

Holiday Greetings to Hometown Newspapers

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SAN ANTONIO — The Army and Air Force Hometown News Service (HNS) has opened its Internet Print Holiday Greeting Program to service members of all branches. The Print Holiday Greetings Program allows you to send a formatted holiday greeting to newspapers serving your hometown or other areas where you have friends or family.

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"Once a greeting form is completed and submitted, the data is stored in our news release database," said Gerry Proctor, HNS chief of marketing. "We use a program that assembles all of the greetings by state and e-mails the greetings en masse on Dec. 6 to the newspaper editors serv-

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Samurai teacher is Japan's best

CHL. ANTHONY PIKE
Combat Correspondent

For the third consecutive year, a Matthew C. Perry 'Samurai' teacher has been named Department of Defense Dependents' Schools – Japan teacher of the year.

This year the honor was bestowed upon Rodney Coryer, a sixth grade math and science teacher, in a ceremony at Club Iwakuni Oct. 22. Coryer was recognized in front of teachers from Iwakuni and Sasebo during a teacher in-service.

"He was selected out of over a 1,000 teachers," said Bruce Derr, DODDS district superintendent. "He was recommended by a student from one of his classes."

The student wrote a letter to the school principal who then forwarded the letter to the review board, according to Coryer. Coryer was later interviewed by the board via telephone, soon after he was notified that he had been selected for the award.

Coryer's own interest in teaching has led him back to the classroom. Since graduating from college in 1977, Coryer has been passing on his knowledge. This is Coryer's third year at Matthew C. Perry Elementary School.

"My love for learning is the reason for my becoming a teacher," said Coryer, a Ratsburg, N.Y., native. "As I contemplated my career choices, my desire to learn and watching the learning process of my children had an effect on my decision."

It's easy for Coryer to point out what keeps him coming back to the class room year after year.

"Watching the growth of the students that occurs be-



Cpl. Anthony D. Pike

Department of Defense Dependents' Schools – Japan teacher of the year, Rodney Coryer, plays a math game with his students to help them retain what they have learned. Coryer is a sixth grade math and science teacher at the Matthew C. Perry Elementary school, home of the Samurai.

tween September and June keeps me going," he said. "I have high expectations of my students and they continue to reach it, as long as you don't lower the expectations."

His students have an easier time understanding all the course material and concepts taught, primary due to Coryer's teaching methods.

"He plays Math Jeopardy with us," said Ariel Fritz, sixth grade student. "It makes it easy to learn when you play a game."

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Partly Cloudy
High: 70

Saturday
Partly Cloudy
High: 72

Sunday
Partly Cloudy
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Threat levels dictate traveling on leave

CHL. DAVE BONI
Combat Correspondent

All Department of Defense and Status of Forces Agreement personnel 14 years or older need to start watching the news and reading the newspaper if they are interested in traveling to another country while stationed in Iwakuni.

Current events will play a key role in finding out what dangerous threats lie in that country, and whether or not travel there will be permitted.

"If an individual (both government service civilians and military members) decides to take leave and travel to another country, then a Defensive Foreign Travel Briefing and Individual Force Protection Plan are required," said Master Sgt. Rodney Redmon, the Station Anti-terrorism/Force Protection Chief.

The information needed to fill out the force protection package can all be found

on the intranet under the AT/FP information site. The country specific briefing will be given by the Unit or Department AT/FP official. To find your AT/FP official, contact the Station AT/FP Office.

According to Redmon, the first step in completing the package is completing a standard Individual Force Protection Plan for travel to any country except the United States or its territories. The next step is having a level one anti-terrorism brief within the last twelve months.

"We give the AT/FP level one brief every Monday at 8 a.m. at Club Iwakuni, but you can also do it online located on the intranet," said Redmon.

Once the paperwork and briefs are complete, the force protection plans must be signed off, but Redmon said this is where travelers must pay attention.

"If a country is listed as force protection condition alpha, a command lieutenant colonel can approve the plan. For countries listed at FP condition bravo, a command colonel must approve the plan," he said. "Traveling to countries in Charlie or Delta, the first flag officer (O-7 and above) must approve the plans."

After the plan is approved, a traveler must find out whether a theater clearance and amount of days notice are required. Redmon said some countries might require as much as 45 days of lead time before entrance is permitted.

When Chief Petty Officer Chester Mallari, Station Harbor master, travels to the Philippines where his family lives, he makes sure he stays updated on current events.

"The threat conditions can change

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Tiger drives helpful in raising children

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I was 13 years old. We lived in Bradenton, Florida. At the time, Bradenton was a small town of about 30,000. I could ride my orange bike with the black "banana seat" and orange racing stripe to school and all over town—to deliver the G.R.I.T. newspaper to my customers, to catch the "big one" in my favorite fishing hole (never did), to the field where my friends and I launched (and usually retrieved) our model rockets, and to Stacy's barber shop (where I listened to the old guys gossip and discuss politics). Life was fun in Bradenton. We were free. We were kids. And, we enjoyed our community—much like the children on MCAS Iwakuni can do today!

One day my dad took me for a drive around Bradenton in his little Plymouth Horizon. This was not just a drive, though. It was a Tiger drive—a drive with purpose. As we cruised along a street near the river in our town, my dad talked with me about having respect for people and particularly about reaching out to a "horizontally-challenged" boy in my school who was usually the butt of jokes and regularly ostracized from the group.

Kids can be plain mean to others. Sadly, I was plain mean to that boy. Though I will spare you the details of our conversation, my father accomplished his task that day. He was plainspoken and to the point. He put an end to that antisocial behavior by giving me a view of people that I

needed to learn. My desire to be liked by others motivated me to treat the socially awkward with much less than respect. My father's influence changed that perspective—and ultimately my behavior.

Occasionally, a Navy ship will allow its company to take along a guest for a brief transit. This is called a "Tiger-cruise." It gives family members a unique look into shipboard life. It is a view of Navy life that children could not have otherwise—unless they later serve our country as a Sailor or a Marine.

In the same way, parents, through regular and purposeful interaction, train their children to view life and others with a certain perspective. Once in a while there are those times when parents have to pull aside from regular activities to correct a child's behavior patterns. Call it a "Tiger drive" or something else, these moments with our children are essential to their development, to the character of our homes and communities and even to the future of our nation.

A "Tiger drive" does not have to occur in a car. It could happen on a "dinner date" with your daughter, while playing catch, on a camping trip or some other occasion. Whatever you call it, whenever it occurs, it must be consistent and purposeful. And, among all the wonderful experiences of childhood, you will create a moment of instruction for your child that will help prepare him/her for a successful, happy and full life.

Thanks to the MCAS Medical Clinic

JOHN CHALKLEY
DONNA CHALKLEY
Letter to the Editor

The old adage "Marines take care of their own" was never so true as the treatment afforded our daughter at the medical clinic. A student at Kansai Gaidai University in Hirakata City, Marie has been sick for the past 6 weeks. She was misdiagnosed at a Japanese hospital, and only got sicker as time went on. As a last act of desperation, we contacted Iwakuni, got her on a train, and finally got the medical treatment she needed!

There is nothing more frustrating

than to be sitting here in Denton, Texas, trying to help a daughter on the other side of the world! Although we knew the Marines and Sailors at MCAS would help, we were overwhelmed with their kindness: from finding her lost on base, to a most thorough checkup and diagnosis, and assuring that she had a place to stay the night, they were wonderful! My daughter now has a renewed appreciation for the military and the importance of her dependent's ID card (she was only 6 when we retired!)

Please express our thanks to the Officer in Charge of the medical clinic! Semper Fi



MAN ON THE STREET

What would you like to be for Halloween?



"I'm going to be Flash Gordon because he's a superhero and I have the costume now."

Logan Olson, 5



"I'm going to be a vampire cheerleader because they can turn into bats and they're really cool."

Kathryn Fry, 7



"I want to be the grim reaper because it's cool and I want to get a lot of candy."

Thomas Coakley, 11

Halloween safety tips

Trick or treating aboard the Air Station is from 5-7 p.m., Oct. 31.

- Costumes should be flame-resistant, brightly colored or have reflective markings.
- Masks should be easily seen through. Nontoxic face paint can be used instead of a mask to improve visibility and provide adequate ventilation.
- Swords, knives and similar costumes accessories should be made of soft, flexible material.
- Children should stay primarily in their own neighborhoods, well-lighted areas and use flashlights.
- Children should walk on sidewalks and not in the streets and cross roads at crosswalks or street corners. Do not walk between parked vehicles.
- Only homes with porch lights turned on should be approached and children should never enter homes or walk away with strangers.
- Before children go out, plan a route and an estimated time of return.
- An adult or responsible teenager must accompany small children.
- Candy should be thoroughly examined by an adult before anything is eaten. If there is evidence that treats have been tampered with, contact PMO immediately.

Registering guests for "Trick or treating"

1. SOFA personnel may sponsor guests (up to ten per family). All guests must be escorted by their sponsor.
2. MLC/IHA employees may sponsor their immediate family members (i.e. children, spouses).
3. Sponsors must meet their guests at the Contractor Gate.
4. Guests' vehicles must not park in the barracks area or in housing.
5. Sponsors need to preregister their guests at the PMO Administrative Section, Building 608 prior to noon, Friday.
6. "Trick or Treating" will be limited to the housing areas ONLY. BOQ's, BEQ's and office spaces will be off limits.
7. From 5-7 p.m., Sunday, Air Station residents will not be permitted to sign guests aboard the installation unless they have been preregistered with the PMO Administration Section.
- For more information contact the PMO Administration Section at 253-3609 or the PMO Crime Prevention Section at 253-3287.

Local students learn lessons through charitable actions

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Matthew C. Perry High School 8th grade history students learning about the cooperation that takes place between nations, took their lesson one step further by becoming ambassadors to children of Afghanistan recently.

Gunnery Sgt. James Paradowsky, currently deployed to Afghanistan, notified the school of a need for clothing and supplies. Paradowsky has children enrolled in the Perry schools and thought the schools could help gather donations. The students, currently working a lesson on humanitarian aid, decided to make a project of the request.

"It's teaching them about responsibility," said Joann Sellers, 8th grade teacher. "It's also teaching them about sharing and contributing to a country in need."

Helping the Afghan children is teaching the children another life lesson, self-confidence and self-worth.

"I think it's cool because we get to do something to help even though we are only kids," said 13 year-old Sammie Dignazio.

The children are helping out by gathering everyday supplies needed by the Afghani children.

"We've been packing clothes, school supplies, bathroom supplies, underclothes, toys, shoes and food," said Letitia Redick, 13.

Dignazio is helping out even more. "I want to set up a table outside the commissary so that shoppers can donate food that we can send out."

The school principal sees something that some educators would say is seldom seen in the classroom, eagerness.

"The kids are really eager to do this," said Alice Berard, principal of Matthew C. Perry High School. "The students are happy to help any way they can.



Cpl. Anthony D. Pike

8th grade humanitarian ambassador Letitia Redick tapes a box of supplies to send to children in Afghanistan.

This is the first time any of the students have helped a community outside the local Iwakuni area. I think it's also nice that the students know they can make a difference."

To donate items or for more information about helping Afghani children, contact 7th or 8th grade students of U.S. History, World Geography, or stop by Room 202 of Matthew C. Perry High School.

NEWS BRIEFS

MALS-12 HAUNTED HOUSE

Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12 is hosting its annual haunted house from Oct. 28-31, at the old MAG/Headquarters building from 7-10 p.m..

NEW BRANCH MEDICAL CLINIC WORK HOURS

Beginning Nov. 5, to ensure greater access to primary care managers and other medical specialties, the clinic will be changing its training days from Fridays to Wednesdays, offering medical appointments on Friday afternoons. Late evening clinic remains in effect every Thursday 4-7 p.m. Call 253-3374 or 253-3379 to book an appointment.

WARRIOR APPRECIATION DINNER

There will be free dinner for Marines and Sailors returning from combat areas Nov. 20, 6 p.m. in the Club Iwakuni Ballroom. RSVP should be made to Stephanie Sutton at 253-5762 before Nov. 8. Childcare is provided so that the service members and their spouses can attend.

DRIVER'S IMPROVEMENT COURSE

The DIC date for November has been changed from Tuesday to Monday. Call the Station Safety Center at 253-6381 for more information.

Crash Fire Rescue trains Thai counterparts

Marines teach unique procedures for F/A-18s

CL. DAVID REVERE
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ROYAL THAI AIR FORCE BASE, Korat — The Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 Crash, Fire, and Rescue unit bridged language and cultural boundaries, Oct. 22nd, teaching their counterparts from the Royal Thai Air Force Base here F/A-18 disarming and securing procedures.

The Marines enjoyed a newfound brotherhood as they demonstrated specific safety checks and went through simulated disarming drills for the fighter jet.

"There's an unspoken trust between firefighter's that language can't deteriorate," said Cpl. Jozef F. Senna III.

Senna led the training, using a wide array of hand signals for the benefit of his Thai-speaking audience.

"The concept of it is pretty universal," he said. "It's similar to the F/15s and F/5s that they work on here."

The airmen had the chance to practice disarming procedures such as pinning, securing chaffs and flares, and checking hot brakes.

"We showed them all the basic things they'll be doing since they'll eventually be getting (F/A-18s)," said Lance Cpl. Lewis Parker Meza. "The more they know about them the safer it will be when they actually get here." Meza said he appreciated the enthusiasm the airmen expressed.

"I know if I had the chance to work



Cpl. David Revere

Marines and their Thai counterparts gather around an F/A-18 to learn about the crash, fire, rescue techniques specific to the aircraft.

on a new bird, I'd be pretty excited about it too," he said. "Firefighters are a really tight group. They're really accepting of us here and we've been connecting with them a lot."

"It's great knowing that someone else in a completely different part of the world has the same job as you and are able to relate to you through that," affirmed PFC Brad A. Hunt.

The importance of strong relationships remains critical as United States military aircraft continue to land at RTAF.

"RTAF is a mutual base," said Meza. "American military aircraft come here a lot. These guys need to know what to do in the event (of an American aircraft landing). They need to know how to properly handle an

emergency, and we're the only ones who really come here and work with them hand in hand."

It's a unique position that gives these Marines both a memorable experience and an important responsibility.

"It's really an experience of a lifetime," summed up Senna.

Spammers infiltrate government e-mail

CL. DAVID REVERE
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"Congratulations! You are the winner of a new desktop PC!"

So reads a popular spam e-mail, which also solicits a subscription and merchandise purchase. As more people use e-mail, marketers are increasingly using e-mail messages to pitch their products and services. Some consumers find unsolicited commercial e-mail annoying and time consuming; others have lost money or contracted computer viruses from bogus offers that arrived in their e-mail in box.

According to Gunnery Sgt. Anaiz Stinson, Station information assurance manager, government e-mail is no longer immune to spam.

"People are putting their government e-mails out on the Web," said Stinson. "Spammers can do a scan of certain Web sites where you may have registered for something and collect addresses."

According to the Federal Trade Commission Web site, this problem is best dealt with by limiting e-mail usage to within the local area of work.

"Try not to display your e-mail address in public," the Web site states. "That includes newsgroup postings, chat rooms, Web sites or in an online service's membership directory. You may want to opt out of member directories for your online services; spammers may use them to harvest addresses."

Stinson affirmed the advice, noting the increase in spam even here.

"Every time that we send e-mail outside this base, even Okinawa, people can actually capture that information and gather e-mail addresses," she said. "They can extract whatever they want."

Stinson offers some practical advice for government employees currently under spam attack.

"You can create a new folder in your in box and direct everything with a dot com, dot net, or dot org extension to go there," she said.

By clicking "Rules Wizard" under the Tools menu in Microsoft Outlook, government e-mail users can send e-mail to a specified folder, thereby diminishing the clutter from their inbox, and more importantly, decreasing the chance of contracting a virus.

"Viruses are the biggest problem when it comes to the spam," said Stinson. "Spammers will send e-mails with viruses attached to them. Some of these e-mails, just by the act of opening them, will enact a virus. This is where we ask people to be vigilant. You have to ensure your virus definition is up to date."

The virus blocking software referred to is installed on every government computer aboard the Station. This software is enacted by double clicking the gold shield icon on the right side of the Windows menu bar and selecting a drive to scan for viruses. It's an action Stinson suggests performing at least once a week.

Still, according to Stinson, the greatest protection is afforded by remaining vigilant with incoming e-mail.

"Don't open up e-mails that you are not expecting," said Stinson. "People are always learning how to work the system and spread viruses through spam."

For further questions about spam e-mail and how to protect your account, call the Information Systems Management Office at 253-6411.

Prevention class to enhance relationships

STORY AND PHOTOS BY
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Family advocacy officials, chaplains and other counselors attended a three-day Prevention and Relationship Enhancement Program (PREP) instructor trainer course Oct. 20-22 in the hopes of providing Station couples the proper skills for improving their relationships.



Dr. Dena Hulbert, PREP instructor trainer, came to the Station Oct. 20-22 to train counselors and chaplains in the fundamentals of the PREP course.

The PREP course is designed to prevent divorce and enhance communication and problem-solving skills associated with relationships, according to Dr. Dena Hulbert, PREP instructor trainer.

"The PREP course is heavily based on 27 years worth of research," said Hulbert. "We teach with a two-prong attack, minimize divorce and maximize relationship."

In order for Station residents to receive this type of instruction, counselors and chaplains spent the better part of three days learning the techniques and procedures that have made the PREP class so popular.

"The course has been fantastic and I believe anyone who takes this class will greatly benefit from what they learn in it," said Cmdr. Donald P. Fix, command chaplain.

According to studies conducted by PREP, couples that have taken the PREP course have lower rates of premarital breakup and post marital divorce. In one study in Germany, 3 percent of the PREP couples had divorced at a five year follow up while 16 percent



Participants of the three-day Prevention and Relationship Enhancement Program (PREP) instructor course learned the techniques in preventing divorce and enhancing problem-solving skills.

of couples who received traditional premarital counseling (or no premarital counseling) had divorced.

"This course is highly recommended for anyone who is dating, engaged or married. It doesn't matter how long you have been together. You can always learn something new," said Hulbert.

The PREP classes for couples will begin this month with one class every

other month. Each class will run for two days.

"The best way to describe this class is like a tool belt," said Fix. "When you have a problem to fix, all you have to do is reach down and grab the tool taught here to fix it."

For more information on PREP contact the Chaplain's Office at 253-55218 or Marine Family Team Building at 253-3143.

Speech contest brings about better understanding and communication

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Combat Correspondent

It was a very frightening experience, but more than 60 people faced their fears and succeeded at something they can all be proud of — they gave a speech in front of hundreds of strangers. The real accomplishment is they did it in a foreign language.

On Oct. 24 the 43rd Annual Japanese-American Society's Speech Contest took place at Shinfonia Iwakuni.

"Language is obviously the most important means of communication between people," stated Nathan Gelder, president of JAS. Gelder, a 28-year-old native of Salem, Oregon, went on to explain that JAS was about getting to know different cultures and that language was an important bridge between cultures.

The station chaplain, Cmdr. Donald Fix, opened

the contest with a reference to President Ronald Reagan's inaugural address of 1981 when Reagan stated America had the right to "heroic dreams." Fix pointed out that giving a public speech in a foreign language was indeed a heroic dream for many students.

The 60 contestants were divided into eight categories. Five of them — elementary lower grades (1-3), elementary upper grades (4-6), junior high school, high school and adult — were for Japanese people giving speeches in English. Three categories — elementary, high school and adult — were for Americans giving speeches in Japanese. The contestants were judged on five areas: content of the speech, pronunciation, expression, posture and the participants' understanding of the content of their speech.

This year, the contest had two new features. The first was a cash prize instead of trophies. First prize

winners got \$100, second place winners received \$50, and third place was \$30. The second feature was a small reception afterwards where contestants and others could meet and chat.

While everyone was nervous, it was obvious they enjoyed the event.

"It's good for the community," said Ashleigh Pipes, a 29-year-old native of Chattanooga, Tenn.

Pipes spent a month preparing for the event, which she entered after her Japanese teacher at Iwakuni Fukushi Kaikan encouraged her to try. "It gave me a good incentive to study," said Pipes.

Five members of the air station community took home prizes from the event. Michael Curtin, 8, took second place while Ana Gabriela, 6, took first prize in the elementary school division. In the high school category, Jessica Figueroa (age 14) won second prize and Sarah Mayer (age 15) won first prize. Asleigh Pipes took second prize in the adult category.

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ing that state.

Proctor added, "Each person can submit as many greetings as he or she wants. You can send holiday greetings to your parents, in-laws, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles and anyone who is a relative as long as you have their city, state and ZIP code. You can craft one or 100 greetings."

This is the fifth year for the program and Proctor said that, "Newspaper editors are very receptive to printing the greetings for their hometown troops. The only real concern they've expressed to us about the program is that they don't receive enough, or any, greetings for their circulation area."

For more information about the Print Holiday Greeting Program, you can contact your installation MCCS Library program or check out the HometownLink Web site at <http://hn.afnews.af.mil>. Don't forget the site is only accessible from a government computer system.

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any time. Recently, it changed in the Philippines due to the upcoming presidential elections. So, you need to keep track of what's going on," said Mallari.

An important tip Mallari keeps in mind when in another country is to blend into the surroundings the best way possible.

"You never know what could happen and you need to be prepared. If you follow the force protection plan accordingly, you should be just fine," said Mallari.

For more information regarding traveling to other countries, contact Redmon at 253-3471.

Marines prepare for Corps' biggest celebration

STORY AND PHOTOS BY
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As the Marine Corps Ball approaches, Marines and their guests prepare uniforms and gowns, make hair appointments and arrange for a baby sitter. All this is important for those attending the ball – but who prepares the ceremony and the ballroom?

Two weeks prior to the first ball, Marines from the various units on Station are knee-deep in practicing, to ensure the Ball goes off without a hitch. There is much to prepare, any Marine who has attended a Ball before can recall the sword detail, the cake detail and the uniform pageant. Without these simple, but important parts of the Ball, we would fail to recognize those who have served before, leaving us a legacy in which to build upon.



Sergeant Maj. Roland Daniel, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, points out movements to members of the sword detail before the rehearsal began at the IronWorks Gym.



Gunnery Sgt. Victor Velasquez, Marine Wing Support Squadron 171, practices sword manual in preparation for the upcoming Marine Corps Balls. The Station is hosting three ceremonies this year in the IronWorks Gym.



Members of the uniform pageant will carry rifles from the period they represent along with wearing the appropriate uniform from the time.



From left to right, Cpl. Sheena Dowd, Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12, Sgt. Darryle Huchins, and Lance Cpl. Chaundrick Zeigler, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, check out gear they will need for the ceremony.



Lance Cpl. William Liggett, Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 212, tries on his uniform as part of the uniform pageant representing the different uniforms worn over the Corps' 229-year history.



1st Lt. Elizabeth Vasquez, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron and other members of the sword detail find their positions during a ceremony rehearsal.

Sergeant Maj. Roland Daniel, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, and Sergeant Maj. David Allison, Marine Corps Air Station, double check the plans during ceremony rehearsal.



Sergeant Tia Glover, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, practices 'Present sword' during the ceremony rehearsals.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

EDUCATION

Test Schedule
Tuesdays/Fridays - CLEP, DSST
November 8 -DLAB
November 10 -DLPT
November 17 -ASVAB
November 18 -EDPT
November 22 -SAT
November 29 -ACT
 For more information call 253-3855.

CHRO

CHRO Training
 ■ **Family Member Local Employment Orientation:** Nov. 10, 8-9 a.m.
 ■ **RESUMIX:** Nov. 10, 9:30-10:30 a.m.
 ■ **Outbound Family Member Priority Placement Program:** Nov. 10, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. For more information and nomination,

call 253-6828 or send e-mail to shiomuram.jp@iwakuni.usmc.mil. Classes will be held at CHRO training room, Building one, Room 102.

MCCS

CRMC Classes (253-6439)
 ■ **Transition Assistance Program:** Monday through Nov. 5, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
 ■ **Teaching English Tips:** Nov. 16, 9-10:30 a.m.

Club Iwakuni
 ■ **Hip-Hop And R&B Dance Party:** Today, 8 p.m. all ranks in the Club Iwakuni Ballroom. Call 253-3727 for details.
 ■ **Latin Dance Party:** Saturday, 9 p.m. in the Club Iwakuni Ballroom. Call 253-3727 for more information.
 ■ **Club Iwakuni Closed During USMC Birthday Balls:**

Club Iwakuni will be closed for lunch and dinner Thursday, Nov. 5 and 6 to help prepare for the Marine Corps Birthday Balls held at the IronWorks Gym. The Eagle's Nest and all lounges will be open for business and maintain regular hours of operation. Call 253-5416 for more information.

MCX (253-5641)
 ■ **Intimate Apparel Sale:** Now through Oct. 31. On select items, buy one and receive 50 percent off a second item of equal or lesser value.

Single Marine Program (253-3585)
 ■ **Dinner Night Out Yakniku:** Saturday, 6 p.m. \$10 transportation. Bring plenty of yen for food.
 ■ **Halloween Party:** Sunday, 6 p.m. A costume contest and lots of tournaments, games, food and door prizes.

School Age Center (253-4769)
 ■ **Power Hour Party:** Nov. 5, 4-5 p.m. Come party with us and discuss your successes.

Youth & Teen Center (253-6454)
 ■ **Monthly Birthday Party:** Saturday, 3-5 p.m. Celebrate your birthday with cake and ice cream for everyone as we honor

our members born this month.
 ■ **Passport To Manhood Meeting:** Sunday, 3-5 p.m. Males ages 13-18 are invited to the Teen Center for plenty of free food and an afternoon of fun.
 ■ **Fukuoka Canal City Trip:** Nov. 6, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sign-up before Thursday.

MCFTB (253-3754)
 ■ **Spouses Of Deployed Service Members Get-together:** Thursday, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Yujo Hall.

Children's Halloween Pizza Party
 Saturday, 12-4 p.m. at the MAC Dome. Free for all the Station residents and their guests. Carnival food is available for a small fee. Entertainment includes a balloon artist, face painting, costume contest, giant air bouncers and more. Call 253-3727 for more details.

Marine Corps Birthday Ball Shuttle Bus
 A shuttle bus will run from the Hornet's Nest and other designated locations to the IronWorks Gym, Thursday through Nov. 6, from 4:30 p.m. until the ball ends. For more information, call 253-3585.

Children's Story Time
 Fridays, 10-11 a.m. Come and listen to stories and enjoy activities such as singing and crafts. For children up to five-years-old who are accompanied by an adult. Call 253-3078 to confirm or for more details.

COMMUNITY

Dinner Of Thanksgiving
 The Protestant women of the Chapel invite the women of MCAS Iwakuni to a dinner of Thanksgiving Thursday, 6 p.m. in Yujo Hall. Everything will be provided. Call Kimberly at 253-2690 if you can attend.

Harvest Festival
 This festival is scheduled to be held Sunday, 4-7 p.m. at Penny Lake. There will be hot dogs, hamburgers, fun games and a lot of treats. Dress in fun costumes but not scary. Call Carol Nash at 253-5218 for further information.

Crime Stoppers
 If you have any information pertaining to a crime please call "Crime Stoppers" at 253-3333. Crime Stoppers is an answering service designed for anonymous callers to give information that would assist the Provost Marshal's Office in solving and preventing crime.

Iwakuni Toastmasters
 Toastmasters (TM) International provides an excellent opportunity to learn and practice proper public speaking and invaluable leadership skills. The TM experience also looks very good on your resume. The class meets every 2nd Thursday evening and 4th Friday at lunch. Japanese with intermediate or better English skills are welcome. Call Sallie Donahue at 253-5328 for more information.

Service Celebrated



Representing 120 years of service to Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni and the Government of Japan are from left to right, Shinji Yonemoto, Logistics; Hitomi Yamaguchi, Logistics; Yoshio Morita, S-6; and Mitsuo Kobayashi, Logistics. There were six employees recognized for 30 years of service and 104 received awards for 20 and 10 years of service at a Length of Service Awards Ceremony Oct. 16 at Club Iwakuni.

Lance Cpl. Brian M. Henner

Iwakuni gamers making a racquet

STORY AND PHOTOS BY
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Bob Nelson serves during a racquetball game at the IronWorks Gym.

There's more to the IronWorks Gym than just free weights, swimming and aerobics. The Gym also hosts the Iwakuni Racquetball Club whose members are found there almost daily.

The club is open to any person who can access the Gym and is open to all skill levels.
 "We have about 25 people in the club who range in skill from beginners to very good," said Bob Nelson, club president.

"The main purpose of the club is to give people who want to learn access to people who play a lot. We're not a formal class, but when you have someone who is experienced they can teach little things such as how to hold a racket. Also when you play people who are better than you, your skill level improves."

Although the Iwakuni Racquetball Club does not

host any tournaments, they do help prepare the members with good competition.

"We have a competition ladder in the club," said Nelson. "The ladder helps us prepare for a tournament. We also offer more competition than a regular pickup game allows."

Being a club, these racquetball players also build camaraderie amongst themselves.

"There is a small membership fee, you're basically paying for a t-shirt," said Nelson. "The money goes toward our functions. We usually have one a quarter as a farewell for people leaving. Those who are leaving have to play everybody else in the club. We usually have a barbeque along with that."

Keeping these members going everyday is more than just the competition offered, it's also a great workout.

"It's great exercise," said Lloyd Davis, clinical psychologist. "I can play in inclement weather, it is relatively cheap and I do not suffer injuries. It's great cardio and it's low impact."

Other members agree that the club offers great competition as well as a good workout.

"I got serious about indoor racket ball once I got here back in April of 2002," said Julio D' Trinidad,



Keeping the ball in play, Bob Nelson returns the serve while playing racquetball during his lunch break.

Marine Wing Support Squadron 171. "When you first start playing it's fun. Once you have played for a while and learn all the rules it becomes a true challenge. Plus it's a great way to work up a sweat."

Because of the relative low impact of racquetball, most people can play after having given up on contact sports.

"It's a game you can play your whole life," said Nelson. "We have people in the club who are in their 60s."

For more information on the club, contact Bob Nelson at 253-5364.



Jim Davis plays a pick up game of racquetball at the IronWorks Gym.

IWAKUNI SPORTS SCENE

OCTOBER 30 BIKE RACE FOR ALL AGES

Children race for five kilometers and adults for 38 kilometers around the Station. The race begins at the Crossroads Mall Amphitheater. No registration required. Children must be at least 7-years-old and check in at 7:30 a.m. for the 8 a.m. race. Adults check in at 8:30 a.m. for the 9 a.m. race. Males and females compete separately in one of seven age groups. For details, call Chief Petty Officer Robinson at 253-6148 or e-mail robinsonr@iwakuni.usmc.mil.

WATER SAFETY INSTRUCTOR CLASS

Monday through Nov. 5, 5-9 p.m. at the IronWorks Gym indoor pool. The Station residents and immediate family members learn how to teach swimming for \$100. Participants who complete the course will be certified to teach American Red Cross swim classes. For details, call Kari Hemund at 253-5520.

SKILLS BASKETBALL CONTEST COACHES MEETING

Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. in the IronWorks Gym Wellness Room. Call 253-5777 for more information.

INTRAMURAL WRESTLING TOURNAMENT

Weight-ins are Nov. 18, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Nov. 20, 9 a.m., in the IronWorks Gym. Call Keith Carr at 253-5777 to sign-up or further information.

CHILI SLIP-N-SLIDE SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

Sample some great chili and enjoy a softball tournament. Softball and chili fans compete Nov. 13 at Penny Lake Field. Participants in the chili contest need not play softball to enter. Both contests are open to the Station residents. Softball players must be at least 16-years-old; those younger than 18 need written parental consent. Call 253-5777 to sign-up.

CHAPEL SERVICES

Roman Catholic

Saturday	4:30 p.m.	Confession
	5:30 p.m.	Mass
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Mass
	10:45 a.m.	CCD

Protestant

Sunday	8 a.m.	Non-Denominational Christian Worship Service
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School/ Adult Bible Fellowships
	11 a.m.	Gospel Worship Service

Cooperative Chapel Ministries

3rd Saturday 8 a.m. Men's Fellowship Breakfast

LAY LED SERVICES

Church of Christ

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
Wednesday	7 p.m.	Bible Study

Seventh-Day Adventist

2nd & 4th Saturdays
 9:30 a.m. Sabbath School/Worship

Jewish

Every other Friday
 6:30 p.m. Shabbat

Latter Day Saints

Sunday	1 p.m.	Priesthood/RS Meeting
	2 p.m.	Sunday School
	3 p.m.	Sacrament

For information regarding divine services, religious education or any other Command Religious Program/Chapel activity, call the Station Chapel at 253-5218.

Lady Samurai host Zama, Sasebo

STORY AND PHOTOS BY
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Matthew C. Perry high school hosted a girls volleyball tournament Oct. 23 and 24 for teams from Zama High School and E.J. King High School, Sasebo.

The action started Oct. 23rd with Sasebo battling M.C. Perry junior varsity for a quick three-game win. The King Cobras then took on the Zama Trojans for a win in the fifth game after tying at two a piece. The Perry Samurais varsity squad took the floor and quickly won the first two games against Zama, but lost the last three.

Continuing the set and spike Oct. 24th, Perry junior varsity battled Sasebo winning in the last three games of five for the only Perry victory of the weekend.

Still anticipating their first win this season, the Samurai held their ground to the bitter end with a disappointing loss to Zama. While Zama swept the match, Perry managed to hold the last two wins to four and two points.

"We're a young team," said Tom Herrmann, coach and AP physics/biology teacher. "Records don't really mean a lot to us."

Herrmann himself is a first-year coach for Perry volleyball, having been a wrestling coach previously. Of the 12 young women on the team, only three are returning from the previous year.

"The girls practice real hard.



Matthew C. Perry's Lady Samurais battled the Zama High School varsity volleyball squad in competition, Oct. 23.

They're young and most are new, but they've got a lot of heart," he said.

With the aid of five assistant coaches, Herrmann has dedicated many hours to shaping the Perry girl's volleyball team.

"Some of our girls are playing with injuries," said Assistant Principal Kevin O'Brien. "You've got to hand it to them. They really play with a lot of heart and they've really improved this season."



Lady Samurai Erika Fleming, left, and Christina Sindac prepare for the serve while coach Tom Herrmann and the rest of the Perry Volleyball squad wait anxiously.

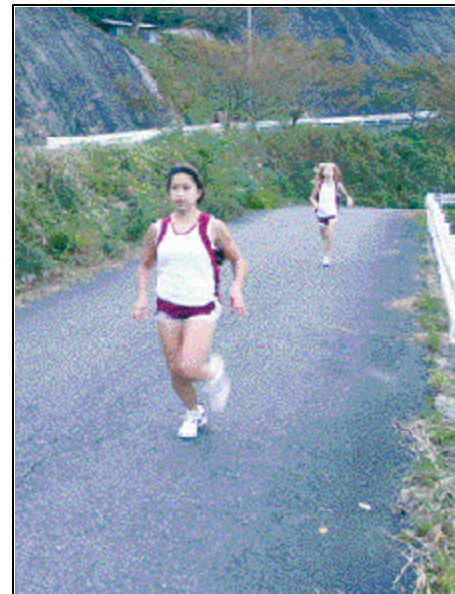


Dana Garland jumps in defense of a Zama spike during the Perry High School Volleyball meet.



The Lady Samurai gather around coach Tom Herrmann during a time-out while assistant coach Kerry Briggs looks on.

Samurai Sprint toward All-Stars



Maj. Robert Funk

Samurai Cross Country Team Member Spring Siaw, practices at Yasaka Dam in an effort to qualify for the Far East All-Star honors. Following closely behind is fellow teammate, Amanda Stintzman. The Cross Country team earned two top ten honors at the Department of Defense Dependent Schools Japan Meet in Tama Hills, Tokyo, Oct. 16. Senior and Team Captain Justin Biskup placed 4th overall with a time of 16:31, and freshman Cynthia Ortiz placed 8th among all DoDDS girls. In dual meets with E. J. King High School in Sasebo, Justin Biskup and Cynthia Ortiz placed first, while in another dual meet with E. J. King High School, sophomore Richard Redick placed first and Cynthia Ortiz placed first.