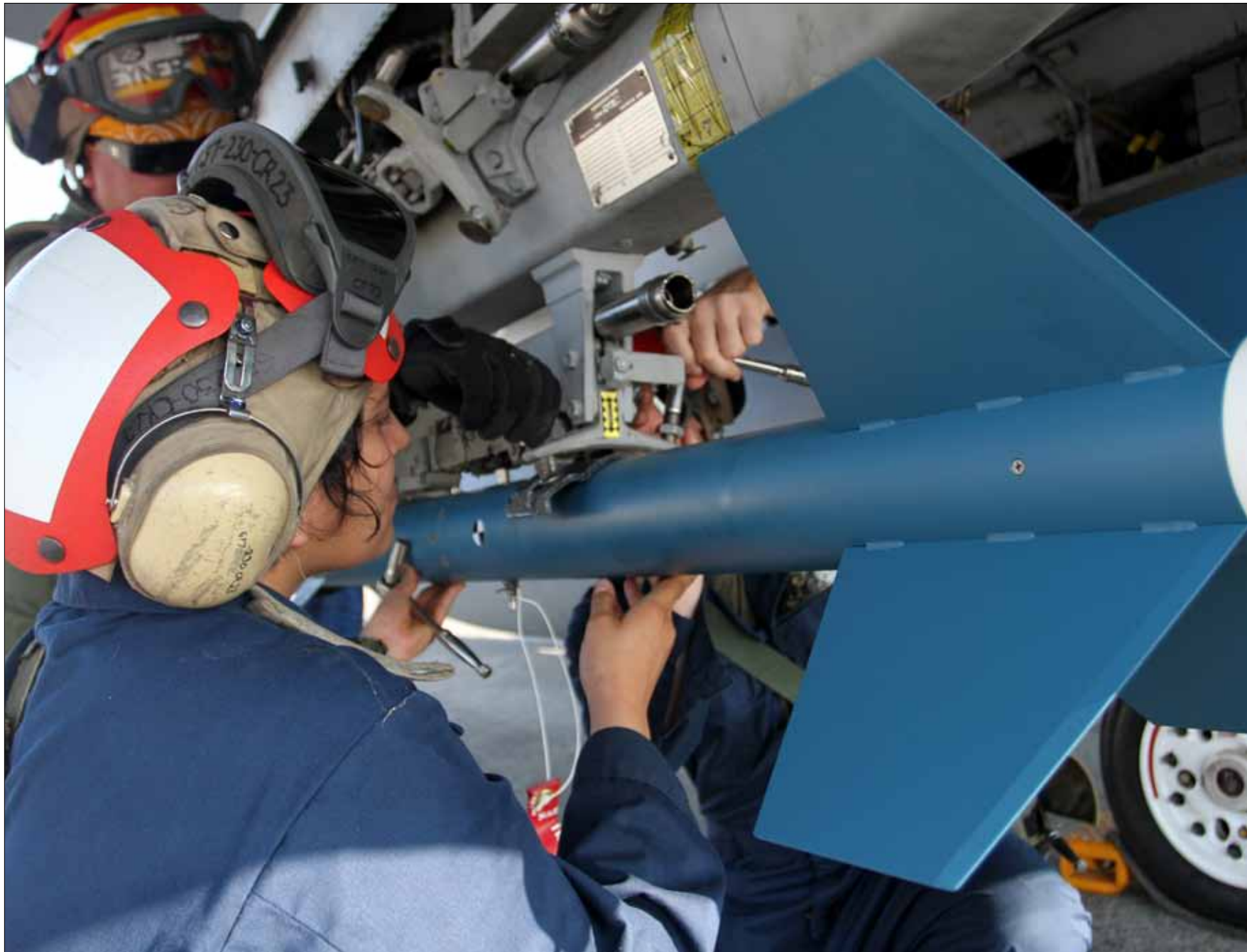


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Pfc. Sarah Muniz, Marine All Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 242 ordnance technician, attaches ordnance to an F/A-18D here, in preparation of an air-to-ground exercise in Crow Valley, Philippines, Oct. 12, 2012. The objective of the exercise was to locate and destroy multiple command and control vehicles within the target area of the Crow Valley range.

VMFA(AW)-242 conducts exercise in Philippines

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IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Marine All Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 242 Marines prepared and executed simulated bombing runs at an air-to-ground range in Crow Valley, Philippines Oct. 12, 2012.

The F/A-18Ds piloted by VMFA(AW)-242, known as the "Bats," prepared and received ordnance used in the exercise here. The Marines then made the approximate four-hour trip to the designated range in the Philippines.

"We have planned a division strike into the Philippines on a range called Crow Valley, a large air-to-ground range that has been utilized by the United States forces since Vietnam," said Capt. Matthew Patera, VMFA(AW)-242 schedule officer.

The Philippines is a region of vital strategic importance to the United States.

"The idea of what we are trying to do is open the door to the Philippines as being a strategic area of operation," said Patera. "The Bats, being the resident squadron here in Iwakuni, is going to be the squadron to do that, paving the way for us to build relations with the Philippines and further America's interests in this region. Therefore, what we are going to do is send a strike down there, a multi-element

integration of KC-135s and Hornets as well as ground elements down in the Philippines, and drop ordnance inside the range."

Capt. Adam D. Kassulke, F/A-18D Weapons Systems Officer, who took part in the exercise from his seat in one of the four F/A-18Ds sent, gave further details on the exercise.

"We are leaving out of here, meeting up with three C-130s from Futenma for refueling, and they are going to lead us into the Philippines," said Kassulke. "Then, we are going to detach from them, head into the Crow Valley range complex, where we are looking for three command and control vehicles in that vicinity and look to destroy those targets. After that we will rally up at Subic Bay, where we are going to remain overnight and meet up with the Philippine Air Force and some of the locals, where we will brief them on our F-18s, then head back home to Iwakuni the next day."

"We have done this type of training before, not in some time though, and not in the Philippines," said Patera. "This sort of training is a necessity for our squadron being able to operate tactically in this region."

The success of the exercise is a direct reflection on the operational capabilities of VMFA(AW)-242 and is a testament to the hard work and determination of each individual Marine and their devotion toward the betterment of their squadron.



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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Finding God in the Philippines

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During the Columbus Day 96, I took some time to see the Philippines, and I must say that I am a changed man.

I have never felt trust and passion in the Lord like this before.

Am I talking about people singing loudly and praising with everything they have? No. Am I talking about people flocking to the churches? No.

I am talking about an eye opening experience, in which the level of income is far less than we can imagine. I am talking about women having to work a job they

don't want to, but have no choice in order to support their families. I am talking about foreigners entering the Philippines and thinking they can buy whatever they want.

Despite all that, people still not only believe in, but love and trust our one true Savior.

Joshua 1:5 says, "I will not leave you nor forsake you."

Sometimes for us that verse is so simple. When things are going right and there is not a problem in the world, that verse makes perfect sense. Yet when something minor goes wrong, when we can't get the new iPhone 5, when we have duty on the weekend, or when our loved

ones break up with us, we panic and we question where God is. How trivial are those problems when we have people living with almost nothing, worrying about providing for their family so they can live and working a job they hate and still thanking God?

It puts me to shame that I worry about the things that I do.

God has made a covenant with His people that He will never leave us. He never promises us a perfect life, but we do have the promise that He is always there. I encourage you to always look up, because God is always there. Nothing is too great for us to overcome in this lifetime because Christ Himself has conquered all.

Halloween safety tips

Halloween aboard Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni can be a great time for residents of all ages. The Provost Marshal's Office asks every member of the community to consider the below tips and help make this Halloween safe and enjoyable for all of our young trick-or-treaters.

Pedestrian Safety

- Parents are highly encouraged to accompany their children in accordance with Marine Corps Installation Pacific Youth Supervision Guidelines.
- Plan your child's route and ensure you have a designated place to meet them in case you become separated.
- Children should use flashlights and stay on sidewalks.
- Children should cross the street at crosswalks and not between parked cars.
- Vehicle operators should drive slowly and watch carefully for children.

Costume Safety

- Children should never go into homes when asking for treats.
- Children should never talk to strangers or get into a stranger's car.
- Wear clothing that is bright, reflective and flame-retardant; wear

short clothing that prevents tripping.

- Wear sneakers or comfortable shoes.
- Use face paint (non-toxic, hypoallergenic) and avoid masks - especially if the eye holes obstruct the child's vision.
- Don't wear floppy hats or wigs that slide over the eyes. Also, children should not wear long, baggy, or loose costumes or oversized shoes.
- Avoid toy weapons - if desired, use costume knives and swords that are flexible, not rigid.
- Stay away from pets. The pet may not recognize the child and become frightened.
- Children should travel in small groups and be accompanied by parents or an authorized adult chaperone.
- Children should know their home phone number and their parents' cell phone numbers in case they are separated from one another.
- Children should bring home treats before eating them so parents can inspect them.

Military Police bicycle and foot patrols will be assigned to each housing area. If at any time you or your child needs assistance, please call the Military Police Desk Sergeant at 253-3303 dial 911 for emergencies.



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Marine Corps Community Services employees line up to send bowling balls down the lanes during the MCCS employees day of play here at the Strike Zone bowling alley Oct. 10, 2012. The event was meant to allow the MCCS employees time to let their hair down and enjoy a day together after working hard to assist in the daily functions of the station.



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Marine Corps Community Services employees give high-fives in celebration of a strike during the MCCS employees day of play here at the Strike Zone bowling alley Oct. 10, 2012. The employees divided into random teams to allow members of each section to get to know someone new or with they were not familiar with.

MCCS employees bowl off steam during fun day inside StrikeZone Bowling Alley

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IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Marine Corps Community Services employees gathered at the Strike Zone bowling alley here Oct. 10, 2012, for a day out of the work space and fun.

The MCCS workers divided into random bowling teams to allow each person the chance to get to know someone less familiar to them.

"Today, what we try to do with our exchange employees is get them outside the work place," said Staff Sgt. Sydney Shanfield, Marine Corps Exchange retail chief. "So, quarterly we try to get our regular exchange staff all together in the same place to blow off some steam from work and build a much more cohesive work place."

With all the employees gathered at the Strike Zone bowling alley, who ran the establishments aboard station?

According to Shanfield, all of the supervisors of the establishments took on the day-to-day roles of the regular employees, such as working the registers and other various tasks.

Working in a varied environment

like MCCS, with so many departments scattered across the air station, can make it difficult to get to know many coworkers.

"It is hard to get everyone from separate sections together and we want everyone to meet and learn about each other," said Shanfield.

Many of the establishments aboard station are open six to seven days a week, with many of the employees working every day from start to finish.

"We spend all of our time at the exchange and MCCS supporting the station, the Marines and sailors, as well as all others who live here. We do this for our employees just to give them a day for themselves," said Shanfield. "We try to create a fun, safe place to work. We want it to also be a place where employment and promotions are things that people want to achieve and make the exchange and MCCS not only a positive working environment, but also a fun work environment where people actually look forward to coming to work."

After long days of work, employees of MCCS had a successful day to "bowl" off steam with their peers and fellow employees.

Corporals Course pushes Marines to learn leadership foundations

LANCE CPL. B.A. STEVENS
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Future sergeants major gather from all corners of Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni to attend Corporals Course, a path which molds Marines into better noncommissioned officers.

“Corporals Course is the beginning of Professional Military Education and is the foundation of leadership for newly-promoted corporals,” said Sgt. Gregory B. Williams, Corporals Course lead instructor.

Students also understand the importance of taking the course.

“Corporals Course is important for small unit leadership,” said Cpl. Holly Andrews, meteorologist and oceanographic analyst with Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron. “As corporals, we are not only responsible for our work load, but that of all junior Marines under our charge.”

Corporals Course is not a requirement, but is designed to aid noncommissioned officers.

“The course is 20 training days and typically takes one calendar month to complete, depending on holidays,” said Williams.

The current class has only been in session for four training days, and the curriculum is fast-paced.

“So far, I have learned the initial stages of what it means to be the backbone of the Marine Corps,” said Andrews. “We have learned sword and guidon manual, how to properly conduct operational risk management, the way to run a mess night, how to properly lead a physical training session and the importance of public speaking.”

While commands have the ability to recommended students to attend the course, many Marines use the educational opportunity to gain career advantages.

“I volunteered to be here because I wanted to make sure I was up to date on PME,” said Andrews.

Corporal Course students face many obstacles and challenges throughout the class.

“The most difficult part of the course for me is the communication barrier,” said Andrews. “In my MOS, I work mostly with pilots, ensuring the safety of their flights, but here I work with fellow corporals from all different MOSs and we have to learn each other’s strengths and weaknesses in order to effectively carry out a multitude of tasks.”

For some, other portions of the course are the most challenging.

“The final exercise is where corporals and instructors do a forced march around Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni,” said Williams. “Afterward, corporals demonstrate the ability to complete things such as five paragraph order, fire plan sketches, land navigation and squad tactics.”

Another daunting task is final drill, where Marines drill a squad while instructors grade their performance.

While it may never be required, with such a multitude of lessons taught during Corporals Course, it will continue to further enhance the proficiency of Marine NCOs.



SGT. CHARLES E. MCKELVEY

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Cpl. Holly Andrews, Corporals Course class leader, maintains bearing while practicing sword manual on the parade deck across from Building One here Oct. 9, 2012. Marines are taught a variety of things throughout the course such as the importance of public speaking and how to lead physical training.



Navy celebrates 237 years of pride

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CPL. KENNETH K. TROTTER JR.
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Two hundred and thirty seven years of U.S. Naval history, service and pride were on display during the Navy Ball at the Club Iwakuni Ballroom here Oct. 12, 2012.

Sailors and Marines came together in recognition of the efforts the U.S. Navy has contributed to keeping America safe.

The night started with the arrival of the official party and the parading of the colors.

The guest speaker for the ball was Navy Capt. Moise Willis, Robert M. Casey Medical and Dental Clinic senior medical officer. As the official party entered, a single bell rang, signifying their arrival.

Those in attendance took a moment to remember those killed or missing in action by setting aside mementos to honor them.

After the moment of silence, the bell was rung once again for those who gave the ultimate sacrifice.

Once respects were rendered, Willis spoke

about what he believes has and continues to contribute to the success of the U.S. Navy.

“Shipmates, you’re charged with getting out of the office and circulating among your troops,” said Willis. “In other words, leadership is a contact sport. You get firsthand knowledge needed to make informed, accurate decisions. Your visibility in your sailors’ working space creates a sense of commitment, collaboration and community. This is also your opportunity to mentor and guide on immediate and future goals.”

Linking the newest generation of sailors with their past was integral to preserving the U.S. Navy and America’s legacy.

“Honor your heritage to connect our sailors to their past by teaching customs, ceremonies and traditions,” said Willis.

Integrity was another important theme relayed to those who attended.

“Be the leader with uncompromising integrity,” said Willis. “Always do the right thing, especially when no one is looking. Enforce and uphold our Navy ethos: honor, courage and commitment. Do not allow them

to be tarnished.”

Willis also spoke of those who have helped keep the Navy strong over the years.

“No one travels this road alone,” said Willis. “I would be remiss if I did not take the opportunity to thank our spouses and significant others who have joined us tonight. Your support, encouragement and sacrifices are truly appreciated. Thank you for trusting the United States Navy with your loved ones. You too are doing a service for our country.”

Once Willis concluded his speech, the cake-cutting ceremony began. The cake, a multi-tiered confectionery masterpiece, paraded before the crowd. The youngest and oldest sailors in attendance, Seaman Darion Black, Branch Health Clinic hospital corpsman, and Navy Capt. Elizabeth B. Gaskin, 11th Dental Company Detachment, 3rd Dental Battalion, Navy Dental Clinic Okinawa, received a slice of cake.

The night culminated with toasts. The night then turned over to engaging in fun-filled dancing and merry-making until the event’s conclusion.



Guests dance the night away at the conclusion of the 237th Navy Ball at the Club Iwakuni Ballroom here Oct. 12, 2012. The guest speaker for the evening was Navy Capt. Moise Willis, Robert M. Casey Medical and Dental Clinic senior medical officer.

Hard charging children give war face on Young Warrior Day

LANCE CPL. CAYCE NEVERS
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Children of servicemembers, ages six and up, grew closer to their parents as they spent the day going through Young Warrior Day here, Oct. 13, 2012.

Young Warrior Day is an event which allows children to experience what their parents do as Marines.

The children went to the Indoor Small Arms Range to learn about

weapons systems, went through gear orientation, saw Aircraft Rescue Firefighters perform and put out a fire, ate Meals Ready to Eat, saw a Provost Marshal's Office K-9 demonstration, used camouflage paint on their faces and performed a modified Combat Fitness Test.

"I did this a few years back and I had a blast," said Maria Calderon, 13, Young Warrior Day participant. "I liked painting our faces and I also like eating the MREs because they are good."

Young Warrior Day not only gives the children of Marines and sailors an idea of basic activities performed by servicemembers, but also gives them a new outlook on the difficulties of being in the military.

"We started planning for this about a month and a half ago," said Lt. Col. Lance Lewis, H&HS commanding officer. "We started off by asking, 'How many events do we want to do?' there is all this stuff we wanted to show the kids. We were only going to make it a half day, but there was just

too much we wanted to do so it ended up being an all-day thing."

Although Jane Wayne Day, a day where spouses see into the life of a Marine, is more hands-on, Young Warrior Day takes on the same general concept, but for children.

"I think the kids felt great about today," said Lewis. "We had a ton of them out here, maybe 45 to 50 kids out here. They had a lot of fun, a great appreciation for what mom or dad do, and now they have a taste of what it's like to be a Marine. They

got dirty, painted their faces. I think and hope they went away with a great feeling. Seeing the looks on their faces all day, it seems like they did."

Dirty, sweaty and exhausted, the children left Young Warrior Day smiling and motivated about the knowledge they received.

"I feel like the day went great, everything went smooth, everything went like clockwork, the kids got to see so many different things," said Lewis.



LANCE CPL. CAYCE NEVERS

A young warrior stands and watches as Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting Marines put out a fire at the ARFF burn pit here during Young Warrior Day Oct. 13, 2012. Young Warrior Day allowed children of servicemembers to experience what their parents do in the military.



LANCE CPL. CAYCE NEVERS

Orion Campos, 9, Young Warrior Day participant, prepares to pick up 10 pound ammo cans during a modified Combat Fitness Test at the Robert M. Casey Medical and Dental Clinic field here during Young Warrior Day Oct. 13, 2012. Young Warrior Day is an event which allows children to experience what their parents do as Marines.



LANCE CPL. CAYCE NEVERS

Lt. Col. Lance Lewis, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron commanding officer, speaks to the participants of Young Warrior Day before handing out the certificates to the children at the end of the day. The children spent the day traveling to the Indoor Small Arms Range to learn about weapons systems, went through gear operation, saw Aircraft Rescue Firefighters perform and put out a fire, ate Meals Ready to Eat, saw a Provost Marshal's Office K-9 demonstration, used camouflage paint on their faces and performed a modified Combat Fitness Test.



LANCE CPL. TODD MICHALEK

Colby Southern, 6, Young Warrior Day participant, holds a practice weapon at the Indoor Small Arms Range during Young Warrior Day here Oct. 13, 2012. Dirty, Sweaty and exhausted, the children left Young Warrior Day smiling and motivated about the knowledge they received.



(Left) Shion Rudolph, 10, and Marianne Ross, 10, Young Warrior Day participants paint each other's faces with camouflage paint during Young Warrior Day here Oct. 13, 2012. The children painted their faces then marched to the field in front of Robert M. Casey Medical and Dental Clinic to run a modified Combat Fitness Test.

LANCE CPL. CAYCE NEVERS

CORPS NEWS

HIGHLIGHTING MARINES AND SAILORS AROUND THE GLOBE



CPL. ANTHONY WARD JR.
A Marine surveys the area during a patrol alongside Afghan National Army soldiers in the shadows of Patrol Base Lambadand in Trek Nawa, Afghanistan, Sept. 27. The Marines, with Weapons Company, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines, Regimental Combat Team 6, are the first Marines to enter the area in nearly a year.

Marines aid Afghan, soldiers secure area

CPL. ANTHONY WARD JR.
1ST MARINE REGIMENT

TREK NAWA, Afghanistan — Entering the Trek Nawa District of Helmand province, Afghanistan, Marines with Weapons Company, 1st Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 6, made a bold military presence absent to the region for nearly a year.

Arriving Sept. 26, the Marines helped occupy Patrol Base Lambadand for four days and patrolled through the area alongside the Afghan National Army soldiers who call the base their home.

“We recently expanded our battle space and picked up that position (PB Lambadand),” said Capt. Glen Taylor, Weapons Co. commander. “So it was kind of an introduction to that battle space and to those ANA soldiers up there. We had to evaluate where they were at in their proficiency level and see what the enemy was doing in that area.”

Each day, the Marines pushed out patrols with the ANA to get a better feel for their newly inherited area of responsibility and to learn the capabilities of their Afghan counterparts.

During the first patrol, the Marines and ANA soldiers came under fire from an enemy who knows how to play their part all too well.

“They’ve been doing this for a while and they know what works,” said Taylor of the insurgents. “They do a very good job of understanding the rules we need to operate under and exploiting those. They mainly disguise themselves as civilians. They operate out of our view, hiding their weapons and identities until they get into their firing positions. “They look for advantages against us, try to hit us when we are not looking, from multiple angles,” added Taylor.

Despite their tactics, the enemy was no match for the Marines coupled with the ANA soldiers.

Once the insurgents were fired upon, they fled. Weapons Company will continue to frequent areas throughout their operational zone to include PB Lambadand.

They will also continue to aid the ANA as much as they need and equipping the soldiers with the skill set they need to prevail.

“We’d like to get those guys some new techniques up there, so they can keep the Taliban off their backs,” said Sgt. Tristan Kyzer, with Weapons Co. “I don’t think that the area is going to be completely pacified by the time we leave, but I think that we can give them some new tactics to help out.”

Weapons Company will be bringing their deployment in Afghanistan to a close in the coming months. As they continue to aid the ANA by helping them improve their techniques, the security and future of Afghanistan grows stronger.



CPL. ANTHONY WARD JR.
Lance Cpl. Steve Fillmore, a tow gunner with Weapons Company, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines, Regimental Combat Team 6, provides security as the rest of the patrol moves through Trek Nawa, Afghanistan, Sept. 27. The Marines work with the Afghan soldiers who provide security for the region from Patrol Base Lambadand.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS | CLASSIFIEDS

Briefs

Active-Reserve Career Information

Marines seeking information about transitioning to the Reserve component should contact Gunnery Sgt. Robert Noyes, Okinawa Active-Reserve Career Planner, at (315) 622-6004 or send him an e-mail at robert.noyes@usmc.mil.

Unit Reporting Numbers

When filling out envelopes for Combined Federal Campaign donations, the unit reporting number required corresponds to a person's unit. Unit reporting numbers for the station include:

- 1480006-Robert M. Casey Medical and Dental Health Clinic
- 1480008-Department of Defense Dependents School Matthew C. Perry Elementary School
- 1480009-DoDDS M.C. Perry High School
- 1480021-Defense Commissary Agency Iwakuni
- 1480031-Marine Corps Community Services Food & Hospitality
- 1480032-MCCS Services
- 1480033-MCCS Retail
- 1480034-MCCS Semper Fit

- 1480035-MCCS Marine & Family Services
- 1480036-MCCS Support
- 1480037-MCCS Miscellaneous/Executive Office/Internal Co.
- 1480038-H&HS Provost Marshal's Office
- 1480039-H&HS Logistics
- 1480040-H&HS Operations
- 1480041-H&HS Facilities
- 1480042-H&HS Administration
- 1480100-Iwakuni Friends

VRAP

The Veterans Retraining Assistance Program provides eligible veterans, those 35 to 60-years-old, with education benefits for up to 12 months of training. For more information, visit www.benefits.va.gov/VOW or call 888-442-4551.

Stripes and Rockers

The Stripes and Rockers Enlisted Spouses Club is welcoming all enlisted spouses aboard station. Goals of the club include serving the community in a positive manner and working toward fundraisers that afford the opportunity to provide scholarships to Matthew C. Perry graduates and enlisted spouses with a desire to further their education. Meetings are currently taking place in community rooms, with the next

meeting on Oct. 24, 2012, at the StrikeZone party room from 6-7 p.m. Meetings are planned scheduled for the last Wednesday of every month. For more information, join the Facebook page, “Stripes & Rockers Enlisted Spouses Club,” or email stripesandrockers@hotmail.com.

Community Rooms

Community room inspections are required in order to rent a community room. Patrons reserving community rooms risk losing their reservation by missing their inspection appointment. To schedule a community room or get more information, call Housing at 253-3341.

Family Housing Grills

All barbecue grills will be placed a minimum of five to 10 feet away from any structures or trees. The only exception is for those living in a Mid Rise, who have permissions to use small 16 oz. gas bottles and no open flames on the balcony. If damage to the structure is caused by the resident, the resident will be held accountable to reimburse the government for repairs.

Emergency Phone Numbers Reminder

Put these numbers in your wallet and phone:

- Anti-terrorism force protection hotline: 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.

Off-limit Establishments

The following establishments are off-limits:

- The multi-tenant building “NOW.” Tenant occupants' names change frequently. Past names for this building include; Ran, Massage Parlor, Welcome American, Follow Me and F-18.
- Hiroshima's Tougan Goods Company.

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 are required to check out items, and the program is by appointment only. The lending locker is located in Building 411, Room 101. Appointments are 8 a.m.- 3:30 p.m. For more information, call 253-6161.

Brief and Classified Submissions

To submit a community brief or classified advertisement, send an e-mail to iwakuni.pao@usmc.mil. Include a contact name, a phone number and the information you would like to be published. You may submit your brief or advertisement in person at the Public Affairs Office, Building 1, Room 216 or you may call 253-5551.

Holiday Mailing Dates

Mailing Dates for the 2012 holiday season will be as follows.

Be sure to get packages and letters mailed before the below recommended mailing dates.

Destination: United States

Express: Dec. 17

1st Class: Dec. 10

Priority: Dec. 10

PAL: Dec. 3

SAM: Nov. 26

Parcel Post: Nov. 13

Destination: APO/FPO AA 340

Express: Dec. 17

1st Class: Dec. 10

Priority: Dec. 10

PAL: Dec. 3

SAM: Nov. 26

Parcel Post: Nov. 13

Destination: APO/FPO AP 062-966

Express: Dec. 17

1st Class: Dec. 10

Priority: Dec. 10

PAL: Dec. 3

SAM: Nov. 26

Parcel Post: Nov. 13

Express: N/A

1st Class: Dec. 3

Priority: Dec. 3

PAL: Nov. 30

SAM: Nov. 26

Parcel Post: Nov. 13

Destination: APO/FPO AE 094-098

Express: Dec. 17

1st Class: Dec. 10

Priority: Dec. 10

PAL: Dec. 3

SAM: Nov. 26

Parcel Post: Nov. 13

Destination: APO/FPO AA 340

Express: Dec. 17

1st Class: Dec. 10

Priority: Dec. 10

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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
Mon. — Thurs.	11:30 a.m. Weekday Mass
Protestant	
Sunday	9:30 a.m. Lutheran Service 10:30 a.m. Protestant Service 10:30 a.m. Children's Church 10:30 a.m. Church of Christ Meeting 1 p.m. Contemporary 5:30 p.m. FLOW (Youth Group)
Monday	7 p.m. Men's Bible Study
Tuesday	9 a.m. Ladies' Bible Study 5 p.m. Working Women Bible Study
Wednesday	10:30 a.m. Ladies' Tea 5:45 p.m. AWANA (Bldg. 1104)
2nd Saturday	7:30 a.m. Men's Discipleship
Bahai	
Sunday	11 a.m. Bahai Meeting

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

THE IWAKUNI APPROACH CULTURAL LESSONS

Kanji Adventures: Katana

The Japanese katana is a sword originating from Asia. The birthplace of the katana is somewhat unclear; however, it is commonly attributed to a mixture of both Chinese and Japanese craftsmanship. The katana's history carries it from China to Japan, albeit originally being of a different design. The term Samurai, commonly used to describe the members of the Japanese warrior class during the 15th-19th centuries, is often associated with the katana, for they were the only people in feudal Japan allowed to wear one. This deadly sword is an evolution of craftsmanship: starting as a much larger design and changing with time to a much lighter blade. The katana is often distinguished from many other swords by the fact that it sits blade edge (Ha in Japanese) up in its sheath, allowing the warrior to draw the katana and slice his opponent with a single motion. The art of drawing and cutting the katana is known as laido.



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SAKURA THEATER

Friday, October 19, 2012
7 p.m. Trouble With the Curve (PG-13)
10 p.m. Looper (R)

Saturday, October 20, 2012
4 p.m. Hotel Transylvania (PG)
7 p.m. Step Up Revolution (PG-13)

Sunday, October 21, 2012
4 p.m. ParaNorman (PG)
7 p.m. Looper (R)

Monday, October 22, 2012
7 p.m. Trouble with the Curve (PG-13)

Tuesday, October 23, 2012
Theater closed

Wednesday, October 24, 2012
Theater closed

Thursday, October 25, 2012
7 p.m. Looper (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.

This week in Samurai sports

Cross-Country
The Cross-Country team traveled to Tama Hills in Tokyo to compete in the Division II Kanto Plains Invitational Meet. The girls' race was 3.3 kilometers. Sandra Granados finished second with a time of 14:18. Ghia Ulrey finished eighth with 15:53. Tenth place was Cheryl Van Allen with 16:10. Kaila Knueppel finished alongside Aimi Primus for eleventh and twelfth place with both running a 16:15. The boys' race was 4.4 km long. Yasuki Milsop finished fourth at 16:37. Taking eighth place at 17:04 was Greg Graham. Justin Hill completed the race in 14th place with 17:51. Ryan Archambault ran a time of 18:18, earning 19th. Martin Ziola ran a 20:20 and finished in 25th place. The Cross-Country team will be on the road again this weekend as they take on Sasebo.

Football
The Matthew C. Perry High School Samurai lost to the Sotoku High School Fighting Ducks from Hiroshima with a final score of 35-10. Their next game is scheduled to take place against Zama High School.

Tennis
The tennis team competed at the Western Japan Athletic Association (WJAA) tennis championships, hosted by the Canadian Academy. The boys' team earned their first WJAA Championship, earning a share of the team title with St. Mary's International School of Tokyo, carrying a season record of 10-0-1. The girls team won the WJAA Runners-Up trophy with an overall 5-5-1 score.



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Andrea Aguirre, Marine Corps Community Service health promotions director, leads the pack of The Race to Save Second Base Five-Kilometer Fun Run participants on the seawall here Oct. 13, 2012. The event offered participants the opportunity to learn about detection of early stages of breast cancer.

Station residents run for breast cancer awareness

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Station residents gathered on the seawall behind IronWorks Gym for The Race to Save Second Base, a five-kilometer breast cancer awareness walk and run Oct. 13, 2012. The run and walk featured a raffle drawing and refreshments after the event. The event also offered information and education. "So many people have been affected by breast cancer, whether it is people on station or family members," said Andrea Aguirre, Marine Corps Community Service health promotions assistant director. While breast cancer may not be as prominent in men as it is women, there is still a risk for males and should not be overlooked. "There may not be as many cases of breast cancer in men, but they get it too," said Aguirre. Men diagnosed with breast cancer usually develop it in the nipple or armpit area around the lymph nodes, according to Aguirre.

After learning a bit about breast cancer and the statistics behind it, the five-kilometer journey began. Even though the five-kilometer was not just for competition, some participants elected to run. Leading the pack of 230 people was Korey Pritchett, race participant. "I came out to run today because it's really a great cause," said Pritchett. "My grandfather actually died of Leukemia so I have a history of cancer in my family. I chose to run it because walking just seemed too easy and I like to challenge myself." Most participants showed their support for the event by wearing pink, with some having truly creative costumes such as men wearing bright pink shirts and socks. This years' turnout for the event yielded a considerably higher participation rate than the previous year. "I've been here since 2011, so I saw one last year, but we probably only had about 50 people. This year we are at 230 people, so it was a big jump," said Aguirre.



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The pink ribbon used to symbolize breast cancer support is said to have originated in 1991, when the Susan G. Komen Foundation handed out pink ribbons to participants in a New York City breast cancer awareness race.



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The Race to Save Second Base Five-Kilometer Fun Run participants begin their journey on the seawall here Oct. 12, 2012.

The Iwakuni Time Machine

In the Oct. 15, 1971, issue of the Torii Teller, Marines reported on Japanese customs requiring persons involved in vehicle accidents to provide a sympathy call to the injured party and their family, The Iwakuni Sports Parachute Club being slated to begin training classes Oct. 20 and bull fights taking place in Noga Kogen.

