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Master Sgt. Lionel Saulsberry, station postal chief, and other servicemembers with Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, pull with all their strength during the tug of war field meet portion of an overnight field exercise at Penny Lake field here April 18, 2013. The field meet consisted of several events such as the dizzy izzzy, Humvee pull and tug of war.

## USTA teaches tennis fundamentals

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Program assistants from the Youth and Teen Center and School Age Care Center (SAC) participated in a coaches' workshop hosted by the United States Tennis Association held at Matthew C. Perry High School's gymnasium at Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan, April 17 - 18, 2013.

Two instructors from USTA spent the first day teaching elementary school students how to play tennis. The second day, the instructors taught station residents how to teach the fundamentals of tennis to the children.

"This was primarily a 'train the trainer' workshop," said Dan Limbago, USTA National Junior Tennis and Learning manager and workshop instructor. "We

train people who are going to work with kids so they have the skills to teach large groups of kids."

The workshop consisted of many interactive activities and focused on relaying the skills necessary to teach children the basics of serving, hitting and rules.

Besides interactive teaching, they also introduced station residents to an exclusive pilot program offered by the Youth and Teen Center.

"In 2013, the USTA will host 20 tennis pilot programs at Boys' and Girls' Club-affiliated youth centers on military bases in the U.S. and abroad," said China Fanning, USTA Education and Outreach national manager.

According to Eugene Clark, Youth and Teen Activities

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## Station embraces Earth Day with seawall cleanup

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Senator Gaylord Nelson established the idea for Earth Day in 1969. The following year, it was celebrated for the first time on April 22.

Station residents gathered at the seawall north of Penny Lake here to volunteer their time to clean up the environment in support of the 43rd Earth Day, April 19, 2013.

"Every year, the station celebrates the month of April as the environmental awareness month," said Chuck Hill, Facilities Environmental Branch spill and tank manager.

"All around the world, people are becoming more aware of the importance of keeping our environment clean. If everyone makes a small contribution, it can have a large impact."

The cleanup lasted about four hours and was attended by approximately 75 participants.

"I participated because I was a little surprised at the amount of trash I had seen along the seawall while I was fishing with a friend," said Staff Sgt. Philip Roderick, Marine Aircraft Group 12 career planner and seawall cleanup participant. "When you're in a boat and looking from the other

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# CHAPLAIN’S CORNER

## ‘A Psalm of comfort’

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STATION CHAPLAIN

23rd Psalm is one of the most beloved and quoted of the Psalms. I am sure when David wrote this Psalm, he had no idea that many years later his Psalm would be so famous and loved. David had experienced many hardships and trials throughout his life. He started as a shepherd boy before he became the next King of Israel. He was in a situation where the king he was to replace tried to kill him daily, yet David never raised a hand against him. As David reflected over his life and how God protected him through everything, it probably reminded him of his days as a shepherd. How he protected the sheep that trusted him for their well-being. Everything from safety, shelter,

food and water, as a shepherd, was David's job to provide for his sheep. David could look back and see that as he was a shepherd for his sheep, so had God been the shepherd over him. God ensured a place and restoration for David when he became overwhelmed with life's worries and cares. These are the green pastures and quiet waters of imagery David speaks of in regards to the sheep. God ensured David went down the right path in life by guiding him as a shepherd does his sheep. When David was faced with the threat of death, danger and destruction, he didn't have to worry because God was right there. The shepherd uses a rod and staff to guide, protect, defend and lead the sheep. The sheep will not have to worry because the shepherd ensures their safety. Even when danger is imminent, the shepherd will give his very

life for the sheep. David continues to speak of the awesomeness of God by saying that even in the presence of his enemies, God has his back. David is protected and has God's favor upon him every day of his life. Everything his enemies meant to do bad, God turned it around for his good. While this is David's experience and interpretation of his relationship with God, it can also be ours. God really does care for each and every one of us and desires only the best for our lives. I know many times we feel as if we have done so many bad things in our lives that there is no hope for us. This is wrong and not true. Jesus says in John 10:11 NIV "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." There is nothing in our lives that could ever keep us from God's boundless love, grace and mercy. Remember this Psalm of comfort when life becomes difficult and you feel all alone, because you never are.

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■ April 30, the PMO pass-and-registration section will only process 2013 Road Tax registration and licenses. No other business will take place during this time.

Failure to pay road tax can result in the impoundment of your vehicle.

## Station residents embrace importance of Earth Day during seawall cleanup

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direction at low tide, you can see much more than is visible when you're running along the seawall. It also got me outside for a couple of hours and gave me a chance to do something a little different." The cleanup celebrates April 22, declared International Mother Earth Day by the United Nations in 1970. "We collected about five two-ton stake truck loads," said Hill. "The trash accumulates over the years and washes up with the tide. Once it gets on the seawall, it usually just sits there unless another tide or

storm pulls it down and back into the water. The trash not only looks bad, but it can create a nautical hazard for small craft." The trash creates more than just a hazard for humans though. "The more trash we get out of the water, the better it is for the ocean. It's not good for the marine life out there," said Roderick. The cleanup is just the beginning to fixing the pollution problem. Hill also recommended keeping trash containers closed and secure, picking up trash off the ground and calling the environmental office if something is unusual.

Earth Day seawall cleanup participants pick up debris during the seawall cleanup, which took place aboard station, April 19, 2013. The Marines, sailors and civilians participating collected many items, such as glass jars, rubber hosing and fish net. The cleanup celebrates April 22, declared International Mother Earth Day by the United Nations in 1970.

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A group of Marines, sailors and civilians walk along the seawall in search of trash April 19, 2013. The sea wall cleanup is an annual event and had a turnout of approximately 75 participants this year.

## United States Tennis Association offers teaching skills during visit

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director, this is the first time MCAS Iwakuni hosted a pilot program and was one of two bases selected in Japan to participate. Fanning said all 20 installations are competing in an incentive program for an all-expenses-paid trip to New York for three to

participate in their "Arthur Ashe Kids' Day." If MCAS Iwakuni wins the incentive program, one child from School Age Care, one of their parents and a staff member from SAC go to the U.S. Open at Arthur Ashe stadium in addition to attending Arthur Ashe Kids' Day.

The Youth and Teen Center plans to do two pilot programs, with the first from May 1 to June 15. "Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, the tennis courts at School Age Care Center will train the kids for 30 minutes to an hour," said Clark. "The last week, we will do a major play activity

where we will set up the nets and just let the kids have fun." With the Youth and Teen Center providing the equipment to get started and 124 elementary school children having already participated in the practice workshop, MCAS Iwakuni has a head start on the path to a successful pilot program.



# H&HS trains for combat preparedness in 'the field'

Sgt. Maj. Peter W. Ferral, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron sergeant major, talks with H&HS servicemembers at the start of an overnight field exercise and field meet at Penny Lake field here April 18, 2013. The field meet consisted of several events which included the dizzy izzzy, Humvee pull, pugil stick bouts and tug of war. At 9 p.m., all lights at the field were secured, with Marines sleeping with whatever provisions they brought in their packs.



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Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron spent the night under the stars when they participated in an overnight field exercise and field meet at Penny Lake Field at Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan, April 18-19, 2013.

The goal of the exercise was for servicemembers to experience the discomfort that comes with being in an austere environment and to reinforce the motto of 'every Marine is a rifleman.'

"My command philosophy is we do two things at H&HS – train and prepare Marines and sailors for combat as we do our day jobs and we train and prepare ourselves for combat," said Lt. Col. F. Lance Lewis, H&HS commanding officer. "For the Marine Corps, it doesn't matter your rate, MOS, what your rank happens to be. If you're over there with an infantry battalion...it does

not matter. (Marine Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron 2) got attacked a couple of years ago and they are power-liners and flight guys and they grabbed their weapons and manned the wire to repel the attack."

The event kicked off at 6 p.m. with all the major sections of H&HS attending the event – Operations, Logistics, the Provost Marshal's Office and Headquarters.

The field meet consisted of several events, including the dizzy izzzy, Humvee pull, pugil stick bouts and tug of war. At 9 p.m., all lights at the field were secured, with Marines sleeping with whatever provisions they brought in their packs.

The next morning, reveille woke servicemembers at 3 a.m., dressing and gathering all their gear in the darkness. They proceeded to step off at 4 a.m. for a 10 kilometer, or approximately six mile, hike and concluded with a warrior's breakfast at the R.G. Robinson Mess Hall.



LANCE CPL. TODD F. MICHALEX

Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron Marines participate in a six mile hike during the squadron's field exercise at Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan, April 19, 2013. The purpose of the field exercise was to enhance combat readiness in addition to bolstering friendly competition and camaraderie between the various departments within H&HS.



A Shingon monk throws sticks with written prayers into a burning pyre during the Miyajima Fire Walking ceremony, which took place inside the Daisho-in Temple on the Island of Miyajima, April 15, 2013. Onlookers could buy wooden prayer sticks prior to the beginning of the ceremony. The prayers would then be gathered into boxes to be thrown into the blaze.

## Miyajima Fire Walking ceremony brings good fortune to worshippers

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The Miyajima Fire Walking, known in Japanese as Hiwatari Shinji, is a bi-annual ceremony practiced by Shingon Monks inside the island's Daisho-in Temple.

The ceremony invokes the powers of Acala, one of the guardian deities of Vajrayana Buddhism. He wears a vicious scowl and is engulfed in flames. He holds a lariat, a sort of salvation rope in his left hand and a jeweled sword in his right, which he uses to bind and

slice through worldly desires. His violent appearance draws confessions. However, he also has a heart of mercy to save people from heavy suffering.

The purple holy fire swarming Acala, which is symbolized in the leading Shingon Monk's purple robes, is the principal image for world peace, prosperity of Vajrayana, happiness for all and productiveness of grain. Also, walking through the coals of the flame is coupled with praying for clearing of misfortune and welcoming good fortune, along with praising the accomplishments and fulfilling the wishes of worshippers.



Shingon monks pray around a burning pyre during the Miyajima Fire Walking ceremony, which took place inside the Daisho-in Temple on the Island of Miyajima, April 15, 2013. The Monks perform the procession to pray for good fortune for all people, crops and to fulfill the worshipper's wishes.



Prayer sticks burn inside a lit pyre during the Miyajima Fire Walking ceremony, which took place inside the Daisho-in Temple on the Island of Miyajima, April 15, 2013. Onlookers could buy wooden prayer sticks prior to the beginning of the ceremony. The prayers would then be gathered into boxes to be thrown into the blaze.



# ONOMICHI SITE SERVES AS POW MEMORIAL

STORY AND PHOTOS BY  
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War is a horrendous business; families torn apart, relationships put asunder and servicemembers killed or taken captive. Dignitaries attended a memorial relocation and dedication ceremony held April 15, 2013, to pay homage and honor to enemy prisoners who were captives at Hiroshima Prisoner of War Sub-Camp No. 4 during World War II.

On a stretch of bustling road in the heart of Onomichi City, in the Mitsugi District of Hiroshima prefecture, Japan, sits a very unassuming grocery store named "Every." Right outside its walls stands a stoic monument to Hiroshima Prisoner of War Sub-Camp No. 4. The ground the store occupies was once the camp.

As the saying goes, if we do not know our history, we are doomed to repeat it, that only by learning from our mistakes can we understand ourselves and grow as a people.

"Any site of rest and memory to those servicemembers who have gone before us and who have made the ultimate sacrifice warrants

our continued visitation and remembrance," said Col. James C. Stewart, Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni commanding officer. "Today's ceremony signifies the collective remembrance and dedication of all nations to those military servicemembers who have endured the privation of detention during conflict."

The part of Onomichi where the memorial stands was once known as Mukaishima, and it is here where more than 200 Allied servicemembers toiled in shipyards, carrying materials until the war's end in 1945.

Most of these men were brought there aboard Japanese "hell ships," war-era transports especially known for their dreadful living conditions and barbaric treatment toward captives. One hundred British airmen arrived at the POW camp in November 1942 by way of the hell ship, Duinichi Maru, along with another 100 American troops who came from the Philippines by way of the Noto Maru in September 1944. Twenty-four of those 200 died from the combination of backbreaking labor, inhumane treatment and conditions suffered

in that time period. One of those was U.S. Army Air Force Pfc. George B. Scott, who died from his wounds Feb. 13, 1945. An additional 10 POWs arrived Aug. 8, 1945, when a U.S. B-29 bomber crashed into the Japanese Sea 50 miles off the coast. At the end of the war, all surviving members were transported back to their homelands.

The ceremony opened with a guitar rendition of "Amazing Grace," followed by remarks by Mitsuo Minamizawa, Onomichi Red Brick Society and Japan-U.K. Friendship Monument Society chairman, followed by both a Christian and Buddhist invocation. Once unveiled, a floral tribute commenced with bouquets laid at the base of the memorial, followed by guest remarks and a song by students from the Mukaishima Chuo Elementary School.

The theme of the ceremony focused on passing an understanding of the sacrifices made by the departed to future generations.

"I greatly hope from this occasion today this memorial plate will be a symbol of peace and friendship and extend friendship amongst

our people," said Yuko Hiratani, Onomichi City mayor. "I sincerely hope our wish for eternal peace is passed down to future generations."

Etched in one of the memorial's plated faces are the names of the British troops. Old Glory, the Union Jack and the Hinomaru (circle of the sun) flap in the wind above, silent guardians to the memory of the dead and an example of the continued unified support of the three nations toward everlasting peace.

"It is important for us to continue to remember the men and women from all nations who fought in the great conflict," said Stewart. "This memorial will stand as a reminder of their tremendous sacrifice and our desire for world peace. Today, Japan and the United States and the United Kingdom form the strongest and most important security alliance in the world."

After nearly 70 years, representatives from the three nations continued to reflect and sustain the hope for abstinence from war, the endurance of their alliance, and the wish to never need similar monuments in the future.



Kato Jinen, left, an Onomichi Tourist Association board member and Buddhist priest, and two other priests offers prayers for the British and American troops who lived in the former Mukaishima POW Sub-Camp No. 4 as part of a POW memorial and rededication ceremony April 15, 2013, on the sight of the camp. The theme of the ceremony focused on passing an understanding of the sacrifices made by the departed to future generations.



Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni Commanding Officer Col. James C. Stewart, British consulate general of Osaka Consul-General Simon Fisher, and Mukaishima Chuo Elementary School first grader Aoi Ode, lay bouquets of flowers April 15, 2013, at the memorial site for POWs who were captured or killed at the former Mukaishima POW Sub-Camp No. 4. The part of Onomichi where the memorial stands was once known as Mukaishima, and it is here where more than 200 Allied servicemembers toiled in shipyards carrying materials until the war's end in 1945.

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Shimada Yoshikuni, a minister from the Onomichi Yoshiwa Dendosho branch of the United Church of Christ in Japan, recites a prayer during a memorial for POWs from Mukaishima POW Sub-Camp No. 4 in Onomichi, Japan, April 15, 2013. The location was once the sight of the camp. "It is important for us to continue to remember the men and women from all nations who fought in the great conflict," said Col. James C. Stewart, Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni commanding officer. "This memorial will stand as a reminder of their tremendous sacrifice and our desire for world peace. Today, Japan and the United States and the United Kingdom form the strongest and most important security alliance in the world."



# CORPS NEWS

HIGHLIGHTING MARINES AND  
SAILORS AROUND THE GLOBE

## Residents comment on live-fire ranges, training areas proposed for Tinian, Pagan

MASTER SGT. PAULINE FRANKLIN  
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**SAIPAN, Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands** — Residents on Tinian and Saipan gathered information and submitted comments recently during public scoping meetings regarding proposed development of live-fire ranges and training areas on Tinian and Pagan islands in CNMI.

The meetings, which concluded April 12, allowed government officials to provide information, answer questions and seek public input on the current preliminary alternatives proposed in the CNMI Joint Military Training Environmental Impact Statement and Overseas EIS. The current proposal includes three unit-level training alternatives for Tinian and two combined-level training alternatives for Pagan.

As the U.S. looks to rebalance forces in the Pacific, military studies have identified a large number of joint training deficiencies in the Western Pacific. This U.S. Pacific Command initiative seeks to reduce these deficiencies with appropriate ranges and training areas to ensure military forces can meet their mandate to train combat-ready forces to execute operations capable of winning wars, deter aggression, maintain freedom of the seas, and provide humanitarian and other support to civilian governments.

Project officials will continue collecting public input and collaborating with federal and local agencies throughout this National Environmental Policy Act process to determine the best alternatives for Tinian and Pagan, with a final decision scheduled for release in 2016.

"NEPA is about a three-year process, and we are right at the beginning," said Craig Whelden, executive director for Marine Forces Pacific. "The purpose of this visit we've done ... was to demonstrate to the local population what we have in mind and listen to them to see what kind of alternatives, what kind of comments they have, what concerns they have, so that we can start refining our courses of action."

An EIS is prepared when a proposed federal action has the potential for significant effects on the natural or human environment and analyzes the potential direct, indirect and cumulative effects of the proposed action. An OEIS is prepared when a proposed action goes beyond 12 nautical miles from the coastline and is included in this proposal because of the danger zones surrounding the islands during military training activities.

Throughout the week,

government officials also met with regulatory agencies, key stakeholders and elected officials to discuss the proposal, such as the National Park Service, the Department of Public Lands, the CNMI Department of Cultural and Community Affairs, and the CNMI Division of Fish and Wildlife.

Local residents were able to voice their concerns and ideas through these meetings and the open-house-format scoping sessions, providing important information to scoping officials. Whelden said nobody knows the area better than the residents who live there, so it's important to listen to them and take into account everything they can provide in order to fine-tune the alternatives and determine the best course of action.

Members of the Tinian Cattlemen's Association raised their concerns and even provided suggestions for solutions, as cattle owners on the island currently use government-leased land for grazing areas.

"Our primary concern would be to try to convince the military to incorporate the cattle industry into their planning so that we can hopefully coexist on this property that we are developing," said Jose Dela Cruz, president of the Tinian Cattlemen's Association. "The beef industry here on the island is very important; it's a food commodity, and we feel it is one way of contributing to our local economy."

Additional concerns focused on airspace limitations, access to areas on Tinian used for tourism, and access to Pagan, where an active volcano forced the sparse population to leave the island in 1981. A handful of people currently live on Pagan, despite the ongoing volcanic danger, and former residents enjoy visiting the island periodically.

Residents who participated in the scoping meetings said they liked having project representatives on-hand to answer questions and appreciated the opportunity to voice their concerns.

"I really appreciate (these representatives) coming here and hearing our side, our views on this property," said Dela Cruz. "We understand clearly (the property on Tinian) is leased by the military, but at the same time, coming here and giving us the opportunity to contribute, to have a say in this is a wonderful thing."

Steven Lee is a concerned citizen on Saipan who lived for a time on Pagan with his family and has connections to those few still residing there. He said he attended one meeting to ask questions and gather information from officials, stating he is concerned about preserving the beautiful island and the history



An overlook area called the Limestone Forest Lookout shows the lush vegetation found on the islands. The military is currently engaged in the National Environmental Policy Act process to determine the best alternatives for proposed training on Tinian and Pagan islands, with a final decision scheduled for release in 2016.

his family and others have with the island.

"Everything I asked, they answered my questions and gave me more information," explained Lee. "I just want (officials) to think about it, and I hope the military and the government here in Saipan listen to us and give us a chance to say what we want to say. That's why I came to scoping."

Leaders on both Saipan and Tinian, such as Saipan Senator Pete Reyes, CNMI Senate, and Ramon Dela Cruz, mayor of the municipality of Tinian and Aguiguan, echoed some of the concerns of local residents, but also confirmed their support of military training on the islands and their desire to work with military officials to benefit civilian and military interests.

Those who were not able to attend the meetings can still submit comments through the online form available at <http://www.cnmijointmilitarytrainingeis.com/> or through mail-in comments sent to the following address:

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Pacific

Attn: EV21, CNMI Joint Military Training EIS/OEIS Project Manager  
258 Makalapa Drive, Suite 100  
JBPHH, HI 96860-3134

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Scoping is an early stage of the NEPA process and plays an important role in building the foundation for positive relationships between the military and local residents in the future.

"The public needs to know we want to be good neighbors, ultimately," said Whelden. "And the reason this is a three-year process is because we need to study it, we need to conduct the analysis that's required, based on what we hear from them. We hope that at the end of the three year period, we come up with an alternative that's a win-win for everybody."

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## Briefs

### Advanced Accreditation

The Advanced Accreditation team is scheduled to visit Matthew C. Perry Elementary School this upcoming week. Accreditation assures parents the school is focused on raising students' achievement, providing a safe and enriched learning environment and maintaining efficient and effective operations.

### NMCRS

Servicemembers are encouraged to donate to the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society during the 2013 Active Duty Fund Drive. NMCRS is scheduled to be in the Building One auditorium April 30 9-11 a.m. and 1:30-3:30 p.m. Servicemembers may also donate online at MOL through

the "resources" tab in the upper right corner. From there, click the "Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society" link. The next page will have a link for the drive. Fill out the monthly donation, donation amount or choose another option. The allotment will then be confirmed. Donators may then request a printed receipt for their records.

### Theater Closure

The Sakura Theater will be closed from April 29 - May 2, 2013, for the installation of a new digital theater system.

### FABO Japan Tour

The FABO Japan Tour is scheduled to perform here April 26, 2013, in the Club Iwakuni ballroom. The show starts at 11 p.m. and admission is \$15.00 or

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## KUNI TOONS: SO, YOU THINK YOU'RE PERFECT?



## MCAS TAX CENTER: FAST & FREE TAX SERVICE

The MCAS Iwakuni Tax Center is located on the first deck in Building 608 at the Station Judge Advocate's office. Hours of operation are Monday - Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. **Tax filers need to bring the following:**

- Proof of a valid social security number or ITIN for both the tax filer and all dependants claimed on this year's tax return
- W-2 (wage and tax statement)
- Form 1099 (interest statements from banks earned on savings or checking accounts)
- Child care expenses
- Proof of alimony paid and SSN of person paid alimony. Court ordered document stating divorce and powers of attorney

- Mortgage interest statement
- Individual retirement account (IRA) contributions
- Dividends, interest, and capital gains and losses from the sale of stocks, bonds or property
- Charitable contribution records

**The general deadline for filing your tax year 2012 federal income tax return is April 15. For those stationed outside the continental U.S., the deadline is June 15. Call the tax center at 253-5951 for more information.**



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
2nd and 4th Saturday	10 a.m. Seventh Day Adventist
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.

OUT AND ABOUT : Japan

2013 NATIONAL CONFECTIONARY EXPO

The 26th National Confectionary Expo will be held in Hiroshima from April 19 - May 12, 2013. For almost a century, this expo has traveled around Japan, bringing confectionary marvels of every conceivable shape, size and color to a most appreciative audience! Sweets from all over the country will be introduced, with a special focus on the host location. Breathtaking artistry will be displayed. You can even get some hands-on experience and learn how to make your own confectionaries.

HIROSHIMA FLOWER FESTIVAL

The Hiroshima Flower Festival has been held every year since 1977 during Golden Week, from May 3-5. More than one million people take part in the festival each year. The festival includes multiple performance stages, shops, a small zoo and other amusement attractions along Peace Boulevard and in Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park. Many concerts, dancing shows, fashion shows, talk shows, and traditional and contemporary performances featuring local citizens and other events are held throughout the area. Locals also participate in a parade, and Yosakoi dance on Peace Boulevard.

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

<b>Friday, April 26, 2013</b> 7 p.m. 21 and Over (R) 10 p.m. Side Effects (R)	<b>Monday, April 29, 2013</b> Theater Closed
<b>Saturday, April 27, 2013</b> 4 p.m. Oz the Great and Powerful (PG) 7 p.m. Snitch (PG-13)	<b>Tuesday, April 30, 2013</b> Theater closed
<b>Sunday, April 28, 2013</b> 4 p.m. Oz the Great and Powerful (PG) 7 p.m. 21 and Over (R)	<b>Wednesday, May 1, 2013</b> Theater closed
	<b>Thursday, May 2, 2013</b> Theater Closed

The movie schedule is subject to change. Please check [www.mccsiwakuni.com/sakura](http://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](http://www.mccsiwakuni.com) or call 253-5291.

THE IWAKUNI APPROACH CULTURAL LESSONS



Kanji Adventures : 鰐  
RIVER PIG : Fugu

Fugu, more commonly known as blowfish, contains a very potent and deadly toxin, capable of killing a person. Given the gravity, even the slightest mistake one can make in cooking fugu, becoming a fugu chef requires extensive work. Since 1958, fugu chefs must earn a license to prepare and sell fugu to the public. This involves a two-to-three-year apprenticeship. The licensing examination process consists of a written test, a fish-identification test, and a practical test of preparing and eating the fish. Only about 35 percent of applicants pass. Even then, the license only applies in the area it was given. Most Japanese cities have one or more fugu restaurants. A famous restaurant specializing in fugu is Takefuku, in the Ginza district in Tokyo. According to the Tokyo Metropolitan Government Bureau of Social Welfare and Public Health site, there are some extra hoops to jump through before even qualifying to take the test, two years experience working under a licensed chef, a minimum of two years of experience in another prefecture after obtaining the license there, or being a license holder from one of 18 approved prefectures. After passing the written exam in Tokyo, the second part includes identifying the pieces and removing the toxins of the fish.



Eric Cox, Matthew C. Perry Samurai Baseball player, attempts to tag out Bradley Burt, Nile C. Kinnick High School Devils Baseball player, during their first of three games at Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan, April 19, 2013. The Devils would go on to win the first game against the Samurai eight to seven.

Samurai slash through Bulldogs, fence off against Devils



Shawn Eagmin, Matthew C. Perry High School Samurai Baseball player, pitches during their game against the Nile C. Kinnick High School Devils at Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan, April 19, 2013. The Samurai managed to win against Marist Brothers International School Bulldogs and split two games between the Devils.

LANCE CPL. JAMES R. SMITH  
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

The Matthew C. Perry High School Samurai baseball team clashed against the Nile C. Kinnick High School Devils from Yokosuka Naval Base and the Marist Brothers International School Bulldogs from Kobe, Japan, in a series of games at Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan, April 19-20, 2013. The games lasted two days with M.C. Perry and Kinnick playing three games and MBIS playing two.

The Samurai and Devils played each other twice during the weekend. It wasn't the first time that these two teams faced off. "We played Kinnick in a (Depart of Defense Education Activity), Japan, tournament right before spring break," said Frank Macias, M.C. Perry Samurai Baseball varsity head coach. "We lost to them, 20 to nothing."

After coming off of a devastating loss such as that, the Samurai were determined to finally trump the division one school.

The Samurai's first game against Kinnick had a rocky start with the Devils scoring a run in the first inning. However, the Samurai would retaliate by bringing two of their players home and taking the lead at the bottom of the first inning.

"As a young team, when you get the first couple of hits, people start to build their confidence," said Michael Alldaffer, M.C. Perry Samurai Baseball junior varsity head coach. "Once that starts, they start to swing the bat more confidently and then they're able to get on base and score runs."

As the game progressed, the Samurai would pull ahead with a 6-2 lead over the Devils at the top of the fourth with runs scored by Chris McQuillen, Charlie Van Allen and Jarrell Davis. Unfortunately, the Devils managed to answer, scoring six runs to secure a win, 8-7.

After losing in the first game, the Samurai would go on to face the Marist Bulldogs in their second game of the series. The Samurai would avenge their lost to Kinnick by defeating Marist 7-3.

On day two, Kinnick faced Marist, and the Devils would beat the Bulldogs 13-3. With Kinnick now undefeated in their series of three and the Samurai with one win and loss, the Samurai would be determined to defeat Kinnick on their third try.

As storm clouds began to roll in, the Samurais' own Chris McQuillen picked apart the Devils' line-up and prevented them from scoring a single run.

The game would eventually be called at three innings, due to weather, with the Samurai beating the Devils 1-0.

"We had three weeks to refine our skills and we realized we didn't play as well as we could play," said Macias. "All we were worried about was playing up to our capabilities because we knew they weren't 20 runs better than us."

After this gauntlet of games between three fierce competitors, the Samurai would stand with a record of nine wins and nine losses. Now they plan to face one of their best divisional opponents, the Zama American High School Trojans from Camp Zama Army Base, in a home game this weekend.



# *The Iwakuni Time Machine*

In the May 3, 1974, issue of the Torii Teller, Marines reported on the Special Services Sound Shop, the shop allowed station residents to record music to cassette tapes and eight tracks.



## Torii Teller

IT'S THE TAPE ROOM FOR SAVINGS