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## Lancers train to fight, win

LANCE CPL. MARK FAYLOGA  
*Operations Chief*

**ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE BASE TINDAL, Australia**—Royal Australian Air Force Base Tindal is one of Australia's most important defense installations. With an excellent location, gorgeous weather and great ranges, it offers one of the most valuable training opportunities for both new and experienced pilots.

No unit knows this better than Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 212, which has taken full advantage of the optimal training environment and facilities offered by Tindal during this year's Exercise Southern Frontier.

"RAAF Base Tindal is one of only a few places in the west-

ern Pacific where we can conduct our air to ground training," said Maj. Jon D. Rabine, VMFA-212 operations officer. "I can't say enough about being able to get out here and conduct this training. All of our pilots are receiving great training."

The Lancers have used their time in the valuable training environment conducting low altitude training, air-to-ground training, basic air-to-surface deliveries, close air support training, long range power projection strikes, and various other sorties.

"Delamere range is a scored range and is all low altitude capable. This is the only place where we can conduct true low altitude training and for us, the only time of the year we can get this training knocked out for our young pilots," said Rabine.

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## Tradition or setback? Station leadership educates to eliminate hazing

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*Combat Correspondent*

The Office of the Secretary of the Navy released an updated version of the Department of the Navy's Policy on Hazing, SECNAV Instruction 1610.2A, in an effort to breathe new life into the

war on hazing, July 15.

"Hazing degrades and diminishes the ability of victims to function within their unit. It destroys our members' confidence and trust in their shipmates and is destructive to unit cohesion and combat readiness," stated the instruction.

The military community is deep-

rooted in many traditions, held in the highest regard by their service members. Some call these "traditions" rites of passage, explaining that in order to become an accepted member of the group they must first be subjected to the given rite of passage.

"There are no such things as rites

of passage when you're talking about hazing," said Sgt. Maj. Jerry L. Bailey, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron sergeant major. "It doesn't matter if you're in college or the Marine Corps, passing off hazing as a rite of passage is unacceptable."

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## Buyer's Forum gives residents chance to make suggestions, voice concerns

LANCE CPL. CRISTIN K. BARTER  
*Combat Correspondent*

Marine Corps Community Services will be hosting a Buyer's Forum located at the front entrance of the Marine Corps Exchange for all Station patrons to present their positive and negative feedback on the store, Aug. 17 at 3 p.m.

Retail buyer's will be on hand to address Station residents concerns and comments on what they like,

and would like to see, in any of the departments of the Exchange and Seven Day stores.

"It will basically be a round table type forum," said Matthew Neidzwiecki, Marine Corps Community Services head of retail. "It's a way for the community to communicate with the retail buyer's staff and an opportunity for them (the community) to tell us things that we can develop and build on as well as things that might need more attention."

The Buyer's Forum will have tables set up with

key personnel who are open to all suggestions from anyone who may want something to change.

"Customers will be able to come in and ask questions, voice concerns, make both positive and negative comments and make suggestions for what they would like to see in the store for future purchases," explained Neidzwiecki. "They can also tell us things we have that we don't necessarily need so we can phase those products out."

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## Chaplain's Corner: This is going to hurt, let's test our humility

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MAG-12 Group Chaplain

You know how the doctor sometimes says, "This won't hurt at all," and then it does? I really hate it when they say, "This might hurt a little," because then you know it's definitely going to hurt.

I broke all the bones in my hand ten years ago. The doctor in the emergency room took hold of my hand to jerk the bones back into their proper location. He looked me in the eye and said, "This is really going to hurt and I can't give you anything for the pain now."

I thought about writing an article today that wasn't going to hurt at all. It was too boring, so I rewrote it to hurt just a little. When it was done, I realized that I'd better warn you, this is really going to hurt. Sorry, no painkillers are available now. The book of James in the Bible gives us advice how to live our Christian life. St. James really makes it clear that Christianity is synonymous

with selfishness; we should not be individuals in opposition to one another. We are members of one body, a family and each of us needs to try to live in peace, in sincerity, in justice, in truthfulness, and in active helpfulness with all the other members.

In living this, we must seek a humility and purity of intention in our daily lives. This is the true Wisdom from above, which is a fruit of the Holy Spirit.

There are seven common situations that test a person's humility and reveal clearly whether they are proud or humble. As you listen to each of these seven tests, let it rip open your soul, if need be, and decide what needs to be operated on.

Test 1: Do you anger easily? That's pride. Pride lies to us, telling us that we are little gods who should never be inconvenienced. When somebody wrongs us, it hurts our pride, and rather than being humbled by the experience, we get angry, like little Zeuses throwing little lightning-bolt temper tantrums. Or

do you take it in stride, remaining cool, calm and collected, rolling with the punches and remaining strong enough to take a few knocks? That's humility. Humility reminds us that we are all sinners, and that we're no better than anybody else.

Test 2: When was the last time you consciously decided to forgive somebody for some wrong they did to you? That's pride. Pride lies to us, telling us that people have no excuse for hurting us, that they did so on purpose, that they are lower than sewer sludge, and that they deserve our wrath and scorn. Or do you remember being recently wronged, and immediately forgiving them? That's humility. Humility reminds us that they probably didn't know what they were doing, that they have their own daily struggle just like we do, and that while to err is human, to forgive is divine.

Test 3: What do you do after realizing that you've sinned? Do you pretend

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## Ask the Inspector

MAJ. MATTHEW D. RAZVILLAS  
Station Inspector

These are commonly asked questions about Navy and Marine Corps Relief Society on base and are answered by Ms. Lynette Thompson, Navy and Marine Corps Relief Society office manager. This is part one of a two-part installment.

### 1. What is the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society?

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society is a nonprofit charitable organization designed to provide financial, educational, and other assistance to members of the Naval Services of the United States, eligible family members and survivors, when in need.

### 2. Who qualifies for assistance with the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society?

Active Duty and retired Navy and Marine Corps personnel, eligible family members of personnel listed above and eligible family members of Navy and Marine Corps personnel who died on active duty or are in a retired status.

### 3. How can Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society Iwakuni help you?

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society principle activity is the disbursement of interest free loans and grants to military families to meet their immediate needs. Repayment of loans is usually done by a 10-month allotment.

### 4. What does the Society offer at the Iwakuni location?

We are interested in getting you to your loved ones in a timely manner during an emergency situation. NMCRS can assist with travel expenses due to serious illness or death of an immediate family member or grandparent. No appointment is needed. We need to see your emergency leave papers, verification through the American Red Cross, and a quote from Travel for the airplane and train ticket.

In overseas locations, Spouse Tuition Assistance is available to active-duty spouses who take courses at institutions offering on-base programs as well as Distance Learning programs. NMCRS may grant 50 percent or up to \$350 to undergraduate and \$400 to graduate students per term.

Both command and non-command sponsored spouses are eligible. Assistance is based on the family budget. NMCRS also offers some grants and interest-free loans for dependent children's education through our Headquarters. Information is available at our web site [www.nmcrs.org](http://www.nmcrs.org).

## CHATTERBOX

"The Buyer's Forum is a medium for Station residents to communicate with the Marine Corps Exchange's retail merchandise buyers to help improve the variety of products and services offered. The next Buyer's Forum is scheduled to meet Wednesday in the atrium of the Exchange from 3 to 5 p.m. We hit the streets once again to find out your thoughts on the matter. So we were wondering..."

### What items would you most like to see offered at the Exchange and Seven Day stores? Why?



Petty Officer  
2nd Class  
Jacqui R.  
Jensen  
Plymouth,  
Utah



Turnice  
Alexander  
Chicago



Pfc. Phil  
A. Beckley  
Terre  
Haute,  
Indiana



Petty  
Officer 2nd  
Class Jerry  
W. Morish  
Houston

"They should have better choices of PT gear because everybody wants to work out and look hot. They have a wide selection for males, but not for females."

"I would like to see better children's clothes, women's clothes, girl bras, and better women and children's shoes."

"A better variety of clothes and shoes, because MCES would make more of a profit and it would make more people happy."

"Bigger and more selective sports equipment, and more computer hardware at the Sight and Sound shop."

## Signs help curtail water-related mishaps at local hotspot



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Combat Correspondent

The Seabee Association planted two safety signs, Saturday, at Futashika Umezue Falls, also known to Station residents as Three Falls, to ensure everyone is aware of the potential hazards.

When there is heavy rainfall, Three Falls becomes an unforgiving safety hazard to all explorers. There have been tragic occasions where service members have visited the beautiful spot, never to return.

To prevent future incidents, the Station safety office took one more step to ensure everyone is aware of the possible dangers.

"Station Safety and the leadership of Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni constantly remind Marines, sailors and civilians about the dangers of swimming in rain-swollen rivers and the hazards of jumping off rocks. However, people often forget these lessons when they get caught up in the moment. Hopefully, the signs will act as one last reminder to a swimmer of potential dangers," explained Richard Perry, Station safety director. "Warning signs have been posted in other known swimming spots frequented by the MCAS

community. The signs at Three Falls were damaged, difficult to read and did not convey the appropriate hazards. The new signs are similar to the signs posted at Yasaka Dam."

The signs are written in English and Japanese for the safety of everyone searching the great outdoors.

"We put up the signs to warn Japanese locals and military members from crossing the danger line," said Petty Officer 1st Class Robert Stevenson, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron facilities builder. "The signs serve as a deterrent for everyone to be safe and to warn of the possible safety hazards."

The labor to lodge the signs was done by none other than the Station construction men, the Seabees. For the Navy Seabees, keeping the community safe from safety hazards is their reward.

"It was good work. We are built to do this," said Stevenson. "We do this in and out of our lives as the Seabees. We do work for the community and we take pride and a pleasure with doing that for them."

The Station Safety Office would like to thank Iwakuni City for allowing them to put up the signs.

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## Sponsors help ease transition

MICHELLE PERRY  
Volunteer Correspondent

Dealing with a new culture, the long flights, leaving family and friends behind, and just arriving to a new duty station are all things service members and families deal with when given new orders. Luckily, a sponsor is available to ease the tension, to bring a positive light to moving and to be that helping hand when needed.

According to the sponsorship guide, a sponsor is defined as "someone who is concerned about those who are new to the community. They are familiar with the facilities and programs offered both on and off base and the command. They are dependable and will do whatever it takes to make the newcomer feel as comfortable as possible when he/she arrives. A sponsor does not have to be a relocation expert, just a friend who is able to connect the newcomer with the appropriate experts and service."

Prior to the newcomer's arrival, sponsors are required to take a mandatory "Sponsors Training Course." This course is aimed at providing the proper training for the sponsor to understand their important role of making the newcomer feel welcomed.

A folder is presented to each sponsor upon entrance to class, which contains everything needed to get the newcomer started. The folder includes the steps to establishing a mailing address, frequently asked questions about temporary lodging facilities, pet requirements, a sponsorship guide, a welcome aboard package/sponsorship request form, a sample sponsorship "welcome aboard" letter and more valuable information.

All accompanied personnel and unaccompanied E-6 and above receive a sponsor. Sponsors are appointed to newcomers through the command or voluntarily. Newcomers and sponsors are matched according to marital status, job specialty, and rank.

"For military personnel, sponsors are usually assigned by the sponsorship coordinator for the unit.



This is not always voluntary, but is based on several criteria used to match the newcomer with an appropriate sponsor, including rank and type of (accompanied versus unaccompanied)," explains Charla Truesdale, Marine and Family Services Information Referral and Relocation coordinator. "Service members within each unit can let their coordinators know that they are interested in sponsoring and would like to volunteer for an appropriate assignment. Civilian personnel can also volunteer to sponsor other civilians through their work site manager. There is also a voluntary Youth Sponsorship program through the Youth and Teen Center."

For service members who have taken advantage of Station sponsors, the benefits were obvious. "Meeting someone within my (military occupational specialty) that I have a lot in common with made my arrival less stressful and more enjoyable," said Staff Sgt. Brett D. Hawin, Provost Marshal Office watch commander. "Without a good sponsor, I think my arrival would have been a challenge. My sponsor provided food, transportation from the airport; she made many arrangements that temporary lodging facilities didn't do because I flew in commercial. My post office box was set up in advance to my arrival by my sponsor, my housing was set up by my sponsor, my wife and myself were given a tour of the base by her, she helped me check in with command support, she communicated with me before I left my last unit, and many other things as well."

For more information on the sponsorship training course, contact Vicky Miner at 253-3311 or Charla Truesdale at 253-6352.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### TORII TELLER POSTPONED

There will be no Torii Teller, Aug. 19. For further information, contact the Public Affairs Office at 253-5551.

### COMMISSARY HOSTS BARBECUE COOK-OFF

The Commissary is hosting its first Barbecue Cook-Off Aug. 20, in front of the commissary. If you want to be a judge or contestant, sign up at the Commissary Meat Department by Thursday. For more information, call 253-6233.

### TOBACCO CESSATION COURSE

The Branch Medical Clinic is hosting a 3-day tobacco cessation course Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10-11 a.m. For more information or to sign up, contact Lt. Macek at 253-3266.

### MARINES REQUIRED TO ESTABLISH MYPAY PIN

All Marines are required to establish a MyPay personal identification number no later than Sept. 30, 2005. MyPay access allows Marines to access leave and earning statements, wage and tax statements, travel payment information, and their most current pay information.

Marines that do not have an established pin for mypay should visit the Web site at [www.mypay.dfas.mil/mypay](http://www.mypay.dfas.mil/mypay) and select "How do I get a new pin" under the popular FAQ's heading. Marines currently on a unit deployment or temporary additional duty in support of a contingency operation will not be immediately required to establish a mypay pin.

### COMMISSARY CLOSURE ANNOUNCEMENT

The Commissary will be closed Aug. 29 and 30 to conduct inventory and construction projects. On Aug. 31, the store will have a Grand reopening ceremony at 9:30 a.m. and doors open for business at 10 a.m.

### ON-BASE TRAVEL ADVISORY

As a result of road work from the Runway Relocation Project, Outer Drive and Magazine Road will be reduced to one-lane traffic starting today and lasting through May 2006.

### OLD DIALING METHOD NO LONGER EFFECTIVE

The Station Telephone Office recently implemented a new method of placing phone calls to any telephone on the Station. As of Sept. 1, the old dialing method will no longer work.

For a guide to dialing procedures to Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, see the July 8th Torii Teller at [www.iwakuni.usmc.mil/Torii/Archives](http://www.iwakuni.usmc.mil/Torii/Archives).

## Exemplary Marine moves forward in Corps

LANCE CPL. LENDUS B. CASEY  
Combat Correspondent

**ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE BASE TINDAL, Australia** — Every child has dreams of what they want to be when they grow up, a doctor, firefighter, or policeman. When Sgt. Shaneka Nicole Shaw (preferred usage), Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 212 ordnance collateral duty inspector, was only 10-years-old, she knew right away she wanted to become a United States Marine.

"I watched 'Full Metal Jacket' when I was 10-years-old and I didn't even know what the military was at the time. I just saw a group of elite people and knew I wanted to be just like them," said the Fort Lauderdale, Fla. native.

After only three years in the Marine Corps, Shaw was meritoriously promoted to sergeant here, Aug. 3, due to her unyielding dedication to being an excellent Marine.

"I don't want to be like the normal group. All I can think about is what happens if I don't succeed," said the 20-year-old sergeant. "I don't want to stand out based on the obvious. I want to go above and beyond to get people to honestly notice me."

During Shaw's previous stint in Southern Frontier last year, she was a lance corporal. Within a year, she has already proven that she is not only able to lead as a corporal but can go one step further and lead Marines as a sergeant.

"Shaw is always looking for a way to better herself and excel in whatever she does," said Gunnery Sgt. Mathis L. Prunty, Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 212 ordnance chief. "Marines respect her and physically she is up there with the best, scoring a 298 on her physical fitness test."

Shaw has always had a competitive attitude, which is one of the traits making her stand out among her peers. If any Marine comes along and bests her, whether physically or mentally, Shaw pushes herself harder to go beyond the other Marine.

"Shaw possesses the traits that all Marines will

one day possess. She just shows the traits earlier than most," said Prunty. "She is the type of person that doesn't need to be told anything. She just does it."

Shaw's most fulfilling accomplishment of her Marine Corps career was when she placed first in her class at corporals' course. She went up against other corporals not thinking she was ready for the challenge ahead, but still went all the way to earn their respect.

"I didn't think I was going to do well. I wanted to go to corporals' course after I did more physical training and Marine Corps Institute courses," said the athletic Shaw.

During corporals' course, Shaw became third squad leader and led her Marines with confidence. At the end of the course, it was up to the Marines to choose who took the backbone recipient award in the course—an award given to the Marine with the most motivation. Their decision was final and Shaw was the victor.

"I was among Marines I never met, choosing me out of everyone else, saying I stood out among the rest," said the very professional Shaw. "It was the first time my peers chose me for something."

Now that Shaw has become a sergeant, she plans to one day attend drill instructor school and fulfill her dream of being an officer.



Lance Cpl. Lendus B. Casey

**Sgt. Shaneka Nicole Shaw, Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 212 ordnance collateral duty inspector, salutes Lt. Col. Mark E. Hall, Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 212 commanding officer, during her promotion ceremony here, August 3.**

LAT again. I haven't flown LAT since 2001 so getting current and working toward earning my mission commander qualification has been great," said Capt. Alejandro R. House, VMFA-212 logistics officer. "Dropping high explosive ordnance and working with the 5th Anglico (Air and Naval Gunfire Liaison Company) Marines has been the most valuable training to me. Having been to Operation Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom, it has reminded me of how important it is to know what's going on, on the ground and in the air so you can put bombs on target."

The younger pilots have especially appreciated the wide variety of training available, but the experience and extra hours in the cockpit aren't the only things the young pilots walk away with. "I've been thrown into a busy flight schedule out here and I've been able to put a lot of flight hours under my belt, building a steady foundation for myself," said 1st Lt. Tom J. Cunningham, VMFA-212 squadron pilot. "But, the biggest thing for me about down here, is with being a new person in the squadron this deployment is a quick and efficient way to get to know all the personalities, and

to me that's a real blessing."

With plenty of important training already under their belts, 212 doesn't intend to rest on their laurels.

With a few weeks left in the exercise, the Lancers will continue to conduct priceless training building their pilots with confidence and experience.

"We will continue to conduct various sorties while deployed here and work on our vital mission areas," said Rabine. "Some of the training we get out here is training we couldn't get anywhere else, and the experience has been amazing for us."

Marines to do their job."

The updated instruction clearly spells out the difference between acceptable celebration and unacceptable hazing.

"Graduations, chief's initiations, 'crossing the line' ceremonies, and others are only meant to celebrate and recognize the achievements of individual sailors or Marines or those of entire units. Service members must be able to work together, building up, encouraging and supporting their shipmates. Hazing behavior that is degrading, embarrassing or injurious is unprofessional and illegal," stated the instruction.

"Training, knowledge and basically getting the

word out about hazing is the best way we can fight it," said Bailey. "We need to make sure that Marines know this is not the best way to congratulate each other for promotions or awards."

With the updated instruction in full effect, Station commands are placing new focus on preventing hazing.

"I don't think hazing is a prevalent problem aboard this Station right now," said Bailey. "But, I'd be crazy to say that it's never going to happen here. If a Marine gets caught hazing on this base, we will take care of it and let the community know that it is not tolerated here."

## Marines, sailors bond with crocs down under



LANCE CPL. LENDUS B. CASEY  
Combat Correspondent

**ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE BASE TINDAL, Australia** — According to Australians, freshwater crocodiles are harmless creatures, who lounge along riverbanks shading themselves beneath spider-infested leaves, unlikely to bother humans swimming along side them. But who would want to get close enough to prove it?

Marines and sailors were able to prove it when they went on a crocodile night hunt hosted by the Single Marine Program, July 21.

As Marines and sailors arrived at the swampland, which harvests freshwater crocodiles, they grabbed their flashlights and started the first stage of their hunt. As the boat took off up river, flashlights were swaying every which way trying to find the crocodiles glowing red eyes lurking in the

swamp.

"I never knew you could take a flashlight and find a croc by the reflection in their retinas, just like you could a dog or cat," said Sgt. Benson K. Nthambiri, Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12 aviation cryptologist. "The experience was entertaining and I learned a lot."

After the short boat ride up river, service members were led to a campsite to relax and enjoyed some entertainment as the guide, Leathervarrow lured one of the freshwater crocodiles out of the swampy river onto the bank. Once the croc was on the bank, Leathervarrow allowed the service members to interact with the crocodile and some of the more fearless guests became friendly with his tail.

"It was pretty cool to see the croc up close, but I made sure to stay in the back while everyone was touching it because I wasn't about to get bit," said Petty Officer 3rd Class Robert S.

Eustaquio, Marine (All Weather) Fighter Attack Squadron 121 corpsman.

Leathervarrow worked with the crocodile all week, feeding him and playing with his tail, to make him less volatile so in case a tourist wanted to get brave he would be less likely to be bitten.

"Working with crocodiles is like working with any other animal. As long as you show them you're confident and not afraid of them, they are less likely to attack," said Leathervarrow. "It also helps if you have some extra meat in a bucket."



Photos by Lance Cpl. Lendus B. Casey

**TOP: A crocodile lurks along the coast waiting for his prey to get close. ABOVE: Marines and sailors search the darkness to find more of the crocodiles lurking off the coast during a crocodile night hunt in Australia, July 21.**

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it never happened? Do you say that it's not really your fault? Do you blame someone else? That's pride. Pride lies to us, telling us that we are too wonderful and excellent and awesome and perfect to really sin, so there must be some other explanation. Since we do not believe that we really sinned, we feel no guilt. Since we feel no guilt, we do not ask for forgiveness. Since we do not ask for forgiveness, we are not forgiven, and we continue to sink deeper and deeper into the quicksand, all the while saying, "Quicksand? What quicksand? I don't see any quicksand!" Or do we tell God, "I have sinned; please forgive me"? That's humility. Humility reminds us to face the facts, admit our sin, and beg forgiveness. We offer no excuses. We don't blame the situation on other people. We know that we are sinners, but we humbly trust that our sins will be washed away in the blood of the Lamb.

Test 4: How often do you ask God for favors in prayer? Rarely? That's pride. Pride lies to us, telling us that since we are too great, we must in some way be self-made and self-reliant, needing nobody else, never needing to ask anybody for any favors, including God. Or do you find yourself occasionally asking God for help? That's humility. Humility reminds us that everything we have is from God, that even our bodies and talents are on loan from God, that we are in need of salvation and that Jesus is our Savior.

Test 5: Are you easily annoyed by other people? That's pride. Pride lies to us, telling us that it is we who

define "normal," so that anybody who behaves differently from our esteemed selves is behaving abnormally, probably on purpose, just to annoy us. Or do you enjoy the presence of other people, and interact easily with them? That's humility. Humility reminds us that everybody is different, that each person has a unique role in God's plan, and is therefore given different tastes, desires, abilities, and opportunities. The humble man sees God's will in this diversity, and rejoices in it.

Test 6: Do you complain when you are told to do something above and beyond the call of duty? Do you refuse to do things because they are beneath your dignity? Or do you do them, but belly-ache about it to everybody, as if you were being exploited or martyred? That's pride. Pride lies to us, telling us that we have the right to do anything we want to do, and to avoid doing anything we don't want to do. Or do you gladly accept God's will for you, as expressed by those who have legitimate authority over you or a claim to your time? That's humility. Humility reminds us that God is in charge. He knows what he's doing, and so we can trust Him completely. Every task we are given is a task that must be done by somebody. The humble soul says, "Here I am Lord; send me," and then works patiently and gladly. It was humility that made Mary say, "Let it be done to me according to thy will."

Test 7: When you experience success or good

fortune, do you boast about it? That's pride. Pride lies to us, telling us that success is always due to our own hard work, superior intelligence, brilliant imagination, keen sense of timing, and the simple and obvious fact that we're just destined to be successful. Or do you take success in stride, remaining as cool, calm and collected in good fortune as in bad? That's humility. Humility reminds us that success is always caused by many factors, some of which we have no control over, and good fortune is a pure grace from God, undeserved and non-repayable. We thank God on our knees for such gifts, but we don't boast about them.

There you have it: the seven tests of humility. I hope I didn't cause you too much pain. I must apply this reflection to my own life as well. So let us ask God for the Wisdom from above to live the Christian life fully here on earth.

**BUYER'S FORUM** from Page 1

The Buyer's Forum is a win-win event for all, Station residents and the Exchange's retailers.

"It gives the community an opportunity to voice their opinion and it also helps us improve our store and grow in business by acting on the community's comments and suggestions," said Neidzwickiecki.

A follow-up list of items that are requested at the Buyer's Forum will be posted in a future TORI TELLER.

For more information on the Buyer's Forum contact the Exchange at 253-5641.



# Nishiki River Water Festival lights up Iwakuni sky

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*Combat Correspondent*

There were no corn dogs; Squid on a stick was served instead. The young ladies weren't wearing their favorite sundress, they were wearing their Yukatas, a summer kimono. No Rock 'n' Roll concert filled the airwaves, instead the thunderous beat of Taiko Drums rocked the crowd. The one common thread between a Japanese and American summer festival is simple; it defines the sense of community for its citizens in an enjoyable fashion.

Thronges of local Iwakuni residents, along with dozens of people from across Japan, braved the stifling summer heat to come out and enjoy the many attractions of the 38th annual Nishiki River Water Festival at the Kintai Bridge, Aug. 6.

"This festival was started to show appreciation

and respect to the abundant water source of the Nishiki River," said Taeko Yokoyama, Marine Corps Community Services administration and cultural specialist. "The river has been providing many benefits to the people of Iwakuni in many ways, such as; a source for drinking water, great habitat for fish and other water creatures, and it is also a relaxing asset to the local people."

The festivities transformed the riverfront near the Kintai Bridge into a bustling marketplace, full of vendors selling squid on a stick, yakisoba and an endless assortment of sweets.

"The vendors had shaved ice, noodles, chicken and even hot dogs," said Cpl. Mercy Thamavongsa, Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12 accom-

tant. "It was all pretty good, but I didn't really care for the Squid."

The festival had a full schedule including a performance by a local brass band, Miss Iwakuni announcement, Iwakuni Taiko Drum concert and last but not least the most anticipated event of the festival, the fireworks display.

"The fireworks were spectacular," said Thamavongsa. "It was a little different from the fireworks back home. Back home it's non-stop amazement, rather than a small show every five minutes," stated Thamavongsa referring to the Nishiki fireworks display, which entailed several small displays over a 90-minute period.

Although every available space to view the

fireworks was packed full of spectators, no one seemed to mind the crowded atmosphere.

"It was extremely crowded, but when you looked around everyone was smiling and happy, oing and awing," said Thamavongsa.

Even though stationed on the other side of the world from family and friends, Station residents are regularly invited into the local community to share in holidays and various celebrations.

"The most important part about experiencing the Japanese culture is simply getting out there," said Thamavongsa. "This is pretty much a once in a lifetime experience, and I know I don't want to miss out on anything. Especially events like this, I had a lot of fun."



FAR LEFT: Hundreds of people showed up at the Kintai Bridge area to celebrate the 38th annual Nishiki River Water Festival held on the riverfront, Aug. 6. The festival was established to pay homage to the Nishiki River, which provides endless benefits to the local community. The main attraction of the day was the elaborate 90-minute fireworks display. LEFT: One of the dozens of vendors at the Nishiki River Water Festival prepares his specialty, octopus on a stick. Patrons of the Nishiki River Water Festival were treated to squid, chicken, noodles, shaved ice and countless other Japanese culinary delights. BOTTOM: A young Japanese couple sits near the Nishiki River soaking up the relaxing atmosphere with each other. Many festival goers were adorned in their Yukatas, a form of the traditional Kimono designed for the summer months.

# Obon - Japanese welcome departed



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An annual migration of people starts in mid-August across Japan. Highways, bullet trains and even airplanes are crowded with people due to the traditional Buddhist holiday called Obon.

Obon is a unique holiday because it isn't celebrated on a specific day. Since the original lunar calendar was converted to a solar calendar, the holiday is celebrated on different days in different regions.

The Obon celebration originated in India. According to the legend, a man wished to see what his mother's life was like after her death. In a vision, he saw her suffering from hunger. To rescue her, he prepared a bowl of rice. But, as she approached the bowl, it burst into flames.

He then asked a Buddhist priest to help him. The priest said that her suffering was due to sins she committed in her earthly life. He also said that she could only be saved by the mercy of Buddha. He asked several priests to hold a mass for her. The mass was held on the 15th day of the seventh month, and succeeded in saving the man's mother from hunger.

As Buddhism spread in Japan, the celebration gradually permeated Japanese society in various rituals that reflect the districts where they were adopted.

Before the Obon festivals start, families clean family graves and decorate them with flowers and lanterns.

They also light "mukae-bi," welcome fires, to invite the ancestors' souls home. People believe that the departed souls ride the smoke back into the homes.

People display a horse and cow made out of a cucumber and eggplant with chopsticks for legs. When the souls return, they ride the horse and put their luggage on the cow.

During the festival, families return to their ancestors' graves, and once again, decorate them with flowers and candles and burn incense while giving prayers.

Since Japanese people believe their ancestors' spirits return to the world to reunite with living relatives during joyous occasions, they welcome them.

In homes, elaborate lanterns are set up beside the "butsudan," a families Buddhist altar.

Since one of the most important parts of the festival is to offer ancestors food, fruits and sweets are placed on the altars.

Another very popular part of the festival is a dance called the Bon Odori. This dance is usually performed by large groups of people dressed in summer kimonos.

The people surround a platform with a red and white banner and dance in a circle to music.

The celebration of Obon is centered around the main branch of the family, but many people believe it's slowly losing its importance. Because of the dissolution of the extended family in the urban areas, the traditional celebrations are slowly fading. It may not be an exaggeration to say the Obon is being buried under the summer vacation.

**Japanese women in kimonos dance in Hiroshima to traditional Japanese music. Along with dancing, Japanese families prepare food and light "mukae-bi" fires as an offering during the Obon season to welcome their departed ancestors back into their homes. Obon takes place throughout mid-August in Japan.**

## OUT THE GATE

Note: Japanese who do not speak English may answer the phone numbers provided.

**Miyajima Underwater Fireworks Festival**  
A fireworks display will be held near the Itsukushima Shrine on Miyajima Island Sunday, starting at 7:50 p.m. Approximately 5,000 fireworks, including 100 underwater fireworks, are prepared. In case of heavy rain, the fireworks will be postponed until the following day. Call 0829-44-2011 for further information.

**Yanai Goldfish Lantern Festival**  
This festival will be held around the JR Yanai train station Saturday, 4-9 p.m. Nearly 3,000 goldfish lanterns will be decorated along the White Wall Street. A beer garden, street performances, parades and more are scheduled. Visitors can view a fireworks display 8:30-9 p.m. Both the festival and the fireworks display will be cancelled in case of inclement weather. For more details, call 0820-22-2111.

**Miyajima Evening of Dance**  
There will be a traditional dance performance held at the Mikasanohama beach near the Itsukushima Shrine, Miyajima Island

Wednesday and Thursday, 7:30-9 p.m. Admission is free. The performance will be postponed until the following day in case of heavy rain. For details, call 0829-44-2086.

**Starlight Fantasy In Nijigahama**  
Various events will be held at the Nijigahama Beach in Hikari City near JR Hikari Train Station today and Saturday. Music performances, such as a jazz concert 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. Admission is free. The events will be cancelled in case of inclement weather. Call 0833-72-1400 for more information.

## TORII TELLER CLASSIFIED ADS

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priority basis. Deadline for briefs is noon Thursday. *Torii Teller* reserves the right to edit fit to space. Stop by Building 1, Room 216 to fill out a form.



### AUTOMOBILES

**Nissan Skyline GT**, 1994, 2 door, 78,000 km, maroon, excellent in and out, fast and reliable, upgraded suspension/exhaust/clutch. Call Julian Jechez at 31-8617.



### MISCELLANEOUS

**Golf set**, Cleveland TA-5 with extras, includes Cleveland bag with stand and shoulder harness, TA-5 steel shaft irons, 3-4-5-6-7-8-9 & PW, Cleveland 9.5 launcher 330 driver, Odyssey white hot putter, hard travel carrying

case, like new, rarely used, a must see, \$800 obo. Call Chris at 253-4511 dwh or 253-2494 awb.

Maternity clothes, baby boy clothes 0-3 mo. and a lot of baby accessories. Call Michelle at 253-2078.

Woodland digital cammie pants, near new, size medium, X-short, \$10. Call Jenny at 253-2661.

Double Jogging stroller, red and black, rust free material, great condition, PCS in one month, must sell, \$100 firm. Call Tonya Gogol at 253-2429.

Laptop Dell, CD burner, Windows, fairly new, great shape, \$500 firm; Laptop Dell DVD and CD burner, great shape, \$750. Call 253-2442.

Japanese dolls, nicknacks, helmets, flower vases, Japanese pictures with frames and many more. Call Antonio Ramos at 253-4108 dwh or 253-2022 awb or 080-3009-0205.

### WANTED

**Wanted**, curtains/drapes for off-base house, small kitchen appliances; beds; fans; etc. Call 32-8460 or 080-3174-9229 or Mike at 253-3061 dwh.

### FOUND

**Found**, A ring in the parking lot of Building 656. Call Jenny at 253-2661 to describe and claim.



### JOB OPENINGS

**Dental Clinic**  
A dental assistant is needed. Call DTC Site at the Dental Clinic at 253-5252 for further details.

**WIC Overseas**  
Nutritionist/dietician/nurse is

needed for Women, Infants and Children Overseas Program. Position requires BS in nutrition, dietetics, nursing or home economics. Experience in prenatal, maternal or infant-nutrition required. Registered dietitian preferred. Experience in WIC desirable. Must be U.S. citizen. For immediate consideration, e-mail resume, cover letter and copy of license to williamsd@nhyoko.med.navy.mil or fax it to Denise Williams at 243-2614. Call Adriane at 243-4928 for further information.

**CHRO (253-6828)**  
Go to [www.iwakuni.usmc.mil/HRO/default.htm](http://www.iwakuni.usmc.mil/HRO/default.htm) for a complete job listing. Contact CRHO, Building 1, room 104 for details.

**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, contact 253-5019. Visit [www.mccsawacm.com](http://www.mccsawacm.com) for a complete job listing.*

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### CHRO

#### CHRO Training

■ **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.

### MCCS

#### Special Events

■ **Right Hand Man Night:** Thursday, 5-7 p.m. at the Landing Zone Lounge. Uniform of the day required. Call 253-5416 for details.  
■ **MCCS Job Fair:** Aug. 20, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Club Iwakuni Ballroom A & B. For further information, call 253-3030.  
■ **Variety Dance Party:** Aug. 20, 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. at the Club Iwakuni Ballroom.

#### MCX (253-5641)

■ **Buyers Forum:** Wednesday, 3-5 p.m. at the MCX Front Atrium. All authorized Exchange patrons invited.

#### Single Marine Program (253-3585)

■ **Hiroshima Carp Baseball Trip:** Saturday, \$10 transportation. Stadium seats cost \$1,500-\$2,000. Bring extra yen for food.  
■ **Spades Tournament:** Sunday. Sign up at the Hornet's Nest.

#### Youth & Teen Center (253-6454)

■ **Teen Keystone Meeting:** Every Friday, 7-9 p.m. Interested teens are welcome to join a committee to make the Teen Program better than ever.

#### 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 LES, upon registering. The camp operates until Aug. 19.

#### Marine and Family Services

■ **Using Credit Wisely:** Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. This class offers you insights on the proper uses of credit cards. Call 253-6250 for details.  
■ **Home Buying Workshop:** Thursday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call the office to reserve a seat. This course is essential for experienced and first time home buyers alike, for those who will be purchasing soon and those just starting to think about taking the plunge. Call 253-6250 for further details.

■ **Anger Management Seminar:** Tuesday and Aug. 23, 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Learn to cope with anger during this seminar. For more details, call 253-4526.

■ **PCS With Success Workshop:** Thursday and Aug. 25, 1-3 p.m. The Station departments provide tips to help you prepare for your return to the United States or transfer to your next duty station. For further details, call 253-3331.

■ **Counseling And Advocacy Program:** The Marine & 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 anxiety disturbances. For more information, call 253-4526.  
■ **Substance Abuse Counseling Center:** The center provides early intervention, assessment, treatment and continuing care for people experiencing problems associated with the use of mood and mind altering substances. Call 253-5260 for information and confidential assistance.

### OTHER

■ **WIC Overseas:** WIC Overseas is a supplemental food and nutrition education program. Eligible participants are pregnant, postpartum and breast-feeding women, infants and children up to their 5th birthday. Financial eligibility is based upon total family income and size. Call 253-4928 for details.  
■ **Station Safety Center:** Motorcycle Safety Foundation Experienced Rider Course will be held Aug. 20. Call 253-5381 for sign-up.

## Medical Service Corps celebrates 58th birthday

The Branch Health Clinic recently celebrated the 58th birthday of the Medical Service Corps in both the U.S. Navy and U.S. Army by holding a cake cutting ceremony in the BHC lobby, Aug. 4. The ceremony culminated with the oldest and youngest medical officers, Lt. Cmdr. Miladen Vranjican and Lt. j.g. Angela Smith respectively, cutting the birthday cake.



Lance Cpl. Lukas J. Blom



### SAKURA THEATER

**FRIDAY - 7 p.m.** Herbie Fully Loaded (G); 10 p.m. Stealth (PG-13); 1 a.m. Stealth (PG-13)  
**SATURDAY - 1 p.m.** Herbie Fully Loaded (G); 4 p.m. Sisterhood Of The Traveling Pants (PG); 7 p.m.; Bewitched (PG-13); 10 a.m. Stealth (PG-13)  
**SUNDAY - 4 p.m.** Charlie And The Chocolate Factory (PG); 7 p.m. Herbie Fully Loaded (G)  
**MONDAY - 7 p.m.** Bewitched (PG-13)  
**TUESDAY - 7 p.m.** Sisterhood Of The Traveling Pants (PG)  
**WEDNESDAY - 7 p.m.** Stealth (PG-13)  
**THURSDAY - 7 p.m.** Herbie Fully Loaded (G)  
This schedule is submitted by the Sakura Theater and is subject to change. For show times call the Sakura Theater at 253-5291.

### MCTV CHANNEL 19

**FRIDAY - 8 a.m.** Aristocats (G); 11 a.m./5 p.m. Around The World In 80 Days (PG); 2 p.m./8 p.m. Miss Congeniality (PG-13); 11 p.m./5 a.m. Die Hard With A Vengeance (R); 2 a.m. Fair Game (R)  
**SATURDAY - 11 a.m./5 p.m.** Because Of Wynn-Dixie (PG); 2 p.m./8 p.m. Enemy Mine (PG-13); 11 p.m./5 a.m. The Ring 2 (R); 2 a.m. Big Fish (PG-13)  
**SUNDAY - 11 a.m./5 p.m.** Final Fantasy: Spirits Within (PG-13); 2 p.m./8 p.m. Million Dollar Baby (PG-13); 11 p.m./5 a.m. The Bodyguard (R); 2 a.m. Catch 22 (R)  
**MONDAY - 8 a.m.** Sleeping Beauty (G); 11 a.m./5 p.m. Fat Albert (PG); 2 p.m./8 p.m. The Accidental Spy (PG-13); 11 p.m./5 a.m. The Fly 2 (R); 2 a.m. Blade II (R)  
**TUESDAY - 8 a.m.** The Rescuers (G); 11 a.m./5 p.m. Freaky Friday (PG); 2 p.m./8 p.m. Die Another Day (PG-13); 11 p.m./5 a.m. Fatal Instinct (PG-13); 2 a.m. Blade Trinity (R)  
**WEDNESDAY - 8 a.m.** Dumbo (G); 11 a.m./5 p.m. Good Boy! (PG); 2 p.m./8 p.m. Dragonfly (PG); 11 p.m./5 a.m. La Femme Nikita (R); 2 a.m. China Town (R)  
**THURSDAY - 8 a.m.** Hunchback Of Notre Dame (G); 11 a.m./5 p.m. George Of The Jungle (PG); 2 p.m./8 p.m. Hitch (PG-13); 11 p.m./5 a.m. Bonnie & Clyde (R); 2 a.m. The Cooler (R)

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## Nihongo de...

### 標識が地元の水難事故減少に役立つ

スリー・フォールズの通称で基地住人に親しまれている二鹿梅津の滝で、潜在的な危険を確実に知ってもらうため、基地海軍のシービーが土曜日に安全標識を二つ設置した。

大雨が降ると、スリー・フォールズは訪れる人にとって容赦なく危険なものになる。

この美しい地を訪れた軍人が帰らぬ人となった悲惨な出来事が、過去に何度かあった。

この先事故を避けるため、基地安全課は起こり得る危険性について確実に知ってもらうべくさらに方策を講じた。

「基地安全課と海兵隊岩国航空基地の指導者達は、海兵隊員や海軍兵および民間人に、雨で増水した川での水泳や岩場からの飛び込みの危険性を常に指摘している。それにもかかわらず、いざ夢中になるとこういった教訓はしばしば忘れられてしまうものだ。潜在的な危険性について、遊泳直前に指摘する役目を標識が果たしてくれるよう願う。基地の人がよく行く他の遊泳場所にも警告標識が立ててある。スリー・フォールズにあった標識は、傷んで読みづらくなっていたため危険をきちんと伝えていなかった。新しい標識は弥栄ダムにある標識と似ている。」と、地上安全担当官のリチャード・ペリーは言う。

標識は野外を訪れる人全員の安全のため、英語と日本語の両方で書いてある。

「地元の日本人と軍人が危険な一線を越えることがないように、標識を立てた標識は皆が安全でいられるよう抑止力としての役目を果たしている。地元住民と軍人に警告を与え、起こりうる危険に注意してもらうために標識は立ててある。」と、司令部・司令部中隊施設部建築工のロバート・スティープンソン一等兵曹は言う。

標識設置を手がけたのは基地建設員であるシービーの隊員たちだ。海軍のシービーにとって、地元住民を危険から守ることが美りのあることである。

「いい仕事が出来た。このために私達は居るのだ。シービーとしてこういう仕事をいつもしている。私達は地域のために誇りを持って楽しんで仕事をしている。」と、スティープンソンは言う。

標識を立てることを許可してくれた岩国市に対して安全課は感謝している。

### Iwakuni City says 'thank you,' to Station's Seabees

Yoshihisa Dohi, Chairman of the Kawashimo District Social Welfare Council, hands an award of appreciation to Petty Officer 1st Class Steven M. Delarosa, Petty Officer 3rd Class Tabatha L. Karll, and Petty Officer 3rd Class Dustin Cadina, August 3. The trio was given the award for their involvement in the community cleanup effort of the Nishiki River, July 9.



Lance Cpl. John S. Rafoss

### Mess Hall Lunch Menu

Week Of August 15-19

**Monday** – Manhattan Clam Chowder, Chicken And Rice Soup, Sauerbraten, Caribbean Catfish, Steamed Rice, Oven Browned Potatoes, Red Beans, Calico Cabbage, Brown Gravy, Fresh Croissants  
**Tuesday** – Beef Noodle Soup, Chicken And Mushroom Soup, Spicy Baked Fish, Szechwan Chicken, O'Brien Potatoes, Noodles Jefferson, French Fried Cauliflower, Broccoli Parmesan  
**Wednesday** – Tomato Noodle Soup, Chicken And Mushroom Soup,

El Rancho Stew, Caribbean Chicken, Steamed Rice, Noodles Jefferson, Brussel Sprouts, Simmer Corn, Corn Bread  
**Thursday** – Minestrone Soup, Cream Of Broccoli Soup, Pineapple Chicken, Liver And Onions, Candied Sweet Potatoes, Okra And Tomato Gumbo, Green Bean Southern Style, Chicken Gravy  
**Friday** – Beef Barley, Spanish Soup, Lemon Baked Fish, Beef Stroganoff, Steamed Rice, Potatoes Au Gratin, Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Cauliflower Combo, Black Eyed Peas, Chicken Gravy

### CHAPEL RELIGIOUS SERVICES

#### Roman Catholic

Saturday  
4:30 p.m. Confession  
5:30 p.m. Mass  
Sunday  
8:45 a.m. Mass

#### Protestant

Sunday  
9 a.m./10:30 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Fellowships  
10:15 a.m. Non-Denominational Christian Worship  
11:45 a.m. Gospel Worship Service

#### Cooperative Chapel Ministries

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

### LAY LED RELIGIOUS SERVICES

#### Jewish

Friday  
6 p.m. Shabbat Service

#### Seventh-Day Adventist

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

#### Episcopal

Sunday  
7 p.m. Worship Service

#### Church of Christ

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

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

Weekdays  
6:30 a.m. Seminary  
Sunday  
1 a.m. Priesthood, Relief Society & Sunday School  
3 p.m. Sacrament Meeting

### OTHER SERVICES

#### Islamic

Friday  
12 p.m. Prayer

#### Nichiren Buddhist

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 Sept. 11.  
■ Capodano Hall (next to the Chapel) to be available for chapel events around Sept. 1.  
For more information, contact the Chapel.

## All-star Braves rage strong against Kure East

LANCE CPL. JOHN S. RAFOSS  
*Combat Correspondent*

Iwakuni Braves 10 to 12 All-Star-Team defeated the Kure East during two little league baseball games at Monzen Field Aug. 6.

The event consisted of two teams who spoke different languages but came together to play a familiar sport, baseball.

"One of our main strategies coming into the games was to play strong fundamental baseball," said John K. Ayers, Braves coach.

The Braves won the first game 3-2. There were no runs in the first inning, but in the top of the second inning, things got heated up when one of the dominating players of the game, John K. Ayers, short stop, slammed a single bringing in Brett Duncan, center field, and Dirk L. Parker, first basemen, making the score 2-0.

During the bottom of the fourth inning Kure East tied it up by scoring two runs. Feeling the pressure in the top of the fourth inning, Duncan stepped up to the plate hit the ball deep into centerfield for a homer, thus breaking the tie.

The Braves were able to hold out the rest of the innings, due to Christopher M. Duncan's shut-out pitching.

The Braves were able to hold out the rest of the inning and win the game 3-2.

"Even though we won, we did make a few errors during the first game," said Gaven L. Allen, Left Field. "We are good in catching and defense, however, some of us have to work on batting."

The Braves also won the second game cutting it close again by winning it 4-3. During the first inning Kure East was able to score a run making it 1-0. Nevertheless, during the top of the first inning Bennie B. Parker, second basemen, sped to home base when Ayers was able to slam a triple, making the score tied up at 1-1.

During the bottom of the third inning Kure East was able to come back scoring two runs, making the lead and motivating the team.

However, Ayers showed Kure East what he was made of and blasted a homerun bringing in two runners making the score 4-3.

The Braves were able to hold off the rest of the game defeating the Kure East with a final score of 4-3.

"It was an outstanding day," said Ayers. "The baseball games were good experiences for the kids to get outside and play some ball with kids from a different country."



Photos by Lance Cpl. John S. Rafoss

**RIGHT:** Christopher M. Duncan, Braves pitcher, sets up to pitch during a heated game against the Kure East. Duncan pitched an amazing game, striking out many. **ABOVE:** Brett Duncan, Braves center fielder, slams the ball deep into centerfield for a home run against Kure East. Duncan was able to get two runs in during the first game.

### IWAKUNI SPORTS SCENE

#### Youth Cheerleading

The registration is now until Aug. 20 for \$30. If you register more than two children, the price is \$25 only from now through Aug. 20. Registration from Aug. 21 through Sept. 3 is \$40. There is no cost to return players who already have a uniform. Opening ceremonies are Sept. 10, 9:30 a.m. at Penny Lake Field #2. Closing ceremonies are Nov. 12, 9:30 a.m. at Penny Lake Field #2. Call 253-3239 for more information.

#### Youth Soccer

The registration is now through Aug. 20 for \$30. If you register more than 2 children, the price is \$25 only from now until Aug. 20. Registration from Aug. 21 through Sept. 3 is \$40. Opening ceremonies are Sept. 10, 9:30 a.m. at Penny Lake Field #2. Closing ceremonies are Nov. 12, 9:30 a.m. at Penny Lake Field #2. Evaluations for 10-12 players only will be held Aug. 27, 9 a.m. at Penny Lake Field #1. Call 253-3239 for details.

#### Youth Soccer

Youth soccer and cheerleading coaches are needed for kids ages 4-15. The coaches training dates are Aug. 22 and 23, 5 p.m. in the IronWorks Gym Wellness room. The soccer season is Sept. 10 to Nov. 12, 2005. For more information, call 253-3239. Coaches receive LOAs and plaques.  
■ **MCCS Iwakuni Invitation Skateboard Competition**  
Aug. 20 at the MCCS Skateboard Park. The competition will be broken down in two categories; beginner and advanced. There will be guest judges and demonstrations by professional skateboarders from Hiroshima. The demonstrations will begin at 12 p.m. and the competition will start at 1:30 p.m. Call 253-3727 for details.  
■ **The Majors PGA Championship**  
Saturday and Sunday, make your own tee time. Pick a partner from the final round of golfers playing in the PGA Championship,

the final major championship of 2005. Play for \$10, plus user fees. Golfers can enter net and gross divisions. For details, call 253-3402.

#### ■ SWEAT Program (Strength, Wellness Education & Aerobics Training)

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 information.

#### ■ 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.

#### ■ Moonlight Bowling

Every Saturday, 6 p.m. The event features 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.

#### ■ Free Camping, Recreational Gear

The Outdoor Recreation in the IronWorks Gym lends the Station residents camping, picnic and recreational gear for three 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 details call 253-3822.



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**TOP:** Justin R. Mason, team Crew player, prepares to blast the ball into the net while an opponent tries to block during the physical training water polo tournament. **BOTTOM:** Zeb Johnson, team Crew player, dribbles the ball during a game against Rec in attempt to move in for an open shot.

## Team Crew blows competition out of water

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Team Crew splashed out a victory during a seven-man team physical training water polo tournament, part of the Presidential Challenge, at the Station's main swimming pool Aug. 5.

Water polo is a team-based sport, which is a combination of soccer, football, volleyball, and swimming. Each team consists of six players and one goalie. The objective of the game is to score by throwing the ball into the goal.

The teams that were involved were: team Rec representing Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron Airfield Recovery, team Crew representing Aircraft Rescue Firefighting, and team MACS Four representing Marine Air Control Squadron Four.

The event consisted of four matches and was split up into four 10-minute quarters.

The first match was between team Crew and MACS Four. Crew splashed out on top.

"It was really tiring with all the swimming. The ball was going everywhere, but we tried to keep the ball on the offensive," said Justin R. Mason, team Crew player.

However, during the championship match between Crew and Rec, the players were so exhausted the game was shortened into 3-minute quarters.

Andrew Clark, team Crew player, showed Rec he was serious about water polo and kicked it up a

notch by scoring 7 goals, helping Crew come out victorious yet again by blowing Rec out of the water 12-3.

Crew came into the event with several strategies in mind with key players.

"Our setup was to have three small fast players up front with three bigger players in the defense and one in the goal," said Mason.

Mason's teammates shared other strategies that they used.

"My main strategy was to swim to the center with the ball and then pass it back to the middle player," said Clark. "I would then swim forward past my opponents and the middle player would pass it to me and I would score."

The whole event was fun for all the units. Everyone had a good time getting out of work, doing some PT, and getting some water and sun.

"The event was a great way to break up the monotony of day-to-day operations and do some-



thing fun as a unit," said Jason N. Nickell, team Crew coach.

"Most of the people that showed up to play water polo never played before and were surprised how exhausting it was," said Tracy Morgan, fitness coordinator.

The event gave the winning team 20 points toward the Presidential Challenge, \$100 dollar party fund, and a first-place trophy. Second-place received a \$75 dollar party fund and a second place trophy.

The next unit PT event will be the strength and endurance challenge, Sept. 9.