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Safety at every step; PMO protects students

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Monday through Friday the Monzen Bridge always brings the same sight: children going to school while the rush of morning traffic flows right beside them.

While the danger of traffic is an obvious concern, people may not fully realize the threat bullying can pose to students.

Nobody wants to think bullying would happen between students. Parents have enough to worry about with their children's safety without having to stress over the thought that their child might be the victim of bullying. With the enduring presence of the Provost Marshal's Office Special Reaction Team, the threat of bullies can remain at bay, and safety in general will continue to be at its best for all who cross the Monzen Bridge.

"The main reason for the patrol is to support station residents and their children going to and from their homes and school every day," said Sgt. Kyle C. Hill, PMO SRT team leader. "The majority of the students walk to school. The Monzen Bridge has a lot of morning traffic with people going to work. With such a narrow path across the bridge, it's just an added patrol to help alleviate traffic accidents or harm to the children and residents."

SRT Marines patrol the Monzen crosswalk, up to the intersection on the other side of



KORAT ROYAL THAI AIR FORCE BASE, Thailand — Marine All-Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 242 Marines inspect an F/A-18 Hornet after two VMFA(AW)-242 pilots return from a familiarization flight on the flightline here in preparation of Exercise Cobra Gold 2012. Cobra Gold is an annual multi-national exercise where U.S. military members train with Thai counterparts. This year marks the 31st year units from Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan have participated in this exercise.

Squadrons touchdown in Thailand

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KORAT ROYAL THAI AIR FORCE BASE, Thailand — Military personnel of Marine All-Weather Fighter Attack Squadrons 242, Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 115, Marine Air Control Squadron 4 Detachment B and Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12 arrived here Sunday to support Exercise Cobra Gold 2012.

Exercise Cobra Gold is an annual, multi-national exercise to allow military personnel to conduct bilateral and unit-level training with the Thai Armed Forces, the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit and 5th Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Company.

During the first week here, the squadrons are scheduled to set up and prepare for Exercise Cobra Gold 2012, which is scheduled to kick-off early next week.

Setup includes prepping gear, maintaining the aircraft and pilots performing familiarization flights. Throughout the training evolution, squadrons will work to become proficient in air-to-surface exercises, daytime close air support and air interdiction.

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Commanders visit Peace Memorial

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Commanders from 1st Marine Air Wing visited the Hiroshima Memorial Peace Park in Hiroshima, Japan as part of a professional military education event during a commanders' conference held at Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni Jan. 26.

The purpose of the conference

and the PME visit was to discuss how the 1st MAW commanders can improve troop readiness and understand the ramifications their actions can have when carried out and the difficulties which come with their decisions. The detonation of the first nuclear device over Hiroshima was a clear example of what can happen when leaders have to make serious decisions with dire

consequences.

"It was an opportunity to visit a historic site which is important to the Marine Corps and has a big impact on our current relationship with our Japanese host country," said Maj. Gen. William F. Beydler, 1st MAW commanding general.

Much of the afternoon was spent visiting the various sections of the park. The commanders toured several displays of the museum, including lifelike post-nuclear detonation mannequins, audio

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

'Continuing with Change in the New Year'

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By the time this article is published, it will be approximately one month into the new year of 2012.

How many of us have made resolutions to lose weight, start a new diet, exercise more, go back to school, start a new job or even spend more time with family or loved ones?

With this question in mind, how successful have we been? It never ceases to amaze me how we start out strong with the best intentions of achieving our goals, but then life happens.

We find ourselves continuing the same cycle from our previous year.

We are disappointed and discouraged, because our new year is looking a lot like last year.

In the New Year's Eve service I shared a quote often attributed to author Rita Mae Brown which states: "Insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting

a different result."

It is easy to fall back to our old ways and attitudes. It is easy to place blame on our situations, others and even life for not achieving our goals.

Why?

Because it takes real effort to sincerely want to make the necessary changes in our lives and stick by them.

How many of us have always done a certain thing, gone a certain place or even attended church because that is all we know?

We have no idea why, but this is the way we were taught, so it must be right.

We are comfortable with what is familiar to us.

Change requires us to go outside our comfort zone and take a risk we might not otherwise take. However, how will we know if we don't try?

How do we know what our lives, hopes and aspirations can achieve if we don't challenge ourselves to change?

Every comfort we have in our lives today is a result of someone's innovation and desire to make a change.

For example, early astrologers and scientists believed the earth was flat and the sun revolved around it.

We have since learned the earth is round and the earth revolves around the sun. Why? Because Christopher Columbus and Galileo respectively took a chance to challenge the current system of belief through new information.

These men took the risk of being ridiculed for new ideas, concepts and belief.

Sounds familiar? I think of Jesus, who also had to challenge a way of thinking that was resistant to change.

Instead of only the law, Jesus says why not add grace, mercy, forgiveness and, most of all, love.

As you continue on with your new year, don't forget it is through the challenge of change and the renewing of our minds that we are able to achieve our goals.

Be encouraged to remain diligent and resilient in the new year.

Station Spotlight



Master Gunnery Sgt. Christopher S. Steele

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Unit: Headquarters & Headquarters Squadron
Age: 38
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Date Joined: June 2, 1992

What is your job?

I am the staff non commissioned officer in charge of Installation Personnel Administrative Center. I aid the director, overseeing the day-to-day operations of IPAC.

What is your favorite aspect of your job?

The opportunity to lead Marines and the opportunity to help others with any problems or administrative problems they might have.

What is the most challenging part of your job?

The schedule, one minute you walk in and there may be nothing going on but then some big problem might arise. It's just the difficulty of managing time and taking care of immediate needs.

How does your job support the mission of Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron and MCAS Iwakuni?

The more we take care of all the Marines, the less they have to worry about. We are a part of keeping unit morale and mission readiness up.

How does your job in garrison differ from your job in the field?

Both have unique challenges but distance isn't really a factor because IPAC's concept is 'reach back admin' so location really doesn't make a difference.

What schools are required for your MOS?

I attended the Advanced Personnel Administrative Chief School along with normal Marines career path.



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New mess hall now open

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Col. James C. Stewart, Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni commanding officer, along with representatives from the Nippo corporation, cut a ribbon, opening the new south side mess hall here Feb. 1. Approximately 4 million dollars went into the reconstruction and refurbishing of the new chow hall. Seating has increased in capacity from 250 to 330 persons. In addition to extra seating, a larger food preparation area was added. This allows the chow hall to serve a larger variation of food. Along with normal chow hall hours, a snack line will be available to Marines and sailors from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The construction, which began on Dec. 26, 2011, was headed by Fujiishi Ryuzou, site manager. Ryuzou, along with Rauh Saeko, construction site interpreter, both played a crucial role in the completion of the project.



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SGT. DANIEL K. BROWN

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"Cobra Gold is a way for us to build and strengthen the alliance between the U.S. and Thailand," said Maj. John M. Baseel, Cobra Gold 2012 action officer.

The exercise is approximately a monthlong training deployment allowing units to become fully operational.

"Cobra Gold is held annually to exercise our ability to deploy to a

key strategic region and test our interoperability with a long-term allied nation," said Baseel.

Furthermore, Exercise Cobra Gold 2012 will give pilots an opportunity to complete semi-annual training requirements.

While the U.S. works mainly with its Thai counterparts during the exercise, many nations contribute to make this exercise run smoothly.

"Multiple units from the United

States and other nations work together to make this exercise a success," said Lt. Col. Richard E. Petersen, VMFA(AW)-242 commanding officer. "The nations involved are the United States, the Kingdom of Thailand, Japan, Singapore, the Republic of Korea, Indonesia and Malaysia."

While here the Marines have many opportunities to experience Thai culture. They will have the chance to participate in nearly

a dozen community-relations events.

"Humanitarian assistance and community relations activities enable our military forces to break cultural barriers, train together and improve interoperability while providing vital services to areas in need," said Petersen.

In addition to the community relations events, the Single Marine Program has planned two overnight trips for military personnel.

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recordings, and images of both victims and the devastated city in the bomb's aftermath.

Hiroshima is one of only two cities where nuclear weapons have been used in a time of war. Japan was the focal point of the Pacific Campaign during WWII, and on Aug. 6, 1945, the first offensive nuclear device was detonated.

The images of the bomb's victims and how much devastation it caused would hopefully get other service members to visit the memorial. Service members visiting the museum can contemplate the roles leaders had in shaping events and how their actions can affect not just those under their command but others as well.

"One of the things is to encourage Marines to come to the Peace Park and look at the consequences of war and on the people involved in it," said Beydler.

Some Marines had previously visited the memorial. Beydler had visited once before when he was part of a Unit Deployment Program squadron in 1987. The symbol the Peace Park is still relevant even into the new era of the Marine Corps.

"It's a place that cannot be forgotten," said Beydler. "This is a place to get Marines together to see something that is pertinent to the Marine Corps. It's a fitting place to have a PME and learn about our past and look forward to the future."

PMO patrols for station safety

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the Monzen Bridge.

"The Marines being there provides a safe means for crossing the streets and going over the Monzen Bridge," said Hill. "Being out there extends a law enforcement presence and allows us to de-escalate any situation where individuals may get into a fight and cause bodily harm to each other."

Two Marines are posted at the Monzen district during the morning and afternoon while students go to and from school. One Marine walks the patrol path, while the other Marine directs traffic at the Monzen crosswalk.

"I think it's good to be out there and show the community we're here to support and help them," said Hill. "Our job isn't just about writing tickets or arresting people. Our job as law enforcement is ensuring the safety and well-being of the people."

The Marines who stand ready at these posts are not only looking for the threat of bullies, but are also tasked with watching over those crossing the bridge to ensure

the chances of hazardous accidents are neutralized.

"The patrol is geared towards preventing bullying, but also serves as an all-around protection for those using the bridge," said Lance Cpl. Amanda A. Phelps, a PMO SRT Marine.

Even after the new crosswalk is built for the Monzen district, SRT Marines will still patrol the Monzen Bridge for the safety of station residents.

"Since I've been working with SRT, I haven't had any problems while on patrol," said Phelps. "If we weren't here then there might be kids causing trouble. I would rather be safe than sorry when it comes to the safety of the residents."

Students can be seen talking to the patrolling Marines while walking across the bridge, asking questions and talking about school.

"It makes me feel safer having the Marines walking with us to school," said Gabriella Calderon, 11, Matthew C. Perry Elementary School student. "I'm really glad they're here."



CPL. MARCEL BROWN

Nami Yamamoto, Marine Corps Community Services youth cultural coordinator, coordinates with Shinjo Kuniko, Iwakuni Junior College principal, during the Iwatan Oyako Festa Jan. 28. The Festa was one of many cultural exchange events Yamamoto offers station residents.

MCCS Japanese youth cultural coordinator lives childhood dream

Cpl. Marcel Brown
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

As children, many of the decisions we make and experiences we have influence the outcome of our future.

Some of these experiences are life changing, but the easily overlooked experiences can sometimes have a huge impact on our lives later down the line.

"I'm very happy. My dream came true, and I want to continue doing this for the rest of my life," said Nami Yamamoto, Marine Corps Community Services administrative specialist and youth cultural coordinator.

Yamamoto, known around station as Nami-san, is currently living her childhood dream, day to day, by providing cultural exchange opportunities to station residents.

Born in Iwakuni, Nami-san had her first culture shock at age 8, when her parents invited a station service member and his children to her home.

"When I was in elementary school, a lot of the service members lived close to my house," said Nami-san. "One of them liked gyoza. My mom used to cook gyoza for him, and I would hang out with his daughters."

Over the years, Nami-san's passion grew for interacting with foreign service members and their families.

"When I was a high school student, I was a member of the English-speaking society, and through the program, our teacher sent us on a lot of community relation events," said Nami-san.

During one of these community relations events, members of the English-speaking society were invited on station to construct and fly kites at the Penny Lake Fields.

Nami-san said she felt extreme happiness interacting with the station residents but felt saddened the language barrier prevented her from expressing herself with her American friends.

"A lot of the Japanese are shy. They want to communicate with foreigners, but they don't know how, so they stay to themselves," said Nami-san. "I wanted to be the person to connect the two cultures."

Nami took the first step toward her dream by attending a junior college for two years to study English. After graduating, Nami headed to England for a year to learn how to teach Japanese as a foreign language before making her way back to Japan to learn cultural studies and education for two and a half years at Hiroshima University.

At this point in her life, she grew fond of teaching and considered following a career in education; however, her childhood dream



CPL. MARCEL BROWN

Nami Yamamoto, Marine Corps Community Services administrative specialist and youth cultural coordinator, encourages two children while they participate in a magnetic fishing game during the Iwatan Oyako Festa at the Iwakuni Junior College Jan. 28. The students of the Iwakuni Junior college set up several games where station residents and children were offered the chance to win prizes.

lingered in mind and heart.

"I learned how to teach English, and at that time, in my mind, I was thinking maybe I can be a teacher in Japan," said Nami-san. "So I tried to be a teacher in a Japanese high school, but I decided not to because I wanted to do something for the American people in Japan."

Nami decided to apply for a position at the Marine Corps Exchange in order to get a sense of comfort dealing with the American community regularly.

"I started to work at the exchange, and it was so much fun! I loved it!" said Nami-san. "I got to learn a lot about American culture by seeing their merchandise and interacting with the customers."

Nami grew closer and closer to the American community while she waited for the opportunity she dreamed of, little did she know, it was right around the corner.

"At the time, I didn't expect the position to open and I thought, 'Maybe it's too early because my English isn't perfect,' but I decided to apply and let the interviewer decide if I was ready or not," said Nami-san.

Nami-san's 'can do' attitude and passion for her job and the community landed her the position of her dreams.

"You can definitely tell this is a calling for her, because she really puts her heart and soul into it," said Pamela Zeugin, MCCS installation supervisory program manager "It's not just a job for her."

Over the past year, Nami-san has coordinated countless cultural exchange, cultural adaptation and community-relations events for station residents of all ages.

"We're in Japan. We have to accept their culture and actually embrace it," said Zeugin. "We should take advantage of all the different things they have here and Nami can help us do that."

Although she specializes in youth coordination, Nami-san doesn't hesitate lending a hand with other sections throughout MCCS.

"She's an outstanding worker and a team player," said Eugene Clark, director of Youth and Teen Center activities. "She's the translator between the Japanese community and the family-team programs."

Nami-san said her goal is to see every child on station eager to interact with the local community and get engaged in the Japanese culture. She will continue to devote herself to her dream until then.

A Marine All-Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 121 F/A-18 Hornet aircraft is poised ready to carry out missions here Jan. 31 while the squadron is deployed to the Western Pacific region. Never knowing what kind of situation the Green Knights' aircrew will be put into maintains the resolve of the squadron's high level of training in WESTPAC.



A Marine All-Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 121 F/A-18 Hornet aircraft is poised ready to carry out missions here Jan. 31 while the squadron is deployed to the Western Pacific region. The different exercises the squadron participates in, to help train the Green Knights' Marines, is a key element to maintaining mission readiness.

Lance Cpl. Matthew S. Jones, a Marine All-Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 121 aircraft mechanic, unscrews a panel on a F/A-18 Hornet aircraft here Jan. 31. Jones' specific section of mechanics are known as airframes Marines. Airframes Marines ensure the structural integrity of the aircraft is maintained and safe for the pilots to perform missions. VMFA(AW)-121, also known as the Green Knights, is based out of Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, Calif., and helps support Marine Aircraft Group 12 and 1st Marine Aircraft Wing while deployed to the station and the Western Pacific region.



Green Knights reveal aspects of UDP life

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Fresh off Exercise Lava Viper 2012, Marine All-Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 121 arrived here Jan. 25 to continue its Unit Deployment Program in the Western Pacific.

VMFA(AW)-121, also known as the Green Knights, supports Marine Aircraft Group 12 and 1st Marine Aircraft Wing operations.

The UDP is a program which allows units to deploy to various locations throughout WESTPAC and participate in exercises with international allied forces.

The Green Knights are ready to deploy anywhere within 48 hours of being activated, keeping true to the expeditionary nature of the Marine Corps.

Training for any situation the F/A-18 Hornet squadron could come up against is a key element to maintaining mission readiness.

"We have been training all yearlong," said Lt. Col. Michael R. Waterman, VMFA(AW)-121 commanding officer. "We just finished Exercise Lava Viper, so our aircrew is very proficient in the air-to-ground arena. Now

we are able to focus on air-to-air interdiction training here."

Never knowing what kind of situation the aircrew will be put into maintains the resolve of the squadron's high level of training.

"As an F/A-18 fighter attack aircraft squadron, we have a general idea of what we could be tasked with during an operation," said Waterman. "Whether it is in the air-to-air or air-to-ground arena, we have to be prepared for the whole spectrum of missions we would need to accomplish. We train for both situations during UDP deployments."

Flying to a target to drop ordnance while fighting through enemy aircraft would be a situation where having proficiency in both air-to-air and air-to-ground combat skills work hand-in-hand.

"For Marines, a UDP is like taking the knowledge and skills honed in grade school and performing a college test under six months of pressure," said Maj. Mark D. Bortnem, VMFA(AW)-121 executive officer. "The unit deployment program shows our squadron's ability to maintain mission readiness no matter what."

What many do not realize is the UDP shows the United States' resolve in protecting its allies.

"Having squadrons all over the Asian Pacific region, from Misawa to Guam to South Korea, ensures America's allies we are going to be here to support them no matter the situation in both a military capacity and as neighbors," said Bortnem. "The UDP also demonstrates to our potential enemies we are here and are prepared to defend our friends and allies should they be threatened."

One idea the Green Knights' leadership has tried to impress upon their squadron is that they never know when a situation will arise and break them from the routine training they are conducting. Last year's earthquake and ensuing tsunami was an example of that.

"The UDP squadrons on deck during that tragedy pooled their resources to help with the relief effort as best as they could," said Bortnem. "Our Marines know if something like that should happen again, we will put 100 percent of our abilities into helping any way we can and show the friendship the U.S. and Japan

have with each other."

Supporting allied countries is not the only display of compassion the Green Knights have shown. The Marine Corps is known for being a band of brothers, and the Green Knights show that by helping other UDP squadrons.

"We are a family," said Sgt. Maj. Timothy P. Haney, VMFA(AW)-121 sergeant major. "If we need help, we will get help either from MAG-12, which has welcomed us here with open arms, or one of the other UDP squadrons on deck, and we will help them if they are in need of assistance."

This "family" keeps the squadron running and the aircraft safe and flying. Whether it is through the support shops or the maintenance of the Hornets.

"The high-tempo training we are going through keeps us on our toes to be ready for anything," said Lance Cpl. Johnny Medina, VMFA(AW)-121 avionics technician. "The pilots trust us with their lives, so we have to always give it our all to ensure their safety and the mission readiness of the aircraft."

The 1st MAF and UDP squadron Marines ensure the tip of the spear stays sharp in WESTPAC.

Joe Paterno disgraced in scandal

Cpl. Kenneth K. Trotter Jr.
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EDITORIAL

As some of you may or may not know, a titan of the college football world, the man who you could set your clock to, Joe Paterno, died Jan. 22, 2012.

It's a shame. Rumors abounded of the alumni wanting for years to get rid of ol' JoePa, and they never could quite find one. Why? He was still relevant to the game.

In a time when schools are switching coaches and selling their morality and principles out for a win or a multimillion dollar contract, JoePa was the constant reminder of what remained pure about the sport of football. He was a throwback to a different era of football, when schools were loyal to their coaches even through the harsh times.

The plain navy blue and white uniform of the Nittany Lions has remained virtually unchanged since even before JoePa's arrival on the scene. A reassuring sign to many that he was more worried about the professionalism, play and behavior of his players than what they wore. He knew true fans were more concerned with how the Lions played.

Don't believe me? When JoePa first took over as Penn State head coach, Happy Valley Stadium capacity was only 45,000. Now, after 2 national championships and three conference championships, it touts a seating capacity of more than 100,000.

He kept his same salary of \$500,000, over half of which he donated to private charities.

Most people at the time didn't even know he did, and for a head football coach in this day and age \$500,000 is nothing. JoePa helped foster education for Penn State. How many kids came to Penn State because of Joe? And I'm not even talking about football players!

Now before I get too deep into this topic, the word "allegedly" or "supposedly" is going to get thrown around here a bit.

It's not because I doubt the sincerity of those children, now men, who have come forward with their allegations. I want to believe in the words of those abused.

I do. But at the same time I know from firsthand experience the power of words and how false accusations can destroy families and ruin lives. I have to look at this objectively and with a grain of salt.

People are so quick to point fingers at JoePa, because he supposedly didn't act or didn't do enough.

Well, I've got two things to say to that: 1.) How many of you would truly act off the words of hearsay? Think back on your own lives. How many friendships, marriages or relationships of any sort were nearly destroyed by the words of another? How many of us have jumped to the WRONG conclusion, because someone either heard or supposedly saw something they felt the need to inform you of?

So understand JoePa's situation.

JoePa did not physically see or hear the young boy, or any of Jerry Sandusky's alleged victims for that matter. Naturally, he was reluctant to go to the police. What if he was wrong, and it was a big misunderstanding?

What if the assistant coach was lying, trying to get Sandusky in trouble? What if that assistant coach did not see what he had supposedly seen?

There's always the chance those who are ostracized as pedophiles or rapists merely due to hearsay, especially with the police involved are proven not to be.

How many of you would turn in a brother,

a relative, a friend based on an allegation of what someone else saw? Someone you've known for 30, 40 plus years? JoePa knew Sandusky as that starry-eyed freshman who arrived on campus in the fall of 1963, eager for a starting spot on the team, who transformed into man, not only on the field but as a human being. JoePa came to respect him and made him a coach on the team because of his work ethic. After knowing and working with someone for that long, wouldn't you consider them a friend? That was JoePa's predicament.

Oh, but in our overzealous self-righteous piety, we know JoePa was wrong and didn't do enough. We know Sandusky is guilty, because we know everything before the evidence comes to light. We know better. JoePa needs to go! And Sandusky needs to burn! Yeah, right.

In my opinion, JoePa did what many of us would do if someone we knew and trusted was accused of such a heinous crime. We'd

reluctantly report the alleged crime, but at the same time confront the person about it and maybe even distance ourselves from them a bit because of the stigma associated with the accusation.

JoePa did the next logical step when he was told of Sandusky's deplorable habits: He went to the chief of Penn State police department! And this PD isn't like other campus police who are viewed as rent-a-cops. They are their own legitimate police force, recognized as such on a local, state and federal level.

Granted, JoePa had no hard evidence, just speculation and hearsay, not enough to actually charge a person. Still JoePa pulled himself away from Sandusky a bit because of the allegations.

Which brings me to my second point: Mike McQueary, the witness who saw the little boy being raped! He went and told JoePa? Really? Not the police, but JoePa? I can't say what I'd do in a lot of situations in life but I know one thing for certain: if I see anyone, anyone, molesting a child, I'm going to do my best to separate their head from their body and afterward inform the proper authorities, not my boss! Period.

But McQueary's okay because he told someone. Yeah, right. He, to me, is more guilty than anyone because he could've stopped it right there if he'd went to the police. The school's administration would've had no other choice but to fire McQueary and let justice play out.

Instead, countless other children's lives were destroyed. There was an inability to act was every level, but none more so than McQueary. And how does the firing of JoePa bring those who were allegedly molested justice?

It DOESN'T, ladies and gentlemen. It doesn't. For JoePa, I hope he finds some measure of peace from this world.

He was able to influence people in a way that helped rather than destroyed, and for me, personally, he represented all of what was good about college football. If I could've made it on the college level, I would've been proud to call him my coach.

For the children who were affected by the influence of a sexual deviant, there is nothing anyone can say; no amount of apologies or lawsuit settlements can undo what happened to them. If Sandusky is guilty, I hope he gets punished to the fullest extent of the law.

For everyone else who judges JoePa for this: Get off your high horse. Until you've been in a position similar to JoePa's, you have no room to judge.

Rest in Peace, JoePa. The world seems a little bit less bright without you.



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Cpl. Erik D. Giron, a Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron food service warehouse chief, explains to Lance Cpl. Paula Brantley, an H&HS food service specialist, how to properly manipulate an opponent's wrist to gain the proper leverage and control for a takedown technique as part of Auxiliary Security Forces training at the IronWorks Gym sports courts here Jan. 27. ASF training is done quarterly.



CPL. KENNETH K. TROTTER JR.

Sgt. Kyle C. Hill, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron Special Reaction Team team leader and Auxiliary Security Forces instructor, demonstrates the proper application of a hold on the arm of Lance Cpl. Paul J. Halter, H&HS SRT member during ASF training at the IronWorks Gym sports courts here Jan. 27. Approximately 34 Marines took part in the training coming from various shops within the squadron.

ASF helps keep station safe

Cpl. Kenneth K. Trotter Jr.
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The Provost Marshal's Office finished part of its ongoing training for Auxiliary Security Forces at the IronWorks Gym sports courts here Jan. 27.

The purpose of the training was to introduce and instruct Marines in Mechanical Advantage Control Holds and take down techniques to de-escalate situations.

"Hopefully, they take away the techniques they learned," said Sgt. Kyle C. Hill, Special Reaction Team team leader.

The ASF acts as reinforcements to bolster numbers for PMO military police and the Special Reaction Team; they assist in situations when the regular numbers of PMO are not sufficient, such as in a threat con change or special event. An example of this is during Exercise Active Shield or Friendship Day in May.

Approximately 34 Marines took part in the training, which is done once every three months and involves Marines from different sections within Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron. They learn a variety of holds and techniques, including single takedowns to double takedowns.

The Marines spent the morning learning the different takedowns and mechanics of the MACH training before returning to the classroom to finish for the day.

These techniques don't only work in an official capacity during events, they can also be used in everyday life to defend one's self.

"It's good for Marines to have this additional training to protect themselves and de-escalate situations on their own," said Hill.

The training the Marines received was only a fraction of what they must go through in order to be certified as ASF Marines. Along with the takedown techniques, the Marines also are scheduled to learn about riot control techniques, deadly force procedures, security procedures and searching procedures later in the month.

The Marines are also scheduled to take part in a crucial aspect of the training, being sprayed with Oleoresin Capsicum spray. This painful riot-control deterrent is the one aspect of the training many Marines are reluctant to take part, but it is necessary to be qualified as an ASF Marine. Some Marines were curious as to the reputation associated with the spray.

"I wanted to see what the big deal about it was," said Lance Cpl. Jamie L. Mateo, an H&HS maintenance air traffic controller. "I was looking forward to that part of training. I wanted to experience it for myself, say I did it and tell others about it."

For some Marines, this was their first interaction with this particular type of training, and they were somewhat surprised at the additional responsibilities they may have. However, once it was explained to them, they were open to learning not only their respective jobs within the Marine Corps, but also the other duties the Corps may give them.

"It definitely makes sense why we need to do this type of training," said Mateo. "You never know what you need to be prepared for."

With Exercise Total Shield on the horizon and Friendship Day a few months away, the need for Marines to be able to handle unexpected situations is paramount to mission readiness and accomplishment.



CPL. KENNETH K. TROTTER JR.

Pfc's Toretta T. Keller and Michael A. Little, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron postal clerks, work together to take down Pfc. Brandon R. Stanford, H&HS postal clerk, during Auxiliary Security Forces training at the Ironworks Gym sports courts here Jan. 27. Along with takedown techniques, the Marines are also scheduled to learn riot control.



CPL. KENNETH K. TROTTER JR.

Lance Cpl. Jamie L. Mateo, a Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron maintenance air traffic controller, prepares to perform a takedown technique on Lance Cpl. Estephania de Leon, a H&HS Installation Personnel Administration Center administration clerk, during Auxiliary Security Forces training at the IronWorks Gym sports courts here Jan. 27. More ASF training is scheduled to take place this month.

CORPS NEWS

HIGHLIGHTING MARINES AND SAILORS AROUND THE GLOBE



LANCE CPL. JESSICA OLIVAS

CHON BURI, Thailand — Royal Thai Navy, Malaysian forces and U.S. Navy Seabees with Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 40 dig holes before the opening ceremony for the construction of a multipurpose building at the Wat Chaleamlap Temple School in support of exercise Cobra Gold Jan. 20, 2012. During the ceremony, two columns were blessed symbolizing the good fortune and protection for the workers and future students. Cobra Gold provides a unique and dynamic training opportunity for participating military partners while also promoting relationships between militaries and local communities.

Marines, the Kingdom of Thailand team up for Cobra Gold

Lance Cpl. Daniel Wetzel
III MEF

WASHINGTON — The Marine Corps has teamed up with the Kingdom of Thailand and several other Asian-Pacific nations for exercise Cobra Gold 2012 in the Asia-Pacific region Jan. 15 through Feb. 17.

As America's longest standing ally in the Asia-Pacific region, Thailand annually hosts Cobra Gold to strengthen military ties with the U.S. and to improve interoperability between nations.

From its beginning in 1982, Cobra Gold has been a vital part of the U.S. strategy in the Pacific. Cobra Gold reinforces recent statements of executive leadership and the Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. James F. Amos regarding our commitment to the Asia-Pacific region, more than any other exercise in the United States Pacific Command.

Nearly 7,000 service members, most of them Marines from III Marine Expeditionary Force and the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, are participating.

This year, Cobra Gold includes a computer-simulated command-post exercise, training scenarios depicting simulated United Nations peace enforcement operations, humanitarian and civic assistance projects, and a field

training exercise.

Not all of Cobra Gold is training, however. Marines also participate in many humanitarian projects, including construction of a school.

Marines are participating in the exercise to help their Thai counterparts, learn from them, teach them what they have to offer and build the school, said Lance Cpl. Alex Wisecup, a Marine Wing Support Squadron 172 combat engineer.

The school is one of six structures Marines will help build over the next month.

In addition, the U.S., Thailand, Singapore, Indonesia, South Korea, Malaysia and Japan will all participate in humanitarian and civic assistance projects designed to improve the quality of life and local infrastructure for the Thai people, making the exercise one of the largest in the world of its kind.

Humanitarian and civic assistance programs conducted during exercise Cobra Gold 2012 are a tribute to the resolve of all participating nations to support the needs and humanitarian interests of friends and regional partners.

Yearly training exercises like this keep the Marines prepared for rescue efforts and humanitarian assistance in real-life crises like the flooding in Thailand.



LANCE CPL. JESSICA OLIVAS

RAYONG PROVINCE, Thailand — Thai Navy Seaman Wanchai Boonsan, smooths concrete over foundation at the Ban Khlong Bangbor school in support of Cobra Gold 2012, Jan. 20. Cobra Gold includes a computer-simulated command-post exercise, training scenarios depicting simulated United Nations peace enforcement operations, humanitarian and civic assistance projects, and a field training exercise.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS | CLASSIFIEDS

Briefs

Off-limit Establishments

The following establishment are hereby off-limits:

- The multi-tenant building "NOW," Tenant occupant's names change frequently. Past names for this building include, Ran, Massage Parlor, Welcome American, Follow Me and F-18.
- Hiroshima's Tougan Goods Company.

JAS Cultural Festival 2012

Matthew C. Perry High School is scheduled to host the Japanese American Society Cultural Festival 2012 in the M.C. Perry gym March 4, 1 - 4 p.m. Visitors will be introduced to Japanese culture, including both old and modern Japanese customs and traditions throughout the event. Enjoy free Japanese and American food and door prizes. For more information contact the JAS office at 253-4744 or call 880-4554-4744.

Marine A-4 Skyhawk Reunion

Marine A-4 Skyhawk Reunion, in conjunction with the MCAA Symposium and Centennial Celebrations, is scheduled to be held May 16-19 at the Gaylord National Hotel, Oxon Hill, MD. All drivers, maintainers and aficionados are welcome. For more information, contact Mark Williams at rodrger.wilco@comcast.net.

Super Bowl XLVI

Make sure you don't miss out on the biggest game of the year. Club Iwakuni is scheduled to put the game on big screen. There will be a free breakfast buffet with lunch snacks.

There will also be games and prizes during the game. Doors open at 6:30 a.m. Kick-off begins at 8:15 a.m. For more information, call 253-5416.

Iwakuni Roadrunners

All service members and civilians are welcome. Runs are Mondays at 9 a.m., Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m., Thursdays at 6:30 p.m., and Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. Meeting place is in front of Crossroads Mall. Time and length of runs vary. All abilities are welcome. For more information, visit "Iwakuni Roadrunners" Facebook page.

Free Child Development Screening

Educational and Developmental Intervention Services will be holding a free child development screening event for children 4 - 60 months on Feb. 29 and March 1 at Matthew C. Perry Elementary School. Child specialists will answer questions and screen 5 major areas of child development. For more information, please schedule an appointment with EDIS at 253-4562.

Thrift Store Changes

The Marine Thrift Store has new management and new hours. Wednesday and Friday 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 4 - 6:30 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Open to active duty military in uniform Monday through Friday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Saturday and Sunday.

Education Fair

The Lifelong Learning Department is scheduled to host an Education Fair for station residents March 7 from 12 - 2 p.m. in Building 411.

This event will serve as a great informational forum for students interested in starting, continuing and advancing their education. Light refreshments will be served, and door prizes will be given away. For more information, contact the Education Office at 253-3855.

PMO Lost and Found

Contact the Provost Marshal's Office Lost and Found if you've lost anything around the station. Examples include helmets, cameras, cell phones, etc. For more information, to report lost items or to claim lost items, call 253-4929.

NMCRS Quick Assist Loans

The Iwakuni Navy Marine Corps Relief Society is providing Quick Assist Loans to prevent active duty service members from falling prey to predatory lenders. These loans are designed to assist with short-term living expenses up to \$300, interest free and must be repaid within 10 months. For more information, call the Iwakuni NMCRS at 253-5311 or stop by the Marine Memorial Chapel, Room 148.

Emergency Phone Numbers Reminder

- Anti-terrorism force protection hotline: 253-ATFP (2837).
- Life limb or loss of vision threatening emergencies while on the air station: 119 or 911. From a cell phone or for bilingual capability: 082-721-7700.
- For security issues, contact the Provost Marshal's Office: 253-3303. To report without talking to a person, Crime Stoppers: 253-3333.
- Sexual Assault: To

make a confidential report of sexual assault or harassment, contact the victim advocate at 253-4526 during working hours. For after hours, weekends and holidays, call 090-9978-1033 or 080-3427-0835. You can also call the installation Sexual Assault Response Coordinator at 253-6556 or 080-5865-3566.

Lending Locker Program

The lending locker program is available to provide small home appliances and utensils for incoming and outgoing command sponsored members for up to 60 days inbound and 30 days outbound. A copy of PCS orders are required to check out items, and the program is by appointment only. The lending locker is located in Building 411 Room 101. Appointments are 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. For more information, call 253-6161.

Mothers of Preschoolers

MOPS offers fun support and encouragement for mothers of children ages 0-5. Meetings are the 1st and 3rd Thursday each month. Volunteers are also needed to help with the children's program. For more information, call Sarah Spencer at 253-2303 or visit www.facebook/IwakuniMOPS.

Thrift Store Volunteers

Volunteer positions available. Applicants should be outgoing, willing to have fun and highly motivated. We are also looking for a board member treasurer with book keeping experience. Board members and store volunteers must attend all store meetings. All positions are volunteer, non-compensated positions. For more

information call Patty or Sharon at 253-4711 or e-mail thrift_store@yahoo.com.

Girl Scouts

The Iwakuni Girl Scouts is looking for fun-loving, devoted women and men who want to make a positive impact on the lives of young girls. If you are interested in becoming a leader, coleader, board member or parent volunteer, e-mail iwakunigs@gmail.com.

Jobs

Dental Assistant

The 11th Dental Clinic is now accepting applications for a full-time dental assistant. Certification of qualification is required. For more information, call 253-5252.

Brief and Classified Submissions

To submit a community brief or classified advertisement, send an e-mail to iwakuni.pao@usmc.mil. Include a contact name, a phone number and the information to be published. Alternatively, You may submit your brief or classified ad in person at the Public Affairs Office, Building 1, Room 216 or you may call 253-5551. However you choose to submit, ensure you provide all requested information to simply the request process and ensure your request is processed properly. The deadline for submissions is 3 p.m. every Friday. Submissions will run the following Friday on a space-available basis. The Iwakuni Approach staff reserves the right to edit submissions for space and style.

BOOT SCOOTIN' ROUNDUP

A live 1-hour radio show featuring the best country music. Kick up your boots 9 - 10 a.m. Mondays-Thursdays on Power 157.5.

Make the best out of all experiences

INFOTAINMENT

Chapel Services

Roman Catholic Saturday		4:30-5:15 p.m. Confession 5:30 p.m. Mass
Sunday		8:30 a.m. Mass 9:45 a.m. Religious Education
Tues. – Fri.		11:30 a.m. Weekday Mass
Protestant 2nd & 4th Saturday		10:00 a.m. Seventh-Day Adventist Sabbath meeting
Sunday		9:30 a.m. Sunday School,
Adult		Bible study 10:30 a.m. Protestant Service 4:30 p.m. Lutheran Holy Communion Service (Small Chapel)
Tuesday		9 a.m. Ladies Bible Study
Wednesday		5:45 p.m. Awana (Bldg. 1104)
1st & 3rd Thursday		9:30 a.m. MOPS
Church of Christ Sunday		9:30 a.m. Bible Study (small chapel) 10:30 a.m. Service Fellowship

- Teen Programs**
- High School Meetings (Club – grades 9-12)
 - Junior High Meetings (Club JV – grades 7-8)
 - HS&JR Bible Studies
 - Retreats
 - Service Projects
 - Missions Trip
 - Special Events Volunteer Training & Mentoring

For information regarding divine services, religious education or any other command religious program or chapel activity, call the Marine Memorial Chapel at 253-3371.

THE IWAKUNI APPROACH CULTURAL LESSONS



JORGE HERNÁNDEZ VALIÑANI

Symbols of the week



This symbol means 'paper'
pronounced: *Kami*



This symbol means 'plastic'
pronounced: *Pura*



This symbol means
'Aluminum'
pronounced: *Arumi*



This symbol means 'steel'
pronounced: *Suchiiru*

Helpful phrases

Is there a public phone here?

Pronounced: *Koko ni
kooshuudenwa ga arimasu ka?*

Where is the bathroom?

Pronounced: *Toire wa doko
desu ka?*

Where is the trash can?

Pronounced: *Gomi-bako wa
doko desu ka?*

Where can I smoke?

Pronounced: *Doko de tabako o
suemasu ka?*

Do you accept credit cards?

Pronounced: *Kurejitto kado wa
tsukaemasu ka?*

What time do you close?

Pronounced: *Nanji ni
shimemasu ka?*

Vowel pronunciation

The letter “a” represents a sound like the “a” in
“father.”

The letter “e” represents a sound like the “e” in “pet.”

The letter “i” represents a sound like the American
“ee” in “feet.”

The letter “o” represents a sound like the initial
portion of the American “o” in “so.”

The letter “u” represents a sound like the “oo” in
“fool.”

SAKURA THEATER

Friday, February 3, 2011
7 p.m. Red Tails (PG-13)
10 p.m. The Sitter (R)

Saturday, February 4, 2011
4 p.m. The Muppets (PG)
7 p.m. Mission Impossible:
Ghost Protocol (R)

Sunday, February 5, 2011
4 p.m. Alvin and the Chipmunks:
Chipwrecked (G)
7 p.m. J. Extremely Loud and Incredibly
Close (PG-13)

Monday, February 6, 2011
7 p.m. Red Tails (PG-13)

Tuesday, February 7, 2011
Theater closed

Wednesday, February 8, 2011
Theater closed

Thursday, February 9, 2011
7 p.m. J. Extremely Loud and Incredibly
Close (PG-13)

The movie schedule is subject to change. Please check www.mccsiwakuni.com/sakura often
for updates, or call the Sakura Theater at 253-5291 for the latest schedule.

**General Admission: Ages 12+ are \$3/ Ages 6-11 are \$1.50/ Children ages 5 and
under admitted free. For more information, visit www.mccsiwakuni.com or call 253-
5291.**

Friday Night Friendship Bowling League strikes up friendships, knocks down pins

Lance Cpl. Charlie Clark
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Bowlers from the Night Friendship Bowling League started stretching their limbs and practicing their technique before an evening of bowling at the Strike Zone here Jan. 27.

The Friday Night Friendship Bowling League is a family friendly bowling league where station residents and Japanese locals compete with and against each other.

“We try and keep it as balanced as we can by having Japanese and Americans on each team,” said Derrick Hurd, Friday Night Friendship Bowling League secretary and treasurer. “The Japanese love coming here every week and so do we. I’ve met a lot of great friends through the league.”

The Strike Zone closed and cleaned its bowling lanes at 5:45 p.m. in preparation for the league bowlers.

The Japanese and American bowlers, some with children, made their way into the Strike Zone to enjoy a few hours of sharing lanes and a love of bowling.

“We are all like-minded individuals here,” said Hurd. “We love to bowl. We love to joke around, and we love seeing everyone each week.”

For some of the Japanese bowlers, league nights are a way to learn American culture, practice the English language and better their bowling averages.

“I enjoy talking with the Marines and their families,” said Nobuhiro Hatta, a Custom Made team bowler. “I’ve learned how to bowl better since joining the league. The Marines make me laugh when they tell jokes, so it is a good experience to come here.”

The Strike Zone is the only bowling alley within 26 kilometers of Iwakuni City. Japanese bowlers travel to the Strike Zone from as far away as Yanai to compete in the league.

It’s through the dedication of those traveling bowlers that lasting friendships can be made with both station and Iwakuni City residents.

While the league is full of friends, it is still a competitive league.

The Friday Night Friendship Bowling League has two seasonal leagues, one in the summer and another for the fall and winter.

Seventy six bowlers make up the 19 teams, which competed in this year’s fall/winter league. Each team consists of four to five bowlers.

The teams keep track of their bowling averages. Whichever team has the highest points for the season wins.

Bowling leagues like this have existed before, but under different names. The Friday Night Friendship Bowling League has been knocking down pins for the past eight years.

“Bowling is a universal sport, like baseball or soccer,” said Joe W. Cook, Friday Night Friendship Bowling League president. “This league and the other bowling leagues before it have lasted all these years because it is a fun and easy sport to learn and play.”

To sign up for the Friday Night Friendship Bowling League, send an e-mail to joe.w.cook@usmc.mil.



LANCE CPL. CHARLIE CLARK



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Tamotsu Tanimoto, a Custom Made bowler, sends his bowling ball down the lane at the Strike Zone during a Friday Night Friendship Bowling League here Jan. 27. The Friday Night Friendship Bowling League is a family friendly bowling league where station residents and Japanese locals compete with and against each other. The Friday Night Friendship Bowling League has been knocking down pins for the past eight years.

Friday Night Friendship league team standings

Place	Team name	Points won	Points lost	Team average
1	JLBG	62	10	730
2	Purple Headed Cobras	46	26	595
3	Custom Made	45 1/2	26 1/2	782
4	King Pins	43	29	743
5	The Truth	42	30	608

Season High Scores

Male Scratch Game	Noriaki Hatada 300	Male Scratch Series	Derrick Hurd 751	Female Scratch Game	Miyoko Uchida 246	Female Scratch Series	Yuriko Kubo 581
	Tim Robinson 280 Joe Cook 279		Yoshihiro Takeyasu 725 Masaharu Yamamoto 725		Yasuko Hironaka 222 Sanae Tsukada 205		Minako Hurd 558 Emiko Uesugi 539

Mess Hall Menu

Monday

Corn chowder, jerked style chicken, spicy baked fish, lyonnaise rice, baked macaroni and cheese, asparagus, corn, chicken gravy, dinner rolls, chicken wings bar, macaroni salad, potato salad, coleslaw, standard salad bar, bear claws, blueberry muffins, cherry pie, white cake with buttercream frosting, brownies, chocolate pudding parfait, Jell-O parfait.

Tuesday

Chicken with rice soup, baked Italian sausage, pepper steak, steamed rice, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, brussels sprouts polonaise, brown gravy, dinner rolls, macaroni salad, rotisserie chicken bar, potato salad, coleslaw, standard salad bar, snails, banana nut muffins, peach crunch, cheese cake, peanut butter cookies, vanilla pudding parfait, Jell-O parfait.

Wednesday

Cream of chicken soup, baked salmon, roast pork, Yankee pot roast, paprika buttered potatoes, steamed rice, peas and carrots, calico cabbage, brown gravy, dinner rolls, pulled pork bar, macaroni salad, potato salad, coleslaw, standard salad bar, kolaches, quick cherry coffee cake, pecan pie, marble cake with buttercream frosting, chocolate chip cookie, banana cream pudding, Jell-O parfait.

Thursday

Minestrone soup, apple glazed corned beef, Cantonese pork ribs, potatoes au gratin, tossed green rice, orange carrots amandine, spinach, mustard sauce, dinner rolls, curry bar, macaroni salad, potato salad, coleslaw, standard salad bar, bowknots, blueberry muffin, apple pie, devil’s food cake with coconut buttercream frosting, shortbread cookie, chocolate pudding parfait, Jell-O parfait.

Friday

Chicken rice soup, savory baked chicken, fried catfish, mashed potatoes, long grain and wild rice, summer squash, asparagus, chicken gravy, brown gravy, corn muffins, deli bar, macaroni salad, potato salad, coleslaw, standard salad bar, quick French coffee cake, doughnut, cherry pie, yellow cake with chocolate buttercream frosting, brownies, vanilla pudding parfait, Jell-O parfait.

The Iwakuni Time Machine

This week in 1972 the Torii Teller reported on the failed robbery of H&MS-15 payroll. Other news included in this issue was the opening of a bargain center in the MCAS exchange, the opening of the new Tape Room, the revision of marksmanship training, the announced DoD manpower cut to 198,000 Marines and Navy Patrol Squadron 46 replacing Navy Patrol Squadron 9. VP-46 has undergone eight name changes and was established in 1931.



MPs cordon off base

Airlines cut fares

PanAm and Northwest Orient Airlines have announced lower fares for servicemen and their dependents between the Pacific area and the United States.

The new rates are scheduled to become effective February 15. They will lower the cost of round-trip reserved seat tickets by as much as \$283.

Northwest flights service 23 cities in the U.S. As examples of reduced fare: round-trip, from Tokyo to the West Coast, \$297; from Tokyo to Chicago, \$414.

PanAm flights will cost the same. By flying PanAm from Tokyo to New York at the reduced rate, the cost will be \$449.

Round-trip travel under these new reduced rates must be completed in 45 days.

H&MS-15 payroll robbery fails

A \$79,000 payroll robbery early last Friday morning has resulted in three men being apprehended on suspicion of robbery and conspiracy.

The names of the suspects are being withheld pending the lodging of formal charges against them.

The robbery occurred in the MAG-15 area shortly after two pay officers and their armed guards had picked up their payrolls at the Station Disbursing Office and were heading by Jeep for H&MS-15 to pay that squadron's troops.

The pay officers, 1stLts. Allen J. Spring and Richard K. Ruck, reported the robbery occurred when they stopped their vehicle at a stop sign. The robber pulled up on a motorcycle, flourished a weapon, and ordered them to drop their payroll boxes into a laundry bag he was holding. He then took two .45 caliber pistols from the guards and roared off. He was dressed in Marine utilities and was wearing a cyclist's helmet with a stocking mask over his face at the time of the robbery.

The holdup weapon turned out to be a realistic replica of a .45 caliber pistol. Later, the motorcycle and helmet were found abandoned, along with almost \$61,000 of the money.

The first suspect was taken into custody on the Station at 11:20 a.m. Further investigation implicated the two payroll guards as possible conspirators and they were taken into custody later in the day.

The remaining \$18,000 was recovered following an intensive search of the first suspect's work area.

All but \$20 of the payroll has been recovered, along with the dummy holdup weapon and the pistols taken from the pay guards.

Gates were closed for three hours, and a cordon of guards was thrown around the MAG-15 area. No one was injured in the robbery, or in the search for and apprehension of the suspects.

CMC committee to visit

Two members of the Commandant's Advisory Committee for Minority Affairs are scheduled to arrive here today for a two day evaluation of local progress in race relations and human relations programs.

Mr. Richard A. Beaumont, president of Industrial Relations Counselors, Inc., and Mr. W. Leonard Evans, Jr., president and publisher of Tuesday Publications, Inc., have been selected to visit western Pacific Marine bases because of their background and expertise in human relations.

They will be escorted by LtCol. Frank E. Peterson, Jr.,

Square away or come back

Marines leaving Iwakuni returning home for PCS, TAD or leave are faced with the possibility of being returned to their parent organization at any time during their travel if they are found deficient in personal appearance.

Recent instances of Marines in a travel status whose appearance has reflected adversely on the individual as well as his command have instigated this new policy.

Marines will be thoroughly instructed in the proper dress, demeanor and grooming standards expected of them while performing travel, prior to their departure.

Marine liaison men at air terminals in the Pacific area will be monitoring departures and those Marines who fail to keep up their appearance will be returned to their parent unit.

Those Marines requiring corrective action will be reported by message to the unit they are detached from and the command to which they are traveling.

Many of the appearance problems are associated with Marines returning to the States for Undesirable Discharges. Orders are now authorized for Marines in this category to travel in civilian attire.

The group is slated to arrive here at 2 p.m. today. Following a brief by the commanding general, they will conduct informal visits to working areas to interview Marines. They will visit the confinement facility, club facilities and living quarters of Marines here.

Principal areas of interest will be relations among Marines and with the civilian community. Mr. Beaumont and Mr. Evans will be escorted downtown for environmental observations of liberty areas and business establishments to witness local practices and observe men on liberty.

They are scheduled to leave Iwakuni at 8 a.m. Sunday.