VMFA-115 mails large order of dummy-bombs to island in Pacific

Lance Cpl. Nicholas Rhoades
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

ANDEREN AIR FORCE BASE, Guam – Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 115 launched eight F/A-18 Hornets carrying thousands of pounds worth of practice ordnance as part of Exercise Wolmi-do Fury here Dec. 2.

Exercise Wolmi-do Fury is a series of different scenarios, which allow pilots a chance to practice multiple employment tactics and allow Marines and sailors to familiarize themselves with and become more proficient in their respective jobs.

Pilots practiced their punctuality by readying all aircraft at once so they could be launched successively one after another.

VMFA-115, also known as the EAGLES on page 3

Globetrotters amaze crowd with high flying performance

Cpl. Marcel Brown
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

The world famous Harlem Globetrotters competed for the basketball world championship against their rival team, Global Select, in a heated exhibition at the IronWorks Gym sports courts here Saturday.

“This is our eleventh annual holiday military tour, so it feels great to come out here and perform for our troops because they are superheroes,” said Kenny (Blenda) Rodriguez, Harlem Globetrotter. “To us, it’s really no difference. We can play for one person or two people; it doesn’t really matter. At the end of the day, it’s all about making millions of smiles.”

Since 1926, the Globetrotters have been entertaining crowds around the world, recruiting the most elite basketball players and handlers worldwide.

The Globetrotters are slated to perform for service members throughout the Pacific region.

“For us to do these things as far as coming to play as Harlem Globetrotters and perform for the troops, it’s a great feeling,” said Anthony (Buckets) Blake, Harlem Globetrotter. “We get an opportunity to give back to them because they’ve gave so much for us in order for us to have the freedoms to even play, not only in the United States, but all over the world.”

Basketball fans, big and small, filled the sports courts to witness the Globetrotter’s flashy, entertaining basketball skills.

The Globetrotters played Global Select for four quarters of high-flying, slam-dunking action. The lead fluctuated between teams and the Globetrotters would always come out on top.

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Stretch, Harlem Globetrotter, does the YMCA dance with a crowd of young Iwakuni residents during the halftime break of the Harlem Globetrotters versus Global Select world championship game at the IronWorks Gym sports courts here Saturday. **See EAGLES on Page 3**
CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

‘Virgin shall conceive and bear a son’

Chile. Dean L. Hoolei MAG-12 CHAPLAIN

As a child, I never liked being alone, especially in the dark; it was dreadful! In order for me to go to sleep, my mom would leave the door to my room open and would turn on the small night-light that sat on the nightstand next to my bed. I remember my mom telling me that glowing light kept the darkness at bay. I knew just how true that was, for fear of the darkness just kept me up all night, as well as my fear of being alone. With its shining presence, falling asleep became easier. Looking back, I am amazed how one little light could make such a difference to a small child who was scared of the dark, but as long as the light was there, ever so faintly illuminating the darkness, I was OK. So why is it that the shining light of his presence will seemingly turn on the small red night-light to sleep, my mom would leave the room with me, even if I was still awake. I learned that even if the light could make such a difference back, I am amazed how one little light...’

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Dr. Richard A. Behrmann, VMFA-115 pilot training officer. The training exercise went off without a hitch as it all happened as planned. The reduced traffic flow and limited space associated with the barracks, in addition to the reduced traffic flow and limited space associated with the barracks, intently seem as being a hindrance for Marines on the station, according to Lance Cpl. Nicholas Rhoades, the Marine All-Weather Flight Assault Squadron (AV-8B) VMA-115’s security quintet officer. The installation is part of a series of construction projects that started Nov. 12, 2010, and has resulted in the installation’s north side and is slated to continue over the next several months.

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Thunderous goodwill rolls through station

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Japanese and American motorcyclists ride around the station during the 14th annual Toys for Tots Motorcycle Rally at the Strike Zone parking lot here Sunday. The Japanese and American motorcyclists showed their support for the Toys for Tots campaign by donating toys to the rally. "This allows the Japanese to donate toys for underprivileged children," said Shunho Ally, SMP coordinator. "This rally is an added bonus, because it brings the local community here to help us with a noble cause while having fun showing off their bikes as well." Many Japanese riders placed a toy or two in the donation box when they first arrived at the event.

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"This is our job as sailors of Japan," said Chief Petty Officer Akitsoshi Harada, JMSDF FAW-31 Iwakuni Air Support Squadron chief petty officer. "We have to be prepared to defend our country no matter what." If a scenario arose where JMSDF sailors had to return enemy fire, this training would ensure the sailors could accurately put rounds down range and on target. Helping the JMSDF sailors hone their sharpshooter skills for the protection of Japan and their country is a great wish. "It is my greatest wish to have more activities like this in the future." said Lance Cpl. Charlie Clark, a Marine lance corporal who directs the Marine Sharpshooter Program.

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Approximately 60 Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force Fleet Wing 31 sailors re-qualified with rifles at the Indoor Small Arms Range here Dec. 2. This event allowed sailors to qualify for a weapon's qualification or familiarization training as well as separate weapon qualification and familiarization training. "I would only use this weapon in defense of my country," said Petty Officer 2nd Class Suzuki Tsuyoshi, a JMSDF FAW-31 air crewman. "I would prefer to solve a situation without violence, but if the need to use these rifles ever occurred, I would not hesitate to fire." JMSDF sailors and security forces have previously used the ISAR, inductively, but plan to use the facility more frequently for operating the rifles.

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Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force Petty Officer 1st Class Hiden Obata, a Fleet Wing 31 air crewman, was a true traffic manager during the weapon qualification and familiarization training at the Indoor Small Arms Range here Dec. 2. The sailors shot in groups of six. Each shooter had an assistant while a Marine range coach oversaw the action on the line.

The shooters seemed to enjoy working with the ISAR Marines, but had mixed feelings about operating the rifles. "I only wish to keep my country safe," said Petty Officer 2nd Class Suzuki Tsuyoshi, a JMSDF FAW-31 air crewman. "I would prefer to solve a situation without violence, but if the need to use these rifles ever occurred. I would not hesitate to fire." JMSDF sailors and security forces have previously used the ISAR inductively, but plan to use the facility more frequently for operating the rifles.

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Orphaned children spend day at Branch Health Clinic

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Robert M. Casey Medical and Dental Clinic corpsmen and Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force service members spent time with Akibono Foster Home orphanage children from Oshima Island at the Branch Health Clinic here Saturday.

The purpose of the visit was for the children to see the camaraderie Japan and the U.S. have with one another.

Madelyn J. Santiago, Education and Developmental Intervention Services office administrator, said making the holidays accessible to children and showing the true purpose of the holidays was important for them, so they could see the less advertised aspect of Christmas.

“The holiday season is about giving and sharing, not only about shopping,” said Santiago. “There are a lot of things to do here that can make a difference. This is something we take wholeheartedly.”

All 28 children were given a scarf at the start of the event to get them into the holiday spirit of gift giving. BHC service members spent several weeks knitting and crocheting the scarves. For some, this was their first attempt at performing such an activity.

The children then made ornaments and decorations for the Christmas tree and also decorated cookies. Once finished with decorations, the children and personnel sang Christmas carols. Santa Claus closed out the event by taking time to visit and interact with the children.

The BHC and EDIS staff and personnel have orchestrated this long-standing tradition of inviting orphanages here for over 20 years. All 28 children were given a scarf at the event.

“During the holiday season, it’s important to be positive about everything in your life and also that sense of camaraderie,” said Ronald C. Johnson, Medical Association Recreational Committee president. “One of the best things you can see is a smile on a child’s face, especially during the holidays.”

The event also focused on helping children to become more accustomed to seeing and interacting with American and JMSDF service members.

When they see American service members, they won’t be so (nervous),” said Johnson.

This is one of two events NHC and EDIS put together for the children throughout the year. Organizers hope these visits will continue to provide opportunities and that they will occur more frequently during the following years.

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Marine watches birth of first child on deployment day two

Sgt. Bunnarath Gnoy, Alpha Company heavy equipment chief, Combat Logistics Battalion Nine, 2nd Marine Logistics Group (Forward), knows what it is like to be away from family for long periods of time. He is currently on his fourth deployment. He and his wife of two years have perfected the art of long distance communication.

But now, Gnoy has to learn how to parent from thousands of miles away. His first child, a son named Aiden, was born while Gnoy was in Afghanistan.

It was day two of his unit’s time in Afghanistan. The phone call came that his wife was going into early labor.

“She was supposed to be due on the 24th so I didn’t expect it at all, said Gnoy. “I called the hospital and told them I was in Afghanistan and they got me right on the phone with a nurse. I asked her to ask the doctors if she could use [wireless internet] in there. They said yes, so I called my wife and told her I was on the webcam, just watching. I got to see the whole thing.”

When the call ended, the doctors told Gnoy the baby weighed 7 pounds 9 ounces. Gnoy described how he knew his life had changed then. He said that all the pride he felt in the Marine Corps couldn’t compare to being a father.

“Just seeing the baby for the first time. I'm going to miss that. When the baby starts to sleep through the night, so I'm going to miss that. This is the first time I've been a father. There is nothing like it. It's just great,” said Gnoy.

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Two months into his deployment, Gnoy maintains a positive attitude despite missing the birth of his child by a few days and a few thousand miles. He looks out for his Marines and continues to learn about his job, but is always counting the weeks until he is reunited with his family.

“I will be seven months when I get home,” Gnoy said. "I think that’s when the baby starts to sleep through the night, so I’m going to miss all the bad stuff. I told my wife, ‘when I get home, you can take seven months off if you want.’"
**Mock Test**

**Missions Trip**
- Service Projects
- Retreats
- HS & JR Bible Studies
- Youth Groups
- Junior High Meetings (Club JV – grades 7-8)
- High School Meetings (Club – grades 9-12)
- Counseling

**Chapel Services**
- Roman Catholic
  - 4:30-5:15 p.m. Confession
  - 5:30 p.m. Mass
- Greek Orthodox
  - 8:30 a.m. Mass
  - 9:45 a.m. Religious Education
- Jewish
  - Tues. – Fri.
  - 11:10 a.m. Weekly Mass
- Protestant
  - 10 a.m. Seventh-Day Adventist Sabbath Meeting
  - Sunday
  - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Adult Bible Study
  - 10:45 a.m. Protestant Service
  - 4:30 p.m. Lutheran Holy Communion Service (Small Chapel)
- Tuesday
  - 9 a.m. Ladies Bible Study
- Wednesday
  - 4:45 p.m. Awana (Bldg. 1104)

**Church of Christ**
- Sunday
  - 1st & 3rd Thursday 5:45 p.m. Awana (Bldg. 1104)
  - 10:30 a.m. Protestant Service

**Religious Education**
- Religious program or chapel activity, call the Marine Memorial Chapel at 253-3371.

**Sakura Theater**
- Premiere:
  - Friday, December 9, 2011:
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    - 10 p.m. The Ides of March (R)
    - 7 p.m. Real Steel (PG-13)
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    - 7 p.m. 50/50 (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.

**Mess Hall Menu**

**Monday:**
- Cream of broccoli soup, shrimp and crab salad, chicken and pasta salad, rice, mashed sweet potatoes, cookies, oatmeal raisin cookies, chocolate pudding parfait, Jell-O parfait.

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- Chicken gumbo soup, stir-fried chicken, sausages, macaroni and cheese, rice, mashed sweet potatoes, cookies, oatmeal raisin cookies, chocolate pudding parfait, Jell-O parfait.

**Wednesday:**
- Tomato soup, lasagna, roast pork, fried breaded shrimp, steamed rice, whole kernel corn, mixed vegetables, brown gravy, garlic bread, macaroni salad, potato salad, colelaw, salad bar, snacks, pecan rolls, cherry crunch, chocolate frosting, sugar cookies, chocolate pudding parfait, Jell-O parfait.

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Roses bowl over competition to take lead in flag football

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The Suzuhara Fighting Roses took first place in a Marine Corps Community Services Youth Sports double-elimination flag football tournament in the 10-12 year old division at the Matthew C. Perry School soccer fields here Sunday.

The Roses’ first game was against the Bears with the Bears getting the ball at the start of the half.

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The Roses meant business as they stepped onto the field. With a series of play-action passes and sweeps, the Roses quickly marched down the field. Natsuki Kawano, Roses running back, swept toward the sideline as several Bears defenders attempted to stop her before Amber M. McCarthy-Figueroa, Bears safety, came to make the stop.

“The sweep plays were my favorite to run because it’s something we worked on a lot,” said Miyuna Yamamoto, Roses quarterback.

The ground game continued to aid the Roses on the next play when Yamamoto scrambled out of the pocket for a touchdown. The Roses tacked on the one-point conversion, making the score 7-0.

The Roses did more of the same against their next opponent, the Packers. The Roses allowed only one touchdown and racked up several of their own, making the final score 43-6.

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The Bears wanted to put a stop to their offensive drought, went to the air. Branden K. Chatigny, Bears quarterback, connected several times with Figueroa and Caleb V. Ricafrente, Bears wide receivers, on a series of midfield passes before connecting with Ricafrente in the end zone. The Bears went for a two-point conversion but were denied by the Roses.

The Roses once again marched down the field, but were stopped just short of the goal line before the half. The score was 14-6.

The Roses received the ball to start the second half. The Roses made a statement by going to the air again. Forced out of the pocket, Yamamoto threw down the field to China Kumaki, Roses wide receiver, for a touchdown. The Roses continued to pour on the touchdowns and disrupt the Bears’ attempts at a comeback. The referees enacted the mercy rule with two minutes left to play. The Roses finished the game with a final score of 34-6.

Though the Bears lost, the final score did not weigh heavily on the players shoulders.

“We all like to win, but we were told from the beginning to just have fun,” said Figueroa.

China Kumaki, Suzuhara Fighting Roses wide receiver, tries to avoid having her flag pulled of by Caleb V. Ricafrente, Bears linebacker and wide receiver, in a Marine Corps Community Services Youth Sports double-elimination flag football tournament in the 10-12 year old division at the Matthew C. Perry School soccer field here Sunday. The Roses routed the Bears in considerable fashion, beating the Bears 34-6.

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The need for Japanese and American children to interact and experience different cultural aspects was also something important in the tournament.

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The Roses once again marched down the field, but were stopped just short of the goal line before the half. The score was 14-6.

The Roses received the ball to start the second half. The Roses made a statement by going to the air again. Forced out of the pocket, Yamamoto threw down the field to China Kumaki, Roses wide receiver, for a touchdown. The Roses continued to pour on the touchdowns and disrupt the Bears’ attempts at a comeback. The referees enacted the mercy rule with two minutes left to play. The Roses finished the game with a final score of 34-6.

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