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## FARP extends 171's reach

LANCE Cpl. JOHN S. RAFOSS  
Combat Correspondent

**CAMP FUJI, Japan** — Marines with Marine Wing Support Squadron 171, deployed to Camp Fuji for Exercise Eagle Warrior '05, participated with a U.S. Army UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter in a Forward Arming and Refueling Point (FARP) mission where the Quick Reaction Force provided support, Sept. 13.

The purpose of the exercise was to setup a FARP, a temporary landing zone for aircraft located closer to areas of operation to provide fuel and ammunition.

"We know how to provide expeditionary airfield services back in Iwakuni," said Capt. Trevor M. Hublin, MWSS-171 Air Operations company commander. "Here, we get the opportunity to practice it in a tactical environment."

The exercise started off with 12 lucky Marines from the QRF see **FARP** Page 9

## After half century, Torii Teller transitions

MAJ. STEWART T. UPTON  
Public Affairs Officer

After nearly 50 years in print, the Torii Teller will cease to be a paper product on Sept. 30.

As the world transitions to an electronic information era, this installation will become the first Marine Corps installation to offer command information solely over the internet.

With continued budget cuts and the need for im-

mediacy in disseminating information, the decision was made to use projected fiscal year '06 budget monies to convert the Torii Teller to an online resource.

Beginning Oct. 1, an electronic newsletter will be provided to command personnel and all news stories will be posted to our Web site. These stories will now be available in a timelier manner and more accessible to a wider range of audiences. Families back home need only click on our Web site to find the variety of news only offered before in our paper version.

This issue will be the last news issue offered. Next week, the paper will be devoted to the Torii Teller's transition from a magazine, to a newspaper, to becoming completely digital.

Over the years, the Torii Teller has won various awards for print journalism excellence and the staff has included some of the best Marine Corps writers, see **TORII TELLER** Page 11

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## Residents say goodbye dial-up, hello wireless

LANCE Cpl. LENDUS B. CASEY  
Combat Correspondent

Station residents will finally have the option to purchase high-speed wireless Internet here, Nov. 1.

Wireless Internet allows users with their own computers to access the

Internet at high speed without a wire by using access points, also known as 'hotspots.' All residents need, in order to connect, is a wireless Internet adaptor card generally installed on most laptop computers today, otherwise they are available at any computer shop for about \$70 to \$100.

"Unfortunately, we don't supply customers with LAN cards, but most computers already have them installed," said Fumiaki Matsuyama, Nippon Telegraph and Telephone (NTT) Communications radio expert.

Residents can sign up for the \$45 monthly service on the second floor of

the Marine Corps Exchange in November, according to Matsuyama.

"When residents first sign up for service in November, they will receive the first month free," said Matsuyama.

Even though most satellite services, such as satellite TV, are affected by see **WIRELESS** Page 5



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## Chaplain's Corner: Indivisible with liberty

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General William Tecumseh Sherman once said, "War is hell." The historical setting for this comment was America's Civil War. Through every armed conflict our nation has sustained, men and women have reaffirmed Sherman's assessment.

Still, historians continue to be especially intrigued by the War between the States. When a nation is divided against itself, the casualties – physical, emotional, political – escalate exponentially. I remember one of my history professors recounting again and again the losses of the Civil War in comparison with all other wars combined.

The horror of hostility is never greater than when your only allies are your worst enemies. We know this to be true. That's why treason and mutiny carry such heavy consequences. Any

fighting unit would be relieved to learn that their enemy was now fighting each other.

The dread of division is hardly limited to nations and fighting units. Unfortunately, what we will not tolerate in our service or in our squadrons is practiced without abatement in our homes. Sherman's quote applies equally well to divorce and domestic violence.

Scores of men and women have told me as much. When that which is supposed to be indivisible turns instead toward intentional destruction, we shred the very fiber of life. This is true of nations, fighting units and families.

I just finished reading the biblical book of *Judges* again. It is a narrative filled with division. Some of the most grisly tales of the Bible are found in its pages. The summary statement of the book is this: Every man did as he saw fit. It seems obvious enough that the words indivisible and individual are re-

lated. In his book, *The Great Divorce*, C. S. Lewis masterfully portrays hell as precisely the absolute isolation of persons estranged from anyone else. That's as far as you can go. You can't divide an individual.

When a person is really struggling with issues in life, we sometimes say they are "coming apart." By definition, I don't think that's possible. Rather, I think the statement refers to the shredding of life, to the hell that is inescapable when your only supporters are firing downrange at you.

As I depart Iwakuni, I am thankful for the examples I have witnessed of those who have taken seriously the dictum, "No Marine is left alone." Without doubt, I have also seen the desolation of division. The burden of my heart is that this community will display indivisibility – as a Station, as units, as families and as friends. Respecting your liberty, I will pray to that end.

## Ask the Inspector

MASTER SGT. DIANE E. ROWE  
Equal Opportunity Advisor

*As the Equal Opportunity Advisor for Marine Corps Air Station, Iwakuni, my primary job is to assist the Base Commander, Col. Michael A. Dyer, in executing his Equal Opportunity Program. We must all remember that discrimination, to include sexual harassment, undermines morale, reduces combat readiness, and prevents maximum utilization and development of the Marine Corps' most vital asset, its people. We must ensure every Marine, regardless of rank is appreciated for their individual worth, and that each Marine is afforded full opportunity for professional achievement. In the Sept. 9th issue, we talked about informal resolution, so this week let's discuss formal resolution.*

### 1. How do I file a formal complaint?

There are several ways to seek formal redress. The most effective avenue to use will depend upon the circumstances surrounding the situation and personnel involved.

### 2. What is the most preferred method to use when filing a formal complaint?

The most preferred method is request mast. The request mast will normally be conducted within one working day, but no later than three working days after the initial submission. Marine Corps Order 1700.23, Request Mast, provides specific guidance for Request Mast procedures.

### 3. What if my complaint is against my commanding officer?

Article 138, Uniform Code Military Justice Complaint. An individual who alleges wrong(s) committed by their Commanding Officer.

### 4. Can I file a complaint on other superiors?

Yes, you can. Article 1150, redress of wrongs committed by a superior. An individual may also file a complaint against any other superior, in rank or command who the individual believes committed a wrong doing.

### 5. Can I address any problems/ complaints with the inspectors office?

As an alternative to the normal chain of command, military and civilian personnel may lodge complaints and provide facts to the local command inspectors.

### 6. What if I chose to go outside of the command?

Individuals may write a personal letter to members of Congress at anytime concerning EO issues. Remember, Equal Opportunity is everyone's responsibility.

## CHATTERBOX

Students, at MC Perry Elementary, are taught to problem solve using the S.T.E.P.S. model. (See, Think, Elect, Perform, Share) The Question this month is...

**You and your friends were playing baseball. When you were up at bat, the ball accidentally hit your neighbor's car and broke a window. A responsible person would ...**



Javier Braham Jr.  
Mr. Clark's Fifth Grade Class

"First, I would go to my neighbor's house and explain what happened to their car. Then, I would ask them what I could do to help fix the problem like, mowing their yard or maybe trimming their bushes."



Brittany Meyer  
Ms. Forti's Third Grade Class

"I would tell the neighbor I accidentally broke the car window and I would pay for it."



Marlon Vesprey  
Ms. Anthony's First Grade Class

"I would say I am sorry and fix the car."



Nicole Hunter  
Mrs. Saucer's Kindergarten Class

"I would say sorry, give her a big hug, so she can buy a new car."

# Vikings plunder Iwakuni sky

LANCE Cpl. LUKAS J. BLOM  
Combat Correspondent

The Vikings of Marine Fighter Attack Squadron (All Weather) 225 stormed the Station flight line after one year away from the skies of Japan, Sept. 11.

The Vikings, who hail from Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, are currently deployed to Iwakuni under the Unit Deployment Program for a six-month stretch.

Along with approximately 12 F/A-18D aircraft and 150 Marines, the Vikings bring a reputation as being one of the most well-maintained squadrons within the Corps.

"During our last aircraft maintenance inspection, we scored the highest re-

corded grade in the (3rd Marine Aircraft Wing)," said Maj. John E. Passant, VMFA(AW)-225 pilot and director of safety and standards. "We crushed everyone. The Marines in maintenance absolutely hit one out of the park."

During the past year stateside, not only has the maintenance side of the squadron distinguished itself, but the aircrew as well. Participating in approximately four training exercises and the Weapons and Tactics Instructor course has more than prepared the Vikings for their time in the Pacific. Most of the training was focused on forward air control airborne and providing close air support for the Marines on the ground.

"The jets came across the pond without a hiccup, which is a direct reflection of the quality maintenance and aircrew

we have," said Passant. "The whole squadron is like a big machine, we just continue to train as hard as possible. I'm extremely excited to get out there. We've got a relatively young squadron, so our time here is the perfect opportunity to increase our quals and get some good experience."

"While we're stationed in Iwakuni we'll have the opportunity get to Korea, Thailand and Okinawa for exercises we'd never be able to attend if we were in Miramar," he explained. "These exercises go a long way to keeping us on the edge of being war fighters. The exercises are the coolest part about being here."

Although the Marines of VMFA(AW)-225

## Dental technician, hospital corpsman ratings merge

LANCE Cpl. CRISTIN K. BARTTER  
Combat Correspondent

All active duty, full time support, and selective reserve dental technicians and hospital corpsman ratings will merge effective Oct. 1.

"As part of the Navy's human capital strategy, the merger will increase readiness by providing greater flexibility and utilization of our medical enlisted personnel, while broadening individual career opportunities as delivery of force health protection and world class care anytime, anywhere remains paramount," according to Navy Administration 214/05.

"The merge is to help when we get sent to the field," said Petty Officer 1st Class Marvin Roberts, Branch Health Dental Clinic dental technician and soon to be hospital

corpsman. "The importance of it is to consolidate the forces to make us more easily managed and mobilized. When we go green and support the Marines in the field, we go as corpsman, not as dental technicians. So, that is why they merged our forces together."

Navy service members joining the corpsman force after Oct. 1 will have to go through corpsman training first and then they will be sent to their specific school.

For the dental technicians and corpsman currently in the armed forces, they must fulfill the training needed to be an HM in the Navy.

"All HM and DT personnel, active and reserve, will require 'difference training,'" explained the NAVADMIN. "This training is designed to provide each sailor with

basic, foundational knowledge, skills and abilities required of HM's. Each training requirement can be accomplished locally or through web-based training."

"For Navy service members like myself, they are providing refresher online training," said Roberts. "The corpsman have a few courses they need to take to familiarize themselves with the DT ratings. As far as the DT's, we have to do the HM manual, online courses and much more."

According to the NAVADMIN, all DT rating badges and titles will convert to the HM rating badges no later than Oct. 1, 2007.

Dental technicians who transfer to the retired or the fleet reserve list between Oct. 1 and Sept. 30, 2007 may continue to wear the DT rating badge.

## Marine Corps offers Re-enlistment bonuses for FY06

LANCE Cpl. CRISTIN K. BARTTER  
Combat Correspondent

The fiscal 2006 Selective Re-enlistment Bonus program, which had been overhauled, reveals an alluring \$74 million to attract Devil Dogs to stay in the Corps.

"The purpose of the SRB program is to assist the Marine Corps in retaining the best Marines in our critical, short, and hard to retain MOS,'" explains Marine Administration 404/05.

"The SRB program is meant to enhance retention in certain critical MOS' in the Marine Corps," said Gunnery Sgt. Ronald Mix, Station career planner. "We use the bonuses as one of the many tools to maintain our force structure."

The SRB reenlistment windfalls are for green machines with a date of reenlistment on or after Oct. 1.

For fiscal year 2006, Zone A Marines, 17 months to six years of active duty service and are first term SRB reenlistment bonus recipients, cap has been inflated from \$30,000 to \$40,000. Zone B, six to 10 years of AD service, and Zone C Marines, 10 to 14 years of service, cap has also been elevated from \$35,000 to \$45,000.

First term SRB reenlistment bonuses, Zone A, are limited to those Marines with an expiration of current

contract in fiscal year 2006, explains the MARADMIN. Vocation force SRB-eligible reenlistments are limited to Zone B and Zone C Marines who are within 12 months of their ECC. The SRB program, before with multiples 1 through 5, has now introduced "half multiples" of 0.5, 1.5, 2.5 and so on. More bonus levels mean more money in Marines' pocket books.

"The half multiples are a way for the Corps to give more Marines bonuses," explained Mix. "Marines who weren't getting anything before are more likely to get something now."

"Multiples are based off the number of Marines in that MOS and the criticalness of the MOS," added Mix. "For instance, Explosive Ordnance Disposal and Intelligence Marines are going to have the larger multiples."

Fiscal year 2005, 3,300 people were awarded bonuses. This year, there should be more Marines seeing the cash.

"This program will benefit more Marines because it offers more MOS's something," said Mix. "So it should help out with the retention of Marines."

SRB funds will be disbursed to Marines until they are depleted. Marines who receive a SRB bonus are mandated to serve in the billet for which they received the award.

may be young, they are looking to continue their streak of excellence while they experience things only possible overseas.

"Last year we showed we can get things done beyond expectations and that makes us one of the best squadrons around," said Pfc. Richard J. Clellan II, VMFA(AW)-225 central technical publication librarian. "I'm really excited to be out here and see more of the world. It's kind of like living a recruiting commercial."

## NEWS BRIEFS

### OFF-BASE RESIDENTS WILL RECEIVE CENSUS

A Japanese national population census will be given to off-station residents beginning Sunday. Census counters will visit homes to distribute the census questionnaires until Oct. 1. The census is conducted every five years and is an important provider of statistical data in Japan. It's used to compile anonymous statistical data and will not be used for matters pertaining to taxes, immigration or law enforcement.

The census is not required by anyone having a Status of Forces Agreement, but residents must be able to prove their SOFA status to the person giving them the census. Only active-duty U.S. military identification cards or SOFA-stamped U.S. passports are sufficient proof. A SOFA stamp is the admission stamp given at the port of entry in Japan, either at the Air Mobility Command terminal or commercial airport.

If you have any questions, contact the SJA office at 253-5591.

### MMOA VISIT

The Officer Assignment Branch will visit the Station in order to provide professional military education, conduct assignment counseling and discuss assignment issues with the senior leadership at the Building One auditorium, Oct. 11. Company grade officers' brief will be 7:30 a.m., and field grade officers' brief will begin at 9 a.m.

### GAE ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS

By order of the Commanding Officer, the Contractor Gate (Post 2) and North Gate (Post 3) will be closed on Sundays. For any questions, contact Investigator Elizabeth Lopez, Community Resource Section at 253-4929.

### FLIGHTLINE BADGE ENCODING HOURS

The Provost Marshals Office Physical Security Office will conduct flight line badge encoding on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The office is located on the 2nd floor of PMO. For more information contact Investigator Lopez at 253-4929.

### VETERANS' AFFAIRS REPRESENTATIVE

A Department of Veterans' Affairs Representative is present at the Career Resource Management Center now through mid-May. He will be available for briefings and to provide information and assistance to active duty and local retirees concerning disability compensation, the Montgomery GI Bill, VA Home Loan Guarantee Program, Veteran's Group Life Insurance, and many other veterans' affairs programs and benefits. Call 253-6439 to schedule an appointment.

### NAVY CELEBRATES 230TH BIRTHDAY BALL

Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni invites everyone to this year's 230th United States Navy Birthday Ball, Oct. 14. Social hour will begin at 5 p.m. followed by the Navy ball at 6 p.m., attire for the ball will be dinner dress blues. Tickets are on sale for \$35. For more information contact Gunnery Sgt. Garcia at 253-3814.

### IT&T GRAND SUMO TOURNAMENT SIGN-UP

Information Tours and Travels is hosting two trips to the Kyushu Grand Sumo Tournament on November 26 and 27. Participants will be given the opportunity to shop at the Canal City Mall before the senior wrestlers take to the ring. Adults \$92, children (11 and under) \$86. For more information call 253-4377.

# College of Continuing Education: One-stop shopping for PME support

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College of Continuing Education

Ask a Marine for information on the College of Continuing Education and some may respond with blank stares. This article will debunk myths, clarify facts, discuss programs and support, and most of all, provide Marines and their family members with an educational resource.

The CCE provides two types of services: programs for officers, and services for enlisted Marines. A discussion on officer programs is followed by information for all ranks.

I am the WestPac Regional Coordinator for the College of Continuing Education. I manage the regional programs for Professional Military Education. The "region" consists of 9 bases and camps stretching from Korea, to mainland Japan, to Okinawa.

The PME programs we support are divided into academic and administrative services for the following 4 programs: MCI 7400 Warfighting Skills Program, Expeditionary Warfare School Program, Amphibious Warfare School phases I and II, and Command and Staff, Distance Education Programs. ALMAR 275-04

or MCO P1553 requires these PME courses for officers in the rank of warrant officer to major. Gunnery Sergeants are also required to take MCI 7400. I provide local academic programs and administrative services for these four courses, which has the benefit of easing administrative burdens to the individual Marine.

My office orders courseware, provides grades, exams, and updates Marines records (MCI database) for all four of these courses.

However, the majority of our "main effort" goes towards managing the seminar program. My office also has instructors who teach EWS and CSC in a structured, interactive format called "the seminar program." Visit <http://mci.mcbbutler.usmc.mil/> for the EWS and CSC AY 06 seminar program schedule.

This program is the "educational gem" of CCE and pumps out smart MAGTF Marines, educated in the Operational Art and MAGTF skills.

The seminar program replicates the resident schoolhouse environment in the following manner: this program provides students an active learning environment to complete their PME, under the tutelage

of a professional faculty. Again, my website lists the 22 seminars, locations, dates, and times for AY 06, which starts Oct. 3.

Over 400 officers and staff noncommissioned officers are enrolled this year, so get on board with our seminar program if you are in EWS/AWS or CSC. Enrollment is easy. Just call 645-2230.

The one question that pops-up most is "I am TAD a lot. Is the seminar program the right choice for me for PME?" Answer: yes! We provide a means for the Marine to stay abreast with the seminar while deployed. Nobody gets penalized due to TAD. It's flexible! The CCE provides services for enlisted Marines and family members of all ranks through a world-wide web portal called MarineNet at <http://www.tecom.usmc.mil/cce/>.

If you visit the MarineNet site, you will be amazed at the courses that can be taken online at no cost. Eight hundred courses are available including PME, MCI, College and Cisco-certified IT courses. Don't have a computer? No problem! The Learning Resource center at Iwakuni has computers for MarineNet users. Family members can take advantage of this as well.

Units can also take MarineNet to the field using deployable LRCs, loaded with college or military specific courses, tailored to unit needs.

Here are some recommendations. Please call us at 645-2230-2500 if you need assistance in the four courses listed above, or if you have questions regarding MarineNet.



Lance Cpl. Karim D. Delgado

Students place their hands over recently-earned diplomas during a graduation ceremony at the Camp Butler Officers' Club.

## MarineNet offers Spouses Learning Series

SGT. DONALD BOHANNER  
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MARINE CORPS BASE QUANTICO, Va. — Pressures in today's society can be overwhelming, and can throw even the strongest person for a loop. However, there are techniques that can help individuals maintain balance and motivation.

Dr. Alan Loy McGinnis, family therapist and corporate consultant, observes, "I've discovered that highly effective people are not so much brilliant as balanced."

MarineNet, in conjunction with the Marine Corps College of Continuing Education, has created a series of courses to help spouses achieve balance in their lives as military spouses both professionally and personally.

The Spouses Learning Series are now available as online courses and include 48 new titles on the MarineNet Web site. The courses listed under the Spouses Learning Series header provide an online distance learning opportunity for all spouses.

"Family members that are in the DEERS database are eligible to take these classes," said Steve Brown, customer outreach and education marketing coordinator, College of Continuing Education. "Essentially, if you have a Department of Defense-issued identification card, you're eligible. This includes retirees."

The courses are primarily geared toward spouses of Marines and anyone

else interested in self improvement.

"The series is divided into two different areas," said Lt. Col. Larry Smith, CCE, electronic courseware development staff. "The first area is 'Personal.' The emphasis is on personal growth, coping with the separation of deployments, time management, and communication to develop relationships and understanding. The 'professional' courses focus on the spouse's career development."

There are 26 courses in the "Personal" series, including lessons in family and personal readiness, discovering balance and communication to increase understanding.

"Each one of the courses is subdivided into areas of interest," said Smith. "In some cases, there are courses that are included in both the 'Personal' and 'Professional' series."

The 22 "Professional" courses offer lessons in communication skills to fast track your career, basic business skills and dynamics of interpersonal communication.

"The courses are designed to provide spouses with short, effective online learning opportunities to expand their base of knowledge in their personal and professional lives," said Brown.

The courses are available 24 hours-a-day, 7 days-a-week, and there is no tuition fee or course cost to worry about.

Each course has an average length of two to three hours and can be accessed through MarineNet.

MarineNet is the Marine Corps' online learning network and provides Marines with access to both military and civilian education programs. MarineNet offers more than 850 courses, from "Graphic and Air Control Measures" to "Single Marine Program." MarineNet allows students to take tests online and receive credit. Some classes are transferable for college credit, depending on individual college requirements, and offers an additional 58 online courses that support self-education bonus points.

To enroll in one of these courses, log on to MarineNet, review the link on the MarineNet home page that lists the Spouses Learning Series, select a

course of interest, and select the Course Catalog. On the right, select the "New Search" link, enter the course code and search, select a course and review the description, then select the "Enroll" link, confirm enrollment, navigate back to the description, and launch the course.

In addition to taking the courses, you can also provide feedback by using the MarineNet Student Survey tool on the Web site. Users can even request changes to the listings or groups and incorporate these new courses into local unit plans.

For more information or questions, call the MarineNet Help Desk at (888) 4DL-USMC (435-8762) or submit a request to [www.marinenet.usmc.mil](http://www.marinenet.usmc.mil).

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Lance Cpl. John S. Rafoss

Lance Cpl. Aaron S. Evans, MWSS-171 combat engineer alongside Pfc. Richard E. Williamson, MWSS-171 combat engineer, blend into their fighting holes like chameleons during Exercise Eagle Warrior '05.

## Rain or shine, Engineer Marines ready for anything

LANCE CPT. JOHN S. RAFOSS  
Combat Correspondent

CAMP FUJI, Japan — Night has fallen and a Marine silently stands post in a muddy fighting hole on the outskirts of the camp. His night vision goggles scan the horizon for enemy forces, and notice five enemy aggressors seconds after they pop a trip flare.

The warrior gets ready for the fight of his life, calls in support from the Quick Reaction Force and aims in on his targets.

Marines of Engineer Company, Marine Wing Support Squadron-171, deployed to Camp Fuji for Exercise Eagle Warrior '05 'dug in' a 360-perimeter defense around Landing Zone Flamingo during field training exercises Sept. 6-16.

"One of the missions of Engineer company is to organize a defensive field of fire interlocking with different fighting positions, so enemy forces can't

overrun the camp," said 2nd Lt. Erin E. Smith, heavy equipment platoon commander.

During the attack and defend exercises, the Marines use a laser-tag system called Multipurpose Integrated Laser Engagement System (MILES) gear to make the training as real as possible.

The MILES gear is strapped on the Marines' 782 gear and Kevlar helmets, and emits a sound when they have been hit from either enemy or friendly forces.

"Even though we aren't using real rounds, we still react the same way. You might act smarter and quicker with real rounds, but this exercise has the same principle," said Lance Cpl. Raymond M. Hosch, MWSS-171 hygiene equipment operator.

The Marines defend the camp; protecting key elements that include a forward armoring refuel point, bivouac site, and a command post.

Throughout the day and night, enemy aggress-

sors attack the camp to harass the defenses and infiltrate the landing zone, with the goal in mind to find key weakness in the perimeter.

"The aggressors are some hard individuals," said Hosch. "Last night, during one of the attacks, the aggressors came in and overran one of the fighting positions in the northeast part of the compound. They took over one of our machine guns and used it to attack other fighting positions."

When push comes to shove, the Marines rely on their training and hold down their fighting holes as if it were an actual combat situation.

"It's pretty rough and boring when you are just sitting in your fighting hole waiting for the enemy to sneak out of the high grass," said Pfc. Benjamin Goodman, MWSS-171 electronic equipment repair specialist. "But once you make contact with the enemy, everything changes and it gets very animated."

## Communication Marines keep talk going

LANCE CPT. JOHN S. RAFOSS  
Combat Correspondent

CAMP FUJI, Japan — Communication is one of the most important and deadliest of weapons, not only on today's battlefield but also since ancient conflicts.

The Battle of Marathon, according to legend, pitted a runner with a task of running 26 miles back to Athens,

and relaying the message of an immediate enemy threat. He was able to get there in time, warning the people in the city, but it cost him his life from pure exhaustion.

If this were to happen on today's battlefield, all he would have had to do is pickup a phone and dial.

Communication Marines from Marine Wing Support Squadron-171, deployed to Camp Fuji for Exercise Eagle Warrior '05, setup communication for the entire field camp for the

duration of the exercise, Sept. 6-16.

During this field training evolution, the Communications platoon was broken up into five different sections, wire, radio, data, maintenance, and multi-channel equipment operators or MUX. Each provided a different aspect for a single goal, which all comes together as communications.

The Marines set up two main operational locations. The Systems

Control or SYSCON, and antenna hill or commonly known as 'anthill', both sites provided remote communication assets to the rest of the unit.

"Commis broken into two different locations because in a wartime situation, the antennas could send out a signal that enemy forces could use to find out our position," said Pfc. Steven C. Culp, MWSS-171 field radio operator.

"Anthill is in a remote location, so that if it were attacked it would be

physically far enough from the main camp to provide a certain amount of warning," said Sgt. Eric R. Morton, MWSS-171 unit level circuit switch operator/maintainer. "The SYSCON has its own housing for the abundance of equipment that needs to be monitored and maintained."

Not only did the Marines provide all types of communications for the camp, but also took it as serious training to better their understanding of their Military Occupational Specialty.

"This is outstanding training for the Marines," said Morton. "It helps the Marines become more proficient at what they do, some of the training provides a certain level of redundancy, which helps them become experts in the communications field."

In Iwakuni, the Marines train and prepare for training situations according to prescribed probabilities out in the field, with the overall goal of perfect communications at any given time or any given place, either training or war.

"Back in the rear its rehearsal; out in the field its show time," said Morton. "How we look in rehearsal is how we come across on stage."

WIRELESS from Page 1  
storms, this is not the case with wireless Internet.

"Wireless Internet uses low frequency transmission, so unlike satellite TV, storms will not interfere with anyone's connection," said Matsuyama.

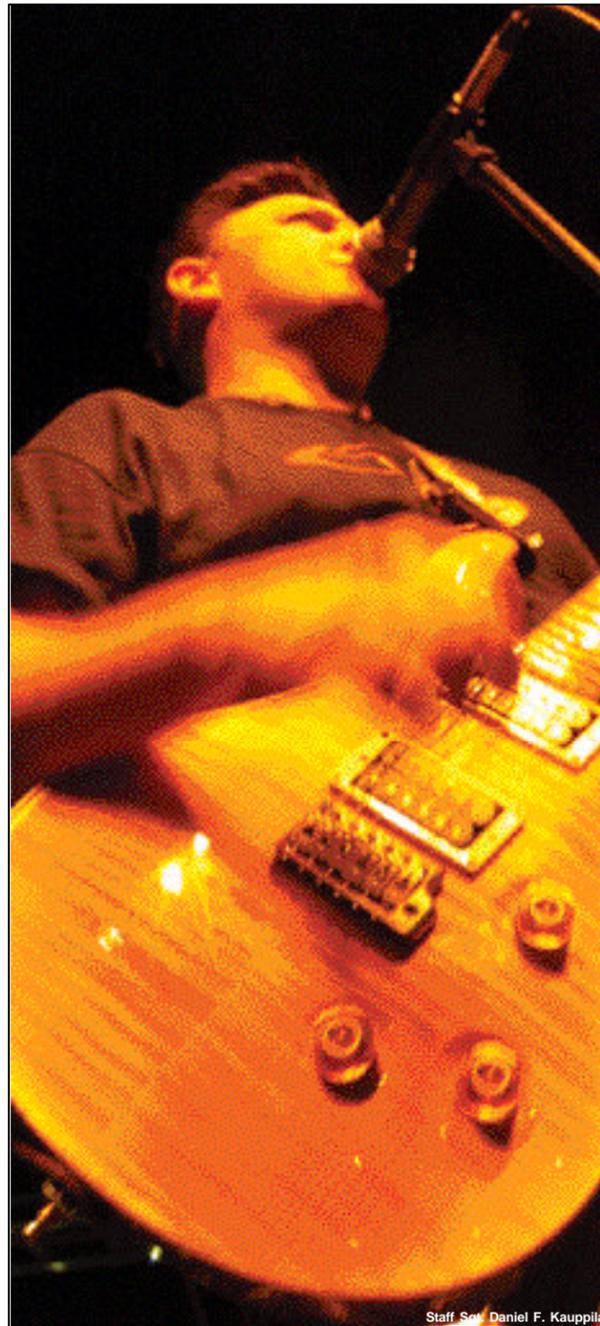
Thanks to wireless Internet, Station residents will no longer have to wait five minutes for a single Web page to load or wait for hours to download updates.

"With a wireless connection residents will be able to surf the web 10 times faster than dial-up, but the connection speed will depend on how many people access the network at once," said Matsuyama.

The other good thing about wireless is never having to worry about going through the connecting procedures required with dial-up once a start computer is started. The computer will automatically detect a wireless access point and connect the computer securely, with login ID and password, to the Internet.

"Since NTT Communications service on base is in its initial stage, there will only be one package available to residents on base, the monthly subscription," said Matsuyama. "But, we plan on maybe offering 'one day pass' in the future, for those people who don't feel they use the Internet much and only use it for certain purposes."

For more information, visit [www.ntmil.net](http://www.ntmil.net).



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**M**ore than 800 Station residents rocked out to live bands, enjoyed free food and beverages, and relaxed on the Torii Pines 9th hole for the Marine Corps Community Services 5th Annual Summer Music Festival, Saturday.

"The Summer Music Festival is an annual event in which MCCS shows its appreciation to the community," said Christopher Reitman, MCCS entertainment coordinator. "It is our chance to give back to the Station. We do that by producing a festival that is inclusive of live bands, food and drinks, and amusements that are all completely free of charge."

Residents showed up from all over the Station with chairs, blankets, family and friends to enjoy the community event.

"The festival sets the stage for the community to come out and become a little closer knit," said Reitman. "The festival gives them the opportunity to come out in full force to meet existing friends and make new ones."

"It breaks up the monotony of everyday life here on base," added Lance Cpl. Clint Blakney, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron accounting

technician. "This is a chance for us to check out the local talent and it's also a time for the families to come out and enjoy themselves."

The festivals entertainment consisted of four bands; 7 Sons, Running with Scissors, Elements and 619; inflatable playgrounds for the children and, of course, the opportunity to sit back and lounge around in the great outdoors listening to great music.

"I believe that the entire event was a highlight; we had something for everyone," said Reitman. "The kids went nuts on the amusements, the Marines, young and old alike, enjoyed the show and the food was great. The club really came through and provided an excellent selection for over 1,000 guests."

It's not everyday the Station hosts a free-of-charge event with something for everyone. Residents who showed up soaked it all in, the music, the excitement, and ultimately the fun.

"This festival is awesome!" said Cpl. Wesly Vawter, H&HS finance technician. "I am out here with all of these people having a good time enjoying the live bands and free food."

**TOP LEFT:** Casey Mink, lead singer and guitarist of San Diego's 619, belts out rock n' roll tunes for Station residents at the Marine Corps Community Services 5th Annual Summer Music Festival, Saturday. The festival featured live bands, free food and beverages, and a time to relax with friends and family. **TOP:** The 7 Sons, a classic-rock and blues band, entertains guests in the setting sun on the Torii Pines 9th hole. **FAR LEFT:** The strumming of the bass guitar reverberates through residents as they sing in unison with the live bands. **LEFT:** Jeffrey Sanchez, lead singer of Filipino band Elements, sings cover songs from popular hip-hop bands during the festival.

# Break cycle, explore Japanese restaurants

LANCE CPT. LENDUS B. CASEY  
Combat Correspondent

As the weekend nears, people all over Station begin to head out to enjoy the various restaurants found in Japan, but some just stick with familiar restaurants, never venturing to find veiled areas in back alleys with delicious food and a peaceful atmosphere.

There are two restaurants still young to the streets of Iwakuni. G.Labo Noodle is a restaurant with an assortment of noodles including Vietnamese, Italian and Chinese styles. Zen, is a Japanese restaurant with meals traditional to Japan. Both of these restaurants have little popularity among the streets of Iwakuni, but once unveiled have much to offer.

"G.Labo has a relaxing atmosphere I really admire and they play really good music for their patrons," said Taeko Yokoyama, Marine and Family Services administrative specialist and regular G.Labo customer. "The service is very friendly and they provide great food at reasonable prices."

One dish the G.Labo restaurant takes pride in, is their tuna and avocado salad, made with Chinese noodles and Thai soup. The delicious dish is rare to restaurants surrounding the town of Iwakuni, according to Kaori Ooya, G.Labo Noodle manager.

"We provide an assortment of noodles other restaurants do not supply and we take great pride in our work, making sure that every meal is properly prepared and made to perfection," said Ooya.

For those people who wish to develop a greater understanding of Japanese food and want to take pleasure in a quiet secluded dinner area, then Zen is one restaurant,



Photos by Lance Cpl. Lendus B. Casey

**ABOVE: Taeko Yokoyama, Marine and Family Services administration specialist, prepares to eat some delicious Thai noodles at the local G.Labo Noodle restaurant, Sept. 11. BOTTOM RIGHT: One of Zen's many chefs slices up some duck to prepare a delicious meal for some of the patrons. BOTTOM LEFT: G.Labo Noodle posts their eye-catching menu right outside their doors.**

which shouldn't be passed up. Zen like most Japanese places, keeps to the traditions of Japan. Upon entering the elegant restaurant, every customer is required to remove their shoes. The dining areas are made up of three feet high tables, encompassed by four seat cushions.



"I like their private table settings and their Japanese style scenery is very beautiful," said Yokoyama.

"One thing great about Zen is they are very respectful to their customers and they don't care how long you stay there. Sometimes I will stay there for four hours after eating just to hang

out with my friends." What separates Zen from other restaurants is its unique menu setup. Zen changes their menu every three to four months, allowing its customers the chance to experience all types of Japanese food.

Just like America has different styles of cooking, so does Japan. Zen changes their menu from the traditional Okinawa way of cooking to the Hokkaido way of cooking.

"We like to change the menu every so often to attract a variety of customers, this way people have an opportunity to familiarize themselves with different types of styles," said Takahiro Matsunaga, Zen manager.

Both G.Labo and Zen are very easy to miss due to their secluded areas, but once you find one the other isn't far away.

These two restaurants are located at the end of Arcade street, 30 meters



down from Ganesh. For more information or to set up a reservation, call Zen at 0827-23-5506 or G.Labo Noodle at 0827-21-7916.

## OUT THE GATE

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

### Iwakuni City Art Exhibition

There is a display of Japanese flower arrangements by the local citizens and a tea ceremony in the exhibition hall at the Iwakuni City Auditorium today through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. It closes at 3 p.m. only on Sunday. Admission fee is required only when participating in the tea ceremony. For further details, call 29-5211.

### Recycle Flea Market

A flea market is scheduled today and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Asa Zoo in Hiroshima City. Admission fee is required in order to enter the zoo. The market will be cancelled in case of rain. For further details, call 082-838-1111.

### Dance Party

Japanese-American Society is sponsoring a Dance Party at the Atago Community Center Saturday 7 p.m. A free instruction on how to Swing Dance will be given. Bring \$5 for pizza and a drink. The Atago Community Center is located next to the Max Value supermarket. Call 253-4771 for details.

### Miyajima Osunayaki Festival

This event will take place around JR Miyajimaguchi train station Oct. 16, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be booths, a pottery market, tea ceremonies, Japanese drum performances and more. Call 0829-55-3111 for more information.

### Otake Sunday Market

A market is scheduled Sunday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Harumi Daiichi Park, next to You Me Town Otake. Booths will be set up to sell fresh vegetables, fish, handicrafts and more. A flea market will be held at the same time. The market will run rain or shine. Call 53-7175 for details.

## TORII TELLER CLASSIFIED ADS

To submit your ads or announcements: *Torii Teller* accepts ads/announcements from nonprofit organizations and groups only. Briefs run on space-available and time-

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



### AUTOMOBILES

**Austin Mini**, 1996, wine red, 2-door, very clean, A/C, automatic, JCI until April 2007, \$4,000 obo. Call G. Conley at 253-3139 dwh or 253-2303 awh.



### JOB OPENINGS

**Torii Tunes**  
Positions are available at Torii Tunes in the Sound Shop in the MCX. Stop by for application or call 253-2555 for more information.

### CHRO (253-6828)

**MCCS:**  
-Transition Program Counselor, world wide

### FACILITIES:

-Electrical Engineer, world wide  
-Supervisory Interdisciplinary Engineer, world wide  
**Commisary:**  
-Store Worker (Intermit-

tent), Iwakuni wide  
-Sales Store Checker (Intermittent), Iwakuni wide  
**Logistics:**  
-Supervisory Contract Specialist, world wide  
-Transportation Assistant, Iwakuni wide  
-Motor Vehicle Operator, Iwakuni wide

### AHO:

-Air Traffic Control Specialist (Terminal), world wide  
**ROICC:**  
-Supervisory Contract Specialist, world wide

### MCCS (253-3030)

-MCCS Director  
-Marketing Officer  
-Food Court General Manager  
-Bowling Center Manager  
-Contracting Specialist  
-Procurement Assistant  
-Sales Associate  
-Sales Associate Cashier  
-Storeworker  
-Senior Sales Associate  
-Visual Merchandiser  
-Retail Area Supervisor  
-Head Cashier  
-Custodial Worker

-Desk Clerk  
-Inventory Clerk  
-Supply Clerk  
-Supply Clerk (Inventory Control)  
-Supply Manager  
-Beautician (Black Hair Care)  
-Arts And Crafts Manager  
-Veterinary Clerk  
-Animal Caretaker  
-Operations Assistant  
-Food Service Worker  
-Pizza Hut Delivery Driver  
-Club Operations Assistant  
-Bartender  
-Program Assistant  
-Personnel Assistant  
-Recreation Assistant  
-Recreation Attendant  
-Lifeguard  
-Inventory Control Specialist  
-ID Checker Leader

*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.mcscs.iwakuni.com for a complete job listing.*

## MCTV CHANNEL 19

**FRIDAY** - 11 a.m./5 p.m. Shanghai Knights (PG-13); 2 p.m./8 p.m. Cellular (PG-13); 11 p.m./5 a.m. Friday After Next (R); 2 a.m. Down Periscope (PG-13)

**SATURDAY** - 11 a.m./5 p.m. Meet The Fockers (PG); 2 p.m./8 p.m. Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle (PG-13); 11 p.m./5 a.m. Intolerable Cruelty (PG-13); 2 a.m. Darkness Falls (PG-13)

**SUNDAY** - 11 a.m./5 p.m. Seabiscuit (PG-13); 2 p.m./8 p.m. The Fighting Seabees (NR); 11 p.m./5 a.m. Goldeneye (R); 2 a.m. Spaceballs (PG)

**MONDAY** - 11 a.m./5 p.m. Two Brothers (PG); 2 p.m./8 p.m. Lara Croft: Tomb Raider (PG-13); 11 p.m./5 a.m. Jerry Maguire (R); 2 a.m. Reign Of Fire (PG-13)

**TUESDAY** - 11 a.m./5 p.m. S.W.A.T. (PG-13); 2 p.m./8 p.m. Raising Helen (PG); 11 p.m./5 a.m. Con Air (R); 2 a.m. The Order (R)

**WEDNESDAY** - 11 a.m./5 p.m. Stuck On You (PG-13); 2 p.m./8 p.m. Pirates Of The Caribbean (PG-13); 11 p.m./5 a.m. Monster (R); 2 a.m. Suddenly Naked (R)

**THURSDAY** - 11 a.m./5 p.m. Superman (PG); 2 p.m./8 p.m. Chronicles Of Riddick (PG-13); 11 p.m./5 a.m. Lara Croft 2: The Cradle Of Life (R); 2 a.m. Swordfish (R)



### SAKURA THEATER

**FRIDAY** - 7 p.m. Sky High (PG); 10 p.m. Must Love Dogs (PG-13); 1 a.m. Sky High (PG)

**SATURDAY** - 1 p.m. Sky High (PG); 4 p.m. Must Love Dogs (PG-13); 7 p.m. Hustle And Flow (R); 10 p.m. Sky High (PG)

**SUNDAY** - 4 p.m. Sky High (PG); 7 p.m. Must Love Dogs (PG-13)

**MONDAY** - 7 p.m. Hustle And Flow (R)  
**TUESDAY** - 6:30 p.m. Everclear Concert  
**WEDNESDAY** - 7 p.m. Must Love Dogs (PG-13)  
**THURSDAY** - 7 p.m. Sky High (PG)

This schedule is submitted by the Sakura Theater and is subject to change. For show times call the Sakura Theater at 253-5291.

### FARP from Page 1

and camp security, who were chosen to ride in the Blackhawk to screen out possible enemy routes, look for the enemy and report the information back to base before it refueled. In the middle of the flight, the helicopter flew to Landing Zone Dove, where the FARP is located, to not only refuel the helicopter, but also to give the Marines on the ground the training of securing the landing zone before the bird flew in.

"I was part of the Quick Reaction Force mobile, we provided security for the fuel truck and the bird when it landed," said Pfc. Bradley E. Zearfoss, MWSS-171 QRF member. "It was exciting to see a helicopter land 20 feet in front of me, and to provide security for it."

After the Marines on the ground secured the FARP, the Blackhawk landed, causing a sandstorm. But once it stopped, and the crew gave the thumbs up, the bulk

fuel Marines rushed in to refuel it.

"The refueling exercise is like NASCAR," said Sgt. Jesus Coria, MWSS-171 refueling operator. "We were the pit crew. We had to refuel the Blackhawk as fast as possible to get it back in the race."

After they refueled the Blackhawk, the last stick of Marines were given one last ride around the camp, and then the giant bird flew off into the sunset.

"Flying in the Blackhawk was awesome. When you look down from the sky all the Marines on the ground looked like ants," said Lance Cpl. Joaquin E. Pimentel, MWSS-171 QRF member. "The ride reminded me of when I was kid playing video games, except this time I actually felt the wind in my face."

"The Marines did a great job," said Hublin. "Setting up the FARP and refueling the Blackhawk were all done in a tactical manner."

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS MCCS

### Special Events

■ **Hip-Hop And R&B Dance Party:** Friday, 8 p.m. all ranks in the Club Iwakuni Ballroom. Adults only. Call 253-3727 for details.

■ **Country Western Dance Party:** Saturday, 9 p.m. all ranks in the Club Iwakuni Ballroom. Adults only. Call 253-3727 for details.

■ **Latin Dance Party:** Saturday, 9 p.m. all ranks in the Club Iwakuni Ballroom. Adults only. Call 253-3727 for details.

■ **Everclear Concert:** Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. Live at the Sakura Theater. Opening act is 619. Tickets available at the MCX Cash Cage, Club Cash Cage and Sakura Theater. Tickets cost \$20 in advance and \$30 at the door. Limited tickets are available. Ages 17 and under must be accompanied by a parent.

### Single Marine Program (253-3585)

■ **Hiroshima Carps Baseball Trip:** Saturday, Carps vs. Tigers at Hiroshima Carps Stadium. Come out and enjoy a day of baseball. \$10 transportation fee due when you sign up. ¥1,500 for outfield seats, ¥2,000 for infield seats. Bus departs the Hornet's Nest at 10 a.m. and returns at 6 p.m.

### MCFTB (253-3754)

■ **Key Volunteer Training:** Now available online. You can complete the training at your convenience. Contact your Key Volunteer coordinator or Marine Corps Family Team Building office to get your Key Volunteer Reference Guide and instructions or for more information.

### School Age Center (253-4769)

■ **Monthly Birthday Party:** Tuesday, 4-5 p.m. Celebrate your birthday this month with cake, games and friends. Members born this month receive a coupon redeemable at the Iwakuni Route 2 McDonald's.

### Cultural Quests (253-6165)

■ **Newcomer Class, Kintai Bridge And Kikko Tour:** Monday, 9:45 a.m. to 2 p.m. Enjoy a tour of the Kintai Bridge, Kikko Park and the Japanese Garden Tea Cafe. At the end of the tour shop at the 100 Yen store.

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

■ **Monthly Birthday Party:** Saturday, 3-5 p.m. Celebrate your birthday with cake and ice cream.

■ **Passport To Manhood Meeting:** Sunday, 3-5 p.m. Males ages 13-18 are invited to the Teen Center for plenty of free food and an afternoon of fun.

### Marine and Family Services

■ **Family Member Employment Assistance:** This program assists spouses and other employable family members in exploring employment options and opportunities in their chosen fields. For more details, call 253-6439.

■ **Job Interview Skills:** Tuesday, 10-11:30 a.m. Learn how to dress properly, answer and ask questions, prepare and follow-up effectively. Call 253-6439 for more information.

■ **Video Swap:** Bring in your old video or DVD and swap it out for another video or DVD you would like to see. The video swap will be conducted on a bring-one-take-one basis.

■ **Substance Abuse Counselor:** The Substance Abuse Counseling Center (SACC) provides early intervention, assessment, treatment and continued care for those experiencing difficulty associated with the use of mood/mind altering substances. Help is only a phone call away. For more information, call 253-5260.

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

### OTHER

■ **University Of Maryland University College:** Registration for UMUC Term 2, 2005-2006 is Oct. 11-21. Students must take a placement test prior to registering for Math and English. For a complete schedule stop by Community Services Building Room 110, or call 253-3494 for more information.

■ **YIEA Fall Japanese Language Course:** The Yamaguchi International Exchange Association is offering 40 seats for MCAS Iwakuni residents for Oct. 4 - Dec. 20 Fall Japanese Language Class. The class is every Tuesday, 7-9 p.m. at Iwakuni Civic Hall. Sign-up is first-come-first-serve basis and accepted until today. Seats are limited. For more information call the Public Affairs Office at 253-5551.

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## トリーテラー半世紀たってオンライン化

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初版から50年以上になるトリーテラーは、9月30日をもって廃刊となる。世界中が電子情報時代へ移行する中、岩国基地は、部隊情報提供をインターネットのみに頼る初の海兵隊基地となる。継続する予算削減と、情報普及の即時性要求のため、会計年度2006年の見積予算をトリーテラーのオンライン化に費やすことが決定した。

10月1日以降は、部隊人員に電子通信を提供し、ニュース記事をウェブサイトに掲載する。より広い読者層が、タイムリーにこれらの記事を入手しやすくなる。以前は新聞だけに掲載された様々なニュースを、今後はウェブサイトをクリックするだけで故郷の家族が読めるようになる。

今回のトリーテラーが報道版として最後の新聞になる。来週の新聞は、雑誌版から新聞版、そして完全にデジタル化するトリーテラーに取り組みことになる。長年に渡って、トリーテラーは優秀な出版ジャーナリズム賞の数々を受賞し、スタッフは海兵隊最優秀ライター及びカメラマン賞、そして日本人の編集スタッフも賞を受賞した。報道部は来週の最終版を、今日、及び将来のトリーテラーを築くため今まで頑張った報道部通信隊員たちに捧げることにした。

読者の方々に、ニュースの新しい配信方法への転向で生じる出来事を理解して頂きたい。残念なことに、トリーテラーの印刷にかかる費用は、報道部予算の75パーセント以上になる。機器を最新のものにしたり、研修でスタッフに新技術を習得させることを後回しにして、2003年以降予算を上回る金額を新聞印刷に充当してきた。そのため新聞を廃刊にして、より速いニュース配信方法に努力を注ぐ時期に来ていると思われる。

海兵隊岩国航空基地報道部の今後の方針については、インターネットの [www.iwakuni.usmc.mil](http://www.iwakuni.usmc.mil) で読むことができる。皆さんの支援と意見、提案を所望する。

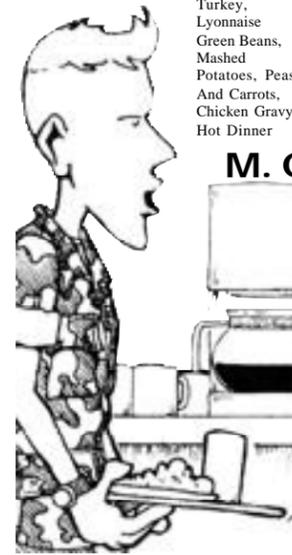
## Mess Hall Lunch Menu

Week of September 26-30  
**Monday** - Cream Of Broccoli Soup, Split Pea Soup, Baked Chicken And Rice, Roast Turkey, Lyonnaise, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Peas And Carrots, Chicken Gravy, Hot Dinner  
**Tuesday** - Minestrone Soup, Tomato Soup, Chuck Wagon Stew, Cajun Catfish, Potatoes Au Gratin, Steamed Rice, Glazed Carrots, Broccoli Combo, Cheese Biscuits  
**Wednesday** - Chicken And Rice Soup, Cream Of Broccoli, Chili Mac, Grilled Cheese, Tempura Fried Fish, Macaroni And Cheese, Oven Glo Potatoes, Broccoli Polonaise, Peas And Mushrooms  
**Thursday** - Chicken Noodle Soup, Cream

Rolls  
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Of Mushroom Soup, Apple Glazed Corn Beef, Teriyaki Chicken, Rissole Potatoes, Noodles Jefferson, Succotash, Fried Cabbage, Hot Mustard Sauce, Chicken Gravy  
**Friday** - Clam Chowder, Onion Soup, Crab Cakes, Chicken Vega, Parsley Butter Potatoes, Steamed Carrots, Corn On The Cob, Dinner Rolls, Steamed Rice

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



## M. C. Perry School Lunch Menu

Week of September 26-30  
**Monday** - Shell Taco With Cheese, Lettuce And Tomato, Spanish Rice, Chilled Peaches, Chocolate Cake, White Milk  
**Tuesday** - Hamburger On A Bun, Lettuce, Tomato And Pickles, Curley Fries, Sweetened Applesauce, Rice Krispie Bar, White Milk  
**Wednesday** - Spaghetti With Meatsauce, Garlic Bread, Seasoned Green Peas, Chilled Peas, Awesome Applesauce, White Milk  
**Thursday** - Chicken Sandwich, Carrot Sticks, Ranch Dressing, Crispy Potato Wedges, Baked Beans, Fresh Fruit, White Milk  
**Friday** - Sloppy Joe On A Bun, Tomato, Cucumber, Curly Fries, Seasoned Corn, Chilled Fruit Mix, White Milk



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# Pro soccer player follows father's footsteps

LANCE CPL LENDUS B. CASEY  
Combat Correspondent

A cry of cheers filled the stands as Kyle H. Ditto and his team ran on the field at their high school championship soccer game, one of the many memories from Ditto's younger years. During his high school career Ditto took his team to the state championship and was named most valuable player. He also got ranked 15th in the nation by USA Today.

Even though playing in his high school championship was his greatest memory, it wasn't his greatest achievement. Now, Ditto continues to play soccer for fun, while serving as a Marine captain with Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 212.

"When you watch him play soccer with his Marines, you can tell he's the best player out there and that he is just holding back to give the other guys an opportunity to score. He definitely knows the game of soccer," said Lt. Cmdr. Brent D. Johnson, Marine Aircraft Group 12 chaplain.

After his high school fame Ditto went on to play for the Chico State University Wildcats. But even college

wasn't able to quench his love for the sport. While playing for the Wildcats, Ditto also got a chance to play for the Shasta Scorchers a professional soccer team in the United Soccer League.

"At that level you're so into playing soccer with your teammates your adrenaline is going crazy, just like someone jumping in an F/A 18 for the first time," said the blue-eyed surfer.

For some, going from being a hero on the field to being a hero in the Corps is a hard choice to make. For Ditto, it was destiny.

"When I was in my junior year of college I got my leg broken pretty bad after this big guy tackled me late," said the 30 year-old, Kailua, Hawaii native. "After that, I pretty much lost my edge for the sport of soccer."

Ditto's athletic career ended the same way people see in most dramatic sports movies. The doctors said the one thing no sports lover wants to hear in their life, "I'm sorry but you will never be able to play again."

But life for Ditto wasn't over just because his sports career was. After finishing his last year at Chico State, he decided to follow in his father's

footsteps and become an officer in the United States Marine Corps.

"When you have a guy that started his life playing soccer and ended up being a fighter pilot, that's quite an achievement," said Chief Warrant Officer Willie J. Timms, Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 212 maintenance control officer.

"My father died in a crash in '81, it was kind of nerve-racking for my family to see me going down the same career path, but my family is very patriotic, so their pride far exceeded their grief," said the 175-pound athlete.

Ditto began playing soccer when he was barely 4-years-old with his dad serving in the Marines and spending a lot of the time flying, soccer was a good way for Ditto to bond with his mother.

"Essentially when I was four, my mom coached my first soccer team. Ever since then I played all year round till I turned 23 and joined the Marine Corps," said the 6-foot-1-inch Marine.

Being a professional player can give anyone a boost of confidence in their lives. For Ditto it's the one thing that stands out.

"The one thing that stands out about Ditto is his confidence. He just always seems comfortable no matter what he's doing," said Johnson. "I also think the fact that he had various

opportunities to do other things in his life and yet he chose to follow in his dad's footsteps is amazing." "I have no complaints in my life about getting hurt and joining the Marine Corps," said Ditto. "My mom always says things happen for a reason. Even though at the time it was a crushing blow. Honestly, I am just glad I can serve my country."



Photos by Lance Cpl. Lendus B. Casey  
Capt. Kyle H. Ditto, Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 212 pilot and airframes division officer in charge, moves in a blur of motion as he jumps a soccer ball in the air.

## IWAKUNI SPORTS SCENE

- **League Bowlers**  
All bowlers with a 2004-2005 ABC sanction card bowl for half price during open bowling. Call 253-4657 for further details.
- **SWEAT Program (Strength, Wellness Education & Aerobics Training)**  
This program is designed to help active duty remedial personnel. 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 details.
- **Running Club**  
This incentive program is a way for runners to earn prizes for the miles they run. For more information, call 253-6359.
- **Passport To Health & Fitness**  
Gym patrons receive incentives for every 25 workouts, up to 125 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.

■ **Gear Issue**  
Outdoor Recreation lends gear for camping, sporting and picnics for all seasons at no cost for three days. 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.

Outdoor recreation is open during the weekdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and weekends 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Check out their tents and supplies. For more information, call 253-3822.

■ **Golf Scramble**  
The OSC is hosting a Golf Scramble Oct. 8. There is a 7:30 a.m. 'shotgun start' and entries will be limited to 72 golfers. Teams of either two or four persons can register at the Torii Pines pro shop.

There is a \$20 registration and greens fee. The Officer Spouses Club is a charitable organization which raises money to support the local Iwakuni community and funds scholar-

ships aboard the Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni.

■ **Latin Dance Classes**  
Beginning Salsa classes are held at the IronWorks Gym every Wednesday, 7:30-8:30 p.m. and cost \$32 per month or \$8 for each class. Intermediate-advance classes are Tuesday, 7:30-8:30 p.m. and cost \$10 per class or \$40 per month. Private lessons are \$45 per couple. Call 253-3696 for details.

■ **MCAS Stroke Play Championship**  
Saturday, Sunday and Oct. 1-2, play 18 holes per day. Tee time starts at 7:30 a.m. Entry fee \$20, plus user fees. Flights are established by sign-ups and handicaps. For further information, call 253-3402.

■ **Youth Incentive Program "Have A Blast With Youth Sports"**  
Youth ages 4-15 participating in sports can earn points to receive numerous prizes, such as MCX gift certificates, beach balls, frisbees and more. For further details, call 253-3239.

■ **Bowling**  
Matthew C. Perry students bowl for 50 cents per game on weekdays. Shoe rental is free. Call 253-4657 for further details.

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photographers and Japanese editorial staff. The Public Affairs Office has decided to dedicate next week's last issue to all those correspondents who have come before to make the Torii Teller what is

today and what it will become in the future. We ask our readership to bear with us as we make this transition of reshaping how your news is delivered. A sad reality is that printing the Torii Teller costs over 75 percent of the public affairs budget.

Since 2003, we have devoted more of our funding on printing the paper than on keeping our equipment up to date or training our people for new technologies. With this being the case, we felt it was time to retire the paper and dedicate our efforts into a more immediate

news delivery method. For now, the future course of Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni public affairs will be on the Internet at [www.iwakuni.usmc.mil](http://www.iwakuni.usmc.mil). We ask for your support as well as welcome your comments and suggestions.

Station softball champs have new name —

# Guatemalan Circus Midgets

LANCE CPT. LUKAS J. BLOM  
Combat Correspondent

The Guatemalan Circus Midgets put on a giant performance in their convincing 15-4 victory over the sluggers of S-6 during the Intramural Softball championship game at the parade deck softball field, Monday.

Earning a ticket to even have a shot at the G-Midgets in the championship game, S-6 overtook La Judicial 13-12 in one of the biggest upsets of the playoffs.

"We played really well in our first game of the night," said Juan 'Mojo' Marmolejo, S-6 shortstop and team coach. "I think we kind of wore ourselves out too much. To have a shot at the G-Midgets, you've got to hit the field fresh and ready to give it everything. Unfortunately, we just came up short this time."

Although the final game began with neither team scoring a run through the first inning, the G-Midgets, who ended their season with a 19-1 record,



Photos by Lance Cpl. Lukas J. Blom

**William C. Dickinson, Guatemalan Circus Midgets left fielder, slides into second base under the glove of S-6's second baseman, Matthew Dixon, for a double. BELOW: Abe Roman, the home plate umpire for the championship game, dusts off home plate for the last inning.**

were not so kind in the second. It was game time.

After a pair of doubles followed by a ground

rule double to center field, the G-Midgets were the first to get on the scoreboard. Taking advantage of S-6's overthrown balls and an error-prone infield, the G-midgets kept the streak going through the inning bringing home seven runs.

Going into the fourth, the G-Midgets held a commanding 8-2 lead, and was primed for another rally.

With two men on base, Issac "Eli" Elizondo stepped up to the plate for the G-Midgets and hit a solid line drive. The S-6 defense faltered and committed a costly error, which allowed the speedy base runner to score the first in-the-park homer of the night. Infield errors kept plaguing the S-6 team, allowing the G-midgets to rack up a 13-2 lead by the close of the fourth inning.

Attempting to breathe new life into his tattered team, Mark Teceno, S-6 third baseman, stepped up to the plate and placed the ball in shallow center, which showed a small weakness in the G-midgets defense. After the ball was overthrown to third base, Teceno dashed into home for an in-the-park homer.

S-6 was able to score one more run before taking the field for the fifth inning, leaving the score 13-4.

Scoring two more runs, the G-midgets regained their 11 run lead going into the sixth, where they were welcomed to the last inning with a rousing version of "Take me out to the ball game."

The classic tune apparently brought out the defensive prowess of the G-midgets in the last inning, where they sent the first three S-6 batters back to the bench with an impenetrable infield.

"S-6 was an awesome team," said William C. Dickinson, G-Midgets left fielder. "They're a tough team and they never quit fighting."

While Dickinson was very appreciative of the competition, he had a stern warning for all the teams at the Chili Slip 'n' Slide, which will be held Oct. 29.

"If we're 100 percent, no one can touch us," said the confident Dickinson. "It's like taking candy from a baby, but we always try to let the other team get a couple runs so the don't go home feeling bad about themselves."

The game was followed by a short awards ceremony where the teams were given their trophies and the season's most valuable player named, the G-Midgets hard hitting pitcher, Billy Allbright.

"Softball is always a team effort, and a lot of times the team aspect gets over looked. But this goes to show that if you surround yourself with guys like these, it's pretty easy to play good ball," said Allbright. "I'd just like to thank the (Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron-12) for all the support they showed."

