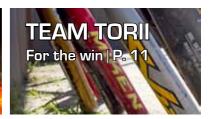


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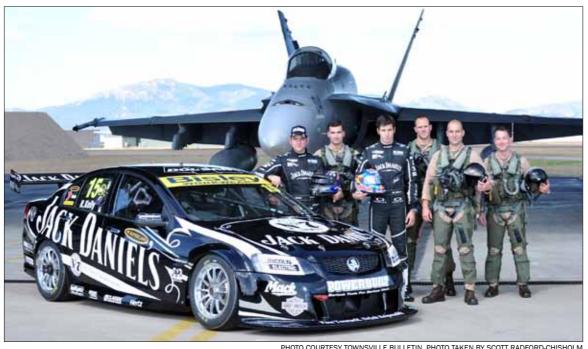
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Black Knights steal show during Supercars race



COURTESY TOWNSVILLE BULLETIN, PHOTO TAKEN BY SCOTT RADFORD-CHISHOLM

TOWNSVILLE, Australia - Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 314 pilots pose for a picture with Sucrogen Townsville 400 V-8 Supercars race drivers July 9. This year's Townsville 400 had 29 V-8 supercars racing through a 400-kilometer circuit course south of the Townsville Central Business District and ran from July 8-10. Four VMFA-314 F/A-18 Hornets flew over the crowd in attendance after the last note of the Australian anthem CPL. CLAUDIO A. MARTINEZ IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

TOWNSVILLE, Australia — As American and Australian military forces throughout Queensland, the Northern Territory, and neighboring naval areas prepared for Talisman Sabre 2011, Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 314 Black Knights decided to thank the local people here for their hospitality during the Sucrogen Townsville 400 V-8 Supercars races hosted south of the Townsville Central Business District July 10.
This year's Sucrogen Townsville 400 had 29

V-8 supercars racing through a 400-kilometer circuit course and ran from July 8-10.

This marked the third year the races came

to Townsville.
Four VMFA-314 F/A-18 Hornets flew over the crowd of people in attendance after the last note of the Australian anthem played before the final race of the Townsville 400 kicked-off.

Maj. Brian Dennis, VMFA-314 operations officer, helped to coordinate the fly-over with the Townsville 400 operations manager.

"We heard about this race and we thought 'hey, what a great opportunity for the Marine

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TMO evolves into DMO: mission remains same

LANCE CPL. CHARLIE CLARK IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

In an official message July 7, Headquarters Marine Corps passed that Traffic Management Offices will now be known as Distribution Management Offices. The name change will not affect what DMO does for station

DMO Marines purchase airline tickets, book seats on patriot express flights, provide the transportation of operational freight, household goods and other various passenger services for service members and civilians permanently changing stations and going on temporary additional duties.

DMO Marines also provide support for individuals who need to be medically evacuated and require emergency leave services.

DMO wants station residents to know it is not a foreign entity, said Master Sgt. Earl L. Legette, the DMO distribution management chief.

According to the message sent from Headquarters Marine Corps Logistics Planning Division, the defense transportation community has evolved substantially over the past decade. Meanwhile, the concept of distribution has developed and expanded.

In this context, the traffic management community within the Marine Corps recognized the need to reshape

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Black Knights arrive in land down under

CPL. CLAUDIO A. MARTINEZ IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE BASE TOWNSVILLE, Australia American and Australian forces

throughout Queensland, the Northern Territory and neighboring naval areas kicked off exercise Talisman Sabre 2011

Talisman Sabre is a biennial exercise designed to test and improve on the Australian and American forces' ability to conduct joint and combined task force

The exercise focuses on improving the combat readiness and interoperability of participating units, and also helps to improve their ability to effectively respond to an area in need of humanitarian assistance. Iwakuni-based Marine Aircraft Group

12 Headquarters, Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12, Marine Wing Support Squadron 171, Marine Attack Squadron 214 and Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 314 service members arrived here in support of the exercise.

arrived here in support of the Okinawa-based service members with Marine Aerial Refueler Transport 152 Marine Wing Squadron

Communication Squadron 18 and Marine Air Control Squadron 4 are also slated to participate in the exercise.

"It's important for us to do this training with the Australians because we are working together in Iraq, and we are working together in Iraq, and we are working together in many combined we are partners in many combined operations throughout the world."

More than 355 Japan-based American service members are scheduled to participate in the exercise and more than 15 aircraft are planning approximately 150 sorties out of the flight line here.

"There are a lot of things the (service members) can get out of this experience," said Cain. "The big thing is combat readiness."

During the exercise, the Marines plan to conduct simulated strikes, basic air-to-surface ordnance delivery, low-altitude tactics and individual unit training.

The Marines are also planning to use more than 500,000 pounds of ordnance during the various training scenarios.

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

'1 Boy, 1 Girl'

Lt. D. Anthony Baker MWSS-171 COMMAND CHAPLAIN

Let me tell you a story about a boy and a girl.

It is an interesting tale that will be sure to make you think and smile if you will indulge me, but for a moment, as I recount the story to you.

First, about the girl... Picture her in your mind as I describe her to you — fine strawberry blonde hair that dances in the wind like wheat in a farmer's field. Piercing blue eyes that are as deep in color and imagination as the Pacific Ocean and a laugh that can change a man's mind and a man's heart. She is a dream girl, a knockout and perfect in every

Now, about the boy... He was a troubled loner that didn't have many friends at school, an 11-year-old kid who had just as many problems in the home as out of the home. His stepfather was a hitter, the type of guy who

liked to grab, push and hit his wife as much as he liked doing those very same things to the boy. Every day was a struggle for the boy, not knowing what was going

to happen to him. What would the day bring?
This mystery would

This mystery would be answered as the day wore on with every circumstance or situation continually dictating the mood of the house.

The stress hanging over the head of the boy became too much. Would his parents be fighting today? Would they blame him for their problems? Would they take it out on him as they had done so many times before?

One day, the boy and his mom sat down for dinner, just the two of them.

The boy said, "Tomorrow, I am going to kill myself."

He had been thinking about it for some time, planning how he was going to do it, when he was going to do it, and now he had finally built up the nerve to go through with his suicide.

His mother chewed her food in silence.

Maybe she was thinking that was not such a bad option considering the circumstances.

After a few more moments of silence she said to him, "You don't want to do that. Let's talk about

If I had killed myself the next day like I had planned, I would have never met that strawberry blonde haired girl, my daughter.

She was born this year in April In addition to her. I would have never had the joy of raising my three sons or meeting my awesome wife.

I would have missed out on all of the great things life has to offer. Suicide is a lie from the pit of hell, from the devil himself.

It makes you believe that there is no hope, no future and no way

It is simply not true.

God has a plan for each one of our lives and the enemy of the soul seeks to rob that plan away.

God loves us, will never abandon us and will see us through the very shadow of death that we walk through at times.

If you are struggling with thoughts of suicide, help is available to you. Chaplains, medical personnel, and counseling services are all here to come along side and assist you when you need

MCCS discusses nitty gritty of gas prices

COMMUNITY SERVICES GUEST SUBMISSION

Why does the price of gas fluctuate so much at Iwakuni?

Why is the gas in the U.S. a different price than overseas?

MCCS has the task complex navigating a series of government contracts information sources to compile a biweekly gas brief for the commanding officer of MCAS Iwakuni.

commanding The officer establishes the retail pricing strategy for fuel and directs implementation based on the cost of gas and the impact to the community at the pump. The

contractor provides fuel for all U.S. Installations in Japan is the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA), also known as Defense Supply Center Philadelphia (DSCP).

Until April of this pricing was based on information from Platts-subsidiary of McGraw Hill, a U.S.-based company specializing in market research in energy

pricing for the U.S.

Currently, pricing based Asian Market that is headquartered in Singapore, with market research provided by RIM Intelligence Co. Cost for fuel is set DLA, the Army by Air Force Exchange System (AAFES), Navy Exchange System (NEX) and Marine Corps Exchange (MCX) do not have influence in establishing fuel costs.

AAFES, NEX and the MCX are all on the same contract and have the same fuel cost.

DLA's decision align with the Asian fuel market dictates the price of gas, including the delivery fee (cost for fuel), which has nearly doubled in the past year.

MCCS Leadership keeps these challenges at the forefront of communications with HQMC until they can be resolved for the best solution and cost savings. Additionally, MCCS consistently looks at operational efficiencies to reduce costs such as pay-atthe pump fuel systems.

Pay-at-the-pump



ned officer in charge, fills up the student driver vehicle at the gas station here July 12.

systems will require a is capturing every significant investment opportunity for the of resources and is in the planning process for future implementation. Rest assured, MCCS

Iwakuni Community to lower

TMO evolves into DMO: mission remains same

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itself.

Neither the name "traffic management" nor the term TMO clearly or comprehensively portrayed the three functional areas of freight, passenger travel and personal property, which DMO operates.

The DMO Marines aboard the station have carefully juggled servicing resident needs, operational freight distribution and various other responsibilities their military occupational specialty

"We make sure the service members and civilians are taken care of and get on their flights to where they need to go," said Cpl. Placido Sanchez, the DMO passenger travel noncommissioned officer in charge.

The common perception of TMO was the place one went to obtain plane tickets or arranged for household goods to be moved.

"We make sure personal property gets where it needs to go," said Sgt. Gerard Jones Jr., the DMO personal property NCOIC. "For station personnel, we are the first line of defense for getting their household goods to the owners after they PCS or go on TAD."

The majority of Marines in the DMO MOS field are deployed. They distribute freight materials more frequently than Marines and civilians who require travel and household goods to be transported.

"Due to us being at war for so long, our MOS has been re-aligned to lean more towards the operational distribution aspect instead of the station transportation services," said Legette.

The importance of distribution

operations while deployed or in garrison, was not clearly understood. Headquarters Marine Corps was

aware of this misunderstanding and set

out to clarify any questions. The DMO Marines continue to ensure their mission of providing safe travel and transportation will be complete.

Formoreinformationontransportation personnel between duty stations, TAD and personal property, contact DMO at 253-6174.

Marines, sailors treated to home cooked meal



Capt. Robert Plagman, defense council at the Staff Judge Advocate's office, serves Lance Cpl. Vincent Wong, Headquarters and Headquarters istrative specialist, during a special dinner provided by Family Readiness and the Single Marine Program here July 13.

Talisman Sabre 2011 kicks off

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Also throughout the exercise, VMFA-314 plans on sharpening their skills in providing closeair-support for the Australian and American forces conducting ground operations in other areas of Australia.

'Close-air-support is one of those skill sets that if you don't work it often, it's something that fades quickly," said Maj. Brian Dennis, VMFA-314 operations officer. "It's something we're going to try and get a lot of repetitions out here with and do as much as we can.

"It's that detailed integration of the ground-combat-forces and that aircraft up there giving them the support they need," said Dennis.

Some of the challenges the service members said they see on the horizon during the exercise include maintaining the lines of communication

and the logistics involved in replacing parts on an aircraft. Getting used to the different

environment was also named as a small challenge to overcome. "I think as long as people are in their lanes blocking and tackling, I think in standard

Dennis. "This is what we do best expeditionary operations."

Marine fashion we're going to execute (the mission)," said

Many of the Australian service members felt the same way their American counterparts

"Talisman Sabre is a important exercise to both the Americans and to the Australians because represents one of those great opportunities we have to exercise together in a manner that emulates our current operations abroad and also our other operations in the Pacific,

"We can land on the moon, and we bring everything we need to fight for 30 to 60 days. That's what we are practicing here, expeditionary operations," he

Dennis said he believes this year's Talisman Sabre is going to be a phenomenal training evolution which will afford everyone a great opportunity to learn and forge stronger working relationships.

specifically our humanitarian relief efforts," said Australian Wing Commander Stewart Dowrie, Squadron commanding officer and acting base commander. "It's a great opportunity for us to work together side-by-side in an environment that prepares us for those operations.

Dowrie said he has had a long experience working with the American forces and feels fantastic about working with them again.

Sabre 2011 is Talisman scheduled to run until July 29.

Black Knights wow Australians during flyover

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Corps and the Marine Fighter Attack Squadron to be involved with the community in this race'. said Dennis.

"We just knew there had to be a way we could work together, do something with (the races) and be involved with the people of Townsville," he said.

Dennis said he believes the flyover could not have gone better and helped to strengthen ties with the community.

The people in the stands stood and cheered as the roaring Black Knight F/A-18s soared overhead drowning out the revving racecars below.

Adele Henrichs, Sucrogen Townsville operations manager, said it is unusual for military fighter jets to put on a show the way the Marines did.

"To actually have the U.S. Marine Corps here is massive," said Henrichs. "Everyone has been absolutely looking forward to it. It's just great.

Henrichs coordinated the flyover with the Black Knights and said she hopes to keep in touch with the Marines to do something similar in the future.

Several of the locals equally appreciative of the flyover and thanked the Marines walking around the race grounds. David Dollard, a local, was one of 150,000 people in attendance at the races.

Dollard said he has been an avid collector of U.S. Marine Corps memorabilia since he was a child and appreciated their show dur-

ing the races and their participation in the Talisman Saber exer-

"I love the fact that these guys are out here today doing what it is they are doing," said Dollard. "I love the whole idea

Lt. Col. Brian Evans, VMFA-314 executive officer, was one of the pilots who flew over the crowd during the race.

Evans said he was surprised to see a swarm of people lined up at the fence gate by the Royal Australian Air Force Base flightline just to watch the four F/A-18s take off. He said he believes the flyover would indirectly help build local support for Talisman Sabre.

One of the goals and priorities of exercise Talisman Sabre is our exchange and relationship with

the Aussies," said Evans. "To actually provide a flyover for the local people to see the Americans are here and flying F/A-18s — it just fosters a good working relationship between the Marine Corps and the Aussies.

Talisman Sabre is a biennial exercise designed to test and improve upon the Australian and American forces ability to conduct joint and combined task force

Although there are many facets to the exercise, the Black Knights' portion in this training is scheduled to involve mainly close air-support for the Australian forces on the ground.

Talisman Sabre 2011 started July 11 and is scheduled to run until July 29.



Col. C.J. Mahoney, Marine Aircraft Group 12 commanding officer, shakes the hand of Navy Cmdr. Curt Carroll, Strike Fighter Squadron 94 command known as the Mighty Shrikes and named after a small carnivorous bird of prey called the Loggerhead Shrike, came across the Pacific Ocean from Naval Air Station Lemoore in Fresno, Calif., where the squadron is based

UDP's only Navy Hornet squadron returns

CPL. JENNIFER PIRANTE IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Marine Aircraft Group 12 welcomed 12 Strike Fighter Squadron 94 F/A-18C Hornet jets to the air station July 14.

MAG-12 commanding officer Col. C.J. Mahoney and Marine All-Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 242 aircrew warmly welcomed the VFA-94 pilots on the ground when each one climbed out of the cockpit after his long journey from the West Coast of the U.S.

VFA-94, also known as the Mighty Shrikes and named after a small carnivorous bird of prey called the Loggerhead Shrike, came across the Pacific Ocean from Naval Air Station Lemoore in Fresno, Calif., where the squadron is based.

We are one of the only Navy squadrons to be attached to a Marine air wing," said Navy Lt. Cmdr. Q. Sterling, VFA-94 assistance operations officer. "There are a couple of Marines attached to Navy ships, and we are the Navy's payback squadron for that."

For the duration of their deployment, VFA-94 will fall under the command and support

"Under the (Unit Deployment Program), we are essentially a MAG-12 asset," said Sterling. We will be working closely with them to support their mission. Last year, we went up to Misawa and worked with the Japanese up there. We expect that we will probably conduct some operations down in Kadena as well."

The UDP was implemented to allow the mobility of units throughout the Western Pacific for a period of approximately 6 months to gain valuable training and increase squadron readiness in forward-deployed

"We have been in the UDP business about four years now," said Navy Cmdr. Curt us to work out here.

Carroll, VFA-94 commanding officer. "We are the Navy's only expeditionary UDP squadron. We are very excited to be working with MAG

Many squadron members arrived a few days prior to prepare workspace and logistical support for the incoming aircrew.

"The F/A-18C Hornet is a dual-role fighter, so we do air-to-air and air-to-ground missions," said Sterling. "We are proficient in both of those areas

The squadron works to carry out its mission, which is to project power from the sea or shore, to establish and maintain air supremacy, and to deliver fuzed ordnance on target and on

Their single-seat F/A-18C Hornet aircraft provides the squadron with the capability to carry more fuel than the F/A-18D Hornet variation because of the absence of the weapons system operator seat. Both variations are ideal for day and night operations.

According to Sterling, both platforms are capable of carrying out the same types of

VFA-94 will get the chance to work alongside MAG-12's VMFA(AW)-242 Bats during much of their deployment, which is meant to encourage unit cohesion and peak operability.

"It's good when two squadrons operate out of the same place," said Sterling. "We can use a lot of the same facilities and help each other out with maintenance.

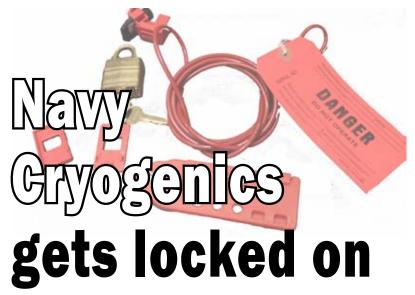
As far as the sailors on the ground are concerned, providing meticulous maintenance and conducting operations will be business as

"It's the same thing, just different place and bigger shop," said Navy Airman Richard Moten, VFA-94 fixed-wing aircraft safety equipment mechanic. "It's a little bit easier for



ber, checked components underneath a F/A-18C Hornet jet after VMFA-94's arrival to the air station July 14. VFA-94, also known as the Mighty Shrikes and named after a small carnivorous bird of prey called the Loggerhead Shrike, came across the Pacific Ocean from Naval Air Station Lemoore in Fresno, Calif., where the squadron

According to Moten, working on an air station provides many advantages over working on the limited space of an aircraft carrier. Either way VFA-94 will continue to work to complete their upcoming tasks and overall mission.



Lockout/Tagout

CPL. MARCEL BROWN IWAKUNI APPROACH

With any military operation comes a laundry list of necessary safety procedures.

Since Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni carries out both port and aerial support, one can imagine the highly critical steps taken to ensure mission accomplishment does not compromise personnel safety.

One such program is the Lockout/Tagout, a documented process used to monitor potentially hazardous valves and locking the system or placing descriptive caution or danger tags on the equipment.
"The purpose of this program

is to ensure air station personnel are protected from injury during any servicing or maintenance done on machinery or equipment where unexpected energizing, start up or release of any type of energy can oc-cur," said Petty Officer 2nd Class Jason Smith, Navy cryogenics machinist mate.

The Navy Cryogenics Division reiterated safety training, July 13, during a class given by Smith about the station's Lockout/Tagout program.

While on ship, Navy personnel are familiar with the Engineering Ship Organiza tional Management System (ESOMS), a computer program used to manage, inventory and maintain an updated status of locked out or tagged out valves and equipment.

Since Navy cryogenic personnel here are the most experienced with this system, they receive first-hand Lockout/ Tagout training, evaluate the material and submit their input to station safety to implement throughout the station.

Properly executing a Lockout/Tagout requires six steps: prepare for shutdown, shut down the equipment, isolate the equipment, apply Lockout/ Tagout devices, control stored energy and verify isolation of equipment.

'It's very effective," said Pet-

ty Officer 1st Class Mark D. Baker, cryogenics leading chief petty officer. "In a way, it's a lot of bureaucracy, and it slows a lot of the maintenance process down, but it does contribute directly to saving lives.

On ship, there are thousands of valves and systems, which require Lockout/ Tagout before maintenance can safely be done on the system.

"Some examples locks are used on are a main steam valve, sea water systems that connect directly into the sea but only have single-valve protection, fire sprinkler systems systems by either physically and just things where you don't want somebody inadvertently opening that valve whether they know it's tagged out or not," said Baker. "You want to make sure that valve does not get operated at all."

On station, some potentially hazardous valves are fuel, water and steam-fire protection valves; however, any system that uses kinetic, hydraulic or electric-driven energy can be potentially hazardous and may require Lockout/Tagout procedures before maintenance can be done on the system.

"If you're unsure about some thing, call an expert and have them come and look," said Baker. "It can be the smallest thing, but there's no rush. And even at that, if we break something we can replace the equipment. We can't replace personnel. Once you lose a body, they're gone forever."

Baker and others said when properly executed, the Lockout/Tagout program is ideal; however, complacency is what leads to mishaps.

"The system is designed to be 100 percent effective, but the human factor is what causes accidents, usually," said Petty Officer 2nd Class Keelham Kesic, Navy cryogenics machinist

Sailors with the Navy Cryogenics Division were shown some of the standard locking devices and practiced properly tagging some simulated hazardous valves before concluding their training.



Petty Officer 2nd Class Jason Smith, Navy cryogenics machinist mate, gives a Lockout/Tagout class at the Navy Cryogenics facility here July 13. The Lockout/Tagout program is a documented process used to monitor potentially hazardous valves and systems by either physically locking the system or placing descriptive caution or danger tags of the equipment. The Navy Cryogenics team are the first to receive training before giving their input to station safety



Petty Officer 1st Class Mark D. Baker, station cryogenics leading chief petty officer, points out several devices used to conduct a Lockout/Tagout procedure during a Lockout/Tagout class at the Navy Cryogenics facility here July 13. Baker explained that disregarding any step in the procedure could result in serious injury or death

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Preventing heat injuries:

Tips about how to stay safe in Iwakuni summer heat

Heat condition I Green flag

80.00F to 84.99F. Heavy exercises for unacclimatized personnel will be conducted with caution and under constant supervision.

Heat condition II Yellow flag

85.00F to 87.99F. Strenuous exercise such as marching at standard cadence will be curtailed for unacclimatized troops in their first three weeks per NAVMED P-5010. Avoid outdoor classes in the sun.

Heat condition III Red flag

88.00F to 89.9F. All PT will be curtailed for those troops who have not been thoroughly acclimatized by at least 12 weeks per NAVMED P-5010. Those troops who are thoroughly acclimatized may carry out limited activity not to exceed 6 hours per day.

Heat condition IV Black flag

90.00F or greater. All nonessential physical activity will be halted for all units.

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Summer in Iwakuni can be a festive time of the year, but potential heat injuries can increase.

Before station residents put on their running shoes to go out for some physical training, they should know the signs and symptoms of heat-related illnesses.

Station personnel should have a water source nearby while conducting PT or any kind of physical activity outside

Lightweight, light-colored and loose-fitting clothes should also be worn by station residents to avoid heat related injuries.

There are certain cooling mechanisms the human body has which help rid the body of unnecessary heat.

Convection, radiation and the evaporation of sweat are considered the body's cooling

Convection is the loss of heat to air, and radiation is the loss of heat to surrounding

High temperatures, humidity and direct sun light while outdoors are different factors which could lead to heat stress.

Internal and external factors can subject the body to heat stress, which is the total heat burden to the body.

Different kinds of heat injuries can be experienced when an individual is faced with heat stress

Excessive muscle contractions are felt in the legs, arms or abdomen of an individual

experiencing a heat cramp.
Profuse sweating, headaches, nausea and vomiting occur due to excessive loss of water and salt in the body when an individual is experiencing heat exhaustion.

Heat stroke occurs when an individual is feeling dizzy, confused, disorientated, drowsy, weak and nauseous.

An individual with heat stroke may experience headaches and show signs of irritable behavior.

The skin may be hot or dry and the internal body temperature may rise above 104 degrees.

Heat stroke may result from heat cramps and heat exhaustion.

Heat strokes are medical emergencies, and anyone thought to be experiencing a heat stroke needs immediate medical attention.

Treat heat cramps by moving the person experiencing the cramp out of direct sunlight and into a cool, shaded area. Stretch the calf and thigh muscles gently through the cramp. This usually brings immediate relief.

Treating heat exhaustion is very similar to treating heat cramps. Make sure the person is breathing, and move him or her to a shaded area. Cooler is better when treating heat related injuries.

Make sure the individual is drink liquids and help cool the body down.

Keep these recommendations in mind during the hot and humid summer months in order to stay safe and beat the heat.

Marines, sailors introduced to 1st MAW CG

Lance Cpl. Cayce Nevers IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Brig. Gen. William D. Beydler, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing commanding general, toured the station here July 12-15.

While aboard the Beydler went to the F/A-18 Hornet simulator and had dinner with unit Family Readiness Officers and command members at Club Iwakuni July 12.

He flew an F/A-18 with Marine All-Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 242 and visited Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 Marines and sailors July Beydler flew again with VMFA(AW)-242, had meetings with the Marine Aircraft Group 12 command, greeted the new Unit Deployment Program squadron, Strike Fighter Attack Squadron 94, and had an evening social with commanding officers. sergeants major and their wives July 14 before heading to Tokyo

Beydler comes to the air station to meet with the units under his command more often than people would think.

Generally, it is for short visits, usually consisting of a day trip, and sometimes staying aboard the station for one night.

"Normally, when I come here, I just rush through," said Beydler. This trip was an exception to those short but sufficient trips.

With the busy schedule Beydler had here, he still managed to make time to meet with Marines and sailors under his command and ensure they are taken care of. H.e also chose to fly aircraft



Brig. Gen. William D. Beydler, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing commanding general, waits in the cockpit of an F/A-18 Hornet while Marines of Marine All-Weather Fighter

during his time here, but not before practicing first.

The simulator Beydler went to simulated flying an F/A-18, the same jet he flew the following day.

The simulator contains a cockpit and switches as if it were a real aircraft, said Maj. Glenn D. Savage, VMFA(AW)-242 operations officer.

Simulators are often used when pilots want to refresh their

knowledge of flying and during inclimate weather, he added. It had been a while since Bevdler

actually flew an F/A-18. "If we go for a while without flying, we need to do a simulator to refresh ourselves with the

procedures," said Savage.
Beydler flew the F/A-18 the

following day. Beydler attended the simulator and flew with VMFA-242 to

freshen up on his current flying

techniques.

Beydler departed the station July 15 and headed to Tokyo where he represented Lt. Gen. Kenneth J. Glueck Jr., III Marine Expeditionary Force commanding officer, in an award presented to the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Adm. Michael G. Mullen, by the Chief of Defense of the Japanese Self Defense Force.



Brig. Gen. William D. Beydler, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing commanding general, signals to the Marine on the ground that he is ready to fly at the flightline here July 13. He spent three days aboard the station during which time he met with Marines, sailors, commanding officers, sergeants major, and Family Readiness Officers as well as flew in an F/A-18 Hornet.

CORPS NEWS

HIGHLIGHTING MARINES AND SAILORS AROUND THE GLOBE

Logistics squadron keeps Marine aircraft flying in Afghanistan

CPL. RASHAUN X. JAMES 2ND MARINE AIRCRAFT WING (FWD.)

CAMP BASTION, Afghanistan

— Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 40 has one mission, to guarantee 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward) squadrons are never left without ordnance, working equipment or the parts they need to keep aircraft in the fight in Afghanistan.

Maj. Michael Kline, executive officer of MALS-40, explained how this is accomplished and what sets his squadron apart from the others

Kline noted MALS-40 is a provisional squadron, stood up specifically to deploy here. The Marines and sailors who make up the squadron in Afghanistan actually come from 17 different aviation logistics squadrons around the world.

The total structure of MALS-40. which is the largest squadron in 2nd MAW (Fwd.), is comprised of more than 650 Marines and sailors from all four Marine aircraft wings, and home stations ranging from Cherry Point, N.C., to Iwakuni, Japan.

"Most units that deploy over here come over as one defined unit," said Kline. "No Marine is a MALS-40 Marine until they come over here. For instance, I came from MALS-26 back in New River. That's what's unique about

Kline said he thinks another factor that helps MALS-40 support 2nd MAW (Fwd.) is that most of the Marines who make up the squadron volunteered for the

"I would say about 95 percent of the Marines who are here with MALS-40 are Marines who raised their hands and said, 'I want to go," said Kline. "The Marines who are here want to be here. They want to be part of the fight, they want to do their job, and that just brings a different attitude and more productivity.'

Integrating so many Marines from different units into their new squadron is not a seamless

integration in every case.
"There have been challenges with the Marines coming from different units," said Kline, a native of St. Louis, Mo. "Most of them center on the fact that we didn't train together or really know each other before we came out here. We were never afforded the opportunity to have the crawl, walk, run process. This was definitely a challenge and the biggest issue we've had to overcome.

One of the biggest contributions MALS-40 makes to 2nd MAW (Fwd.) is the maintaining of aircraft parts and equipment.

Master Gunnery Sgt. Charles Hughes, the maintenance chief for Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 264 explained the importance of the job MALS-40 maintenance provides.

"From maintenance standpoint, without MALS-40 support, we as a squadron would not be able to meet our daily mission," said Hughes. "Without the maintenance support provided by MALS, the aircraft would become giant paperweights.'

Hughes and his squadron, deployed to Camp Bastion from Marine Corps Air Station New River, N.C., use the MV-22B Osprey to provide fast and efficient assault support for Marines and their Afghan and coalition partners in southwestern

Afghanistan. "There isn't a day that goes by that we don't depend on MALS for some type of support," said Hughes a native of McComb, Miss., "Whether that's support equipment to remove a rotor head or MALS supply providing the necessary part when the original piece goes bad or breaks."

Another area where MALS-40 Marines help out is in providing ordnance to the squadrons of 2nd

"We provide the ordnance to the wing that prevents the bad guys from getting to the good guys on the ground," explained Gunnery Sgt. Timothy Dorrill, the ordnance chief for MALS-40. "I believe that the aviation ordnance piece that we have provided has been above the expectations of the squadrons

MALS-40 ordnance "Every Marine should feel proud of the job they have done," said Dorrill, a native of Gastonia, N.C. "I think they have done a perfect job."

Kline said the squadron is expected to serve in Afghanistan for about a year, and now faces a climatic challenge.

This time of year when it's getting hotter and the sand starts to affect the aircraft more, we've seen components break that weren't breaking four or five

months ago," Kline said. "So our supply department is leaning forward, working with supply departments back in the states. We're trying to predict what will break and get those assets here beforehand

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MALS-40 has also taken steps to widen the scope of parts they are able to service, which Kline said means the Marines are able to help more squadrons with an increased range of support.

"The biggest thing we've done since we've been here is improve the repair capabilities for the squadrons," said Kline. "In the first four months we identified and incorporated repair capability for over 150 new components that previously were not repaired out here. So, that affords the squadrons a quick turnaround on parts in order to get the aircraft ack in the sky.'

Kline said that even though MALS-40 is behind the scenes of most of what occurs in the dayto-day operations in Afghanistan. they are still very involved in the overall mission of 2nd MAW

"These Marines are turning the wrenches and delivering the parts 24/7," said Kline. "Even though they're not outside the wire engaged in direct combat with the enemy, the mission that Marines here complete is an enabler for aircraft to be up in the air, to engage with the enemy or execute [medical evacuations]. Every time you see a Marine aircraft up in the air there is a Marine some where within the MALS that had a hand in making that happen.



CAMP BASTION, Afghanistan - Lance Cpl. Mohammad Abdelhadi, a native of Irvine, Calif., installs a new circuit card assembly for a flight control computer at Camp Bastion, Afghanistan, July 6. Abdelhadi is a mated support system technician with Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 40

COMMUNITY BRIEFS | CLASSIFIEDS

Briefs

Summer Bible School Classes

Summer vacation bible school classes are scheduled to be held at the Marine Memorial Chapel August 15 - 19, 5 7:30 p.m. Register at the chaplain's office during normal working hours. For more information. contact Aileen Flores or the chapel staff at 253-

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 from 1:30 – 5:30 p.m.

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.

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.

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

Crime Stoppers

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

Birthday Break

The birthday break is an ongoing promotion held every Friday at 9:15 a.m. on Power 1575 radio. The promotion is open to anyone with a birthday. Just visit www.mccsiwakuni.com/ birthdaycake, fill out the form and let Power 1575 and Marine Corps Community Services take care of the rest. Every Friday, birthdays from the previous week will be announced and on the last Friday of every month there will be a random birthday cake giveaway for one birthday in the upcoming month

Jobs

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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

4:30-5:15 p.m. Confession 5:30 p.m. Mass Saturday

8:30 a.m. Mass Sunday

9:45 a.m. Religious Education 11:30 a.m. Weekday Mass 6 p.m. Inquiry Class for adults Wednesday

Protestant

Sunday

Saturday

7 a.m. Men's Ministry 9:30 a.m. Seventh-Day Adventist Sabbath School

11 a.m. Seventh-Day Adventist

Divine Worship 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)

6 p.m. Awana (Bldg. 1104) 6:15 p.m. Adult Bible Study Wednesday

(Capodanno Hall Chapel)

Church of Christ

9:30 a.m. Bible Study (small 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Latter Day Saints

6:30 a.m. Youth 12-17 Activities Tuesday

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
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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



Staff Sgt. Ryan A. Lenac with Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron hits the ball during a softball game here July 15. H&HS held a softball tournament to encourage unit cohesion and bring good sportsmanship between the ranks of the Marines and sailors within the unit; the units noncommissioned officers were the champions of the tournament. If you would like to submit your own photo you can submit 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

Sakura Theater

7 p.m. Priest (PG-13) 10 p.m. Horrible Bosses (R)

Saturday, July 23, 2011

1 p.m. Cars 2 (PG) 4 p.m. Priest (PG-13) 7 p.m. Horrible Bosses (R)

Sunday, July 24, 2011

1 p.m. Cars 2 (PG)

4 p.m. Prom (PG) 7 p.m. Transformers: Dark of the Moon (PG-13)

1 p.m. Cars 2 (PG) 7 p.m. X-Men: First Class (PG-13)

Tuesday, July 26, 2011 Theater Closed

Wednesday, July 27, 2011 **Theater Closed**

Thursday, July 28, 2011

1 p.m. Cars 2 (PG) 7 p.m. Bridesmsaids (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 \$3 / Ages 6-11 are \$1.50 / Children ages 5 and under admitted free. For more information, visit www.mccsiwakuni.com or call 253-5291.

Mess Hall Menu

Monday Corn chowder, turkey yakisoba, Chinese barbecue diced pork, red pepper glazed fish, pork fried rice, steamed rice, orange carrots amandine, fried cabbage, Chinese egg roll, dinner rolls, bear claws, cinnamon crumb top muffin, blueberry pie, velvet pound cake, chocolate brownies. cream pudding parfait, jello parfait, macaroni potato salad, coleslaw, standard salad

Tuesday

Chicken gumbo soup, fried shrimp, French barbecue sukiyaki, beef cubes, home fried potatoes, steamed rice, cauliflower parmesan, southern style greens, creamy gravy, dinner rolls, long johns, banana muffin, lemon meringue, devil's food cake with chocolate buttercream frosting, shortbread cookies, bread pudding, jello parfait, macaroni salad, potato salad, coleslaw, standard salad

French onion soup, Chinese five spice chicken, Swiss steak with brown gravy, mustard dill fish, steamed rice, garlic roasted potato wedges, fried cabage with bacon, mixed vegetables, brown gravy, dinner rolls, snails, quick cherry coffee cake, blueberry blueberry pie, white cake with buttercream frosting, brownies, vanilla pudding parfait, jello parfait, macaroni potato salad, salad, coleslaw, standard salad

Minestrone soup, New England clam chowder, beef stroganoff, pork adobo, baked ham, macaroni and tomatoes, pork fried rice, steamed pasta, scalloped cream style corn, peas with onions, brown gravy, dinner rolls, kolaches, apple coffee cake, cherry crunch, banana cake with buttercream frosting, macadamian chocolate chunks, chocolate parfait, jello parfait, macaroni salad, potato salad, coleslaw, standard

Tomato soup, catfish, beef stew, chili macaroni, grilled cheese, Franconia potatoes, steamed pasta, succotash, broccoli parmesan, mushroom gravy, dinner rolls, cinnamon rolls, quick French coffee cake, blueberry pie, carrot cake with cream cheese frosting, chocolate chip cookie, chocolate parfait, jello parfait, macaroni potato salad, coleslaw, standard salad

Chickens lose their thunder 20-8 against Team Torii

THE IWAKUNI APPROACH, JULY 22, 2011

LANCE CPL. KENNETH K. TROTTER JR. IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Team Torii was crowned the 2011 intramural softball tournament champion after it defeated the Thunder Chickens 20-8 in a double-elimination softball tournament at the main softball field here July 12.

Torii was the least exhausted of the two teams as the Chickens played four games earlier in the evening to make it to the championship.

Torii hoped to win the first game and therefore avoid the need for a second game. However that was not the case.

The Chickens proved they came to win. The team took the first game 14-11.

"We gave it to them by making a lot of mistakes and errors they capitalized on," said Adam J. Sanders, Torii right fielder. "Hat's off to those guys for pulling out the win. They had a tough road. They played four games straight

to get here."
Torii let the Chickens win the first game the teams played against each other but quickly corrected that problem during the second

The Chickens pitched a 1-2-3 inning at the top of the first before bringing two of its runners home at the bottom.

The second inning saw no runners home for

The third inning was where Torii poured it on. Torii used line drives to chip away at the Chickens' defense, putting runners on base a number of times.

It then used its power hitters to hit fly balls to the outfield, bringing its runners home.
The score was 8-2 before Keith Applegate,

Torii pitcher, hit a homer to left field, bringing himself and Andrew R. Pepe, Torii relief hitter, home, making the score 10-2.

Torii tacked on one more run before the

inning ended, bringing the score 11-2.

The Chickens took the plate at the bottom of the third, hoping to make up for their point deficit.

Anthony Baker, Chickens short stop, hit a fly -ball deep to left field, managing a double. Roy D. Whitener, Chickens pitcher, hit a fly-ball deep to left field to bring Baker home with Bradley B. Blades, Chickens third baseman,



Adam J. Sanders, Team Torii right fielder, swings at a pitch during Torii's 20-8 win against the Thunder Chickens during the 2011 doubleelimination intramural softball tournament championship game at the main softball field here July 12. The Chickens proved they were just as eager to win the title, playing four games before beating Torii 14-11 in its first game against Torii for the tournament.

The score was now 11-4 at the end of the

When it rains it pours, and Torii continued to pour it on the Chickens in the top of the fourth. Jamie L. Mohn, Torii first baseman, and Applegate both hit homers, bringing four runners home in total.

"We started hitting the ball like we did at the start of the season," said Wylie Rakestraw, Team Torri coach and second baseman. "The keys to victory were our smart base running and hitting the ball."

Torii nailed on another run, the score now

The bottom of the fourth brought Mike Hicks, Chickens catcher, home from third after a line drive from Justin T. Perez, Chickens leftfielder. The score was 16-5.

Torii scored three more runs at the top of the

The scoreboard flashed 19-5.

The stress of playing so many games in one evening took its toll on the Chickens' players. The bottom of the sixth saw the Chickens score three more runs.

Torii got just one more run at the top of the sixth to effectively put the final nail in the Chickens' coffin, the final score 20-8.

The Chickens fought on throughout the second game, their momentum carrying them over from the first game, but the fatigue from playing so many games in one day decreased their play.
"We had momentum," said Baker. "We had

the belief that we could win the championship. When we got to the very last game though, we were wiped out. The last game it showed we were really tired. We never quit fighting. I'm proud of these guys."

Torii walked away with its head held high as it proved to be the better team of the softball

Seahorses come to station to reach one, teach one

LANCE CPL. KENNETH K. TROTTER JR.
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

The Southern California Seahorses were at the Matthew C. Perry soccer field here teaching children the fundamentals of soc-cer as part of the 2011 Marine Corps Community Service Command sports camps July 12-15.

Seahorses are a motivational, religious soccer team based out of La Mirada, Calif. They divide their time between travelling across Japan, parts of Asia and the U.S. west

The Seahorses used their knowledge of soccer to give the children an opportunity to improve their soccer abilities, but also serve as a springboard to minister and provide an understanding of different

"We're mixing two things we love: our faith and soccer," said Bill Galipault, the Seahorse tour

director. "The emphasis is on fun. Some of these kids are soccer." "Every You can see it. But a lot of them are out here for the first time learning the fundamentals and having fun.

Approximately 50 children signed up for the camp, ranging in age from 5-15. The Seahorses' stop here at the air station is one of several they

will have across Japan and Asia. The organization has visited the air station six times since its founding in 1983, from 1997-1999, 2004, and 2010-2011.

The camp focused on different aspects of the game over the four days. The first day was spent making sure the children had a basic understanding of soccer. The next three days after that were broken down into various activities.

Each day focused on a component of soccer such as passing, receiving, controlling and shooting. The last day had the children dressing up in different

"Every day they're doing something different with us out here," said Michael Coletta, 13, a camp participant. "I've only played soccer for two years and I hope being out here will make me a better all-around player."

The Seahorse players were fewer in number than originally anticipated. Normally, the team travels with 16 players but were limited to 11.

"It was difficult for us in the sense we only had 11 players," said Galipault. "But we still thought it important to come and bridge a cultural gap," Galipault

The team not only took up time with the base resident's children; they even found time to engage in a friendly soccer game the first evening against a team comprised of Japanese Defense Force service members. The two teams were integrated and players chosen

Galipault said the reason for

mixing the two teams was to provide a chance for the game to be balanced and fair.

He also added that the game served as a way for the players to interact with foreign nationals and see their culture and faith in

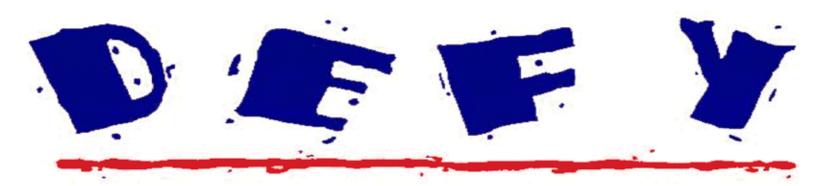
"After the earthquake in March, I was asked did I want to go to Japan to help," said Candice L. Sherman, a Seahorse player.

"I just remembered seeing the earthquake and it broke my heart seeing the images and the hurt. thought it was the perfect time to go and share the hope that I have in life. That's why I came."

The Seahorses are scheduled to travel north as they continue to use their soccer skills and faith to motivate others.

For children, they will continue to teach them the fundamentals of a game that can bring about cohesion and camaraderie.

For Japanese residents, their message of hope and adversity will inspire them.



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Required team training will be held July 27 @ Bld. 411 1-3 p.m.