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Marines from the station's Provost Marshal's Office speak to Iwakuni Police officers before a K-9 demonstration, which took place by the XtremeWorks Skatepark here, April 25, 2013. The demonstration was part of an orientation in which local law enforcement officers shared information with their station counterparts. The goal of the orientation was to continue the strong relationship between the two agencies.

## MCAS Iwakuni hosts local law enforcement

Sgt. Justin M. Pack  
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Japanese police officers attended an outreach orientation program hosted by the air station April 24-25, 2013. The program's goal was to teach local law enforcement the legal procedures

and capabilities aboard MCAS Iwakuni and continue the strong working relationship between the U.S. military and Japan.

More than 40 police officers, including the Chief of Police, the Deputy Chief and senior police officials from different sections, attended the orientation with

three police officers from the Japan Maritime Self Defense Criminal Investigation Division.

"This outreach initiative exposes our Japanese counterparts to the U.S. military operations in law enforcement, criminal investigation, intelligence, force protection and legal matters,"

said Bobby Shibazaki, operational representative with the Naval Investigative Service and event coordinator. "It also identifies base representatives with bilingual capabilities to contact and coordinate for specific issues

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## Ordnance celebrates 91 booming years of building up and blowing down

Cpl. B. A. Stevens  
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Ordnance departments of Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12, Marine Attack Squadron 122, Marine All Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 242, Marine Attack Squadron 513 and Marine

Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron 4 currently stationed aboard Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni got together April 27, 2013, to celebrate the birth of their job field.

The Marines of ordnance also participated in a field meet that included events such as "dizzy izzzy," seven-ton pull and tug-of-

war.

Teams from each department competed and earned a score for each event. It all came down to the last event, called the "gut check."

"The gut check, that's the grand-daddy of them all," said Master Gunnery Sgt. Mathis Prunty, MALS-12 ordnance chief.

The gut-check was a relay race where Marines performed push-ups, sprinted with two ammo cans, flipped a seven-ton tire, low crawled, completed 10 burpees and then had to do it all again on the way back.

MALS-12 emerged as the

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# CHAPLAIN’S CORNER

## ‘Military saint anyone?’

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What is a saint? According to Merriam Webster dictionary, a saint is a person who is officially recognized by the Christian church as being very holy because of the way he or she lived. The second definition is that a saint is a person who is very good, kind, or patient. With the second definition, sainthood can be achieved even if that person has not been recognized by the church. Saints are our heroes.

The question is, are there saints in the military?

Wikipedia and Catholic-on line give us facts and stories. Saint George, a Greek who lived circa 275/281 AD and became an officer in the Roman army, is one of them. In hagiography, Saint George is regarded as one of the most prominent military saints. He was a soldier in the army of the Roman Emperor Diocletian and was one of the Emperor's favorite soldiers. When the pagan Diocletian put to death every Christian he could find, this fearless brave Christian, being a real soldier of Christ, went and scolded the emperor for being so cruel. He then gave up his position in the Roman Army. For this, he was tortured in many terrible

ways and finally beheaded.

In another account, according to the hagiographer Sulpicius Severus, a young soldier in the Roman Army named Martin, who was born in 315 or 316 in Pannonia, was deployed in Gaul (modern-day France). He had experienced a vision, which became the most-repeated story about his life. One day while he was approaching the gates of the city of Amiens, he met an almost naked beggar. He immediately cut his military cloak in half to share with the man. That night, Martin dreamed of Jesus wearing the half-cloak he had given away. He heard Jesus say to the angels, "Here is Martin, the Roman soldier who is not baptized. He has clad me." In another story, when Martin woke, he found his cloak restored to wholeness.

There are also men and women who, while in the military, have experienced spiritual enlightenment and become saints, such as Saint Francis of Assisi, Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Saint Joan of Arc and others.

In our modern age, we have Father Emil J. Kapaun. Although not declared a saint, he was inducted into the Pentagon Hall of Heroes after the Catholic Army Chaplain was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor by President Barack Obama April 11,

2013. He exhibited extraordinary heroism in the battle at Unsan and following capture by Chinese forces on November 2, 1950. He died May 23, 1951, in a North Korean prisoner-of-war camp.

When his commanders ordered an evacuation, he chose to stay to gather the injured and tend their wounds. When the enemy broke through and the combat was hand-to-hand, he carried on comforting the injured and the dying, offering some measure of peace as they left this Earth. He tried his best to stop the shooting by pleading with the Chinese officer thus saving the lives of several Americans. President Barack Obama said, “This is the valor we honor today, an American soldier who didn’t fire a gun, but who wielded the mightiest weapon of all, a love for his brothers so pure that he was willing to die so that they might live.”

We have the Navy SEAL Michael Monsoor, son of a Marine, who chose to give his life so that others might live. He shielded the other three Seals and eight Iraqi soldiers by throwing himself on an explosive. Father Paul Anthony Halladay knew Monsoor as, “a man with a depth of courage and spirituality.”

I do not say there were/are “Few Good Men and Women” in the military. We have a lot of great men and women who have lived and are still wearing their uniforms that were/are clad of being good, kind or patient. Are you one of them? Give it a try. Sainthood is for everybody to pursue.

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quickly and efficiently.”

The orientation started in the Staff Judge Advocate’s courtroom with a welcome aboard brief by Lt. Col. Gordon Limb, station executive officer, followed by a command brief given by Gunnery Sgt. Bryce Piper, station public affairs chief. The briefs gave Iwakuni police officers a background about the station’s units, population, future growth, and what this means to the city of Iwakuni.

A legal brief was given by Lt. Col. Thomas Wagoner, station judge advocate, and Capt. Jacob Smith, judge advocate, covering some differences between Japanese and American law as well as some important points of the Status of Forces Agreement pertaining to Japanese law enforcement dealing with SOFA personnel out in town.

The NCIS brief, given by Shibazaki and Supervisory Special Agent Garrett Waugh, covered the mission and role of NCIS aboard station and in Japan. The Iwakuni Police Department and NCIS work closely together on many cases and the brief highlighted this point, as well as reiterated the need for continued support.

“The Iwakuni Police Station has a jurisdiction and responsibility to provide police services to MCAS Iwakuni,” said Shibazaki. “It is important for the senior police officials to understand the base and the mission of military law enforcement and legal agencies aboard the base.”

The final brief, which was interactive, came

from Capt. Thomas Turner, base provost marshal. He gave the attendees a presentation on command structure and what PMO does both on and off base, a brig tour, K-9 demonstration and a hands-on brief from the Special Reaction Team, where the Japanese officers were able to examine weapons and gear used by the force.

“It was a very meaningful day for us. It gave us an opportunity to understand the U.S. military base here in Iwakuni, Japan,” said Noriyuki Kawano, Iwakuni Chief of Police. “This is my second year here, but this is my first time to visit PMO. Since this visit was such an educational one, I hope that we are able to continue to do this visit and more people will get this kind of opportunity.”

Shibazaki hopes to make this orientation a biannual event to foster and continue the relationship between both law enforcement agencies. “As MCAS Iwakuni transforms, increasing the number of assets, facilities,



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Lance Cpl. Jonathan Cavender, a dog handler with station Provost Marshal’s Office, performs an obedience demonstration with his dog, Maxi, by the XtremeWorks Skatepark here, April 25, 2013. The demonstration was part of an orientation where local law enforcement received information from military counterparts.

military personnel, civilians and family members, it is important to work closely with the Iwakuni Police Station in the area of force protection.”

If the response and interaction from this past orientation is any indication, there should be more events like this to highlight both agencies’ commitment to working together and learning from each other.



BOBBY SHIBAZAKI

Marines from the station's Provost Marshals Office demonstrate for the Iwakuni Chief of Police and officers how they deal with an unruly inmate in the brig, April 24, 2013. The demonstration was part of an orientation where law enforcement officers from Iwakuni received information and instruction from their military counterparts on station. The goal of the orientation was to continue the great relationship between the two agencies.

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winners and received a trophy for their hard-fought victory.

MALS-12 may have won the field meet, but there was more to the party than just a competition.

“It’s all about camaraderie, getting to know what everyone does and learning a little bit more

about each other,” said Lance Cpl. Courtney Moss, MALS-12 ordnance specialist. Moss went on to say ordnance is like one big family and it’s nice to have a day where you can catch up with everyone.

“It’s just like the ball where the oldest Marines gets the first piece of cake and followed by

the youngest and then they say a little something about them,” said Moss.

This was the first birthday party that Prunty put together and he said he was pleased with the way it turned out.

Ordnance may be 91 years old, but the need for them is still strong. As long as the Marine

Corps continues to fly planes that carry munitions, there will be a need for ordnance. And as long as there is a need for ordnance, they will continue to celebrate their birthday in true Marine Corps fashion with physical training and competition.



# PMO Marines endure SRT indoctrination

Story and Photos by  
Cpl. J. Gage Karwick  
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Station military police with the Provost Marshall's Office put themselves through a day of rigorous training May 2, 2013, in hopes of becoming part of the station's Special Reaction Team. An SRT is a specialized team or element within a military law enforcement unit.

"We are holding this indoctrination training in preparation for current members of the team switching duty stations," said Sgt. Vincent Petitto, SRT team leader. "Marines come, they try out, we see where they are at and then we pick the best of them."

With spots limited on the team, each participant must prove his worth to stand alongside current members by making it through the training process and to the selection phase.

"We start off with a physical fitness test because we want to make sure everyone can run a first class," said Petitto. "Then, throughout the day, we go over some basic SRT knowledge, like how to go into houses, move in stacks, with more physical activities throughout the day."

A few Marines have the opportunity to attend the SRT school at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.,

before actually trying to make a team.

"I have been a Marine for three years, and have had two combat deployments and I was given the opportunity to go to the SRT school in Ft. Leonard Wood," said Cpl. Caleb Moeler, military policeman and SRT indoctrination participant. "I graduated the course and fell in love with the job. When I got here, I knew right away it was what I wanted to do, so now I'm out here, trying to accomplish that goal."

Unfortunately, not all participants make the team.

"We started with 10 today and we are now down to eight," said Petitto. "We had two drop out. Usually about half make it through the indoctrination to the final selection phase."

Due to station dimensions, the indoctrination here is short and to the point.

"We don't get as much time as other bases or stations do to conduct the indoctrination, simply due to our size," said Petitto. "So we have it for just one day, but for that one day the training is pretty difficult."

Petitto added they look for specific characteristics when selecting new hopeful members.

"We are basically looking for maturity, leadership and endurance," said Petitto. "This is



Station Provost Marshal's Office Marines perform buddy rushes during a Special Reaction Team indoctrination, which took place at Penny Lake fields here, May 2, 2013. A few Marines have the opportunity to attend the SRT school at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., before actually trying to make a team. With spots limited on the team, each participant must prove his worth to stand alongside current members by making it through training and to the selection phase.

a special section and not everyone can do it. It's a very exclusive job."

Each inductee gave his all to make it into the select group who make up SRT.

"I like the indoctrination. Coming from the field side, we do a lot of training like this," said Moeler. "It shows a lot of heart and who really wants to be here."



Station Provost Marshal's Office Marines provide security during a Special Reaction Team indoctrination, which took place at the Penny Lake fields here, May 2, 2013. A few Marines have the opportunity to attend the SRT school at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., before actually trying to make a team.

# Stars twinkle during Perry Idol

Story and photos by  
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Musashi Doreus, M.C. Perry Idol participant and second-place winner, performs on a set of Taiko drums during the 2013 M.C. Perry Idol at the Matthew C. Perry gymnasium here, April 27, 2013.

The "stars" came out and performed for station residents during the 2013 M.C. Perry Idol event at the Matthew C. Perry High School gymnasium here, April 27, 2013.

The event is a play on the world-renowned "American Idol," where contestants compete in song for a record contract. Twelve acts participated in the talent show, and instead of just singing as is the case with "American Idol," the talents included Taiko Drums, a dance routine and a guitar performance.

The three winners were the dance troupe, Maya and Da Boyz, who placed first, Musashi Doreus, who placed second with a taiko drum performance, and Ashley Starnes and Dana Alfafara, who placed third with a mash up of the two songs, both called "Kiss Me" by Ed Sheeran and Sixpence None the Richer.

"Even though we're a small school, both elementary and high school, we have some pretty skilled and talented kids here," said Shannon Gilbert, M.C. Perry Idol executive producer and high school senior. "It's not surprising to see that variety."

The event was a high school senior-sponsored event involving students ensuring the event happens. Though the show went off without a hitch, much went into the production to make it a success.

"I put this talent show on with the help of 70 people and the help of my senior class advisor," said Gilbert.

The event consisted not just of high school students, but elementary students as well.

The students spent several weeks preparing for the night by auditioning and putting together their acts.

"People auditioned a month ago, over the course of four days and after that, they practiced, got their music together, had rehearsal and then we put on a show," said Gilbert.

Though the students were the focal point of the event, it would not have been as successful without the local station community.

"It's nice to see the community is interested in what the school has going on," said Gilbert.

The feeling of possible embarrassment may have steered some students to not take part in the talent show, but that should not have been the case as every contestant, whether young or old, was cheered by those in attendance when they finished their performances.

"I didn't think I would've gotten as much (applause) as I did," said Sidney Stephens, M.C. Perry senior and Perry Idol contestant, who was cheered on when he performed a cover of Black Sabbath's "Paranoid." "It's nothing to get embarrassed about. If you just sit there and make yourself do it, it's actually really simple."

Stephens likened it to performing for a small crowd or in front of his family.

"It's pretty much (for me) playing in front of one or two people or singing in front of one or two people."

The stars shined brightly above MCAS Iwakuni that night, but the "stars" of the stage shone even brighter at the event's conclusion, when all participants were presented a resounding ovation from those in attendance.



Dana Alfafara, left, and Ashley Starnes, 2013 M.C. Perry Idol participants and third place winners, perform a mash-up of the song "Kiss Me," at the Matthew C. Perry High School gymnasium here during the 2013 M.C. Perry Idol, April 27, 2013.



# HIKERS, CAMPER'S EXPLORE SEVEN FALLS



Ryuzu Falls is one of the seven main waterfalls located on Mt. Jakuchi. The main hiking path passes by five of the seven main waterfalls.



Hikers travel on one of Mt. Jakuchi's hiking paths April 27, 2013. Mt. Jakuchi, also known as Seven Falls, contains three main hiking paths. Approximately 30 participants, both station residents and locals, participated in a camping trip to Seven Falls April 27-28. It is an approximate six hour hike to the top of the mountain.



Hikers travel on one of Mt. Jakuchi's hiking paths April 28, 2013. The top of Mt. Jakuchi, also known as Seven Falls, is heavily covered in trees and sparsely dotted with small flowers.



Hikers travel on one of Mt. Jakuchi's hiking paths April 27, 2013. Mt. Jakuchi, also known as Seven Falls, contains three main hiking paths. Approximately 30 participants, both station residents and locals, participated in a camping trip to Seven Falls April 27-28. Mt. Jakuchi is one of the highest mountains in Yamaguchi prefecture.

Story and photos by  
Lance Cpl. Benjamin Pryer  
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Approximately 50 miles from the air station towers Mt. Jakuchi, which boasts an elevation of 4,386 feet. This mountain, also known as Seven Falls, contains several camping grounds and three main hiking paths. Station residents and locals visited Seven Falls April 27-28, 2013, to enjoy the expansive outdoors.

Path B follows the river, guiding hikers to five of the seven falls. Once path B ends, the terrain forks to either go right for path C or left for path A.

While the trail is known as Seven Falls, there are hundreds of smaller waterfalls populating the pathways throughout the trails.



Station residents and locals climb Mt. Jakuchi, also known as Seven Falls, during a camping trip that took place April 27-28, 2013. Several camping participants visited a local onsen the first night as well.



Station residents and locals gather around a fire during a camping trip to Mt. Jakuchi, also known as Seven Falls, April 27-28, 2013. Camping participants cooked smores and other foods.



Station residents and locals set up tents during a camping trip to Mt. Jakuchi, also known as Seven Falls, April 27-28, 2013. Approximately 30 people participated in the camping trip.



CORPS NEWS

HIGHLIGHTING MARINES AND SAILORS AROUND THE GLOBE

‘Island Warriors’ conduct mock raid with special forces

Lance Cpl. Suzanna Lapi  
MARINE CORPS BASE HAWAII

MOUNTAIN WARFARE TRAINING CENTER, BRIDGEPORT, Calif. — Under the cover of darkness, Marines with Mountain Warfare Training Center and Golf Company, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment conducted a low-profile raid on a high-value target in a joint operation with special operations forces at MWTC in Bridgeport, Calif., April 17, 2013.

A half-lit moon blanketed the Marines and SOF as they set in an ambush along the side of a dirt road. Once their mock target arrived at their roadblock and the situation escalated, they engaged the enemy and his driver with blank rounds, apprehended him and secured their mission.

Capt. Casey Ward, Golf Company commander, said the purpose of the training was to integrate special forces into a conventional forces atmosphere within a mountainous terrain.

“We enhance our combat power by integrating more agile forces in the special forces community into our scheme of maneuver,” Ward said. “Doing an integration like this is one of the big pillars for all future operations, as we go into a more joint force, a more combined environment.”

Ward said training allows Marines to operate with other elite services in order to incorporate skills and tactics in future operations.

“The raid was an opportunity that doesn’t come often and we

are glad we had this chance,” Ward said.

Lance Cpl. Joshua Blakemore, an intelligence specialist for Golf Company, said providing an overview of what is occurring helps him understand how things work in a tactical situation like a raid.

“This training allows me to develop a picture for my company in order for us to conduct our mission,” Blakemore said. “The overall training here has been awesome because it helped me to get a good idea of what is needed to survive in the mountains. Skiing was hard, but I think if we ever go to war in a mountainous terrain, we will be ready to fight the enemy because of this training.”

Retired United States Navy SEAL, Capt. David Pittelkow, the MWTC SOF liaison officer, said this training benefits Marines in their futures, wherever they may find themselves.

“When Marines deploy, they end up running into SEALs, Rangers and special forces guys on the battlefield,” Pittelkow said. “We fight the enemy together. The intent of the special operations command and the Marine Corps is to get some special operations and Marine Corps integration here with their training, so the first time they meet isn’t on deployment.”

Pittelkow said his years of experience as a SEAL offer the chance to conduct planning and give advice to Marine Corps units. He was also a Marine with 2nd Bn., 3rd Marines 30 years ago.



Retired United States Navy SEAL, Capt. David Pittelkow, conducts a debrief with Mountain Warfare Training Center Marines after conducting a low-profile raid on a high-value target in a joint operation with special forces and Marines from 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment at MWTC in Bridgeport, Calif., April 17, 2013.

“I can replicate what they might see,” Pittelkow said. “They can get the procedures, tactics, techniques and mindset of special operations personnel which is useful in their futures.”

Lance Cpl. Stephen Weiss, police sergeant for Golf Company, said the raid training made him more aware of his billet.

“I was more aware of the moving parts of everything besides just my company,” Weiss said. “I was looking out for other pieces too, looking after the whole picture. The training has been good but very tough, because of the high

altitude and constant moving. But we are just doing our job.”

Pittelkow said the training MWTC offers is unique.

“There’s just something about living and working outside, hiking long distances with a ruck sack and being acclimatized to whatever environment you’re in,” Pittelkow said. “You still have to shoot, move and communicate no matter where you are. These mountains are as challenging as it gets. It’s physically, mentally stressing and tough so it’s a good gut check no matter where they end up deploying.”



A Marine with 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, Golf Company, conducts a low-profile raid on a high value target in a joint operation with special operations forces at MWTC in Bridgeport, Calif., April 17, 2013.

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Briefs

Off-limit Establishments

The following establishments in Iwakuni and Hiroshima are 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 Togan Goods Company.
- Spice Ecstasy
- 4-4 Nagarekawa, Naka-ku Hiroshima City, Japan
- Buri Buri Nomi
- 1-18 Horikawa-cho, Naka-ku Hiroshima City, Japan
- Joint
- 3-22 Yayoi i-cho Naka-ku Hiroshima City, Japan

Vehicle for sale

Nissan Cube, 1999. \$2,500. Automatic Drive, Air conditioning, Power doors, windows, steering and brakes. Four door, hatch, 4 seats. Amenities include a JVC CD player with bluetooth and two USB inputs, snow chains, owner’s manual, road flare and basic care tote (wax, rags and detailing products). JCI good through Feb. 2014, road tax paid; timing chain, tension relay and head gasket recently replaced. For more information on “Bumblebee,” please call Karma Rich at 090-9061-7783.

Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month Celebration

A celebration is scheduled for May 22, 2013, from 12-1 p.m. at the Club Iwakuni Grand Buffet room. The buffet will be served

from 11 a.m.- 1:30 p.m. Cost for the buffet will be \$11.25 for adults and \$5.95 for children ages 5-10.

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- 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

SANJA MATSURI

Sanja Matsuri is one of three Shinto festivals in Tokyo, Japan, and is held every third weekend of May. The festival consists of cultural music, dancing and the display of three shrines carried down the streets of Tokyo, in honor of Hinokuma Hamanari, Hinokuma Takenari and Hajino Nakatomo, the three men who founded and established Senso-ji. Senso-ji is the oldest temple in Tokyo.

MUSHA (WARRIOR) EXPERIENCE AT KINTAI AREA

Every day (except Wednesday), until May 31, 11 a.m. – noon, at Yokoyama, Iwakuni City (Kintai area). 1,500 yen per person. Reservation five days in advance is required.

Wear the armor of Iwakuni Teppo-tai (musket unit) Preservation Group. There is a height restriction, you must be taller than 55 inches, but no age restriction. To make a reservation, contact Mr. Sugiyama, IwakuniJitabi-no-kai (Travel Group) at 090-7898-5770.

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, May 10, 2013</b> 7 p.m. The Host (PG-13) 10 p.m. Olympus has Fallen (R)	<b>Monday, May 13, 2013</b> The Host 7 p.m.
<b>Saturday, May 11, 2013</b> 4 p.m. The Croods (PG) 7 p.m. Temptation: Confessions of a Marriage Counselor (PG-13)	<b>Tuesday, May 14, 2013</b> Theater closed
<b>Sunday, May 12, 2013</b> 4 p.m. The Croods (PG) 7 p.m. G. I. Joe: Retaliation (R)	<b>Wednesday, May 15, 2013</b> Theater closed
<b>Thursday, May 16, 2013</b> Temptation: Confessions of a Marriage Counselor (PG-13)	

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



Geisha consists of two kanji, gei, meaning art, and sha, meaning person or doer. The most literal translation of geisha into English would be "performing artist," or "artisan."

Apprentice geisha are called maiko, literally "dance child" or hangyoku. The white make-up and elaborate kimono and hair of a maiko is the popular image held of geisha.

Women in the geisha society are some of the most successful business women in Japan. Teahouse owners are entrepreneurs whose service to the geisha is highly necessary for the society to run smoothly. Infrequently, men take contingent positions such as hair stylists, dressers and accountants, but men have a limited role in

geisha society.

Many non-Japanese have understood geisha to be courtesans. However, legitimate geisha do not engage in paid sex with clients. Their purpose is to entertain their customer, be it by dancing, reciting verse, playing musical instruments, or engaging in light conversation. Geisha engagements may include flirting with men and playful innuendos, but clients know that nothing more can be expected. Historically, geisha often began the earliest stages of their training at a very young age, sometimes as early as at 3 or 5 years. The early shikomi (servant) and minarai (watching apprentice) stages of geisha training lasted years, which is significantly longer than in contemporary times.



LANCE CPL. JAMES R. SMITH

A golfer takes a carefully-aimed shot as his team progresses through the Navy Marine Corps Relief Society Active Duty Fund Drive golf tournament hosted at the Iwakuni Country Club April 30, 2013. Throughout the tournament, players were allowed to purchase advantages including advantage points, mulligan cards and "grenades." All proceeds were contributed to the NMCRS Active Duty Fund Drive.

Station residents compete in NMCRS Golf Tournament

Lance Cpl. James R. Smith  
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Residents from Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan, took time out of their day to compete in the Navy Marine Corps Relief Society Active Duty Fund Drive golf tournament, held at the Iwakuni Country Club April 30, 2013.

The event consisted of 18 holes of golf and a putting contest at the end, both of which raised funds toward the NMCRS Active Duty Fund Drive.

"All the briefs, the NMCRS barbeque in March and the golf tournament were all part of the Active Duty Fund Drive," said 1st Lt. Andrew Smith, station deputy budget officer and Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron NMCRS active duty fund drive coordinator. "The tournament was the final event of the fund drive."

The tournament included nine teams, each with four golfers, and played under "4-Man Scramble" rules.

A scramble means all team members tee off on each hole and then decide which tee shot they like the best and mark the spot with a tee or ball marker. Each player takes a shot from the spot marked.

The total cost per golfer comprised of a \$10 registration donation toward the NMCRS Fund Drive, \$25 for the ticket to the golf course and an additional 500 yen to rent a golf cart for the team.

Throughout the tournament, teams were given the opportunity to purchase advantages with all proceeds going toward the fund drive. Some advantages included advantage points, which allowed players to tee off closer to the hole, mulligan cards and "grenades."

The "grenade" was a plain golf ball players could toss from where they were shooting and count it as a stroke.

"The grenades were more fun than practical," said Smith. "It's not something you see at a practical golf tournament, which added to the fun factor."

After all the teams finished the course, individuals were given the option to participate in a putting contest for more prizes. The goal was to get the ball as close as possible to the marker posted 40 feet away.

In the end, NMCRS managed to raise a total of \$950 for the Active Duty Fund Drive. Air traffic control won the tournament with a score of 13 under par.

"I would like to see this grow as an annual event here," said Smith. "It's a type of fundraiser that you can do with a limited amount of people, but still raise a lot of money."



LANCE CPL. JAMES R. SMITH

Participants in the Navy Marine Corps Relief Society Active Duty Fund Drive golf tournament hosted at Iwakuni Country Club watch as their ball makes its way to the hole April 30, 2013. Throughout the tournament, players could purchase advantages including advantage points, mulligan cards and "grenades." All proceeds were contributed to the NMCRS Active Duty Fund Drive.



# *The Iwakuni Time Machine*

In the May 7, 1982, issue of the Torii Teller, Marines reported on Sgt. Stephen J. Andrews, a station military policeman who served two separate enlistments, divided by his attendance at Georgia State University.

Sgt James T. Kern - photos



## ***MP enjoys helping people***

From the city that was made famous by Clark Gable in the adventurous movie "Gone with the Wind" to the shores of Iwakuni, Sgt Stephen (Steve) J. Andrews, military policeman, does what he enjoys -- police work.

Steve, who returned to the ranks of the Marine Corps after a twelve year break explained, "At the end of my first enlistment (1964-1968) I elected to be discharged in order to attend Georgia State University (GSU) in Atlanta where I successfully pursued a degree in criminal justice."

The 35-year old Marine graduated from GSU in 1972 and was soon hired by the Atlanta Police Department. "My first job with the Marine Corps was as a legal clerk. I clerked for those years in the beginning and then realized what I really had was a yen for police work once I found out I could make a living at it. So, after my discharge I put myself to the grindstone, got my degree and went to work," he expressed gleeful smile, "I also accomplished a first in my family when I graduated with that sheepskin."

After returning to the ranks in 1980 the former

legal clerk requested and was granted a change of MOS. Soon after, the prior Atlanta policeman headed for Camp Lejeune. There the nomadic Marine received 6-months "OJT" and became a 5811, military policeman, that put a topping on his new adventure with the Marine Corps.

The outspoken policeman defined his reasoning for wanting to stay in police work upon reentering the Corps this way, "People seem to look at policeman as head thumpers sometimes, but that isn't the case at all," he stated with a concerned look and continued, "My self and I'm sure many others, do this work because it's our choice. I enjoy the opportunity to assist people under stressful situations."

"One example of this," he continued, "is victims of criminal behavior," he reenforced his views by saying, "I'm in this business to help people."

With all the trials and trivalizations that go along with police work, this police veteran still says that this kind of work is his thing and recommends that anyone interested should contact their Career Planner for further information. — Sgt James T. Kern

