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A Marine Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron 4 EA-6B prowler sits on the flightline here, Feb. 11, 2013. VMAQ-4 is one of only four squadrons in the Marine Corps to use the prowler aircraft.

VMAQ-4 'Seahawks' bring electronic warfare capabilities back to Iwakuni

Lance Cpl. B. A. Stevens
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Marine Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron 4, based out of Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, N.C., is Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni's newest Unit Deployment Program squadron,

arriving here Feb. 1, 2013. "Our focus while we are here is integrating with Marine forces as well as some of the other forces, such as the Navy and the Air Force, to bring some of that electronic warfare expertise back to the theater," said Lt. Col. David C. Anderson, VMAQ-

4 commanding officer. "We are really looking into training with both (Unit Deployment Program) units as well as permanent units here." Anderson also said he looks forward to sharing knowledge about how the squadron operates and to employ electronic warfare

in the joint forces. VMAQ-4 brings a unique skill set to the table. They are one of only four Marine prowler squadrons. "In the Marine Corps the prowler is the only electronic warfare

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MALS-12 appoints new sergeant major

Lance. Cpl. James Smith
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Marines and sailors of Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12 stood in formation as Sgt. Maj. Sergio MartinezRuiz took his place as the new MALS-12 sergeant major in an appointment ceremony held at the IronWorks Gym here, Feb. 6, 2013. Martinez assumed the duties

and responsibilities of Sgt. Maj. Gerard J. Calvin, previous MALS-12 sergeant major, whom retired Dec. 14, 2012. "This is a very special occasion, just as with tradition, customs and courtesies," said Lt. Col. Michael D. Gonzalez, MALS-12 commanding officer. "That's why we're taking time out of our

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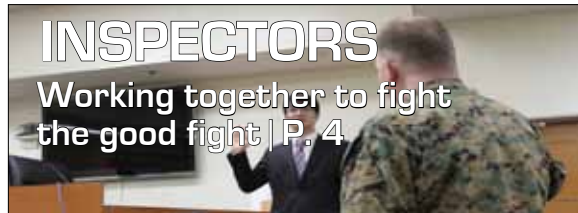
Female Marines prepare for PFT changes


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Following the recent transition from females' flexed arm hang to pull-ups during the Physical Fitness Test, the Marine Corps instituted a workout routine to prepare female leathernecks for the change. "The pull-up program was implemented by the Marine

Corps and there are three stages of it," said Lance Cpl. Amy Douglas, station American Forces Network disc jockey and pull-up program participant. "It's broken into initial training, sustainment training and advanced training. Right now we are doing the initial training and it's broken down into three

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CHAPLAIN’S CORNER

The benefit of living for God

Lt. Cmdr. Louis Lee
COMMAND CHAPLAIN

One of the most popular psychiatrists of our time, Keith R. Ablow, stated that our young adults, “are more likely than ever to call themselves gifted and driven to succeed, even though their test scores and time spent studying are decreasing.” He even calls it, “a generation of deluded narcissists.”

Does Dr. Ablow have a valid point? After all, we live in a FaceBook/Twitter-era where we pretend to have hundreds or thousands of followers paying attention to everything we do. If there is an unflattering comment, we simply block or delete it. You don’t have to try hard to see the direction our society is heading. We have a generation so self-absorbed with reality TV shows, overblown drama never ceases to amaze us. Exaggerated drama entertains people, so the media continues to heighten, inflate and create more excessive drama using the disguise of reality TV.

The tragic end-product is what we hear in the news and what we see in our society at every level of socioeconomic status. What is the remedy for all-about-me/self-absorbed life?

Recently, a wonderful school teacher from Matthew C. Perry Elementary school by the name of Mindy Garner passed away. She fought cancer courageously for three years. Mindy was loved by everyone because she had such a passion and zeal for life, a genuine love for people, and even though she was going through a very difficult and painful chemotherapy, she still took time to care for those around her, even cooking for single Marines. Mindy had a way of talking with people going through their struggles and putting everything into proper perspective. At the end of that conversation, Mindy would often point them to live their lives for God because only what we do for Christ will last for eternity. People listened to Mindy because she was real and genuine.

Mindy’s courage in facing death

had such a positive effect around our families, friends, chapel, school and our base. I had the privilege of knowing Mindy for more than a year. I have never seen anyone so strong, yet so gentle and so bold, yet so graceful. Her walk with the Lord was authentic and her testimony was infectious. What I admired the most about Mindy was her faith. God was the center of her life, and for that reason, her faith never wavered, even in her last days. Her last week was very difficult as hearing, seeing and breathing began failing her. However, she continued to let me know she entrusted everything in God and was at peace. I went to the hospital to visit and minister to Mindy, but I would come back so challenged and reminded to put my faith in God. She truly was a godsend for many, especially me.


I say this to point out the cure for self-centered/self-absorbed life is our God. As we read and learn about the Gospel messages found in the Scriptures, we see life as being something greater than ourselves. Our life is not about us, but it’s about our God and others. Our generation needs to hear and know this truth, and it starts with each one of us.

CREDO

Chaplains Religious Enrichment Development Operation

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Sign-up begins February 1st



For more information contact RP2 Suiter at Station Chapel at 253-3371. Deadline for Registration is March 1st.

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work outs; arms, shoulders and back.”

The program last six months, with individual training sections each lasting six weeks.

“I started out not being able to do any pull-ups, but after approximately a month I can do four on my own,” said Douglas.

Douglas isn’t the only Marine seeing her hard work paying off.

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busy schedules to execute this ceremony for Sergeant Major Martinez.”

Martinez enlisted in the Marine Corps Jan. 24, 1993, and attended Recruit Training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, Calif.

In July 1997, Martinez reported to Parris Island, S.C., where he attended Drill Instructor School and was assigned to Mike Company, Third Recruit Battalion, as a drill instructor.

In 17 years, Martinez achieved the rank of sergeant major on May 1, 2010.

“I can’t promise that I’m going to be the best sergeant major, but what I can promise is that I will give 100 percent, day in and day out,” said Martinez.

“This is my first time with a Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron. I know it’s going to be a challenge, but it’s a good one.”

Martinez also said he

“I’ve seen some improvement, I could only do one pull-up when I started and now I can do two,” said Lance Cpl. Juliana Ott, H&HS weather forecaster.

The program runs three days a week and includes a log book for Marines to track their diets and their workouts.

“We are trying to get a program to see the best way to get the females ready and make them competitive for promotions and

pass the PFT to remain in the Marine Corps,” said Gunnery Sgt. Patrick Gomes, H&HS training chief. “So far the program has only been going on for three weeks, but the women are out there working hard and getting stronger.”

Dedication is the key to achieving any goal, but it is especially important with physical training.

“Marines are getting stronger week by week, pull-ups just don’t come overnight and it’s going to

take time,” said Gomes.

Although the program has already started, there is still plenty of time for interested Marines to sign up.

“To sign up, just come down to S-3 and we will get you a log book,” said Gomes.

After six months, the program will be reassessed based on data gathered from female Marines’ efforts and changes will be made accordingly.



LANCE CPL. JAMES SMITH



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A Marine Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron 4 EA-6B prowler receives maintenance prior to conducting flight operations here, Feb. 11, 2013. The Seahawks are based out of Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, N.C.

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platform there is,” said Anderson.

VMAQ-4 also plans to make the most out of training opportunities during its short stay aboard MCAS Iwakuni.

“We are going to do several, smaller training exercises with the F-18s and Harriers,” said Anderson.

Although the main goal is to bring electronic warfare back to theater, VMAQ-4 also plans to take advantage of the Marine Corps’ rich history in Japan.

“One of our goals is to get everyone to Hiroshima to do a battle study,” said Sgt. Maj. Miguel A. Ortega, VMAQ-4 sergeant major. “We are looking into the Single Marine Program to

try and get assistance in regards to how to get the Marines off this base and learning some things.”

Military training is still a top priority to the prowler squadron, even while thousands of miles away from home.

“What we are trying to do right now is get all the Marines we can through all the professional military education. Anybody that

is available, we are going to try and get out there,” said Ortega.

Although their stay aboard MCAS Iwakuni is short, VMAQ-4 is scheduled to make the most of their time, both on and off duty, all while conducting airborne electronic warfare, day or night, under all weather conditions during expeditionary, joint, or combined operations.

Station police reach out to Japanese inspectors

Lance Cpl. J.Gage Karwick
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni hosted the Outreach Orientation Program for Hiroshima Police Officers from Hatsukaichi Police Station at the Station Judge Advocates court room here Feb. 7, 2013.

Japanese police officers received briefs from station personnel on various military procedures. The goal was to help them better understand their military law enforcement and legal counterparts and to foster cooperative efforts between base and Japanese police officials.

"MCAS Iwakuni hosted the Outreach Orientation Program for Hiroshima Police Officers," said Bobby T. Shibazaki, Operational Representative with the Naval Criminal Investigate Services. "Naval Criminal Investigative Service, Provost Marshal's Office,

Public Affairs Office and the Staff Judge Advocate, teamed up and gave twenty-five Japanese police officers from Hatsukaichi Police Station, Hiroshima Prefecture, briefings on Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni."

Shibazaki also said the police officers received briefs on U.S. military law enforcement, criminal investigation, intelligence, force protection, and legal and judicial mission aboard the station.

"Most police officers have never dealt with U.S. forces in Japan," said Shibazaki. "Japanese police stations, especially in cities that don't host U.S. bases, are not familiar on how to deal with active duty personnel or SOFA members or what military organization to notify and coordinate with. This outreach initiative exposes our Japanese counterparts to U.S. military operations in law enforcement, criminal

investigation, intelligence, force protection and legal matters. It also identifies base representatives with bilingual language capabilities to contact and coordinate for specific issues quickly and efficiently."

Throughout the day, each class provided additional insight to the way the U.S. conducts courtroom procedures.

"I learned about many things, and the examples and demonstrations were very helpful," said Takanari Kondo, Hatsukaichi police inspector. "The part where they were talking about the suspects in courts-martial and during court sessions, how the U.S. is trying to prioritize the cases, in Japan that is a very important aspect."

Shibazaki added this outreach program is new and will be provided again in the future to assist officers, both on and off station, to better understand each other.



LANCE CPL. J. GAGE KARWICK

Master Sgt. Wade Campbell, pre-trial facilities officer-in-charge, and Lance Cpl. Kyrien Clark, corrections specialist, demonstrate padded equipment used to subdue hostile defendants awaiting trial in the pre-trial facility of the Station Judge Advocates courtroom here, Feb. 7, 2013, during an outreach program offered to Hatsukaichi police inspectors. The inspectors received many briefs in regards to standard operating procedures of military personnel stationed in Iwakuni.



LANCE CPL. J. GAGE KARWICK

Hatsukaichi police inspectors receive a brief from Bobby T. Shibazaki, Operational Representative with the Naval Criminal Investigate Services, regarding standard operating procedures of military personnel stationed in Iwakuni at the Station Judge Advocates courtroom here, Feb. 7, 2013.



LANCE CPL. J. GAGE KARWICK

Master Sgt. Wade Campbell, (Right) pre-trial facilities officer-in-charge, and Lance Cpl. Frank Pikula, (Left) legal services clerk, demonstrate restraint equipment used to subdue hostile defendants awaiting trial in the pre-trial facility of the Station Judge Advocates courtroom here, Feb. 7, 2013, during an outreach program offered to Hatsukaichi police inspectors.



LANCE CPL. B. A. STEVENS

Boys from Cub Scout Pack 77 and Boy Scout Troop 77 look over the replica Mitsubishi A6M Zero fighter at the hangar here, Feb. 7, 2013. The hangar was built in 1939 and is the last one still on station. The scouts visited the hangar to learn more about the history of the base and its role in World War II. The zero fighter is a scale replica and has a complete cockpit that visitors can view.

Station scouts visit Zero Hangar

Sgt. Justin Pack
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

The sound of scurrying feet and boyish laughter echoed off the concrete walls of the Zero Hangar here Feb. 7, 2013.

More than 20 parents and scouts from Cub Scout Pack 77 and Boy Scout Troop 77 visited the hangar to find out more about Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni's history.

"I am a big explorer and history buff," said Staff Sgt. Robert Russell, Cubmaster for Pack 77. "The hangar is one that was originally used, which is pretty cool. This was a great teaching experience for our boys."

Cub Scout Pack 77 has 36 members and tries to visit attractions and museums around Iwakuni to learn more about the community and implement their core values.

According to their website, the Cub Scouts have been helping young boys' character development since 1929.

"This display is yet another resource on MCAS Iwakuni that helps our cub scout program," said Karen Nickson, a cub scout parent. "Through this experience, both scouts and their families learned about the history of international relations and how this played a role in the development of the local community."

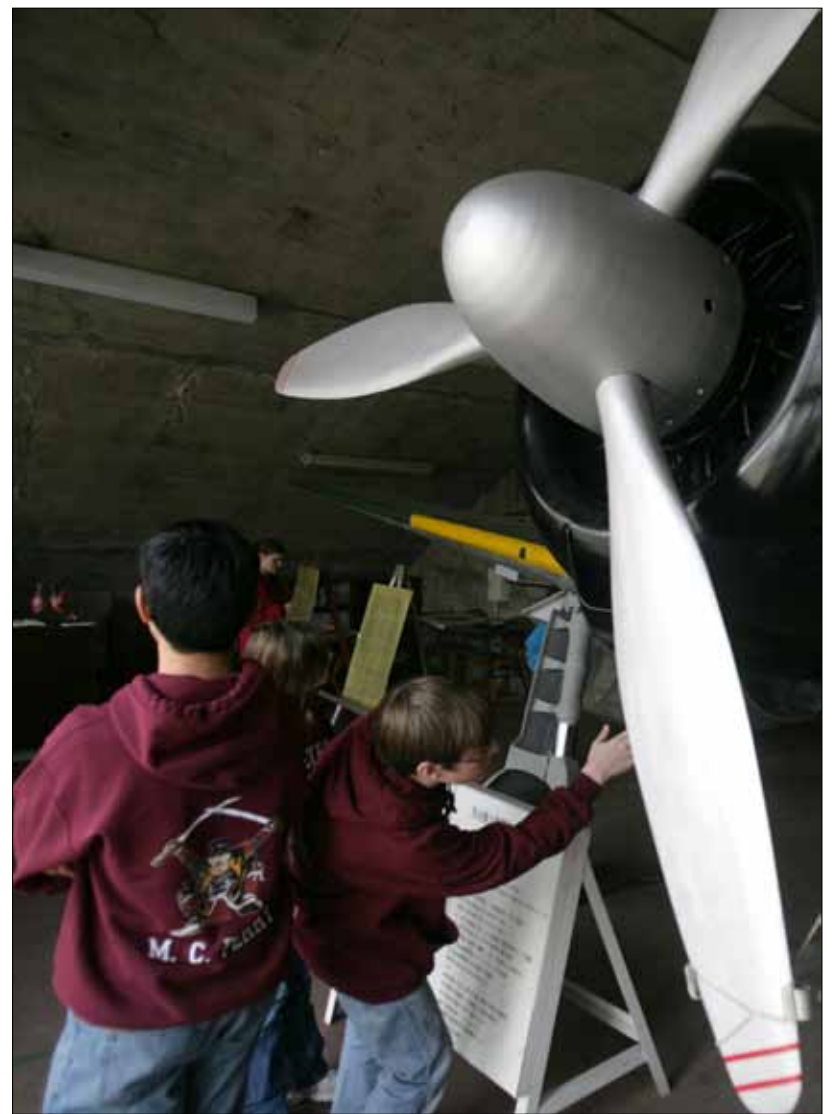
The Zero Hangar and Iwakuni Japanese Naval Air Station were

built in 1939 and used as a training facility for carrier-based pilots during the early stages of World War II. Towards the later part of the war, the station converted into an intercept base. The hangars around base housed more than 100 Mitsubishi A6M Zero fighters, the most infamous Japanese fighter planes flown throughout WWII, from the initial attack on Pearl Harbor, until the final B-29 assaults on Japan.

Today, there is only one Zero Hangar left on station and it houses a full-scale sized replica of the M-21 Zero, originally made for the Japanese movie, "Zero-Sen-Moyu". Visitors to the hangar are able to walk around the plane and see other historical items such as photos and uniform gear from the past.

"Visiting the Zero Hangar was a great hands-on experience for our scouts, not only could they read the literature on display, but they were also able to walk around the plane, touch it, and even climb up to the cockpit," said Nickson. "I know our scouts were excited to have this opportunity."

The Zero Hangar is open by appointments only during the week, but open to the public on Fridays from 1-3 p.m. For more information or to make an appointment, contact the MCAS Iwakuni Public Affairs Office at 253-5551.



SGT. JUSTIN PACK

Boys from Cub Scout Pack 77 and Boy Scout Troop 77 look at the propeller of a replica Mitsubishi A6M Zero fighter at the Zero Hangar here, Feb. 7, 2013. They visited the hangar to learn more about the base's history. The hangar was built in 1939 and is the last one left on station.



Matthew C. Perry Elementary School students and faculty, listen as Larry Wahl, school psychologist, speaks during the mikan presentation at the M. C. Perry Elementary Gym here, Feb. 5, 2013 as Yoshikiko Fukuda and several members of the local Iwakuni Agricultural and Societal Co-op presented mikans to the elementary school. The mikan is a citrus fruit with the appearance of a tangerine and symbolizes Japan's prospering agricultural export business.

M. C. Perry hosts mikan-giving exchange

Donald Mokelke, who is a Matthew C. Perry Elementary School art teacher and tea ceremony master, presents Austin R. Phippen, a third grade M.C. Perry student, 9, with green tea during the closing portion of a mikan-giving ceremony at M.C. Perry Elementary school here, Feb. 5, 2013. Several members of the local Iwakuni community were on hand to present the mikans to the school, including Iwakuni Mayor Yoshikiko Fukuda.



CPL. KENNETH K. TROTTER JR.

Cpl. Kenneth K. Trotter Jr.
IWAKUNI APPROACH
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Matthew C. Perry Elementary School hosted Iwakuni Mayor Yoshikiko Fukuda and several members of the local Iwakuni Agricultural and Societal Co-op during a mikan-giving event at the M.C. Perry elementary gymnasium here, Feb. 5, 2013.

The purpose of the event was to build a better sense of appreciation, understanding and respect between Iwakuni residents and the more impressionable of the base's residents – children.

"It's something we look forward to," said Dr. Suzanne Landrum, M.C. Perry Elementary School principal. "It's a cultural exchange. So this morning, we decided to have an assembly here at the school."

The mikan is a Japanese citrus fruit resembling a tangerine. It is seen as a significant symbol of Japan's agricultural export business.

In addition to Mayor Fukuda, Yamaguchi Oshima Agricultural Cooperative director general & chairman Motoi Yoshimura, Iwakuni Kouin Seika Co. Ltd. president-director Kazunori Hayata, Iwakuni Produce Brokers' Association chairman Mitsuo Okada, Iwakuni Produce

Commission Merchants Association chairman Hitoshi Kifune and Motoi Yoshimura, director general & chairman, Yamaguchi Oshima Agricultural Cooperative Association also attended.

All elementary school students and staff attended the mikan presentation. Several students, who were on stage during the presentation, expressed their sincere appreciation for the mikans.

After the presentation, M.C. Perry students reciprocated by presenting a traditional Japanese tea ceremony for their guests, served with green tea and Japanese sweet rolls. Several dozen students observed this and two took part in the ceremony.

These simple, friendly gestures appealed to those in attendance.

"You don't have to have grand temples and shrines to feel a part of this community," said Landrum. "You can feel a part of this community in something more sustainable like produce. The people in Iwakuni are quite proud of this. We can strengthen our relationship and friendship with the Japanese by celebrating what's important to them."

This does not diminish the other aspects of the local Japanese community, though.

"We love those bonfires at the Kintai," said Landrum.

"We love the tours to the castles and shrines."

The most important aspect of the day's events was the cultural immersion for the children.

"What I hope they take away is that even though we're on an American military base, this relationship is important," said Landrum. "It should not be a one-time event. We should go into the community, invite the community in. I hope the children will go home tonight and talk about this assembly today."

The opportunity to be a part of the event was something the children in attendance could take away and appreciate in the years to come.

"It means a lot to me because the Japanese are trying to interact with us Americans," said William Rudolph, 11, an M.C. Perry sixth grader. "If we interact, we can make a better relationship with one another."

The ability to have a successful and fruitful partnership between a host nation and the U.S. military has its foundation in events such as this. By giving station residents the opportunity to experience the culture outside their gates, they are not only making them better ambassadors, no matter how young, but well-rounded people as well.



CPL. KENNETH K. TROTTER JR.

Green tea powder sits in a cup before being stirred and warmed during the closing portion of the mikan-giving ceremony at the Matthew C. Perry Elementary School here Feb. 5, 2013. The mikan is regarded as a symbol of Japan's prominent agricultural export business. Twenty boxes of mikans were given to the school. The children offered American sweets, showing their appreciation for the mikans.

CORPS NEWS

HIGHLIGHTING MARINES AND SAILORS AROUND THE GLOBE

Gravity does most of the work

Cpl. Jeff Drew
2ND MARINE DIVISION

MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. — “You’re falling to the Earth, to your death, unless you do something about it,” said Senior Chief Anthony Schudel, the Master Diver for 2nd Reconnaissance Battalion, 2nd Marine Division. “There are a lot of things beyond your control that can go wrong with parachuting.”

Jumping out of a perfectly good aircraft seems like a crazy idea to most, but for the Marines and sailors of 2nd Reconnaissance Battalion, it’s just another Wednesday. “This is a skill you have to keep at or it’s vitally lost,” said Schudel, a veteran of 541 jumps. “It’s a critical skill, but once you’re back in the aircraft it all kind of comes back to you.”

In order to stay proficient as a top tier reconnaissance unit, Marines with the battalion must consistently sharpen their skills or risk losing them. While many of the service members jumped as part of a low-level static line jump, several of the more experienced jumpers took to the clouds for a free-fall jump from 10,000 feet. “We would like to get everybody to that military free-fall capability because you can’t hear the aircraft at that altitude; you can’t hear the Marines open their chutes at that altitude. We would like to get everyone to that level. Jumping,

diving, or fast-roping, it’s just a means to get to the mission,” said Lt. Col. Robert Revoir, the commanding officer of 2nd Recon. “Our primary mission is ground reconnaissance, battlefield shaping and amphibious reconnaissance. Most of those require a clandestine insertion. (Jumping) is a clandestine insertion capability.”

Physically, the Marines must endure the weight of the equipment on their back, the force that terminal velocity - approximately 122 miles-per-hour for a skydiver in the belly-to-earth position, takes on their frame as well as be able to carry their parachute back to their starting position. Mentally, the service members must overcome the sheer terror of jumping out of a helicopter and be able to improvise in case any unforeseen emergency happens during their flight back to Earth. Luckily the Marines of 2nd Recon are headstrong, determined, and can’t wait for their next jump.

“Standing on the edge of the ramp in a fast moving aircraft, looking down, you can see all the landscape and the ocean – the wind is howling and you know you are going to get ready to start flying through the air, it’s pretty exhilarating,” said Schudel. “For these guys this is typically a no fail mission, failure is not an option for a lot of the things that they do, so this is why we come out and do sustainment jumps, so that they can keep driving on.”



CPL JEFF DREW

Marines with 2nd Reconnaissance Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, who participated in a free-fall sustainment jump, use an altimeter on their wrists to gauge the altitude at which to pull their parachutes. Jumping from a height of 10,000 feet means the Marines will pull their parachute at approximately 5,000 feet in order to safely return to the landing zone.



CPL JEFF DREW

Orange County, Va., native, Sgt. Michael Murphy, a reconnaissance Marine with Force Reconnaissance Company, II Marine Expeditionary Force, poses as he jumps out of a CH-53 Super Stallion helicopter. Murphy joined Marines from 2nd Reconnaissance Battalion, to stay proficient in his skydiving ability. “Standing on the edge of the ramp in a fast moving aircraft, looking down, you can see all the landscape and the ocean, the wind is howling and you know you are going to get ready to start flying through the air, it’s pretty exhilarating,” said Senior Chief Anthony Schudel, the Master Diver for 2nd Recon.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS | CLASSIFIEDS

Briefs

Substance Abuse Prevention
If you or anyone you know is struggling with substance abuse or for more information on services provided, please contact the Substance Abuse Counseling Center at, 253-4526 or visit Building 411 Room 219.

Black History Month Luncheon
A luncheon honoring Black History Month is scheduled to take place in the Landing Zone Dining Room Feb. 21, 2013, along with a special guest speaker and a musical performance.

CREDO Okinawa
CREDO Okinawa is scheduled to be in the Iwakuni area hosting a Marriage Enrichment Retreat at the Kure Hankyu Hotel March 7-9, 2013. Sign up begins Feb. 1. There is room slated for 15 couples; eight E-5 and below, seven E-8 and above. For more information, contact Petty Officer Second Class Raymond Suiter at 253-3371 or raymond.j.suiter@usmc.mil.

Off-limit Establishments
The following establishments in Iwakuni and Hiroshima are hereby off-limits:

- The multi-tenant building “NOW.” Tenant occupant’s names change frequently. Past names for this building include Ran, Massage Parlor, Welcome American, Follow Me and F-18.
- Hiroshima’s Tougan Goods Company.
- Spice Ecstasy 4-4 Nagarekawa, Naka-ku Hiroshima City, Japan
- Buri Buri Nomi 1-18 Horikawa-cho, Naka-ku

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• Joint
3-22 Yayoi i-cho Naka-ku
Hiroshima City, Japan

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.

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M.C. Perry High School

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広島県立府中東部小学校
M.C. Perry Elementary School

Iwakuni Municipal Kawashimo Elementary School
島根県立川下小学校
Iwakuni Municipal Marifu Junior High School
島根県立島根中学校

Otake Municipal Otake Junior High School
大竹県立大竹中学校
Suo-Oshima Town Municipal Wada Elementary School
周防大島町立大島小学校

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Play

U.S.-JAPAN Friendship Concert in IWAKUNI

日米交流合同コンサート

Sinfonia Iwakuni

Sat, 2 Mar 2013, 2:00pm
Doors Open at 1:00pm

Sinfonia Iwakuni 1F Concert Hall
2-1-1, Mikasa-cho, Iwakuni-shi, Yamaguchi-ken

Access

- About 10 minute walk from JR Iwakuni Station.
- About 5 minute walk from Mikasa Bridge bus stop.
- About 20 minutes by car from JR San'yō Shinkansen Shin-Iwakuni Station.

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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	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.

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MUSHA EXPERIENCE AT KINTAI AREA

When: Every day except Wednesday from now until May 31, from 11 a.m. to noon.
Where: Yokoyama, Iwakuni City.
What: Relish in the opportunity to wear the armor of the Iwakuni Teppo-tai (musket unit) Preservation Group. Reservations are 1,500 yen and must be made five days prior to the event. To make a reservation, contact the Iwakuni Jitabi-no-kai (Travel Group) at 090-7898-5770.

MATSUE DAN-DAN-SHOKU FESTA (FOOD FESTIVAL)

When: Feb. 1- 28
Where: Matsue City, Shimane Prefecture.
What: Enjoy the winter food in Shimane Prefecture, which includes Matsuba-gani, Shimane Beef and seafood from Shinji Lake. For more information, contact the executive committee of Matsue Dan-Dan Festa at 0852-27-5843.

For more information on upcoming events visit our website at <http://www.mcasiwakuni.marines.mil/News/LocaleventInformation.aspx> or visit Information Tours and Travel located in the Crossroads Mall or call 253-4377.

SAKURA THEATER

Friday, February 15, 2013 7 p.m. Django Unchained (R)	7 p.m. Identity Thief (R)
Saturday, February 16, 2013 4 p.m. Parental Guidance (PG) 7 p.m. The Guilt Trip (PG-13)	Tuesday, February 19, 2013 Theater closed
Sunday, February 17, 2013 4 p.m. Finding Nemo (G) 7 p.m. Silver Linings Playbook (R) Monday, February 18, 2013	Wednesday, February 20, 2013 Theater closed
Thursday, February 21, 2013 7 p.m. Silver Linings Playbook (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.

THE IWAKUNI APPROACH CULTURAL LESSONS



The Chūgoku Mountains are a mountain range in the Chūgoku region of western Japan. The range runs in an east-west direction and stretches approximately 311 miles from Hyōgo Prefecture in the east to the coast of Yamaguchi Prefecture. The range also travels under the Pacific Ocean.

The two tallest mountains in the group are Daisen and Mount Hyōno. Other than Daisen, most of the mountains run along the border of Tottori and Okayama prefectures and the border of Shimane and Hiroshima prefectures. The mountains form a drainage divide and natural barrier in western Japan between the San'in Region to the north and the San'yō Region to the south.

The Chūgoku Mountains are the source of several rivers in western Japan. All flow either north to the Japan Sea or south to the Inland Sea, with the exception of the Gōnokawa River, which runs along the mountain range in Hiroshima and Shimane prefectures.

The Chūgoku Mountains are home to many ski resorts, less than two hours from Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, and offer numerous options for both skiers and snowboarders. In addition to skiers, hikers can find enjoyment in the Sandan Valley, which is a 16-kilometer-long ravine along the Shibaki-gawa River, a tributary of the Ota-gawa River. It is surrounded by deep forests, and is one of the five most famous ravines in Japan.



LANCE CPL. JAMES SMITH
Jerad Wortham, (Second from left) Iwakuni Legends coach, congratulates his players on winning their first regular season game against the Iwakuni Lakers at the IronWorks Gym here, Feb. 7, 2013. The Legends won 33-20. Wortham said this is his first year coaching Youth Intramural Basketball and he enjoys it.

Legends trump Lakers, Jolly Green Giants defeat Dream Team

Lance Cpl. James Smith
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

The Youth Intramural Basketball season's 13-to-15-year old division started its regular season as the Iwakuni Legends squared off against the Iwakuni Lakers and the Jolly Green Giants took on the Dream Team at the IronWorks Gym here, Feb. 7, 2013.

Each team had its own plan going into the game. "Our team focuses on playing with a high momentum and forcing turnovers," said Jerad Wortham, Legends coach. "At practice, we work on our defensive press, which we need to execute here tonight."

Family members and friends cheered as the Legends were ahead of the Lakers at halftime. With the guidance of Windell Stewart, Legends coach, and Wortham, the team stayed strong and surpassed the Lakers 33-20.

"I really liked the hustle of the kids," said Wortham. "My kids were up to the challenge and they played really well. I'm happy with how they played."

While the match between the Legends and Lakers was underway, the other game between the Jolly Green Giants and Dream team tipped off.

"My expectations going into the game were to win," said Jean AcostaYulfo, Jolly Green Giants' coach. "We come here with a passion to learn and we make the best out of it. We want them to learn how to play so they can have fun, but at the same time, achieve their goal."

The Jolly Green Giants, who placed first in the pre-season tournament here, Feb. 2, 2013, held their ground against the Dream Team as the game went back and forth, the first half ended with the Giants in the lead.

Anxiety floated through the air as the last few seconds wound down and the Dream Team attempted a three-point shot to tie up the game. The shot missed, ending the game with the Jolly Green Giants sneaking past the Dream Team 23-20.

"It's feels good to win the first game of the season," said AcostaYulfo. "We always set the highest expectations for the team. There are some plays that we can improve on, as well as our defenses."

As the night's games ended, the objectives for the teams now is to capitalize on their strengths and figure out how they can improve for the future.



LANCE CPL. JAMES SMITH
Curtis Gray, Iwakuni Legends player, shoots a free throw during their game against the Iwakuni Lakers during a Youth Intramural Basketball game held at the IronWorks Gym here, Feb. 7, 2013. This was the first regular season game in the 13-15-year old division. The Legends managed to defeat the Lakers 33-20.

The Iwakuni Time Machine

In the Feb. 20, 1967, issue of the Torii Teller, Marines reported on Norman J. Ream, Special Assistant to the Secretary of the Navy, Management System, visiting the station for the opening of the station's first automated Data Processing Unit of the Comptroller's Office and Cpl. David R. Carpenter, Station Security Department, receiving his second Purple Heart, both of which he received during operations in Vietnam.

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The Coming Year

"This year will see many changes occurring aboard MCAS Iwakuni and they will affect the morale and efficiency of all hands aboard," Col. William M. Lundin, Station CO, recently announced.

Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara has authorized military construction projects totaling \$564 million at 285 military installations in 42 states, the District of Columbia and overseas.

Included in these installations, MCAS Iwakuni was authorized \$1,143,000 to build a new barracks to accommodate 650 enlisted personnel and an additional \$300,000 to renovate an existing barracks. Requests for bids from contractors are forthcoming.

The new barracks is a replacement for a barracks destroyed by fire in January 1965.

A change in personnel composition will be noticed as six enlisted Women Marines report for duty in early March to mark the first assignment of enlisted Women Marines to MCAS Iwakuni. Capt. Marilyn E. Wallace has been aboard the station since October and is serving as the disbursing officer.

In addition to the advent of Women Marines serving aboard the air station, it is anticipated that Marines in certain key billets here will be accompanied by their families later this year.

Plans are in the works to allow 23 Marines in key station billets to bring their families to Iwakuni in the near future.

Several Married Officers Quarters (MOQ's), including Bldgs. 511, 512, 513, 514, 517 A&B and 518 A&B, are currently being remodeled. The quarters had previously been used as Bachelor Officers Quarters (BOQ's).

Plans for housing the Women Marines are still tentative, according to station authorities.

A Gala Affair

A Marine and a Sailor from MCAS Iwakuni attended the USO's fourth annual Gold Plate Dinner in Tokyo February 10. Sgt. Owen E. Rye Jr., Station Weather Section, and AE1 Ralph W.



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Robinson, VP-4, were wine and dined at the plush Imperial Theater Restaurant where they were the guests of top U.S. business, diplomatic and military leaders in Japan.

Among the dignitaries who welcomed the servicemen were U. Alexis Johnson, U.S. Ambassador to Japan; MajGen. Lloyd E. Fellenz, Commanding General, U. S. Army, Japan; RAdm. Eugene P. Wilkinson, Chief of Staff, U.S. Forces, Japan; Gen. Shigeru Ura, former Chief of Air Staff, Japan Self Defense Forces; and A. Lewis Burridge, President of the USO Council of Japan.

Miss Mitsuko Kusabue — star of Japanese stage, screen and TV — charmed the troops and dignitaries with her singing of "Moon River" and "I Love Paris." Also on the entertainment schedule were the Takeda Marionettes and the Imperial Dancers.

Mr. Burridge of the USO said, "It is our privilege to annually host this dinner in honor of the men of the U.S. Forces in the Pacific Command."

A Chance to Shine

In the field of radio announcing special recognition doesn't occur too often and when it does it's usually after years of experience in the field.

Mrs. Linda Teeple has not only accomplished it in a very short period of time but she has accomplished it in a foreign land.

Linda, wife of AMI Charles D. Teeple, Station Hospital, began her experience with radio announcing in October 1966 when she accepted the job of announcing a half-hour, musical/discussion show. The show is aired over KRY Radio of Tokuyama on Saturdays at 11:30 pm.

Special recognition came for Linda when her show was selected as one of two half-hour shows that will

represent the station in a yearly contest held in Japan to select the best radio shows of the year. Shows are judged in several categories.

Eight prefectures hold a preliminary contest in March to select the top three shows in each category. These top three shows compete in a nationwide contest held in Tokyo in April.

Linda's show is an English dialogue show, however, an interpreter aids her when the dialogue becomes too difficult for her high-school-aged audience.

In selecting the program for which she wished to be judged, Linda brought together three students from Matthew C. Perry School and three students from Tokuyama High School in a musical performance and discussion session. The students from Perry School—Mark Miller, Steve Alstrom, Marsha Hamlen—performed musical numbers and later held an informal discussion with the Japanese students—Kimiko Kubo, Fumiko Chigimatsu, Keijiro Izutsu—who are members of an English speaking club which meets twice weekly in Tokuyama. The Japanese students were also members of the cast of an English dialogue play presented during the Tokuyama Autumn Festival.

Prior to her present position, Linda taught an English class of Japanese children from four to 11 years of age, three times weekly for nearly 17 months.

With Deep Gratitude

The following letter was received from the family of MAG-15 SgtMaj. Robert W. Barnett, who died here of a heart attack January 2. Mrs. Barnett and her daughters, Mary and Sara, received a wreath, flowers and monetary aid collected by MCAS personnel.

"To the men and women of U.S. Marine Corps Air Station, Iwakuni, Japan.

Dear Friends:

"This letter is written with the deep gratitude of our entire family for your wonderful gift and sincere expression of sympathy.

"Your action indicates to us the esteem and affection held by you for your fellow Marine. The knowledge of this has been a great comfort to us at this most trying time."

Very sincerely,

(Mrs.) Marion J. Barnett

Mary Anne Barnett

Sara Frances Barnett



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