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LANCE CPL. JAMES R. SMITH

Sailors from Robert M. Casey Medical and Dental Clinic process a patient during the final exercise of First Receiver Operations Training hosted by the Decontamination Education and Consulting on Nuc/Bio/Chem (DECON) near Penny Lake Field at Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan, May 8-9, 2013.

OPSEC teaches how to keep personal info personal

Lance Cpl. Benjamin Pryer
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

With today's advanced technology, it's no longer necessary for enemies of the United States to leave the comfort of their homes if they wish to attack Americans on their own soil. It's because of

this advanced danger that it is essential for an advanced form of preventative measures to exist.

"(Operational security) is important because we have adversaries that at all times are trying to attack us at any opportunity, so we're trying to make ourselves as small of a

target as possible," said Staff Sgt. Robert Pippin, electronic key management system manager and station OPSEC coordinator. "My job is to try to help make us as hard of a target as possible when it comes to operational security and not letting our adversaries know what we're doing."

Pippin mentioned an enemy's intent might not always be to cause direct harm, but may be to simply gather intelligence or to strike other vulnerable aspects of someone's life.

"The thing about (personally

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Station recognizes Asian American and Pacific Islander Month

Cpl. Kenneth K. Trotter Jr.
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People from all walks of life contribute to the societies of the world, the states included. Whether white, black or Hispanic, the plethora of people who shape this great nation is innumerable.

May is nationally known as Asian American/Pacific Islander Heritage Month and it is during

this time when particular emphasis is placed on recognizing the contributions of those of either Asian or Pacific Islander descent.

"This year's theme is building leadership, embracing cultural values and inclusion," said Gunnery Sgt. Alvin P. Cruz, station equal opportunity advisor.

May was chosen specifically to

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Rum and Vodka, a taste of what can happen

Pfc. D. A. Walters
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Marines and sailors grade E-5 and below assembled at the station Sakura Theater aboard Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni for the Rum and Vodka

interactive presentation, put on by Bryan L. Doerries and Brendan Griffin, May 13, 2013.

Doerries, Artistic Director of Outside the Wire, based out of Brooklyn, N.Y., hosted Rum and Vodka. It was

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

'Importance of Prioritizing'

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COMMAND CHAPLAIN

All truly successful people in life have been those who prioritized. Furthermore, they had their priorities in order.

Among the classified ads in one farming town was this: "Farmer with 160 irrigated acres wants marriage-minded woman with tractor. When replying, please show picture of tractor."

Now there's a man with his priorities in order!

I didn't say they were in the right order.

At the Milan Cathedral, there are three inscriptions over the respective doorways.

Over the right-hand door there is this motto: "ALL THAT PLEASES IS BUT FOR A MOMENT."

Over the left-hand door the words are: "ALL THAT TROUBLES IS BUT FOR A MOMENT."

But over the central door there is a simple sentence: "NOTHING IS IMPORTANT, SAVE THAT WHICH IS ETERNAL."

The biggest tragedy for most is

not dying while serving our God and country.

It is rather having lived a life of mixed-up priorities. It is a life of self-centered motive and purpose. It is a wasted life.

1 Samuels 31, a tragic story of King Saul taking his own life as he is wounded by the Philistine archers.

Instead of fighting till the end, he chooses to take the cowardly route. He spent his life chasing "fleas and dogs" and doing dismal things rather than obeying the Lord and becoming a great leader.

It wasn't always like that for Saul.

He had a humble beginning, but never mounted to his full potential because somewhere along, he mixed up his priorities.

He was so preoccupied with self-gratification.

To him, his life was all about satisfying his need for instant gratification.

He was also preoccupied with money and possessions.

For some, building their wealth takes precedence over everything.

Lastly, he was preoccupied with fame and earthly praise.

I don't know anyone who doesn't embrace a basket full of praise and compliments.

We're always longing and needing approval and praise from others.

However, when our need for fame and approval takes priority over other important people and things, it becomes like a parasite within us.

It robs us of necessary nutrients and brings imbalance to our body. I met many who allowed the praise and fame to get out of control and became incessantly narcissistic.

How can we change our priorities so that we can be that person who can be and do everything he or she is called to be?

How can we become that person, who in their later life, can look back and have absolutely no regrets?

I would say to you, listen to the gospel message.

Read the scriptures and learn from the person who lived a perfect life and died a sacrificial death.

Get to know our Lord who can and will change your life of mixed up priorities into a life of selfless devotion, integrity, and faith.

YELL at my children

Gunnery Sgt.
Bryce Piper
PUBLIC AFFAIRS
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Editorial

Yell at my children, please.

Well, not literally and not without a good reason. But if you see my children misbehaving in public, say something to them and to me.

It takes a village. Children learn what is acceptable and unacceptable not just from their parents, but also from their

community. As members of the village, I expect everyone to do their part.

On separate occasions I recently observed unattended children dart from between parked cars into traffic, throw stones at windows and kick a complete stranger minding his own business.

Is it the parents' duty to correct this dangerous, destructive and anti-social behavior? Of course.

But as a parent, I know mom or dad can't be

everywhere all the time. And that's when the village must step in.

When an adult -- even a complete stranger -- corrects a child, it's not out of maliciousness. So don't treat it as such. All too often when a person corrects another's child, that parent is quick to come to the child's defense.

For example, we all hear periodic stories of parents reading the Riot Act to educators in defense of a child's disruptive behavior.

These parents vent the

anger and frustration of their embarrassment at the one person they should thank instead: someone who cares enough to tell that child, "No, this behavior is not acceptable."

Let me qualify the word, "yell." A better phrase would be "speak firmly to."

I'm not advocating raising one's voice, using physical or emotional intimidation, and especially not touching or harming said child in any way. But by all means, speak up. Say something. Let that child and his parent know what they're doing wrong.

And parents, don't blow up on the person correcting your child. "Thank you. I've got it from here," is the appropriate response.

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identifiable information) is people don't understand that the adversary wants to attack you any way they can, and that doesn't necessarily mean do you physical harm. If they can do you emotional or financial harm, they're going to take the opportunity," said Pippin.

Given this day and age where almost everyone uses social media, the types of attacks a person can produce have evolved.

"Obviously, adversaries are trolling these

websites, they're looking for people who are in positions working for the government, and not just (Marines), but anyone who works for the federal government," said Pippin. "Do you want the enemy to know where your mom and dad live? Where any of your family live? (These people) are trying to get shock and awe, all they want to do is get on the news."

Pippin also shared some matter-of-fact words on defending yourself against personal attacks.

"What you need to understand is you can't trust anyone on the internet, you just can't do

it," said Pippin. "The biggest mistake people make is, 'Oh yeah, this is a friendly dude.'"

Pippin gave other helpful tips in regards to staying protected and private on the internet. Other advice included not "talking shop," not giving out any personal information on the internet and finding other topics to discuss.

"When you're on the internet, pretend you're not in the Marine Corps," said Pippin. "Don't tell everyone that you're in the Marine Corps, you're just some random guy out in the world trying to survive like everyone else. If you have that mentality, you can't go wrong."



PFC. D. A. WALTERS

Brendan Griffin performs a play for Marines and sailors at the Rum and Vodka interactive presentation at Sakura Theater here, May 13, 2013. The play was of a 24-year-old alcoholic living in Dublin whose life is falling apart, in large part due to his drinking.

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comprised of a play performed by Griffin, stories from active-duty Marines and Marine Corps Community Services employees and concluded with an interactive question-and-answer period, where attendees shared their own stories and experiences.

"Outside the Wire is a social-impact company that uses theater as a tool for addressing public-health issues like alcoholism, psychological injuries, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and impact of war on families," said Doerries.

Doerries started his business in 2006 with his first project, Theater of War, performing shows at military bases and posts. From that project's success stemmed Rum and Vodka.

"I started my company out of a desire to do something as a civilian of great service for people who serve our country," said Doerries. "My background is in theater, and I got it in my head that I could do something to help by using plays."

Doerries said he sees and recognizes problems within the military such as substance abuse, and wants to give servicemembers a way to recognize inner problems themselves and allow those who

need help to take that first step toward a new life.

"If I had one word to describe the project, and what we do, it's permission," said Doerries. "Permission to speak the truth of one's experience and have the courage to do that, permission to have a conversation that wouldn't have happened if we hadn't performed the play, permission to take on the most challenging aspects of this issue, argue about it, and permission to change your life and take action."

Sergeant Major Peter Ferral, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron sergeant major, spoke after the presentation on how Marines can mitigate substance abuse by using the Marine Corps leadership principles. He focused on two of the 11 principles: 'Know yourself and seek self-improvement' and 'know your Marines and look out for their welfare.'

"We have a moral responsibility to help each other, civilians to military and Marines to Marines," said Doerries.

Lance Cpl. Todd F. Michalek, station combat cameraman, attended the Rum-and-Vodka interactive presentation.

"I thought it was excellent. This wasn't one of those briefs, classes or (Periods of Military Education) where they tell you drinking

is bad," said Michalek. "It was more of a discussion and I really appreciated that aspect of it."

Throughout the stories told by Marines and MCCS employees, one thing stood out to Michalek.

"It's not only the person who is suffering from the addiction, it's everyone around them," said Michalek. "I thought it was really interesting to hear that if you are in a relationship with somebody and you are a suffering addict, then the person who is not suffering from the addiction is a victim."

Doerries stated his intent for the play is to help people find a sense of responsibility in caring for one's self and loved ones you care for.

"The play is to comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable," said Doerries.

For more information on assistance with substance abuse, contact Heather Payne at 253-4526, at the Substance Abuse Counseling Center, building 411, room 219. Hours are Mon.-Fri., 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Counseling is open to dependents and civilians, as well as active duty service members.

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings take place aboard station Tuesday, 6-7 p.m., and Friday, 6:30-7:30 p.m., at Yujo Hall.

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represent Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in recognition of two important events -- the arrival of the first Japanese immigrants to the United States on May 7, 1843, and the completion of the Transcontinental Railroad on May 10, 1869.

The purpose of the impending celebration, as with any other cultural celebration, is to raise awareness of the United States' diversity and recognize the country is more than just the

proverbial "melting pot."

"At our schoolhouse, we got in trouble by saying that," said Cruz. "If it's a melting pot, you put chocolate, white, all that stuff in there, and it turns brown. So, really you're not being diverse. You're all one culture."

The best description to fit this new mode of thinking is that of a salad, everything is mixed together, but still discernible.

"That's what the United States is," said Cruz.

There are several events slated for residents to take part in

during the month. May 22 is scheduled for the official 2013 Asian American/Pacific Islander Heritage Month observation at the Club Iwakuni ballroom from 12-1 p.m. A showcase of presentations representing some of the cultures which make up the diversity of the Pacific region, such as a taiko drum recital, a hula dance, and singing of both the Filipino and Japanese national anthems.

The Marine Corps is a culture unto itself, with its own mannerisms, terminology and ideals, but the Corps' culture

is made of the many varying cultures of Marines.

"You have to appreciate your people," said Cruz. "The biggest asset the Marine Corps has is its people. We're so diverse."

The Marine Corps is a well-oiled machine, consisting of many different parts that function together in perfect harmony. From time to time, these pieces must be taken care of. The Marines are the gears in the machine and these cultural events are the Corps' way of taking care of its own and maintaining the machine.

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CPL. KENNETH K. TROTTER JR.

Cpl. Ronald Watts Jr., a station Provost Marshal's Office special reaction team member and "Adopt-a-School" program volunteer, helps a Matthew C. Perry student look up material for a research paper at the M.C. Perry High School opportunity hall here May 13, 2013. The "Adopt-a-School" program came about as a way to monitor and help at-risk students. Students must have two Fs or a 2.00 grade point average or less to qualify.

Marines help improve Samurai GPA

Cpl. Kenneth K. Trotter Jr.
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

It is sometimes said, "The children are our future," and, as such, we should invest in their educational growth.

Servicemembers are doing their part to help foster such an environment by taking part in the "Adopt-a-School" program at Matthew C. Perry High School here.

The program originated at the school to help at-risk students and athletes who walk the line between passing and academic eligibility increase their grade point averages through extra study time and also provide a way for station servicemembers to give back to the local community.

"The program, from our perspective, is that we want to provide an opportunity for Marines to utilize their volunteering skills at the schoolhouse in a productive way," said Richard Dye, M.C. Perry High School language arts teacher and academic case manager.

The program's academic eligibility information gathering evolved from merely ensuring student-athletes are eligible to encompassing all junior and senior high students.

"They're supposed to be used

for extracurricular activities but we apply that data school-wide," said Dye. "It's what we use as our standard."

Students are considered at-risk if they receive two Fs or less than a 2.00 GPA.

This type of spread out approach for at-risk students ensures everyone is equally recognized and tutored.

"We'll always catch our athletes, but we'll catch those who aren't athletes, too," said Lorenzo Brown, M.C. High School principal.

Of the 250 students who comprise the school's classes, 12 percent, or 30 students, are considered "at-risk."

"We want our kids to succeed," said Dye. "So we came up with a plan to incorporate a community outreach."

To allow servicemembers the opportunity and convenience of interacting with students, school administrators tweaked the program to take place during opportunity hall, a place students can study during lunch, after school and during seminar time.

Support from the station command also contributed to the success of the program.

"With command support, both (Lt. Col.) Lewis and (Col.) Stewart's support, and Sergeant Major Brown's, these Marines

were all encouraged to volunteer," said Dye.

Another contributing factor to the success of the program is how well many of the Marines are able to relate to the younger students, which may be harder for a teacher.

"When you look at the age of most of the Marines, most of them who are volunteering are fresh out of high school," said Dye. "So their age proximity is really good for making good relations with the kids. I think having that fresh perspective of what it takes to make it in high school really has helped. The Marines can translate that information to the kids really well."

Fifteen Marines volunteered thus far and are on track to finish the program on June 3, volunteering more than 225 hours after eight weeks.

Another added benefit of the program is in the mentoring style the students receive from interacting with Marines.

"It's a win-win for both," said Brown. "(The Marines) provide a certain level of structure and guidance in helping the students develop and hone their study habits and study skills. It also allows the young Marine to be active in the community. The other positive is our young students see

you don't have to be 40, 50 years old to give back to the community. I think it increases the chances of when they graduate from high school, they turn around and do the same thing."

"I figured it wouldn't hurt to try. I'm not the biggest brainiac out there, but I figured I'd see what it is I could do, what subjects I could help out with," said Cpl. Ronald Watts Jr., an "Adopt-a-School" volunteer and station provost marshal's office special reaction team member.

For Watts, this was a metaphorical way for him to help out those he knew who struggled when he was in high school and also prepare for when he may possibly become a coach.

"I knew some of my friends who needed the help, who didn't want to go to the parents or try to go to a teacher," said Watts. "I always look for a way to help somebody out."

Whether mathematics, English or history is a Marine's strong suit, there's always a way to lend a helping hand to students who have academical difficulty. The Marine who comes along and helps may very well be the one of the few to proudly to reach and educate that student, mentoring and positively influencing a new generation.

Sgt. Maj. Pritchard leaves VMFA(AW)-242 legacy in new hands

Story and photos by
Lance Cpl. James R. Smith
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Marines with Marine All Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 242 stood proud and tall as Sgt. Maj. Michael Pritchard relinquished his responsibilities as VMFA(AW)-242 sergeant major during a relief and appointment ceremony held at the VMFA(AW)-242 hangar at Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan, May 13, 2013.

Pritchard transferred the staff noncommissioned officer sword to Sgt. Maj. Jason Simmons, former 2nd Recruit Training Battalion sergeant major at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, SC.

After the completion of ceremonies, Lt. Col. Bruce Gordon, VMFA(AW)-242 commanding officer, took the microphone to praise his former enlisted leader for his accomplishments.

"We've obviously had our good moments and our other moments since we've been working together," said Gordon. "If you look at where we are now, it's night and day to where we were 11 to 12 months ago. A large portion of that is the role that the staff noncommissioned officers play in the squadron on a day-to-day basis. Obviously, at the head of that group is the sergeant major."

Gordon continued to reflect on

Pritchard's efforts toward the squadron and the importance of the position of sergeant major.

Once Gordon finished, Pritchard took the microphone to address his former squadron.

"I've been in ground units, infantry, logistics and I have never seen a harder group of working Marines than I have seen in this squadron," said Pritchard. "When everyone else is enjoying a weekend, these Marines are out working on the flightline getting jets ready to support the mission of (Marine Aircraft Group 12). I'm in awe of what they do and I appreciate everything they have done."

Pritchard concluded by wishing Simmons the best of luck and informed him of the magnificent things to expect.

Simmons concluded the ceremony by addressing the squadron and all in attendance of what to expect in the future, as well as voicing his anticipation to work with the hard working leaders of VMFA(AW)-242.

"To all the Marines here in the squadron, I will promise you one thing," said Simmons. "I will give 100 percent of my time, effort and energy to help each and every one of you, achieve personally and train professionally, to make this squadron continue to be the best squadron in the Marine Corps."



Sgt. Maj. Jason Simmons, Marine All Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 242 sergeant major, stands tall during the relief and appointment ceremony at the VMFA(AW)-242 hangar at Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan, May 13, 2013. Simmons is a former 2nd Recruit Training Battalion sergeant major at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, SC.



Sgt. Maj. Michael Pritchard salutes during the national anthem as he relinquishes his responsibilities as Marine All Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 242 sergeant major during a relief and appointment ceremony held at the VMFA(AW)-242 hangar at Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan, May 13, 2013. Pritchard's successor is Sgt. Maj. Jason Simmons.

Iwakuni sailors receive hands-on FR0T training

Story and photos by
Lance Cpl. James R. Smith
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Sailors from Robert M. Casey Medical and Dental Clinic took part in First Receiver Operations Training hosted by the Decontamination Education and Consulting on Nuc/Bio/Chem (DECON) near Penny Lake Field at Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan, May 8-9, 2013.

The course, which is based on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Occupation Safety and Health Administration Best Practices for Hospital-Based First Receiver Guidelines, is designed to educate first receivers in

conducting field treatment, decontaminating and saving victims from chemical, biological, radiological/nuclear or hazardous materials.

"We have been doing this training for the Navy for seven years and this is the first time Iwakuni has been funded," said Charlie Jansen, DECON instructor. "The Navy Bureau of Medicine funds the program Navy-wide. They are the ones that pay for the program, equipment and the training."

The first day of training involved introducing participants to different types of materials, symptoms associated with different hazardous materials and familiarizing them with equipment used

during training.

The second day started off with Jansen demonstrating setting up and tearing down a three-lane DECON shelter, setup and operation of a water heater and the order of processing different types of patients.

Participants were given time to practice each technique in order to prepare for their final timed exercise. For Petty Officer 1st Class Jack Green, Branch Health Clinic preventative medical technician, this wouldn't be his first time doing training of this caliber.

"I was at Naval Hospital Jacksonville in Jacksonville, Florida, and we did similar training, but this training was more hands-on," said Green.

"The biggest thing to take away is people learning their roles, because if you don't properly decontaminate a person, then someone is going to die."

On the final exercise, all 21 participants worked together to accomplish their task of treating two patients in a fast and thorough manner.

"There is always a potential for something to happen. Terrorist acts or natural disasters, it's these types of events we're preparing them for," said Jansen.

With BHC Iwakuni completing the training and certifying their initial first receiver team, sailors can expect the number of certified receivers to grow when the training returns next year.



Sailors from Robert M. Casey Medical and Dental Clinic learn how to process a patient for the final exercise of First Receiver Operations Training hosted by the Decontamination Education and Consulting on Nuc/Bio/Chem (DECON) near Penny Lake Field at Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan, May 8-9, 2013.



Hailey Dessel, left, Robert M. Casey Medical and Dental Clinic registered nurse, assists Lt. J.g. Shannon Rice, Branch Health Clinic physician assistant, in putting on her Hazardous materials protection suit during First Receiver Operations Training hosted by the Decontamination Education and Consulting on Nuc/Bio/Chem (DECON) near Penny Lake Field at Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan, May 9, 2013.



Sailors from Robert M. Casey Medical and Dental Clinic conduct triage on a victim during a practical exercise in First Receiver Operations Training hosted by the Decontamination Education and Consulting on Nuc/Bio/Chem (DECON) near Penny Lake Field at Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan, May 9, 2013.



Sailors from Robert M. Casey Medical and Dental Clinic practice tearing down a three-lane decontamination center as part of First Receiver Operations Training hosted by the Decontamination Education and Consulting on Nuc/Bio/Chem (DECON) near Penny Lake Field at Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan, May 8-9, 2013.

CORPS NEWS

HIGHLIGHTING MARINES AND SAILORS AROUND THE GLOBE

In time of transition, Marines support Afghan advisors

Sgt. Ned Johnson
II MARINE EXPEDITIONARY
FORCE

CAMP LEATHERNECK, Afghanistan. — Military unit organization has been standardized for hundreds of years—divisions, regiments, battalions and companies.

Yet in 2013, the mission in Helmand Province, Afghanistan, has forced a change from conventional warfare units to smaller units who advise Afghan National Security Forces. These advisors are formed into Security Forces Assistance Advisor Teams that are much smaller than a Marine company. Without the standard setup of a battalion, these Marine teams require a different type of support.

Marines with the ANSF Liaison Cell with Regimental Combat Team 7, provide this support to the more than 20 teams within the RCT's area of operations. The Marines in the cell are responsible for the initial training each SFAAT receives when arriving in Afghanistan, as well as follow-on training throughout the team's deployment, said Gunnery Sgt. Matthew Lockwood, the cell chief.

The training includes live-fire exercises involving movement to contact drills and shooting under stress. The advising mission creates a need for more advanced training because the 20-30 man teams often operate independently.

After an assessment of the training package, Marines with the cell added an insider threat training program to help prevent "green on blue" attacks against U.S. service members, said Lockwood, a 34-year-old native of La Marque, Texas and graduate of Texas A&M University. The insider threat training teaches the team members how to better recognize potential

threats and dangerous scenarios.

To establish relationships and build rapport, the Marines also visit the SFAATs to ensure they are well equipped and to gain a better understanding of the individual Afghan force being advised.

"Unless you're on the ground, you don't really know much about what is actually going on," said 1st Lt. Jeremy Prout, a liaison officer with the ANSF Cell. "We get out there and see what's working and what's not."

The Marines operate as administrative and logistic liaisons between the teams and the RCT, providing team-specific gear, equipment and even food.

At one point, the cell sent more than 50 care packages to the Marines to provide them with snacks and other amenities not available at the smaller bases. Along with being liaisons, the Marines in the cell are also the ANSF subject matter experts for the RCT, said Prout, a 33-year-old native of Philadelphia and graduate of Syracuse University. This includes briefing the RCT commanding officer on the effectiveness of Afghan forces in each district.

While advising Afghan forces is not new, the liaison cell is. Regimental Combat Team 6, who predated RCT-7, operated a one-man liaison cell, while RCT-7 operates a six-man cell.

"The one Marine did a great job, but we have been able to provide more support [through the work of more Marines]," Prout said.

As the advising mission continues, the ANSF Liaison Cell Marines will continue to assist the teams.

"We've been able to create a great connection with the teams," Lockwood said. "Whenever we have visited them, they are always very thankful for what we've been able to do together."



SGT. NED JOHNSON

1st Lt. Jeremy Prout, the Afghan National Security Forces Liaison Cell liaison officer, gives a safety brief before a live-fire range here, May 7. The Marines in the cell are responsible for the training Security Forces Assistance Advisor Teams receive when they first arrive in Afghanistan.



SGT. NED JOHNSON

1st Lt. Brent Bonnema with the Afghan National Civil Order Police Kandak 1 Advisor Team, Regimental Combat Team 7, conducts small arms live-fire training here, April 25, 2013. The Security Force Assistance Advisor Teams are supported by the Marines with RCT-7's Afghan National Security Forces Liaison Cell.

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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 Tougan 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

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.

Retirement Ceremony

Lt. Col. Thomas Wagoner's retirement ceremony is scheduled to take place at the parade deck in front of Building One, May 23, 2013, at 3 p.m. All personnel are invited.

Cardboard Convention

All personnel are invited to join the Matthew C. Perry Elementary School's sixth

graders at their Cardboard Convention scheduled to be held May 17, 2013, from 1:00 p.m.- 2:00 p.m. behind the school at the playground. Come and view the student engineered projects made out of cardboard and other recyclable materials.

Vehicles

Nissan Cube 1999

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.

Brief and Classified Submissions

To submit a community brief or classified advertisement, send an e-mail to iwakuni.pao@usmc.mil. Please include a contact name, a phone number and the information you would like to be published. You may submit your community brief or classified advertisement in person at the Public Affairs Office, Building 1, Room 216 or you may call 253-5551. Please provide all the requested information to simplify the request process. The deadline for all submissions is 3 p.m. Friday.

KUNI TOONS: FOR REAL ... YOU RAN THIS?



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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. The deadline for taxes is June 17.

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

JAPAN AIR SELF DEFENSE FORCE (JASDF) MIHO BASE AVIATION FESTIVAL

The festival is scheduled May 19, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. at JASDF Miho Base, Sakaiminato City, Tottori Prefecture There will be a JASDF static display and an aerial demonstration, to include the Blue Impulse, F-15 and F-2 aircraft. Food vendors will also be available at the event site. Expect to pay fees if using the shuttle buses from parking to the event site. For more information, contact JASDF Miho Base at 0859-45-0211.

MOJI MINATO FESTIVAL

This festival is scheduled to be held in the Moji Area, Kitakyushu City, Fukuoka Prefecture May 25-26. Its main attraction is the celebration parade May 26. Miss Port-moji leads the parade with more than 2,000 people. At the stage, dancing and taiko drummers will perform. Japan Maritime Self Defense Force, Japan Coast Guard ships will drop anchor at the port and be open to the public. For more information, contact the Moji Minato Festival supporter office at 093-321-2381.

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, May 17, 2013 7 p.m. 42 (PG-13) 10 p.m. Temptation: Confessions of a Marriage Counselor (PG-13)	Monday, May 20, 2013 8 p.m. G. I. Joe: Retaliation (PG-13)
Saturday, May 18, 2013 4 p.m. Jurassic Park (1993) -2D- (PG-13) 7 p.m. G. I. Joe: Retaliation (PG-13)	Tuesday, May 21, 2013 Theater closed
Sunday, May 19, 2013 4 p.m. Jurassic Park (1993) -2D- (PG-13)7 7 p.m. 42 (PG-13)	Wednesday, May 22, 2013 Theater closed
	Thursday, May 23, 2013 42 (PG-13)

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 APPROACHCULTURAL LESSONS



Purofessionaru resuringu, often shortened to Puroresu, is a widely popular form of professional wrestling in Japan which focuses more on the psychology and presentation of wrestling. The matches are considered legitimate in nature and noted for their subdued theatricality compared to their American and Mexican counterparts. Unlike many American wrestling promotions, there are very few gimmicks or angles.

The biggest, and possibly most easily recognized professional wrestling organization in Japan is New Japan Pro Wrestling. It is considered to be on par with Consejo Mundial de Lucha Libre of Mexico and World Wrestling Entertainment of the U.S. Puroresu can trace its roots back to Mitsuhiro Momota, also known as Rikidōzan, a Korean-Japanese wrestler who popularized the sport in the 1950s in Japan. His popularity can be compared to that

of Hulk Hogan many years later in the United States. Puroresu incorporates many styles and stars from MMA and shoot-style wrestling. Some of the more popular stars of puroresu went on to have long careers elsewhere, such as Ultimo Dragon and Tiger Mask. Many American wrestlers have also honed their craft in Japan as well. These men are well known – Hulk Hogan, Kurt Angle and Brock Lesnar.



Marine veteran Sgt. Brian McPherson cheers as he crossed the finish line earning a gold medal in the open bracket upright race. McPherson, 32, from Theodore, Ala., sustained injuries from an improvised explosive device and small arms fire in Afghanistan.

Marines win first gold medal of the 2013 Warrior Games

Lance Cpl. Corey Dabney
HEADQUARTERS MARINE CORPS

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Sweating fiercely and gasping for air, Staff Sgt. Ronnie Jimenez, with Wounded Warrior Battalion West, cycled across the finish line today, taking the first gold medal of the 2013 Warrior Games. The 35-year-old Marine from Tempe, Ariz., who competed in the 10k hand-cycle race, said he felt the support from his fellow Marines, which motivated him to go as fast as he could. He started the Warrior Games off with a big win for the Corps. "With those guys motivating me and the families cheering me on — made me feel unbeatable," said Jimenez. The Warrior Games is a Paralympic-style competition for wounded, ill and injured service members and veterans. The team of 50 Marines, competing for their fourth consecutive cup, will compete in several events during the Games including wheelchair basketball, archery, cycling, shooting, sitting volleyball and track and field. They will defend their championship against the Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Special Operations Command and the British Armed Forces. Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. James F. Amos was at the cycling event aboard the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo., and congratulated Jimenez as he crossed the finish line. "It has set the tone for the Warrior Games, and the fact that the first event was won by a Marine sets the standard for the other Marines to follow," said Amos. "All these athletes are heroes who have been wounded for their country and I'm proud to be able to meet all of these fine young men and women." The Marines continued their winning streak as three more athletes medaled in their respective events. Sgt. Lorie Yriguyen, 30, from Grafton, Wis., currently with WWBn.-West won a gold medal in the women's 10k recumbent race. Sgt. Brian McPherson, 30, from Theodore, Ala., currently with WWBn.-West took home a gold medal in the open bracket upright race. Sgt. Jorge Toledo, 27, from Miami, Fla., and currently assigned to WWBn.-West won a bronze medal in the 30k permanent disability upright race. "It feels great to start the Warrior Games on the right foot winning for the Marines," said Jimenez. "After winning the Chairman's Cup the past three times, we are ready to win it again." The 2013 Warrior Games will run May 11-16 aboard the United States Olympic Center and Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo. More than 260 service members and veterans will compete for the Commanders Cup.



Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. James F. Amos congratulates Staff Sgt. Ronnie Jimenez, with Wounded Warrior Battalion West, as he finishes the 10k hand-cycle race during the 2013 Warrior Games at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo. 35-year-old Jimenez from Tempe, Ariz., won the first gold medal in the 2013 Warrior Games, setting the Marines on the path to defending their championship. The team of 50 Marines and defending champions will compete in several events during the Games including wheelchair basketball, archery, cycling, shooting, sitting volleyball and track and field. They will defend their championship against the Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Special Operations Command and the British Armed Forces.

The Iwakuni Time Machine

In the May 17, 1985, issue of the Torii Teller, Marines reported on the I. G. inspection, which took place the previous week, and involved drill, maintenance check-ups, uniform inspections and more.

