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WORLD WAR II VETERAN RETURNS TO IWAKUNI 66 YEARS LATER

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"We had half a circle brick wall, with a gate that you drove into and that brought you into the main building, that is the only one still standing from back then," said Ray Grinyer Sr., retired English Army soldier, as he described the sight of the station's front gate from his own eyes, 66 years ago.

Heroes Return 2 funded the veteran's trip, and is a program that provides grants to United Kingdom World War II veterans to visit sites where they served.

"This does bring back quite a lot of memories, even though this place isn't the same," said Grinyer. "But now, I have memories of before and after."

Grinyer said he was granted 5,500 British pounds, equivalent to more than \$8,000, for travel expenses for himself, his son, Ray Grinyer Jr. and good friend, Michael Wilson.

The group toured the air station, starting with lunch at JD's Grille, then moving to the Zero Hangar and also taking time to visit a few units for a personal look at

the working sites of some station Marines.

"I think it's amazing to have this man visit," said Sgt. Shane Tabor, Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12 F/A-18 engine technician. "I've been here for almost four years, I've been out in town and I've seen the places that he talks about when the war ended and he came here. It's hard to imagine what this place looked like so long ago."

While Grinyer was the only person in the group returning to Japan to visit an old duty station, opportunity to experience a new culture was not missed by those who accompanied him.

"From my point of view, I've only seen snapshots of this country so far," said Wilson. "It's hard to put into words because I was brought up on war books, you know, around the second World War era, and we were raised to believe the Japanese were nasty people and so on. But if I had to use one word to sum up these people and their culture, it would be gentle. It seems to me to be

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Sgt. Shane Tabor, (left) an F/A-18 engine technician with Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12, talks with Michael Wilson (left), Ray Grinyer Jr., Maj. Neil Ruggiero, station public affairs officer, and Ray Grinyer Sr., a retired English Army soldier, inside the MALS-12 power-plant hangar here Oct. 19, 2012. The group was given a tour of several locations aboard station.

Station residents dedicate time to honor Red Ribbon Week

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Marine Corps Community Service Iwakuni put on numerous events to recognize and draw awareness for Red Ribbon Week here Oct. 22-26, 2012.

Red Ribbon Week began in 1985, after the killing of Enrique Camarena a Drug Enforcement Agency officer who was once an enlisted Marine. Camarena was responsible for destroying an estimated \$8 billion marijuana field, enraging drug lord Miguel Angel Felix Gallardo, who ordered Camarena's kidnapping. Kidnappers then tortured and eventually killed the former Marine. Citizens in Camarena's home town of Calexico, Calif., donated red ribbons in honor of the slain officer. The ribbon then became what it is today, a symbol to prevent the use of illegal drugs.

"For me personally, I know people who have lost their entire lives because of drugs, so it is important for me to get this promotion out," said Heather Payne, Marine Corps Community Service substance abuse prevention specialist.

Team members started the week passing out red ribbons at the Main Monzen Gates.

Students at Matthew C. Perry elementary and high school also took a pledge to be drug free by signing a banner.

Station residents also had the opportunity to sign the banner at Crossroads Mall and station Commissary. The banner accumulated hundreds of signatures by the end of the week.

Red Ribbon Week ended with a 5 km race starting at the parade deck.

"The banner is for the start of the race," said Payne. "We are going

to have the participants run through it at the start."

While Red Ribbon Week originated in the United States, it is still relevant overseas.

"It is important because drugs, as well as people abusing them, are everywhere," said Kirsten Diller, Marine Corps Community Service substance abuse prevention specialist.


"I think it brings attention to a growing problem and this is an important pledge to take," said Diller.

More than 700 Iwakuni residents signed the banner, promising to live up to the saying "The best me is drug free."



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Station residents signed a banner, at the Crossroads Mall here, as a pledge to be drug free, Oct. 23, 2012. The banner accumulated more than 800 signatures throughout the week and started the five kilometer race as participants ran through it.



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CHAPLAIN’S CORNER

Military spirituality anyone?

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Is there spirituality in the military? Before I answer that, I would like to share a joke I found on “AhaJokes.com” entitled “Photographer works.”

There was this haunted house that was avoided by all the townsfolk, the ghost who lived there was feared by all. However, an enterprising journalist decided to get the scoop of the day by photographing the fearsome phantom. When he entered the house, armed with only his camera, the ghost descended upon him. He told the ghost, “I mean no harm, I just want your photograph.”

The ghost was quite happy at this chance to make the headlines. He posed for a number of ghostly shots. The happy journalist rushed back to his dark room, and began developing the photos. Unfortunately, they turned out to be black and underexposed. So what’s the moral of the story? The spirit was willing, but the flash

principles and values. The discipline and habits practiced in the military, which are being lived up to day by day, lead to the greater integration of bodies, minds and souls of the individual is spirituality in that sense. One virtue I like most in military life is the virtue of obedience. Obedience, not motivated by fear, but of love and respect, is a driving force in any organization to run smoothly and survive. Without enabling the values of obedience in any organization, that organization will divide and fall. The West Point’s Cadet Honor Code: “A cadet will not lie, cheat, steal, or tolerate those who do,” is applicable to all military services and is indeed a great guiding principle in the practice of spirituality.

For Marines and sailors in particular, how is spirituality being practiced? By adherence to the spirit of honor, courage and commitment is practically spirituality in uniform. In fact, in taking an oath of office in the military service the last phrase being said is, “So help me God.”

was weak.

The moral of the story can be related to Matthew 26:41. “Watch and pray that you may not undergo the test. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.” As a person, there is always the inner self that urges us to live up to our moral standards, but there are things which hinder us, or give us difficulties to do it.

The question is, is there spirituality in the military? When we say spirituality, it means the quality or fact of being spiritual. According to the American Academy of Family Physicians, “spirituality is the way you find meaning, hope, comfort and inner peace in your life. Many people find spirituality through religion. Some find it through music, art or a connection with nature. Others find it in their values and principles.”

With that being said, there is no doubt there is spirituality in the military. The mere fact we want to be good individuals is spirituality in the making.

Military life is packed with

Women express themselves during symposium



Female station residents participate in the Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 and Marine Air Control Squadron 4 Detachment Bravo Women's Symposium, which took place inside the station chapel here Oct. 22, 2012.



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Guam Marines reflect on feelings from homecoming visit

CPL. CHARLIE CLARK
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE, Guam — Marines who deploy or train on exercises around the world in service to their country often leave their friends and family back home.

During Exercise Island Fury, however, just the opposite happened for Cpl. Edwin R. Eclavea, a Marine Air Control Squadron 4 air-control electronics officer and Sinajana native, and Sgt. Joel U. Ceria, a MACS-4 air-control electronics noncommissioned officer-in-charge and Dededo native.

“Right after high school, I didn’t really have any goals in life,” said Ceria. “My buddy introduced me to the pooler program and I checked it out. The recruiters started talking to me and it was all very challenging. I looked more into it and realized the Marines

are really tough, so I decided to try it and here I am now.”

Eclavea said he wanted to become his own man and get out of his parents’ house.

“I love my family, but I needed to grow into the man I am today,” Eclavea said. “I thought about joining the Air Force, but after talking to the Marine recruiter, I found that the Marines offered more of a challenge for me. I also had a lot of family members who were Marines. They helped me out when getting information about it.”

Leaving their homes and families for the first time was tough on the new Marine recruits.

“The transition to going to boot camp was really scary for me because I have never been to the mainland before,” Ceria said. “When I first landed in San Diego, it was really cold and really different. It was a big culture shock.”

After graduation from boot camp like many newly-christened Marines, Ceria and Eclavea returned to Guam during leave to see their friends and family before going to Marine Combat Training and military occupational specialty schools.

“It was great to see everyone again and tell them about my experiences in San Diego,” Eclavea said.

“When I was told I could get stationed in Okinawa I knew that was going to be my first choice,” Ceria said. “Even though I did get Okinawa, it was still hard to see my family because I have a job to do.”

An opportunity arose for the Guam Marines when they heard they were going to participate in Island Fury.

“It was an incredible moment when I found out we were conducting an exercise in Guam,” Eclavea said. “Being able to do my

work during the day then visit my friends and family during liberty hours is just... I can’t really put it into words.”

Many of the Marines here are visiting Guam for the first time. Eclavea and Ceria have taken their Marines to see the beautiful scenery and rich history and traditions Guam has to offer.

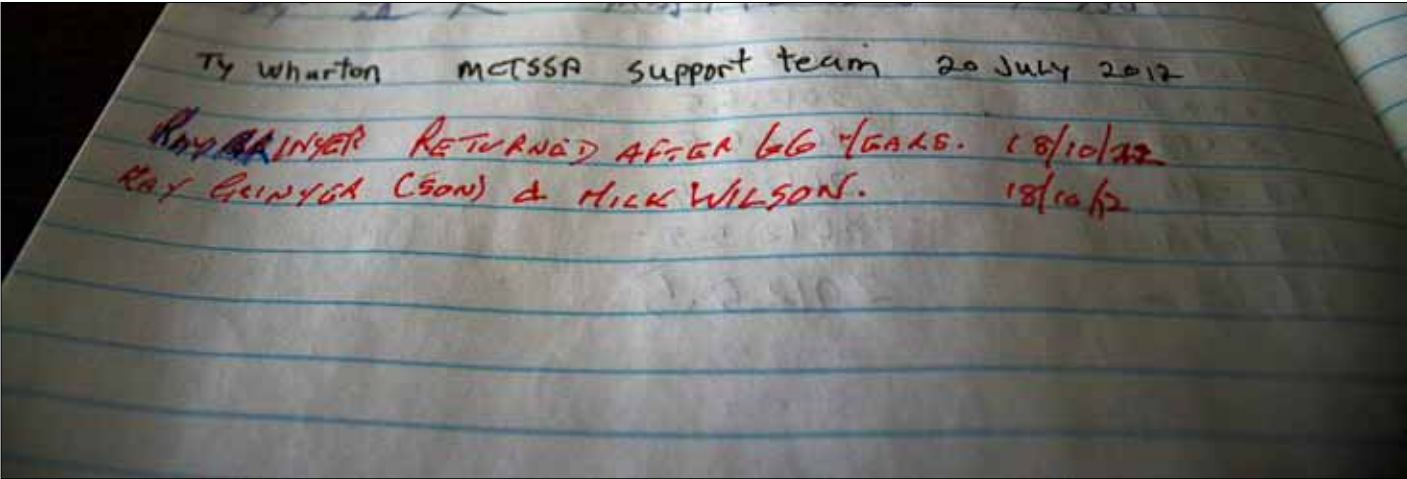
“We’ve been on a historic battle sites tour, gone to the mountains and the beaches, I’ve even brought a few Marines to my house for a traditional Chamorro cookout with my family,” Ceria said. “The Marines really loved it and my family was overjoyed meeting my Marines and getting to know them.”

As the exercise winds down, the Marines continue their work as usual. For two Marines, heading back to Japan will be harder than working in the heat of Guam.

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a very gentle place. To me, it’s mesmerizing. We come from a busy London suburb where everybody is out for themselves, there doesn’t appear to be any manners or any law abidance and it’s a dog-eat-dog world. Then you come here and it’s just so polite and so gentle.”

Along with visiting locations he has not seen in 66 years, Grinyer also said he was attempting to recreate photos of himself in the same locales he passed through during his military career.



The names of Ray Grinyer Sr., a retired English Army soldier, Ray Grinyer Jr. and Michael Wilson rest in the Zero hangar Logbook here Oct. 19, 2012. The group spent approximately a week in Japan, traveling around Iwakuni, Hiroshima and other tourist locations.



Sgt. David Cohoe (right), a Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12 aviation ordnance systems technician, describes an M61A2 vulcan to the group of Ray Grinyer Sr. (center), retired English Army soldier, Maj. Neil Ruggiero, station public affairs officer, Ray Grinyer Jr. and Michael Wilson while aboard station Oct. 19, 2012.



Corporals Alice Garcia and Jesus Obregon, community relations event volunteers, walk to find trash during the Single Marine Program Marine Lounge volunteer cleanup, which took place near the surrounding Futashika River area Oct. 19, 2012. Volunteers spent the entire afternoon cleaning up the environment, taking photos and enjoying a barbecue.

Servicemembers reduce waste in Futashika River area

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Thirteen Marines and sailors from Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni volunteered their time to clean up areas surrounding the Futashika River near Iwakuni, Japan, October 19, 2012.

This was the second time the Marine Lounge has hosted a Futashika River event.

All unaccompanied servicemembers interested in volunteering had the opportunity to sign up at either the Marine Lounge or the Hornet's Nest.

"We are trying to get more

involved in the Japanese community by picking up garbage," said Oana Ivanoff, Marine Lounge manager. "Almost all of the volunteers have never been here before and this area is not only a great place to clean up but also a gorgeous area for hiking and taking photos."

Throughout the day, volunteers trekked the mountain, walked alongside roads and wandered on paths along the river, picking up trash.

"I came on this volunteer project to help clean up the mountain and river area," said Josh G. Evers, community relations

event volunteer. "I thought this event was a good adventure, had amazing scenery and we were able to help the environment."

Performing volunteer opportunities gives Marines a chance to venture out of the city and into the more rural countryside of Japan.

"I think we helped out a lot and it was a good experience," said Evers. "I like helping people out by cleaning up and I like knowing that I did something better for the environment and the Japanese community."

Although not much trash was found, servicemembers picked up

every bit that could be seen and reached.

"I am very happy with the way today went because if the volunteers are happy, I am happy," said Ivanoff.

With the cleanup done, Marines enjoyed a barbecue while talking about the day's events and playing games.

"These events show that Americans try to be helpful to the Japanese and the community we share," said Evers.

The next volunteer event the Marine Lounge plans to host is a visit to an orphanage in mid-Dec.



Community relations event volunteers throw away trash during the Single Marine Program Marine Lounge volunteer cleanup, which took place near the surrounding Futashika River area Oct. 19, 2012. The volunteers hiked mountains, walked along roads and the river, picking up trash along the way.

Mini Marine Corps Ball teaches children about Marine Corps

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Children dressed in formal attire filled Club Iwakuni's ballroom, laughing, talking and eating during the Mini-Marine Corps Ball here Oct. 26, 2012. This is the second year this event took place.

Children ages 5 to 12 enjoyed an abbreviated ceremony like their parents, as Marines, see at the Marine Corps Birthday Ball.

Young boys and girls spent the first hour of their evening socializing, followed by the invocation given by Navy Lt. T. L. Skelton, station chaplain.

Matthew C. Perry High School Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps presented the colors.

Children stood, said "The Pledge of Allegiance" and remained standing as the colors retired.

After the marching of the colors, participants learned about traditions of the Marine Corps Birthday Ball, to include the cake-cutting ceremony and importance of celebrating heritage.

True to their boisterous nature, shortly after gaining their newfound knowledge, boys and girls began to chant "We want cake!"

Jeffrey Fleming, Mini-Marine Corps Ball master of ceremonies, introduced the guest speaker.

Sgt. Maj. Gerard J. Calvin, Mini-Marine Corps Ball guest speaker and Marine Aviation

Logistics Squadron 12 sergeant major, captured the children's attention by singing a cadence, helped by Marines in dress blues, scattered throughout the room.

"I hope the kids had a great time," said Calvin. "They got into it, and I figured it would be easy for them to understand if I put it into a song."

Following suit, the participants clapped and shouted, "Marine Corps" as Calvin sang.

"It was a blast," said Calvin. "I was a little apprehensive. I wondered, 'What do you say to a bunch of 5 to 12 year olds? What do you say to keep their attention?'"

Calvin seemed to have no trouble doing that as he finished with a few words of encouragement.

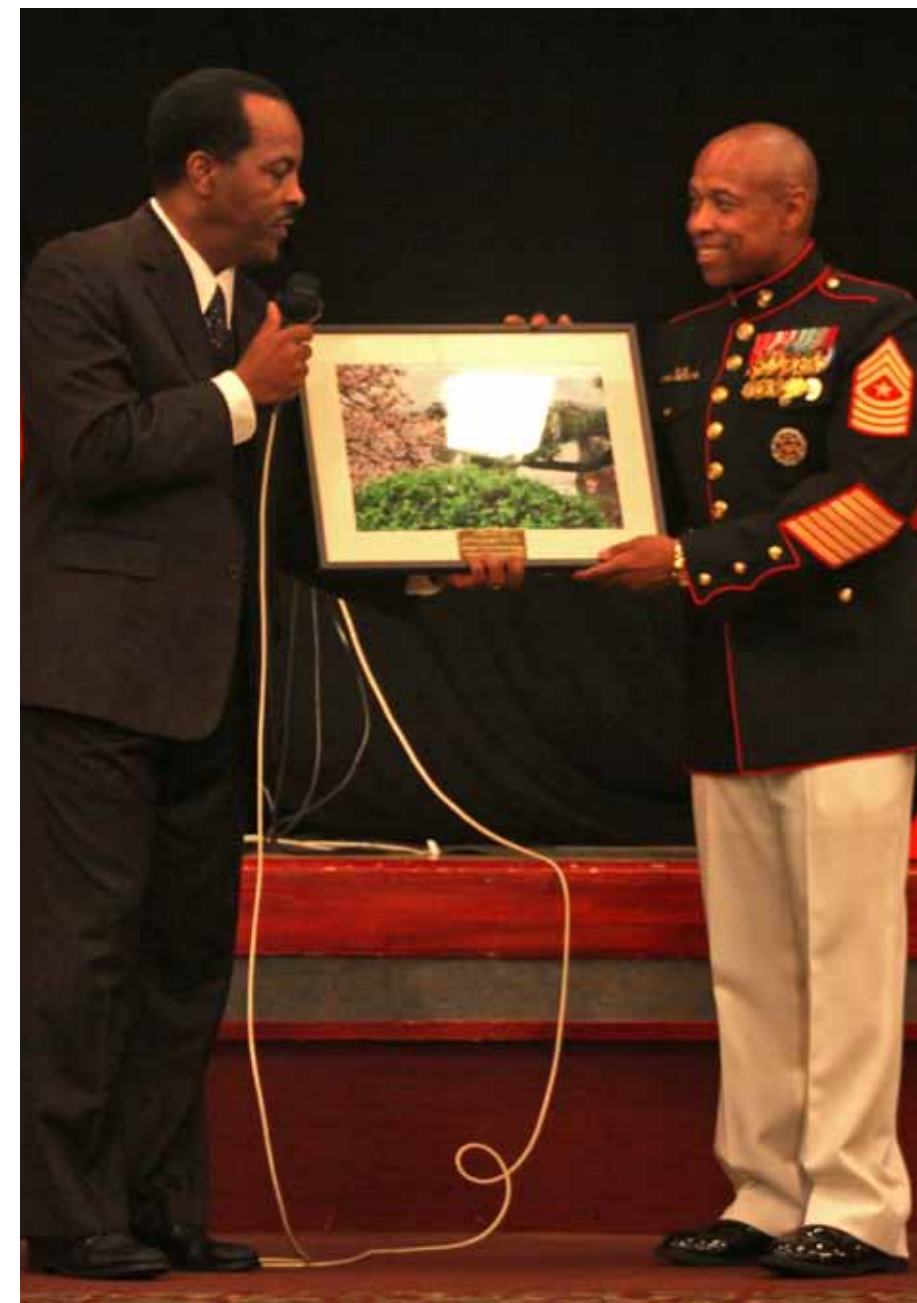
The night ended with more photographs and cake, as well as Calvin leading children in line dancing.

"I feel happy about tonight," said Jacob Limb, 8, Mini-Marine Corps Ball participant. "I liked it a lot. I thought it was a great experience. I liked learning about the facts about how the Marine Corps started."

The children, who were not used to spending their nights in dress clothing, did not seem to mind.

"Things are not as fancy at my house as they are here," said Limb. "There are a lot more people and I really liked the ceremony."

The young ball participants started and finished their night with smiles on their faces.



Eugene Clark, Youth and Teen Center director, presents Sgt. Maj. Gerard J. Calvin, Mini Marine Corps Ball guest speaker and Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12 sergeant major, with a plaque at the Club Iwakuni ballroom during the Mini Marine Corps Ball here Oct. 26, 2012.



Mini Marine Corps Ball participants place their hands over their hearts while saying "The Pledge of Allegiance" during the Mini Marine Corps Ball ceremony, which took place inside Club Iwakuni here Oct. 26, 2012.



A ghoul pops up to scare Japanese visitors who scream fanatically during the Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 haunted house in the Motor Transportation building here Oct. 27, 2012. Before entering the building, those intent to enter had to listen to the screams of the groups before them over loud speakers set up outside the Motor Transportation building, building the anticipation of what was to come.



A troubled and psychotic back-from-the-dead artist holds still before popping up and screaming frantically at passing patrons at the Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 haunted house in the Motor Transportation building here Oct. 27, 2012. The haunted house was a twist for Japanese visitors who may have never experienced one before.

MWSS-171 puts on masks to scare all

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Screams of station residents, Iwakuni residents and children from the Yahata Children's home echoed along the walls of Marine Wing Support Squadron 171's Motor Transportation building during the MWSS-171 Haunted House here Oct. 27, 2012. The unit invited station residents and their special guests, children and chaperones from the children's home, to their haunted house. "Today 171 is sponsoring a haunted house for the station residents," said Petty Officer 3rd Class Scotti Hargrove, an MWSS-171 corpsman and haunted house volunteer. "It was a lot of the kids' first time

experiencing a haunted house, or even Halloween in general. A lot of them were really scared." Halloween, though considered an annual event back in the states, is not well-known in Japan. "It's pretty fun showing this to the Japanese," said Lance Cpl. Seth Dennis, an MWSS-171 Motor Transportation operator and haunted house volunteer. "They might not necessarily know what Halloween is or just might not be too familiar with it." With a large numbers of attendees, it was a long night for those dressed up and responsible for doing the scaring. "What gets me motivated to scare these people is myself and my fellow ghosts and goblins talking about the people that just passed and how

scared they were," said Dennis. "We were trying to scare everyone that comes through, we had pretty much every age group, we even have adults getting scared. I think that's the part I like the most." Though many may find it easier to scare the likes of children, it can be difficult at times to scare adults who are familiar with Halloween customs. "The Marines of 171 definitely put together a good show for everyone," said Hargrove. "Their efforts were shown in the details of the haunted house and their ability to scare everyone, regardless of age." As people made their way through the haunted house, they reacted differently to what was scariest, whether it was the man hanging from the ceiling, the room full

of crazy clowns, the ghostly girl crawling around a strobe light-lit hallway, or even the crazy doctor locked in his bloody operating room. "I definitely enjoyed it," said Hargrove. "The scariest part was probably the end when the zombies chased you with chainsaws. They all kind of came out of nowhere. I went through with a group from the children's home and they were holding on to me so tightly and screaming." After making their way through the haunted house, children from the Yahata Children's home left the station, station residents returned to their homes and everyone left with their fair share of fear from the night's events.



A clown waits to scare approaching patrons at the Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 haunted house in the Motor Transportation building here Oct. 27, 2012. Many going through the haunted house said it was not the things you could see that were the scariest, it was the things you couldn't, such as the other clowns hiding behind a curtain in this photo.



A Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 haunted house volunteer crawls along the floor of the Motor Transportation building here Oct. 27, 2012, scare approaching patrons making their way through the haunted house. The haunted house took place over a span of three days so as many station residents and Japanese visitors as possible could participate.



A mad surgeon harasses passing patrons from his blood-stained operating room during the Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 haunted house in the Motor Transportation building here Oct. 27, 2012. The surgeon, located at the end of a dark corridor with only a flashing light behind him, tended to catch those passing off guard.

CORPS NEWS

HIGHLIGHTING MARINES AND
SAILORS AROUND THE GLOBE

Marines, French, British forces clear objectives

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CAMP LA BROCHE, New Caledonia — The enemy never stood a chance as three different countries' elite forces closed in from the air and ground, eliminating anything that stood in their path by displaying seamless integration of their collective efforts into one multilateral company.

Platoons of U.S. Marine infantrymen, French Marine paratroopers and British Army soldiers conducted a company-level, coordinated attack together as part of Exercise Croix du Sud outside of Camp la Broche, New Caledonia, Oct. 14.

The Marines are with 1st platoon, Company G, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, which is currently assigned to 4th Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force. The French paratroopers are with 8th Marine Infantry Paratrooper Regiment, based out of Castres, France. The platoon of British soldiers are with The Royal Gurkha Rifles, a highly selective British army unit whose enlisted soldiers hail from Nepal.

The purpose of the attack was for the platoons to maneuver and secure two bridges while locating and closing with simulated enemy forces, said 1st Lt. Forrest L. Martin, a platoon commander with 2/3.

"We coordinated attacks and movements with the other platoons to ensure maximum effectiveness," said Martin.

The training started when the French regiment parachuted into a landing zone near the objectives.

"We performed the jump at 300 meters while the Gurkhas secured the landing zone," said French Marine Sgt. Guillaume Perget, a paratrooper with the French regiment.

While the Gurkhas and the French secured the landing zone, U.S. Marines arrived via vehicle just outside the first objective, where they dispersed into three squads and patrolled the road leading to the objective.

"While on the road, my fire team noticed an out-of-place rock formation in the road ahead," said Lance Cpl. Ryan A. Psenka, a rifleman with 2/3. "When we saw it, I ordered everyone to stop and set up a security perimeter."

When the perimeter was set, the Marines examined the area around the rock pile, searching for enemies. While probing around the rock formation, the Marines came under a simulated enemy attack.

"When we took contact, the rock pile exploded and confirmed our suspicions of an improvised explosive device," said Psenka.

After the explosion, the Marines pushed forward and drove the enemy back. When the enemy was neutralized, the Marines pushed forward to the first objective.

While the U.S. Marines advanced, the Gurkhas and French Marines were pushing toward their objectives, according to Perget.

"When we arrived at our target, we took contact and took

out our enemy," said Perget. "After taking out the enemy, we secured the bridge and set up a security perimeter to defend the bridge."

As the French secured their target, the U.S. Marines' 3rd squad continued to advance to the next objective.

"When we pushed toward our next target, the platoon came upon a farm compound just off the road," said Cpl. Carlos D. Villarreal, a rifleman with 2/3.

The Marines conducted a squad search of the compound for enemy threats.

"After we cleared the house, we moved on to the barn," said Villarreal. "On our way, we took contact from the barn area and buddy-rushed to suppress the enemy."

The Marines systematically took out each simulated enemy combatant as they approached the barn and swept the remaining area once the barn was secured.

Just as 3rd squad finished terminating the enemy, 1st and 2nd squads took fire. The Marines of 3rd squad quickly assisted.

The squads coordinated a platoon-size attack, took out the enemy, and secured their objective. Once the French and British secured their objectives, the attack ended with all objectives seized and no casualties taken by the platoons.

"Everyone involved did a great job today in almost every (facet)," said Martin. "They had great communication and performed at their best."



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French Marine paratroopers descend after a jump during Exercise Croix du Sud at Camp la Broche on New Caledonia Oct. 13. The paratroopers jumped from 300 meters while British Army soldiers with The Royal Gurkha Rifles secured the landing zone during the initial phase of a multilateral, company-level attack.



LANCE CPL. ERIK S. BROOKES JR.

U.S. Marines patrol during Exercise Croix du Sud at Camp la Broche, New Caledonia, Oct. 13, 2012. While on patrol, the platoon of Marines engaged the enemy multiple times and found one improvised explosive device. The Marines also cleared a farm compound of simulated enemy forces during a multilateral, company-level attack.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS | CLASSIFIEDS

Briefs

Operation Comfort And Care

Operation Comfort and Care is scheduled to begin Nov. 2, 2012. Volunteers will be manning drop-off areas outside the Marine Corps Exchange and Commissary from 1 - 6 p.m., Nov. 2 - Nov. 4. For more information, contact Heather Zane at 253-5551, or email heather.n.zane@usmc-mccs.org

Unit Reporting Numbers

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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

MWSS-171 Marine Corps Ball Date Change

The Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 Marine Corps Birthday Ball Ceremony has been rescheduled to take place Nov. 7, 2012, instead of its originally slated date of Nov. 9. The ceremony is still planned to be held at the IronWorks Gym. Cocktail hour is scheduled for 5 p.m.

Stripes and Rockers

The Stripes and Rockers Enlisted Spouses Club welcomes all enlisted spouses aboard station. Goals of the club include serving the community in a positive manner and working toward fund raisers 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. Meetings are 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.

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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.

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Station youth soccer concludes during closing ceremony



LANCE CPL. B. A. STEVENS

Children run to receive their trophies at the youth sports closing ceremonies for soccer at Penny Lake fields here Oct. 27, 2012. The soccer season consisted of 22 teams and lasted from Sept. 15, 2012, until Oct. 27, 2012 with teams ranging from 3 to 15-years-old.

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: Sumo wrestling



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Historians concur the origins of sumo wrestling date back approximately 2,000 years. It never truly flourished as a spectator sport until the early 1600s. Like the other social groups in Japan, strict rules and traditions are observed throughout the sport. Anyone watching his or her first sumo broadcast on television soon realizes very little time is actually spent grappling. Rather, the rikishi, a common term used for the wrestlers, spend most of their time performing pre-bout ceremonies steeped in Shinto tradition.

SAKURA THEATER

Friday, November 2, 2012 7 p.m. The Possession (PG-13) 10 p.m. Argo (R)	Monday, November 5, 2012 7 p.m. Premium Rush (PG-13)
Saturday, November 3, 2012 4 p.m. Hotel Transylvania (PG) 7 p.m. The Possession (PG-13)	Tuesday, November 6, 2012 Theater closed
Sunday, November 4, 2012 4 p.m. Frankenweenie (PG) 7 p.m. Hit and Run (R)	Wednesday, November 7, 2012 Theater closed
	Thursday, November 8, 2012 7 p.m. Argo (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.

SMP hosts 'Minute to Win it' competition

LANCE CPL. J. GAGE KARWICK
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Unaccompanied and single servicemembers participated in the Single Marine Program's "Minute-to-Win-It" contest Oct. 23, 2012, here at the Hornet's Nest.

The contest consisted of events such as a pretzels event, which required participants to put as many pretzels on a straw as possible in one minute without the use of their hands, and several other events.

"We put on the 'Minute-to-Win-It' challenge, where participants competed in various timed challenges," said Pamela Young, SMP Hornet's Nest operations assistant. "We hold it about once a month and we alternate the events. It is fun for the servicemembers, though it is hard to get them interested at first, but, once it gets going, we tend to draw a crowd and everyone has a good time."

Lance Cpl. Paul Guevara, Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12 avionics technician, won the contest .

"The event kind of interrupted my workout, but it was worth it," said Guevara. "I had a lot of fun, especially with the Oreos event, where we had to put an Oreo on our forehead and somehow get it into our mouth without using our hands."

Each participant's view varied on whether a particular event was more difficult. For instance, one person was better at using a



LANCE CPL. J. GAGE KARWICK

Paul Guevara (foreground) and Matt Weber (background) attempt to stack pretzels on a straw without using their hands during the Single Marine Program's "Minute-to-Win-It" contest at the Hornet's Nest here Oct. 23, 2012. Guevara won by accumulating 21 pretzels on his straw.

straw to move candies into a cup by using only a suction effect with their straw, than another participant was.

"My favorite event was the elephant's trunk one, where we had an orange in a stocking swinging from our head and we had to knock cups over, definitely a lot harder than it looks, but definitely a lot of fun," said

Guevara. "Overall, I am glad I did it, and I would be extremely happy to be involved in something like this again in the future."

The 'Minute-to-Win-it' competition began slowly, with most participants signing up last moment. As soon as it began though, the laughs and crazy antics of the events drew a crowd from those in the Hornet's Nest.

Matthew C. Perry football team triumphs in final game



LANCE CPL. TODD F. MICHALEK

Russell Graham, a Matthew C. Perry High School Samurai senior running back and cornerback, outruns two Zama American High School Trojan junior varsity players during the final football game of the season Saturday at the M.C. Perry football field here. The Samurai captured a 40-14 win. The Samurai finished the season with a record of 5-2 (5-1). They finished first overall, winning the Department of Defense Education Activities Japan Far East J.V. Football Championship. The Samurai held their conference opponents to an average of 11 points per game while the Samurai offense averaged 24.5 points per game.

This week in Samurai sports

Cross-Country
The Matthew C. Perry cross country team traveled to Misawa High School this past weekend to compete in the 2012 Department of Defense Dependents Schools Japan League Finals.

The girls' team finished first for the division two class. Sandra Granados came in first with a five-kilometer time of 21:34. Cheryl Van Allen finished 3rd running a 23:34. Ghia Ulrey ran a 24:26, claiming 5th place. Aimi Primus finished 8th running a 24:55. Kaila Knueppel placed 9th running a 25:08.

The boys' team placed a close, 2nd behind Zama for D2 schools. Yasuki Milsop led the boys with a 3rd place finish and time of 18:29. Greg Graham came in 4th running a 18:39. Justin Hill ran a 19:34, which was good for 6th. Jay Cone-Murukami ran a 19:38, finishing

8th. Ryan Archambault ran a 20:06 and placed 12th.

The next race is Far East, which will be held at Camp Fuji Nov. 4-7th.

Football

The Matthew C. Perry High School Samurai junior varsity football team beat the Zama American High School Trojan J.V. football team in a resounding 40-14 win at the M.C. Perry football field Saturday. The win solidified the Samurai's breakout season with a record of 5-2 (5-1 in conference), making them the Department of Defense Education Activities Japan Far East J.V. football champions. This season also tied as the second best in M.C. Perry football history, with a 5-2 record in '97 and 7-1 in '99. The Samurai offense averaged, in conference play, 24.5 points per game,

as the defense held opponents to an average of 11 points per game.

Tennis

The boys and girls tennis teams traveled to Yokosuka Naval Fleet Activities for DoDEA Japan tennis competition against all DoDEA Japan schools. The girls team went out early in the first round, with Dana Alfafara and Danielle Shoebrook losing their singles matches and the doubles duo of Alexis Flores and Becky Lee going down to Yokota High School. The girls won matches in the consolation round as they prepare for the Far East tournament.

On the boys' side, the doubles team of Sam Hess and Gaku Lange beat the Yokota High School Panthers, then the Nile C. Kinnick High School Red Devils before facing the Zama Trojans in the

DoDEA Japan Doubles Championship. The boys won 8-0 and captured the doubles championship.

In the boys singles category, Jon Cadavos won his first match, then lost to Yokota, dropping into the consolation bracket. Jon worked his way through this bracket, taking home the consolation prize, winning 8-0, 8-1 and in the final against Yokota 8-1 to capture his second straight DoDEA Japan Singles title.

On Saturday, the boys' tennis team beat the Kinnick Red Devils 3-0 in the semi-final, then crushed the Panthers 3-0 in the final to capture their 3rd title of the weekend. The boys team won the singles, doubles, and the team championships. The Samurai are the 2012 DoDEA Japan Boys Champions.

The Iwakuni Time Machine

In the Nov. 4, 1977, issue of "The Torii Teller," Marines reported on the Matthew C. Perry annual Halloween Carnival, a gymnastics class for kindergarten through 12th graders beginning to take place in the station gym every Wednesday and Friday and the start of the intramural play-offs, which began Nov. 8.



1ST MAW'S FINEST - Cpl.s Chris Aldrich (left) and Tony Yohe of VMFA-251 walked away with the top enlisted awards in October for the 1st MAW. Aldrich was Marine of the Month while Yohe was selected as NCO of the Month. (Photo by Sgt. James R. Arrabito)

What's for chow

Tonight

dinner.....grilled rib steaks

Saturday

lunch.....grilled liver

dinner.....pot roast

Sunday

dinner.....wagon wheels

Monday

lunch.....glazed ham

dinner.....seafood platter

Tuesday

lunch.....chilli, tamales

dinner.....pork slices

Wednesday

lunch.....meat loaf

dinner.....spareribs

Thursday

lunch.....salmon cakes

In addition, Snuffy-type meals are served in all dining facilities along with a Quick Weight Loss Diet Bar.

VMFA-251 takes 1st MAW honors in Oct.

Two Marines from VMFA-251 "gunned down" various other opponents to take the top two slots for enlisted Marines in the 1st MAW.

Cpl. Tony C. Yohe walked away

with Marine NCO of the Month honors while newly promoted Cpl. Christopher D. Aldrich grabbed Marine of the Month honors.

Yohe, with just over two years in the Marine Corps, received a Meritorious Mast for his efforts and Aldrich was promoted to his present rank.

One of the deciding factors for Yohe's nomination was his help to form a Corrosion Work Center.

Yohe and a staff sergeant formed the office and had it operational and ready for inspection in only 20 days. His astuteness and military bearing were also large factors in winning the award.

Aldrich is a flight control maintenance man with a little under two years in the Marine Corps.

According to Aldrich's seniors, his main claim to fame is his exceptional attention to duty. He is a highly squared away individual with a more-than-average amount of "esprit de corps" who completes all tasks in a highly professional manner.

Marine Corps Ball schedule of events

Officers

Friday, Nov. 11 in the Station Gym. Cost will be \$11.50 per person, includes buffet dinner, breakfast, gift item and dance music. You may purchase your tickets at the Officers Club.

Staff NCO

Thursday, Nov. 10 in the Station Gym. \$10 per person which includes buffet dinner, breakfast, gift, corsages for the ladies, cake cutting ceremony and dance bands.

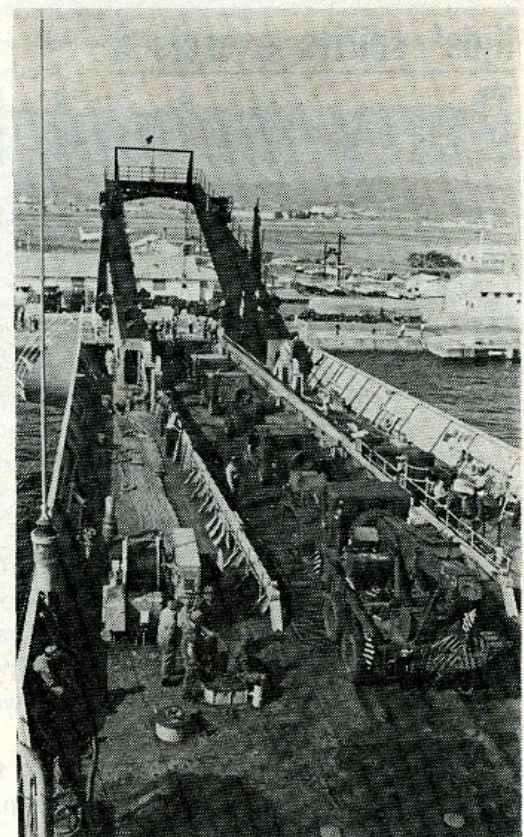
Dress:

Active Duty Marines — Dress Blues or Winter Service "A"

Active Duty Navy — Dinner or Service Dress Blues

Male Civilian Guests — coat and tie

Ladies — formal or semi-formal attire



OFF LOADING - Members of MWSG-17 are making their way toward Iwakuni's dock from the USS Barbour County on Oct. 31. The ship returned more than 150 Marines and a number of vehicles from Operation Fortress Lightning that was conducted in the Republic of the Philippines. (Photo by Sgt. James R. Arrabito)