

MLK EVENT
 ■ Station Chapel to commemorate life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Jan. 16
 Event runs from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

SPECIAL MEAL JAN. 15
 ■ Northside and southside mess halls invite service members, civilians to Martin Luther King, Jr. meal

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Branch Health Clinic to host town hall meeting

PFC. CLAUDIO A. MARTINEZ
 IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

The Robert M. Casey Medical and Dental Clinic here, a branch of U.S. Naval Hospital Yokosuka, will be hosting a Healthcare Consumer Council meeting open to the public at the Station Chapel

Jan. 13 at 6 p.m. Navy Capt. Kevin D. Moore, commanding officer of U.S. Naval Hospital Yokosuka, will be leading the event, answering the community's questions concerning the Branch Health Clinic. "It's a town meeting for the people that we serve here," said

Master Chief Petty Officer Edwin Guingab, senior enlisted leader at the Branch Health Clinic. Guingab said it will be the perfect time for the community to let the council know what issues, concerns, and suggestions they may have regarding the Branch Health Clinic and healthcare ser-

vices provided. "We want to make it better," said Guingab. Along with the community's questions, the possible construction of a hospital and a birthing center on the station are one of the many issues expected to be discussed.

2008 { THE YEAR IN REVIEW } JANUARY

Jan. 1 Club Iwakuni does away with club memberships along with monthly dues for service members according to rank	Jan. 11 Issue No. 1, Vol. 1 of the Iwakuni Approach published by direction of the station commanding officer	Jan. 16 VFA-97 arrive with approximately 250 Navy personnel as part of their unit deployment program	Jan. 23 Maj. James S. Whiteker succeeds Lt. Col. Reginald L. Hairston as CLC-36 commanding officer	Jan. 24 M.C. Perry High School students compete against the faculty in basketball, faculty wins for first time in 47 years	Jan. 27 THAILAND — Iwakuni aviation units arrive in Korat for Exercise Cope Tiger 2008, an annual, multi-lateral field training exercise
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CLC-36 gets new CO

Jan. 23 Maj. James S. Whiteker took charge as Combat Logistics Company 36 commanding officer, relieving Lt. Col. Reginald L. Hairston during a change-of-command ceremony at the CLC-36 warehouse here. At right, Maj. James S. Whiteker, oncoming Combat Logistics Company 36 commanding officer, shakes hands with attendees during the ceremony.



Maj. James S. Whiteker



LANCE CPL. KYLE T. RAMIREZ

Iwakuni units arrive in Korat

Jan. 27 **KORAT ROYAL THAI AIR FORCE BASE, Thailand** — U.S. Marine Corps and Air Force, Royal Thai Air Force, and Republic of Singapore Air Force aviation units kicked off Exercise Cope Tiger 2008. Cope Tiger is an annual, multi-lateral field training exercise conducted near the city of Korat, which hosts nearly 700 U.S. service members. At left, an F/A-18 belonging to Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 212 takes off for the day's training.



LANCE CPL. NOAH S. LEFFLER

Jan. 24 Megan Landean throws an inbound pass during an annual students versus faculty basketball game at Matthew C. Perry High School. The female staff members defeated the girls' team 37-34. For the first time in 47 years, school's faculty defeated the boys' and girls' varsity basketball teams game.



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FEBRUARY

Feb. 1

New York's VMGR-452 helps train VMFA-212 Marines in refueling missions during Exercise Cope Tiger 2008

Feb. 7

Denver Bronco cheerleaders tour station, interact with GIs courtesy of Armed Services Entertainment

Feb. 15

Deployable Virtual Training Environment is unveiled at the Indoor Small Arms Range here to help train rear Marines

Feb. 22

Sgt. Maj. Karl Villalino succeeds Sgt. Maj. Devell Durham as the Marine Aircraft Group 12 senior enlisted advisor

Feb. 22

2008 Gokukan five-kilometer run invites both Japanese and American athletes to the seawall here

Stateside refueling aids Lancers during Cope Tiger 2008

Feb. 1 **KORAT ROYAL THAI AIR FORCE BASE, Thailand** – Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 452 played an important role in Exercise Cope Tiger 2008 by providing fuel for Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 212's F/A-18s flying extended sorties.

VMGR-452's presence allowed attack fighters to functionally stay in the air twice as long and complete more complex missions that might be required in an operational environment.

The New York-based VMGR-452 squadron, took approximately 60 personnel trained in aerial refueling and cargo transfer to train pilots and ground personal, some who had never completed a refueling mission before.

At right, a VMFA-212 F/A-18 Hornet refuels from a VMGR-452 C-130 in an aerial refueling mission during Cope Tiger 2008, a multi-lateral field training exercise.



LANCE CPL. KYLE T. RAMIREZ



LANCE CPL. NOAH S. LEFFLER

Broncos cheerleaders visit station Marines

Feb. 7 Fourteen of the Denver Broncos cheerleaders came to raise station residents' spirits.

Iwakuni was one of the last stops of the cheerleaders' 21-day Armed Forces Entertainment-sponsored tour of military installations from Hawaii to Okinawa.

The cheerleaders spent most of the morning and afternoon interacting with service members at different work sections.

At left, two cheerleaders pose in bunker gear with the aircraft rescue firefighting Marines.

ISAR takes training to the 21st century

Feb. 15 Indoor Small Arms Range personnel and representatives from station units were trained on the use of a new prototype Marine Corps system at the ISAR here.

Deployable Virtual Training Environment (DVTE) was developed to simulate many aspects of combat scenarios in a first-person view and was unveiled by combined arms staff trainers for future implementation on the station.

MAG-12 gets new Sgt. Maj.

Feb. 22 The former Segeant Major for Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463 assumed the duties of Marine Aircraft Group 12 senior enlisted advisor in a post-and-relief ceremony at the Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 212 hangar here.

Sgt. Maj. Karl Villalino succeeded Sgt. Maj. Devell Durham Jr. who went to Okinawa to serve as the sergeant major of 1st Marine Aircraft Wing.



Sgt. Maj. Karl Villalino

MARCH

March 7

Matthew C. Perry Schools are accredited by stateside educators

March 10

VMFA(AW)-242 becomes first two-seat Hornet squadron to be permanently based in Japan

March 13

Exercise Total Force 2008 concludes after about 50 hours of increased Force Protection conditions on the station

March 14

The former senior enlisted advisor of Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron assumes the position of station sergeant major

March 28

REPUBLIC OF KOREA – Units participating in Exercise Foal Eagle 2008 begin returning to the station after about a month of bilateral training

March 31

Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 212 officially transitions into a cadre status after 66 years of aviation



LANCE CPL. CHRIS DOBBS

Iwakuni welcomes VMFA(AW)-242

March 10 Aircraft and personnel from Marine All-Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 242 continued to arrive here as the squadron became the Corps' first two-seat Hornet squadron to be based permanently in Japan.

The "Bats" from Marine Corps Air Station Miramar relocated here as part of a Marine Corps Aviation campaign plan initiated in 2006. Marines from Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 212 later joined the unit.



SGT. RICARDO A. GOMEZ

Total Force tests station readiness

March 13 In a brief radio message and a swift relaying of word, Iwakuni's first Exercise Total Force came to an end March 13 after nearly 50 hours of controlled mayhem and execution of response procedures.

The exercise was the first time a Marine Corps base tested its response to supporting a war effort while defending itself against aggressors.

Training officials validated and revised response plans based on real data obtained during the heightened state of security.

The simulated scenarios included discoveries of suspicious packages, noncombatant evacuation operation procedures, discoveries of vehicle-borne improvised explosive devices, and bomb threats in vital locations.

During an all-hands exercise debrief at the Sakura Theater

March 17, Iwakuni Marines were reminded that the most vital components in the response to any emergency situation was unit and individual readiness. A combination of Exercises Total Force and Active Shield, known as Exercise Total Shield, is set to take place from Jan. 29 to Feb. 6.

Above, Navy corpsmen and Iwakuni firefighters render aid to an injured victim during the exercise.



LANCE CPL. CHRIS DOBBS

Bailey becomes station Sgt. Maj.

March 14 Sgt. Maj. Jerry L. Bailey succeeded Sgt. Maj. Randolph L. Mitchell as the station sergeant major during a post and relief and retirement ceremony at the Marine Memorial Chapel here.

Above, Bailey receives the sword of command sergeant major from Col. Michael A. O'Halloran, station commanding officer.



LANCE CPL. NOAH S. LEFFLER

Lancers progress into cadre status

March 31 After 66 years of history, a ceremony on the flight line outside Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 212's hangar officially marked the Lancers' transition into cadre status.

At left, Sgt. Maj. Ricky Stroud, then VMFA-212 senior enlisted advisor and Lt. Col. Robert Boyles, then VMFA-212 commanding officer, case the Lancer's colors during the ceremony.

APRIL

April 4

Members of the Imperial Navy Surviving Aviators' Association tour station and share history with residents

April 9

Matthew C. Perry High School Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps takes first place in its Far East competition

April 12

O.J. Weiss of MAG-12 out-muscles 18 participants in 2008 Strongman competition

April 16

Sgt. Maj. Gerard J. Calvin assumes the position of senior enlisted advisor of Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron

April 20

1,000 Japanese and Americans participate in 42nd annual Kintai Marathon, about 900 Japanese participated in the 26.2-mile run

April 25

Robert M. Casey Medical and Dental Clinic, Iwakuni's Branch Health Clinic is reaccredited by the Medical Inspector General and the Joint Commission

World War II aviators tour base, share past with pilots

April 4 Members of the Imperial Navy Surviving Aviators' Association came to tour the air station and share their history with pilots here April 4.

The visit involved a brief and tour of the Japanese Maritime Self Defense Force headquarters building.

The large group of U.S. Navy and Marine Corps aviators gathered at the officers club and wasted no time getting to know

their guests. Sharing stories and enjoying the camaraderie, two different generations found the common ground that unites fighter pilots both past and present.

At right, Tetsuo Kondo, a former World War II Japanese fighter pilot, shakes hands with Lt. Col. Bret Saunders, Marine Aircraft Group 12 F/A-18 pilot, during the Imperial Navy Surviving Aviator's Association's visit at the officer's club.



LANCE CPL. NOAH S. LEFFLER



Sgt. Maj. Gerard J. Calvin

Calvin takes over as H&HS sergeant major

April 16 The former Headquarters and Service company first sergeant of 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, posted as the incoming sergeant major of Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron in a post and relief ceremony at the main parade field here April 16.

Sgt. Maj. Gerard J. Calvin relieved Master Gunnery Sgt. Ronald J. Seubert, who remains the station's Provost Marshal's Office staff noncommissioned officer-in-charge.

Above, Calvin addresses members and guests of H&HS at the ceremony.



LANCE CPL. NOAH S. LEFFLER

Runners race in 42nd Annual Kintai Marathon

April 20 Exactly 1,000 Japanese and Americans laced up their running shoes and hit the station's streets for the 42nd annual Kintai Marathon here.

Toru Higashi won the men's event with a time of 2:26:53 while Nana Higashi took the women's division, posting 2:50:58.

More than 900 of the participants were Japanese.

Marathon Results

Men:

1st Toru Higashi (2:26:53)
2nd Yoshihisa Nagashita (2:41:59)
3rd Masahiro Murakami (2:42:10)

Women:

1st Nana Higashi (2:50:58)
2nd Kunie Uehara (3:21:30)
3rd Naomi Kawamoto (3:23:50)

Half Marathon

Men:

1st Motoo Hirayama (1:15:33)
2nd Susumu Hatamoto (1:16:02)
3rd Hideki Ishizu (1:17:41)

Women:

1st Maiko Kishi (1:29:23)
2nd Hiromi Takahashi (1:33:28)
3rd Tamika Matshshira (1:34:11)

MAY

May 1

New Family Service Center officially opens, providing more space to allow patrons to view furnishings on-site

May 2

Lt. Col. Gackle becomes Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12 commanding officer

May 5

35th annual Friendship Day attracts more than 200,000 visitors to the station

May 9

THAILAND – Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 maintains operations during Exercise Cobra Gold 2008

May 16

ALASKA – Marine All Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 242 participates in joint-service training during Exercise Northern Edge 2008

May 21

M.C. Perry High School soccer teams compete in the four-day Class A Far East Soccer Tournament at the Penny Lake athletic fields

Marauders receive new commander

May 2 Lt. Col. Jonathan O. Gackle, took charge of Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12 during a change-of-command ceremony on the flight line here.

Gackle succeeded Lt. Col. Nicholas L. Knight, who is now retired.

At right, Gackle speaks to MALS-12 and its family and guests during the ceremony.



TADAIRO OZAKO

MWSS-171 maintains Cobra Gold operations

■ Exercise doubles as humanitarian relief effort

May 9 **UTAPHAO AIR FIELD, Thailand** — The squadron was deployed in support of Exercise Cobra Gold 08, a combined, joint training evolution held throughout the Kingdom of Thailand annually.

MWSS-171 was responsible for maintaining a wide spectrum of tasks and assets in order to keep airfield operations running efficiently by providing Marines and sailors with everything from communications, water and medical services. Parts of the squadron were also directly involved in a humanitarian relief effort in Burma known as Operation Caring Response.



LANCE CPL. NOAH S. LEFFLER

Friendship Day welcomes more than 200,000

May 5 It was a day of food, fun and flights as more than 200,000 visitors swarmed the air station for the 35th annual Friendship Day.

The highlight of the event was the air show, which featured sound-barrier-shattering fly-bys and demonstrations courtesy of

Japan Air Self-Defense Force US-2s, F-2s and F-4s, a U.S. Pacific Air Force F-16 and one of the air station's own F-18s.

Team Deepblues' EXTRA and Sukhoi single-prop planes wowed onlookers with their aerial acrobatics, and the E-Team skydivers' high flying routine amazed young and old alike.

Attractions off the flight line included a car show, motorcycle recession and Ultraman performances.

Above, visitors tour the Japanese and American aircraft on display at the apron line during Friendship Day 2008. The event drew more than 93,000 attendees before noon.

'Bats' head North for combined-arms training

May 16 **EILSON AIR FORCE BASE, Alaska** — The Bats of Marine All Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 242 packed up their planes, flew thousands of miles and arrived to find 19 hours of daylight each day at Exercise Northern Edge 2008 near Fairbanks, Alaska.

Northern Edge is a joint-service training exercise scheduled May 5-16 that provides the opportunity to hone current and test future applications of U.S. combat operations and weapon capabilities.

The combined-arms exercise allowed VMFA(AW)-242 to work side-by-side with the United States Air Force, completing both air-to-air and air-to-ground missions.

JUNE

June 6

Iwakuni demonstrates its utility as both an air station and a harbor as equipment is transported from an Air Force C-5 to a Japanese ship

June 11

Lt. Col. Tray J. Ardese succeeds Lt. Col. Gary A. Kling as the Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron commanding officer

June 12

Lt. Col. Christopher A. Feyedelem succeeds Lt. Col. Bryant E. Landean as the Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 commanding officer

June 13

Col. Mark R. Wise succeeds Navy Capt. David B. Emich as the Marine Aircraft Group 12 commanding officer

June 20

First on-base Japanese American Friendship Concert takes place at the station chapel

June 27

AUSTRALIA — Exercise Pitch Black 2008 concludes after about three weeks of air-to-air combat training



LANCE CPL. ASHLEY M. HOWARD

Station moves Navy ship part from air to sea through dual port capability

June 6 Iwakuni is home of the only dual port facility in Japan, giving it the capabilities to not only house a site for plane arrivals and departures but also a port for ships to come and go.

A Navy ship part, a 45,000 lb. Sonar dome rubber window, was off-loaded from an Air Force C-5 plane June 6 on the air terminal strip here and placed onto a Japanese commercial ship June 7 in route to Yokosuka Naval Base, Japan.

If an item is too large to go over land on Japanese highways, a request will be sent to Iwakuni for permission to utilize its dual port capabilities.

This was the fourth time a piece of equipment arrived at the station by plane and departed by ship.

At Left, an Air Force C-5 opens its frontal cargo space preparing to unload the 45,000 lb. Sonar dome rubber window June 6.



LANCE CPL. NOAH S. LEFFLER

An F/A-18 from Naval Fighter Attack Squadron 97 is seen through a set of night vision goggles refueling over Australia's Northern Territory June 16. Night missions are afforded an opportunity for pilots and aircrews to train with NVGs during Pitch Black 2008, a three-week multi-national air exercise.

Looking Back: Exercise Pitch Black concludes in Aussie sky

June 27 **ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE BASE TINDAL, Australia** — Exercise Pitch Black 2008 wrapped up in Tindal following three weeks of air training.

Over the course of the exercise, participants from more than six countries flew a variety of missions simulating wartime operations over Australia's Northern Territory.

Naval Fighter Attack Squadron 97 concluded its six-month stay in Iwakuni as part of the Unit Deployment Program flying mostly as a simulated opposing force against their Australian counterparts, while Iwakuni and Okinawa-based Marine Aircraft Group 12, Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 152, Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12, Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 and Marine Air Control Group 18 provided support.

The exercise, which in the past was exclusively for Marines, now provided an opportunity to integrate a Navy Squadron. Training in a multi-national environment over such unique terrain was a valuable opportunity for all involved.

Changes of command

H&HS

June 11 A former III MEF deputy G-5 officer took command of Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron during a change-of-command ceremony here June 11. Lt. Col. Tray J. Ardese succeeded Lt. Col. Gary A. Kling, who is now attending the National War College in Washington, D.C.

MWSS-171

June 12 The former assistant public works officer at MCB Camp Butler took command of Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 in a change-of-command ceremony here June 12. Lt. Col. Christopher A. Feyedelem succeeded Lt. Col. Bryant E. Landean.

MAG-12

June 13 The former executive officer of Marine Aircraft Group 12 took command of MAG-12 in a change-of-command ceremony here June 13. Col. Mark R. Wise succeeded Navy Capt. David B. Emich, who is now assigned to the Chief of Naval Operations Strategic Studies Group at Naval Station Newport, R.I.

JULY | AUGUST

July 4

Twenty-lane, 27,000-square-foot station bowling facility, "The Strike Zone," opens for business

July 9

Former Richmond, Va.-recruiting station sergeant major assumes duties of station senior enlisted advisor

Aug. 1

Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force Fleet Air Wing 31 receives Rear Adm. Shoji Otani as its new commander

Aug. 1

MCCS begins providing a shuttle service between the station and Hiroshima airport for \$60 per seat

Aug. 6

Marine Corps Aviation Association names Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 as support squadron of the year

Aug. 8

AUSTRALIA — Exercise Southern Frontier 2008 concludes after about a month of bilateral ordnance training

Aug. 12

Navy Strike Fighter Squadron 94 arrives here, effectively replacing Navy Strike Fighter Squadron 97



LANCE CPL. KYLE T. RAMIREZ

Strike Zone opens doors

July 4 Marine Corps Community Services held the opening ceremony and ribbon-cutting dedication for the new multi-faceted recreation facility and bowling center "The Strike Zone" July 4.

The Strike Zone features 20 professional bowling lanes, a Pro Shop, gaming room, billiards room, the 11th Frame Lounge, a children's

play area, locker rooms, a new Pizza Hut, and a brand new fast food franchise to Iwakuni, A&W.

Lane traffic at the facility has been steadily increasing since its opening day July 4.

At left, Col. Michael A. O'Halloran, station commanding officer, joins other privileged guests in the first lines at the Strike Zone here during its opening-day.



Sgt. Maj. David J. Wimberly

Station gets new sergeant major

July 9 The former sergeant major for Recruiting Station Richmond, Va., assumed the duties of station senior enlisted advisor in a post and relief ceremony on the parade field July 9.

Sgt. Maj. David J. Wimberly succeeded Sgt. Maj. Jerry L. Bailey, who assumed the title of senior enlisted advisor at Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point.

IT&T begins Hiroshima airport shuttle service

Aug. 1 The Information, Tours and Travel office here began a shuttle service Aug. 1, providing a link between the station and Hiroshima airport for \$60 per seat.

Station residents can now take one of two shuttles that depart from the sidewalk outside the Crossroads Mall entrance. The first shuttle departs at 5 a.m. and the second at 5 p.m.

The shuttle service is a non-stop service to and from the airport, running seven days a week and lasting an hour and a half each way. Reservations can be made at Information, Tours & Travel.

Southern Frontier 2008 booms to a close

Aug. 8 **ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE BASE TINDAL, Australia** — Explosive ordnance disposal technicians with Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 eliminated more than 10,000 pounds of leftover or unserviceable ordnance from exercise Southern Frontier 2008 at Delamere Range here Aug. 8.

The blasts signified the final wrap-up for the exercise — most units were already packing up their gear and preparing to leave for the next mission.

As exercise Southern Frontier kicked off Navy Strike Fighter Squadron 94 replaced Navy Strike Fighter Squadron 97, who returned home after a six month tour at MCAS Iwakuni.

At right, EOD technicians with MWSS-171 apply C-4 explosive to rockets, high-explosive warheads and fuses at Delamere Range.



LANCE CPL. JOSEPH MARIANELLI

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 4

MARADMIN 494/08 prohibits Marines with sleeve tattoos to serve as recruiters or Marine security guards

Sept. 6

Aircraft Rescue Firefighters here conduct training on their new fire pit near the flight line here

Sept. 12

MAG-12 upsets H&HS's 10-year winning streak after the Fall Classic football game

Sept. 17

Surviving World War II kamikaze pilot, Masayuki Matsumuro visits station to share story with service members and guests

Sept. 22

Training and Education Command representatives introduce the Combat Fitness Test to Marines here

Sept. 24

Station firefighters become fully qualified to respond to a mass-casualty incident caused by natural disaster or terrorism

Sept. 29

Marine Corps Bases Japan revises an order regarding Marines on leave, liberty or special liberty



LANCE CPL. KYLE T. RAMIREZ

ARFF ignites sky

Sept. 6 Anyone enjoying the sunrise on the morning of Sept. 6 might have noticed the 200-foot flames erupting from the flight line here.

Although the massive clouds of smoldering vapor and black smoke pouring into the sky may have looked like a real-world catastrophe, it was part of a routine fire-training exercise conducted by station aircraft rescue firefighters preparing for possible flight line mishaps.

For hours, ARFF Marines dumped as many as 800 gallons of jet fuel into their newest training pit — set it all on fire — and left it to the trainees to take down what most would consider hell on earth.

MAG-12 takes Fall Classic

Sept. 12 Marine Aircraft Group 12 brought an end to the 10-year Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron winning streak in the Fall Classic flag football game 12-6 at the northside football field here Sept. 12.

With the score at 6-0 in the second half, both teams struggled, but H&HS quarterback Tray Ardesse connected with receiver Matthew Jones to tie the game up 6-6.

A long MAG-12 drive later, the final blow came when MAG-12 quarterback John Helm made a quick shovel pass under pressure and connected with lineman Brandon Mumme for MAG-12's second touchdown.



LANCE CPL. JOSEPH MARIANELLI

TECOM CFT demonstration hits Iwakuni

Sept. 22 Several Marines "got some" Sept. 22 when they participated in Training and Education Command's Combat Fitness Test demonstration at Penny Lake field here.

TECOM began a worldwide show Aug. 18 to demonstrate how to conduct the CFT.

The CFT was designed to supplement the physical fitness Test based on concerns that Marines focused too much on the individual events in the PFT, and incorporation of the CFT will enhance the overall fitness of Marines.

At right, Cpl. Shane Fischer and Sgt. Miguel Ballate demonstrates the ammo-can lift during TECOM's exhibition of the CFT here.



LANCE CPL. JOSEPH MARIANELLI

Station firefighters train in US&R

Sept. 24 Station firefighters completed their month-long urban search and rescue training with a two-day final exercise here Sept. 24 and 25.

During the exercise, firefighters spent approximately 16 hours in two 8-hour shifts rescuing 12 victims and making two recoveries. The setup was a simulated earthquake striking Iwakuni area.

The firefighters were broken up into a command element establishing a communication plan, safety strategy and reconnaissance plan.

The simulation included multiple types of structures and enclosed spaces that might be encountered after a destructive event.

Marine Corps Bases Japan receives liberty policy order

Sept. 29 Lt. Gen. Richard C. Zilmer, commanding general of III MEF and MCBJ, signed a new Liberty Campaign Order Sept. 29.

The order effectively combines all orders and directives relating to leave, liberty and special liberty. The order provides simple guidance and expectations of military members assigned to MCBJ and III MEF within Japan while in an off-duty status.

The most significant change as a result of the new order is an end to the midnight curfew for all Marines and sailors in effect since

early April. However, the midnight curfew still applies to red liberty card holders who must observe a midnight to 5 a.m. curfew and are required to have a liberty buddy during off-base liberty. Gold liberty card holders now have no curfew.

The new order also prohibits all military members from patronizing bars or clubs off-base as well as consuming alcohol off base after 2 a.m.

Service members may be in eating establishments after 2 a.m., but the purchase of alcoholic beverages is prohibited.

The 70-page Liberty Campaign Order was the result of a series of actions taken by Marine Corps leadership to improve the conduct of service members during off-base liberty on Okinawa.

Many of these measures are a result of off-base liberty incidents earlier this year that garnered significant negative reaction from U.S. and Japanese officials, local leaders and the Okinawan community, the most significant of which was the abusive sexual contact of an Okinawan girl by a Marine in February.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Flu Shots/Mist Available

The Branch Health Clinic Iwakuni has now received the injectable form of the flu shot for children 36 months to 18 years old. You may receive the flu shot or flu mist at Immunizations in the Iwakuni Branch Health Clinic. Immunization hours of operation are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 7:30 to 11:45 a.m. and 12:45 to 4 p.m., and Wednesday from 7:30 to 11:45 a.m. If you have any question, please contact Immunizations at 253-6326.

Marriage Couples Communication Skills Seminar

Jan. 10, 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. at Capodanno Hall, Station Chapel. The Married Couples Communication Seminar is a training course that enhances couples communication. This

includes knowledge on handling conflict, solving problems and making decisions. It will help develop the knowledge, attitudes, expectations and characteristics that are important to creating a satisfying marriage. Child care and lunch are provided. Register by calling the Station Chaplains' Office at 253-3371. Deadline is close of business Jan. 7.

Mammograms

The Iwakuni BHC will be conducting mammograms through an onsite van Jan. 12 to 16. To schedule this service, call central appointments at 253-3445 so that it can be arranged through your primary care doctor. Once the order is requested by your primary care doctor, appointments will be made by Radiology.

UMUC Academic Advisor Visit

Jan. 15 and 16, from 8 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 4:30 p.m. Appointments must be made in advance by contacting the Iwakuni University of Maryland University College Office. Each appointment will be 30 minutes in duration, in a private classroom, one-on-one with an academic advisor. Appointment slots fill up quickly, so make a reservation early to ensure a convenient time. To make an appointment, please call the UMUC office at 253-3392.

UMUC Spring Term I Class

University of Maryland University College Spring Term I class schedule for face to face is now available. Registration runs until Jan. 18, and classes run from Jan. 19 to Mar. 14. Registration for online classes runs from Nov. 17 to Jan. 26 and classes run from Jan. 26 to Apr. 5. For more information, contact UMUC Iwakuni at 253-3392.

Love Languages

Jan. 24, 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Station Chapel. Learn the love language you speak and learn the love language of your fiancée or your spouse. This is open to all adults. Register by close of business Jan 21. Child care and lunch are provided.

To sign up, please call the Station Chapel at 253-3371.

Wilson's 4th Annual Far East Furniture Auction

Feb. 7 at IronWorks Gym. Preview and registration goes from 1 – 2 p.m. Live auction goes from 2 – 7 p.m. All forms of payment accepted (cash, check, and credit cards). Proceeds go to benefit scholarships for Iwakuni dependent spouses and MC Perry seniors. For more information, call 253-2508.

American Red Cross

We are currently selling vintage T-Shirts \$15, first aid kits \$12 and calendars \$8. Please contact the American Red Cross at 253-4525 if interested.

Facilities to host Housing Architectural Charrette

Lt. J.G. TIMOTHY NELIS STATION FACILITIES

The Facilities Department will be hosting a Housing Architectural Charrette the week of Jan. 26-30 and would like to invite spouses and station personnel to attend. This charrette is the initial step to providing new housing on MCAS Iwakuni.

The charrette is a design workshop where requirements, ideas and opinions of community

residents are discussed and incorporated into our design solutions. It will be in a workshop format with significant interaction from all attendees. The focus will be the floor plan design of the different housing types.

We need your participation to achieve the best housing for MCAS Iwakuni residents.

We are interested in hearing your thoughts and ideas, particularly spouses. The charrette will be held in the

Facilities Department, 3rd floor conference room of Building 360.

Tentative meeting times are 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, and 2 – 4 p.m. on Friday. There is an open door policy throughout the entire week, so feel free to stop by on your schedule.

Please make plans to sign up or for further information please contact Lt. j.g. Timothy Nelis at timothy.nelis@usmc.mil or 253-3399.

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 p.m. Inquiry Class for adults

Protestant

Saturday 9:30 a.m. Seventh-Day Adventist Sabbath School
11:00 a.m. Seventh-Day Adventist Devine Worship
Sunday 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Adult Bible Fellowship
10:30 a.m. Protestant Service
11 a.m. Children's Church
Wednesday 6 p.m. Awana (Bldg. 1104)
6 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

Latter Day Saints

Weekdays 6:30 a.m. Youth Activities

Jewish

Friday 6 p.m. Shabbat (small chapel)

Church of the United Christmas Inc.

Sunday 1 p.m. Worship Services
Wednesday 7 p.m. Bible Study

Teen Programs

For times, call 253-5183.

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

Station Chapel commemorates the life and legacy of
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Jan. 16, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

SAKURA THEATER

Friday, Jan. 9, 2009

7 p.m. Twilight (PG-13)
Premier
10 p.m. Transporter 3 (PG-13)
Premier

Saturday, Jan. 10, 2009

1 p.m. Twilight (PG-13)
4 p.m. Marley and Me (PG)
7 p.m. Transporter 3 (PG-13)
10 p.m. Yes Man (PG-13)

Sunday, Jan. 11, 2009

1 p.m. Marley and Me (PG)
4 p.m. Twilight (PG-13)

7 p.m. Transporter 3 (PG-13)

Monday, Jan. 12, 2009

7 p.m. Twilight (PG-13)

Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2009

7 p.m. The Day the Earth Stood Still (PG-13)

Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2009

7 p.m. Pride and Glory (R)
Last Showing

Thursday, Jan. 15, 2009

7 p.m. Twilight (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.

253-5291

CLASSIFIEDS

Automobiles

1999 Wagon R w/ Turbo

Excellent condition. Oil changes done frequently, belts changed and engine maintained. JCI good until Nov 2010. Asking for \$2,700 OBO. For more information, call 253-2353 (home).

1992 Toyota Lucida

Great family vehicle. Seats 8, AM/FM stereo w/ CD player, tinted windows, AC works well. JCI good until May 2009. Asking \$1,500 or OBO. If interested, call 253-2489 (home).

2005 Dodge Magnum R/T

Car is located in Sasebo and has 43,000 miles. It has the 7 year/70,000 mile drivetrain warranty. Car bought for 35K, invested about 10K in upgrades. Call 080-3271-9224 (cell).

1996 Toyota Exiv

JCI until April 2010. New tires, CD player, A/C & heat work great. 4 door, nice family car! Runs great! Asking \$1,500 OBO. Call 253-2579 (home).

1995 Nissan March

4 door, A/C & heat, radio/cassette player. JCI until April 2010. Asking \$1,000. If interested, call 253-2222 (home) or 090-8519-7183 (cell).

1994 BMW 530i

4 door passenger. JCI until June 2009. Only 67,000 km. Runs great. Automatic transmission, leather interior, tinted windows, power windows/locks, A/C & heat, sun roof. Paid \$7,000, asking \$5,000 OBO. If interested, please call 253-2222 (home) 080-6612-9288 (cell).

2000 Toyota Vitz

JCI until August 2009. Great little car! Excellent gas mileage! 4 door, seats 5. Back seat folds down for carrying large items. Excellent A/C and heat. Paid \$3,500. Yours for \$2,000 OBO. Call anytime at 080-3519-7275, 080-3519-7273 (cell), or 253-2221 (home).

1999 Mitsubishi RVR

JCI until August 2009. Great for getting around and really roomy! 3 door, seats 4 w/ removable/sliding back seat for carrying large items. Great A/C and heat, Kenwood 12 disc CD player too! Paid \$3,500. Yours for \$2,000 OBO. Call anytime at 080-3519-7275, 080-3519-7273 (cell), or 253-2221 (home).

1996 Subaru E-KK3

JCI until Jul. 23, 2009. Economical and fuel efficient. Oil changes done regularly. \$2,200 OBO. For more information, call 253-2353.

Miscellaneous

Items for Sale

- DR table stainless steel top/light pine base w/ 4 chairs and bench w/ stainless steel accents. - \$200.
- Matching SS and pine baker's rack - \$75.
- Matching SS and pine LG kitchen cart w/ fold down bar and two stools. - \$225.

Save \$100 and take it ALL for \$400 firm. Call anytime at 080-3519-7275, 080-3519-7273 (cell) or 253-2221 (home).

- Dual reclining sofa/tan microfiber. Clean, good condition. - \$250.
- Swivel rocker recliner/dark brown leather, overstuffed. Comfortable, clean, good condition. - \$200.
- Coleman gas grill. Approved for towers. Clean, excellent condition, includes grill cover, wheeled portable carrying case, and new unused propane. - \$120.
- 3 pc bistro set. Neutral mosaic stone top and 2 woven and cast iron chairs. Heavy duty. - \$75.
- Sylvania 20" color TV, flat monitor. Only 1 year old. Excellent condition. Paid \$289 at MCX. - \$100.
- 6'x 4'1/2" double book shelf. Brown. - \$70.
- GE profile harmony/HE washer and dryer set. Slate grey color/clear glass dryer front. Original \$2,000. All computerized settings panel board/No knobs! Great condition. - \$1,000.
- Queen bedroom set, med. Pine w/iron accents. HB/FB, rails, dresser w/ mirror, night stand, very clean. Sealy posturepedic taft firm cushion top QN mattress and box spring. Used by child only - \$400 (complete set).
- Kenmore elite upright frost free heavy duty commercial freezer. Lock and temp. alarm. Excellent condition. Great for those power outages! Paid \$999 - \$400. Call anytime 080-3519-7275, 080-3519-7273 (cell) or 253-2221 (home).

- Original Xbox with 4 std. controllers, 1 wireless controller, 30 orig. Xbox games, 1 DVD adapter and 1 DVD Xbox remote. All for \$150.
- Sleeper sofa, 2 La-Z-Boy recliners, 1 Broy hill round side table, area rug and matching curtains. - All \$500.

- Coach legacy signature denim GiGi purse #11582. - \$300.
- Coach legacy black leather tote bag #12868. - \$200.
- Coach shoes black, size 8, worn once - \$75.

Please call 253-6250 (work) for more information.

Dining Table and Chairs

Cherry dining room table with 4 side chairs, 2 end chairs, all with white cushion. Comes with custom padded table protectors and two 20 inch table extensions. \$100. Call 253-2122 (home).

Baby Items for Sale

- Evenflo aura elite stroller (have matching car-seat if want). Oh So Big Design - \$60.
- Graco snug ride infant car-seat frame \$30.
- New pink/white snuzzler - \$15.
- Boppy pillow w/ sweet pea slipcover - \$10.
- AVENT electronic steam sterilizer - \$35.
- The 1st years baby sleep positioner - \$5.
- Baby's cozy world fleece car seat cover pink - \$5.
- Safety first back seat mirror with light - \$5.

For more information, call 080-3714-8108 (cell) or e-mail to maltosb@mac.com.

- Graco, pack-n-play w/ changing table, diaper organizer, indoor canopy, vibrations, music and bassinet in excellent shape. \$75.
- Baby girl clothes- Old Navy, Gap, Osh Kosh, Carters. Size from six months to nine months winter. 12 months to 18 months spring and summer. Have shoes, socks/tights, bibs, sweaters, coats. Excellent shape, lightly worn and free of stains. Will sell individually \$5 per outfit, shoes \$3 per pair of shoes, or will negotiate a price for all.

For more information, email to dawn_larrabee@yahoo.com or call 253-2611 (home).

TVs for sale

- 27" JVC TV - \$100.
- Small TV - \$25.

Call 253-3278 (work) or 090-8608-3799 (cell) for more information.

- 32" silver Sony Trinitron TV. Screen works great, speakers are clear, clean, easy to hook up. Selling because we upgraded TVs. Asking \$100 OBO.

Call 253-2866 (home) for more details.

Free cat to a good home

Male, neutered. All shots up to date. Microchipped, declawed, good with children. Please call 253-2611 (home) or e-mail to: dawn_larrabee@yahoo.com

Jobs

Cleaning person/persons wanted

Person to clean apt. on Monzen side, 1 day a week, 4 times a month. Basic cleaning, dusting, bathrooms and kitchen. Pay is negotiable, must have references. Please call 253-2505 (home).

Part time program coordinator

Univ. of Phoenix is seeking a part-time program coordinator. Working location is Iwakuni Education Center, salary is \$11/hour. Open until Jan. 9, 2009. Must be a U.S. Citizen or possess proper documentation to work for a US Company. Contact the Univ. of Phoenix, Iwakuni office at 253-3335.

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

- *The deadline for submissions is Monday at 4:30 p.m.*
- *The request is effective a week. If you want to extend a previously submitted ad for an additional week, notify the Public Affairs Office at 253-5551.*

Mess Hall Schedule

MONDAY

Bean 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, Double Layer Marble Cake w/ Butter Cream Frosting, Bananna Cream Pudding
SPECIALTY BAR: PASTA BAR

TUESDAY

Vegetable Soup, Tomato Soup, Lasagna, Roast Pork, Whole Kernel Corn, Mixed Vegetables, Toasted Garlic Bread, Cream Gravy, Cherry Pie, Butter Cream Pie, Oatmeal Raisin Cookies
SPECIALTY BAR: TACO BAR

WEDNESDAY

French Onion Soup, Cream of Broccoli, Baked Tuna Noodles, Breaded Pork Chop Creole, Garlic Roasted Potatoes, Carrots, Mix Vegetables, Mushroom Gravy, Dinner Rolls, Chocolate Chip Cookies, Dutch Apple Pie, Devil's Food Cake w/Butter Cream Frosting
SPECIALTY BAR: BBQ

THURSDAY

Louisiana Gumbo Soup, Southern Fried Chicken, BBQ Ribs, Fried Catfish, Orange Glazed Yams, Creamy Mashed Potatoes, Steamed Rice, Cream Gravy, Simmered Black-eyed Peas, Southern Style Greens w/Ham Hocks, Corn Bread, Pound Cake, Sweet Potato Pie, Pecan Pie
SPECIALTY BAR: DELI BAR

FRIDAY

Chicken Noodle Soup, Cream of Mushroom, Southern Style Fried Catfish, Chicken Cacciatore, French Fried Cauliflower, Steamed Rice, Candied Sweet Potatoes, Southern Style Greens, Jalapeno Corn Bread, Cream Gravy, Coconut Raisin Drop Cookies, Double Layer Florida Lemon Cake, Butter Cream Frosting, Chocolate Cream Pie
SPECIALTY BAR: HOTDOG/POLISH SAUSAGE

OCTOBER | NOVEMBER

Oct. 10

Station ATFP officials supervise off-base anti-terrorism procedures at the Iwakuni Port

Oct. 19

Station volunteers man a meet-and-greet booth at the 52nd annual Iwakuni Festival

Oct. 22

Col. Michael A. O'Halloran hosts a town hall forum, quality-of-life issues are discussed

Oct. 27

Helicopter Mine Countermeasures Squadron 14 detachment departs Japan after about a year of training

Nov. 8

Competitors from around the station gather to combat station-wide power outage blues during the Amazing Race

Nov. 19

An operational directive suspends the use of all flash media on government networks

Nov. 20

GIs participating in Exercise Aces North 2008 conduct bi-lateral HAZMAT training



LANCE CPL. DAN NEGRETE

ATFP officials oversee annual bilateral training at Iwakuni port

Oct. 10 The Iwakuni Customs, Coast Guard and Police conducted their annual bilateral anti-terrorism training exercise in the Iwakuni Port Oct. 10.

Andrew R. Samuels, the station antiterrorism officer, and Master Sgt. John D. Wade, the Provost Marshal's

Office operations officer here, were there to observe the exercise.

Samuels and other station personnel train together with the Japanese in bomb mitigation and detection throughout the year. Also, the station participates in joint boat patrols with the Iwakuni Coast Guard and

ensures both parties are on the same page as far as rules of engagement and following standard procedure.

At left, members of the Iwakuni Coast Guard board a suspicious vessel and subdue the acting terrorists during annual bilateral anti-terrorism training in the Iwakuni Port.

52nd annual Iwakuni festival greets 95,000

Oct. 19 Perhaps the youngest festival in the region is a must-do for service members.

It's how Iwakuni stays on the map and makes new friends in the harvest season. It's the Iwakuni Festival, and it's only 52 years old.

Food vendors, bartenders and yen spenders — high heels and the constant sound of taiko drums too — brought the usual Japanese festive atmosphere to a few cleared blocks of downtown Iwakuni the third Sunday of October. The day started out with a morning parade followed by song-and-dance routines at the festival's main ground. After a certain amount of shopping and eating had taken place at the festival's own bazaar, another parade marched down the city's main road.

At right, Petty Officer 2nd Class Brian B. Phillips, who manned a station meet-and-greet booth during the event, enjoys the company of his newest friend.



LANCE CPL. KYLE T. RAMIREZ

Inaugural Amazing Race energizes residents during power outage

Nov. 8 Nineteen teams, thirty-one volunteers and twenty-seven Marine Corps Community Service employees kicked off the inaugural Amazing Race here Nov. 8.

With the first clue, participants in the race were released in a tiered system from the parade deck.

Participants took to the pavement, running about the air station from location to location like ants performing various tasks to fill their passports with stickers.

Locations were highly varied with contestants running to places such as the paintball range, Hornet's Nest and even the library.

The 14 objectives varied almost as much as the locations with challenges ranging from the academic to the physical.

Each of the top three teams boasted 40 minutes or more in bonus time.

At right, Yukiko Patterson attempts to grasp a dry bean with chopsticks during the Gas and Beans event where contestants had to transfer beans from bowl to bowl and back.



LANCE CPL. JOSEPH MARIANELLI

Marines conduct HAZMAT training for RAAF during Aces North 2008

Nov. 13 ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE BASE TINDAL, Australia — Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron aircraft rescue firefighting Marines trained bilaterally with their Australian counterparts in Aces North, a month-long training exercise between the United States

Marine Corps and the Royal Australian Air Force.

The ARFF Marines adjusted well to their temporary station as the Australian firefighters use almost identical firefighting vehicles and equipment. The Marines offered to teach the Australians their skills in exchange for

participation in their training evolutions.

Sgt. Jeffery Velazquez, H&HS Aircraft Rescue Firefighting, Hazardous Materials Technician, gave his first class to RAAF firefighters Nov. 13 over hazardous materials, and common incidents and hazards associated with HAZMAT and HAZMAT countermeasures.

DECEMBER

Dec. 2
AUSTRALIA — Collaborative efforts help produce next wave of combat fighter instructors as Exercise Aces North 2008 concludes

Dec. 7
 Iwakuni launches local Toys for Tots campaign with annual, "Thunder Run," motorcycle rally

Dec. 11
 New Marine Corps Exchange Furniture Annex opens for business across the street from the station post office

Dec. 14
 Hometown Holiday Extravaganza event kicks off at Sakura Theater, Lance Cpl. Pablo Rey of MWSS-171 takes 1st place with his Elvis Presley-act

Dec. 19
 AFN Iwakuni announces: local news, weather and announcements now available to off-base residents by switching decoder boxes to channel 22

Dec. 22
 More than 1,300 runners participate in annual Jingle Bell Jog. After the race, participants consumed about one ton of cookies, sandwiches and beverages

Aces North training concludes

Dec. 2 ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE BASE TINDAL, Australia — Exercise Aces North 2008 ended Dec. 2 after nearly a month of aerial combat training scenarios practiced over the skies here. Eleven F/A-18 Hornet jets from Marine All-Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 121 participated in the exercise along with 305 Marine aircrew and

supporting personnel from various installations across Marine Forces Pacific. Aces North was the culmination of the Australian pilots' six-month training course, equivalent to the U.S. Navy's SFT I (United States Navy Strike Fighter Tactics Instructor program). The purpose of the exercise was to train the next wave of Australian Fighter Combat

Instructors. The exercise was designed to produce highly qualified jet-flying instructors that will return to their home units and squadrons as their newest tactical experts. Pilots, including Marine pilots increased proficiency from flying in the large-force employment. At right, an ordnance technician gives a thumbs-up to an F/A-18 Hornet crew.



LANCE CPL. JACQUELINE DIAZ



LANCE CPL. KYLE T. RAMIREZ

Station hosts Toys for Tots

Dec. 7 Iwakuni's Annual Toys for Tots Program officially launched Dec. 7 during the 11th annual "Thunder Run," motorcycle rally and toy collection event. About 170 motorcycles lined the station's streets to participate in the ride around the perimeter of the station in celebration of the Toys for Tots Program. Riders and participants began donating toys to the campaign during the event. By the campaign's conclusion, Marines and volunteers wrapped about 950 toys. About 230 toys were donated to local orphanages. The rest will be distributed during Far East deployments' community relations events. At left, event participants gather for a group photo before the Thunder Run ride.



LANCE CPL. CHRIS KUTLESA

Dec. 11 Gary M. Walls, Marine Corps Community Services retail director, Joy Mosley, MCCS area exchange supervisor, Kazumi Ishimura, location supervisor, and Lt. Col. Matthew J. McCormack, station executive officer, open the new Marine Corps Exchange Furniture Annex, here. The new location gave retailers room to put in a sporting goods department at the Marine Corps Exchange.

Hometown Holiday Extravaganza a hit

Dec. 14 The community joined together for the 4th annual Hometown Holiday Extravaganza at the Sakura Theater here. Girl Scouts, Matthew C. Perry Elementary School choir, Filipino-American Association carolers and many others performed holiday pieces. At right, the M. C. Perry Elementary School choir sings, "In the Spirit," at the event.



PFC. CLAUDIO MARTINEZ