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Members of the Marine Aircraft Group 12 Scarlet Team stand with the first place trophy they recieved at the inaugural Intramural Pistol Shooting Competition held at the Indoor Small-Arms Range here Nov. 25. From left to right, Staff Sgt. Fabio L. Salas, Staff Sgt. William B. Jagger, Lance Cpl. Justin M. Moses and Gunnery Sgt. Freddy A. Armijo.

MAG-12 shoots down competition

LANCE CPL. CHRIS KUTLESA
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Four teams of four came together, or better yet, went head-to-head against each other in a match that would define the best pistol shooters on the station.

On Nov. 25, Marines gathered at the Indoor Small-Arms Range here for the inaugural intramural pistol shooting competition.

Maj. James S. Whiteker, commanding officer of Combat Logistics Compay 36, designed the competition to get Marines on the range doing what they do best — shooting.

"I think shooting the pistol is harder than shooting the rifle," said Cpl. Aaron W. Marsh, a member of the CLC-36 pistol team. "I think it's more about technique. It's

on you to make sure everything is correct. With the rifle, you have the sling and other different elements that can help you. With the pistol, you only have your arms. It's strictly muscle control."

The competition was between the best of the best from select units around the station. Each member of each team was selected at his/her unit's discretion.

"It's the best of each unit, so everyone is a good shot," said Marsh.

For nearly two hours the teams duked it out over three segments: 25-yard-line slow fire with two magazines of five each over the duration of 10 minutes; 25-yard-line timed fire with two strings of five over the duration of 20 seconds; and 15-yard-line

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Radar to be ready spring 2010

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IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Station Logistics, Operations, Facilities and Japanese contractors have been working together at the northside digital airport surveillance radar site here for the past four months to construct and position a newly acquired Airport Surveillance Radar 11 Digital Airport Surveillance Radar.

The final pieces of the ASR-11 DASR, which is replacing the 20-year-old analog model aboard the station, are scheduled to finish arriving by the end of the month, and the radar is slated to be fully operational by spring of 2010.

"It's the next upgrade to the existing radar, so all the improved processing — all the improvements that could be made on the last

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

‘What happens in Vegas...’

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It has been more than a year since I experienced real red-blooded American commercials. The World Series, last year's Superbowl and the Bowl Championship Series title game watched on American Forces Network are just not the same without those clever, witty advertisements (remember Terry Tate the Office Linebacker?). Quotes from the commercials become comic relief in an otherwise dry staff meeting or on Monday morning. Re-enactments become a joke between friends (remember doing "Whaz's upppppp!" into the phone as your unsuspecting friend picked up the receiver — think Budweiser commercial). Almost always clever and funny, few actually follow the law of common sense or logic.

Take for instance the "what happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas" commercials that encourage visitors of Las Vegas to let their hair down, let it all hang out and go wild in Las Vegas. The idea is from the commercial that is that no matter what you do in Las Vegas, when you return home, all is forgotten and life continues on as if nothing happened at all. Let us take a moment to uncover just how backwards that notion really is.

Say for instance you visit Las Vegas. While there, you drop a quarter into a slot machine, and by sheer luck, you hit the jackpot. You win a Ferrari. I assume that you would want to take that with you when you leave so that you can park that fine automobile next to the ten-speeds parked in the bike rack at the barracks, right?

However, according to the commercial, what happens in Vegas stays in Vegas, so that car would stay parked right there on the casino floor. Better luck next time.

What if you are like me and got married in Las Vegas? That's right, viva Las Vegas baby, yeah! I was married in Las Vegas by a preacher man who looked like Elvis, complete with sideburns, white-studded suit and big sunglasses. I'm just kidding, of course. I was married in Las Vegas, but not by an Elvis wannabe.

According to the commercial, what happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas. So by that logic, the woman with whom I have three kids with and live in a townhouse with is not really my wife at all because the moment we left the city limits of Las Vegas our marriage became null and void. Somebody call PMO and get this strange woman out of my townhouse.

Unfortunately, some put the "what happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas" mentality into practice with the thought that it might actually be true. Ever hear the phrase "what happens on deployment, stays on deployment"?

Consider everything mentioned thus far in this article and decide if there is any truth to that idea. Let's say that while on deployment you decide to steal your commanding officer's vehicle and go joy-riding in it on a dare from your buddy. When you get back to the rear at the end of the deployment, I challenge you to use the "what happens on deployment, stays on deployment" defense at your court-martial. If you get a sexually transmitted disease, especially an STD like AIDS or Herpes, it will stay with you long after the deployment is over.

The same holds true with the things that we put into our minds through video or Internet and other illicit activities that we engage in. The images burned into your memory through these avenues can last a lifetime.

Even more, the damage done on deployment does not just impact you, but it impacts those around you, especially your relationships.

It must be stated plainly: be true to yourself, the ones you love and to Corps values whether you are in garrison or on deployment.

Take a lesson learned from those who had to find out the hard way: what happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas.

Panel leaders tour rampage site, describe mission

► **Panel will review circumstances surrounding Nov. 5 shooting to see how future incidents could be avoided.**

► **Review to look at personal reliability programs, counseling programs, procedures on the handling of defense employee's adverse information, medical screening and deployment evaluations.**

► **Panel is not conducting a criminal investigation and will not interfere with the criminal case against Maj. Nidal M. Hasan.**

► **The panel report is due to Gates by Jan. 15.**

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WASHINGTON — The leaders of an independent review panel toured the scene of the Fort Hood, Texas, shooting rampage today and described how they view the panel's mission.

Former Veterans Affairs Secretary Togo West and retired Adm. Vern Clark spoke at a short news conference at Fort Hood.

The two men met with Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates yesterday and received their charge from him.

The panel will review the circumstances surrounding the Nov. 5 shooting to see how future incidents could be avoided.

"We will look at policies and procedures that look at how we deal with service members who may cause trouble or harm to their fellows," West said.

The review is to look at personal reliability programs, counseling programs, procedures on the handling of defense employee's

adverse information, medical screening and pre- and post-deployment evaluations.

The panel members also are to look at the response to the incident and see how these procedures could be improved.

Today's trip to Fort Hood was important to starting the review, Clark, a former chief of naval operations, said.

"It was important to me to see the site, walk the ground and really see the setting," he said. "Today's activities have been immensely valuable in providing the

It not only involves the leadership team here at Fort Hood, but it involves the leadership teams of the hospitals in the local area and the manner in which they all responded."

West reminded everyone that the panel is not conducting a criminal investigation and will not interfere with the criminal case against Maj. Nidal M. Hasan, the Army psychiatrist charged with 13 counts of murder who remains hospitalized in intensive care.

"The secretary charged us to find the gaps that make us less effective than we desire to be, and to do that, we will go over a wide range of things after we go through the discovery process."

Adm. Vern Clark (ret.)
Independent review panel

baseline of factual information upon which we will grow the rest of the information that is required to conduct the assessment."

Clark said he was impressed with the Army's 3rd Corps leadership team.

"I just want to single out ... the leadership team at the hospital," he said, adding that the panel also is charged with evaluating the performance of the first responders.

"The story about how the first responder team performed is very, very encouraging.

West said his group will "not point fingers. We are here to accumulate information and offer our best judgments to the secretary of defense."

The investigation is department-wide, Clark said.

"The secretary charged us to find the gaps that make us less effective than we desire to be, and to do that, we will go over a wide range of things after we go through the discovery process."

ASR-11 DASR: Latest, greatest in airport radars

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radar are incorporated into this one," said Dan Hill, a Space and Naval Warfare System Center Atlantic project engineer.

"The reliability is somewhat better. All the computer technology over the past 20 years is incorporated into this new radar."

The new ASR-11 DASR is outfitted with a primary surveillance coverage reaching out to 60 nautical miles and a secondary coverage up to 120 nautical miles.

Another feature allows for aircraft detection in clutter and National Weather Service calibrated weather capability, which allows for improved situational awareness for air traffic controllers and pilots.

The ASR-11 DASR can also be controlled from multiple locations and has unattended operation capabilities using redundant subsystems with built-in test equipment.

Hill said the radar is a significant leap in technology and will greatly benefit the station.

Station holds first intramural pistol competition

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rapid fire with two strings of five over the duration of 10 seconds.

Once the scores were tallied, the places were determined.

First place and second place went to Marine Aircraft Group 12.

Third place went to CLC-36, and fourth went to Marine Wing Support Squadron 171.

The scores of individual shooters and teams are one of the main reasons to have an intramural match.

"You really have one of these intramural matches to identify the guys you would want to take to division matches," said Whiteker.

Division matches are conducted at Marine Corps Base Camp Smedley D. Butler Okinawa, Japan, Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendelton and Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune.

The top 10 percent of the division matches go on to the Marine Corps matches where it is determined who will go on to the Marine Corps rifle and pistol team.

Gunnery Sgt. William R. Janssen, a former competitor and instructor for the All-Marine Rifle Team, coached Marine



Maj. James S. Whiteker, commanding officer of Combat Logistics Company 36, prepares to present the trophies at the inaugural Intramural Pistol Shooting Competition held at the Indoor Small-Arms Range here Nov. 25. Whiteker designed the competition to give Marines a chance to get on the range and try their hand at shooting the pistol. Division matches will be conducted this coming January in Okinawa.

Wing Support Squadron 171's team during the competition. Janssen's background has enabled him to share the various opportunities pistol and rifle competitions can provide.

"If you have the opportunity and your command will let you

go, do it," said Janssen. "Things like this will teach you things that you can apply to everything from qualifications to hunting. This intramural is just a taste of the competition. Marines are competitive, making this is a great thing to get into."

Station receives latest in flight training simulation technology

New aircraft simulator to improve training while reducing cost from thousands to hundreds

LANCE CPL. CLAUDIO A. MARTINEZ
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

The station recently received a new F/A-18D Tactical Operational Flight Trainer 37 built by L-3 Communications Link Simulation and Training Division to provide better training for pilots here.

With its many beneficial features, the F/A-18D TOFT 37 will provide Marines here with the latest in simulation technology.

It is integrated with Link Simulation and Training's SimuSphere visual system display and all the updated weapons and software real F/A-18 fighter jets are equipped with.

"This is just one step in getting into the future," said Capt. John Helm, Marine Aviation Training System Site Iwakuni operations officer.

The F/A-18D TOFT 37's integrated visual system provides a 360 degree out-of-window cockpit view and a cockpit sensor image display.

The training system is also equipped with two independent cockpits for a pilot and a weapons operator housed within a SimuSphere visual display system and allows both operators to fly together.

Pilots will be able to train on emergency procedure, carrier operation, air-to-air and air-to-ground tactical operations thought scenarios which can be run through the trainer.

While training in the F/A-18D TOFT 37, pilots can train against various opponents, to include Mikoyan-Gurevich MiG9 fighter jets.

"This will help the station's mission, because now, with this trainer, we can accomplish 97 percent of all the training you need to do with the simulator," said Helm.

"Before, with the old device we had, we could do maybe 30 percent. This one has all the latest weapons, all the latest tactics, all the latest threats. They can get in, fly here and see the exact



LANCE CPL. SALVADOR MORENO

Capt. John Helm, Marine Aviation Training System Site Iwakuni operations officer, demonstrates some of the F/A-18D Tactical Operational Flight Trainer 37's capabilities in Building 1530 here Nov. 30. The new trainer, built by L-3 Communications Link Simulation and Training Division, is integrated with Link Simulation and Training's SimuSphere visual system display, allowing for a 360 degree out-of-window cockpit view and a cockpit sensor image. The F/A-18D TOFT 37 also has the capability to connect and train with pilots stationed at Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort, S.C., and MCAS Miramar, Calif.

same thing in the aircraft when they get in the air."

Helm said the new trainer will also help reduce costs in training as it costs approximately \$6,000 an hour to train in a real F/A-18 and will only cost a few hundred dollars to train in the F/A-18D TOFT 37.

The training system also comes with a fully integrated mission briefing and debriefing room which can record and capture all mission event data while the mission is flown.

Pilots can fly out their missions in the trainer and afterward review their performance recorded by the debriefing system.

"The station did not have this capability," said Trey Morrison, MATSS Iwakuni contracting officer representative. "We're looking forward to a good experience with it."

An additional feature the F/A-18D TOFT 37 has is it can link to TOFT 37s in Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort, S.C., and MCAS Miramar, Calif., allowing pilots to run through missions with other pilots halfway across the world.

"It doesn't quite have that 'seat of your pants' feel, but it definitely makes you feel like you're moving around and gives you a good sense of flying," said Morrison.

Operation hours for the F/A-18D TOFT 37 will be from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and the simulator is open to pilots with a secret clearance.

Emergency phone numbers for the station

Anti-Terrorism Force Protection Hotline 253-2837

This line should be used to report suspicious persons or vehicles, suspicious activities or to report people taking pictures aboard the air station.

All Emergencies 119 or 911

This line should be utilized for "life, limb or loss of vision threatening" emergencies, nearby building(s) on fire, medical assist, assaults, domestic violence, rape and sexual assaults, traffic accidents, hazardous material spills, dead persons or suspicious packages.

From a Cellular Telephone (0827) 21-7700

This line should be utilized to report emergencies requiring bilingual capability (Japanese - English) or to report emergencies using a cell phone while aboard the station.

Provost Marshal's Office - Security Issues 253-3303



SGT. JOSH COX

Lance Cpl. Jacob Moore balances on a Bosu during a grueling aerobics session, called the Turkey Burn, Nov. 27. The Bosu is a contraption resembling half of a beach ball — a really big beach ball — fixed to a circular plastic base.

IronWorks' Turkey Burn takes bite out of extra calories

Aerobics instructors plan more workouts for upcoming holidays

SGT. JOSH COX
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Combine several servings of Thanksgiving grub, fall ale, sweatpants, Cheetos and a few days off from work, and one could potentially stew a personal health crisis.

With this scenario in mind, Health Promotions cooked up an idea to annihilate hundreds of post-Thanksgiving calories among patrons in a grueling aerobics session, called the Turkey Burn, Nov. 27.

Motivated participants filled the aerobics room of the gym with hopes to burn the turkey away during the inaugural event.

"It was three 30-minute cardio blasts," said Barbara Roman, fitness coordinator with IronWorks Gym.

The workout began with a spinning class on stationary bicycles. Spinning shifted to cardio-kickboxing, forcing participants to literally beat down the calories. Dance music blasted through the room's gigantic speakers as cardio-kickboxing enthusiasts double-teamed red and blue punching bags.

Then, the Bosu was unveiled. The Bosu is a contraption resembling half of a beach ball — a really big beach ball — fixed to a circular plastic base.

At first glance, Mr. Bosu doesn't look very tough. The device appears to be a product of a sketchy late-night infomercial.

However, give the Bosu a try for a few minutes and skeptical opinions quickly disappear, along with a few hundred calories.

A Lady Gaga remix and an aerobics instructor's words of encouragement pumped Turkey Burn participants to drive on during the event.

"The day after Thanksgiving people are really full from eating the day before," Roman said. "It was just something fun to do to get together."



SGT. JOSH COX

Kick-boxing gloves adorn the aerobics room in IronWorks Gym during a special event here Nov. 27. The gym cooked up an idea to annihilate hundreds of post-Thanksgiving calories among patrons in a grueling aerobics session, called the Turkey Burn.

The special event concluded with sighs of relief and sweaty towels. "We had over 30 people, so I had to go find more bikes and Bosu balls," Roman explained.

Roman said a similar event is in the works to counter upcoming Christmas feasts.

"We will continue to do this," Roman said. "We will continue to offer more themed classes every month."

Roman encourages everyone to get a head start on New Year's Day fitness resolutions.

"Why wait — do it now when you know you are going to eat more," she added.

"Just get in here and be active, burn some calories and not worry about it so much."



Marines practice drawing their pistols at a moment's notice during a V.I.P. security course at the Indoor Small-Arms Range Nov. 24. For three days, Marines from Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan, trained with former members of the Israeli Special Forces in tactics used in V.I.P. protection.

TAKING IT TO THE LIMIT

Israeli Special Forces teach U.S. Marines in Japan

STORY AND PHOTOS BY
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When Britney Spears exits a limousine, it is probable that a bodyguard is next to her. Up the ante, and imagine President Barack Obama exiting Marine One, to his left, to his right, an army of secret service agents.

Today's political figures and international celebrities are generating large amounts of exposure via the Internet and cable television.

With all the attention comes an equal amount of safety concerns, making V.I.P. security paramount.

From Nov. 23-25, Marines from Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan, trained with former members of the Israeli Special Forces in tactics used in V.I.P. protection.

"The face of the world is obviously changing," said Nir Maman, a former member of the Israeli Special Forces and the course instructor. "The global threat of terrorism is attacking and interrogating

every allied nation in the world. Those countries are now beginning to experience the type of threats that us in Israel have been experiencing for 61 years now. The methodologies that we use are already advanced. We have been dealing with a threat that the world is only now getting introduced to."

Like Maman said, Israel's 60-plus-year history in counter terrorism has become a methodology, a methodology that translates in their martial arts, Krav Maga, to the way they protect their high profile figures.

"I gained a lot," said Sgt. Allen Goode, an explosive ordnance disposal technician here. "How to protect a V.I.P. with your fire arm, getting in front of him, moving him, extracting him from the area. It's the ideas and the mentality of it all."

With only three days to bestow years of training, one could consider this a crash course.

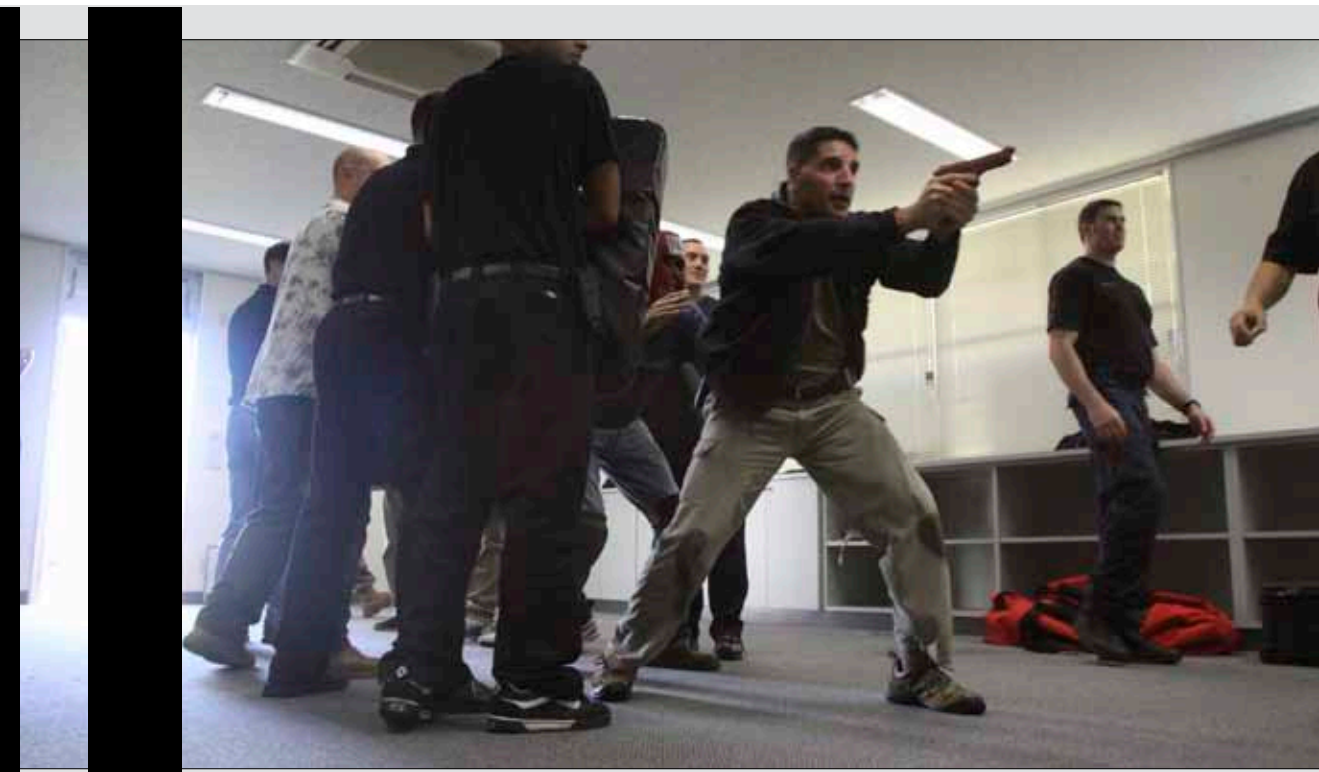
The fast pace lent itself to some extremely high-speed training appropriate for mastering the Israeli's "methodology."

Over the course of the three-day-period, Marines found themselves running obstacle courses, simulating drive-by shootings, and practicing aggressive attacks.

"Excellent training, excellent training," said Lt. Col. Tray J. Ardesse, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron commanding officer. "It is very different than some of the Marine Corps training we do, but it gives you a new perspective. It's like martial arts: you can train on Krav Maga, you can train on Brazilian Jujitsu, you can train on Muay Thai, you can train on boxing. All it does is add another tool to the tool box to where if you are failing on one type of training, you can shift to something else. So somebody who has trained in only one style will never be as good as someone who has been crossed trained in different styles."

Ardesse mentioned that there will be more training opportunities available in the coming year.

Those interested in future training opportunities should contact their chain of command.



Lt. Col. Tray J. Ardesse, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron commanding officer, barrels through a group of Marines during a V.I.P. security course at the Indoor Small-Arms Range Nov. 25. Ardesse was instrumental in bringing the course to the station. In the coming year, more training opportunities will be coming to the station.



Marines practice kicking techniques during a V.I.P. security course at the Indoor Small-Arms Range Nov. 24. The Israeli Special Forces techniques and methods of combat come from over 60 years of counter terrorism.



Sgt. Allen Goode, an explosive ordnance disposal technician here, strikes a "terrorist" with the butt of his pistol during a V.I.P. security course at the Indoor Small-Arms Range Nov. 25. The training session lasted a total of three days.

CORPS NEWS

HIGHLIGHTING MARINES AND SAILORS AROUND THE GLOBE



MARINE CORPS AIR GROUND COMBAT CENTER TWENTYNINE PALMS, Calif.— Marines with Company I, 3rd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, stack up and wait as a breach is prepared at the Combat Center's Range 410A, Nov. 19. The company undertook platoon-level exercises as part of its pre deployment training process.

India Co. Marines stomp Range 410A

LANCE CPL. M.C. NERL
MARINE CORPS AIR GROUND COMBAT CENTER TWENTYNINE PALMS

MARINE CORPS AIR GROUND COMBAT CENTER TWENTYNINE PALMS, Calif.— Marines and sailors with Company I, 3rd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, known as the Cutting Edge, stormed the Combat Center's Range 410A Nov. 19, to prepare for a possible deployment next year.

"The Cutting Edge" was at the range seeking to improve their platoons' abilities to shoot, move and communicate as a build-up to their next deployment, said 2nd Lt. Joshua Waddell, a platoon commander with the company and a native of Virginia Beach, Va.

The company began by breaching concertina wire and then assaulting on an enemy strong point using suppressive fire from mortars, hand grenades and small-arms fire from individual Marines as they took multiple enemy positions, Waddell said.

"This is the culmination of small unit action," Waddell said. "We've worked our way up to a platoon-level attack on a Soviet-style strong point. We've been practically living in the field — training and advancing from individual and buddy team levels to the squad level. Now we're at the platoon level of a combined arms attack."

Waddell said his Marines gain a better understanding of how to coordinate with others and use their resources to take on an enemy stronghold.

"The Marines learn a lot about how to combine adjacent units and other weapons systems," he said. "They've come to the point where they can effectively conduct a fluid planned assault on an enemy position and



MARINE CORPS AIR GROUND COMBAT CENTER TWENTYNINE PALMS, Calif. — Marines from Company I, 3rd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, lay down suppressive fire at the Combat Center's Range 410A, Nov. 19. The company did training to improve its platoons' abilities to move, shoot and communicate.

they're growing as a team."

Waddell said his Marines show better assurance in their abilities and of their fellow warriors thanks to this training.

"All our training is paying off," he said. "They have more confidence in each other and in their leadership."

"They can conduct a combined arms exercise very efficiently," he continued. "They've learned a great deal about how a Marine air-ground combat team functions, and they're able to employ all their weapons assets very well."

Waddell said the weapons being used by his Marines are giving them a better grasp of what they will experience in an operational

environment overseas.

"Doing these exercises has taught them to use mutual support and help one another in accomplishing a mission," he said. "Plus, they're getting to throw explosives. Any Marine can enjoy doing that."

Several Marines agreed with Waddell.

"We're building ourselves up rapidly as a team," said Lance Cpl. Christopher Ryan Maroney, a rifleman with the company, and a native of Pueblo, Colo. "Exercises like this are essential in fine-tuning those of us who have done it before, and especially for the younger guys who haven't done it more than once or twice."

Pfc. Rick Waithers, another rifleman with the company, said he could see the difference in himself and his platoon after they took part in the training.

"It's an awesome feeling to be part of something that moves, shoots and communicates that efficiently," said the Cleveland native. "You never get to see the big picture being just one guy with a rifle, but the whole time you're charging out there, you know there are mortars, machine guns, air and artillery all at your back to make sure the enemy gets what they have coming. It's a good feeling to be on the side with all the power and know-how."

"The Cutting Edge" does not know when they will deploy, but they are keeping their bayonets sharp to be ready to take the fight to the enemy.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

American Red Cross Holiday Party
A holiday party for all Red Cross volunteers, community partners and the community will be held Dec. 18 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the American Red Cross Office. Santa will also be making an appearance. For more information, call 253-4525.

UMUC Spring Registration
Registration for spring sessions is underway. Registration is running until Jan. 18. On site classes start from Jan. 18 to Mar. 14. Distance Education classes start Jan. 25 to April 4.

Holiday Stress Courses
The American Red Cross will be holding classes to help cope during the

holidays. Two courses will be held Dec. 10, Holiday Stress at 10 a.m. and Leisure Time Well at 5:30 p.m. Two courses will also be held Dec. 17, Grief and Holidays at 10 a.m. and Beating Winter Blues at 5:30 p.m. For more information, call 253-4525.

Hawaiian Christmas Concert
The Hawaiian Gospel Hula Team and Christmas Gospel Mass Choir (American and Japanese) will hold its Christmas concert at the Sinfonia Concert Hall tomorrow at 6 p.m. with featured guest soloist Dorothy Morrison, the lead vocalist for Grammy award winning song, "Oh, Happy Day." Tickets are available at MCCS IT&T or at Sinfonia Iwakuni. For more

information, call 090-4104-1541.

Library Renovations
A re-carpeting project is scheduled 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. Monday through Dec. 13 at the station library. During this time, the fiction, DVD and children's section, and computer lab will be closed off. The station library will be closed to all patrons Dec. 14-18 to finish the project. Normal library hours will resume Dec. 19.

Hornet's Nest Renovations
The Hornet's Nest is currently undergoing renovations scheduled to be completed June 2010. The recreational areas will be under renovation until March 1. The gym area will be closed March

1-June1. The Cyber Café, located in Building 1345 next to the Wood Hobby Shop, will remain open 24 hours a day seven days a week during the renovations. Single Marine Program trips will continue and can be paid for in the Cyber Café or the Marine Lounge. For more information, contact Jay Stovall at 253-3585.

Dental Assisting Training Program
The American Red Cross is offering a Dental Assisting Training Program. To receive your certificate you will receive 40 hours of didactic course and 500 hours of supervised clinical experience and chair side instruction. The program must also be completed within six months of the start day. For more information or requirements, call 253-4525 or email iwakuni@usa.redcross.org

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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
Contact the youth director at 080-4177-2060 or jletaw@clubbeyond.org for more information.

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

Slated chapel holiday services schedule

Dec. 14 3 p.m.- Catholic Advent pageant and dinner	11:30 p.m.- Catholic carols and midnight mass	Jan. 1 9 a.m.- Catholic Mary, mother of God mass
Dec. 24 5 p.m.- Catholic Christmas vigil mass	Dec. 25 9 a.m.- Catholic Christmas day mass	For more information, contact the Marine Memorial Chapel at 253-3371.
7 p.m.- Protestant Christmas Eve service	Dec. 31 7 p.m.- Protestant New Year's Eve service	

SAKURA THEATER

Friday, December 4, 2009 7 p.m. Twilight Saga New Moon (PG-13) <i>Premier</i> 10 p.m. Zombieland (R)	Monday, December 7, 2009 7 p.m. Jennifer's Body (R)
Saturday, December 5, 2009 1 p.m. Disney's A Chirstmas Story (PG) 4 p.m. Whip It (PG-13) 7 p.m. Couples Retreat (PG-13) <i>Premier</i> 10 p.m. Surrogates (R)	Tuesday, December 8, 2009 7 p.m. Fame (PG) <i>Last showing</i>
Sunday, December 6, 2009 1 p.m. Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs (PG) 4 p.m. The Invention of Lying (PG-13) 7 p.m. The Stepfather (PG-13)	Wednesday, December 9, 2009 7 p.m. Couples Retreat (PG-13)
	Thursday, December 10, 2009 7 p.m. The Blind Side (PG-13) <i>Premier</i> 10 p.m. Law Abiding Citizen (R) <i>Premier</i>

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

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

1998 Honda Accord
JCI until April 2011. In good condition, great for a family of four, brand new tires. Asking \$2,000 OBO. Must sell. For more information, please call 253-2809 (home), 080-3707-5021 (cell) or email choladomingo@yahoo.com.

2001 Honda CBR929
JCI until June 2011. Red and white accents New fairings, new gauges. Must sell. Asking \$4,000 OBO. For more information, call 080-3059-0626 or 253-5511.

1994 Mazda Carol K
JCI until Jan 2011, excellent A/C and heat, terrific on gas. Need to sell quickly. \$1,800 OBO. For more information, call 253-2140

Mess Hall Menu

Monday
Bean with bacon soup, shrimp gumbo soup, savory baked chicken, oven roasted beef, oven brown potatoes, tossed green rice, succotash, green beans and mushrooms, potato salad, cucumber and onion salad, peanut butter brownies, double layer marble cake, banana cream pudding.
Specialty Bar: Pasta

Tuesday
Tomato soup, vegetable soup, turkey pot pie, salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, tangy spinach, steamed cauliflower, buttered noodles, country style tomato salads, Mexican coleslaw, standard salad bar, cherry pie, boston cream pie, oatmeal raisin cookies.
Specialty Bar: Taco

Wednesday
French onion soup, cream of broccoli soup, caribbean chicken breast, beef cordon bleu, O'brien potatoes, Creole green beans, savory summer squash, cabbage, apple and celery, three bean salad, standard salad bar, chocolate chip cookies, dutch apple pie, devils's food cake.
Specialty Bar: Barbeque

Thursday
Manhattan clam chowder, split pea soup, Cantonese ribs, turkey curry, steamed rice, macaroni and cheese, Southern style green beans, corn on the cob, macaroni salad, mixed fruit salad, standard salad bar, sugar cookies, German chocolate cake, banana cream pie.
Specialty Bar: Deli Sandwich

Friday
Chicken noodle soup, cream of mushroom soup, baked fish, Yankee pot roast, home fried potatoes, steamed rice, calico corn, simmered white beans, potato salad, country style tomato salad, standard salad bar, coconut raisin drop cookies, double layer Floriday lemon cake, chocolate cream pie.
Specialty Bar: Hot Dog

(home), 253-3525 (work) or 080-6322-4719.

1994 Toyota Lucida
22 months of JCI. Great vehicle, lots of room. Drives great. Front moon roof, rear sun roof, sports wheels, AM/FM/CD player, cool box. Asking 2,900 OBO. For more information, e-mail harley212@hotmail.com or call 080-3246-5384.

Miscellaneous

Items for sale
Nature Touch Papasan Cradle Swing \$40. Blue Bumbo Seat \$20. Rainforest Bouncy Seat \$40. If interested or for more information, email nbear15@aol.com or call 253-2505.

Items for Sale
5time zone clock \$15.Small 14" TV \$20. DVDPlayer \$10.RCA radio/satelite reciever with speakers and MP3 Player never used \$35. For more information, call 253-7716.

Jobs

Rainbow Home Day Care
Have openings for full-time, part-time, and hourly children from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays – Fridays. Have 13 years of experience working with children, First-Aid and CPR certified, and have a degree in early childhood education. Call 253-2246.

NMCRS Volunteer Opportunities
The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society is looking for Client Services Assistants who are volunteers to greet those in need and guide them through the initial intake process. To apply for this opportunity, call 253-5311.

Career Transition Trainer
Inverness Technologies is seeking part time career transition trainer at MCAS Iwakuni. Will perform 1-2 workshops/month helping military members transition into civilian workforce. Some travel required. Must know U.S. job market & have experience in job search techniques. Experience in military and training, carrer counseling and/or HR desired. Training topics include skill as- sessment, resume preparation, interview skills, job searching, etc. Send cover letter & resume: fax: 703-448-3075 or careers@invernesstechnologies.com.

UMUC Spring Class Schedule

Monday through Thrusday 4:40 - 5:55 p.m.
HIST 157 History of the United States Since 1865
JAPN 111 Elementary Japanese I
SPCH 100 Foundations of Speech Communication

Duane Vorhees
Hiromi Edwards
Frank Concilus

Monday and Wednesday 6 - 9 p.m.
ACCT 221 Principles of Accounting II
EDCP 103 Fundamentals of Writing and Grammar
JAPN 114 Elementary Japanese III
WRTG 101 Introduction to Writing

Bonnie Lewis
Frank Concilus
Hiromi Edwards
Duane Vorhees

Tuesday and Thursday 6 - 9 p.m.
ASTD 160 Introduction to Asian Studies II
PSYC 100 Introduction to Psychology
SOCY 300 American Society
JAPN 112 Elementary Japanese II

Frank Concilus
Ralph Mora
Duane Vorhees
Hiromi Edwards

Saturday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
LIBS 150 Information Literacy and Research Methods

Duane Vorhees

6th Annual Angel Tree Gift Exchange- Base residents are encouraged to particpate in the gift exchange by visiting the Angel Tree in the Marine Corps Exchange. Particants select a name from the tree and buy a present, which will be given to kids from the Yahata Children's Home. Santa, along with Chaplain Baker and his staff will hand out the presents Dec. 19. Spread the spirit of giving this season.

Slated upcoming holiday Commissary hours

Dec. 6: 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.*
Dec. 20: 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Dec. 21-23: 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Dec. 24: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Dec. 25-26: **Closed**
Dec. 27: 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Dec. 28 - 31: 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Jan. 1: **Closed**
Jan. 2: 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Normal commissary operating hours will resume Jan. 3.

Hours will be run in the Iwakuni Approach for the remainder of the holiday season.

*The Dec. 6 early closure is pending approval.

Intramural Flag Football



LANCE CPL. SALVADOR MORENO

Gregory Banks, Hawks running back, extends the ball forward to gain any extra yardage he can get as the Ready Group's corner Jameson Hastings grabs his flags during an intramural flag football game at Northside football field here Monday. The Hawks went on to win 19-13 after going into double overtime. The Hawks' win breaks a three-game winning streak for the Ready Group.

Hawks' 'Stone wall' defense holds the Ready Group 19-13

LANCE CPL. SALVADOR MORENO
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Another week of the Intramural Flag Football season started with the Hawks soaring over the Ready Group 19-13 in double overtime at the North side football field here Monday.

It was a slow start for the Ready Group, who fell behind early 7-0. The first half of the game was somewhat of a defensive battle with both teams driving down field and turning the ball over time and time again, ending the half with the Hawks in good position to win with their one touchdown lead.

"Offense was clicking for the most part, but we just didn't have all the gears moving in the right direction," said Brandon Mumme, coach and receiver for the Ready Group.

The Ready Group went into the half down by seven but came out fired up and ready, driving the length of the field to put up six. However, they were unable to convert the extra point so were still down by one at 7-6 with 13 minutes left to play.

With less than three minutes remaining in the game, the Hawks found themselves looking at yet another victory if they could just hang onto their one-point lead. They marched down field, crossing the half, and with 2:49 left to play, quarterback Clayton Walker made a gutsy decision to throw the ball down the

middle of the field in double coverage where it was picked off and returned to the Ready Group's 35.

After the interception and down by one, the Ready Group had control of their own destiny with 2:49, the ball and 45 yards to the lead.

It didn't take long before the Ready Group found their groove and got moving. They drove down to the Hawks' 10-yard line, and on 3rd and goal, Stephen White, offensive lineman for the Ready Group, found himself wide open in the end zone for a touchdown and the lead for the first time in the game 12-7 with 53.4 seconds remaining.

With a good extra point conversion, the Ready Group found themselves on top 13-7, but they may have scored too soon, leaving the Hawks with the ball and almost a minute to comeback.

The Hawks took the ball over at their own five, and a few plays later with 41.6 seconds left, they were at midfield.

Walker then, with time running down, made a hard call which drove the Ready Group's defense offsidess, bringing the ball to the Ready Group's 15 with 22.3 seconds.

On the very next play, Walker, with no receivers open, scrambled to the five before his flags were pulled with 12.7 seconds left in the game.

With 7.6 seconds left, the Hawks scored to tie the game up at 13-13 and had an opportu-

nity to win if they could score the extra point, but that wasn't the case as Walker's pass was knocked down.

Both team captains met to see which team would get to take a shot at the end zone first.

In overtime, each team is given only four downs to score from the 20-yard line.

The Ready Group went first and thanks to the Hawks' "Stone wall" defense they went four and out.

Once again, the Hawks had the ball and their fate in hand. With a second and goal from the 20, Walker completed a pass to the five, but the very next play, his pass was battled down by a Ready Group defender. With 4th and goal, Walker scrambled left for the end zone but was stopped short, and the game went to a second overtime.

In the second overtime, teams are placed at the 40, and the team that drives closer to the end zone wins.

Once again, the Ready Group went first and managed to get inside the Hawks 20 to the 18 but failed to go further, stopped again by the Hawks' "Stone wall."

On the very first play for the Hawks, Walker took the ball from the 18 and scrambled to the 33, setting up the final play of the game — an 8-yard pass to bring the Hawks over the 40 and give them a comeback finish 19-13.

"It was a heart-wrenching loss to lose in double overtime," White said.

Three red prohibition signs (a red circle with a diagonal slash) are shown. The first sign contains a black icon of a faucet with a single drop of water falling from it. The second sign contains a black icon of a lightbulb with a clock face next to it. The third sign contains a black icon of a computer monitor with three 'Z' characters below it, indicating sleep or inactivity.



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