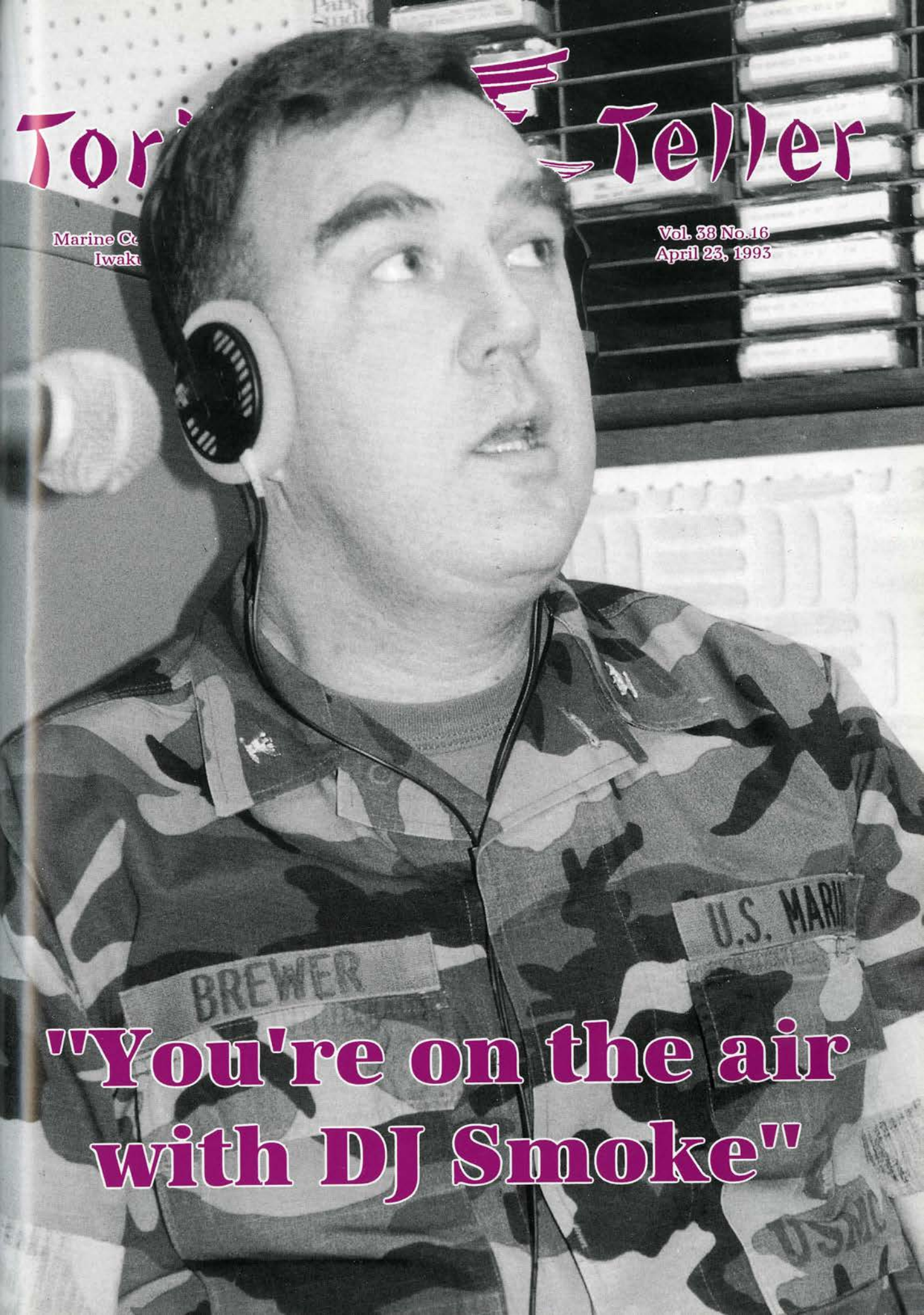




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"You're on the air
with DJ Smoke"

A tribute to Japanese Warriors

A unique, traditional parade called the daimyo procession is conducted in either fall or spring festivals in castle towns throughout Japan.

To commemorate the construc-



Two young festival participants.

tion of the Iwakuni Castle which was built in 1608, and to remember the time Lord Kikkawa paid respects to the Shogun in Edo (present Tokyo), the daimyo procession is conducted here annually as part of the Kintai Bridge Festival.

The daimyo procession is based on the "Sankin Kotai" system in which each daimyo or feudal lord was required to reside in Edo in alternate years. "Sankin" means reporting to one's lord to render service and "Kotai" means rotating.

The system was utilized as one of the ruling methods of the Tokugawa Shogunate, the Government of Japan during Edo Era from 1603 to 1867. There were more than 260 feudal lords all over Japan at the time. To maintain control over them, this sankin kotai system was introduced and

formalized by the fourth Shogun Ietsuna in 1635.

The system was actually a polite form of hostage taking. The wife, children, retainers and servants for each daimyo were detained all the time in their residence in Edo by the Shogun, while the daimyo had to rotate back and forth every other year between their home provinces and Edo.

The rotation procession was organized, constituting of the daimyo in his palanquin, several units including pikemen, mounted and unmounted swordsmen, banner carriers, servants, attendants and porters. They usually traveled with a contingent of 150 or 300 on the main highways. The size of the procession varied due to the official domain's size.

As the retinue went on, showing their power and prestige, the front runners cleared the way. They commanded observers and passers-by to step aside and kneel to pay respect to the daimyo while the retinue passed.

In spite of the great expense and arduous journey for daimyo, the system remained in operation for more than 200 years. It not only worked for the Tokugawa Shogunate, but it also contributed a great deal to Japan's political, economic and social development along one of the major highways called Tokaido.

Today's daimyo procession is not a long, rough journey, but it still shows the prestige of earlier times.

The 16th annual Kintai Festival will be on Thursday, April 29. ¶

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Official USMC photo*

Remembering a tragedy

"Those who can not remember the past, will be condemned to repeat it."

Monday, April 19, marked the 50-year anniversary of the start of the Warsaw Jewish ghetto uprising against the Nazis. According to the President's Commission on the Holocaust of 1979, the definition of the Holocaust that is commemorated during the Days of Remembrance is as follows:

"The Holocaust was the systematic, bureaucratic annihilation of six million Jews by the Nazis and their collaborators as a central act of state during the Second World War; as night descended, millions of other peoples were swept into this net of death. It was a crime unique in the annals of human history, different not only in the quantity of violence—the sheer numbers killed—but in its manner and purpose as a mass criminal enterprise organized by the state against defenseless civilian populations.

The decision to kill every Jew everywhere in Europe: the definition of Jew as target for death transcended all boundaries. There is evidence indicating that the Nazis intended ultimately to wipe out the Slavs and other peoples; had the war continued or had the Nazis triumphed, Jews might not have remained the final

victims of Nazi genocide, but they were certainly its first.

The concept of the annihilation of an entire people, as distinguished from their subjugation, was unprecedented; never before in human history had genocide been an all persuasive government policy unaffected by territorial or economic advantage and unchecked by moral or religious constraints...

The Holocaust stands as a tragedy for Europe, for Western Civilization, and for all the world. We must remember the facts of the Holocaust, and work to understand these facts."

Many things can be learned from the Holocaust, such as the fact that humans can exhibit both depravity and heroism. The victims of Nazi persecution demonstrated tremendous spiritual fortitude and resistance. While on the other hand, there was the physical and spiritual heroism of those who risked their lives to save others.

Additionally, we must remember the depths to which humanity might sink; but then we must remember, as well, the heights to which we might aspire. ¶

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Information to capture a crook



Ed Goodwin, special agent in charge of NIS here, presents a \$220.00 cash award to an informant tied to the LCpl. William J. Castle incident.

The Station's CO, Col. Slade A. Brewer, and members from Latinos Unidos, the Officers Wives' Club, Genesis Lodge #89, the Retiree Association, and the Enlisted Wives' Club/Consignment Sales Shop, along with PMO's, Maj. Donald L. Durden were present for the rewarding.

The informant who wishes to remain anonymous, noticed some odd behavior from Castle prior to the robbery on Aug. 18. It was her information which enabled NIS, along with agents in Chicago, the rapid apprehension. However, he was arrested in Fargo, N.D. for desertion and a suspect in an armed robbery. He's now serving time in a North Dakota prison for the robbery.

As always if you have information about other crimes committed aboard the Station, call the 24-hour recorded Crime Stop Line at 253-3333. Anonymity will be maintained and the organizations mentioned above will plan to keep footing the cash reward. (Photo by GySgt. George D. Bieber)

Schedule of events for the 16th annual Kintai Festival

Events	Time	Place
Antique sale	9 a.m.-4 p.m.	Kikko Park
Stamp exhibit	" "	Nishiki Riverbed
Telephone exhibit	" "	" "
Cigarette exhibit	" "	" "
Tea ceremony	10 a.m.-3 p.m.	Kikko Park
Photo session	10 a.m.-3 p.m.	Around Kintai Bridge
Brass band performance	10 a.m.-noon	Kikko Park
Street performance	11 a.m.-4 p.m.	Nishiki Riverbed
Matoi (Fireman's standard) performance	12-1 p.m.	Iwakuni Elem School to Nishiki Riverbed
Japanese dancing	12:30-2 p.m.	Iwakuni Elem School to Kikko Park
Kendo demonstration	1-2 p.m.	Kikko Park
Yakko (Footman) performance	1-3:30 p.m.	Iwakuni Elem School to Kikko Park
Daimyo Procession	1-3:30 p.m.	" "
Young Warrior's procession	1-3:30 p.m.	" "
Matchlock demonstration	1:20-3 p.m.	Nishiki Riverbed
Singing show	1:30-3:30 p.m.	Kikko Park
Karate demonstration	1:30-3:30 p.m.	" "
Iaido demonstration	2-4 p.m.	Yokoyama Self-government Center
Iwakauni Drum performance	2:30-3 p.m.	Kikko Park



M.C. Perry Elementary's students sit patiently awaiting the results of the DoDD's performance standards program.

A strong mind, with a strong body

The bell rang and the gym was bum-rushed by 50 or more children. Smiles on their faces, papers struggling to escape their over crowded backpacks, and their mouths were running way over the speed limit.

One by one they sat down in the bleachers awaiting the news from their teacher. She asked for their undivided attention, then began to speak.

"Mathew C. Perry Elementary School's Physical Education Department is celebrating in accordance with April, the Month

of the Military Child, the success of those students who have met or exceeded the Department of Defense's performance standards. Our student body, consisting of 350 participants was challenged in February to go for the gold. Ninety nine students qualified for this recognition, and of this number, 25 students earned "exceptional" daily evaluations.

To earn the "Gold Star" a student must meet (every class session) these achievement standards:

- 1) Eagerly tries every activity.
- 2) Listens to and follows instructions by using common communication courtesies.
- 3) Dresses for class by wearing the proper attire for the class activity.
- 4) Strives to improve personal performance and physical fitness.

Mr. D. Crittenden, the Elementary School principal, joins with the Physical Education Department in giving special recognition to the 25 students who exhibited "exceptional" daily performance

by listing their names and grade levels.

In the first grade, Hope Lamie, Ricky Aranda, Lauren Paul, and Kenneth Palma. The second grade had Kyle Wiest and Haban, and the third grade honored Phillip Recob, George Palma, Mayumi Miller, Clemie Payne, Natalie Wiest, and Geneweve???? Huguerin. Five fourth graders, Jeremy Redding, Amanda Taylor, Amy Benson, Jamie Burkhardt, and Katie Merry, and three fifth graders Cansas Mayberry, Linda Black and Stephanie Stipp were recognized as well. And last but not least the sixth grade honored James Thornton, Bob Benson, Kai Carey, Amanda Combs and Kim Kinley.

The base command, through MSgt. Winkleman, supported their achievement with a specially created cake for them. ¶

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Winter Rec League roll-offs

For more than six months now, the Winter Recreational League has been hitting the lanes during their lunch hour. However, the mid-day competition came to a heated ending this past Tuesday as the Naval Aviation Engineering Service Unit's team emerged victorious over Logistics Supply, 1764 to 1703.

Even though NAESU won the double elimination roll-off by 61 pins, it was Logistics Supply who added excitement as they were three pins up on the competition going into the third game. According to Mary Miller, the center's league coordinator, they followed suit to the competitive spirit which dominated the entire season.

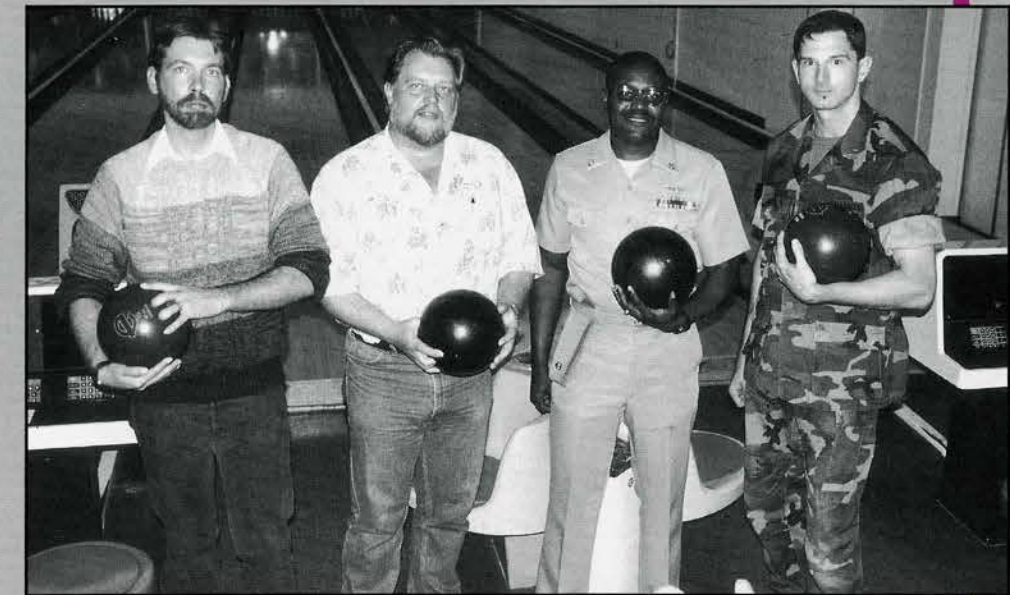
Initially there were 26, 6-man teams in October, but last Tues., April 13, the top six went head-to-head for the bragging rights.

It was truly a team effort for NAESU as none of them received individual recognition for their bowling skills.

"We came out to have some fun last October," remarked Kevin Wilkins, the team's captain. "I don't think any of us were counting on us going this far. I guess you'd have to say we surprised ourselves as well as the other teams," he smiled.

John Dantic agreed their success was unexpected. "Logistics Supply was definitely the toughest team we bowled against in the tournament," he said. "We took one match and then they came back during the second one. It all came down to Tuesday's game."

NAESU's high bowler, Dan Allen, had a good day with a score of 539. Allen echoed his teammate's remarks, especially the fact of their



(left to right) NAESU's Dan Allen, Mike Price, Kevin Wilkins and John Dantic, this year's Winter Recreational Handicap League champions. Not pictured are Mike Tibbs and Don Davis.

victory being an act of teamwork.

The first and second place traveling-trophies will be presented to NAESU and Logistics Supply today. Third place went to H&HS AHOD, Fourth to MALS-12's Riggers, Fifth to Team Rhino and Sixth to 171's S-1.

Individual awards:

High Series Handicap - Logistics' Jerry Malong (757)

High Game Handicap - Team Rhino's George Martin (292)

High Series Scratch - Weather's Rob Pratt (689)

High Game Series - Bowling Center's Ken Sutton (217)

High Average - Logistics ATD's Archie Archibal (192)

Most Improved - 171's Scrappers' John Stevens (+13) ¶

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