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## Checkerboards move pieces aboard Station for six-month deployment

LANCE CPL. LUKAS J. BLOM Combat Correspondent

Manpower and Reserve Affairs

**BRYAN DRIVER** 

The Checkerboards of Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 312 are once again calling the Station home after a 14-year hiatus from Iwakuni following their arrival here, July 18. The Checkerboards, who hail from

well the changes military families experience when ser-

vice members deploy and return home. Marine Corps

ing resources geared to managing change. Perhaps you are anticipating changes associated with reassignment, relocation, deployment, or reunion change. They can also connect you with other sup-OUANTICO. Va. — If there is one thing Marines and with family; or maybe you are anticipating one of life's port services in your community. their families are accustomed to, it is change. You milestones such as marriage, birth of a child, or retirechange jobs, homes, communities, and schools far more ment. Whatever your situation, there are resources often than most Americans do. You know only too available to help with the challenges change brings.

provides useful resources such as workshops and re- ing with issues common to managing change, visit Community Services OneSource this month is featur- location assistance. Both the Marine and Family Ser- MCCS OneSource Online.



stretch under the current Unit Deploy- 312 maintenance controller. "We were a prepared for.

18A+ and 200 Marines, VMFA-312 most every major operation in recent brings a long distinguished history of years." operational proficiency.



help cut the SRT: Station SWAT git'

GOAT's got game title in heated champion-IronWorks Gym, June 26.

# Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort S.C., apart from any other squadron," said ries a daunting operational tempo,

A. Knueppel, Marine All-Weather

Fighter Attack Squadron 121, ord-

nance division noncommissioned

officer in charge. "The air crew can

run simulations but they can't simu-

late the bomb coming off the air-

tem functional checks and electrical system check, which are shop," said Quigley. essential to making sure bombs deploy properly. "We have a lot of responsibilities out here," said Sgt. Joshua

ment Program.

Along with approximately 12 F/A-

"Our (VMFA-312) history sets us boards' mission is multi faceted and car-





# Dangerous goods delivered down under



Cpl. Robert W. Pippin, Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12 ordnance gun technician, installs an exit unit on the M61A2 gun system

craft and what it does to the aircraft itself without ordnance." D. Quigley, VMFA (AW)-121 ordnance line chief. "Maintain-

Although the atmosphere is a little more hectic in Australia, it's definitely beneficial to the training of younger Marines.

Unlike most deployments, Southern Frontier is unique because the ordnance section is made up from two units, Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 212 and VMFA (AW)-121.

"We have two squadrons out here and the best way for the new guys to learn their job is to be out here loading all these for maintaining aircraft components, performing routine sys- different types of bombs, so maybe one day they can lead the

"We are a small piece of the pie, but we are definitely an essential piece," said Knueppel.

part of operations in Korea, Bosnia, the Persian Gulf. We've participated in al-

are deployed here for a six-month Staff Sgt. Christopher J. French, VMFA- which the Marines of VMFA-312 are

"While we're out here, we're going to work on unit level training requirements, which give us the ability to gain qualifications for pilots and keep over-While stationed here the Checker- all readiness at a high level," said Capt. see CHECKERS Page 4

MCCS, Military OneSource gears up for change in August

vice Center and MCCS OneSource consultants have information and can offer assistance for managing

This month MCCS OneSource is featuring the CD, Working Through Times of Change. You can order a free copy online at http://www.mccsonesource.com/. Your installation Marine and Family Service Center For more information and helpful suggestions for deal. .

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**OPINION** 

## Is there any good luck in this world?

able-bodied youth that they found there

Can you identify with some of these

experiences? Some times, you may feel

do not know. Being born in any given

family, city or country can be considered

vou feel the same way. Perhaps you got

the right numbers in the lottery. Can these

situations determine your status? Good

luck? Or perhaps, bad luck? Who knows?

trying to figure out if the events of our all gifts.

cessed?

tion

When they saw the farmer's son with his

luck? Bad luck? Who knows?

Some weeks later, the Army marched in your "own" story we can grow in trust

of us with no limits all the time

to attain "Psalm 139.1-6

on the spot. For issues that cannot be immediately addressed,

the customer can expect a follow-up phone call from the

5. Can we, the community, receive a detailed list of what

Yes, a follow-up list of items addressed at the Buyer's

6. Can there be an alternate Buyer's Forum after work-

Yes, we regularly hold Buyer's Forum's on a quarterly

7. What items can patrons' request? How long does it

Suggestions may be made for any of our departments in

the Main Exchange and Seven Day stores. Suggestions are

reviewed prior to ordering to ensure orders are placed for

merchandise that best meets the needs of the MCX cus-

tomer and Station community. Due to our overseas location,

basis. We are more than happy to adjust the time to better

patrons requested and how those requests are being pro-

Forum will be provided to the Torii Teller for future publica-

ing hours so more community members can attend?

take for items to be received once requested?

The Holy Scripture tells us: "Lord, you

when I sit and stand (in all human activ-

ity); you understand my thoughts from

afar. My journeys and my rest you scruti-

Even before a word is on my tongue, be-

hold, O Lord, you know the whole of it.

Enjoy your family, friends, faith and

personal gifts you have received. The

chapel staff is ready to support you and

For a moment of prayer counseling

into the village and conscripted every of the Lord who cares and loves each one

broken leg, they let him off. Was that good have probed me, you know me; you know

it's bad luck or good luck, or simply you nize, with all my ways you are familiar.

good luck bad luck or who knows? Hay- Behind me and before you hem me in and

ing Permanent Change of Station orders rest your hand upon me. Such knowledge

to Iwakuni or any other place may make is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me

Often times, we spend a lot of energy help you to 'connect' with the Creator of

through every situation? In this story or the chapel anytime or call 253-3371.

buyer within 1-2 working days.

meet our patrons' busy schedules.

CMDR. ALFONSO CONCHA Station Chaplain

Chaplain's Corner:

There is a Chinese story of an old farmer who had an old horse for tilling his field On one occasion the horse escaped into the hills and when all the farmer's neighbors heard about it, they sympathized with the old man over his "bad luck." The farmer simply responded, "Bad luck? Good luck? Who knows?"

A couple of weeks later the horse returned with a herd of wild horses from the hill, and the neighbors congratulated him on his 'good luck.' Then, the farmer said: "Bad luck? Good luck? Who knows?"

As the story continues, Phillip, the farmer's son, was attempting to tame one of the wild horses. He fell off its back and broke his leg. Everyone thought this was bad luck. Not the farmer. His only reac- lives are a blessing or a curse. How much tion was: "Good luck? Bad luck? Who better is it to realize that the Lord loves us relaxation or fellowship, please stop by

#### Ask the Inspector quest items? We make every effort to answer questions or concerns

MAJ. MATTHEW D. RAZVILLAS Station Inspector

These are commonly asked auestions about the Buyer's Forum on base and answered by Mr. Matthew Niedzwiecki. Iwakuni, head of retail.

#### 1. What is a Buyer's Forum?

A Buyer's Forum is a medium for the community to communicate with the Retail merchandise buyers and the management of the Retail Branch

#### 2. What is the goal of the Buyer's forum?

The goal of the buyer's forum is to gain feedback from the community for future merchandise assortments, identify areas that are doing well, as well as, areas that may need additional attention

#### 3. When and where is the Buyer's Forum? The next Buyer's Forum will be Wednesday, Aug. 17 at the front atrium of the Marine Corps Exchange from 3:00-5:00

4. What feedback will be given to the patron's who re- orders may take upwards of 60 days to reach Iwakuni.

## CHATTERBOX-

"Together, we used approximately \$8 million dollars worth of energy last year here at Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni. By exercising a few steps, together we can cut the energy bill by a significant amount! So we here at the Torii Teller hit the streets once again to ask ..."

#### What energy saving tips around the house and workplace do you know to help make the Station's electrical bill cleaner and greener?



"The best way to conserve energy is to turn everything off when you're not around. Don't leave the refrigerator door open and don't leave the air condi tioning on when the windows and doors are open.



at the same time."



"Doing more outside activities drawsp eople away from electronics. The less electronics we use, way to conserve energy in the the less energy we consume."

Staff Set

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Philidelphia

Green out, lights off! Residents help Station save big bucks

### MICHELLE PERRY

NEWS

Volunteer Correspondent

The Station is always trying to find new and successful ways to conserve electricity. In 2004, approximately \$8 million was spent on electricity alone! Station residents need to be aware of how much money the base spends on electricity and what happens when the Station goes over the electricity limit. It is everyone's responsibility to do his or her part to conserve electricity.

The Green Out program has been in use since August 2000. Since then, this program has been promoted through the media, sporting events and through the children at school. During Energy Awareness Week, elementary school children are taught how to help conserve electricity and they pass the information to their parents.

"This is a voluntary program designed to help the limit," said Chief Petty Officer Richard Robinson, Sta-

occupied rooms, not to do washing or drying of clothes on the Station.' until after 5 p.m. and turning off lights that are not needed

The base has a contract with Chugoku Electric more than 13,800 kilowatts per hour. There are consequences if the limit of electricity is broken

"The result [of breaking the electricity limit] would be a penalty for us which could be thousands of dolmainder of the multi-year contract," Robinson pointed out. "No matter how small the amount we go over our C's to keep the house cool during the summer." limit it's still a breach of contract "

the station, even though residents don't pay for the 2nd Class Gerald K. Ridley, Headquarters and Headbill. By not conserving electricity, the Station has less quarters Squadron Conservation Auditor. "The lights money to spend on quality of life and morale type projects.

"The commanding officer of MCAS Iwakuni pays Station keep from breaking our electrical peak demand the electric bill each month out of his operations and maintenance fund " stated Robinson "The O&M fund tion Energy Manager, "We ask that all unnecessary also pays for the quality of life and morale projects on electrical items be shut off, A/C systems fan speeds be the Station as well. The more money spent on electricturned to low or shut off, turn off A/C systems in un- ity, means the less money available on improvements

## 10 Ways to Conserve Energy





"Turning off lights when you when you're not using them and leave an area, and spending more time outside is probably the best





Recently the Station underwent an Energy Evolution, which helped save a lot of energy and money. New air conditioners called "Heat Absorption Chill-Company, which states that the station will not use ers" were installed for all the Townhouses in Monzen and motion sensor lighting was installed in all the midrises stairwells and some offices.

"Heat absorption chiller units are more efficient and you can better monitor electricity consumption," lars plus our rates would possibly go up for the re- said Robinson. "The old type window A/C's used a lot more electricity and each townhouse had five or six A/

"The installment of motion sensor lighting helped Conserving electricity does affect every person on conserve a lot of electricity," explained Petty Officer stay on as long as motion is detected, but once somebody leaves the room and motion is no longer detected the lights automatically shut off"

> To find out more about Green Out programs or if you would like to install motion sensor light switches in your office contact Robinson at 253-6148.

Translation of this slory found on page 10. 本文定事の日本諸原は10ページを表明して下さい。

## **News Briefs**

### TRAVEL ADVISORY

Service members and their families are reminded that large activities will be taking place in conjunction with the anniversaries of the atomic bombings in Hiroshima and Nagasaki through Aug. 11. Visiting these historic sites is not recommended during this time If travel to these areas is necessary, service mem-

bers should avoid confrontations with protestors of political groups. Visitors should also be cautious when giving money to groups claiming to support bombing victims. Call 253-3303.

#### VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

Youth Sports needs volunteers for youth soccer and cheerleading coaches. Coaches training dates are Aug. 22 and 23, 5 p.m. in the IronWorks Gym Wellness Room. If interested, call 253-3239. Soccer season begins Sept. 10 and ends Nov. 12.

### FEMALE-SPECIFIC BOOTS NOW AVAILABLE AT EXCHANGE

Female-specific sized boots, ranging from sizes four to 11 are now available for purchase at the Marine Corps Exchange. If a Marine's specific size is unavailable, they can place an order for their size. For more information contact the Exchange at 253-5641 ask for Military Clothing.

### **RUNWAY RELOCATION PROJECT** SLOWS DOWN TRAFFIC ON BASE

One-lane traffic is required on Outer Drive and Magazine Road due to work on the runway relocation project today through the end of May 2006. The oneway traffic will be regulated by traffic signals during the nonworking hours.

### STARS AND STRIPES OFFERS CHANCE TO WIN 65" HDTV

Pick up a daily Stars and Stripes to vote for this year's Best of Pacific Magazine. One lucky reader will be selected to win a JVC 65" HD projection television as part of the campaign. Stars and Stripes must receive all ballots by Aug. 13 in order to be eligible. Contact marketing@pstripes.osd.mil for questions or

FEATURE

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## Summer camp intrigues young adventurers

LANCE CPL. LUKAS J. BLOM Combat Correspondent

Summer break - while school's out the only mission on most kids mind is having fun, at whatever cost. Rather than terrorizing the Station with errand baseballs flying through windows or games of tag in the middle of the street, a select group has come to the rescue and wrangled up the young "Dennis the Menace" clones for the summer.

Camp Adventure is a recreational summer program for children, between the ages of 4 to 12 years old, and is designed to give children the most enjoyable and memorable summer possible.

"This is a wonderful opportunity because a lot of the bases we go to can't provide enough child caregivers, so we come in and provide them with young energetic college students who are usually studying child development or education," said Brian Pauly, Station Camp Adventure project manager who the children know as Mr. Incredible, "We get all of these fun, energetic counselors to come in and bring a little magic into these kids' summer "

Camp Adventure counselors are each given the name of a cartoon character who they most resemble. With names like Miss Minnie Mouse, Mr. Incredible and Miss Daisy Duck, it's no wonder these kids look forward to their time at Camp Adventure each day.

"I really like Camp adventure because I have the coolest counselor ever, Miss Daisy Duck," said 5year-old Kaitlyn Fernandez, who has been going to Camp Adventure all summer. "She's so nice and does a lot of fun stuff'

Many activities are scheduled during the

Saturday from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Since there

will be a large number of vehicles in the area,

Station residents are encouraged to use public

transportation, walk or ride a bike. A cab ride

from the Main Gate to the festival should cost

approximately ¥1,500, but could be signifi-

cantly more depending on traffic congestion.

Bicycle parking will be available at the loca-

37th Annual Nishiki River Water Festival

The counselors are all college students who volunteered 10 weeks of their summer break to provide fond memories for more than 65 youth



Lance Cpl. Lukas J. Blor

Brian Pauly, Camp Adventure site director, known to the children as Mr. Incredible, gets buried in sand by his young campers at Oshima Island during one of Camp Adventure's field trips. caught

There are currently more than 900 college students taking on the role of Camp Adventure counselors in more than 20 different countries around the world

The young adventurers are treated to a field trip every Tuesday. Traveling to beaches, wave pools, aquariums and many more exciting destinations, the children's summer break is full of unforgettable experiences.

"This is definitely my favorite trip so far," said 5year-old Jeannie Dignazio, who had a distinct fondness for the wildlife at Oshima Beach during one of Camp Adventure's weekly field trips. "I found two starfish and one fish. I caught them all but my friend made me let them go because it was Mother Nature's fish, and I don't think they liked being

Not only do the counselors have the chance to enhance Station childrens' lives, but they also earn 12 college credits for their efforts "There are so many good things about this program," said Danielle Brown, Camp Adventure counselor known as Miss Minnie Mouse. "The travel, the kids and the local people have all been so great. I love kids and travel so this pretty much had my name written all over it."

Not only does Camp Adventure offer the day camp, but swimming lessons are also available. Although Camp Adventure is in its 7th week, parents are still able to sign their kids up. Space is verv limited

For more information contact the Youth Center at 253-4769.

#### CHECKERS from Page 1-

John Beichner, VMFA-312 F/A-18A+ pilot and avionics officer. "We're looking forward to providing (detachments) for training exercises in Okinawa, Osan, and possibly Guam so we can get the opportunity to work with the U.S. Air Force and foreign air forces." This deployment is also the first chance for many

young Marines within Squadron to hone their skills as Marines as well as in their specific jobs.

"This deployment is going to be a great training opportunity for us new guys, we'll finally get to load some ordnance," said Lance Cpl. Andre Acosta, VMFA-312 aviation ordnance technician, who is on his first deployment with the Checkerboards. "I've never been to Japan before, so I'm really exited to learn about the culture here."

The Checkerboards have also brought along a special guest for the six-month deployment, Royal Australian Air Force Flight Lt. Pete "Maverick" Mitchell, 77th Squadron pilot.

"This is an absolutely fantastic opportunity for me," said Maverick. "I'm the first Australian to deploy with the Marines to Japan. It's such a huge thing the Marines do, it makes my experience so much more beneficial to have the chance to see how they operate.

In their first weeks aboard the Station the Marines, and Australian guest, of VMFA-312 look forward to what they will accomplish in the next six months in Iwakuni

"When it's time to get the job done we work extremely hard and always complete our mission," said Acosta, "We don't mess around,"







Nishiki River Water Festival traffic advisory Saturday, Schedule of events August 6, 2005 9-9:30 a.m. Religious ceremony 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Treasure hunt 6:30-7 p.m.

Brass band concert 7-7:30 p.m. Miss Iwakuni announced 7:30-8 p.m. Drum performance 8-9:30 p.m. Fireworks

tions where two-wheel parking is identified

on the map. Station officials would like remind residents they are required to wear proper civilian

attire. There is no swimming in the river, and no personal use of fireworks is permitted during the festival. No tents, tarps or barbecues allowed, Boating, canoeing and camping are also prohibited during the festival.



LANCE CFL. JOHN S. RAFOSS Combat Correspondent

Tews coverage of current events in Iraq has made Improvised Explosive Devices, or IEDs, a household name throughout the world. On any given moment of any given day, an Internet news search will result in hundreds of hits with headlines that read "Marines killed in IED blast," or "Class prepares Marines for dangers of IEDs"

Constant real-world training combined with a quart or two of liquid steel running though their veins is what keeps the Station Explosive Ordnance Disposal on top of their game and more importantly,

Station Explosive Ordnance Disposal personnel recently participated in Exercise Active Shield alongside Japan Ground Self Defense Force 46th Infantry Regiment 13th Brigade Rangers at the U.S. Army 83rd Ordnance Battalion Ammunition Depot Kawakami, July

The training exercise involved EOD Marines, Warrant Officer Wesley C. Williams and Gunnery Sgt. Brian T. Eagmin working alongside JGSDF Rangers in a scenario involving a vehicle-borne IED. The EOD Marines were responsible for diffusing the IED.

In the scenario, the IED was in a vehicle which was parked in a blocked-off area. EOD personnel

were inserted via a JGSDF UH-1 helicopter.

"Our response time to get on the scene was 30 minutes," said Williams. "When we first got there JGSDF intelligence briefed us on the IED and the vehicle. We brought along a remote ordnance neutralizing system, Andros Robot, to help us out with the scenario."

The robot is designed for neutralizing any type of IED. "It is a lot better to be able to have the robot diffuse the bomb instead of EOD personnel down range. It's a lot safer," said Williams.

"However, when we got to the crisis site we did a recon down range and realized that we couldn't use the robot because of a malfunction, so we geared up in an 85-pound bomb suit, to do a hand entry in the vehicle," said Williams.

The suit used in the scenario is designed to withstand a one-pound blast of explosives one meter away. The suit has a communication system and a coolant system

Eagmin, with the suit on in 80degree weather, proceeded to dispose of the IED. He then removed the detonators and cut out the wires to the power source, diffusing the bomb.

"After it was over, we then realized we diffused the bomb with only five minutes left on the timer cutting it close," said Williams.

The exercise was considered a success

"JGSDF support was awesome, the entire area was secure," said Williams The intel brief in the beginning helped out a lot and the communication between one another was good."

According to Maj. Christopher W. Bushek, Station provost marshal, the Status of Forces Agreement mandates that in a real world contingency JGSDF will operate with U.S. forces and provide security for U.S military facilities in case of high alert

Because of the order, JGSDF and EOD train together in Exercise Active Shield because of the language barrier and different tactics.

"Both governments have agreed that we have the same mission, if we execute them at the same time and same place, we have to train together, otherwise it just wouldn't work " said Bushek





STORY AND PHOTOS BY LANCE CPL. JOHN S. RAFOSS Combat Correspondent

gives the good-to-go and the Marines rush.

U.S. Army 83rd Ordnance Battalion Ammunition Depot Kawakami, July 27.

The training exercise involved the SRT and JGSDF maneuvering through a simulated hostile situation in a hostage rescue scenario.

"All the scenarios in Exercise Active Shield were free-play," said Maj. Christopher W. Bushek, Station provost marshal. "SRT was given the situation and had to adapt, making the decisions on their own initiative."

JGSDF supplied SRT with aviation support so they could rappel out of a UH-1 helicopter next to the training site.

Once SRT hit the ground, they were picked up by a Ranger platoon and briefed on the situation using blue prints of the targets and positive identification of the suspects. They then prepared and planned the assault with the Rangers.

The assault took place in an everyday storage building, which was setup for the scenario. SRT and JGSDF made a joint entry rushing the building with their rifles locked and loaded with simulation rounds. SRT and JGSDF encountered five hostiles

LEFT: Two Station Special Reaction members rappel out of a Japan Ground Self Defense Force UH-1 Helicopter during Exercise Active Shield. TOP: Two Station Special Reaction Team members, a U.S. Army military policeman, and a Japan Ground Self Defense Force soldier prepare an assault in Exercise Active Shield. TOP RIGHT: A Station Special Reaction Team member provides security while being protected behind a shield. RIGHT: Two Station Special Reaction Team members train aggressively with a K-9 during Exercise Active Shield.

mander.

The training exercise helped out both units not only in tactical skills, but also in communicating with each other.

"The JGSDF were awesome guys during the training exercise. We taught them a lot of tactics and they taught us a lot in return," remarked an SRT member. "Our specialty is more urban warfare; however, they have the ability to use helicopters and are good at rappelling and mountain warfare.'

At the end of the training exercise there was a debrief which went over the whole training evolution. The participating units went over all the issues and successes.

"The first Active Shield three years ago was very unilateral," said Bushek. "We all had our sections and never really crossed over to work with each other. In Active Shield five, we crossed boundaries and worked together. Training like this in a joint environment is always good, no matter what happens. We learn from it and improve greatly.'

FEATURE



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## **TORII TELLER CLASSIFIED ADS**

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There are two job openings for MCAS Iwakuni military and U.S. civilians. Eagle Glo-

### Residents celebrate their pioneer heritage

On July 24, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints celebrated its pioneer heritage. After being driven from state to state and enduring many hardships, Mormon pioneers arrived in the Salt Lake valley on July 24, 1847, and began their settlement. The primary children, of the Iwakuni Military Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints celebrated on July 23 by walking three miles along the base sea wall dressed in pioneer clothing and pulling covered wagons, stopping frequently for pioneer snacks and faith-promoting pioneer stories.



TUESDAY - 8 a.m. Yu-Gi-Oh! (PG); 11 a.m./5 p.m. How To Deal (PG-13); 2 p.m./8 p.m. In Good Company (PG-13); 11 p.m./5 a.m. Lethal Weapon 2 (R): 2 a.m. Loser (PG

WEDNESDAY - 8 a.m. The Fox And The Hound (G): 11 a.m./5 p.m. Hellboy (PG); 2 p.m./8 p.m. The One (PG-13); 11 p.m./ 5 a.m. City By The Sea (R); 2 a.m. Star Gate (R) THURSDAY - 8 a.m. Jungle Book (G): 11 a.m./5 p.m. Ground hog Day (PG); 2 p.m./8 p.m. The Tuxedo (PG-13); 11 p.m./ 5 a.m. Captain Corelli's Mandolin (R): 2 a.m. Hollywood



Station residents The second part of the tour was a theater, which provided information on Mazda's car manufacturing as well as introducing some of the other activities OOM the company is involved in The middle part of the tour was of the actual assembly line where they make and mass-produce 2,000 vehicles a day. The assembly line showed how much manpower is put into making the cars. However, there were also robots that helped out in the process oom "Everyone buys motor vehicles, but most people don't understand the of manual labor involved in the process." azda is a Mazda. The display consisted of many Mazda motor vehicles and unique company that vehicles, such as racing cars and future Mazda cars that will be efficient for the mass-produces environment 800 000 automo-The tour ended up back in the entrance hall where everyone was allowed to biles per vear go in the display cars

with sales not only in Japan but also in North America and Europe. One of the best ways to find out about Mazda and how they produce so many cars is to visit the Mazda Museum

Station residents had an interesting time touring Mazda Motor Company Museum in Hiroshima, July 20.

The remarkable tour showed the many steps of how a car is made from planning, development, to manufacturing



The tour began at a welcome center in Mazda's global headquarters in Hiroshima There were Mazda representatives, a café, car displays, and even video games displaying simulated racing. The group was provided with a tour guide who showed the group around the Mazda complex on a tour bus and then to the actual museum.

The museum consisted of six areas, an entrance hall, theater, automobile technology displays, production factory, historic displays and future displays.

The beginning of the tour started in the entrance hall, which was a display room filled with many different Mazda vehicles "The RX-8 is definitely one of my

Note: Japanese who do not speak En-

glish may answer the phone numbers pro-

Exhibition Of The Three Great Views Of Ja-

Great Views of Japan, which are Itsukushima,

Matsushima and Amanohashidate, at the

Hiroshima Prefectural Art Museum in

An exhibition of Japanese wood block

vided

Admission fee is required. For more informa-**OUT THE GATE** tion, call 082-221-6246

#### Yanai "Parasol Shop" Market

A market selling toys, recycled items clothes, stationeries, food and more, is scheduled Sunday, 4-9 p.m. along the street in front of JR Yanai Train Station. Call 0820-22-3731 for further details.

#### prints and other art works depicting the Three Nishiki River Water Festival

There will be a festival around the Kintai Bridge Saturday, A band performance will be held at 6:30 p.m., and a Japanese drum per-Hiroshima City now through Sept. 4, 9 a.m. formance is scheduled at 7:30 p.m. Visitors to 5 p.m. The museum is closed Mondays. can enjoy the fireworks display 8-9:30 p.m. more information.

The festival will be cancelled in case of in clement weather. For details, call 41-2037.

fireworks display will be cancelled in case of inclement weather. Call 0833-72-1400 for

Various events will be held at the Nijigahama Beach in Hikari City near JR Hikari Train Station Saturday through Aug. 13. Music performances, such as a jazz con cert and a pop concert, are scheduled 6-8:30 p.m. There will be shows using laser lights and fountains 8:30-8:50 p.m. Visitors can view the fireworks display Sunday, 8:30-9:30 p.m. Admission is free. The events and the

Starlight Fantasy In Nijigahan

concept of how they are built, and all the effort put in by people and not

Estrada. "I thought it was all robots in the assembly line, but there is a lot

Toward the end of the tour there was a display that

history through a timeline that was on one of the walls.

showed the history of Mazda. The tour guide explained the

There was also an exhibit that consisted of the future of

Others agreed, "It was definitely an eye opener," said Rowie V.

"It was really great to be able to go in the cars in the display room," said

Mazda is a huge corporation and the museum gave plenty of insight from its

past, to its present production and assembly line, and where they are headed in

Hiroshima, Japan. They are open from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and from 1:00 p.m.

For more information call the Mazda Museum at 81-82-252-5050 or visit their

The Mazda Museum is located near Mazda's global headquarters in

to 5:00 p.m. on weekdays. Admission is free, and reservations are necessary.

just robots," said Vicky V. Miner.

Christian J. Estrada. "I felt like I was driving them."

Web site at www mazda com/museum/

the future, making the tour very informational to the tourists.



SAKURA THEATER

Chocolate Factory (PG): 1 a.m. The Honeymooners (PG-13)

SATURDAY - 1 p.m. Charlie And The Chocolate Factory (PG)

4 p.m. The Honeymooners (PG-13); 7 p.m.; Bewitched (PG-

SUNDAY - 4 p.m. Bewitched (PG-13); 7 p.m. The Honeymoon-

MONDAY - 7 p.m. Charlie And The Chocolate Factory (PG)

THURSDAY - 7 p.m. Charlie And The Chocolate Factory (PG)

TUESDAY - 7 p.m. The Honeymooners (PG-13)

WEDNESDAY - 7 p.m. Bewitched (PG-13)

13): 10 a.m. Charlie And The Chocolate Factory (PG)

ers (PG-13)

at 253-5291



MCTV CHANNEL 19 FRIDAY - 8 a.m. Angels In The Outfield (G):11 a.m./5 p.m. Legends Of The Fall (PG); 2 p.m./8 p.m. Catwomen (PG-13): 11 p.m./5 a.m. The Life Aquatic (R): 2 a.m. Snipe

SATURDAY - 11 a.m./5 p.m. The Majestic (PG); 2 p.m./8 p.m. A.I. (PG-13); 11 p.m./5 a.m. Lethal Weapon (R); 2 a.m. Scream (R) SUNDAY - 11 a.m./5 p.m. The Wedding Date (PG-13); 2 p.m./ 8 p.m. Master And Commander (PG-13); 11 p.m./5 a.m. White Noise (R): 2 a m. Under Siege (R)





MONDAY - 8 a.m. Cinderella (G): 11 a.m./5 p.m. The Incredibles (PG); 2 p.m./8 p.m. Kate & Leopold (PG); 11 p.m./5 a.m. The Royal Tenenbaums (R); 2 a.m. Imposte

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This schedule is submitted by the Sakura Theater and is subject to change. For show times call the Sakura Theater Homicide (PG-13)

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Go to www.iwakuni.usmc.mil/ HRO/default.htm for a complete job listing. Contact CRHO, Building 1, room 104

#### MCCS (253-3030)

Military spouse preference will be given to eligible spouses of active duty service members who have been reassigned to MCAS Iwakuni. To get more information about MSP con tact 253-5019. Visit www. mccsiwakuni.com for a com plete iob listing.

## **COMMUNITY BRIEFS** CHRO

CHRO Training

USCS Performance Appraisal/Awards Training for Supervisors: Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

■ JN Prevention Of Sexual Harassment (POSH) Tuesday, 9-10 a.m., 1-2 p.m. and 2:30-3:30 p.m

Civilian Marines Acculturation Training: Thurs day, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

■ How To Catch Yourself "Leading Right": Aug. 24-26, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information and nominations, call 253-6834 or send e-mail to MarehamPA@iwakuni usmc mil\_Classes will be held at CHRO training room, Building one, Room 102, except JN POSH which will be held at Building one, Auditorium.

#### MCCS

Special Events ■ National Kids Day Expo: Saturday, 12-4 p.m. at the Amphitheater Main Outdoor Pool and Friendship Park Entertainment, rides and food will be available. For more information, call 253-5549

#### MCX (253-5641)

■ Tent Sale: Until Saturday at the MCX parking lot. Discounted prices on a variety of items, as well as food and entertainment

Single Marine Program (253-3585)

■ Chichiyasu Water Park Trip: Sunday, \$10 for trans-

■ Hiroshima Carn Baseball Trin: Aug. 13 \$10 trans portation. Stadium seats cost ¥1,500-¥2,000. Bring extra yen for food.

■ Spades Tournament: Aug. 14. Sign up at the Hornet's Nest

Youth & Teen Center (253-6454)

■ SMART GIRLS Meeting: Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Teenage girls meeting.
Oshima Katazoe Beach BBQ: Aug. 12, 9 a.m. to 5

p.m. Take in the sights and enjoy the cookout on this island.

#### School Age Center (253-4769)

**Summer Camp Adventure 2005**: Registration is open continuously throughout the summer. The camp is open to children ages 5-12 5-year-old children must be enrolling in kindergarten next school year in order to participate. The cost is based on total family income. Parents must provide their L.E.S. upon registering. The camp operates until Aug. 19.

School Age Center Day Camp: Aug. 22-26 and 29. 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Taking reservations for SAC Day Camp. One week advance notice is required if your child will attend

#### MCFTB (253-3754)

**Key Volunteer Training**: Now available online. You can complete the training at your convenience.

#### Marine and Family Services

Education Open House: At the Education Center, today, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For those interested in pursing a college degree or wanting to take a college course. For details, call 253-3855.

Pre-Separation/Transition Assistance Program (TAP) Seminar: Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Attendance satisfies the pre-separation counseling mandatory for service members who are within 12 months of anticipated separation from the military. For more information call 253-6439

Cultural Ouests: Chichivasu Yogurt Factory. Wednesday. Take a tour through this yogurt factory and enjoy free yogurt tasting. Call 253-6165 for further detaile

Family Member Employment Assistance: This program assists spouses and other employable family mbers in exploring employment options and opportu nities in their chosen career fields. Call 253-6439 for details

Counseling And Advocacy Program: The Marine and Family Services Counseling Branch has a highly qualified, licensed clinical staff that is experienced in providing education and counseling services to individuals, couples and families. Typical reasons for seeking counseling services include marital or relationship difficulties, adjustment difficulties, stress or anger issues and mood or anxietv disturbances. For further details, call 253-4526.

This story is a translation of the page 3 text. 本文はネヘージの記事の日本語訳です。

## Nihongo de...

#### グリーンアウトで節電!基地の節約に貢献しよう

基地では、上手に節電する新しい方法を常に模索している。2004年には、 電気代だけで約800万ドルを消費した。基地が電力にどれだけの金額を払って いるか、また上限を超えたらどうなるかを居住者は知っておくべきであり、節電 は全員の義務である。

グリーンアウトプログラムは2000年8月から実施されている。以来メディ ア、スポーツ大会、そして学童を通じてこのプログラムの普及を促進してきた。 エネルギー認識週間には、小学校生徒は節電の仕方を学んでその情報を両親に伝 えた.

「このプログラムは自発的に行うもので、基地の電力需要の上限を超えないよ うにするために計画された。不必要な電気器具は全て消し、エアコンは弱めにす るか切るかする。また誰もいない部屋のエアコンは消し、衣類の洗濯と乾燥は午 後5時以降に行い、必要ない照明は消すようお願いしたい、」と、基地エネルギ ー監査官のリチャード・ロビンソン上等兵曹は言う。

基地が契約を結んでいる中国電力によれば、基地で使用できる電力は毎時13、 B00キロワット以下である。この電力の限界を超えて使用すると罰則を受ける ことになる,

「(電力の上限を超えたら)何千ドルという違約金に加え、複数年契約の残余額 の値上がりという罰則がかかる可能性がでてくる。上限を超えた額がどんなにわ ずかであっても、契約違反になってしまう。」と、ロビンソンは指摘する。

居住者は電気代を支払っていないが、電力の節約は基地の全ての人に影響する。 電力節約をしなければ、生活向上に使える財源が減ってしまうからである。

米海兵隊岩国航空基地司令官は毎月維持管理(O&M) 資金から電気代を支払 っている。このO&M層金は生活と士気の質を高めるためにもある。電気代によ り多くお金が使われると、私達の基地での生活向上のために使う分がますます減 ってしまう。」と、ロビンソンは言う。

最近基地は、エネルギーとお金の大きな節約に役立つエネルギーの進化を遂け た、「熱吸収冷却装置」と呼ばれる新しいエアコンが門前にあるタウンハウス全 棟にと、センサーつき照明器具が全ての中層住宅の階段状き抜けと事務所数を所 に設置された

「熱吸収冷却装置は旧式のエアコンより効率がよく、電力消費をより上手く監 視できる。古いウィンドータイプのエアコンは電気をたくさん消費したし、夏の 間涼しくするためには一つのタウンハウスでも、6台のエアコンが必要だった。

センサーつき照明器具を設置することが、たくさんの電力を創約するのに役立 った。この照明は動きを感知している間だけはついているが、人が部屋を出て動 きがなくなると自動的に切れる。」と、司令部・司令部中隊省エネルギー監査係 のジェラルド・K・リドリー二等兵曹は説明する。

グリーンアウトプログラムについての質問、またはセンサーつき照明スイッチ の事務所への設置要望は内線253-6148のロビンソンまで。

#### 1st Marine Aircraft Wing commanding general visits Southern Frontier

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE BASE TINDAL, Australia — Brig. Gen. George J. Trautman, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing commanding general, motivates Marines and sailors deployed to Australia for Operation Southern Frontier and answers a few questions near the Fighter Optech, here, "I am happy to be here, side by side with people willing to defend our nation," said Trautman. "My job inspires me everyday I am around Marines and sailors just like you."



Lance Cpl. Mark Fayloga



#### **Mess Hall Lunch Menu** Week Of August 8-12

Monday - Cream Of Mushroom Soup, Creole Soup, Sauerbraten Hot And Spicy Chicken, Fried Rice, Oven Glo Potatoes, Fried Zucchini, Pinto Beans, Hot Dinner Rolls Tuesday - Cream Of Potatos Soup, Chicken Noodle Soup, Baked Halibut Fish, BBO Beef Cube, Wild Rice, Buttered Pasta, Lima Beans, Creole Squash, Garlic Bread Wednesday - Cream Of Broccoli Soup, Vegetable Soup, Breaded

Pork Chops, Pepper Steak, Steamed Rice, Oven Glo Potatoes, Glazed Carrots, Brown Gravy, Garlic Bread, Club Spinach Thursday – Minestrone Soup, Cream Of Chicken Soup, Creole Macaroni, Crab Cakes, Fettuccini With Alfredo Sauce, Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Tempura Vegetables, Peas And Carrots, Dinner Rolls Friday - Clam Chowder Soun, Minestrone Soun, Braised Beef And Noodles, Baked Fish, Mashed Potatoes, Fried Cabbage, Mixed Vegetables, Chicken Gravy, Dinner Rolls

## **CHAPEL RELIGIOUS**

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

## **SERVICES**

#### **Roman Catholic** Saturday

4:30 p.m. Confession 5:30 p.m. Mass Sunday Mass

### 8:45 a.m. Protestant

### Sunday

9 a.m./10:30 a.m. Sunday School & Adult **Bible Fellowships** 10:15 a.m. Non-Denominational Christian Worship Gospel Worship Service 11.45a m

#### **Cooperative Chapel Ministries**

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

### LAY LED RELIGIOUS SERVICES

### Jewish

Friday Shabbat Service 6 p.m.

### Seventh-Day Adventist

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

### Episcopal

Sunday 7 p.m. Worship Service

### **Church of Christ**

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

## The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

Weekdays

#### 6:30 a.m. Seminary Sunday

Priesthood, Relief Society & 1 a.m. Sunday School Sacrament Meeting 3 p.m.

#### **OTHER SERVICES**

### Islamic

Friday 12p.m. Prayer

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Call Chapel for POC information.

#### To confirm current schedule of services at the Marine Memorial Chapel, call 253-3371.

#### Upcoming Chapel Events

- Catholic CCD Religious Education begins Aug. 28. ■ Protestant Sunday School starts Sep. 11. Capodano Hall (next to the Chapel) to be
- available for chapel events around Sep. 1. For more information, contact the Chapel.

skated together," said Stavena.

## SWEAT Program (Strength, Wellness

This new program at the IronWorks Gym is designed to help active duty remedial personnel who need to increase their physical fitness test scores and become healthier. The program includes a MicroFit Assessment, weekly weigh-ins (by request), monthly body fat testing, weight management lectures. President's Challenge entry and attendance

#### and progress tracking reports. Call 253-6359 for more informatio Japanese and American Goodwill The

18th Annual Sprint Triathlon This triathlon consists of a 1.2K open water swim, 36K bike ride and a 10K run. Applications are available at the IronWorks Gvm front desk. Registration ends today for SOFA, master labor contractor, indirect hire agreement workers and JMSDF applicants The triathlon is Aug. 14. For details, call 253-6359

### TORIL TELLER, AUGUST 5, 2005

LANCE CH. JOHN S. RAFOSS Combat Correspondent

Extreme sports have become popular among vouthful adrenaline rush junkies who challenge injuries with a combination of speed, height, danger, and death-defying stunts. One extreme sport that puts all of these "skate-or-die" characteristics to the test is aggressive skating.

If you are new here and have a passion for aggressive skating, look no further. The Station skate park is open to skateboarders and aggressive skaters seven days a week.

The outdoor Station skate park consists of a killer mini-ramp, four-quarter pipes, two pyramids, stairs with a rail, and many boxes and rails.

"The skate park here is great. It's free, the ramps are not chipping and are in good condition compared to some of the parks I've been to back in the states," said Darryl S. Stavena, aggressive skater. "They are rather small compared to some of the ramps I am used to but they are great, especially for beginners."

"I have seen a lot of skate parks and this one is pretty good," said Benjamin A. Rush, aggressive skater

Aggressive skating is a stunt-based form of inline skating. It consists of aggressive skaters shredding their blades on half pipes, city streets, hand rails, stairs and gaps performing many tricks that center around grinds, grabs, and spins which seem to defy the laws of gravity and physics.

Many people view it not only as a sport but also as an art.

"Skating is really challenging. It is a good work out and really fun," said Stavena. "It also helps out your coordination and improves agility, and makes you more determined '

With all of Stavena's highflying antics it is no secret that he is not new to extreme sports and the aggressive skating scene

"I have been skating for a long time before I joined the Marine Corps and have always been into extreme sports like aggressive skating and surfing," said Stavena. "Whenever I skate, I push myself and always try hard. The more I get hurt trying to learn a new trick, the more determined I am to land it."

Anyone can aggressive skate as long as they put the time and practice into it. There are no teams involved, which makes everything at your own pace.

"It would be cool if more people came out and

## IWAKUNI SPORTS SCENE

Water Polo Unit PT Challenge Today at the Outdoor Pool, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. For active duty military personnel only. Teams consist of seven players. Call 253-5211 for details.

Annual Stable Ford Golf Tournament Saturday, 7 a.m. For further information, call 253-3402

Running Club This incentive program is a way for runners to earn prizes for the miles they run. For more details, call 253-6359.

**Passport To Health** Gym patrons receive incentives for accumulating 100 workouts. For further information, call 253-6359.

League Bowlers All bowlers with a 2004-2005 ABC sanc-

ing. For further information, call 253-4657. tion card bowl for half price during open bowl-

Every Saturday, 6 p.m. The event fea-



Education & Aerobics Training)

SPORTS

# Physics 101: get extreme with aggressive skating

Darryl S. Stavena, aggressive skater, unity-grinds down a rail at the Station skate park. Stavena, an avid extreme sports athlete on both in-line skates and surf boards alike, has been shredding up and down skate ramps and waves since high school.

tures three lights out games, three strike shots for cash prizes and one double cross super progressive jackpot ranging from \$500-\$1,150. Reserve your lane today. \$10 includes the fee for all three games. Call 253-4657 for details

#### PT Bowling

Wednesdays and Fridays, 1-4:30 p.m., groups of 10 or more service members how for 50 cents per game. Free shoe rental. For more details, call 253-4657.

Family Appreciation Bowling Day Saturday, 1-5 p.m. All games cost 75

cents. Call 253-4657 for more information. Student Bowling Matthew C. Perry students bowl for 50

cents per game on weekdays. Shoe rental is free. Call 253-4657 for details. Free Camping, Recreational Gear

The Outdoor Recreation in the Iron-Works Gvm lends the Station residents camping, picnic and recreational gear for three is the next available trip.

days, free of charge. The gear includes tents. sleeping bags, coolers, water jugs, propane stoves, propane lanterns, electric lanterns, backpacks, ISO mats, tables, chairs, canoes and kayaks for rivers, lakes, and dams and much more. All items are available year-round. Ocean kayaks, jet skis and a pontoon party boat can be rented at the Marina. For detail call 253-3822 

#### Mount Fuji Hike

It is time to hike Mt. Fuji. It is rated a medium to difficult hike due to the high altitude, so be prepared. Attendees must complete the Mount Fuji safety brief before departing on the trip. This trip is open to all SOFA Status personnel 14 years of age or older. Patrons under 17 must be accompa nied by a parent or guardian. There is a \$170 fee which includes transportation from MCAS Iwakuni to Mt. Fuji and Tokyo and back. Call 253-4377 for details. Aug. 25-29

## GOAT's teeth too sharp for MODFL





ABOVE: Lee Woodbridge, Greatest Of All Time small forward, effortlessly leaps toward the basket tallying up two more points for the championship game at the Marine Corps Community Services IronWorks Gym, July 26. LEFT: Kenard Smith, GOAT's shooting guard, moves in toward the basket for an open jump shot. LANCE CH. CRISTIN K. BARTTER Combat Correspondent

Greatest Of All Time preserved their undefeated standing after overwhelming Mesial Occlusal Distal Facial Lingual with a 10 point lead, ending the nerve-racking championship game, 53-43, at the Marine Corps Community Services IronWorks Gym, July 26.

The competition tipped off with GOAT dominating the court and MODFL, exhausted from their prior game, keeping up with the set pace. The ball moved back and forth between both teams throughout the first half. But GOAT, with fresh legs for the game, pressured MODFL more by going in for the kill and zoning in on the basket.

"I think they are better athletes than us, but we are making up for it out here," said Thomas Kline, center for MODFL at halftime. As one of MODFL's strongest competitors, he was consistently pressuring GOAT's players. "We have to apply our fundamentals and we need to get back on defense faster to defeat them in the second half."

Even though GOAT didn't have a strong lead, Reco Alexander, GOAT's point guard, was everything but worried at halftime. "Overall, we did pretty well the first half. They seem tired from their first game, so we are hoping they'll break down in the second half."

Which didn't happen, at first. MODFL took the game by the horns and ran with it, breathing new life into their side of the scoreboard and shifting the game in their favor. GOAT, surprised with the sudden rush of adrenaline, trailed from the unexpected blow.

Determined not to walk off the court with their heads down, GOAT picked up the straggling points and called a time-out with four minutes left on the clock. The scoreboard glowing a score of 40-40, it was any team's game.

"We have to play more defense, harder defense," said Lee Woodbridge, GOAT's small forward who made 22 points for the game. "If we play harder defense, the offense is going to come."

Each team walked back onto the court knowing they had something to lose-the championship. The game commenced and like a bat out of hell, GOAT owned the ball and the court.

It was obvious GOAT stopped worrying about the score. They started having fun and MODFL crumbled as they took over. Woodbridge sighted in on the ball and the hoop, and wouldn't let anything come between them. He effortlessly weaved in and out of MODFL players, faking one direction then sidestepping into another direction as if teasing his opponents.

GOAT's sudden glorifying performance put them at an easy 13-point lead when a time-out was called with 43 seconds left on the clock, the score 53-40.

"It felt really good," said Woodbridge about their sudden lead. "I didn't want to have to play another game. I wanted to leave it all on the court."

Coming back into the game, MODFL, willing to sacrifice a few points, fouled GOAT players as a way to get their hands on the ball. It wasn't enough, for the last few seconds GOAT toyed with MODFL by purposefully holding onto the ball as the seconds counted down to their victory, winning the champion-ship game, with a score of 53-43.

MODFL walked off of the court knowing if things were slightly different the results would have been in their favor. "We hustled a lot but I think we could have done a lot better

with rebounding," said Jeffrey Becker, MODFL's shooting guard. "If the shots we tried to get would have gone down, I think we would have come out on top."

GOAT, surprised with MODFL's overall solid performance, won by focusing less on the prize and more on the game.

"During the season we dominated over everybody, but they (MODFL) came out here and gave us a game. We weren't expecting them to play that hard. They were putting pressure on us. We knew we had to get out there and do something," said Nicholas Stewart, GOAT's center. "After we got that run going we knew we were back to our old selves again. We started to calm down and just play. That's how we got our lead going, we started having fun."