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# IWAKUNI APPROACH

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## Marines teach JASDF cadets how to become pilots

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Approximately 60 Japanese Air Self-Defense Force aviation cadets were given a tour of the station by Marine Aircraft Group 12 officers during a Japanese Observer Exchange Program here Sept. 27.

The JASDF cadets, based out of Hofu North Air Base, toured the station in order to gain a basic understanding of how joint U.S.-Japan operations work.

"The U.S. Marine Corps is a vital partner of the JASDF," said Lt. Col. Makoto Hasegawa, JASDF aviation cadet training group commanding officer. "I want my students to recognize the importance of that relationship."

Hasegawa has conducted many training exercises with U.S. forces.

"In my years of experience,



LANCE CPL. CHARLIE CLARK

Capt. Anthony D. Ramey, Marine Aircraft Group 12 current operations officer, explains to Japanese Air Self-Defense Force cadets the importance of pre-checks before a flight during a Japanese Observer Exchange Program tour here Sept. 27. The tour refocused the cadets' efforts to complete flight training.

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## Hispanic Heritage: A look at a different culture

GUNNERY SGT. MARIA E. FLORENTINO  
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The Equal Opportunity Program hosted the 2011 Hispanic Heritage Month Observance at the Club Iwakuni Ballroom here Sept. 30.

National Hispanic Heritage Month is observed annually Sept. 15 - Oct. 15 by celebrating histories, cultures and contributions made by Americans with ancestry from Mexico, Spain, the Caribbean, and South and Central America.

President Lyndon Johnson established the observation in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage week and it was expanded in 1988 by President Ronald Reagan to cover a 30-day period. The law was enacted August 17, 1988.

Sept. 15 - Oct. 15 were chosen as the dates for this observance because of the anniversary of independence for many Latin American countries. Central American countries Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua celebrate Sept. 15, and Mexico and Chile celebrate Sept. 16. Columbus Day or Día de la Raza, which is Oct. 12, also falls within this 30-day period.

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## Holiday Greetings Program heads toward station

ARMED FORCES NETWORK  
IWAKUNI STAFF

The holidays are rapidly approaching and American Forces Network Iwakuni and the Joint Hometown News Service are teaming up for the 28th Annual Holiday Greetings Program. What does that mean to you? Well, it is your opportunity to videotape and possibly have your personal holiday greeting air on commercial television stations in the United States. The best part is all you have to do is make an appointment, show up and say Happy Holidays! Here's how it works:

1) AFN Iwakuni personnel will film the holiday greetings here on the Air Station on Oct. 22 from 10 a.m.

- 3 p.m. To participate you simply need to send us your contact information as a Facebook message or e-mail. Once we get your information we will contact you to schedule a time to film your greeting on the 22nd and give you all the details you'll need.

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2) Show up for your appointment with your family on the 22nd and we will videotape your greeting and collect some information from you which will allow the JHNS to market your greeting to the television stations in your hometown.

Would you like to do your greeting in

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# CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

## 'The law of life'

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H&S STATION CHAPLAIN

Have you heard the saying, "What you give is what you get?" I really believe in this great rule of life.

I have been in this world for a little bit more than half a century and there are many instances in my life where philosophy has really worked for me.

As an individual person, I tried my best to love and respect God and people.

As a result, I received bountiful blessings, spiritual and material things.

I feel that God, as my loving Father, loved me so much. I feel others loved and respected me as well.

As a Navy chaplain, I gave my time and effort to engage myself in physical training.

The benefits I got were normal blood pressure and blood sugar.

In other words, I am enjoying good health in mind and body.

I am content with my weight and am happy with where I am right now.

Also, this makes sure I will not fail the body composition assessment.

I tried my best to be friendly and I made many friends in the process.

I have to confess, I became angry with someone and I received anger in return.

This law of life has something to do with these beautiful words of wisdom, "Sow a thought, reap an action, sow an action, reap a habit. Sow a habit, reap a character. Sow a character, reap a destiny."

With this, I use the analogy of water, "If someone wants to pollute water, he pollutes it at its source. If he wants to purify

water, he purifies it at its source. Our thoughts are the source of our lives. All of our lives flow from our mind and through the choices we make, every day we program our minds, either for godliness or ungodliness."

I will end with a story of a father and son. The father and his son went camping up on a mountain.

One day after his father scolded him for misbehaving, the little boy ran to the edge of the precipice and shouted back to his father, "I hate you! I hate you!"

Across the ravine came a frightening echo, "I hate you! I hate you!"

Terrified and sobbing, the boy ran back to his father and asked, "Who is that bad man who shouted 'I hate you?'"

As the father led his son back to the edge of the precipice and said, "Now, call out, 'I love you! I love you!'"

Taking the little boy into his arms, the father said, "My son, that is the law of life. What you give is what you get!"

## Army Brig. Gen. Stevens visits station



LANCE CPL. KENNETH K. TROTTER JR.

(Left to right) Army Brig. Gen. Richard L. Stevens, United States Army Corps of Engineers commander and division engineer, discusses possible ways to build upon and refine engineering aspects of the station with Monte Craven, Iwakuni program manager (Fwd), Edward B. Cutshall, Defensive Policy Review Initiative Iwakuni director, Army Col. Bryan P. Truesdell, U.S. Corps of Engineers commander and district engineer for Japan district, and Eugene M. Ban, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Director of Programs Pacific Ocean Division, at the Air Traffic Control tower here Sept. 28. Stevens toured parts of the station to better ascertain where improvements can be made to better fulfill the mission of the station. He also took time to congratulate and recognize various members for their hard work and diligence. Both Stevens and Truesdell spoke highly of all the members involved with continuing the success of the engineers on station.

## BOOT SCOOTIN' ROUNDUP

A live 1-hour radio show featuring the best country music. Kick up your boots 9-10 a.m. Mondays-Thursdays on Power 1575.

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the Marine Corps has proved to be the most cooperative during operations," Hasegawa said.

Capt. Anthony D. Ramey, MAG-12 current operations officer, led the tour.

"It is our job to strengthen relations with all JSDF branches," Ramey said.

Opportunities like this tour give future Japanese pilots a chance to understand how conducting exercises between the U.S. and JSDF forces happen, Ramey said.

After the brief, the cadets were divided into three groups and each headed to a different location to start the tour: the F/A-18D Hornet Tactical Operational Flight Trainer 37, an advanced flight simulator, the air traffic control tower and a static display of an F/A-18D Hornet on the flight line.

Larry L. Jeffords, an air traffic controller,

told the cadets during a tour about the ATC tower and how JSDF pilots communicate to the air traffic controllers and answered questions the cadets asked.

"I explained to the cadets how we communicate with JASDF pilots so we are on the same page during missions like Operation Tomodachi," Jeffords said. "They asked smart and direct questions about what they would face when they become pilots."

After exiting the ATC tower, the cadets were shown a static display of an F/A-18D Hornet.

The cadets learned how and why Marine pilots check aircraft before flying.

"We make sure we are satisfied with the safety of ourselves and the aircraft," Ramey said. "We have know we are perfectly safe during our mission to stay focused on our objectives and come home safely. Every pilot, whether they are American or Japanese, needs to feel like

their equipment is mission capable."

The tour boosted the cadets' morale and refocused their efforts to complete flight training.

"It was very exciting to learn how Marines train and the aircraft they fly," Airman Kazuki Komone, a JASDF cadet. "I feel a lot more comfortable around Marines now that I know who I'll be working with when I become a pilot."

Some of the cadets reflected on their trip before heading back home.

"This is my first time coming to this air station. I can't wait to fly operations with Marine pilots," Minoru Tsumi, a JASDF cadet, said. "Today was a very fun day."

The cadets are slated to start their first flight training in approximately one year, but it won't be for at least another four to five years before they conduct joint-training exercises with Marines in the fleet.



LANCE CPL. CHARLIE CLARK

Kyohel Kusumoto, a Japanese Air Self-Defense Force cadet, looks out over the runway from the Air Traffic Control tower during a Japanese Observer Exchange Program tour here Sept. 27. Approximately 60 JASDF aviation cadets were given a tour of the station by Marine Aircraft Group 12 officers.

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Countries with Hispanic ancestry include Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador and Paraguay.

National Hispanic Heritage

Month was created for people to recognize contributions of Hispanic Americans to the United States and celebrate their heritage and culture.

Being Hispanic has come to mean that I am part of a group that has faced many challenges, struggles and adversaries along with the many other cultures that make up America. It is more than the way I dress or the way I act. It is the orgullo (pride) that I have in myself, mi gente (my people) and my culture. This is why language is very important to me, when I look in the mirror, I am reminded of those who came before me, my ancestors, my family... therefore, it is vital that we preserve our native languages and traditions.

I urge my Hispanic brothers and sisters to carry our culture and traditions with pride... to hold on to our roots. We owe it to ourselves

to continue to educate and pass on our language, culture and traditions to our sons and daughters.

The theme for this year's observance at MCAS Iwakuni was "Many Backgrounds, Many Stories, One American Spirit."

This theme not only speaks of my culture as a Hispanic woman but also a Marine.

Being loyal to the American flag, yet appreciating my native land is what makes diversity beautiful.

"Many Backgrounds, Many Stories, One American Spirit," shows the importance of teamwork and the power that derives when teams come together to work toward accomplishing a mission.

The Hispanic culture along with the all the other cultures that make up America have to find their unique place in our society.

It is important to acknowledge not only the struggles, but the accomplishments that we all make. It's these accomplishments that make our country so great, without it we wouldn't be who we are today, "The Beautiful America."

## Holiday season sends greetings

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Spanish? No problem, we'll do two greetings for you, one in English and one in Spanish. If you're here unaccompanied you can still do a holiday greeting. Either call to make an appointment for the 22nd or stay tuned for another date when we will videotape in the very near future.

It's that simple. Once all the MCAS Iwakuni holiday greetings are videotaped, we will get them to the JHNS staff who will edit them and distribute the individual greetings to hometowns across America for possible airing on their television stations. It's important to note that there's no guarantee the greetings will make the airwaves in your hometown as we have no control over what the local stations in the United States air. That said, the JHNS will make every effort to make sure the greetings get to your hometown television stations and will encourage them to get them on air!

If you have any questions about the 28th Annual Holiday Greetings please contact AFN Iwakuni, or simply sign up and reserve your slot today via either Facebook or e-mail. But act quickly because once the schedule is full we won't be able to videotape additional greetings.



# Corporals Course: 528-11

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# Kayak competition brings communitites together



CPL. CLAUDIO A. MARTINEZ

Local community kayakers practice rowing skills before getting into the water for a friendly kayak competition at Nakayama Lake in support of a national-level kayak competition Sunday. Three local Marines also participated in the friendly competition in support of the 66th National Sports Festival being hosted throughout Yamaguchi Prefecture Oct. 1 - 11. For several community members participating in the friendly kayak competition, it was their first time kayaking. The National Sports Festival is hosted every year in a different prefecture of Japan. This is the second time in 66 years Yamaguchi Prefecture has hosted the festival.



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Warrant Officer William Beuk, Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12 quality assurance officer, inspects his kayak before getting into the water for a friendly kayak competition at Nakayama Lake in support of a national-level kayak competition Sunday. Local community members practiced their kayak skills on Sunday before the day of the big race scheduled for Thursday.

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Three local Marines participated in a friendly kayak competition at Nakayama Lake Sunday and Thursday in support of a national-level kayak competition, which took place Thursday.

The national-level kayak competition was part of the 66th National Sports Festival being hosted throughout Yamaguchi Prefecture Oct. 1 - 11.

Capt. Peter Vergenz, Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12 assistant operations officer, Warrant Officer William Beuck, MALS-12 quality assurance officer and Lance Cpl. Andrea Lyday, a Marine Aircraft Group 12 intelligence specialist, volunteered to participate in the community event.

“The Marines’ participation is characteristic of what makes Iwakuni special because we have the Marine Corps air station here,” said Naomi Takehara, Iwakuni City National Sports Festival promotions coordinator, through a translator. “Maybe most Marines don’t get to come out here to this remote area. (Their participation) has a mutual benefit. It’s inspirational for the community having the Marines participate in this. It also gives back to the Marines and sailors, because they get to enjoy more of what Iwakuni has to offer.”

Nakayama Lake is approximately 50 miles southwest of the station.

Iwakuni City announced the national-level kayak competition in its publications. The city also asked the community if anyone wanted to participate in a friendly competition before the official kayak race. The air station was asked if any service members wanted to participate alongside the local community.

Takehara said these types of events encourage people to communicate with each other and allows them to learn everyone needs to work together for the benefit of the community.

The participants gathered at Nakayama Lake Sunday to familiarize themselves with the course and practice their kayaking skills before the day of the competition.

Approximately 20 locals, as young as 12 and as old as 60, participated.

“(This completion) allows people to get together, make friends and associate,” said Beuck. “The community learns what the Marine Corps is and what we can offer.”

Beuck said the interaction was important on a local level because we share the same community and was also important on an international level because we share an economic and political dependence.

“On the large part it’s just to get to know people and learn about other cultures,” said Beuck. “The more we know about other cultures the more we can understand the differences and the similarities and appreciate them.”

For several of the community members participating in the friendly kayak competition, it was their first time kayaking. Although that was true for Lyday, she said she still had a good time. She has been aboard the air station for approximately two months.

Lyday said she got what she was looking for out of the competition, which was exposure to a new culture and new experiences.

“(The Japanese) are different but it’s a good different,” said Lyday. “They seem to be genuinely happy all the time. They are always smiling or laughing about something.”

The National Sports Festival is hosted every year in a different prefecture of Japan. This is the second time in 66 years Yamaguchi Prefecture has hosted the festival. Approximately 22,000 people have registered to participate in the festival as athletes or staff members.

Sixteen cities and towns within the prefecture are scheduled to host 37 different sports ranging from tennis competition to hockey and fencing.

In celebration of the 66th National Sports Festival being hosted here, fireworks are slated to be launched every night at the Kintai Bridge at 8 p.m. until Tuesday.

There is also scheduled to be a series of cultural programs at the riverbank near the Kintai Bridge area from 12 – 9 p.m. Saturday.

The demonstrations are scheduled to include samurai rifle performances, traditional Japanese dancing and taiko drum demonstrations.



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Capt. Peter Vergenz, Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12 assistant operations officer, speeds toward the finish line as an Iwakuni local tries to catch up to him during a practice kayak race at Nakayama Lake Sunday. Iwakuni City announced the competition to promote a friendly atmosphere within the community and bring attention to the national-level kayak competition, which took place Thursday.



# Iwakuni Wheels



## Heads turn, wheels spin



This 1994 Cadillac Deville, owned by Mitsusoh Takamoto, was one of several vehicles modeled in the popular low-rider style of customization at the Marine Corps Community Services Iwakuni Wheels Car Show in front of Building 411 here Saturday. Along with the various display of cars, visitors were treated to live music performed by The 13s, food and games.

Left: Jason Valdez (left), 13s lead guitarist and back up vocalist, and Damon Lauer, 13s lead singer and rhythm guitarist, gives the crowd a show by performing classic punk rock songs at the Iwakuni Wheels Car Show here Saturday. The 13s are a punk rock group that met here in Iwakuni by sharing a love for a common music style. They were the only live band performing music throughout the entire car show.



PFC. NICHOLAS RHOADES



LANCE CPL. KENNETH K. TROTTER JR.

Cars line the street during the Marine Corps Community Services Iwakuni Wheels Car Show in front of Building 411 here Saturday. Vehicles of different makes and models were on hand for display to residents as they discussed different aspects of their vehicles.



LANCE CPL. KENNETH K. TROTTER JR.

This Dutch hot rod, owned by Souichi Ishida, was one of several vehicle models on display during the Marine Corps Community Service Iwakuni Wheels Car Show in front of Building 411 here Saturday. Vehicles from various times throughout automotive history were on display for station residents to examine. Several older models and contemporary vehicles were lined up on either side of the street as residents and car owners looked over each vehicle, asking questions about modifications and overall performance of the vehicles.



CORPS NEWS

HIGHLIGHTING MARINES AND SAILORS AROUND THE GLOBE

Pittsburgh native survives blast, returns to duty

CPL. JEFF DREW  
2ND MARINE DIVISION

CAMP HANSON, Helmand province, Afghanistan — “My bell was rung,” said Cpl. Zachary Beamer as he recounted his story of survival from an Improvised Explosive Device detonation. “We concentrated on getting everyone out of the compound and making sure everyone was alright. We had some good docs, and they took care of everything they could.”

Beamer was assigned to the Personal Security Detachment for 2nd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, which provides security for the battalion commander, as well as visiting dignitaries and officials, as he makes his way through the battalion’s area of operations.

The PSD recently conducted an escort mission with the commanding officer to visit patrol bases within Company F’s area. The Marines began securing a local compound they planned to convert into a police station, sweeping for IEDs, when one detonated and knocked Beamer off his feet.

“I wasn’t quite sure what happened at first,” Beamer said. “One moment I was standing upright, and the next second I was lying on the ground but wasn’t entirely sure why. I figured it out pretty quickly. I made sure everything was still intact that was important and then tried to get out of there.”

The blast from the IED riddled his left arm and upper torso with shrapnel. His eyesight was saved by the protective glasses he wore, but a scar still remains on his face.

The corpsmen with the unit quickly removed Beamer and two other injured Marines. A medical helicopter then flew them to a higher echelon of care at Camp Leatherneck, where he spent two weeks recovering before eagerly returning to his unit.

“I wanted to go back out and do what I could to prevent it from happening to other Marines,” said Beamer. “If I can help prevent other Marines from being hurt or killed and get them home safely, then that should drive anyone to want to help.”

Beamer said working with the PSD has given him a sense of accomplishment. He has traveled across the battalion’s area of operations, met with local Afghan police officers, and has seen how the Marines are living at the different patrol bases. His leadership noticed his motivated attitude and initiative, as well as his drive and passion for his job, and meritoriously promoted him to the rank of corporal in June.

“His promotion didn’t surprise me at all because of the caliber of Marine he is,” said Capt. Simon Vanboening, the Headquarters and Service Company commander. “He didn’t take his responsibility guarding the colonel lightly, it was very serious for him. He’s the type of Marine who wants to be put in a leadership position. He isn’t the type of person to sit back and be a follower, he wants to be the guy in charge.

I think that’s what drives him.”

With less than a month left in his seven-month deployment, the newly-promoted Marine Corps noncommissioned officer’s thoughts drift toward seeing his family at the end of the day, yet he knows he still has a job to do while in Afghanistan.

“While this (war) is still going on, there are Marines getting hurt, and I need to do my part just like every other Marine does,” said Beamer. “It’s a give and take — the Marine Corps gives me a lot, and I’m willing to do what I need to in order to take the fight to the enemy. While on deployment you can’t let fear get the best of you. Stay focused on your goals and what needs to be done, and you will sleep better at night knowing you did your best.”



CPL. JEFF DREW

CAMP HANSON, HELMAND PROVINCE, Afghanistan — Cpl. Zachary Beamer, an assaultman with the Personal Security Detachment of 2nd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, recently survived an Improvised Explosive Device blast while on patrol. Beamer was hit with shrapnel in his left arm and torso, but was back with his unit in two weeks.



CPL. JEFF DREW

CAMP HANSON, HELMAND PROVINCE, Afghanistan — Cpl. Zachary Beamer bares the scar by his left ear where shrapnel from an Improvised Explosive Device recently hit his face. The assaultman with 2nd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, spent only two weeks in recovery for the injuries across his left arm and torso before returning to his unit.

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Briefs

Officer and Spouses Club

The Officer and Spouses Club is slated to hold an 80’s membership drive at the Officers Club Oct. 7 from 5-7 p.m. 80’s inspired costumes encouraged and 80’s style appetizers will be served with a prize for best dressed. Membership is open to all active duty and retired officers and spouses, officer equivalent civilians and spouses serving aboard the station. For more information contact Sheila Mendez at 253-2746.

Child Development Screening

Educational and Developmental Intervention Services is scheduled to hold a free child development screening event for children 4 to 60-months-old Oct. 27-28 at M.C. Perry Elementary School. For more information call EDIS at 253-4562.

American Red Cross

The ARC is scheduled to host an adult, infant and child CPR, first aid, health and safety course Saturday 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and is also slated to host a babysitting course for station residents 12-years-old and older Nov. 5, 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Both courses cost \$40. For more information call 253-4525.

Wrestling Club

Lt. Col Fredrick and Maj. Reed of Marine Aircraft Group 12 are hosting a wrestling club Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11:30 a.m. at the IronWorks Gym near the basketball courts. It is open to anyone interested in practicing or getting a good workout.

Special Olympics

Marine Corps Community Services, Semper Fit Division is scheduled to host the 4th Annual MCAS Iwakuni Special Olympics (Hiroshima branch) Sports Day on Oct. 16. The event will be held from 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. to approximately 160 participants.

Now on Flickr

MCAS Iwakuni PAO and Combat Camera are now on Flickr! View and download images from air station activities and events at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/mcasiwakuni/>.

Breast Cancer

MCCS Semper Fit is scheduled to host a walk to promote breast cancer awareness Oct. 15 at 9 a.m. Starting point will be at the sea wall behind the Iron Works Gym. Call 253-6359 for more

information.

Seawall Closure

The seawall fitness path from the school and housing area to the IronWorks Gym Bldg. 1010 is scheduled to remain closed until May 2012 due to a major repair project by the resident officer in charge of construction Iwakuni. The repair will be conducted in two phases. The IronWorks Gym to the Port Area Security Gate is scheduled to close from June 2012 to April 2013. Repairs are necessary to maintain safety and serviceability of the fitness path. Community safety and security is paramount throughout the project duration.

Childcare

If you have an unborn baby and will need childcare, put your name on the waiting list as soon as possible. If you do not sign up for the waiting list, you are at a potential risk of not having childcare. For more information call Melissa Valdez at 253-4141.

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.

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.

Mothers of Preschoolers

Mothers of Preschoolers is looking for volunteers to work with their MOPPET’S ages 0 - 5-years-old. If you would like to help contact Michele at 253-2031

Jobs

Part-time Dental Assistant Position

The dental clinic is seeking a certified dental assistant. For more information, stop by the Robert M. Casey Medical and Dental Clinic, Bldg 111 or call 253-3331 to speak with Petty Officer 1st Class Sean Bohl or Senior Chief Petty Officer Ron Hunter.

Program management positions

Louis Berger Group is seeking experienced DoD, retired or separated

military members for program management positions located at Camp Courtney, Okinawa, Japan. Some requirements include a minimum 4-year degree, 5-years experience, U.S. citizen, able to obtain secret security clearance, experience with military requirements, planning and operations. You may submit an advance resume to [lbginokinawa@gmail.com](mailto:lbginokinawa@gmail.com). For more information visit [www.louisberger.com](http://www.louisberger.com) and look for the jobs indicated for Okinawa.

Brief and Classified Submissions

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

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.



Interested in becoming a DJ?

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

Iwakuni Roadrunners

Iwakuni Roadrunners will host runs every Tuesday through Thursday. All service members and civilians welcome. All runs will meet at Crossroads Mall.

**Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.:** Speed Drills, Six mile sea wall run, half-mile on half-mile off workout for all six miles.

**Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.:** Group Run, Six mile course off-base three miles out and three miles back. There will be markers at one and two miles points in case you do not want to run six full miles.

**Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.:** Ladies Night, this will be a two-three mile moderate pace run open to all women.



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

**Protestant**  
2nd & 4th Saturday 10 a.m. Seventh-Day  
Adventist Sabbath Meeting  
  
Sunday 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Adult  
Bible Study  
10:30 a.m. Protestant Service  
4:30 p.m. Lutheran Holy  
Communion Service  
(Small Chapel)  
  
Tuesday 9 a.m. Ladies Bible Study  
  
Wednesday 5:45 p.m. Awana (Bldg. 1104)  
1st & 3rd Thursday 9:30 a.m. MOPS

**Church of Christ**  
Sunday 9:30 a.m. Bible Study (Small  
Chapel)  
10:30 a.m. Service Fellowship

**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

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



Station Marines grapple at Penny Lake field here during a Marine Corps Martial Arts Instructor Course Sept. 16. Marines participated in the MAI course where they learned how to teach and implement a successful Marine Corps Martial Arts Program. 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 the next edition of the Iwakuni Approach. For more information call 253-5551.

SAKURA THEATER

**Friday, October 7, 2011**  
7 p.m. Fright Night (R)  
*Premiere*  
**Saturday, October 8, 2011**  
4 p.m. Spy Kids: All the Time in the  
World (PG) *Premiere*  
7 p.m. The Help (R)  
*Premiere*  
**Sunday, October 9, 2011**  
4 p.m. Spy Kids: All the Time in the  
World (PG)  
7 p.m. Fright Night (R)

**Monday, October 10, 2011**  
7 p.m. Conan The Barbarian (R)  
*Premiere*  
  
**Tuesday, October 11, 2011**  
Theater Closed  
  
**Wednesday, October 12, 2011**  
Theater Closed  
  
**Thursday, October 13, 2011**  
7 p.m. The Help (PG-13)

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:**  
Cream of broccoli soup, turkey pot pie, chicken vega, Cajun baked fish, steamed rice, mashed sweet potatoes, cauliflower combo, collard greens, vegetable gravy, apple dressing, dinner rolls, macaroni salad, potato salad, coleslaw, standard salad bar, banana nut muffin, quick apple coffee cake, quick apple coffee cake, apple crunch, marble cake with chocolate frosting, macadamia cookie, chocolate pudding parfait, Jell-O parfait.

**Tuesday:**  
Chicken gumbo soup, shrimp scampi, barbecue pork ribs, sweet and sour chicken, peas with onions, wax beans, steamed rice, oven browned potatoes, mushroom gravy, dinner rolls, macaroni salad, potato salad, coleslaw, standard salad bar, banana nut muffin, quick apple coffee cake, blueberry pie, devil's food cake with chocolate frosting, peanut butter cookies, coconut cream pudding, Jell-O parfait.

**Wednesday:**  
Tomato soup, lasagna, roast pork, fried breaded shrimp, au gratin potatoes, steamed rice, whole kernel corn, mixed vegetables, brown gravy, vegetable stir fry, cabbage, peas and carrots, brown gravy, dinner rolls, macaroni salad, potato salad, coleslaw, standard salad bar, cherry crunch with chocolate frosting, sugar cookies, chocolate pudding parfait, Jell-O parfait.

**Thursday:**  
Minestrone soup, barbecued ribs, chicken on orange sauce, steak and vegetables, steamed rice, pork fried rice, vegetable stir fry, cabbage, peas and carrots, brown gravy, dinner rolls, macaroni salad, potato salad, coleslaw, standard salad bar, kolaches, quick French coffee cake, Boston cream pie, carrot cake with cream cheese frosting, oatmeal raisin cookies, vanilla pudding parfait, Jell-O parfait.

**Friday:**  
Cream of mushroom soup, baked tuna and noodles, salisbury steak, fried catfish, mashed potatoes, steamed rice, brussel sprouts, cream styled corn, brown gravy, corn muffins, macaroni salad, potato salad, coleslaw, standard salad bar, kolaches, quick French coffee cake, Boston cream pie, carrot cake with cream cheese frosting, oatmeal raisin cookies, vanilla pudding parfait, Jell-O parfait.

Old rivals battle it out once again

Fall Classic title taken by H&HS, MAG-12 defeated in annual game 27-20

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

Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron held off Marine Aircraft Group 12, 27-20, in the 20th annual Fall Classic football game at Penny Lake field here Sept. 30.

"It was long overdue," said Michael R. Coletta, H&HS quarterback and head coach. "It's great to see Marines and sailors get together, put our minds toward a goal and accomplish that goal."

MAG-12 took possession of the ball to start the game after H&HS won the coin toss and deferred.

From the first snap of the ball, H&HS's defense was all in the backfield, pressuring Jerry Woods, MAG-12 quarterback, and disrupting passes before Justin Weimers, H&HS safety, picked off a pass.

H&HS used the momentum shift in their favor as they methodically marched downfield with a series of sweeps by Christopher Rios, H&HS running back, and quick, dump-off passes, slowly chipping away at MAG-12's armor.

Robert Figueroa, H&HS quarterback, sealed the drive with a scramble to put H&HS on the board, 6-0.

H&HS capped off the drive with a one-point conversion, to make the score 7-0.

The stingy defense and quick-firing offense continued to keep MAG-12 off balance.

Rios credited H&HS's determination, discipline and sound defense with producing the turnovers and keeping MAG-12 on its toes.

MAG-12 was poised ready to respond in similar fashion as they started the series, but H&HS had different plans.

MAG-12 hit hard on its next possession, picking up a first down by the quick feet of Wilfredo Cieza's, MAG-12 running back, on a pass.

H&HS's defensive line proved to be the difference-maker for the series as they forced Woods out of the pocket resulting in a sack, an incomplete pass and a near interception thanks in part to the combined efforts of Dyrolyn J. Allen and Ebrima Jallow, H&HS defensive linemen.

"Our defense was locked on," said Rios. "(We) played really tough defense and that's what won us the game."

Woods continued scrambling out of the pocket as the two teams went into the second quarter.

He sailed the ball to Rabosky Tanner, MAG-12 wide receiver, who was in a foot race with Wiemers, but dropped the ball in the end zone.

Speed was MAG-12's greatest weapon on the field but that alone was not enough.

"Our biggest strength was our speed and definitely our ability to get to the ball as well," said William Chatman, MAG-12 middle linebacker. "All the scores they had were (from) our mistakes."

H&HS took the field empowered by the defensive stop and produced another touchdown making the score 13-0.

H&HS went to tack on the extra point but Isiah W. Hester, MAG-12 cornerback swatted the ball away.

"We had some mistakes," said Chatman. "We just weren't executing."

MAG-12 corrected those mistakes as they finally settled into a rhythm, marching down the field to get within scoring range of their goal line.

With no receivers open, Woods ran into the end zone, scoring MAG-12's first touchdown. A successful extra point made the score 13-7

as time wound down in the first half.

The score lit a fire underneath MAG-12 as they shut down H&HS's offense during the next series.

MAG-12 responded as H&HS defense sputtered, resulting in another touchdown on a connection from Woods to Robert E. Rendall, MAG-12 receiver.

Woods attempted to give MAG-12 the lead with a one point conversion but was picked off by Clayton R. Hullet, H&HS corner, keeping the score tied at 13-13.

H&HS gave the ball back to MAG-12 after going three and out and deciding to punt the ball.

MAG-12 wanted to put some distance between it and H&HS, but a costly interception at the hands of Adam J. Sanders, H&HS safety, toward the end zone changed that.

"Our guys and girls never gave up," said Coletta. "We fought, clawed and overcame adversity to battle back."

H&HS capitalized on the turnover as Coletta sent a long bomb down the field to Seth P. Stringham, H&HS wide receiver.

Larry J. Molano, MAG-12 safety, went up to make the play as well but Stringham left him in a trail of dust on his way to a touchdown, putting H&HS in the lead, 21-13, at the end of the third.

MAG-12 stalled on the next drive and gave the ball back to H&HS to start the fourth quarter.

Coletta found the sure hands of another one his receivers, Mikal A. Patterson, to put them further ahead, 27-13.

MAG-12 rallied back to make a late push down the field as Woods led the way.

They were on the verge of another score when disaster struck and the momentum shifted.

On a beautifully executed play, Woods and Rendall connected down the field.

Rendall dodged one defender and only had Sanders left to beat until Lance G. Rawlings, MAG-12 wide receiver, blind-sided Sanders as he went to make the play.

Tempers flared at the blatant penalty until the referees ruled in H&HS's favor and replayed the down.

"Whenever you put a bunch of athletes, competitors out here, and make it a competition, those emotions are part of the game," said Coletta. "When they're not kept in check, it leads to a touchdown being called back."



Seth P. Stringham, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron wide receiver, speeds toward the end zone after burning a Marine Aircraft Group 12 defender on a pass from Michael R. Coletta, H&HS quarterback and head coach, during the 2011 Annual Fall Classic football game at Penny Lake field here Sept. 30. H&HS went on to win the game with a score of 27-20. This was the 20th meeting between the two teams, with MAG-12 winning the previous two games.

MAG-12 was unable to recover.

H&HS wanted to put the final nail in MAG-12's coffin but made a costly mistake which nearly cost them the game.

Figueroa, forced out of the pocket, threw a pass across midfield but Rendall picked it off as he followed his blockers down the field to score with a minute left in the game.

The score now stood 27-20 but it was too little, too late.

H&HS chewed out the rest of the clock to stay in the lead and take the win.

Even with that late-game turnover, H&HS felt they were not in danger of losing.

"I knew the game was out of reach (for them) because of the clock," said Coletta. "At no time did I think the victory wasn't going to be ours." The players left it all on the field as H&HS spoke highly of MAG-12.

"(MAG-12) were tenacious," said Coletta. "They never gave up. They fought to the bitter end. You can tell by that last interception they made. You can never count them out."

With the win, H&HS brought the trophy back home after two years of MAG-12 domination.





# Navy Birthday Meal

October 13, 2011 10:30 a.m. ~ 2:00 p.m.  
 North Side South Side  
 Mess Hall Mess Hall

## *\*\*Special Meal Prices\*\**

*Everyone aboard MCAS is welcome! ComRats, civilian employees and family members: \$7.00. Family members of E4 and below: \$5.95.*

## *SPECIAL TIMES:*

*Military Only: 10:30 a.m. ~ 12:15 p.m.  
 Military/Civilian/Family: 12:15 ~ 2:00 p.m.*



**10.14.2011**

Club Iwakuni

### **Attire**

Formal Civilian Attire  
 Service Dress Blues  
 with large medals or  
 Service Equivalent

### **Contact Information**

ET1 Cole 080.3426.4637

### **Cocktail Hour**

6-7 p.m.

### **Ceremony, dinner & dance**

7 p.m. - 12 a.m.

### **Ticket Information**

SNCO Cash Cage through Oct. 7

E1 - E5 \$40

E6 - E9 \$50

Officers, DoD Civilians and MLC \$60