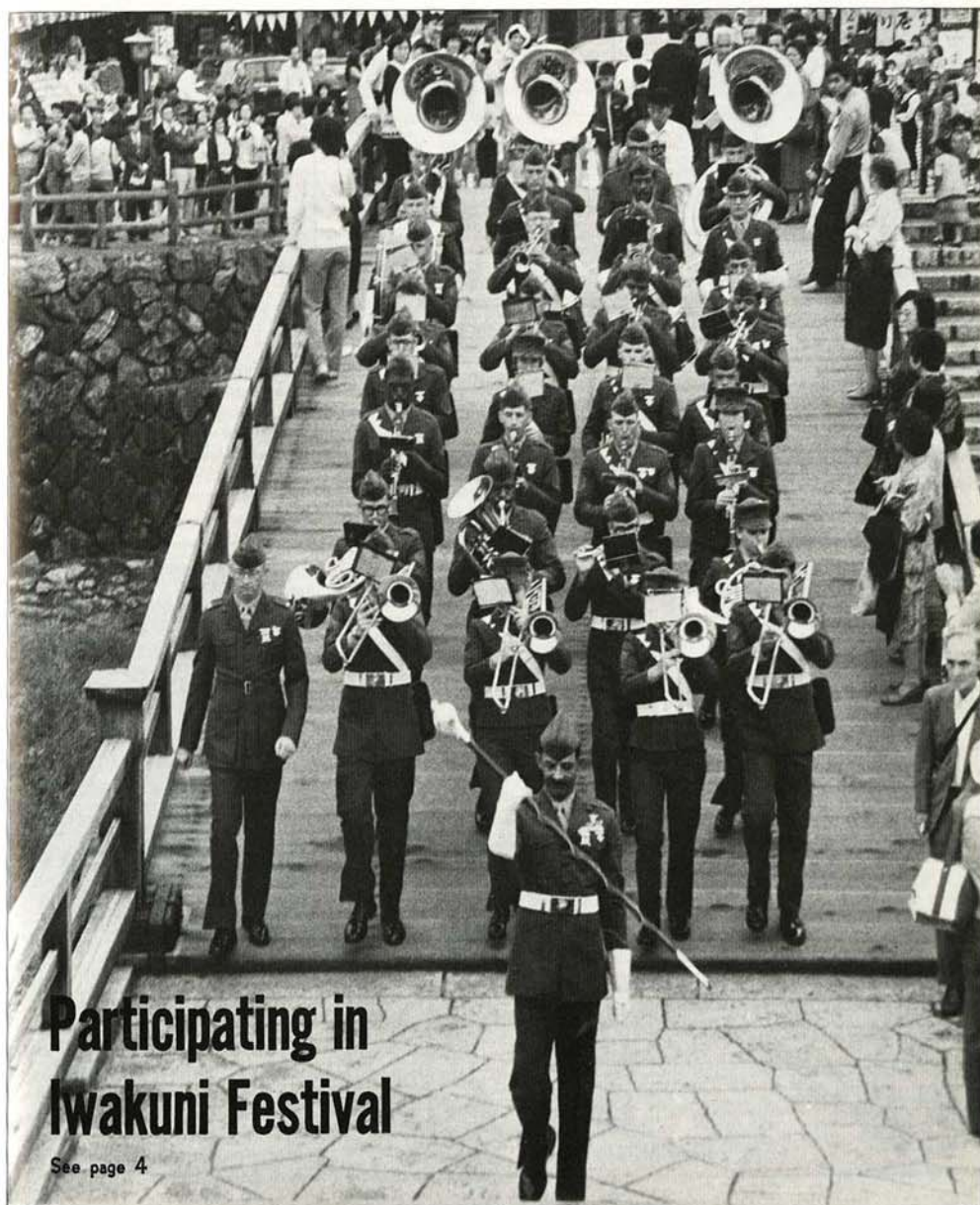


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**Participating in
Iwakuni Festival**

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City Festival Celebration

A crowd of nearly 50,000 people attended Iwakuni's 24th annual festival Oct. 18 and 19.

Air Station personnel, as part of the Iwakuni community, took part in several of the traditional activities.

Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts from the Air Station accompanied the Iwakuni Bayashi Dancing team in an exhibition of traditional local folk dancing.

Sunday afternoon approximately 35 Marines and Air Station scouts joined Iwakunians in the "Daimyo Procession." With various feudal officials, retainers and guards, the procession reenacts the Daimyo's, (feudal lord,) once in every three years trip to then Edo (Tokyo) where they would spend a year at the court of the Tokugawa Shogun. This is how the shogunate intended to prevent revolution.

The III Marine Amphibious Force Band, based in Okinawa, marched in parades in the Kintai Bridge area and RTO. The band also played a short concert in downtown Iwakuni.

The omatsuri, or festival, is a consolidation of the Kintai Festival traditionally held in March, and the City of Iwakuni Festival which is celebrated during the third weekend of October.



As three drummers of the III MAF Band give a solo performance during a concert in RTO, one onlooker covers his ears from the noise. The music and sounds of the two-day, 24th Annual Iwakuni festival were many and widely varied.



Air Station Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, above, led by 1st Lt. K.W. Terry, participated in the Young Warriors' Procession. Cmdr. R.E. Trent, below, left, and Maj. W.A. Wheeler, act as part of the feudal lord's court during the Daimyo Procession.



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Hostilo Brothers Reunited After 24 yrs.

Story and Photo by SSgt. John Simmons

After more than 24 years in the Marine Corps, two brothers are finally spending a tour at same duty station.

Older brother, Master Sergeant James R. Hostilo, MAG-12 communications chief, greeted his younger brother MSgt. Robert E. Hostilo, when he arrived Sept. 4. The younger brother has assumed duties as the logistics chief for H&MS-12.

The older Hostilo began his career in 1952 at Parris Island, S.C. He has seen combat in Korea, Viet Nam and the Dominican Republic. Following his brother's footsteps four years later, James' tour also began at Parris Island. He has seen combat in Viet Nam only with the 1st Battalion, 4th Marines.

"Robert almost came in the Corps at the same time I did," said James. "He had decided to quit school and join, but I persuaded him not to. It was the first time I ever hit him and didn't get my butt kicked."

Corresponding regularly, the two kept up with each other's assignments hoping that they would soon get together. But they only managed to cross paths twice until now.

"When I first went to Viet Nam, James was on Okinawa," explained Robert. "I thought we might get together in-country (Viet Nam), but HQMC started the one family member at a time deal."

The next time they were close to one another was when James was stationed at Camp Lejeune, N.C. and

Robert was at Cherry Point, N.C.

Neither brother can complain about being here. For Robert this is his sixth tour here and James' second. Robert also met and married his wife while in Iwakuni.

The two Savannah, Ga. natives plan to spend the next six months visiting relatives and touring Japan. "I'm glad to be back," remarked

Robert, "But the amount of change that's taken place since the Wing HQ moved to Okinawa is startling. Kawashimo looked almost like Broadway the last time I was here, and now it's almost deserted."

There is an old Corps saying, "What goes around, comes around," and for the Hostilo brothers it took 24 years, but, they are now around.



MSgt. James Hostilo, left, greets brother Robert as he arrives at Iwakuni, Sept. 4. This is the first time in 24 years that the two master sergeants have been stationed at the same command.