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## Station firefighters hose down knowledge



Ken Kobayashi, Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni Fire Department firefighter, points out where all the hoses used to fight fires with connect to the water tank inside the truck at the Matthew C. Perry Elementary School playground here Monday. The hose attaches to the truck where the knob is pulled, filling the hose with water, allowing the fire fighters to shoot water at a fire. The MCAS Iwakuni Fire Department firefighters took time out of their day to visit the elementary school students and demonstrate their day-to-day job. The students listened in awe as they learned information about firefighting they did not know before.

LANCE CPL. CAYCE NEVERS

## Station thanks volunteers

CPL. CLAUDIO A. MARTINEZ  
IWAKUNI APPROACH  
STAFF

Marine Corps Community Services hosted a luncheon at the Club Iwakuni ballroom here April 22 to recognize and thank local volunteers for their efforts in and around the community here.

Approximately 250 station residents who volunteered their time and efforts to local community projects here and across Japan attended the luncheon.

Col. James C. Stewart, station commanding officer, attended the event to help recognize the station volunteers.

"Those who have worked for me or worked with me know that I have three priorities," said Stewart. "Accomplish the mission, take care of each other and have fun. What we gathered here to do today is to celebrate a group, a large group of people by distribution, who embody exactly that. (These volunteers) take care of the mission; take care of each other, our families, our children, our host and our countrymen."

Within the past year, more than 858 station residents have volunteered approximately 40,000 hours to local community projects. Stewart estimated if he were to pay the volunteers minimum wage for those hours, it would add up to around \$300,000.

"In looking at those 858, that is one in five aboard an air station of 4,600 people (who have given their time to volunteer work)," said Stewart. "That is impressive. That is the spirit of giving."

The volunteers who were recognized during the luncheon gave their time to community relation projects in and around the local community; did volunteer work at the schools here or volunteered as coaches during children's sporting events. Station residents who gave to support Operation

## Children nab, bag colorful candy-filled eggs

LANCE CPL. JENNIFER PIRANTE  
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

More than 300 children and parents showed up to participate in the 8th Annual Iwakuni Easter Egg Hunt at the IronWorks Gym sports courts here Saturday.

The Youth and Teen Center hosted the event by providing goodie bags and more than 2,000 colorful candy-filled eggs for children to collect in their Easter baskets.

Each Easter egg hunt event was divided into age groups; 0-2, 3-5, 6-7 girls, 6-7 boys, 8-10 girls and 8-10 boys.

"Dividing the age groups gives each child a fair chance to get eggs," said Ivana McCray, YTC program assistant. "The younger age group, if they go out with the bigger kids, may or may not get eggs."

Excitement built as volunteers scattered tubs full of colorful plastic eggs onto the floor and children gathered around, ready to grab them up.

As soon as Tera Scott, YTC program assistant, gave the word, the children went wild and scrambled to pile as many candy-filled eggs as they could into their baskets.

During each event, a golden egg was hidden in the large pile of Easter eggs, and the child to nab it won a big basket of age appropriate goodies, candies and toys.

Keandra Conner, 7, said she had a lot of fun running to get the eggs with the other girls who participated in the event.

"There were a whole lot of kids," Conner said. "I got a lot of eggs."

Children who did not receive eggs or were not present during their age group event got to participate in a separate event

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# CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

## ‘Great Job!’

LT. ROBERT MILLS  
DEPUTY COMMAND  
CHAPLAIN

I would like to use this space to give a great big thank you to the more than 275 volunteers who assisted in Operation Tomodachi — the Humanitarian Assistance effort we just completed.

Last week we completed the annual Marine Corps Community Services Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon at the Club Iwakuni ballroom.

Many of you were there and were able to accept public recognition for your hard work.

For those who were not able to make it — we missed you.

What is it that compels us to spend our time, effort, energy and resources helping other people? I believe there are three components to human nature, which lead us in this direction: First, when something bad happens to other people, we often apply the Golden Rule: “Do to others what you would have them do to you.”

We think about what would happen if the tables were turned

and the terrible thing happened to us.

We would hope somebody would step up and help us; that's what the Golden Rule is all about. It is a good thing too, because we human beings often seem to get into trouble — both man-made and natural.

The second reason we volunteer is because we care.

Our hearts beat in resonance with other human beings who are suffering.

We often even feel their pain is our pain and we reach out to help them.

We want to help make the human condition better, especially when we are witnessing pain in others.

This is one of the most beautiful and wonderful parts of human character, and I firmly believe it is a gift from God.

Thirdly, Americans have a very strong tradition of stepping up to help others.

When one country bullies another, we are often there to help.

When a natural disaster happens, we find ways to give of our time, treasure, talent and even our love.

The U.S. is an incredibly generous nation of people and Americans have long been

recognized around the world for selfless generosity.

I'm not saying we are perfect, we're not, but I am thoroughly convinced the general character of the American man, woman and child is noble and helpful.

All three of these factors came together as the people of the air station responded to the terrible disaster, which struck our precious host country and its citizens.

We saw terrible images of devastation and were moved to help. Together, nearly 300 volunteers contributed to the effort.

We collected over 1,900 boxes of material, weighing more than 11,200 pounds and shipped it by military airlift to Sendai, where it was placed on 22 truck convoys, which took it directly to shelters in the most terribly affected areas.

Your donations were then lovingly distributed to the Japanese people by Marines, civilians and Japanese military members all acting together as a team.

As one of your chaplains and the command's coordinator of this effort, I wish to say thank you from the bottom of my heart. You are the best!

## Youth baseball season kicks off, children ready to play ball



(LEFT TO RIGHT) Lance Cpl. Kristen F. Starkus, Sgt. Joshua R. Whitfield, Cpl. Christian A. Felix and Lance Cpl. Derrick J. Dzierzynski, Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12 color guard, render honors during the youth baseball opening ceremony at the IronWorks Gym sports courts here Saturday. The ceremony marked the start of the baseball season for children ages 5 - 13. Bob E. Johnston, Marine Corps Community Services deputy director, threw the first pitch of the season to officially signal the season's start. Chaplain Anthony M. Baker offered a prayer for the players and coaches this season to offer guidance, instruction and safety.

## Marine recognized for outstanding leadership



(LEFT) Brig. Gen. William D. Beydler, 1st Marine Air Wing commanding officer, presents a leadership award to Capt. Peter Y. Ban, Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 naval flight officer, here Monday. The award was presented to Ban for his role as the airfield operations company commander during Operation Invincible Spirit in Pohang, South Korea. Ban led a detachment of approximately 100 Marines to Pohang with less than 96 hours notice. After receiving word, Ban had all personnel and equipment identified, prepared and ready to support the exercise in less than 48 hours.



Nalia Kim, 7, and Keandra Conner, 7, Easter egg hunters, snatch colorful candy-filled eggs during the 8th annual Iwakuni Easter Egg Hunt at the IronWorks sports courts here Saturday. As soon as Tera Scott, Youth and Teen Center program assistant, gave the word, the children went wild and scrambled to pile as many plastic eggs as they could into their baskets. The Youth and Teen Center hosted the event by providing goodie bags and more than 2,000 plastic eggs for children to collect in their Easter baskets.

## Children collect candy, goodies, eggs

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and collect goodie bags.

“We wanted to make sure everybody left with something,” said Scott. “Because of the late notice, the kids got candy and eggs.”

While children waited for their particular age group to take their turn, volunteers dressed in white bunny suits and walked around giving out candy and chocolate treats.

“We’re not in the states,” Scott said. “Lots of times, churches have Easter egg hunts, but since we’re away from home and they can’t get that, it’s great to just watch them run around.”

Children and parents also had the opportunity to take memorable photos with Peter Cottontail himself in front of an Easter holiday decorated display.

The YTC and volunteers worked hard to prepare for the event.

“It took hours of putting candy inside of the eggs, organizing our baskets because some of them had to be put together by hand,” said Scott.

The original plan was to host the Easter egg hunt outside at the main parade deck, but due to inclement weather, the event was moved to the IronWorks Gym sports courts.

## Luncheon recognizes local volunteers

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Tomodachi were also recognized during the luncheon.

Stewart said he wanted to give his most heartfelt thanks to everyone who has given so much to help the community here and across Japan through their efforts in Operation Tomodachi.

Many of the organizations here were grateful to have the opportunity to thank the volunteers for their selfless service to the community.

John Iwaniec, MCCS director, was present during the luncheon to offer his thanks to the volunteers.

“It’s important to recognize people; to let people know that their efforts don’t go without being (noticed) by us,” said Iwaniec. “A lot of times, leadership, we get caught in the daily running of things, taking care of administrative functions; but we know that those volunteers are out there.”

Iwaniec said he is thankful for all the volunteers and for those people he believes volunteer in silence and behind the scenes that go without the recognition they deserve.

Many of the volunteers who attended the luncheon did not expect to be thanked and were surprised by the event.

“I thought the luncheon was very nice of them,” said Sgt. Anne M. Laha, station Installation Personnel Administration Center office of management and budget staff noncommissioned officer in charge. “I wasn’t expecting them to do anything. I didn’t think it was going to be something that nice.”

Laha volunteers her time to monthly community relation projects visiting children’s schools outside the air station. She has been stationed here since February 2009 and has volunteered to visit the schools nearly every month since she’s been here.

Laha said she enjoys volunteering and does it simply because she likes to do it without expecting thanks, but appreciates the recognition.

Anyone wishing to volunteer in community relations projects can contact their unit family readiness officer or visit the station chapel for information.



Aaliyah Tann, 2, Easter egg hunter, reaches for colorful candy-filled Easter eggs during the 8th annual Iwakuni Easter Egg Hunt at the IronWorks sports courts here Saturday.

# ARFF Marines teach students

Matthew C. Perry students learn ins, outs of aircraft firefighting in honor of the Month of the Military Child

LANCE CPL. CAYCE NEVERS  
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Aircraft rescue firefighters held a demonstration for Matthew C. Perry Elementary School students at M.C. Perry Elementary School here April 21 in honor of the Month of the Military Child.

“We are out here to help the kids learn about firefighting and teach them early,” said Cpl. Kyle S. Vander Molen.

Kindergarten through second graders of M.C. Perry Elementary School attended the demonstrations put on by the Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting Marines.

The demonstration included the use of the ARFF fire truck, the uniforms they wear and tools they use.

For each class, ARFF Marines introduced themselves and explained their jobs. The Marines showed what gear they wear and asked the children the difference between their gear and a normal firefighter’s uniform.

The children noted the silver color of the uniform, and the ARFF Marines explained that the silver of the uniform is to protect the Marines from aircraft fires, which generally create more heat than a normal fire.

After talking about their

uniforms, the Marines showed the students their tools and explained how to use them safely.

With the equipment and gear out of the way, the Marines demonstrated how far the water in the truck could shoot. All the students looked at the water in awe.

“I liked the water because it looks pretty when it spreads in the air,” said Lucila Madrid, 6, M.C. Perry kindergartner.

The Marines also took questions from the children and answered them in terms elementary school students would understand.

Before the students returned to the classrooms, they toured the fire truck.

“Going on the fire truck was my favorite because I pretended I was a dog, and the fireman asked if I was a fire dog,” said Megan Hilgemeier, 7, M.C. Perry student.

Some of the children said that they even wanted to be Marines when they grew up.

“I want to be a pilot in the Marine Corps because firefighting is dangerous,” said Christopher Czepiel, 8, M.C. Perry student.

The Marines who performed the demonstration took time out of their day to spend time with the children and increase their knowledge.



Students from Matthew C. Perry Elementary School raise their hands after Staff Sgt. Jason Nickell, aircraft rescue firefighter, asks if the students want to see the truck shoot water at M.C. Perry here April 21. Most fire trucks here hold approximately 300 to 400 gallons of water; however, the ARFF fire trucks hold up to 1,000 gallons.



Cpl. Kyle S. Vander Molen, aircraft rescue firefighter, fires water into the street during an Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting demonstration held at Matthew C. Perry Elementary School here April 21. The students stared in awe as the water shot far into the street. The demonstration to the elementary school students was to honor the Month of the Military Child.



# Nation pays tribute to victims of Holocaust

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For one week in April or May every year, the Department of Defense observes Holocaust Remembrance Week.

That time is a chance to remember the horrific tragedy of the Holocaust. Holocaust Remembrance Week is also an opportunity to educate and remind ourselves of lessons learned.

This year, Holocaust Remembrance week runs from Sunday to May 8.

The U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum designated “Justice and accountability in the face of genocide: What have we learned?” as the theme for the 2011 observance.

This year’s Days of Remembrance theme commemorates the 65th anniversary of the verdicts delivered at the International Military Tribunal in Nuremberg and the 50th anniversary of the Eichmann trial.

The theme marks these anniversaries and encourages reflection on the role of justice in the aftermath of genocide.

“The whole remembrance is important, not just to Iwakuni because we are an extension of the United States, but in general it’s important to pay respects in remembering the victims of the Holocaust and what happened,” said Gunnery Sgt. Maria Florentino, station equal opportunity advisor.

Both trials set important precedents and raised significant questions about the nature of justice in the face of such enormous crimes.

Prior to the International Military Tribunal and subsequent Nuremberg trials, the principle of national sovereignty prevailed; in its aftermath, a new understanding of international responsibility for human rights emerged as the world began to fully understand the events now called the Holocaust.

The Holocaust was the state-sponsored, systematic persecution and annihilation of European Jews by Nazi Germany and its collaborators between 1933 and 1945.

Jews were the primary victims — 6 million were murdered; Roma (Gypsies), people with disabilities, and Poles were also targeted for destruction or decimation for racial, ethnic, or national reasons. Millions more, including homosexuals, Jehovah’s Witnesses, Soviet prisoners of war and political dissidents, also suffered grievous oppression and death under Nazi Germany.

In 1980, Congress unanimously passed legislation to establish the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council, which oversees the museum. The council, which succeeded the President’s Commission on the Holocaust, was charged with carrying out the following:

■To establish a living memorial to honor

the victims and survivors of the Holocaust and ensure the lessons of the Holocaust will be taught in perpetuity.

■To establish an educational foundation to stimulate and support research in teaching of the Holocaust.

■To establish a Committee on Conscience to collect information on and alert the national conscience regarding reports of actual or potential outbreaks of genocide throughout the world.

■To establish a national day of remembrance for victims of the Holocaust to be held annually in perpetuity.

Widespread public knowledge was hampered by insufficient coverage from the media, primarily newspapers, at the time.

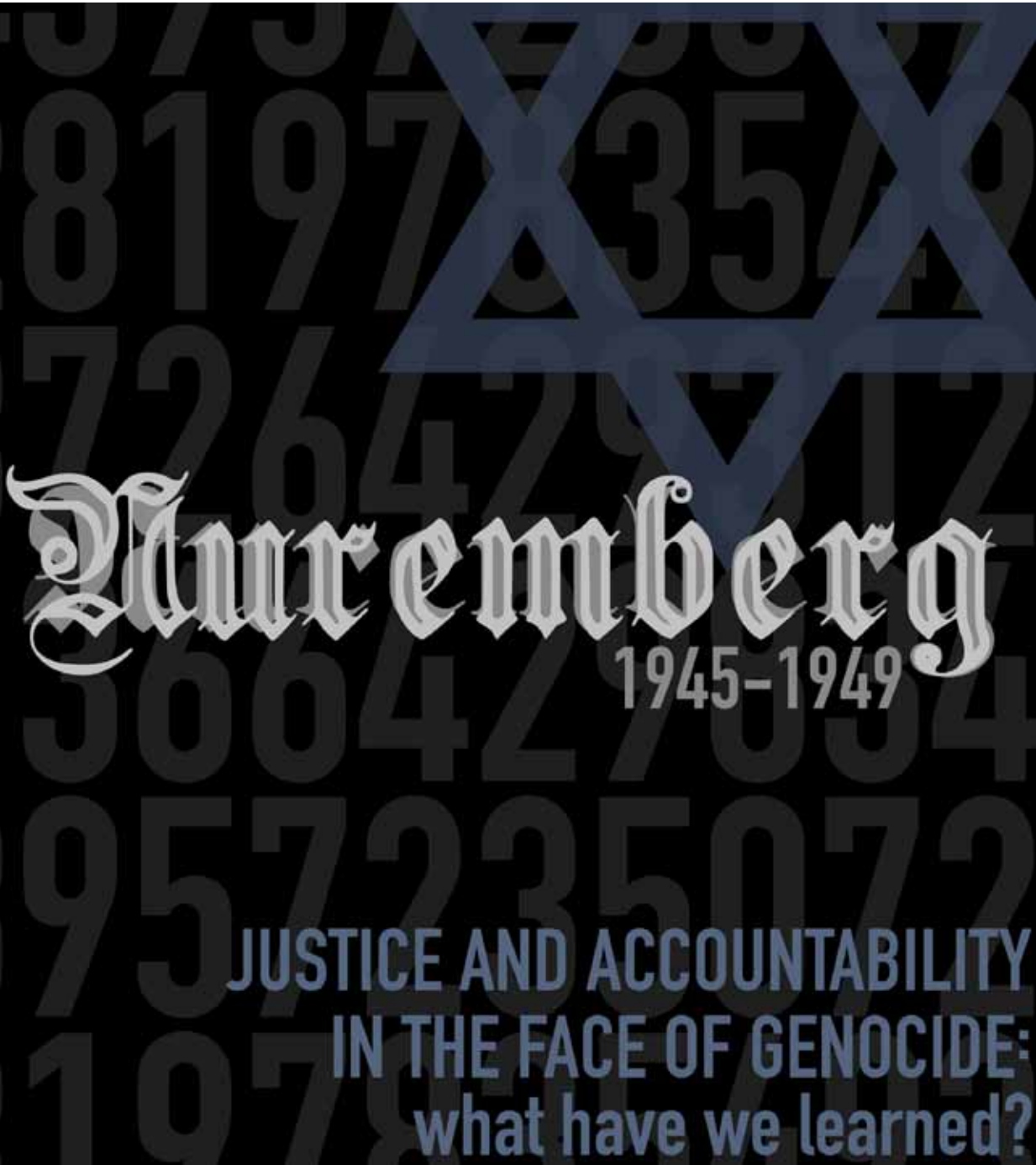
During World War II, many newspapers

knew about the genocide occurring in Germany but consistently placed reports on back pages with small headlines. Some historians suggest the level of coverage and small headlines were the result of insufficient photographs and disbelief of early reports.

The mistakes we made during the Holocaust, failing to publicize it and talk about it, is one of the most important lessons we can take away from that moment in history.

By remembering and recognizing where we went wrong and where we could improve can only better us as a nation.

Educating ourselves through the past can help propel us into the future and help us combat the current war against evil.





LANCE CPL. JENNIFER PIRANTE

Lance Cpl. Nick Schiner, Combat Logistics Company 36 engineer equipment mechanic, gathers trash and debris along the seawall near Penny Lake during an Earth Day celebration here April 22. More than 80 Marines, sailors and station residents volunteered to clean the area around the seawall where the Nishiki River meets the Iwakuni harbor.



LANCE CPL. JENNIFER PIRANTE

Lance Cpl. Jose Landaverdediaz, Combat Logistics Company 36 automotive organizational mechanic, carries a large piece of plastic foam over a pile of wood during a seawall clean-up near Penny Lake during an Earth Day celebration here April 22. More than 80 Marines, sailors and volunteers showed up to participate in the cleanup.

# MCAS Iwakuni cleans up Earth Day

LANCE CPL. JENNIFER PIRANTE  
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Since 1997, Japan has enforced the Law for the Promotion of Sorted Collection and Recycling of Containers and Packaging, which requires consumers to follow sorting guidelines and dispose of their waste in an organized fashion.

As residents in the Japanese community, the air station recognizes the month of April as Environmental Awareness Month, a time when station employees and residents are encouraged to continue taking special care of the environment and community they live in.

The station Environmental Department here put forth an ample amount of effort during the month of April to get the word out to air station community members.

“We started out with awareness bulletins and information booths around the base to advertise the month,” said Chuck Hill, station environmental protection specialist.

As the month carried on, the environmental department geared up for its annual seawall clean-up event to help get members of the air station directly involved.

More than 80 Marines, sailors and station residents did their part to keep the air station clean by gathering trash and debris along the seawall near Penny Lake during an Earth Day celebration here April 22.

Along the seawall where the Nishiki River meets the Iwakuni harbor, station and military volunteers, equipped with trash bags and gloves, spread out to gather as much debris as they could find.

Marines and sailors filled more than 50 large trash bags with plastic bottles, cups, large pieces of plastic foam and various types of trash covered by large amounts of wood and metal objects.

“The cleanup went great,” Hill said. “All the different commands on the air station pitched in for a worthy cause.”

The wood and metal objects were left for the station Facilities Department to clear up and dispose of later.

When the Marines and sailors were done, the Environmental Department and



LANCE CPL. JENNIFER PIRANTE

Lance Cpl. David Reyesjimenez, Combat Logistics Company 36 engineer equipment mechanic, gathers trash and man-made debris along the seawall near Penny Lake during an Earth Day celebration here April 22.

volunteers hosted a barbeque where hotdogs, hamburgers, sandwiches, chips and drinks were served to thank everyone for the hard work put forth.

“It’s important to clean up the seawall because it shows we can be good ambassadors to the community,” said Cpl. Justin Burk, seawall cleanup volunteer.

“Even though we’re not technically permanent residents here, we can show we care for the environment which we live in.”

In order to show Marines, sailors

and station residents how to be good ambassadors to the Japanese community, the Environmental department encouraged three actions: reduce, reuse and recycle.

“Really, the first rule is to reduce,” said Melanie Bengtson, station environmental director. “People seem to think about recycling all the time, but really the first rule is reduce, then reuse and then, finally, recycle. We would like everyone to think about those three things when they buy things.”

During Environmental Awareness month, the Environmental Department also encouraged people to pay special care to the types of items purchased at the Marine Corps Exchange and Commissary.

“We have green purchasing,” Bengtson said. “It’s a logistics effort. (Station residents) can find out more about what they are going to buy and see if it’s rated as a green product.

There are different criteria for how it’s packaged, what it’s made out of and how much recyclable material is in it and what people can do with it as far as recycling it as opposed to just tossing it out.”

The air station continues to advocate recycling since the implementation of the Qualified Recycling Program, which culminated \$202,000 in revenues during fiscal year 2010, an accomplishment expected to increase during this fiscal year.

“We’ve steadily increased (in revenue) over the years,” said Bengtson. “We should have our best year ever this year.”

The QRP recycles cardboard, paper, scrap metals, processed metals and lead acid batteries.

One of the best ways to help the base is also simply to recycle, Hill said. “We want to make sure people are segregating their trash and pulling recyclables out such as aluminum cans, paper and cardboard.”

For years to come, the Environmental Department is slated to continue efforts to raise awareness about the many ways station residents can take care of their environment and experience many returns as their efforts filter back into the air station.



LANCE CPL. JENNIFER PIRANTE

Pfc. David Gonzalez, Combat Logistics Company 36 engineer equipment electrical systems technician, gathers trash and debris along the seawall near Penny Lake during an Earth Day celebration here April 22. When the Marines and sailors were done, the Environmental Department and volunteers hosted a barbeque to thank everyone for the hard work put forth.



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LANCE CPL. JENNIFER PIRANTE

Alexander McCaffrey (LEFT), Combat Logistics Company 36 refrigeration and air conditioning technician, and Lance Cpl. James Harden, CLC-36 automotive organizational mechanic, do their part to keep the air station clean by gathering trash and debris along the seawall near Penny Lake during an Earth Day celebration here April 22. Marines and sailors filled more than 50 large trash bags with plastic bottles, cups, large pieces of plastic foam and various types of trash covered by large amounts of wood and metal objects.

CORPS NEWS

HIGHLIGHTING MARINES AND SAILORS AROUND THE GLOBE



STAFF SGT. JEREMY ROSS

HELMAND PROVINCE, Afghanistan — An Afghan child helps Cpl. Anthony J. Chavez, a provisional rifleman with Bravo Battery, 1st Battalion, 10th Marines, Regimental Combat Team 8, stop to smell the flowers during a patrol halt in the Kajaki green zone, Helmand province, Afghanistan, April 19. Marines with Bravo Battery say these young Afghans are more than a good way to get rid of extra goodies; they have noticed when danger is near, the children are usually absent.

For Bravo 1/10 Marines, the kids are all right

STAFF SGT. JEREMY ROSS  
REGIONAL COMMAND SOUTHWEST

**FORWARD OPERATING BASE ZEEBRUGGE, Afghanistan** — After conducting daily security patrols through Kajaki District over the last several months, the Marines of Bravo Battery, 1st Battalion, 10th Marines, Regimental Combat Team 8 have learned there are sometimes signs of pending insurgent attacks or hidden improvised explosive devices.

Some of the most consistent signs of a safe road ahead here are low to the ground, barefoot and constantly asking for chocolate. “When we first got here we’d patrol through [local villages] and kids would come up to us and ask us for candy or chocolate, and we’re more than likely to help them out,” said Cpl. Anthony J. Chavez, 24, a provisional rifleman.

When Marines move through a farmer’s field in Kajaki, more often than not his children will pass down the formation, pleading for “chocolate” or “pen.”

During security halts the kids approach for handshakes and to press the begging attack.

Marines with Bravo Battery say these young Afghans are more than a good way to get rid of extra goodies; they have noticed when danger is near, the children are usually absent.

“They definitely know better than we do where the IEDs are,” said Cpl. John T. Gizzi, 21, an assistant squad leader. “The IED threat is so high, and when you see the kids running around it makes you feel safer.”

In addition to being an indicator of danger, the local children are a kind of microcosm of the counterinsurgency campaign in Kajaki as a whole, said Chavez.

Bravo Battery’s battlespace lies along the Helmand River north of the volatile Sangin District, and includes the strategically key



STAFF SGT. JEREMY ROSS

HELMAND PROVINCE, Afghanistan — An Afghan child makes his pitch for handouts as Marines with Bravo Battery, 1st Battalion, 10th Marines, Regimental Combat Team 8, patrol through the Kajaki green zone in Helmand province, Afghanistan, April 19. During daily patrols over the last several months, Bravo Battery Marines have come to know the local kids as both a sign of familiarity and safety.

Kajaki hydroelectric dam. Over the last several years, insurgent presence and intimidation in the area has driven away most locals. Those farmers who stayed are heavily leaned on by the insurgency, said Chavez.

“When we started getting more aggressive with the insurgents, they started getting more aggressive with the local populace,” said Chavez. “Over the next couple of months we started seeing a difference in the kids and the local populace in general. They stayed away from us and kept their distance.”

Bravo Battery has continued to push the limits of the security bubble it has established around the dam and the forward operating base here. As that push has moved insurgents back, local attitudes toward the Marines have recovered, said Chavez.

“Over the last month it’s been good to see them trying to approach us and being friendly again,” he said. “The insurgents do play a role in their lives, but they’re warming up to us again and it’s good to see.”

“Seeing as to how they’re the future of Afghanistan, we always treat them well,” said Gizzi.

Having spent nearly seven months in the fields of the Kajaki green zone, bonds have developed between individual Marines and specific kids in the form of secret handshakes and short English lessons, said Chavez, who has eight nieces and nephews.

“It’s hard to believe but they do remember us,” said Chavez. “We have six squads that rotate through and that’s a lot of faces to notice, but they remember their individual Marines.”

Bravo Battery’s Marines still have time remaining on this deployment, and if their gains against the insurgency hold, their little friends should be waiting for them in the fields to the end.

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Briefs

**M.C. Perry Performs Aladdin**  
Matthew C. Perry High School is scheduled to perform its rendition of Aladdin at the M.C. Perry Elementary School gym today at 7 p.m. and Saturday at 2 p.m. Admission is \$2. Tickets will be sold at the door.

**Road Tax**  
Road Tax must be paid by today at the Provost Marshals Office. To pay road tax, bring your title and yen payment to PMO Pass and Registration. To receive new decal bring the following items: Japanese title, secondary insurance, JCI, 2011 road tax receipt, SOFA license, AFID card and the vehicle. For more information, contact PMO Pass and Registration at 253-3161.

**Marriage Enrichment Small Group**  
A marriage enrichment small group is scheduled to be held 6:30 p.m. in Building 936C every Monday. For more information, call chaplain Bruce West at 253-3371 or e-mail bruce.b.west@usmc.mil.

**NMCRS Quick Assist Loans**  
The Iwakuni Navy Marine Corps Relief Society is providing Quick Assist Loans to prevent active duty service members from falling prey to predatory lenders. These loans are designed to assist

with short-term living expenses up to \$300, interest free and must be repaid within 10 months. For more information, call the Iwakuni NMCRS at 253-5311 or stop by the Marine Memorial Chapel, Room 148.

**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. A sandwich bar is also available 1:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

**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.

**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.

**Emergency Preparedness for Family Members Course**  
The station safety center is offering a free voluntary noncombatant

respirator course at 3:30 p.m. every other Wednesday until May 30. For more information or to sign up, call 253-6381.

**Lending Locker Program**  
The lending locker program is available to provide small home appliances and utensils for incoming and outgoing command-sponsored members for up to 60 days inbound and 30 days outbound. A copy of PCS orders is required. The lending locker is located in Building 411 Room 101. For more information call, 253-6161.

**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.

**Crime Stoppers**  
To report a crime, call 253-3333. Callers can leave a detailed message without having to speak to a live person.

**Americable Activation**  
Americable is scheduled to begin service activation in certain areas of the base. Tune in to channel 37 for more information or stop by the Americable office in the Crossroads mall.

Jobs

**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.

**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.

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

Vehicles

**1994 Nissan**  
JCI due November 2012, road tax paid. Four door, light blue, seats four, new left bumper and new windshield, never driven off base, 95,752 miles, asking \$1,000. Call 253-2442 or 080-4128-8657.

**1999 Nissan Cube**  
JCI due April 2013.

Asking \$3,500 in great condition, clean, normal wear and tear for 1999. Vehicle is equipped with a CD player / iPod adaptor. Call Anthony or Casey Klein at 080-4188-1371 or 080-4188-8744.

Miscellaneous

**Dog Kennel**  
Petmate Sky kennel, extra large, never been outside. Used for three months to train dogs. \$75 OBO. Contact dhousing@alumni.iu.edu.

**Brief and Classified Submissions**  
*To submit a community brief or classified ad, send an e-mail to iwakuni.pao@usmc.mil. Include a contact name, a phone number and the information to be published. You may submit a brief or ad in person at the Public Affairs Office, Building 1, Room 216 or call 253-5551. Ensure you provide all 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.*

BHC Health Consumer Council

Branch Health Clinic is pleased to announce that we will be holding our FY11 3rd quarterly Health Consumer Council meeting on May 19 at 4:30 p.m. in the main lobby of the clinic open to all base personnel. For more information, please contact Joshua Blackburn at 253-3256.

Interested in becoming a DJ?

You could rock the club and enjoy all the night time parties that Club Iwakuni has to offer! If you are interested in becoming a DJ, call MCGS Productions at 253-3727 for details.

Emergency Phone Numbers

- Antiterrorism Force protection: 253-ATFP (2837)
- Life, limb or loss of vision threatening emergencies while on the air station: 119 or 911. From a cell phone or for bilingual capability: 082-721-7700.
- For security issues, contact the Provost Marshal’s Office: 253-3303. To report without talking to a person, Crime Stoppers: 253-3333.
- Sexual Assault: To make a confidential report of sexual assault or harassment, contact the victim advocate at 253-4526 during working hours. For after hours, weekends and holidays, call 090-9978-1033 or 080-3427-0835. You can also call the installation Sexual Assault Response Coordinator at 253-6556 or 080-5865-3566.

# 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 7 a.m. Men's Ministry  
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**  
Tuesday 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



CPL. ADAM LEYENDECKER  
Lance Cpl. Nicholas W. Sainz, an assistant team leader in 1st Platoon, E Company, 3rd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, provides security April 16. Sainz stood watch while other Marines conducted a search. Have your own photo to submit? Submit photos to the Public Affairs Office by e-mailing them to lwakuni.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, April 29, 2011**  
7 p.m. Beastly (PG-13)  
10 p.m. Take Me Home Tonight (R)  
*Premiere*

**Saturday, April 30, 2011**  
1 p.m. Gnomeo & Juliet (G)  
4 p.m. Hop (PG)  
7 p.m. Battle: Los Angeles (PG-13)

**Sunday, May 1, 2011**  
1 p.m. Mars Needs Moms (PG)  
*Premiere*  
4 p.m. Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules (PG)  
7 p.m. Take Me Home Tonight (R)

**Monday, May 2, 2011**  
7 p.m. I Am Number Four (PG-13)  
*Last Showing*

**Tuesday, May 3, 2011**  
7 p.m. Hall Pass (R)  
*Last Showing*

**Wednesday, May 4, 2011**  
1 p.m. Hop (PG)  
7 p.m. Beastly (PG-13)

**Thursday, May 5, 2011**  
7 p.m. The Adjustment Bureau (PG-13)

The movie schedule is subject to change. Please check [www.mccsiwakuni.com/sakura](http://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](http://www.mccsiwakuni.com) or call 253-5291.**

## Mess Hall Menu

**Monday**  
Manhattan clam chowder, chicken and rice soup, sauerbraten, jerked style chicken, fried rice, oven browned potatoes, french fried okra, calico cabbage, chicken gravy, dinner rolls, macaroni salad, confetti rice salad, standard salad bar, coconut raisin cookies, double layer almond cake and chocolate cream pie with whipped topping.

**Tuesday**  
Beef noodle soup, navy bean soup, Swiss steak with brown gravy, Szechwan chicken, O'Brien potatoes, noodles Jefferson, french fried cauliflower, broccoli parmesan, cheese biscuit, three bean salad, cucumber and onion salad, standard salad bar, peanut butter cookies, sweet potato pie with whipped topping and coconut cake.

**Wednesday**  
Cream of broccoli soup, knickerbocker soup, turkey curry, Chinese five spice chicken, pork fried rice, mashed potatoes, vegetable stir fry, corn, egg rolls, chicken gravy, dinner rolls, spring salad, deviled potato salad, standard salad bar, standard salad bar, peanut butter cookies, sweet potato pie with whipped topping and coconut cake.

**Thursday**  
Minestrone soup, pepper pot soup, fried chicken, beef stragonoff, buttered pasta, candied sweet potatoes, savory summer squash, southern style green beans, chicken gravy, cheese biscuits, potato salad, standard salad, standard salad bar, double layer devil's food cake with coconut pecan frosting, pumpkin pie with whipped topping and oatmeal raisin cookies.

**Friday**  
Beef barley soup, tomato soup, lemon baked fish, el rancho stew, steamed rice, potatoes au gratin, cauliflower combo, black eyed peas, dinner rolls, brown gravy, mixed fruit salad, Italian style pasta salad, standard salad bar, apple or cherry turnovers, crisp toffee bars, bread and chocolate pudding with whipped topping.

# MWSS-171 bashes heads in Sumo Basho

LANCE CPL. CHARLIE CLARK  
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Units from around the air station took part in the 2011 Commander's Cup Sumo Basho at the IronWorks Gym sports courts here April 22.

Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 threw its Marine and sailor competition to the side dominating the rest of the pack to an easy first place finish.

The Commander's Cup is a point-based tournament with units competing for rewards.

Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12 came in second place, and Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron finished in third place.

"The Commander's Cup is a really great tournament," said Cpl. Ryan D. Menzies, a MALS-12 teammate. "It's a great way to get Marines and sailors active on station."

The Sumo Basho had team members from each unit put on sumo fat suits and helmets, face each other on a circular mat and push, throw or pull down the other team's competitors to get the win.

The boundary for losing was off the mat or going off the mat.

"This is a good way to get camaraderie with the other units and to come out and compete with each other," Menzies said.

Five units including MWSS-171, H&HS, Combat Logistics Company 36, MALS-12 and station Facilities competed in the event.

Teams consisted of five members with each competitor getting a best out of three fights in the single elimination tournament.

"I think this event is a great opportunity for the different units to get together and compete," said Barbara A. Roman, a Semper Fit fitness instructor and event coordinator. "The tournament is fun and challenging at the same time."

The Sumo Basho kicked off with Lance Cpl. Darrin W. Sellers, a CLC-36 competitor, suiting up in rubber fat suits against Lance Cpl. CarlWayne J. Pecha, a MALS-12 competitor.

Pecha was able to toss and push Sellers out of bounds to get the win.

The MALS-12 team continued forward in the bracket after it conquered the rest of CLC-36.

The crowd of Marines and sailors cheered on their respective units and laughed as the competitors wobbled around in the sumo suits.

"We tried hard to win," said Menzies. "None of us have ever done this before but we had fun with it."

Sgt. Enrique D. Watson, an H&HS competitor, faced off with Sgt. Derek M. Dudek, an MWSS-171 competitor.

Though Watson won the match, the other H&HS team members weren't able to beat their MWSS-171 foes, sending H&HS to the loser's bracket.

Next was Facilities versus

MALS-12.

The sailors from Facilities put up a valiant effort, but the MALS-12 Marines continued their winning streak.

"We work out every day to stay fit for events like this," said Corey J. Sanford Jr., MALS-12 head coach.

The H&HS team battled Facilities to determine third place.

Watson gave his Marines a few pointers; they then slammed and pushed the Facilities competitors to get the win.

The final matchup between MALS-12 and MWSS-171 began with Menzies and Dudek going toe-to-toe.

Giving MALS-12 the upper hand, Menzies threw Dudek out of bounds to get the win.

Lance Cpl. Kelly B. Marable, an MWSS-171 competitor, evened the score after he put down Pfc. Andrew R. Gill, a MALS-12 competitor.

With the score at one to one, Petty Officer 2nd Class Cerraio K. Villarouel, an MWSS-171 competitor, tossed aside Cpl. Shaun N. Green, a MALS-12 competitor, to put MWSS-171 ahead.

Pecha was next up for MALS-12, but couldn't get the win against Cpl. Isiah D. Fagins, an MWSS-171 competitor.

With Fagins' win, the MWSS-171 team claimed the first place trophy.

The Sumo Basho is one of the nine Commander's Cup events held throughout the year.

"We will be ready and waiting for all challengers at the next Commander's Cup event," said Fagins.

MWSS-171 is the current leader in this year's Commander's Cup.

The next Commander's Cup event is scheduled to be the Longest Drive at Torii Pines Golf Course here May 13.



LANCE CPL. CHARLIE CLARK

Sgt. Enrique D. Watson, a Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron competitor, demonstrates a tactical grabbing maneuver to Lance Cpl. Seth P. Stringham, an H&HS competitor, during the 2011 Commander's Cup Sumo Basho at the IronWorks Gym sports courts here April 22. The Sumo Basho is one of the nine Commander's Cup events held throughout the year.



LANCE CPL. CHARLIE CLARK

CE2 Mark R. Lahey, a Facilities competitor, throws Lance Cpl. CarlWayne J. Pecha, a Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12 competitor, down to the mat during the 2011 Commander's Cup Sumo Basho at the IronWorks Gym sports courts here April 22. Five units including Marine Wing Support Squadron 171, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, Combat Logistics Company 36, MALS-12 and Facilities competed in the event.



LANCE CPL. CAYCE NEVERS

Sean W. Barker, Matthew C. Perry High School soccer team captain and midfielder, kicks the ball past the Kinnick High School Red Devils team players as he attempts to score a goal at the Department of Defense Education Activity Japan Boy's Soccer Tournament held at the M.C. Perry soccer field here Saturday. The Samurai beat the Red Devils and took the championship with a score of 1-0.



LANCE CPL. CAYCE NEVERS

Kody Botts, Matthew C. Perry High School soccer team midfielder, kicks the ball as he attempts to pass the ball to his teammates during the Department of Defense Education Activity Japan Boy's Soccer Tournament held at the M.C. Perry soccer fields here Saturday. Both teams played good defense, but M.C. Perry triumphed over Kinnick and walked away with the championship title.

# Samurai slice Red Devils

LANCE CPL. CAYCE NEVERS  
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Matthew C. Perry High School triumphed over Kinnick High School 1-0 in the Department of Defense Education Activity Japan Boy's Soccer Tournament championship game at the M.C. Perry soccer field here Saturday.

Both teams beat four other teams in the tournament before playing each other in the finals.

M.C. Perry beat Edgrin High School 2-1, Yokota High School 5-0, Zama High School 2-1 and tied Kinnick 0-0 in their first meeting.

Kinnick beat E.J. King High School 3-1, Yokota 7-1, Edgrin 2-1 and tied with M.C. Perry in the crossover match 0-0 before finals.

During the first 15 minutes of the game, the Samurai scored, putting early pressure on the Red Devils to keep up.

Throughout the first half, the Samurai and Red Devils played very tight defense in the low scoring affair.

"It was a good game for the most part, and they kept the Samurai from scoring again," said Robert L. Tiffany, Red Devils head coach.

The Red Devils did what they could, but to no avail, and the first half ended with the score still at 1-0.

"Both teams played very well. We did very well in the first half scoring the goal," said Mark H. Lang, Samurai head coach.

The second half was just like the first with both teams playing tight defense.

The ball went back and forth between the two teams for the remainder of the half, and the game ended with the Samurai holding onto their 1-0 lead.

"It was a great game; I can't wait to play them again. They are a great team," said Sean W. Barker, Samurai captain.

The Red Devils and the Samurai teams are rivals, but the Samurai came out on top as the champions this time.

"The Red Devils are a great team, they are a bigger school than us so they have more people to pick from," said Barker.

Both teams look forward to playing each other again.

With the championship title and the tournament over, the Samurai team players are preparing for the Far East Tournament.