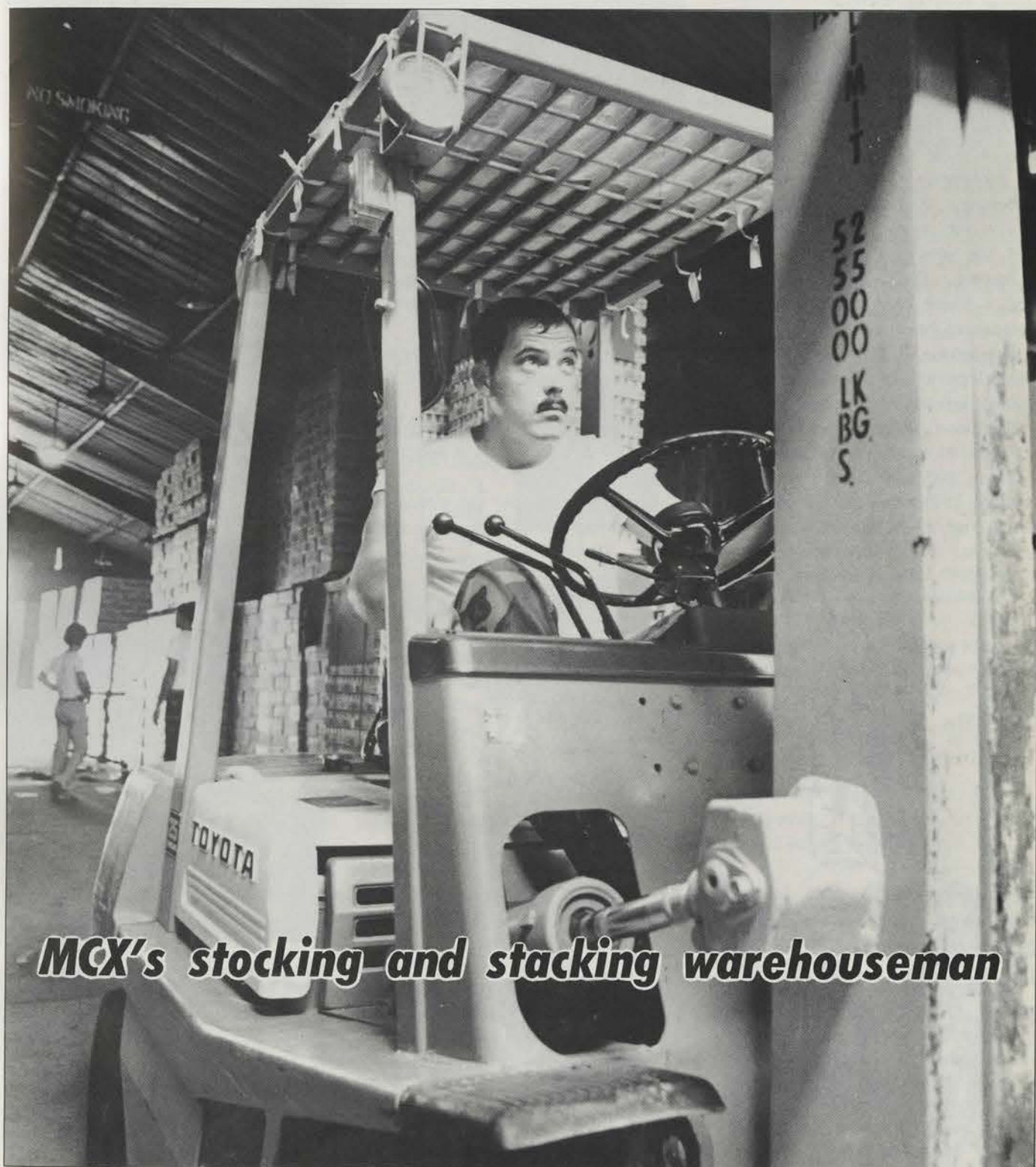


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MCX's stocking and stacking warehouseman

Shichi-fukujin: 7 lucky gods

Visitors to Japan have always expressed a bit of bewilderment as to the purpose for some of the many Japanese gods and deities they encounter during their stay in "Yamato's Isles." Probably the most familiar grouping of gods most folks come across are Japan's "Shichi-fukujin" or Seven Lucky Gods.

The Seven Lucky Gods; Daikoku, Ebisu, Benten, Jurojin, Fukurokuju, Bishamon and Hotei, are a group of deities beleived to be a combination of mythical configurations from India, Burma, China and native Japanese gods of fortune.

Daikoku - The god of wealth; smiling old man wearing a hood and usually seated on two bales of rice. Over his left shoulder is a large bag full of treasures, and in his right hand is a small mallet symbolizing good luck. He is popularly known as Okuninushi-no-mikoto.

Ebisu - The god of fishermen; holding a big red snapper under his left arm and carrying a fishing rod on his right shoulder. He is also known as the god of prosperous commerce among merchants.

Benten - A female deity of India; usually represented playing her four-string lute, seated on a sea serpent or dragon. She is the goddess of eloquence and the arts.

Jurojin - The god of longevity; an old man appearing with a long head and a white beard, carrying a holy staff and a folding fan and is accompanied by a stag or a crane.

Fukurokuju - The god of wealth and longevity; he has a short body with short legs, a very long head and beard, holds a stick with a sutra tied to it and is attended by a crane or a tortoise.

Bishamon - The god of war; he appears pierce-looking with glaring eyes and is clad in armor, holding a long spear in his left hand and a small padoga in his right hand.

Hotei - The god of contentment and happiness; he is very fat with a bare belly, and a smiling happy face. He carries a bag on his back and a fan in his hand.



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Corporal Bob Gilmore carefully makes his move on a pallet of freight in one of the exchange warehouses. For Cpl Gilmore, moving freight, inventorying goods and unit pricing are all 'Just part of the job'. For more see pages 5.



MSgt Bill Titter, patrol section, left, 2ndLt Irene Volodkevich, deputy provost marshal, and MGySgt James Monroe, operations chief, prepare to pull morning colors after they agreed with all the PMO sections that the officers and staff of PMO would work an eight hour shift for the section that raised the most money for the Navy Relief Campaign. PMO raised more than \$48 per person, totalling \$6,240, which was one of the highest of any section on the Air Station.

Newsmakers

Iwakuni newsmakers this week are: Lance Corporal David L. Cozart, MABS-15, Durham, NC, for his selection as Chef of the Month for July; Boatswains Mate-Seaman Apprentice Monica L. Hite, H&HS, Indianapolis, IN, for receiving a Letter of Commendation for excellence in apprentice training; Store Keeper Seaman Barbara A. McDaniel, H&HS, Frankfort, KY, for her selection as Sailor of the Quarter; Corporal Richard A. Salinetti PMO, Lee, MA, for selection as Marine of the Quarter; Sergeant Gregory C. Eckert, VMA-223, Tillson, NY, for his four year reenlistment; First Lieutenant Michael E. Spencer, H&HS, Mooresville, IN, for appointment to his present rank; Sergeant Joseph P. Gorlinski, H&HS, Salt Lake City, UT, for receiving a certificate of appreciation and Corporal Kevin G. Webb, H&HS, Camden, NJ, for his meritorious promotion to his present rank.



Cozart



Hite



McDaniel



Salinetti



Eckert



Spencer



Gorlinski



Webb

Corpsman saves child in river drowning

An eight year old Japanese youngster was brought back to life Saturday when a corpsman from the NRM, Branch Clinic, here, gave him new breath after he had drowned in the Oze River at a local swimming hole near Ushiro-Iitani, Otake City.

Hospitalman Second Class Jody A. Estes with her husband and two children were leaving the swimming hole shortly after 2 p.m. when a friend hollered to her and stated someone had drowned.

Leaving her husband and children, She ran to the body which was face down in the water. She pulled the youngster from the water and began mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. After a couple of minutes the child began coughing up water and started breathing. No one at the scene knew how or when the child fell into the water.

Local police and an ambulance arrived shortly thereafter. The boy, Shinsuke Tanaka of Shinmachi, Otake City, is currently under observation at a local hospital and is in fine condition.

The boy's father, Masaaki, and mother, Shoko, visited Estes Monday to express their gratitude for saving their son.

JMSDF air rescue officer drowns while training

Lieutenant Junior Grade Teruei Takahashi, 43, a member of Air Rescue Squadron-71, Fleet Air Wing-31, stationed here drowned Aug. 7 during training conducted at Minami-Torishima Island near Ogasawara Islands.

A native of Iwate Prefecture, he joined the Japanese Maritime Self Defense Force in August 1956 and was commissioned July 1, 1977. He is survived by his wife and two daughters. An official funeral was held by FAW-31, Aug. 10.

Federal Voting Assistance Program is looking for 1982 slogan

Although the 1982 general elections are more than a year and a half away, Federal Voting Assistance Program officials are on the look out for a voting slogan.

Servicemembers, their families, and U.S. citizens residing overseas are eligible for the contest to find a slogan for the 1982 election year.

The winner will receive a certificate of recognition from the Department of Defense.

More than 1,200 entries were received in the 1980 contest.

"You're A Voter Only If You Vote...Be A Voter," was selected as the winning slogan.

Entries must be received by Sep. 11, 1981. Send any number of slogans, in any format, along with artwork (not necessary for consideration) to: The Federal Voting Assistance Program, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Room 1B-457, The Pentagon, Washington, D.C., 20301. Full name and complete mailing address must be included with entries. —AFNS

CMC delegates NAM awarding authority

The Secretary of the Navy has granted approval for the Commandant of the Marine Corps to sub-delegate authority for awarding the Navy Achievement Medal to 13 additional Marine Corps commanding generals.

According to ALMAR 114/81, the move came about "to provide more timely recognition to junior officers and enlisted Marines."

The 13 commands receiving awarding authority for the medal are: MCRDs, Parris Island and San Diego; MCBs, Camp Lejeune and Camp Pendleton; MCLBs, Albany and Barstow; MCASs, Cherry Point and El Toro; MCAGCC, 29 Palms; LFTCPAC and LFTCLANT; and 4th MarDiv and 4th MAW.

"A most effective means of enhancing morale is prompt and appropriate recognition of exceptional performance," stated a personnel services official at HQMC. "It is also essential to preserve the character and meaning of all awards; therefore, recommendations must be carefully and thoroughly prepared and documented."

Awards recognizing specific accomplishments or acts should be made as soon as possible after the event occurs. A maximum of 30 days from submission should be the target goal of delivery.

An official in the Personnel Services Division explained that sustained superior performance is

more appropriately recognized at the completion of an assigned duty. However, he added, "In no instance is it to be considered routine to recognize Marines at the end of a tour."

Recommendations for the Navy Achievement Medal are to be prepared on the current award recommendation form and forwarded to the commanding general who has jurisdiction over the individual being recommended. Award recommendations for members of personal staffs are to be forwarded to CMC for appropriate action.

For additional information on awarding the Navy Achievement Medal, see ALMAR 114/81 and MCO 4235.21B. —HQMC

NROTC scholarship program announced

The Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps program offers active duty Marines the education and training they need to serve as commissioned officers in the Naval service. The NROTC Scholarship Program offers education at more than 50 colleges and universities in the United States.

According to Marine Corps Bulletin 1120 of June 3, 1981, the program provides scholarship recipients with tuition, books, instructional fees, uniforms and a subsistence allowance of \$100 per month. While attending a university as a scholarship student, a Marine does not receive pay and allowances. Selectees for the program must provide funds to defray the cost of room and board, plus supplemental costs while enrolled.

Upon graduation, NROTC midshipmen receive their commissions in the U.S. Marine Corps or U.S. Navy. Scholarship recipients must serve six years of obligated service which includes their last two years of college.

Applicants must be less than 25 years old by June 30 of the year they will be eligible for commissioned status. Applicants with prior active service may be up to 28 years old, depending on the number of months served on active duty.

Requirements for the program include a high school diploma or equivalent, no military or civil offenses, meet physical qualifications and have taken either the Scholastic Aptitude Test or the American College Test. Additionally, applicants must exemplify and display high moral character and loyalty to the Nation (no moral obligation or personal convictions which would prevent conscientiously supporting and defending the Constitution).

Individual Marines are responsible for ensuring their applications arrive at NROTC colleges and universities before submission deadlines. Applicants should be aware of each institution's requirements on application deadlines. Admission to the college or university must be received before an NROTC scholarship can be awarded.

Marines interested in the program should contact their local career planner or education officer, or write to the Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code MRRO-6), HQMC, Washington, D.C., 20380, for further information and a copy of the 1982 NROTC Bulletin.

Additional information can be found in Marine Corps Order 1306.17D. —HQMC

Exchangeman, stocks, stacks and shuffles

Inventorying goods, unit pricing and stocking lots by the thousands? One Marine here does it for the entire Air Station, and he likes it.

But his job doesn't involve aircraft parts, typewriter ribbons or even spare bolts for trucks. It involves receiving, indexing and stocking such things as baked beans, stereos and throw-rugs for the Marine Corps Exchange system.

For Corporal Bob Gilmore, it's a job, a challenge and a learning experience. It's a chance to use ingenuity and skill in a wide-ranging and ever-changing trade.

"Except for the perishable food stuffs, everything that's sold in the exchange comes through here," he says of the huge warehouse complex behind the Tomodachi Club. "We inventory, tag and price everything here before it goes out to be put on the shelves."

And, for Cpl Gilmore, there's a bright future in his job. "This is a good way to learn about business, from the bottom up. You learn about all aspects of a large business, all the way from unpacking crates, to management, to dealing with company representatives. When I originally

came into the Marine Corps I wanted to learn accounting. They put me here (in the exchange field) and I like it here."

And the position is never exactly the same from day to day. According to the 22-year-old leatherneck, the work varies with the amount of incoming material, the needs of the exchange, and even the movement of personnel.

However, whether fast or slow, inventorying goods or researching invoices, Cpl Gilmore is keeping the exchange supply lines open...and it's a job he enjoys. —Cpl Steve Williams



Cpl Steve Williams

Doing it the hard way, Cpl Bob Gilmore moves merchandise from one part of an exchange warehouse to another for tagging and pricing. However, for each step in the process of ordering, receiving and stocking merchandise there is a corresponding amount of paperwork and some of that, too, is part of his job within the exchange system.