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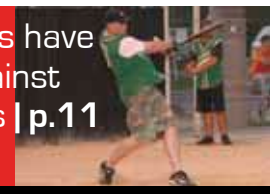

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VolunTeens give back to community

■ While school is out this summer, Red Cross keeps students learning

LANCE CPL. CLAUDIO A. MARTINEZ
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Approximately 28 station youths are volunteering their time to the community through the Station Red Cross VolunTeen Program here this summer.

The program, which places youths ages 10 to 17 at various work locations around the station, gives them an opportunity to learn the value of giving back to the community while gaining hands-on experience in a working environment.

"The basic idea is to give youths a chance to find a new way to get connected with the community to experience some ideas for where they might want to focus their careers. Most importantly, to introduce them to the American Red Cross and volunteering," said Katherine Jones, the station's Red Cross Manager.

Youths interested in participating in the program receive a packet of information informing them of the guidelines regarding the volunteer program and a monthly time sheet they must use to keep track of hours worked.

The volunteens then receive two days of orientation and training that covers areas ranging from basic American Red Cross principles to professionalism classes on how to conduct themselves in the work environment.

"You're getting 10- and 12-year-olds that have more education in some of these areas than their parents do," said Jones. "You really get a highly qualified group of young, energetic, temporary

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Beaufort-based 'Hawks' swoop in

LANCE CPL. CLAUDIO A. MARTINEZ

Two Marine (All-Weather) Fighter Attack Squadron 533 pilots walk away from their jets moments after arriving here July 15 for a six-month tour as part of the Unit Deployment Program. Lt. Col. James E. Qoinn commands VMFA(AW)-533, which consists of approximately 200 service members and about 10 F/A-18 aircraft.

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IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Marine All Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 533 arrived here July 13 from Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort, S.C., for a six-month tour as part of the Unit Deployment Program.

Lt. Col. James E. Quinn commands the "Hawks", consisting of approximately 200 service members and about 10 F/A-18 aircraft.

During their tour here, VMFA(AW)-533 is slated to participate in various exercises across the Pacific from Bangladesh to Okinawa, Japan.

"We'll get some good training in," said Sgt. Maj. James M. Thetford, the VMFA(AW)-533 squadron sergeant major. The younger Marines who have never been on a deployment have already experienced what it takes to move the squadron, and now they'll see how they have to conduct themselves in another country, Thetford added.

Though this is one of many times VMFA(AW)-533 has deployed here, a majority of the Marines are experiencing their first tour here.

"They're all East Coast Marines. Some of them haven't been west of the Mississippi, and now they're going to see what it's like on the other side of the world," said Thetford. "They'll get to see the culture of Japan and see that there's differences but yet there's not."

Some of the Marines started noticing differences as soon as they got off the plane.

"It's really humid here, like breathing water," said Lance Cpl. Justin Forman, a VMFA(AW)-533 armor. "It's different."

Forman said while being here, he looked forward to some of the training and other deployments scheduled for the squadron.

Other Marines shared Forman's feelings when they received their orders to come here.

"I was pretty excited and couldn't wait to get out here and see what Japan is like," said Pfc. Keith Fleming, a VMFA(AW)-533 embarkation and logistics specialists. "I want to see Japan as it is, go hiking around here and get to know the locals."

Fleming said he was also pretty exited with the scheduled deployments to the Philippines, Bangladesh and Okinawa and he looks forward to experiencing some of the culture.

While the VMFA(AW)-533 personnel are currently undergoing briefs and getting settled into their new barracks, the sergeant major was able to sum up the general feeling of the squadron in a few words.

"We're happy to be here."

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

'Building lifelong bonds'

LT. ROBERT E. MILLS
STATION CHAPLAIN

What is a friend?

Most of us have friends, but true friendship is hard to define.

Many have tried to put the concept of friendship into words.

Here are some of the more notable attempts:

"A friend is someone whose face lights up when they see you … and who doesn't have any immediate plans for your improvement."

"A friend is somebody who likes you just the way you are."

"A friend is a safe person."

"A friend is trustworthy."

While these concepts of friendship are all true, I think there is more to friendship.

True friends are the people who you want to be with more than anyone else.

Often you have shared the experiences of life with them and become bonded together in the process.

Many times these experiences have been difficult or challenging.

A true friend is also a confidant — someone who shares his deepest hopes, fears and dreams with you.

They are safe — that is, you can trust them with your hopes, fears, and dreams also.

A friend will understand you and put up with all of your quirky ways. We all have some weird things that we like to do.

Friends can handle those things.

Real friends don't take off when the going gets tough — in other words, they are loyal.

You can trust a real friend all the time, not just when it is easy.

A true friend will also help you.

I can remember a very rainy summer day in upstate New York.

I was working on a project putting fencing up around a playground. My friend Melville happened to walk by while I was driving fence posts in the heavy rain.

He saw that I was overwhelmed by the job and the weather. He made a snap decision to get wet and dirty too. For three hours we worked together in the driving rain until that project was done.

That rainy day I saw true friendship in action.

I also have discovered that true friends will challenge you.

There are several people who have helped me significantly in my life.

I know that I would not be a military chaplain unless my friend James had shown me the great value in this very unique calling.

He offered to physically train with me several days each week while we went through seminary together.

Those hours pumping iron, running and talking together brought us very close and we remain close to this day.

One of the most enjoyable aspects of true friendship is just talking together.

It is a lot of fun to sit and relax with close friends.

There are so many things to talk about that you never seem to run out of conversation. But if you do, a real friend can be content just to be with you — even if you aren't saying very much.

Friendship is such a gift.

In Iwakuni, far from our homes and our old friends, I want to encourage you to reach out and make new friends — the kind that last forever.

We will all be better for it.

Swimming: Staying afloat this summer

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Understanding the risks of being around water and following some basic safety rules greatly reduces your chance of injury or drowning.

Follow these tips to keep safe in the water:

■Avoid unsupervised areas. Swim in areas with lifeguards.

Remember, the local Japanese beaches are manned with lifeguards only during the official swimming season.

■Never dive into the unknown.

Get local environment and terrain knowledge. Always check the water depth, and check for rocks and other hazardous objects that may be underwater.

Severe neck injuries may result from diving into shallow waters.

■Never swim after rain or typhoon conditions.

The local rivers and seas swell from flash floods and strong currents during and after heavy rain or typhoon conditions.

■Never swim alone. Always use the buddy system.

■Avoid alcohol consumption — stay sober in the water.

■Don't fight the current. Trying to reach the shore by swimming against the current will get you nowhere.

Swim in a line parallel to the shore, and head for the shore once you're out of the current.

Water safety is everyone's responsibility:

■Use a reach or throw a floatation rescue technique first.

A water entry rescue is the last resort — you could become a victim.

■Always be prepared for an emergency.

Emergency action plans should be part of every recreational activity.

■Fun stops when a mishap occurs.

The River Survival Swimming Position:

■On your back.

■Feet pointing downstream.

■Your feet up with your toes just at the surface.

■Propel yourself toward the nearest bank with your arms when you are in rapids.

■Change to side swimming when out of the rapids to get to the side.

■Abandon the survival swimming position if you are heading for a strainer, an obstacle like a branch or log. Swim as fast as you can sideways away from it. If you cannot manage to avoid the strainer, change to feet pointing downstream at the last moment and climb as far up the strainer as you can. Hold on, making sure you keep at least your head out of the water.

POWER 1575 AM
"Eat your 80s" – A live 1-hour radio show that features the best 80s music. Noon to 1 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, except holidays, on Power 1575.

Youth lends helping hands around station through Red Cross program

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employees that you can really put to good use."

After receiving their training, the youths are then sent out to their assigned locations to show the community their capabilities.

Jones said by volunteering through the program, youths are able to build up their self-esteem and show the community that just because they are young doesn't mean they can't be productive.

"It develops leadership skills," said Jones. "Those are the skills they are going to need when they graduate high school and move out to the real world."

A few of the locations the volunteens have been placed at include the Robert M. Casey Medical and Dental Clinic, the American Forces Network station and the station chapel.

"I like it," said 10-year-old Jayna Detten, a volunteen assigned to the AFN station. "The thing is, volunteering kind of gives you a good feeling afterward. You're doing something for the community."

Some of the responsibilities the volunteens at AFN have been given include organizing CDs, assisting editing radio and television commercials, and aiding disc jockeys during radio broadcasts.

Detten said she has learned a lot about the technology involved in broadcasting and it's a job that interests her for the future.

Several of the people who have taken the volunteens into their own shops agree that the program is a good thing.

"I think it's a really great program," said Lance Cpl. Corio Bruestle, a radio broadcaster. "It gives them something to do instead of sitting at home and vegging-out. It's a good experience."

The youths can see how the lessons they've learned in school can be applied in the work environment, Bruestle said.

Parents interested in getting their youths, ages 10- to 17-years old, involved in the program can contact the Station Red Cross at 253-4525.

PFC. MIRANDA BLACKBURN

During a lunch at the Northside mess hall June 14, Brig. Gen. Kenneth J. Lee, Inspector General of the Marine Corps, talks with Marines and sailors from around the station about common concerns. Lee and Sgt. Maj. Michael D. Rew, the Inspector General of the Marine Corps sergeant major, toured the station, stopping at multiple sections to learn what Marines and sailors' day-to-day lives are like and what they can do to help improve the station.

Critical, sensitive information a threat to operational security

GUNNERY SGT. JOSE R. PALOSCHAVEZ
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SECURITY OFFICER

When it comes to Operations Security (OPSEC), it's a question of "when," not "if." When will someone unknowingly release critical and sensitive information that can significantly harm or damage an operation, program or individuals? To acquire this critical and sensitive information, the adversary may choose to indirectly acquire one piece at a time. Hence, information may be simply unclassified, yet it may be damaging once all the pieces are put together to complete the puzzle.

What type of critical or sensitive information are we talking about? According to the Interagency OPSEC Support Staff (IOSS), general categories of potential Critical Information that should be protected include (list not inclusive):

■ Current and Future Operations
■ Travel Itineraries (individual or unit)
■ Usernames and Passwords
■ Access/Identification Cards
■ Operations Planning Information
■ Personal Identification Information
■ Entry/Exit (Security) Procedures
■ Capabilities and Limitations
■ Address and Phone Lists
■ Budget Information
■ Building Plans (current and future)
■ VIP/Distinguished Visitor Schedules

At the end of the day, it does not matter how much money is invested into securing our computer networks or physical infrastructures. Our best defense is a properly trained military and civilian workforce! Everyone must be familiar with his significant daily contribution to the OPSEC process. This will ultimately ensure mission effectiveness.

Editor note: Paloschavez is a Station Operations Security (OPSEC) Officer. For more information on OPSEC, call 253-4247 or the Public Affairs Office at 253-5551.

MWSS-171 family builds 'friendship bridges' with local elementary school

Lance Cpl. Claudio A. Martinez
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Marines and family members of Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 visited the Japanese students of Kono Elementary School in Otake City during a cultural exchange hosted by the school July 7.

The visit gave the Marines and children a better appreciation of each other's culture through games and conversation.

Shigeki Hiraoka, the Kono Elementary School principal, said the most important outcome of the day's activity was the understanding the two cultures could reach through conversation.

"We usually have a group of two or three Marines come to the school, so it's a great opportunity when we have a large group like today come and visit," said Hiraoka. "We want to continue this relationship to provide children with the opportunity to improve their English skills."

Approximately 30 Marines, some who brought their own families along, anxiously unloaded off a bus and their personal vehicles and made their way to the school gym ready to begin the day's event.

The children enthusiastically took advantage of the Marines' visit to practice their English skills as they yelled out good morning and welcomed the Marines before they even reached the doors.

"I was anxious and felt my heart beat faster when I saw the Marines coming to my school," said 10-year-old Shunsuke Kimura, a Kono Elementary School fifth-grader. "I'm really happy they came."

After the children shook hands and high-fived the Marines, the students led their visitors to their seats and began to introduce themselves in English.

Kimura said he was happy that even though Marines and Japanese had deep differences through race and culture, he was still able to communicate using his English skills.

After the introductions were made, the games began with a round of London Bridge in which Marines and their families laughed as they struggled to duck low without falling in between the arch made by the children's small arms.

The children smiled and giggled as they watched the Marines strain through their small arch ways.

"It's fun to interact with them because it's like the little brother and sister I never had," said Sgt. Sean Weaver, an MWSS-171 systems repairer. "These experiences they'll definitely remember when they grow up."

LANCE CPL. CLAUDIO A. MARTINEZ

Marines and family members with Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 play a round of London Bridge with the children of Kono Elementrary School during a cultural exchange hosted by the school July 7. The visit gave the Marines and children a better appreciation of each others' culture through games and conversation.

To continue the day's event, the students amazed the Marines as they demonstrated they're skills with the Kandama, a Japanese wooden toy made of a stick and ball tied together. While the children were easily able to have their ball land on the pointed end of the stick, they had to help the Marines figure the game out.

After the games, time was made so the children and Marines could sit down together and ask each other questions about sports and what they liked to do.

Having the students actually sit down with the Marines and hold a conversation makes the children more confident in their skills and makes them more open to sharing and accepting opinions, Hiraoka said.

After sitting down together, the students broke out their calligraphy sets and began to teach the Marines how to write their names and various Japanese words.

"With calligraphy, you're sitting one-on-one. They're showing you how to write your name and they're writing their name down for you," said Weaver. "You have something to take away, something to remember."

With the events of the day, Marines who rarely left the station were presented with a new world.

"Many of the Marines stay inside their barracks rooms and they just get in their own world of video games or whatever their daily routine is and they don't understand that there is an entire culture just outside the gate," said Lt. Anthony Baker, MWSS-171 chaplain. "A big part of bridging that gap between what they know and what's actually out there was accomplished today."

The final activity of the day was a celebration and observance of the Tanabata Festival, which translates to Star Festival.

The Star Festival comes from an ancient Chinese myth passed across to Japan. The legend says that Altair, a cowherd, and a weaving girl named Vega, meet across the Milky Way on the seventh night of the seventh month of the year, fulfilling their wish to be with each other.

Following the Star Festival's tradition, Japanese locals write one wish on a card and hang them on bamboo branches hoping their wishes will also come true.

The students taught this tradition to the visiting Marines and their families by having them write their own wishes on cards and hanging them on bamboo branches.

After the day's activities came to an end and all wishes were made, the Marines loaded back up in their vehicles with a line of children waving goodbye and yelling out thank you.

The principal, looking forward to more visits in the future, had a few words for the departing Marines.

"We want you to bring more family members along next time," said Hiraoka.

LANCE CPL. CLAUDIO A. MARTINEZ

Sgt. Sean Weaver, a Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 systems repairer, conducts an interview with a Kono Elementary School student during a cultural exchage hosted by the school located in Otake City July 7. The Marines and children asked each other questions about sports and what they liked to do.

MARINES, SAILORS SHARPEN RIDING SKILLS IN

Military Sportbike Rider Course

Sgt. Josh Cox
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Marines and sailors itching to scoot around town on sportbikes will have some homework to do before taking to the streets.

The first assignment is to attend the Motorcycle Safety Foundation's Basic Riders Course.

The basic course is a two-day class jam-packed with classroom instruction and basic riding exercises on the MSF training range.

Once a rider passes the basic course, earns a license and properly registers a motorcycle with the Provost Marshal's Office, dreams of exploring the land of the rising sun on a bike can finally be realized.

However, the Marine Corps requires motorcycle riders to complete a secondary MSF training program within 120 days of passing the Basic Riders Course. The MSF offers the Experienced Riders Course, tailored to cruiser riders, and the Military Sportbike Rider Course, for sportbike enthusiasts. The sportbike course, which is a day-long training evolution, was first implemented on military installations in Japan last August.

"The Navy and Marines have had lots of fatalities, and most of them on sportbikes," said Randy Mills, the Asia Region manager for the program.

The course was actually quickly developed specifically for military sport riders — a demographic facing a dramatic rise in motorcycle-related incidents. According to Mills, many of these fatalities could've been prevented by the riders themselves.

Many sportbike riders choose to speed, drink and drive or ride above their experience level, elevating the risk of a potential disaster. A huge theme of the course is to increase skill while minimizing risk.

Sportbikes today are extremely light, powerful and capable of incredible speeds and maneuvers. A 600cc Yamaha sportbike is a deadly weapon in the hands of an inexperienced or negligent rider.

The course is also centered around educated risk assessment and decision making while riding these machines.

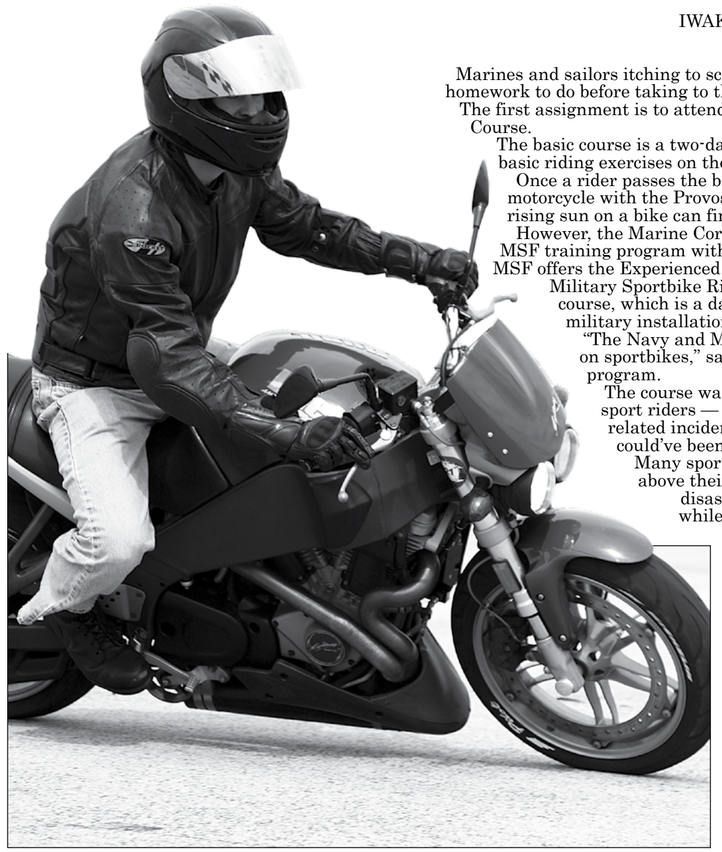
Detailed instruction in the classroom and on the range focuses heavily on fundamental cornering techniques.

"Corners ... that's where most accidents happen. People run off the road in a corner and hit a fixed object," Mills explained.

The course also includes instruction on swerving, braking, speed and riding posture.

A written test at the conclusion of the range evaluation culminates the course.

Course instructors, or rider coaches, often emphasize the appropriate place and time for serious speed and stunts — "at the race track."



SGT. JOSH COX

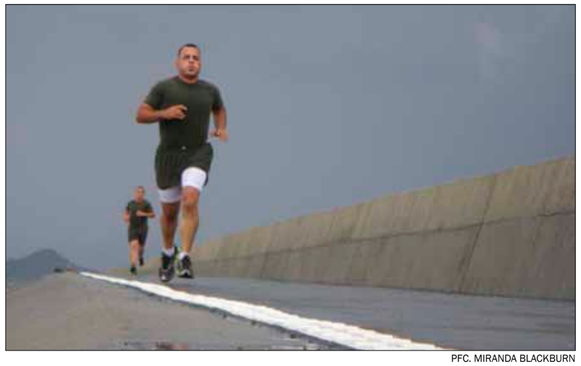
A Military Sportbike Riders Course student negotiates a practical exercise on the Motorcycle Safety Foundation range here July 13. The course includes instruction on cornering, swerving, braking, speed and riding posture.

SGT. JOSH COX

Randy Mills, a rider coach for the Military Sportbike Riders Course, instructs a student to ride onto the course for an exercise July 13. Detailed instruction in the classroom and on the range focuses heavily on fundamental cornering techiniques.

SGT. JOSH COX

Sgt. James Hardenbrook leans in for a sharp turn during the Military Sportbike Riders Course here July 13. Course instructors said most sportbike accidents happen in corners where riders run off the road and hit a fixed object.



PFC. MIRANDA BLACKBURN

Sgt. Enrique D. Watson runs along the Seawall here during the Island Hopping Challenge.

Chance of a Lifetime

Marines compete for front-row seats on island-hopping journey

PFC. MIRANDA BLACKBURN
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Marines from Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron competed in the second of many physical challenges planned by the squadron's commanding officer Lt. Col. Tray J. Ardese here July 10.

The event, offered to career Marines, consisted of a run starting at the IronWorks Gym and ending at the indoor small arms range, shooting 10 rounds in less than three minutes, grappling and a 25-question knowledge test to be completed in less than five minutes.

The goal at the end of the finish line: a seat in a C-12 during a week-long, once-in-a-lifetime island hopping experience starting Aug. 5.

Marines will be stopping off at a couple of historical destinations including, Iwo Jima and Guadalcanal.

"We will be traveling Marine style," said Ardese, "and we'll be stopping off at a couple places that civilians can't go."

"As soon as I heard about it, I thought I have to jump on it," said Sgt. Enrique Watson, winner of the competition and a Provost Marshal's Office watch commander.

"Don't quit, and keep going forward," Watson said to Marines planning on competing in the next two competitions. "I got a cramp about three miles in and I saw Sgt. White catching up to me but there was no way I was going to let another PMO Marine beat me."

Watson finished with the highest score among his competitors with 32 points, but the others weren't far behind and they don't plan on giving up.

Sgt. Luis Betencourt and Sgt. Clinton Massengale tied in second place after a tough six minute match of grappling each other.

"I'll compete in all three competitions if I have to," said Sgt. Carrie White who finished up in third place.

"I planned on coming out again if I didn't win this time," said Watson.

This competition in particular was only offered to career Marines to make sure this once-in-a-life-time opportunity will be appreciated to the fullest and that it won't be taken for granted by junior Marines getting out after their first enlistment.

"I hope this will be Marine Corps knowledge and history that can be passed down through the generations," Ardese said.

Watson has secured the first of three seats for the island hopping experience but Ardese says there is much more to come and to look forward to.

LANCE CPL. JOHN M. RAUFMANN

U.S. Marines fire pistols inside the Indoor Small Arms Range here during the Island Hopping Challenge July 10. The winner of the challenge will travel to various islands with the Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron commanding officer, Lt. Col. Tray J. Ardese.

LANCE CPL. JOHN M. RAUFMANN

Sgt. Clinton W. Massengale (below) attempts to hold his opponent still during the grappling portion of the Island Hopping Challenge July 10.

LANCE CPL. JOHN M. RAUFMANN

Staff Sgt. Jason M. Jensen scores a target at the Indoor Small Arms Range here during the Island Hopping Challenge July 10.

LANCE CPL. JOHN M. RAUFMANN

Staff Sgt. Jason M. Jensen explains the sequence of events for the Island Hopping Challenge behind IronWorks Gym here July 10.

CORPS NEWS

HIGHLIGHTING MARINES AND SAILORS AROUND THE GLOBE

Daughter honors grandfather's heroic service

1ST LT. CALEB D. EAMES

Staff Sgt. Nelson Hammer, a Marine assigned to the Marine Corps Logistics Base, Albany, Ga., holds a shadow box with Pamela Daniels, back left, and Patricia Holt, left. The box displays medals, rank, unit patches and photo of Alex J. Bardwell who served as a Marine in WWII and the Korean War.

Marine's honorable history comes to light through daughter's search

1ST LT. CALEB D. EAMES
MARINE CORPS LOGISTICS BASE ALBANY

MARINE CORPS LOGISTICS BASE ALBANY, Ga. — On Independence Day, a local family was surprised to discover something about their freedom that they never knew.

In August 2008, Alex J. Bardwell passed away, having never talked about his military past.

His granddaughter, Pamela Daniels, decided to research his past to find out everything she could.

Her search took her almost a year to complete.

The more Daniels discovered about her grandfather, the more she came to realize what an amazing record of military service he had.

Although he never talked about it to his children or grandchildren, Bardwell, a former staff sergeant in the Marine Corps, served from 1942 to 1955.

Bardwell saw some of the fiercest combat of World War II and the Korean War.

She uncovered that he saw action in the South Pacific, including the battle for New Georgia and other islands in the Solomon chain.

Bardwell also fought battles for the Ryukyu Islands, including Okinawa.

She also discovered that Bardwell also fought in Korea during the battles for Incheon and Seoul, and was a survivor of the battle of the Chosin Reservoir.

Daniel also found that Bardwell served in the 1st and 3rd Marine Divisions and his record lists assignments including the occupation of China and in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Daniels was sure that her mother, Patricia Holt, Bardwell's daughter, also knew nothing of her father's service to country.

So she called a gathering of the family on July 4, without telling any of them exactly why.

Daniels decided to surprise her mother and the entire family on this Independence Day with the unveiling of a large memorial frame.

Daniels unveiled the frame, which showcased Bardwell's many awards, along with a history book, all in honor of her grandfather's service to his country.

Staff Sgt. Nelson Hammer, a Marine assigned to the Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany, Ga., accepted an invitation from Daniels to do the surprise presentation.

"It means so much to have an active-duty Marine present this," Daniels said.

"I have tears in my eyes just seeing this uniform that my grandfather loved," said Daniels.

Hammer, the same rank that Bardwell once was, wore full dress blues in honor of Bardwell's service to country.

"I'm very honored to do this," Hammer said. "I love the Marine Corps, and I know this gentleman did too. Once a Marine always a Marine, Semper Fidelis."

The entire family watched in awe as Hammer unveiled and presented the memorial frame to Bardwell's daughter, Holt and the entire family.

"Back in Paw-Paw's time, they didn't talk about this," Daniels said. "It was hell they went through.

"They couldn't vocalize it because it was like reliving it."

"But at the same time I wish I knew about this stuff because it makes a lot of sense now why he was they way he was," said Daniels.

"I'm so sad he's not here to see this in person, but I know he's here in spirit," added Daniels.

This Independence Day, the gathered family members discovered something new about their grandfather.

Not only was he a wonderful person who liked ice cream on Father's Day, but he had also been willing to sacrifice his life for his country.

"I'm so proud of him," Daniels said.

"I wanted Mama and everyone to see this to have a better understanding of what he did and what he went through," Daniels said.

Their beloved grandfather was one of the reasons why they could celebrate Independence Day in freedom and security.

"Paw-Paw," without ever talking about it, was a true American hero.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Academic Advisor Visit
Univeristy of Maryland University College academic advisors are scheduled to visit the station Aug. 10, 11, and 12. Appointments must be made in advance by contacting the Iwakuni UMUC office. Each appointment will be 30 minutes in a private classroom one-on-one with an academic advisor. To make an appointment, call the UMUC office at 253-3392.

IronWorks Co-op Program
There are now openings with the Ironworks Co-op Program. This program is open to parents with children 5 and under. We meet 9:15 – 11:15 a.m. every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. For more information, call 253-2836 or e-mail heather_long@yahoo.com.

Youth Sports Soccer Camp
Marine Corps Community Services' Youth Sports and Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 is scheduled to host a youth soccer camp July 27 — 31 for children 5 and older. The first 85 applicants will be accepted.Two professional clinicians from Hiroshima Sanfrecce will be present the last day of the camp. It will be a great opportunity for children to learn the basics of soccer.

New Taijutsu Group
A new taijutsu group is in the works here in Iwakuni. Any Takamatsu-den is OK. This will not be an official dojo, simply a place to learn, share and maintain proficiency. For more information, e-mail iwakuni.taijutsu@gmail.com.

Summer Reading Program
The library is scheduled to host a variety of art and craft projects 10 a.m. every Tuesday for the Summer Reading Program to encourage children to be more creative. The program is open to children ages 5 to 12. The programs will include guest speakers and books on art, poetry, theater and dancing. Children interested in participating can sign up from now until July 28.

Youth Curfew Hours
The curfew for youth under 18 is 12 – 5:30 a.m. during weekends, holidays and summer vacation. On school nights, curfew is 10 p.m. – 5:30 a.m. For more information, contact the PMO's Crime Prevention division at 253-5105.

Taxiway Construction Project
In support of the runway relocation program, construction of new cross-taxiways adjacent to the existing runway is scheduled to begin in mid-July. To mitigate impacts on current runway operations, the work will be performed 10 p.m. – 6 a.m. every night of the week with the exception of Sunday night. Initially, the contractor's gate will be closed from 9 – 10:30 p.m. Starting late July, the contractor's gate will remain open all night and residents can expect a steady flow of concrete delivery trucks through the gate. Construction of this portion of the taxiways is estimated to be completed in late October.

SOFA Testing Center
The Status of Forces Agreement Driving License Testing Center has moved from the Learning Resource Center in Building 360 to the LRC in Building 497.

Electrical Utility Project
In support of the runway relocation program, a project is currently ongoing to upgrade the existing electrical infrastructure. As part of this upgrade, Newell Drive, Brusher Street, E. Circle Drive, and 7th Street will experience partial road closures and single lane traffic from now until mid-September. The dates provided may vary somewhat depending on weather and subsurface conditions encountered. For more information about the closures, call 253-5353.

To submit an event, automobile, item or job advertisement request, please send an e-mail to iwakuni.pao@usmc.mil. Please include a contact name, at least one phone number and the information you would like published. Alternatively, you may submit in person at the Public Affairs Office, Bldg. 1, Room 216.

Chapel Services

Roman Catholic

Saturday	4:30-5:15 p.m. Confession 5:30 p.m. Mass
Sunday	8:30 a.m. Mass 9:45 a.m. Religious Education
Tues. – Fri.	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 a.m. Seventh-Day Adventist Divine 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. Adult 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 12-17 Activities

Teen Programs
- High School Meetings (Club – grades 9-12)
- Junior High Meetings (Club JV – grades 7-8)
- HS&JR Bible Studies
- Retreats
- Service Projects
- Missions Trip
- Special Events Volunteer Training & Mentoring
- Parent Support Group

Call at 253-5183 or potwic@gmail.com.

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

GOOD SAMARITAN/NEIGHBOR PROGRAM

From May 1 – Aug. 31, 2009, submit names of people ages 10-17, who have been good samaritans or good neighbors to PMO in order to place them in the running for the Summer 2009 Good Samaritan/Neighbor Program award.

The nominee must be someone who reported, prevented or stopped an unsafe or criminal act. The program is strictly anonymous. This is your chance to encourage our children to be good citizens.

Let's award our youth for doing their part to improve our community!

Call the PMO Crime Prevention Section at 253-5105 for more information.
Submit all nominations to the Crime Prevention Section during normal working hours.
After normal working hours, submit nominations to the PMO Desk Sergeant, Bldg. 608.

SAKURA THEATER

253-5291

Friday, July 17, 2009
7 p.m. Drag Me to Hell (PG-13)
Premier
10 p.m. Star Trek (PG-13)
Last Showing

Saturday, July 18, 2009
1 p.m. Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (PG)
4 p.m. Up (PG)
7 p.m. Obsessed (PG-13)
Last Showing
10 p.m. Drag Me to Hell (PG-13)

Sunday, July 19, 2009
1 p.m. Battle for Terra (PG)
4 p.m. Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian (PG)
7 p.m. Drag Me to Hell (PG-13)

Monday, July 20, 2009
7 p.m. Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (PG)

Tuesday, July 21, 2009
7 p.m. Soloist (PG-13)
Last Showing

Wednesday, July 22, 2009
7 p.m. Terminator Salvation: The Future Begins (PG-13)

Thursday, July 23, 2009
7 p.m. Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen (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.

CLASSIFIEDS

Automobiles

1993 Nissan Cefiro
Over $15,000 invested, too many extras to list. JCI good until April 2010. Must sell by Aug. 5. Asking price $3,000 OBO. For more information, call 253-7404 or e-mail john.wandishin@usmc.mil.

1996 Mitsubishi Delica Van
73,000 km, 4x4, black and gray, great condition, good tires. JCI good until January 2010. Asking $3,500. For more information, call 080-3319-5656 (cell).

Miscellaneous

Bedroom furniture
Solid wood bunk beds in great condition with side rails, ladder, drawers that go under bottom bed, tower of drawers, desk with hutch and chair. Everything matches. Asking $800. For more information, call 090-8505-2818 or email chris_leighann.junkins@yahoo.com.

Treadmill
Only used for a couple of months. In great condition. Asking $400. For more information, call 090-8505-2818 or e-mail chris_leighann.junkins@yahoo.com.

Kittens
Free kittens to a good and loving home. They were born on June 11 and will be ready for a new home after July 23. For more information, call 253-5935, 090-4104-1541 (cell) or e-mail billiej316@gmail.com.

Dinning table with 8 chairs
Solid oak table with leaf. Asking $1,000 OBO. For more information, call 090-8505-2818 or e-mail chris_leighann.junkins@yahoo.com.

Jobs

Chapel Positions Available
Protestant Pianist
Protestant Organist
Christian Non-denominational Music Director
Protestant Director of Religious Education
Catholic Director of Religious Education
Catholic Organist
Catholic Choir Director
For more information please call the Logistical Contract Office at 253-4233.

Morning Nanny
Duties include preparing and taking the child to school weekdays 6 – 8:30 a.m. Sept. 7 – Nov. 6. Pays $900 for 90 total hours. For more information, call 080-3094-9489.

NMCRS Job Opportunities
Be that friendly person who lets Marines and sailors know they have come to the right place when its hard to ask for help. To apply as a Client Services Assistant for the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, call 253-5311.

Items for Sale
Coffee table and end table. In good condition, has a few scratches on the legs. Asking $25 For more information, please call 253-2567.

Mess Hall Menu

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, potato salad, cucumber and onion salad, standard salad bar, peanut butter brownies, double layer marble cake with butter cream frosting, banana cream pudding
Specialty Bar: Pasta

Tuesday
Tomato soup, vegetable soup, lasagna, roast pork, au gratin potatoes, whole kernel corn, mixed vegetables, toasted garlic bread, cream gravy, country style tomato salad, Mexican coleslaw, standard salad bar, cherry pie, Boston cream pie, oatmeal raisin cookie
Specialty Bar: Taco

Wednesday
French onion soup, cream of broccoli soup, baked tuna noodles, breaded pork chop Creole, garlic roasted potatoes, carrots, steamed mixed vegetables, dinner rolls, mushroom gravy, cabbage, apple, and celery, three-bean salad, standard salad bar, chocolate chip cookies, Dutch apple pie, devil's food cake with butter cream frosting
Specialty Bar: Mongolian

Thursday
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, macaroni salad, mixed fruit salad, standard salad bar, sugar cookies, German chocolate cake, banana cream pie with whipped topping
Specialty Bar: Deli Sandwich

Friday
Chicken noodle soup, cream Of mushroom soup, southern style fried catfish, chicken cacciatore, french-fried cauliflower, steamed rice, Candied sweet potatoes, southern Style greens, jalapeno corn bread, cream gravy, potato salad, country style tomato salad, standard salad bar, coconut raisin drop cookies, double layer Florida lemon cake with butter cream frosting, chocolate cream pie
Specialty Bar: Hot Dog

July 2009 Promotions

CLC-36

Lance Cpl.	Batterseamolto, Adam M.
Lance Cpl.	Brewer, Gary D.
Lance Cpl.	Galeanoalvarado, Ingrid D.
Lance Cpl.	Hulett, Aaron T.
Lance Cpl.	Valdivia, Owen O.
Cpl.	Martinez, Jose D.

H&HS

Lance Cpl.	Blackketter, Nicholas A.
Lance Cpl.	Brake, Robert J.
Lance Cpl.	Callahan, Christopher P.
Lance Cpl.	Chin, Justin N.
Lance Cpl.	Jimenez, Ira
Lance Cpl.	Martinez, Giovanni F.
Lance Cpl.	Pollard, Colleen P.
Lance Cpl.	Proctor, Brandon T.
Lance Cpl.	Will, Shawn R.
Lance Cpl.	Villalobos, Gabriela
Cpl.	Averill, Thomas J.
Gunnery Sgt.	Fuller, William R.
Gunnery Sgt.	Karolewics, Michael J.
Gunnery Sgt.	Langella, Jeffrey T.

MAG-12

Lance Cpl.	Allen, William A.
Lance Cpl.	Malad II, Richard M.
Cpl.	Bellew, Brittany M.

Detachment Bravo

Lance Cpl.	Huntress, Joshua G.
Cpl.	Zimmermann, Jessica L.
Gunnery Sgt.	Workman, Steven P.

VMFA(AW)-242

Cpl.	Lindenschmidt, Kevin J.
Sgt.	Orfield, Matthew S.
Gunnery Sgt.	Logue, Christopher M.

MWSS-171

Pfc.	Leininger, Zachery B.
Pfc.	Leubecker, Mark A.
Lance Cpl.	Angel, Tizzoni C.
Lance Cpl.	Broyles Jr., Bryan E.
Lance Cpl.	Bryan III, Tommy R.
Lance Cpl.	Childers, Olivia N.
Lance Cpl.	Cole, Steven B.
Lance Cpl.	Dall, Brian M.
Lance Cpl.	Fox, Jason E.
Lance Cpl.	Freeman, Justin R.
Lance Cpl.	Grgurich, Ian A.
Lance Cpl.	Higgins, Cameron D.
Lance Cpl.	Hopkins, Jeffrey M.
Lance Cpl.	Lorio, Christopher J.
Lance Cpl.	Mack, Marquise
Lance Cpl.	Wade, Michael H.
Lance Cpl.	Wilkinson Jr., Timothy E.
Lance Cpl.	Wilson, Stefan D.
Cpl.	Baer, Matthew D.
Cpl.	Burnett, Wesley H.
Cpl.	Campbell, David W.
Cpl.	Carmona, Roque
Cpl.	James, David E.
Cpl.	Klinger, Terry L.
Sgt.	Moretz, Michael P.
Staff Sgt.	Junkins, Christopher L.
Gunnery Sgt.	Hall, Timothy J.
Gunnery Sgt.	Hunter, Gerald B.
Gunnery Sgt.	Janssen, William R.
Gunnery Sgt.	White, Richard L.

MALS-12

Pfc.	Meredith, Lewis G.
Lance Cpl.	Backer, James C.
Lance Cpl.	Heckman, Adam N.
Lance Cpl.	Karr, Kevin S.
Lance Cpl.	Medina Em
Lance Cpl.	Mejia, Georgina
Cpl.	Armstrong, Jonathan L.
Cpl.	Burchfield, Sean J.
Cpl.	Humphries, Karalyn N.
Cpl.	Nagelkerk, Isaiah J.
Cpl.	Neang, Dorian
Cpl.	Permenter, Bentley G.
Sgt.	King, Skyler R.
Sgt.	Smith, William S.
Gunnery Sgt.	Saucedo III, Simon

PFC. MIRANDA BLACKBURN

Shamrocks' William Janssen follows through a mighty swing that sent a softball sailing into the outfield during a summer intramural softball game against the Black Socks at the main softball field here Monday. The Shamrocks strategy of sticking to ground base hits proved successful as they improved their overall record to 7–1 with a decisive victory over the Black Socks 16–1 in a five-innning blowout.

Shamrocks rub out Black Socks in 16–1 hit festival

Pfc. Miranda Blackburn
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

The Shamrocks dominated the Black Socks 16-1, during an intramural softball game at the main softball field here Monday.

The Shamrocks' confidence paid off after finishing the game with an effortless win.

In the first inning the Black Socks started the game off well by bringing in their first run, which boosted morale, but as the game went on they failed at putting any more points on the board.

The Black Socks may not have scored many runs, but they continued making a lot of contact with the ball and made it to base, which kept the Shamrocks on their toes.

The Shamrocks' strategy to winning the game was focusing on base hits instead of going for the wall the whole time, and working on playing the field.

Their strategy appeared to pay off, allowing only one run the entire game and extending their lead nearly every inning.

"Our hitting could have been better but we did well," said Christopher Derrick, a player for the Shamrocks.

It was clear that the Black Socks were not playing as well as they could have when there were only 17 minutes left in the game with a score of 9-1.

Every time the Black Socks were up to bat the Shamrocks seemed to send them right back out to the field in a matter of minutes.

Derrick recommends not letting errors in the game bring you down and to keep going forward.

"If we make a mistake, we keep moving," Derrick said.

Like their previous games, the Shamrocks started and finish strong by smashing the ball at every opportunity, ending the game with a score of 16-1 and leaving the Shamrocks with a record of 7–1.

The Shamrocks' hard work and practice proved to be successful.

"We practiced hard so we could come out and play hard," said Derrick.

As the game came to an end the Black Socks quickly returned to their bench as the Shamrocks gathered in celebration around home plate.

Even after just finishing their game the Shamrocks were already thinking about the future.

"Make sure to come out and watch us in our next game on Saturday," said Derrick.

Games will be held most of Saturday at the main softball field here.

"It'll be the game of the season," said Derrick.

For more information, contact the Varsity and Intramural Sports Office at 253-3067.

PFC. MIRANDA BLACKBURN

Shamrocks' Dustin Gamble smashes a softball into an outfield gap during a summer itramural softball game against the Black Socks at the main softball field here Monday. The Shamrocks will attempt to continue their nearly undefeated season noon Saturday at the main softball field here.

USO COMEDY TOUR

SATURDAY, JULY 25

SHOW STARTS @ 9 P.M.

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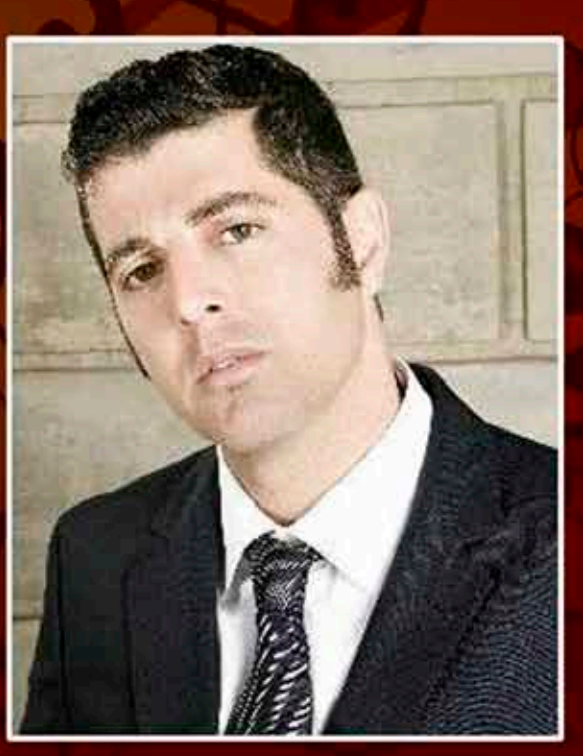

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