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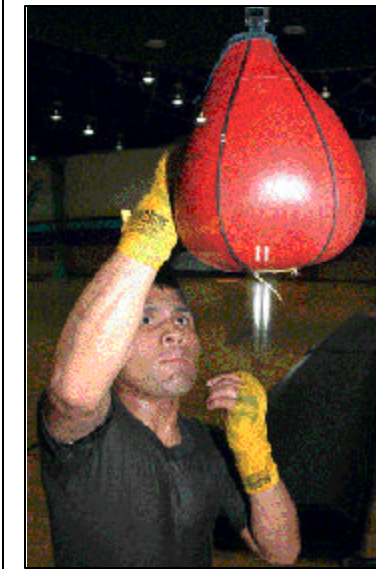
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**Sgt. Robert Castillo, Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12 aviation clerk, trains with a speed bag in preparation for the upcoming Conseil International du Sport Militaire world military boxing championships in Pretoria, South Africa, June 29 through July 5.**

**LANCE CPL. LUKAS J. BLOM**  
*Combat Correspondent*

One of Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni's own will represent the Air Station at the annual Conseil International du Sport Militaire world military boxing championships in Pretoria, South Africa, June 29 through July 5.

Sgt. Robert Castillo, Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12 aviation supply clerk, earned the right to represent the Marine Corps and the United States at the world-wide competition after beating out all the competition during the Armed Forces Boxing Championships at Fort Huachuca, Ariz. earlier this year.

As a 14-year-old boy who consistently got in trouble for fighting in school, Castillo, sought out an outlet that would tame his aggressive warrior spirit.

Deciding to embrace his gift rather than deny it, Castillo decided to take up boxing, the sport that he is currently ranked number four in the nation.

"I initially started boxing to try to stay away from trouble," said the

Wauchula, Fla. native. "I always wanted to fight in school, but when I started boxing I got disciplined and started respecting people a lot more."

Castillo soon found he was what most people call a "natural" at the fierce sport, capturing countless tournament victories and state championships.

Castillo quickly discovered that his natural ability, if honed properly,

**"It's all about putting your life in the ring, and I'm not afraid to do that."**

*-Sgt. Robert Castillo  
MALS-12, aviation supply clerk*

could help provide for his family, who moved to Florida from Mexico when Castillo was 10 years old.

"I was always winning and my family had no money and my parents were very poor, so I started entering tournaments where I got paid if I won. That's the first time I started thinking of the military," said the soft-spoken Castillo.

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## Residents living outside gate required to register

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Station personnel who reside outside the gates are required to register their home with the Provost Marshal's Office Emergency Communication Center and Station Fire Department in order to be provided emergency services, according to Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni Order 11000.5B.

All Department of Defense related personnel assigned to the Station, or tenant commands, including service members, DoD civilians and family members are required to complete the registration process.

Locating quarters aboard the Air Station is a relatively simple process for emergency responders, whereas locating quarters in the surrounding community often involves detailed instructions

and language barrier issues.

"Registering off-station residences with the ECC and Station Fire Department affords a more timely response in the event of an emergency," according to Order 11000.5B.

The free registration is completed by providing the Station Housing Office a copy of the completed and signed lease, deed or rental agreement. The signed contract should be accompanied by a

map of the surrounding area, with landmarks noted, in order for emergency vehicles to be able to provide timely assistance in case of an emergency.

Once the necessary paperwork is provided to the Housing Office, the residence will be assigned a four-digit code that will be filed with Station PMO and Fire Department.

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## Reenlistment clock winding down for first-term Marines

**LANCE CPL. MARK FAYLOGA**  
*Combat Correspondent*

Time is running out, and with each tick of the clock a Marine comes closer to losing his choice of duty station, military occupational specialty or even the chance to remain a Marine.

The opportunity to reenlist for Marines whose contract ends between Oct. 1, 2005 and Sept. 30, 2005 is currently open, but in the competitive world of the

Marine Corps, all first-term Marines are highly encouraged to have their paperwork for reenlistment submitted by July 1.

"If you're a Marine in the first-term alignment plan and you reenlist after July 1, you're already behind the power curve," said Gunnery Sgt. Ronald Mix, Station career retention specialist. "Headquarters Marine Corps operate on a first come first serve basis, the earlier you submit your package the more likely you are to get what you want."

There is more competition to reenlist among FTAP Marines than the second term and third term reenlistments. For Marines who are in a smaller MOS the competition is even fiercer so submitting a package early can make the difference between keeping your MOS or lateral moving.

"In a tighter MOS, like admin or postal, if they don't submit their package by the first they should plan on lat moving," said Mix.

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# Prom night a success because of volunteers

LANCE Cpl. CRISTIN K. BARTTER  
*Combat Correspondent*

Prom! It could very well compete as the most important day for any high school student. The night when young men in black suits and bow ties escort young women elegantly dressed in gowns to a night of music and manners. The room sparkles as the soft lights cast down onto one shiny eating utensil to the next glittery dress. It is a night of unforgettable memories; a night that could not be what it is without the help of volunteers.

Traditionally, every Prom has a theme for the night. The colors, decorations and atmosphere revolve around it. This year, the theme for the Matthew C. Perry high school Prom, hosted in the Club Iwakuni Ballroom, Saturday, was "Serenade." The decorations consist of massive wooden music notes, silhouettes, a large wooden keyboard walkway, and an archway for photos.

These decorations were not bought for hundreds of dollars, they were provided by the volunteer work of one of the Station's carpenters, Gunnery Sgt. Johnnie Faniel, Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 training chief and engineer assistant. The school paid for the wood and a picture of what they wanted and he went to work for a month and a half, providing the necessary items for a perfect night.

"I was approached by Mrs. Tensley with a picture of what she wanted for the Prom decorations," said Faniel. "I looked at the picture and it didn't look too complicated so I agreed to build the set. They provided me the materials so I donated the time and the talent."

Shelly Tensley, M. C. Perry junior class advisor and Prom coordinator, was amazed at the end results, "The Prom decorations are unbelievable! I was so impressed to actually see someone carve out musical notes as large as six feet high."

Since the Prom is customarily a gift to the seniors from the juniors, a small group of upper-classmen from the junior class dedicated their time and efforts to a night they too enjoyed. Kamille Sapnit, Tasha Moreno, Inna Chevez, Daniel Norris, Antonio Ortiz, Trevor Nash and Santino Giatano were the juniors who helped to make Prom a success. Although the list may be undersized their volunteering actions were needed for the hefty assignment at hand.

"The juniors who volunteered assisted with the painting, sanding, drawing, and boosting ticket sales," said Tensley. "They did a sweetheart candy



Heather Nuse, Matthew C. Perry graduating senior, walks down the red carpet for her grand entrance to the Prom. The night was a success because of helpful volunteers.

sale during the month of March which provided the funds for the wood so Faniel could begin his work of art."

Other providers for the Prom were the Masons who donated money to help pay for the personal senior Prom night gifts, the Chief Petty Officers Association, Master Sgt. Kenneth Tensley, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron training chief, Lance Cpl. Matthew S. Dewitt, H&HS aviation support equipment mechanic, Lance Cpl. Eric S. Holan, H&HS training clerk, and the Navy Seabees.

"The donations given assisted greatly in the purchase of materials such as the gold engravings needed for the senior gifts, and the paint," Tensley added.

As students "got jiggy wit" it on the dance floor, the night was deemed a success because of the assistance from Station volunteers who gave up countless hours to make the senior Prom a night to remember.

"This set would have originally cost the juniors \$1,000, which we just did not have, but with the favor of God and great volunteers this night was accomplished," said Tensley. "Tonight is more than just a high school Prom, it's a formal occasion for the seniors."

## Matthew C. Perry senior selected as 2005 Asia Youth of Year

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*Combat Correspondent*

The Boys and Girls Club of America selected Jazman Thompson, Matthew C. Perry graduating senior and member of the Boys and Girls Club of Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan, as the 2005 Asia Youth of the Year.

The Readers Digest Foundation sponsors the Youth of the Year program that recognizes exceptional students with leadership skills who contribute to their family, community, school and Boys and Girls Club.

In order to be chosen for the award Thompson had to go through a qualification process against other students from different schools on other bases in the Pacific.

According to Thompson the process wasn't a walk in the park, "First I had to fill out a 20-page packet that included essays about my family, my moral character, school and daily activities. I had to get two recommendations letters for each category. I also had to write a big essay in the end about my future goals and about my role in the Boys and Girls Club."

"After the packet I had to go in front of a board of six officials of the Boys and Girls Club and answer 20 minutes worth of questions," she added.

In the end her hard work paid off when she was selected, "I was really excited when I found out that I was chosen, because I didn't think that I was going to get that far."

Thompson received a \$1,000 college scholarship from The Reader's Digest Foundation and a laptop computer from the Beaumont Foundation of America.

Her next step is to compete in the regional competition where, if she wins, she will receive a \$5,000 scholarship and a chance at the national competition for a \$10,000 scholarship.

Thompson has been accepted to Wiley College in Texas where she will be studying for her degree in political science.

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Enlisting in the Marine Corps in 1999, Castillo's talent carried him straight to the All Marine Boxing Team within his first year in the Corps.

"I could've gone to the Army. I knew they had a good team. The fighters over there get better equipment, nutritionists and the World Athlete Program; basically everything a fighter needs," said Castillo. "But I knew I still wanted to join the Marine Corps because they are the best and I have a lot of pride."

This year was the 7th consecutive

year which the 25-year-old Castillo reigned victorious at the Armed Forces Boxing Championships, making him one of the Marine Corps' most valuable and experienced boxers.

Although he has consistently been a champion inside the ring, his approach to fighting has matured somewhat over his career.

"A boxer dances around using boxing techniques, very technical," said Castillo, who fights in the 106-pound Light Flyweight weight class.

"A fighter uses technique, but he uses it to hurt his opponent, it doesn't matter if he gets hit or hurt himself

because he's only out there to win. The fighter is the aggressor he always attacks first. I used to be a pure fighter, but now I try to fight somewhere in the middle. I can box, but I can also fight," he added.

Currently Castillo is deeply entrenched in a vigorous training program to prepare him for the upcoming CISM.

Every morning he runs six miles with two-pound weights strapped around his wrists to strengthen his shoulders.

His afternoon workout consists of an hour of quality time with the heavy bag and speed bag at the Marine Corps

Community Services IronWorks Gym.

"If you want to win you've got to put in more work and concentration than your opponent, you've really got to want it," said Castillo. "It's all about putting your life in the ring, and I'm not afraid to do that."

For all his tenacity in the ring, Castillo insists his success is a reality because of two reasons.

"I'm here because God is guiding me through life, and he blessed me with a great family," said a humble Castillo. "Whenever I need someone to talk to, my Mother has always been there."

# Recreation center offers seasonal necessities

LANCE Cpl. CRISTIN K. BARTTER  
*Combat Correspondent*

Crawling through the swampy brush, the only thing you hear is your heart pounding like a bass drum in your chest. There is very little time; the mission replays in your mind. The green blobs seen through your night vision goggles await their next order. You tell them to push forward. The hairs on your neck begin to rise as you sense something wrong - terribly wrong. Ambush! Lights out...game over. That's right, game over.

Now put the remote control down and get outside and enjoy the sunny weather. Hibernation Inn has no vacancy this season.

Marine Corps Community Services IronWorks Recreation Center is entering the summer season prepared to provide to all of the outdoorsy Station residents ready to take on the fresh air, clear skies and beaming sun.

For the Station fishers, the Recreation Center offers trolling motors.

"It's good to have a trolling motor so you can get to a fishing spot faster," said Philip Beal, MCCA IronWorks outdoor recreation specialist. "You don't



Lance Cpl. Cristin K. Barter

**Why look at the great outdoors from a television screen when you can get out and enjoy it? Check out what the Marine Corps Community Service IronWorks Gym Recreation Center and Marina have to offer this season.**

have to waste precious fishing time rowing to a different location."

What's better than catching that big fish during the day and cooking it by fire at night? Now that camping gear is out for rent, Station residents can enjoy a night by the campfire while sleeping under the Iwakuni stars.

"We offer a wide variety of camping gear for everyone who wants to enjoy the great outdoors,"

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ment) look up the four-digit code we'll have a lot of information on the residents; work phone number, if he is accompanied, who he works for, when he moved in, his general rotation date, who he works for, number of dependents, number of bedrooms and the approximate size of the residence," said Gary K. Saiki, PMO lead emergency dispatch operator.

"The reason we need this information is in case of a fire or emergency we'll

know how many people should be in the residence, location of the house and we'll also have a point of contact for notifying their command. It also allows us to get them (the residents) some translation services so they will be able to communicate with the Japanese emergency responders," Saiki added.

Personnel are required to register their off-station housing within five days of signing the lease or rental agreement.

For more information on the off Station residence registration process contact Gary Saiki at 253-3322.

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Marines who are facing the FTAP are highly encouraged to submit their reenlistment early, because they have no experience with reenlisting.

"The process of reenlisting is very simple, but figuring out what reenlistment incentives you want is difficult," said Cpl. Shawn R. Minsky, Station shipping

and receiving noncommissioned officer in charge. Minsky submitted his package as soon as the option to reenlist was open. "By going in early and talking with my career retention specialist I had plenty of time to think about it and see what I wanted to do."

By teaming up with their career retention specialist early they can learn everything they need to know about reenlisting and if they run into trouble with re-

enlisting they will have plenty of time to fix it.

"My career retention specialist was very useful in helping me get my SRB (service record book) together," said Minsky. "He told me what I should have in there, and what to do for a better shot at reenlisting. By going in early I was able to prepare my book. Had I waited until the last week there is no way I could have put my book together half as good as it is now."

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be recorded at the time of registration. Parents are required to maintain accuracy of information by updating information annually or more often when circumstances dictate.

### 5. Who is eligible?

Any military, Department of Defense or base contractor dependent aged 10-18 (19 if still enrolled in high school). All youth attending must have a current registration form before attending the program. Y/P will make every reasonable effort to accommodate an exceptional child within the guidelines of the exceptional family member program.

### 6. What is your policy on bringing food from the outside?

Outside food or drinks are permitted into the facilities. Children Youth and Teen Branch is not responsible for food

allergies when youth are participating in self-directed activities.

Parents and youths are responsible to be aware of such allergies and avoid any foods related.

### 7. What is your policy on signing in and out?

Y/T's are self-released based. 10-18 year old youths may sign themselves in and out of programs without parent/guardian supervision. Sign in sheets are issued at each site. Youth must sign in and out upon arrival and departure of the program. Facilities may use the Rec-trac system to maintain these records.

### 8. What is your policy on the dress code?

Youth should dress appropriately for all planned activities. Youth generally go outside everyday and should be appropriately dressed for the weather. We ask that the liberty dress code policy is

adhered to and the intent of the order is respected. Smoking is not permitted in or around youth facilities. This includes parking lots.

### 9. What is your policy on visitors?

All visitors must sign in the visitor's logbook maintained at each site. Visitors may not wander through the center's facilities unescorted.

### 10. What is your policy on volunteering?

Volunteers may be scheduled to assist with the Youth & Teen programs. All volunteers must have completed the MCCA volunteer forms and references will be checked and recorded.

All regularly scheduled volunteers will receive a minimum of eight hours of training to include training on child abuse identification, reporting and prevention; age appropriate guidance and discipline; child health and safety; appli-

cable regulations and installation policies; role of volunteer; and program orientation.

### 11. What is your policy on emergencies?

Parents or guardians will be notified should an emergency or serious issue should arise. They shall receive a written report of any incident requiring specialized individual attention. It will be the youth's responsibility to bring a copy of the incident report home to their parent or guardian.

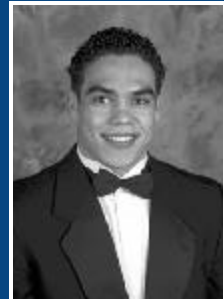
### 12. What is your phone policy?

Phones are not to be used for personal phone calls. The use of a personal cell phones while working with the youth is prohibited. Youths are not allowed to use the phone except in the case of an emergency when given permission and monitored by a staff member.

The Stars of Matthew C. Perry

# Class of 2005

*"Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined."  
-Henry David Thoreau*



Adam James Krievs plans to attend the University of Southern Oregon.



Alexander Agostinho Cabral plans to attend Rhode Island College.



Brittany Jean Scott graduated with a \$1,000 Presidential Scholarship. She plans to attend Wiley College.



Brandon Lamar Thompson



Cindy Lee Stasher



Jacob Michael Kuffel plans to attend Northern Michigan University.



Justin Christopher Biskup



Jazman Marie Thompson graduated with a \$1,000 Presidential Scholarship and a \$1,000 Boy's and Girl's Club Youth of the Year Scholarship. She plans to attend Wiley College.



Rebekka Lynn Claudio plans to attend Chapel Hill University.



Jennifer Marie Rittal



Alexander John Dahl



Sarah Jean Leach plans to attend Cambridge University, England.



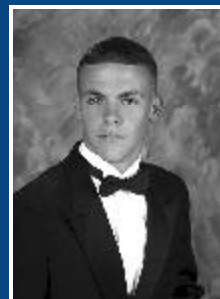
Rebekah Nicole Hood



Ronnie Craig Solomon, Jr. plans to attend Michigan State University.



TaShawna Denise Beeks



Christopher Lincoln Allison graduated with a \$1,500 Commissary Scholarship. He plans to attend Ohio State University.



Leilani Song Arita graduated with a \$1,500 Commissary Scholarship. She plans to attend the University of Hawaii.



Stephanie Shuko Lynch plans to attend Temple University.



Marko Emil Nedzbala plans to travel Europe.



Kevin Le'Mar Lee



Ephrem Malachi Hardin



De Vere Micheau



Daniel Lee Duck plans to attend the Air Force Academy.



Jacob Shane Curtis plans to attend the University of Idaho.



Lauralee Sayaka Snyder plans to attend a Culinary Arts School.



Jennifer Yoko Damitio plans to attend Purdue University.



James Herman Nash



Lisa Hosokawa Garber graduated with a \$10,000 St. Andrews Academic Scholarship, a \$2,000 Officers' Spouses' Club Scholarship, a \$1,000 Gleaner Insurance Scholarship. She plans to attend St. Andrews, N.C.



Geoffrey Michael Smith



Ruth Ann Coleman graduated with a \$1,000 Presidential Freedom Scholarship. She plans to attend Colorado State University.



Sean Kenichi Howard



Kathleen Fay Westberry



Liam Yusaku Funakoshi



Heather Elizabeth Nuse plans to attend Slippery Rock University.







Jose B. Don Juan, Top Secret forward, prepares to slip past William P. Liggett, VMFA-212 forward, during a regular season game at Penny Lake Field, June 3. During the game Don Juan accounted for two-thirds of Top Secret's goals.

# Top Secret dominates VMFA-212, 9-4

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Top Secret remained undefeated after shooting down Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 212, 9-4, during an Intramural 6-Man Soccer League regular season game at Penny Lake Field, June 3.



Tyson D. Vannice, VMFA-212 midfielder, keeps the ball out of reach from Monique K. Delapinia, Top Secret forward.

Top Secret's strategy for beating VMFA-212 wasn't classified information. Top Secret out-shot, out-hustled and out-played their opponent for an easy W.

"We just played like we always do, we had good ball movement and I just tried to get as many goals as I could," said Jose B. Don Juan, Top Secret forward. Don Juan's efforts resulted in six goals during the game.

It wasn't long after the first whistle when Monique K. Delapinia, Top Secret forward, scored the first goal of the game off a pass by Don Juan. But, 212 quickly answered back to even the score at 1. Albeit, 212's goal was from a lucky throw-in, which brushed off the back of Darrin L. Christensen, 212 forward, and into the goal.

With the score tied at one, most teams would gear up for a close battle. However, Top Secret showed no worries over the goal, partially because of how it was scored but mostly because during their previous engagement Top Secret walloped 212, 10-1.

"I wasn't too concerned when 212 tied the score up," said Don Juan. "We had already beaten them, and I had faith in my teammates. When we play

as a team we always win."

The game carried on with Top Secret scoring eight more goals. Six of which belonged to Don Juan, who would have as many as three defenders on him at a time, the extra defense didn't seem to phase Don Juan, he would toy around with the defense, faking left and right before eventually driving down field and into the goal.

Even with the impressive play from Don Juan and the apparent dominance of Top Secret, their coach wasn't satisfied with the level of play.

"They (Top Secret) weren't playing as well as they should of," said Gerry Rivas, Top Secret coach and player. "212 isn't that strong of a team, so they were out there just having fun with them."

Although, Top Secret is the only team in the league with a perfect record, they don't let their record go to their head.

"We're the only undefeated team in



Michael D. Schwegman, Top Secret defender, and Darrin L. Christensen, VMFA-212 forward, fight for control of the ball.

the league but we like to keep an underdog mentality," said Rivas.

The season is still fresh, but Top Secret plan on taking their underdog mentality all the way to first place.

"I think we will take the championship," said Rivas. "The only team's I'm concerned about are the Japanese teams, no one else should give us much trouble."