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KC-130s roll down Iwakuni strip to support Japan



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A Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 152 KC-130 is refueled on the flight line here Sunday before continuing onto Atsugi, Japan, as part of Operation Tomodachi, a humanitarian mission to support Japan's earthquake and tsunami relief efforts. KC-130s, CH-46s and CH-60s arrived here carrying Marines and cargo on their way to northern Japan.

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 IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Marines and sailors from Okinawa arrived here between Saturday and Sunday in a variety of aircraft including KC-130s, CH-46s and CH-60s for Operation Tomodachi.

The aircraft sent from Okinawa are on a mission to provide humanitarian aid.

Japan's largest earthquake recorded in approximately 90 years registered at 8.9 and generated a tsunami that devastated northern Japan.

The helicopters and crew will assist in the search-and-rescue efforts.

Marines and sailors arrived here throughout out Saturday and Sunday from Okinawa, to give northern Japan support and relief in the wake of disaster.

On Sunday, some Marines and sailors boarded KC-130s and headed for their temporary destination, Atsugi, Japan.

Some of the Marines and sailors remaining on station are here in case the aircraft are in need of repair after arriving or before departure.

The service members sent to northern Japan to help with support and relief have much to do.

When the tsunami hit northern Japan, 23-foot waves wiped away homes and ru-

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The Hawks soar into Thailand, claw at Cope Tiger 2011

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KORAT ROYAL THAI AIR FORCE BASE, Thailand — Marine All-Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 533, along with several other unit detachments from Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan, arrived here March 8 to participate in exercise Cope Tiger 2011.

Cope Tiger is a multilateral, aerial, large force exercise conducted annually in the Pacific region to improve interoperability between U.S. and Thai forces.

"The overall goal of this exercise is to enhance theatre security operations through large force employment of aviation assets between the United States, Thailand and Singapore," said Lt. Col. George B. Rowell, VMFA(AW)-533 commanding officer.

Detachments from Marine

Aviation Logistics Squadron 12, MALS-31 and Marine Air Control Squadron 4 are supporting VMFA(AW)-533 throughout the exercise.

"We are the main Marine contingent," said Rowell. "We are also serving as the site commander for all the Marines here; that includes our detachments from support and control groups as well."

Along with Iwakuni assets, the 13th Air Force and the Republic of Singapore Air Force are also working hand-in-hand with the Royal Thai Air Force throughout the exercise.

"The biggest benefit is just seeing the large amount of assets being put together to achieve a common goal in a large force exercise," said Maj. Alvin L. Bryant, VMFA(AW)-533 operations officer.

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Marines reach out to local community

LANCE CPL. JENNIFER PIRANTE
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CAMP MUJUK, South Korea — As U.S. Marines and Republic of Korea Armed Forces train together in the Key Resolve/Foal Eagle 2011 exercises, U.S. Marines and sailors have continued to show their commitment to being good neighbors through acts of friendship and kindness.

U.S. Marines, sailors and Republic of Korea Marines participated in a friendship exchange at 1st ROK Marine Division Base March 11.

The Key Resolve/Foal Eagle 2011 exercises are joint and combined military operations designed to improve and support the defenses of the Republic of Korea.

"We want to be a part of the community," said Navy Lt. Cmdr. Mark Tanis, Marine Wing Support Group 17 Chaplain.

"It puts a positive face on our

involvement here."

Approximately 20 Marines were divided into three groups to visit with Korean Marines assigned to three ROK battalions.

This allowed the two counterparts to open up a line of communication, share and discuss common interests.

"It was really interesting for me because our lives are a little different," said Cpl. Hyeon-sik Yun, infantryman with 1st ROK Marine Division, 7th Marine Regiment. "But we are also very similar."

ROK Marines also handed out drinks and snacks specific to their country, which helped to create a relaxed, social atmosphere.

"It's good to get to know each other," said Cpl. Urian Hahm, infantryman with ROK 1st Marine Division, 7th Marine Regiment. "If a real situation

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Story worth your time

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Life is exciting in the Baker household these days.

My three boys, Ezra, Jesse and Asher, ages 3, 4 and 6, are eagerly anticipating the birth of their one and, hopefully, only little sister.

Selah Beth Baker will be here before the month is over. The thought of having a baby girl has sent the house into a tizzy.

Thomas the Train trains, Lightning McQueen cars scattered abroad, and hand-me-down boys clothes stacked in the closet of the spare bedroom have been either moved or shoved out to make way for pretty pink decorations, teddy bears and little cute girly outfits that say things like "Sent from Heaven" and "Daddy's Little Girl."

This is a huge departure from the mood the house has been up until this point.

Our current typical evening consists of games of tag, hide-and-seek, and a Bakerfied version of "hop-on-pop."

The last bit of roughhousing usually ends with somebody crying, and the person crying usually ain't me.

How this will all change once she arrives has yet to be determined.

It doesn't matter what she looks like or what her temperament will be, this little girl can do no wrong, at least in my obviously unbiased mind.

She is loved and adored by a group of people whom she hasn't even met yet.

We are really looking forward to the new addition to the family.

Whether for legitimate reasons or not, not all women or families are excited when they find out they are having a baby.

A long, long time ago there was a husband and wife who found out

they were going to have a baby.

They were both enlisted in the military at the time. They already had one child to care for and they had bills stacked up to their ears beckoning their attention and paychecks.

When the wife found out she was pregnant, it was to her shock and surprise.

When she broke the news to her husband, he reacted the same way, maybe even with a little more anger in his expression.

I imagine their first conversation about the volatile subject went something like this:

Husband: "How did this happen? I thought we were careful."

Wife: "I don't know. We were careful. What are we going to do?"

Husband: "We just can't afford another child right now. Maybe it would be better if we waited until we pay off a couple of bills and I get promoted before we have another child."

Wife: "What are you saying? You don't think we should have this baby?"

Husband: "I think we need to wait to have another child."

Wife: "What are you really saying?"

Husband: "I think we need to get an abortion."

So the decision was made; they were going to get an abortion as a solution to the problem.

As the couple continued to talk about the decision and the pregnancy in the coming weeks they had a change of heart and mind.

Against practical reasoning, they decided that they would go ahead and have the child.

There would be sacrifices to be made, possessions to be sold and lifestyle changes to be had, but no matter what, they were going to make this work, come H.E. double hockey sticks or high water.

So eight months later in March 1978, the couple gave birth to a

healthy baby boy.

They named him Donald Anthony Baker III, after his father and grandfather.

When my dad tells this story he says, "When we saw you for the first time, nothing else mattered."

The stacks of bills didn't matter. The inconvenience of a newborn didn't matter.

When my mom and dad held me in their arms for the first time, nothing else mattered.

What would this world be like if I had never come into it?

What if I had never been born?

I have some notable achievements to my credit and I have positively influenced people along the way, I am sure.

One thing is for certain though, if I had never been born this world would be without three amazing little boys that light up any room they run in to.

The world would be without a little girl whose very name makes people smile.

The world would simply be "without."

What can one person do?

Does one life make a difference? Absolutely, without a doubt in my mind.

One rash decision, by one couple more than 30 years ago could have changed the course of so many lives: my life obviously, my wife's, my children's and the lives of those who I have impacted.

As my little girl grows up, and her brothers too, I don't know if they will ever understand how they all narrowly missed being born.

I don't think I want them to, nor do I think that is the point of the story.

Instead, I will tell them this story, in the same way I am sharing with you, in hopes they understand how precious life is and how one life can change the world.

10 facts for mortgage debt forgiveness

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If you are a homeowner whose mortgage debt is partly or entirely forgiven during tax years 2007 through 2012, you may be able to claim special tax relief and exclude the debt forgiven from your income.

Here are 10 facts the IRS wants you to know about debt forgiveness:

1. Normally, debt forgiveness results in taxable income. However, under the Mortgage Forgiveness Debt Relief Act of 2007, you may be able to exclude up to \$2 million of debt forgiven on your principal residence.

2. The limit is \$1 million for a married person

filing a separate return.

3. You may exclude debt reduced through mortgage restructuring, as well as mortgage debt forgiven in a foreclosure.

4. To qualify, the debt must have been used to buy, build or substantially improve your principal residence and be secured by that residence.

5. Refinanced debt proceeds used for the purpose of substantially improving your principal residence also qualify for the exclusion.

6. Proceeds of refinanced debt used for other purposes, for example, to pay off credit card debt, do not qualify for the exclusion.

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Iwakuni-based service members train in defense of Republic of Korea

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CAMP MUJUK, South Korea — U.S. military forces from around the world combined with the Republic of Korea military forces and kicked off the annual Foal Eagle 2011 exercise in the Korean peninsula March 10.

Foal Eagle is a joint and combined defensive military exercise. The training is designed to exercise the defensive field and air capabilities of the participating units in the defense of the Republic of Korea against any regional contingency.

Iwakuni-based Marine Aircraft Group 12, Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12, Marine Wing Support Squadron 171, Combat Logistics Company 36, Marine All-Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 242 and Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 314 service members are scheduled to start their portion in the exercise March 21.

"(Foal Eagle) exercises (MAG-12's) ability to operate on the Korean peninsula in partnership with the U.S. Air Force, Army and our coalition partners, the Koreans," said Lt. Col. P.J. Kerr, MAG-12 operations officer in charge. "We all operate together to increase our readiness."

The exercise is defensive in nature, and although Iwakuni-based service members are scheduled to finish their training in

Foal Eagle April 1, portions of the exercise involving other U.S. and ROK units are slated to run until April 30.

More than 1,000 Iwakuni-based personnel are scheduled to participate in the exercise. Also, roughly 300 sorties are slated to be conducted by MAG-12's aircraft during Foal Eagle.

Foal Eagle is also scheduled to have defensive training in the event of a chemical, biological, radiological or nuclear attack. The training will ensure the participating service members can continue to complete their daily functions under any condition.

Foal Eagle provides important training in adapting and overcoming a variety of situations to accomplish a mission side-by-side with the ROK forces, Kerr said.

Also as part of the exercise, service members are scheduled to participate in numerous community relation projects in schools and orphanages.

In addition to his other duties, 1st Lt. Joseph Choe, MALS-12 maintenance officer, assisted in organizing many of the community events scheduled during Foal Eagle.

"The effectiveness of our mission in this exercise, and all other exercises, will be far greater with the support of the local populace," said Choe. "The community relation projects are just one small tool we use to gain that support."

A static display open to Pohang city officials

Marines build bridges of positivity

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comes and we have to fight together, we will know each other. I think we need to have more of this kind of interaction."

Lance Cpl. Radner Dennis,

food service specialist with Marine Wing Support Squadron 171, firmly agreed.

"We're allies, and we're ready to back each other up anytime," said Dennis. "If we keep this relationship going, we will be able to know how each force operates, and that would be great."

Acts of kindness continued the following day when seven of the same U.S. Marines delivered toys to children at the Pohang St. Mary's Hospital and two local after school centers.

The toys were donated from Toys for Tots.

Children's faces lit up as each child was handed numerous dolls, stuffed animals, action figures and other toys.

Building positive relationships with the local hospital facilities is vital, since U.S. forces would be hospitalized there should they ever need care.

"These (community relations projects) also give the Marines a change to break up their routine," said Tanis. "It's something new for them to do and experience."

As U.S. and ROK Marines gear up for exercise Foal Eagle 2011, U.S. Marines continue to establish positive community relations with future slated projects.



POHANG, South Korea — Pfc. Elizabeth Espinozachaves, Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 water support technician, helps hand out toys to children at the Pohang St. Mary's Hospital March 10. Children were given stuffed animals, action figures and other toys.

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ined towns.

Service members of all branches are aiding the Japanese in the massive relief effort.

U.S. Armed Forces are attempting to provide as many supplies as possible to help with support.

The station is serving as a logistics and re-supply hub, but is prepared for all other emergencies, according to news release number 005-11 Update on Operation Tomodachi.

With aircraft continuously arriving and departing here, the station remains active, and Marines and sailors do their best to help alleviate the current situation in northern Japan.

Marines, airmen improve interoperability with Thai forces

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During the Vietnam War, the Korat Royal Thai Air Force Base was the largest frontline facility for the U.S. Air Force in Thailand from 1962 to 1975.

Since the end of the Vietnam War, the U.S. and Thai forces have occupied the base for various training exercises geared toward enhancing aerial combat readiness to include exercises Cobra Gold and Cope Tiger.

"These are all strategic locations where we can potentially be operating out of," said Sgt. Maj. Suzie M. Hollings, VMFA(AW)-533 sergeant major. "We really don't know what could happen anywhere in the world, and we have to be prepared to operate anywhere."

Throughout the exercise, U.S., Thai and Singapore forces will be conducting basic air-to-air and air-to-ground training, but the primary focus is to enhance

large force employment capabilities.

"Anything over four aircraft is considered large force employment, and at some periods of the exercise, there will be up to 80 aircraft in the air at a time," said Rowell. "You don't get to see 80 aircraft airborne at the same time very often, and to be able to do that here is great training," he added.

Although the primary focus of the deployment is to improve interoperability, VMFA(AW)-533 will also be working on improving the U.S./Thai relationship by reaching out to the local community.

"I anticipate that every weekend we will not only have some community relations events, but we will also have some good Marine Corps Community Services events as well, so the Marines can get out and visit some of the sites around the area," said Rowell.

VMFA(AW)-533 is currently operating small-scale flight operations until the official start of Cope Tiger 2011 scheduled Monday.

Clinic resuscitates life-saving skills

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IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Robert M. Casey Medical and Dental Clinic personnel offered station residents a Basic Life Support Course here March 10. The participants were shown several variants using training dolls.

The training taught both adult and infant life-saving techniques by using adult and infant dummies.

Chief Petty Officer Jose Afafe, instructor, guided participants through several scenarios as they attempted to revive victims. Afafe has taught the BLS Course since 2003.

The course has changed considerably from when Afafe first became an instructor.

Afafe showed the proper technique for restarting someone's heart. Putting his right hand atop his left and placing the meaty portion of his palm on the doll's chest, he pushed down hard.

He repeated this process several times in rapid succession before placing an ear against the doll's mouth. This motion would be repeated up to 30 times if a victim were actually injured.

The Heimlich maneuver was also demonstrated by instructors. The participants stood with a doll and wrapped their arms tightly around the doll's waist. A common mistake practitioners make when performing the Heimlich is pulling back into the victim's stomach as opposed to pulling up into the victim's diaphragm.

When performing life-saving techniques on the infant doll, Afafe had participants place the doll in their hand face

down and use their palm on the infant's back. To make sure that whatever was blocking the infant's airways was expelled, he said to thrust the palm firmly and not slap.

"You can't do it gently, even if it's a baby," said Afafe. "You don't want to hurt them, but you want to get whatever is restricting their breathing out."

The course focused on not only reestablishing a victim's heartbeat, but also restoring breathing.

Some participants were taking the class just to be recertified, while for others it was an essential refresher as part of their jobs.

Army Capt. Kimberly Yore, station veterinary clinic officer-in-charge, said this course would help technicians who work at the veterinary clinic to perform CPR on dogs and cats.

If a person's life is in the balance, the last thing a rescuer would want is to be frightened or nervous in that situation.

"You're training somebody to save a life," said Petty Officer 1st Class Katie Zirkle, a basic life support instructor. "That can be scary."

"This class could potentially save the life of someone you know," added Zirkle, hammering home the overall sentiment of the course.

Course certification is good for two years before it must be renewed.

An emergency can strike at anytime. Whether a roadside accident or choking, these skills can play a pivotal role in saving lives.

But also, just being a good Samaritan goes a long way. No one knows the next time they may need a helping hand.



LANCE CPL. KENNETH K. TROTTER JR.

Basic Life Support Course participants take turns practicing on an infant-sized doll here at the Robert M. Casey Medical and Dental Clinic, March 10. Participants of the course were recertified as BLS technicians by taking both a written test and a practical application test.



LANCE CPL. KENNETH K. TROTTER JR.

Army Capt. Kimberly Yore, station veterinary clinic officer-in-charge, performs a life-saving technique as part of the Basic Life Support Course at the Robert M. Casey Medical and Dental Clinic here March 10. The course had participants work on life-saving steps with infant and adult dolls.



LANCE CPL. KENNETH K. TROTTER JR.

Army Capt. Kimberly Yore, station veterinary clinic officer-in-charge, and Gabriele Kloiber-Hall listen to instructions as part of the Basic Life Support Course before practicing life-saving exercises here at the Robert M. Casey Medical and Dental Clinic, March 10.

Anger management: Fixing the problem before you explode

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It is safe to say that most people deal with varying amounts of anger throughout their life. How they approach different people and situations can determine the frequency of one's anger.

According to Gina-Marie Kropiewnicki, an anger management course instructor and victim advocate with the Family Advocacy Program, anger itself is a secondary emotion meaning that it is an emotion that derives from another emotion like frustration, anxiety and betrayal.

A study by the American Heart Association found that having a short fuse increases the likelihood of having a heart attack by three fold.

The effects of anger are both physiological and psychological. The study showed that being angry, competitive and hostile can predict heart disease as accurately as cigarette smoking, alcohol intake, cholesterol and obesity.

In the late 1950s, Dr. Meyer Friedman and Ray Rosenman created a system to label and identify different types of personalities.

They put people in two categories, "Type A" representing those who are chronically angry, irritable and hostile, and "Type B" for those with a calmer demeanor and approach.

Type A personalities commonly get angry faster, are more hostile, irritable, impatient and explosively reactive.

Those who feel like they or someone else they know might be having anger issues have options for remedial help around the air station.

One option is a four-week Anger Management class sponsored by the Family Advocacy Program.

During each class, Kropiewnicki uses a curriculum that covers multiple aspects of anger, but she often puts the book down and opens the class for group discussions, which remain confidential.

"What we provide is a set of tools that people can easily apply into their daily lives," said Kropiewnicki. "It takes time, but slowly you can begin to change the way you perceive and react to the world around you."

Some people who have taken the course have been able to transfer the tools they learned in the class into their everyday routine.

"The class was no joke," said a Marine who took the class but asked to remain anonymous. "I thought it was going to be all Dr. Phil, but it turned out to be extremely practical. The instructor understands the Marine Corps lifestyle so she doesn't give you pointless advice, you can pretty much apply everything."

The class is held on the second floor of Building 411 and is open to all adults, civilians and service members.

The class typically convenes on Tuesdays and lasts roughly an hour and a half.

Those who feel uncomfortable in a classroom environment can make an appointment with a counselor for a one-on-one session.

Anger issues do not fix themselves overnight, but, with the tools and the time, things can begin to get a little calmer.



LANCE CPL. VANESSA JIMENEZ

Cpl. Joseph Marianelli demonstrates what it looks like to have a short fuse using Lance Cpl. Charlie Clark as the guinea pig. A four-week Anger Management class sponsored by the Family Advocacy Program is available for those who feel or know someone who is having anger issues.



LANCE CPL. VANESSA JIMENEZ

Cpl. Joseph Marianelli demonstrates what it means to lose your cool with Lance Cpl. Charlie Clark. A study by the American Heart Association found having a short fuse increases the likelihood of having a heart attack by three fold. The effects of anger are both physiological and psychological. The study showed that being angry, competitive and hostile can predict heart disease as accurately as cigarette smoking, alcohol intake, cholesterol and obesity.



William Slack, a participant in the 30- to 39-year-old category for the 2011 St. Patrick's Day Run on the Green at Torii Pines Golf Course here Saturday, took third place for the males in his category.

Runners drip sweat during 2011 Run on the Green

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IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

With the finish line in sight, runners participating in the 2011 St. Patrick's Day Run on the Green at Torii Pines Golf Course here Saturday, dripping with sweat, sped up as they tried to beat the other competitors to the finish line.

The Run on the Green is an annual event where children and adults can run and win medals. This year's run had 25 participants in the children's division, and 53 in the adults' category.

Children of all ages competed in a 2.5K run mapped out by Marine Corps Community Services, while participants 17 and older competed in a 5K run.

The Run on the Green event celebrates St. Patrick's day a few days early and is a yearly event that everyone can enjoy, said Darci Kruse, MCCS health promotions assistant director. The weather is much better than the last few years, she added.

Many of the participants treated this run as if it were a race while others were there just enjoying a day outside.

A few participants in the same age brackets supported each other by running together and motivating each other.

"I did good, I liked it," said Simon Fontenet, the second place winner in the six years and under category.

Most participating members of the Run on the Green wore green, some more than others. "I came out to show support and to have fun and get a little physical training in," said William Slack, a participant in the men's 30- to 39-year old division.

The St. Patrick's Day spirit was brought out by the color green and great support was shown during this event here.

MP's stand post, PMO runs smooth shifts to keep MCAS Iwakuni safe

A day of posts stood by military police



PFC. CAYCE NEVERS

Lance Cpl. Gage Thompson, a station military police officer, hooks the American flag up to the rope preparing it to be raised in front of Building One during morning colors here Jan 16. The military police officers raise and lower the flag on a daily basis during morning colors at 8 a.m. and evening colors at sunset.



PFC. CAYCE NEVERS
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

There are many different Provost Marshal's Office sections that make an average military police officer's shift run smoothly.

These sections are posted all across the station.

There are many parts to being an Military Police people don't know about. Many activities take place behind the scenes.

MP start their shift by meeting up with their platoon at a designated time. They then head to PMO.

Once inside the building they gear up with what is referred to as black gear consisting of a belt, handcuffs, flashlight, pistol and ammo. After they are geared up, they head out behind PMO to do guard mount, a formation where their uniforms, gear and knowledge are inspected.

When guard mount is completed, the military police head back inside to do the daily in-brief. There, they are informed of what happened on the previous shift, what their duties and posts are while on shift, and what is expected of them.

Once the briefing is complete, Marines who will be operating vehicles inspect the lights, tires, bodies and oil of the vehicles to ensure proper operation and safety.

Then they head out to begin their job. Some of the MP posts are better known than others.

The main gate is one of the most important posts on base.

"At the main gate we are checking for valid identification, valid paperwork and controlling the access to the air station," said Lance Cpl. Daniel P. Simon, a station military police officer.

"Another important post most people don't really know about controls harbor security, watches boats that are docked

on the air station, gives boat escorts, and makes sure everything (in the harbor) is secure," said Lance Cpl. Sean Watson, a station military police officer.

Yet another post the MP's have to stand watch at is known as the port access road.

This post allows only authorized personnel to be on the flight line past the guard shack, said Lance Cpl. David Skinner, a station military police officer. The MP on post there will not allow foot and bike traffic to pass through because of the risk created by landing aircraft, he added.

Another one of the flight line security posts is gate 12.

"Here we only allow authorized personnel to enter the flight line, we issue passes to the terminal when leaving Iwakuni on the Patriot Express and we control the traffic," said Lance Cpl. Andrew Reisinger, a station military police officer.

Along with the posts guarding access to the base and flight line, the mobile units patrol all areas inside the base.

"The vehicles drive around base, making sure nothing wrong or suspicious is taking place," said Lance Cpl. Jonathan Daisley, a station military police officer.

Mobile units also respond to calls, alarms and property disruption, perform security checks, traffic stops, help with medical assists and accidents, in flight emergencies and more, he added.

The exception is the watch commander. He patrols the base and goes to each post making sure the MP's under his charge are taken care of, said Sgt. Adam Hoin, PMO's third platoon watch commander.

There are also military policemen posted in a tower, this post is interesting as well. There the MP can see the whole flight line.

At this post, the information, such as in flight emergencies, received on the flight line from incoming aircraft is passed to the emergency command center, said Lance Cpl. Christopher Snyder, a station military police officer. The ECC is where the emergency dispatcher is located.

The emergency dispatcher takes 911 calls, keeps logs, handles dispatching, monitors alarms and the flight line, as well as controls the mass notification warnings, said Lance Cpl. Steven Boehm, a station military police officer.

Physical security, which deals with background checks, security clearances and permanent visas is another job PMO Marines handle.

The Criminal Investigation Division investigates felonies meriting prison time for over a year.

The Accident Investigation Department handles all accidents minor to fatal.

K-9 units train, certify and employ military working dogs. The desk sergeant must know where all units are at all times, sends out notifications and completes paperwork.

The Special Reaction Team deals with special threats and Customs checks for anything illegal that people flying on or off base may have.

Pass and Registration deals with registering vehicles and issuing passes.

At the end of the shift, when the next platoon comes to work for its shift, the military police in that platoon follow the same routine as the previous shift.

When the platoon coming off duty is relieved, they return to PMO to clear and turn in their weapons.

Once the weapons turn in is complete, they enter the briefing room for an end-of-the-shift brief.

When the brief ends, they are off work until their next scheduled shift.



PFC. CAYCE NEVERS

Lance Cpl. Daniel P. Simon, a station military police officer, stands post and checks the driver's information at the main gate here Jan. 16. Military police officers posted at the main gate, control the inbound and outbound traffic. They also check all IDs of everyone that enters the base.



PFC. CAYCE NEVERS

Lance Cpl. Kyle Sours (Left), Lance Cpl. Jonathan Daisley (Middle) and Lance Cpl. Gage Thompson (Right), all station military police officers, stand at attention waiting for Daisley to fold the flag after evening colors in front of Building One here Jan. 16. Once evening colors has stopped playing and the flag is lowered, the center Marine folds it into a triangle.

CORPS NEWS

HIGHLIGHTING MARINES AND SAILORS AROUND THE GLOBE

III MEF continues relief efforts in support of Operation Tomodachi

GUNNERY SGT. J. L. WRIGHT JR.
III MEF

MARINE CORPS BASES, OKINAWA, Japan — Marines and sailors from III Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward) are supporting Government of Japan-led humanitarian aid/disaster relief operations in mainland Japan following the 8.9 magnitude earthquake and the subsequent tsunami that struck northern Japan March 11.

The MEF and its subordinate units are supporting the relief efforts through command and control, aviation and logistics assets.

In coordination with the Government of Japan, other U.S. government agencies, and non-governmental organizations, III MEF's capabilities will allow the Marines to provide food, water, transportation and other relief support to those in need of assistance.

"Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Japanese people that have been affected by the earthquake and tsunami. In support of U.S. Forces Japan, III MEF stands ready to support humanitarian assistance and disaster relief operations to affected areas," said Lt. Gen. Kenneth J. Glueck Jr., III MEF commanding general.

Lt. Col. Karl C. Rohr, the assistant chief of staff, G-3 current operations for III MEF, said the proximity of aviation assets at Marine Corps Air Station Futenma has allowed Marines from III MEF to rapidly deploy critically-needed supplies and aid to areas that need it most.

"In a matter of hours supplies, gear and manpower began flowing into mainland Japan with more to follow," said Rohr.

Yesterday, CH-46E Sea Knight helicopters with Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 265, Marine Aircraft Group 36, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III MEF, departed Marine Corps Air Station Futenma in Okinawa bound for Naval Air Facility Atsugi on mainland Japan.

"We are currently positioning our forces as quickly as possible to alleviate the suffering of the people of our host nation," said Col. Robert M. Brassaw, the commanding officer of MAG-36, 1st MAW.

The squadron had assets flying from Futenma to support relief efforts within four hours of being tasked, explained Lt. Col. Damein M. Marsh, commanding officer of HMM-265, MAG-36. The rest of the squadron is scheduled to depart for mainland today, he said.

The helicopters will fly more than 1,000 miles over water while carrying rescue equipment to reach Atsugi. The helicopters are configured for the full spectrum of rescue operations to include: rescue ashore, patient transfer, casualty transfer, internal and external cargo transport and personnel transport, added Marsh.

These helicopters are "extremely maneuverable, versatile and environmentally friendly in urban areas," said Marsh.

The helicopters departing from MCAS Futenma will "provide commanders with the greatest flexibility of options" while conducting humanitarian assistance/disaster relief operations, Marsh said.

KC-130J Super Hercules aircraft from Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 152, 1st MAW were also used to transport supplies, equipment and personnel to mainland in support of the operations.



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MARINE CORPS AIR STATION FUTENMA, Japan — Japan-Marines from III Marine Expeditionary Force load supplies and equipment onto a KC-130J Super Hercules aircraft at Marine Corps Air Station Futenma March 13. The MEF and its subordinate units are supporting the relief efforts through command and control, aviation and logistics assets.



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MARINE CORPS AIR STATION FUTENMA, OKINAWA, Japan — Japan-Marines from III Marine Expeditionary Force load supplies and equipment onto a KC-130J Super Hercules aircraft at Marine Corps Air Station Futenma March 13. The supplies will be delivered to mainland Japan to be used in humanitarian assistance operations. The proximity of Marine Corps aviation assets at MCAS Futenma has allowed Marines from III MEF to rapidly deploy critically-needed supplies and aid to support the relief effort.



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COMMUNITY BRIEFS | CLASSIFIEDS

Briefs

Japanese Language course

A spring course is scheduled every Tuesday April 12 – July 12 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. at the Iwakuni Shimin Kaikan civic hall training room. For more information, call 253-5551. Only 40 seats are available on a first come first serve basis.

ARC Classes

Adult, Child, Infant & Standard First Aid classes are scheduled 8:40 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. March 19 and 26. The fee is \$40.

Free Concert

A free koto, flute, guitar and taiko drum concert is scheduled 4 – 6 p.m. Sunday at the Marine Memorial Chapel.

Seasonal Uniform Change Approaches

Deserts with sleeves up is scheduled for April 1.

Americable Activation

Americable is scheduled to begin service activation in certain areas of the base. Tune in to channel 27 for more information.

Temporary Mess Hall

Building 240 is designated as a temporary mess hall. Hours of operation are 6 – 7:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Monday – Friday. The special shuttle bus will continue

to run during the dinner and dinner/brunch meal periods.

Fellowship Breakfast

Christian fellowship and group discussion breakfasts are scheduled 6:30 – 7:15 a.m. every Wednesday at the north side mess hall. For more information, call Chaplain Bruce West at 253-3371 or John Cordero at 253-5301 or 080-3217-3205.

PMO Lost and Found

Contact the Provost Marshal's Office Lost and Found if you have lost anything around the installation. Examples may include: Cell phones, keys, digital cameras, bicycle helmets, etc. To recover lost items or for more information, call 253-4929.

School Registration

Kindergarten registration is scheduled to be held in the M.C. Perry Elementary School gym 8 – 11 a.m. and 1 – 2:30 p.m. March 28. Children must be five years old on or before Sept. 1 to be registered. There is a sixth grade parent night scheduled 5 p.m. April 19. Parents with children scheduled to attend M.C. Perry High School for seventh grade during the 2011-2012 school year. Registration for sixth graders going into the seventh grade is scheduled March 29 – April 6. Parents must

come to the school to register their children for the 2011–2012 school year. Check immunizations with the nurse before going to register. Registration for Sure Start is scheduled to begin for the 2011–2012 school year in April. Children must be 4 years old on or before Sept 1. Re-registration for all enrolled students is scheduled March 28 – April 1. All students must re-register or complete a student withdrawal form if executing a permanent change of station. Students returning for the 2011–2012 school year are expected to attend school through June 16.

New Religious Services

A new men's ministry is scheduled to be held 7 a.m. every Saturday at the chapel. For information on the new study, Gospel in life, contact Chaplain West at 080-4000-9378 or 253-3371.

Mothers of Preschoolers Volunteer Opportunities

Mothers of Preschoolers is looking for volunteers to work with their MOPPETS ages 0-5 years old. If you would like to help, call at 253-2031.

Vehicles

2003 Yamaha YZF R6

Asking \$6,000. Includes motorcycle, motorcycle

cover, one-piece racing leather suit, helmet, gloves and riding jacket. For more information, call Neville Rush at 080-4263-1212.

Jobs

Commissary Merchandiser

SARVIS Inc. is currently looking for a part-time commissary merchandiser, 48 hours per month. Workplace is Iwakuni Commissary/DeCA CDC. Experience in retail or commissary merchandising is preferred. For more information, e-mail Mr. More at tmore_sarvis@yahoo.com

Americable International Positions

Americable International Japan Inc. is now accepting applications for office manager, customer service representative, CATV/Internet installer and installer technician positions here. For more information, visit www.americablejapan.com. Applications and resumes may be sent to resume@americablejapan.com.

Travel Counselor

CWTSatoTravel has a travel counselor position available at the government travel office here. This position is responsible for booking air, car and hotel reservations for military

travelers in official duty status using the SABRE CRS. Desirable for the candidates to have travel agency or airline experience, and SABRE CRs experience. Knowledge of government travel regulation is also preferred. Send all inquiries and resumes to mkenat@cwtsatotravel.com. No phone inquiries.

English Teachers

Two positions are available to teach English in Tokuyama every Friday 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. For more information, call 253-6868.

Brief and Classified Submissions

To submit a community brief or classified advertisement, send an e-mail to iwakuni.pao@usmc.mil. Include a contact name, a phone number and the information you would like to be published. Alternatively, You may submit your brief or classified ad in person at the Public Affairs Office, Building 1, Room 216 or you may call 253-5551. However you choose to submit, ensure you provide all requested information to simplify the request process. The deadline for submissions is 3 p.m. every Friday. Submissions will run the following Friday on a space-available basis. The Iwakuni Approach staff reserves the right to edit submissions for space and style.

Medical Inspector General to visit Branch Health Clinic

The Medical Inspector General is scheduled to visit the Robert M. Casey Medical and Dental Clinic Wednesday, and the U.S. Naval Hospital Yokosuka with the Joint Commission Monday through Thursday to conduct an accreditation survey.

Patients and staff members may contact a Joint Commission surveyor Monday through Thursday to request a public information interview by calling (DSN) 243-5661, via the complaint hotline at 1-800-994-6610 or via e-mail at complaint@jointcommission.org.

Concerns may also be reported to the medical inspector general by calling the medical inspector general hotline at 1-800-637-6175, (DSN) 295-9019 or via e-mail at NavyMEDIGHotline@med.navy.mil.

DEBT FROM PAGE 2

7. If you qualify, claim the special exclusion by filling out Form 982, Reduction of Tax Attributes Due to Discharge of Indebtedness, and attach it to your federal income tax return for the tax year in which the qualified debt was forgiven.

8. Debt forgiven on second homes, rental property, business property, credit cards or car loans do not qualify for the tax relief provision. In some cases, other tax relief provisions, such as insolvency, may be applicable. IRS Form 982 provides more details about these provisions.

9. If your debt is reduced or eliminated you normally will receive a year-end statement, Form 1099-C, Cancellation of Debt, from your lender. By law, this form must show the amount of debt forgiven and the fair market value of any property foreclosed.

10. Examine Form 1099-C

carefully. Notify the lender immediately if any of the information shown is incorrect. You should pay particular attention to the amount of debt forgiven in box 2 as well as the value listed for your home in box 7. To ensure a prompt refund, file as early as possible.

For questions, please contact the Tax Center at 253-3540 or 253-4398.

For more information about the Mortgage Forgiveness Debt Relief Act of 2007, visit <http://www.irs.gov>. A good resource is IRS Publication 4681, Canceled Debts, Foreclosures, Repossessions and Abandonments.

You can also use the Interactive Tax Assistant available on the IRS website to determine if the cancellation of debt is taxable. The ITA tool is a tax law resource that takes you through a series of questions and provides you with responses to tax law questions.

INFOTAINMENT

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
 4:30 p.m. Lutheran Holy Communion Service (Small Chapel)
 Wednesday 6 p.m. Awana (Bldg. 1104)
 6:15 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
 Tuesdays 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 080-4177-2060 or e-mail jletaw@ClubBeyond.org

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

Photo of the week



MARINE CORPS AIR STATION FUTENMA, Japan - Cpl. Brandon Lopez, a crew chief with Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 152, Marine Aircraft Group 36, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III Marine Expeditionary Force, helps load a pallet of supplies into a KC-130J Super Hercules aircraft on the MCAS Futenma flight line March 12 to provide assistance in support of Operation Tomodachi. Do you have your own photo to submit? Submit your photos to the Public Affairs Office by e-mailing them to iwakuni.pao@usmc.mil or submit them in person at the Public Affairs Office in Building 1 Room 216. Entries will be judged by the Iwakuni Approach Staff and the top selection will run in the next edition of the Iwakuni Approach. For more information call 253-5551.

SAKURA THEATER

Friday, March 18, 2011
 7 p.m. The Rite (R)
Premier
 10 p.m. No Strings Attached (R)

Saturday, March 19, 2011
 1 p.m. Rango (PG)
Premier
 4 p.m. The Rite (PG-13)
 7 p.m. Hall Pass (R)
Premier

Sunday, March 20, 2011
 1 p.m. Rango (PG)
 4 p.m. Country Strong (PG-13)
 7 p.m. Hall Pass (R)

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.

Monday, March 21, 2011
 7 p.m. The Green Hornet (PG-13)
Last Showing

Tuesday, March 22, 2011
 7 p.m. Unknown (PG-13)

Wednesday, March 23, 2011
No Showing

Thursday, March 24, 2011
 7 p.m. The Rite (R)

253-5291

Mess Hall Menu

Monday
 Cream of broccoli soup, french onion soup, baked chicken and rice, yakiniku, steamed rice, lyonnaise green beans, mashed potatoes with chicken gravy, peas and carrots, dinner rolls, macaroni salad, creamy cucumber rice salad, standard salad bar, peanut butter cookies, chocolate cream pie with whipped topping and double layer banana cake with butter cream frosting.

Tuesday
 Minestrone soup, tomato soup, roast fresh ham, shrimp scampi, potatoes au gratin, rice pilaf, glazed carrots, broccoli combo, grilled cheese, potato salad, Italian style pasta salad, standard salad bar, brownies, spice cake with butter cream frosting and coconut cream pies.

Wednesday
 Chicken and rice soup, New England clam chowder, chili macaroni, grilled cheese, grilled ham and cheese, tempura fried fish, macaroni and cheese, oven-glo potatoes, broccoli polonaise, mixed vegetables, dinner rolls, macaroni salad, spring salad, standard salad bar, chocolate drop cookies, blueberry pie and double layer Florida lemon cake with lemon butter cream frosting.

Thursday
 Chicken noodle soup, cream of potato soup, apple glazed corn beef, teriyaki chicken, rissole potatoes, noodles Jefferson, succotash, fried cabbage, hot mustard sauce, chicken gravy sauce, corn bread, potato salad, German style tomato salad, standard salad bar, pecan brownies, yellow cake with butter cream frosting and chocolate cream pie with whipped topping.

Friday
 Vegetable soup, beef noodle soup, shrimp creole, beef cordon bleu, herbed broccoli, lemon baked fish, parsley buttered potatoes, steamed rice, carrots, dinner rolls, macaroni salad, cucumber and onion salad, standard salad bar, ginger molasses cookies, double layer German chocolate cake with coconut pecan frosting and pumpkin pie with whipped topping.



Josh Lindquist, Red Bulls' power forward, sprints past the Magics' defense during a 10- to 12-year-old youth sports basketball playoff game at the IronWorks Gym sports courts here March 8. Lindquist and his team dominated the Magic 25-17 effectively eliminating them from the post season.

Red Bulls charge through Magic winning 25-17



Shane Garner, Red Bulls' power forward, tosses up a layup over Jonathan Armijo, Magic shooting guard, during a 10- to 12-year-old youth sports basketball playoff game at the IronWorks Gym sports courts here March 8.

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The Red Bulls dominated the Magic 25-17 in a 10- to 12-year-old youth basketball season playoff game at the IronWorks Gym sports courts here March 8.

The Red Bulls won the tip-off, but possession went back and forth several times until Shane Garner, Red Bulls' power forward, ducked and weaved through his opponents for the first layup of the game.

The Red Bulls capitalized on the momentum and took an early lead 5-0.

The Red Bulls stamped into the second quarter.

Garner started with two consecutive buckets, and Mason Coletta, Red Bulls' point guard, followed with a layup to give the Red Bulls a healthy 11-0 cushion.

"Our offense does a good job working together," Melissa Lindquist, Red Bulls' head coach, said.

With 2:10 left in the second quarter, Jonathan Armijo, Magic shooting guard, was fouled and sunk one of his foul shots to finally put the Magic on the board.

Later, Brian Hill, Magic small forward, pulled down

the board, drove down the court and put up a jumper for two.

Shannen Lundberg, Magic shooting guard, made a steal and was fouled attempting to capitalize. After her trip to the line, the second quarter ended looking grim for the Magic 13-4.

Possession went back and forth at the start of the third quarter until Josh Lindquist, Red Bulls' power forward, made a layup.

Hill answered back with a jump shot of his own. Then Hill stole the ball and dished to Lundberg for a layup to begin getting the Magic back into the game 15-8.

"We need to work more on defense because we broke down in the second half," said the Red Bulls' Lindquist.

In response, the Red Bulls' players stepped up their offense.

Garner drove the ball down the court and made a layup. He then stole the ball and sunk another 2-pointer. Mahlik Francis, Red Bulls' point guard, continued the offensive assault by stealing and making a layup.

Kaelyn Francis, Red Bulls' power forward, stole

the ball and was fouled. Her trip to the line increased the Red Bulls' commanding lead 23-8.

Garner started the fourth quarter with a pass to Kaelyn Francis who was able to make a layup.

The Magic fired back, and stopped the Red Bulls offense for the rest of the game.

"It was a pretty tough game," Coletta said. "In the beginning, we played strong, but in the end, we started getting cocky, and they started coming back."

The Magic's Armijo was fouled again and went one for two at the line.

Hill stole the ball and made a layup followed by Lundberg who stole the ball twice and capitalized on both making it 25-15.

Hill ended the game strong when he stole the ball and made a layup but couldn't overcome the deficit from the first three quarters. The game ended 25-17.

"We've come a long way this season, and I'm just happy to see how much they've improved," Jessica Lang, Magic head coach, said. "All the kids got out on the court and had fun."

With this loss, the Magic were sent to the losers' bracket of the tournament.



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Johnny Baseel, Celtics' center, attempts a layup to continue the onslaught during a 10- to 12-year-old basketball season quarterfinal playoff game at the IronWorks Gym sports courts here March 10. The Celtics destroyed the Xtremes 32-9 and will go on to the final four.

Not just luck: Celtics smash Xtremes in youth bball quarterfinals

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IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

The Celtics destroyed the Xtremes 32-9 in a 10- to 12-year-old youth basketball season quarterfinal playoff game at the IronWorks Gym sports courts here March 10.

Johnny Baseel, Celtics' center, won the tip-off.

The Celtics started the game off with a commanding 6-0 lead when Baseel and Sakura Hagensieker, Celtics' small forward, converted several steals within the first five minutes.

Clinton Taylor, Xtremes' point guard, took a trip to the line and put the Xtremes first point on the board 6-1.

Baseel put up another layup before Taylor rallied the Xtremes. He dished the ball to Mike Tangalon, Xtremes' center, who ducked through the Celtics' defense to get a layup ending the first quarter 8-3.

Taylor started the second quarter by closing the gap by sinking a jump shot.

Possession went back and forth during the second quarter.

Baseel added a point to the Celtics' score after a trip to line closing the second quarter 9-5.

"We could pass more to the open man, but what we really need to work on is defense," Taylor said.

Baseel kept up the attack when he made a layup at the beginning of the third quarter.

Taylor struck back with a two-pointer of his own.

Baseel answered back with another layup and stole the ball for another two points making it 15-7.

Baseel was fouled after he stole the ball

again and was two for two coming off the line giving the Celtics a comfortable 17-7 cushion.

"(The Xtremes) need to get more defense fundamentals down, but it was good enough to not let me pass the ball around as much as I wanted to," Baseel said.

Later, the Celtics started another offensive onslaught, putting another eight points on the board before Taylor converted on a steal making it 25-9 at the end of the third quarter.

"We got a lot of great rebounds and we were able to box them out," Don Delaria, Celtics' head coach said. "We started working on fundamentals since day one. I was glad to see my players utilizing what they've been taught."

The Celtics' defense then tore down the Xtremes' offense and capitalized on multiple steals in the fourth quarter.

Baseel put up many of the shots to pull away from the Xtremes 28-9 halfway through the quarter.

This pattern continued for the rest of the game.

"In this age group, I think it's important that they have a good grasp on the fundamentals of the game so when they get older they can learn more advanced techniques," Delaria said.

With 40 seconds left in the fourth quarter, Darren Alfafara, Celtics' forward, stole the ball and dished to Baseel who made the last layup of the game ending it 32-9.

"Youth sports is about teamwork, camaraderie and having fun," said Andy Delgado, Xtremes' head coach.

With this victory, the Celtics continue to the semifinals.



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Mike Tangalon, Xtremes' center, tries to box out Breanna Lewis, Celtics' power forward during a 10- to 12-year-old youth basketball season quarterfinal playoff game at the IronWorks gym sports courts here March 10. Tangalon couldn't stop his team from being overpowered by the dominating Celtics' offense.