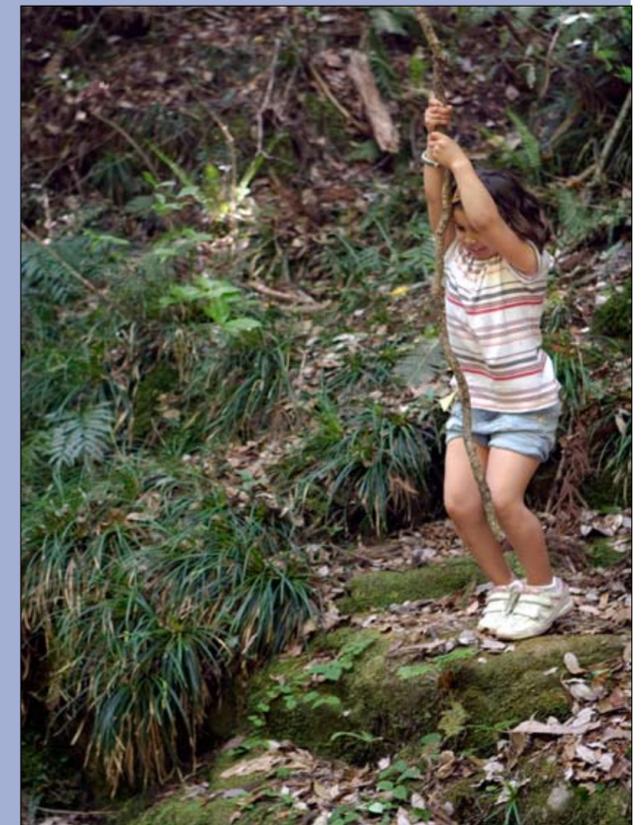
For more information about Seven Falls and other spots, contact Outdoor Recreation at 253-3842 or call the Information Tours & Travel office at 253-4377.



(Above) Scenes like this are very common on the Seven Falls trails. It's rare to walk very far without coming across water trickling over stones or, in some cases, pouring. (Right) Maria Calderon prepares to swing from a hanging vine. Maria demonstrates that the Seven Falls area really is accessible to virtually all ages.



(Above) Near the end of this Seven Falls trail is a small public temple. The trees in this area seem to have been growing for hundreds of years from the looks of their massive trunks. (Left) A tucked away fall cascades down the rocks at the Seven Falls area. Easily accessible vantage points such as this are abundant on the many trails.



AROUND THE CORPS

Cleared to land, U.S. military from Okinawa sends aid shipment to cyclone-ravaged Burma

CPL. ERIC ARNDT
III MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

UTAPHAO ROYAL THAI AIRFIELD, Thailand — U.S. forces in Thailand shifted mission focus from Exercise Cobra Gold to Operation Caring Response May 12, sending the first of eight American humanitarian assistance flights to Burma, the nation devastated by a powerful storm May 2 that left thousands dead.

The aid flights were initiated in response to an official request from the country's military government, which had, for more than a week, stalled efforts by the U.S. government and a myriad of relief organizations to provide assistance in the wake of devastation left by Cyclone Nargis — a tropical storm that caused a reported 32,000 deaths.

A U.S. Air Force C-130 delivered the first six pallets of aid supplies May 12, including fresh drinking water, mosquito netting and blankets.

Two KC-130J aircraft from the Okinawa-based Marine Aerial Refueler Squadron 152 followed up the first flight with two more deliveries May 13.

Five more delivery flights were cleared May 14, and their deliveries brought the total amount of supplies delivered to 98 tons, according to U.S. officials in Thailand.

During a press conference prior to the first mission, U.S. Ambassador to Thailand Eric G. John noted that Burma's cooperation with foreign aid agencies — and those able to transport the supplies — is critical to curbing further unnecessary deaths.

"It is important that we and the international community are allowed to help the victims of this unimaginable disaster," John said. "The world has much to offer Burma

in their greatest hour of need. We offer our hand in friendship.

"We offer our assistance without condition, and we offer food, clothing, shelter, medicine and expertise born of experience.

"More has to get into Burma. More has to get to the areas hardest hit by this cataclysm."

While the supplies were and are still needed in the cyclone-ravaged country, the flights were not just about sending relief, but the promise of more to come.

"The mission is really twofold," said Air Force Capt. Trevor N. Hall, a pilot with the 36th Airlift Squadron, 374th Airlift Wing, 5th Air Force, as well as the mission's aircraft commander. "The first part of the mission is obviously to take some humanitarian assistance to the people in Burma to help them out with the situation they're in, but the second and maybe more important part of this mission is for the United States to extend a hand out to the government there and let them know we're willing to help — to try and establish a relationship with them and make sure that we can continue to give them this kind of aid."



UTAPHAO ROYAL THAI AIRFIELD, Thailand — Senior Airman Daniel L. Mortensen, a loadmaster with the 36th Airlift Squadron, 374th Airlift Wing, 5th Air Force, pushes a pallet of disaster relief supplies bound for Burma May 12 onto a C-130 aircraft. The flight was the first Cyclone Nargis aid distribution mission for the U.S. military, which was requested by the Burma governing authority to distribute needed humanitarian aid.



UTAPHAO ROYAL THAI AIRFIELD, Thailand — Cpl. Stephen B. Clark and Somkeart Nilpet stage clean water May 11 to be used for an upcoming U.S. humanitarian assistance and disaster relief mission to Burma. Clark is a traffic management specialist with the Exercise Cobra Gold 2008 Joint Movement Control Center.

Photos by Cpl. Eric D. Arndt

Community Briefs

Memorial Day post office hours of operations

The main and north side post offices will be closed Monday and resume normal hours of operation Tuesday.

Boy Scouts Troop 77

After 50 years of air station service, Boy Scouts Troop 77 is still accepting new members. Meetings are Mondays 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Building 1111 (two buildings down from the Marine Memorial Chapel). For more information, call at 253-3505.

UMUC Term V class schedule

The University of Maryland University College Term V class schedule is out for face-to-face classes. Registration runs from May 19 through

June 6 and classes run from June 9 through July 31. Registration for online classes runs April 21 through June 6, and the classes run from June 9 to August 17. For more information, call 253-3392.

Mondays through Thursdays – 11:40 a.m. to 12:55 p.m.
MATH 012
Intermediate Algebra
(Zoa, Nick)

Mondays through Thursdays – 4:40 to 5:55 p.m.
ASTD 135
Introduction to Japanese Language and Culture
(Edwards, Hiromi)

Mondays and Wednesdays – 6 to 9 p.m.
ASTR 100
Introduction to Astronomy

(Zoa, Nick)
JAPN 111
Elementary Japanese I
(Edwards, Hiromi)

Tuesdays and Thursdays – 6 to 8 p.m.
ASTR 110
Astronomy Lab (1)
(Zoa, Nick)

Tuesdays and Thursdays – 6 to 9 p.m.
JAPN 221
Intermediate Japanese I
(Edwards, Hiromi)
PSYC 315
Motivation
(Russell, Mark)

July 12 and 13 – 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
PSYC 309K
Managing Interpersonal Stress and Conflict
(Russell, Mark)
** This schedule is subject to change without notice.

Adult, infant, child CPR

Limited seating is available for a May 31 cardiopulmonary resuscitation class. Cost of the course is \$30, and deadline for payment is May 29. Please call 253-4525 for additional

information.

'IPAC SHOOTOUT' 1st Installation Personnel Administration Center Golf Tournament

The first Installation Personnel Administration Center Golf Tournament will be held at Torii Pines June 20. Show time is 11 a.m., shotgun start at noon. All skill levels (none, hacker, semi-pro), all active duty, retired and reserve military, Department of Defense personnel and authorized guests welcome. Fee is \$20 plus green fees and \$2 mulligans. **FORMAT:** 4-man best ball. You can enter as a team or single. Singles will be formed into 4-man teams. **PRIZES:** 1st, 2nd, 3rd place teams, closest-to-pin on hole 2, longest drive on hole 12. Entry deadline is June 18. For more information, call IPAC at 253-5523 or e-mail dustin.t.thompson@usmc.mil. All proceeds go to the IPAC Marine Corps Ball Fund.

2008 Summer Reading Program

Join "Catch the Reading Bug!" this summer at the MCAS Station Library and discover the amazing world of insects. The 2008 Summer Reading Program is open to young people preschool through age 12 with programs, prize drawings, story hours and more. Registration

for the Summer Reading Program begins June 30. For more information, call the library at 253-3078. All programs are free of charge.

M.C. Perry High School 'Project Graduation' volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed to help the graduating seniors of Matthew C. Perry High School on June 11 8 p.m. to sunrise. We need casino game operators, setup crew on June 11 and tear down crew on June 12. If interested, please call 253-2192 or e-mail paulasmedes@yahoo.com.

Rose Festa 2008 in Hachigamine

The Waki Town Chamber of Commerce will hold Rose Festa 2008 at Hachigamine Park in Waki Town May 25, 9 a.m. — 3 p.m. The festival will feature a Japanese Taiko drum concert at the children's square at 10 a.m. Twelve drum groups will participate in the concert for a total of 100 drummers. There will also be a special guest, Mr. Yu Imahuku, a Japanese professional Taiko drum performer. Other attractions include: rock music, Japanese archery game, flea market and portrait corner. For more information contact the Waki Town Chamber of Commerce at 0827-53-2066.

Chapel Services

Roman Catholic

Saturday 4:30 p.m. Confession
5:30 p.m. Mass
Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass
9:45 a.m. Religious Education
Tuesday - Friday 11:30 a.m. Weekday Mass
Wednesday 6:00 p.m. Inquiry Class for adults

Protestant

Saturday 9:30 a.m. Seventh-Day Adventist Sabbath School
11:00 a.m. Seventh-Day Adventist Divine Worship
Sunday 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Adult Bible Fellowships
10:30 a.m. Protestant Service
Wednesday 6:00 p.m. Awana (Bldg. 1104)
6:00 p.m. Bible Study (Capodanno Hall Chapel)

Church of Christ

Sunday 9:30 a.m. Bible Study (small chapel)
10:30 a.m. Worship Service (small chapel)

Church of the United Christians Inc.

Sunday 1:00 p.m. Worship Service

Latter Day Saints

Weekdays 6:30 a.m. Youth Activities

Jewish

Friday 6:00 p.m. Shabbat (small chapel)

Teen Programs

For times, call 253-5183: high school meetings, junior high meetings, HS and JR Bible studies, retreats, service projects, mission trips, Special Events Volunteer Training and Mentoring, Parent Support Groups

For information regarding divine services, religious education or any other command religious program or chapel activity, call the Marine Memorial Chapel at 253-5218.

MARAUDERS WALK HARD FOR WARRIOR NIGHT



Led by their senior enlisted advisor Sgt. Maj. James C. Kirkland, members of Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12 take part in a seven-mile hike around the air station May 16. The hike kicked off the second annual Warrior Night, an evening of unit camaraderie among MALS-12 sergeants and below, which featured barbecue, a bonfire, competitions and a movie tent at the north side football field. "I thought it went better than last year's," Kirkland said. "It had a little bit of modification. This year we had a gladiator-themed night with a mess night, and it seemed to go well."

Photo by Lance Cpl. Noah S. Leffler

THE IWAKUNI APPROACH

Classifieds

Automobiles

1996 TOYOTA MARK II TOURE V 2500 Twin Turbo

Asking for \$2,900. JCI good until July 2009. 4-door sports car, metallic-black paint, CD/tape/stereo, ground effects/spoiler, power sunroof and windows, low-profile tires, aluminum-alloy rims, racing/touring suspension and traction-lock transmission, high-performance turbo exhaust, keyless entry, plush interior. Sharp car, must see! Call 253-3644 (during working hours, leave message) or 253-2331 (after working hours).

1997 Toyota Estima Van

JCI good until May 2010! 8-passenger, automatic, clean, dependable vehicle. A/C, heat, stereo/CD, PW/PD, 2 moonroofs. Non-smoking owners, Road Tax paid, tire chains included. Asking for \$2,900 or best offer. Call 253-2636 (home).

1994 Toyota Estima

Big passenger van, JCI good until September 2009. 5-door, forest green, seats 7 passengers, very spacious, back seats fold up for lots of room for camping gear/groceries. Power steering, power doors and power windows, clean and well taken care of. Non-smoking owners.

Has an automatic moonroof and sunroof. CD player and radio work great! Asking for \$2,400 or best offer. Call 253-6904 or 4673 (work), or 253-2063 (home).

1996 Mazda Efina MS8

Asking for \$1,950 or best offer. Blue 1996 Mazda Efina MS8 4-door sedan in excellent condition. Only 62,000 miles. JCI good until November 2009. Automatic with full power windows and seats. Cold air conditioner. This is Mazda's top-of-the-line sedan, V-6, great for the expressways. Moving, must sell, make offer. Call 253-5333 (work) or 253-2207 (home).

1995 Daihatsu Move

1995 Daihatsu Move silver 5-door. JCI good until August 2009. Automatic transmission, power windows and cold air conditioning. Road Tax paid. Very economical, 40 miles-per-gallon, low taxes, and inexpensive insurance. Runs great, must see. Moving, must sell, make offer. Call 253-5333 (work) or 253-2207 (home).

1989 Mitsubishi Pajero

JCI until Nov. 24, 2009 (18 months left), new tires, seats 7, seats fold up, 4-wheel drive, diesel, heat, no AC, power windows and locks, all taxes paid, automatic. Runs great! Asking \$2,500 or best offer. For more information, call 253-2151 (home) or 080-3876-2327 (cell).

1992 Toyota Estima Emina

JCI until September 2009, seats 8, seats fold up, 10-disc CD player, hot and cold box for food or drinks, sunroof, moonroof, diesel, heat, cold AC, power windows & locks, all taxes paid, automatic. Runs great! Ask-

ing \$2,400 or best offer. For more information, call 253-2151 (home) or 080-3876-2327 (cell).

1997 Mitsubishi RVR

Asking \$2,900 or best offer. JCI good until May 2010! Runs great, 4-wheel drive, A/C and heat, AM/FM stereo/CD, power windows/door locks, keyless entry. 3-door, 4-passenger hatchback car. Non-smoking owners. Road Tax paid April 2008. Call 253-2636 (home).

1997 Honda Odyssey

Silver, reliable family van, 5-door, seats 7, rear seats fold for more cargo space. Great A/C and heat, CD player/radio combo. Approximately 72,000 miles. Regular oil changes. JCI through August 2009. Will wash before selling! \$3,000 or best offer - make me an offer I can't refuse! Call 253-5903 (work), 8 a.m. - 3 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Miscellaneous

Two bikes for sale

One women's 16-speed with baby bike seat and another bike for a 6-8-year-old child. For the photo, please e-mail potwic@gmail.com, or call 253-5183 (work).

Lots of carpet for sale

Very soft and in great shape. No shoes in our house! Don't walk on a cold floor anymore! Sea green in color for living room, stairs, hallway, master bedroom and walk-in closet. Bedroom 1 is medium pink, bedroom 2 is forest green. Asking for \$450 or best offer for everything. For more information, call 253-6904 or 4673 (work), or 253-2063 (home).

Wanted - Used Patio Set

Used patio set wanted. Please call 253-3855 (work) or 0827-63-1417 (home).

To submit an advertisement request, follow the classifieds link on the station Web site and open an advertisement request form. Submit the form via e-mail to iwakuni.pao@usmc.mil or in person at the Public Affairs Office, Building One, Room 216.

Mess Hall Menu

MONDAY May 26, 2008

Beef with Bacon Soup, Shrimp Gumbo Soup, Caribbean Flounder, Country Style Steak, Steamed Rice, Macaroni and Cheese, Hush Puppies, Broccoli Combo, Wax Beans, Dinner Rolls, Peanut Butter Brownies, Marble Cake with Butter Cream Frosting, Banana Cream Pudding, Specialty Bar: Pasta Bar

TUESDAY May 27, 2008

Tomato Soup, Vegetable Soup, Lasagna, Roast Pork, Au Gratin Potatoes, Toasted Garlic Bread, Whole Kernel Corn, Mixed Vegetables, Cream Gravy, Cheese Biscuits, Cherry Pie, Boston Cream Pie, Oatmeal Raisin Cookie, Specialty Bar: Taco Bar

WEDNESDAY May 28, 2008

French Onion Soup, Cream of Broccoli Soup, Baked Tuna Noodles, Breaded Pork Chop, Mushroom Gravy, Garlic Roasted Potatoes, Carrots, Mix Vegetables, Hot Dinner Rolls, Chocolate Chip Cookies, Dutch Apple Pie, Devils Food Cake with Butter Cream Frosting, Specialty Bar: BBQ

THURSDAY May 29, 2008

Manhattan Clam Chowder, Split Pea Soup, Chicken Parmesan, Italian Sausage, Buttered Pasta, Oven Browned Potatoes, Eggplant Parmesan, Cauliflower Gumbo, Alfredo Sauce, Marinara Sauce, Garlic Bread, Sugar Cookies, German Chocolate Cake, Banana Cream Pie, Specialty Bar: Deli Bar

FRIDAY May 30, 2008

Chicken Noodle Soup, Cream of Mushroom Soup, Southern Style Fried Catfish, Chicken Cacciatore, Steamed Rice, Candied Sweet Potatoes, Southern Style Greens, French Fried Cauliflower, Cream Gravy, Jalapeno Corn Bread, Coconut Raisin Drop Cookies, Florida Lemon Cake with Butter Cream Frosting, Chocolate Cream Pie, Specialty Bar: Hotdogs/Polish Sausage

Overseas Housing Allowance survey extended through May 30

The deadline for the annual Overseas Housing Allowance Utility/Recurring Maintenance Survey for Japan has been extended through May 30 to achieve the level of participation required to conduct a review of entitlements.

The utility allowances received within Japan will not be adjusted during 2008 without sufficient participation in this survey.

Participants are required to utilize actual billing receipts to ensure accuracy of the survey. Items such as electricity, heating fuels, water for residence, bottled water for drinking, trash pickup, sewer charges, maintenance and minor repairs, insurance required by custom or

law, condo fees, guards or police protection, and taxes for which the tenant is responsible and must make a separately identifiable payment should be reported.

All uniformed service members who have resided in privately leased quarters and have received OHA for at least six months are required to participate, however, home owners are ineligible.

The survey will take approximately 30 minutes to complete and can be found at <https://www.perdiem.osd.mil/oha/survey/aproha.html>.

A sample of the survey has been posted for educational purposes and can be found at <https://www.perdiem.osd.mil/oha/survey/demo.html>.

Sakura Theater

Friday, May 23, 2008

7 p.m. Speed Racer (PG)
10 p.m. Tyler Perry's Meet the Browns (PG-13)

Saturday, May 24, 2008

1 p.m. Dr. Seuss' Horton Hears A Who! (G)
4 p.m. Iron Man (PG-13)
7 p.m. Tyler Perry's Meet the Browns (PG-13)
10 p.m. Speed Racer (PG)

Sunday, May 25, 2008

1 p.m. Speed Racer (PG)
4 p.m. Tyler Perry's Meet the Browns (PG-13)
7 p.m. Drillbit Taylor (PG-13)

General admission: Ages 12+ are \$2.50 / Ages 6-11 are \$1 / Children ages 5 and under admitted free. For more information, visit www.mccsiwakuni.com or call 253-5291.

Monday, May 26, 2008

1 p.m. Penelope (PG)
4 p.m. Speed Racer (PG)
7 p.m. Iron Man (PG-13)

Tuesday, May 27, 2008

7 p.m. Never Back Down (PG-13)

Wednesday, May 28, 2008

7 p.m. The Bank Job (R)

Thursday, May 29, 2008

7 p.m. Doomsday (R)



Matthew C. Perry Samurai's freshman Hayden Miller, sophomore Cody Garner and freshman Robert Meyer, take on a player from the Hiroshima International School Raptors during their first game of the Far East Tournament May 18. The Samurai defeated the Raptors with a score of 2-0. Photos by Lance Cpl. Ashley M. Howard

Perry boys go head-to-head against teams from throughout Pacific in Far East tourney

PFC. ASHLEY M. HOWARD AND
LANCE CPL. CHRIS DOBBS
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

The Far East Class A Soccer Tournament drew high school soccer players from throughout the Pacific region, including the station's own Matthew C. Perry High School Samurai, to Penny Lake Field athletic complex here Sunday through Wednesday.

The boys Samurai team is looking for a strong finish despite a rough 1-2 start in the event, which features 10 boys' teams and 8 girls' teams.

The boys dropped both of their games Monday, losing 4-1 to the Osan American High School Cougars and 7-0 to the Uijeongbu International School Indianhead Wolverines. Despite the losses, head coach Robert Sanders is encouraging his players to keep their heads held high.



The Matthew C. Perry High School Samurai boys' soccer team shakes hands with the Hiroshima International School Raptors following a game during the Far East Tournament at Penny Lake Field May 18.

"I think we've got a great group of boys on the team this year," said Sanders, who is in his first year as coach.

Sanders said he thought the boys would roll after their 2-0 win against the Hiroshima International

School Raptors Sunday, in which Samurai Andre Bugawon and Tyler Henderson scored the boys' first goals of the tournament.

"The winds at our backs now," Sanders told his team after the win. "We've gotten through the hard part, loosen up."

But goals have been few and far between for the Samurai since.

With their opponents piling up points against them, one would think the boys would be discouraged, but their actions on the field say otherwise.

Each time a ball passes their keeper and hits the net, a Samurai yells "Ike ike," to which the rest of the squad responds, "Oh."

"It's almost like a war cry to encourage the team to keep their spirits up," according to Sanders.

While each of their opponents' goals seems to strengthen their resolve, the Samurai can only hope their high spirits will translate into goals of their own. Win or lose, however, it's likely they'll leave with the same attitude they brought to the event.

"We just like to play soccer," said Samurai Darren Cutshall.

Editors note: Due to the

Iwakuni Approach's publication deadline, full coverage of the Far East Class A Soccer Tournament could not be included. Check out next week's issue for photos and tournament results.



Matthew C. Perry Samurai defense and Carlise, Pa., native Scott Seitz passes in during the Samurai's first game of the Far East Tournament against the Hiroshima International School Raptors May 18.

Iwakuni softball club splits season openers with Japanese teams

LANCE CPL. CHRIS DOBBS
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Spring varsity softball action kicked off Sunday as Iwakuni split two games against Japanese teams, defeating "World Anchor" 17-4 before narrowly losing to the "Jackers" 13-12 during the Kuga Spring Goodwill Softball Tournament in Kuga City.

Iwakuni's performance was good for third place in its bracket of the 11-team event.

During the first game, Iwakuni got into a good rhythm at bat as all nine hitters found gaps in World Anchor's defense for base hits. An occasional double or home run cleared the bases as they established a multi-run lead early in the game.

"We were really working together," said first baseman Rachael Simons. "Everyone was on their game and we had very few errors."

After the first game, Iwakuni learned of an important tournament rule – teams not only had to win to advance, they had to win by more runs than the other winning teams. Since a couple of teams posted scores in the 30s, Iwakuni would have to win by a very large margin in its second game against the Jackers if they hoped to advance.

Concentrating on earning a bunch of runs and making big plays, Iwakuni failed to play to their strengths – getting consistent base hits and playing solid defense.

"We got the hits we needed, but they were at the wrong time," Simons said, adding that several hits came with two outs and no one on base.

Simons added that Iwakuni had difficulty focusing

once they realized their goal of a big win was no longer in reach. That's when the Jackers capitalized, passing Iwakuni with a few late runs in the final inning.

While it wasn't a championship-winning day for Iwakuni softball, the event was nonetheless a good opportunity for the players to experience the Japanese version of the game, which features a different ball – rubber as opposed to leather; fewer players – nine instead of 11; and a flatter, faster pitch, according to right fielder Matthew Jones.

"It's a good way to play the game," Jones said about the differences. "It's definitely different from the way we're used to playing, but it was a good experience."



Iwakuni varsity softball team right fielder Matthew Jones bats during the Kuga Spring Goodwill Softball Tournament at Kuga Town Field in Kuga City Sunday. Playing the Japanese version of the game, which features a rubber ball as opposed to a leather one, fewer players and flatter pitching was a good experience, according to Jones. Photos by Lance Cpl. Chris Dobbs

Jones said the straighter arc of the "six- to 12-inch pitching" and the rubber ball's sometimes erratic bounces were difficult to adjust to.

"It was the first time playing the Japanese style for most of us," Jones added. "For all the differences, I think we did very well."

Playing with the Americans was also a new experience for many of the Japanese players, according to Kitani Futoshi, a pitcher for team "Nikko."

"We really like to play with the Americans," Futoshi said. "It's very exciting to see how they play."

The tournament helped to maintain a strong relationship with the local Japanese softball community, according to Makato Tsumekuni, IronWorks Gym recreation specialist.

"I think after today both the Japanese and Americans will continue to look forward to participating in these events," Tsumekuni said.

Iwakuni varsity softball team pitcher Luis Esparza pitches during the Kuga Spring Goodwill Softball Tournament at Kuga Town Field in Kuga City Sunday. Esparza had to adjust to the Japanese league's pitching standards where the ball must fly on a six- to 12-inch arc. There's no arc limit in the station's intramural slow pitch league.

"I think after today both the Japanese and Americans will continue to look forward to participating in these events"

- Makato Tsumekuni

