Bombs get dropped ... in new home

Lance Cpl. Marcel Brown
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Station Ordnance here began the moving process to their new compound June 4. The move is slated to be completed at the end of June.

The new ordnance compound will be located near the station harbor, and the old compound will be leveled in preparation for construction of the new commercial airport, which is scheduled to be complete by 2014. The old ordnance compound contained 26 storage magazines where all of the ordnance equipment was organized, but the width of the magazine doors were smaller than the ordnance crates, making it difficult to extract and store crates.

In the new compound the width of the doors and the size of the storage units are twice the size of those of the old compound, making forklift mobility less cumbersome. The door width is way better for moving in and out of. Instead of zig zagging back and forth, you can just drive right in and right out,” said Cpl. Mitchell Baade, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron ordnance officer.

In the new compound, everything is uniform, looks in and out,” said Chief Thomas Mckinnie, Aviation ordnance systems technician. “Some of the magazines were starting to get worn out. The doors are small, where it took a little extra work getting certain assets in and out, ” said Chief Thomas Mckinnie, H&H ammunition stock record section staff noncommissioned officer in charge.

Not only are the new storage magazines more spacious, but some of the ordnance Marines believe the new compound has a more secure and organized structure.

“We're not spread out like we were on our old compound,” said McKinnie. “With our new compound, everything is uniform, looks the same and just feels more professional.”

“It's more organized, and it's higher security,” said Baade. “It actually feels like a military establishment.”

Marines, sailors and civilians all assisted in helping station ordnance Marines with their move.

Sailors from Navy Munitions Command East Asia Division unit Misawa, Japan, came down to the station to assist the ordnance Marines.

Civilian contractors from Motor Transportation also assisted by providing trucks and drivers for the move.

The ordnance Marines have been working...
Outdoor Sports & Recreation Safety

By STATION SAFETY OFFICE

Skateboard Safety:
Sprots, fractures, contusions and abrasions are the most common types of injuries in skateboarding. Several factors – lack of protective equipment, poor board maintenance and irregular riding surfaces – are involved in these accidents.

Skateboard riding requires good balance and body control, yet many young skateboarders have not developed the necessary balance and do not react quickly enough to prevent injuries. Injuries to first-time skateboarders are, for the most part, due to falls. Experienced riders mainly suffer injuries when they fall after their skateboards strike rocks and other irregularities in the riding surface or when they attempt difficult stunts.

Protective gear, such as closed, Slip-resistant shoes, helmets, and specially designed padding, may not fully protect skateboarders from injuries, but their use is recommended as such gear can reduce the number and severity of injuries. Padded jackets, knee and elbow pads, and a helmet should be worn. If possible, riders should avoid asphalt and concrete surfaces. Wheels and frame should be kept in good condition. Helmets should be properly fitted and snugly fastened. One should wear a helmet for any and all skateboarding. Non-turban helmets of the correct size should be worn. Non-riding shoes like flip-flops should not be worn while skateboarding.

Falling:
1. Plan ahead, and plan carefully. Think about the tricks you want to do and how you will exit them.
2. Do not attempt any flip, spin or rotation unless you know exactly what you are doing. If you are unsure of the outcome, it is better to stop immediately.
3. Practice your stunts in a safe and controlled environment. Always use proper safety gear, such as a helmet, wrist guards, elbow pads and knee pads.
4. Keep your balance and control over your skateboard. Do not attempt any stunts that are beyond your skill level.
5. Use a surface with a smooth, even surface for practicing your stunts.
6. Do not perform any stunts at night or in low light conditions.
7. Start with easy tricks and gradually progress to more difficult ones.
8. Always wear a helmet and other protective gear.
9. Make sure your skateboard is in good condition before you start skateboarding.
10. Do not try to land any stunts if you feel you are going to fall. Instead, bail out of the trick and land safely.
11. Do not attempt any stunts that could result in bodily harm.
12. Do not perform any stunts that could result in property damage.
13. Do not perform any stunts that could cause injury to others.
14. Do not perform any stunts that could cause injury to yourself.
15. Do not perform any stunts that could cause injury to your skateboard.

Bicycle Safety:

1. Wear a helmet that meets federal performance standards, and that fits snugly and firmly on your head. The helmet should be properly adjusted so that it does not interfere with your vision, hearing or movement.
2. Do not use your bicycle if the tires are under-inflated or damaged.
3. Do not ride your bicycle if the brakes are not working properly.
4. Do not ride your bicycle if the frame is damaged or the handlebars are not in good condition.
5. Do not ride your bicycle if the seat is not properly adjusted or if the pedals are not securely attached.
6. Do not ride your bicycle if the gear mechanism is not functioning correctly.
7. Do not ride your bicycle if the bell, reflectors or other safety equipment is not working properly.
8. Do not ride your bicycle in heavy traffic or in conditions that may cause you to lose control of your bicycle.
9. Do not ride your bicycle if you are tired, ill or under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
10. Do not ride your bicycle if you are too young to ride safely.

Shoes:

1. Choose shoes that are comfortable and provide good support for your feet. Avoid shoes that are too tight or too loose.
2. Do not wear sandals, flip-flops, or other open-toed shoes while skateboarding.
3. Wear shoes that have good traction and can grip the board's surface.
4. Avoid shoes with thick soles or heavy metal such as roller skate boots.
5. Do not wear socks while skateboarding.
6. Wear shoes that are designed for skateboarding.
7. Wear shoes that are made of materials that are not slippery or slippery when wet.
8. Do not wear shoes that are too tight or too loose.
9. Do not wear shoes that are too small or too big.
10. Do not wear shoes that are too heavy or too light.

Helmets:

1. Wear a helmet that meets federal performance standards, and that fits snugly and firmly on your head. The helmet should be properly adjusted so that it does not interfere with your vision, hearing or movement.
2. Do not use your helmet if it is damaged or if the chin strap is not working properly.
3. Do not use your helmet if the ear flaps are not in good condition.
4. Do not use your helmet if the visor is not properly adjusted.
5. Do not use your helmet if the helmet is not properly adjusted to fit your head size.
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Liberty Campaign Order

**III MEF PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

**CAMP FOSTER** — Changes to the Liberty Campaign Order came into effect recently for all Marines and sailors assigned to III Marine Expeditionary Force and Marine Corps Bases Japan.

Effective June 1, Terry D. Robinson, commanding general of III MEF and MCBJ, changed 3 of the Liberty Campaign Order June 1.

The changes to policy are the result of going to and coming from Robbing by a joint task force comprised of all the U.S. services that conducted a comprehensive internal examination of policies and procedures that govern conduct and discipline on and off duty. The joint task force was created in late March due to a number of off-base vehicle accidents and alleged misconduct by service members.

The U.S. military and its component services are in the process of implementing a host of changes because the joint task force found that the current system of liberty policies was not sufficient to maintain proper order and discipline and reduce off-base incidents involving service members.

These changes to policy will impact all Marines on Okinawa as well.

The new changes impact a number of policies that are applicable to all service members on Okinawa including

- Patrolling off-base areas
- Patrolling off-base areas for unauthorized on-base personnel
- Keeping off-base alcohol consumption off base
- Keeping off-base alcohol consumption off base for gold card holders (this prohibition does not extend to eating facilities in the barracks, unless they are authorized to possess alcohol because members assigned to III MEF and MCBJ fall under the same command structure),

Additionally, the order addresses the following:

- Red card holders are prohibited from consuming alcohol off base unless they are in company, battery, or section grade ranks (officers) and are in the barracks, including those who have earned it through self-discipline and demonstrated maturity, judgment and superior conduct.
- Service members E-4 and above will normally be issued a gold liberty card.
- Red liberty cards for E-5 and below in barracks are to be returned by unit commanders to ensure that all personnel abide by the order. Red card holders are prohibited from consuming alcohol while off base at an off-duty hour, and are subject to the rules of the service as defined by the order in order to maintain discipline and reduce misconduct by service members.
- The order also addresses liberty policies for all service members on Okinawa.
Local Marines compete in Jujitsu tournament

LANCE CPL. JENNIFER PIRANTE
IWA-KUNI APPROACH STAFF

Local Marines competed in the 4th annual Chugoku-Shikoku Jujitsu Championship at the Hiroshima Minami Ward Sports Center June 6. Shaun Green, white belt in Jujitsu, walked away with first place in his weight class and first place in the absolute, a competition between all white belt weight-class winners, white-belt tournament. Hugh McClenney, blue belt in Jujitsu, took first place in his weight class and fourth in the absolute blue-belt tournament.

Benjamin Coosgrove, white belt in Jujitsu, took second place in his weight class. Ivan Ortega, white belt in Jujitsu, was a first-time competitor and like his two other fellow Marines went into the competition with very little experience but a lot of determination. The competition brought together different regions of Japan and Brazilian Jujitsu practitioners to battle against each other for the first-place title.

Green came into the competition a rookie, having never owned or learned how to properly wear a gi, a commonly used martial arts uniform, and dominated his competition.

"I practiced the day before the competition for probably one hour to learn some of the rules so that I didn’t go in completely blind," said Green. "That was my first practice ever." Green was able to apply much of the wrestling techniques he learned in high school and use his size to his advantage.

"Jujitsu and competitive wrestling are very similar," said Green. "You have to control your body and your balance, but some of the small techniques, like using the gi, can be a little difficult." Green was not only able to pin his competitors but end the matches before the 5-minute time limit.

Hugh McClenney, blue-belt competitor, keeps a dominant position as he holds down his opponent during the 4th annual Chugoku-Shikoku Jujitsu Championship at the Hiroshima Minami Ward Sports Center June 6. McClenney took first place in his weight class and fourth place in the absolute blue-belt tournament.

Ivan Ortega, white-belt competitor, grabs hold of his opponent’s gi as he defends himself against a mount during the 4th annual Chugoku-Shikoku Jujitsu Championship at the Hiroshima Minami Ward Sports Center, June 6.

"It’s always helpful to have a third-person perspective," said Green. "It was definitely helpful for the Marines there, especially the white belts." Win or lose, the Marines were able to take away lessons learned from the tournament.

"It's not all about power," said Coosgrove. "You have to be able to outsmart your opponent."
FORWARD OPERATING BASE GERONIMO, Helmand Province, Islamic Republic of Afghanistan — A former Taliban commander is greeted by members of 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, as he gets off an MV-22 Osprey from custody and welcomed back to Nawa, June 1.

A brave choice in Nawa

Both government and tribal leaders welcomed the former Taliban commander, as he got off an MV-22 Osprey from custody and welcomed back to Nawa, June 1. "Give him a job. he needs a purpose", said. “He's a good man. he will make a good citizen during the brief period he is here.”

The Taliban leader in the Nawa area, was determined he was no longer a threat, but during an shura, the former commander vowed to participate in the peace and prosperity of Nawa.

"Don't give him a choice," he said. "Give him a job". "We are here to help the people and that we're here to help the people and that includes them — that includes the Taliban as long as they want to integrate." Holt said.

The 3/3 commander understands there is risk in integration, but said you have to make peace. He said he isn’t ready to call the reintegrations of one member of the Taliban a tipping point in the war, but he is hopeful.

"Without hope we have no future," Holt said. "It is our hope they choose peace. "I think they're tired of war."

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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Sakura Theater

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

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.

Weekly Events

Sunday, June 20, 2010
1 p.m. Street Forever After (PG)
4 p.m. The Losers (PG-13)
7 p.m. Nick Rock (PG)

Monday, June 21, 2010
7 p.m. You Don't Mess With the Zohan (PG-13)
9:45 p.m. Religious Education

Tuesday, June 22, 2010
7 p.m. Prince of Persia: the Sands of Time (PG-13)
9:45 p.m. Religious Education

Wednesday, June 23, 2010
7 p.m. The Losers (PG-13)
9:45 p.m. Religious Education

Thursday, June 24, 2010
7 p.m. Sex and the City 2 (R)

Friday, June 25, 2010
7 p.m. Tropic Thunder (PG-13)
9:45 p.m. Religious Education

Saturday, June 26, 2010
1 p.m. Street Forever After (PG)
4 p.m. The Losers (PG-13)
7 p.m. Nick Rock (PG)

Sunday, June 27, 2010
7 p.m. Tropic Thunder (PG-13)
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Boot Scootin Roundup

A live 1-hour radio show featuring the best country music. Kick up your boots 9 - 10 a.m. Mondays - Thursdays on Power 107.7.

SACRAK THEATER

• High School Meetings (Club – grades 9-12)
• Boys & Girls Club JV – grades 7-9
• HS/JR High School Clubs
• Special Events Volunteer Training & Mentoring
• Youth Night watch our community boards, or call 253-5160 or e-mail jletaw@clubBeyond.org.

For information regarding religious services, religious education, or other religious programs or church activity, call the Marine Memorial Chapel at 253-3305.

Community Interest Brief

If you would like your brief or classified ad in the Sunday edition, send an e-mail to iwakuni.pao@usmc.mil. You may submit your brief or classified ad in person at the Public Affairs Office in Building 1104, room 216.

The deadline for submissions is 5 p.m. every Friday. Submissions will be run the following Friday on a space-available basis. The IWAKUNI Approach staff reserves the right to edit submissions.

Friday, June 18, 2010
7 p.m. The Losers (PG-13)
10 p.m. Kiss-Ass (R)

Saturday, June 19, 2010
1 p.m. How to Train Your Dragon (PG)
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7 p.m. Robin Hood (PG-13)

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**Adventures in a galaxy far, far away**

*The IWAKUNI APPROACH, June 18, 2010*

**SPORTS**

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LANCE CPL. JENNIFER PIRANTE, IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

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As the temperature rises for summer, so does the need for a summer softball season.

Thanks to the requests of the station’s softball players, Marine Corps Community Services Intramural Sports division was able to host the 2010 Intramural Summer Softball Tournament.

The tournament featured eight teams, bringing their mitts, bats and of course their balls to the main softball field in front of Building 1 here Saturday.

The competition was hard-hitting and competitively matched with no real indication of any one team looking like they would emerge the victor at the end.

“It was a really good outcome,” said Andrew Porche, MCCS Intramural Sports coordinator. “We didn’t have any forfeits, so that means every team showed up ready to play.”

BOP/Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 took the tournament with a nearly unblemished record after outfielding, outhitting and outlasting Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron 14-7 in the championship game.

“I got to give these guys the credit. They really, really put out and performed unbelievably,” said Michael R. Coletta, catcher for H&HS. “MWSS-171 is just a bunch of great guys and great sports. If we are going to lose to anyone in the finals, I’m glad it was those guys.”

BOP/MWSS-171 had a perfect record of 3-0 going into what should have been the championship game. Due to double-loss elimination, H&HS with a 5-1 record had to beat them twice to take the tournament.

Needless to say, H&HS came through in their first meeting with a come-from-behind 10-7 win to force a second game and a possible championship title for the tired squad.

BOP/MWSS-171 regrouped during the time between games and gained their composure to face off once again, but this time it was for all the peanuts. They came out of the dugout swinging, quickly jumping to a 5-0 lead and never looked back.

Despite all efforts and strategies, H&HS could not seem to field the ball the way they wanted to or hit the ball in any direction other than into a glove of the opponent.

“The team fought to our very last breath, but a lot of our energy was behind us at that point,” said Coletta. “In the end, it was BOP/MWSS-171 who ended the tournament with the win, a nearly flawless record and of course the trophy.”

“We did about as well as you can ask a team to do,” said Anthony Baker, coach and shortstop for BOP/MWSS-171. “I’m extremely proud of them.”

The Intramural Summer Softball Tournament was just a glimpse of what’s to come. The regular season is scheduled to start June 21. For additional information on it or any other intramural sports, call 253-3067.