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(Front) Lance Cpl. Justin Biddle, station Provost Marshal's Office customs Marine, showcases the proper technique for stacking with Lance Cpl. Travis Weirich, a PMO Marine, using M16A4 Assault Rifle here April 10, 2012. Biddle, along with Lance Cpl. Vincent Vigil, a fellow customs Marine, pulled an elderly man out of rush-hour traffic on March 20, 2012. The Marines stayed with the man until Japanese police arrived on scene.

Marines spring into action, save man's life

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Most Marines never expect to do anything spectacular. They conduct physical training, go to work, do their jobs and return home. However, two Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni Provost Marshal's Office Marines added being heroes to their routine, at least for one day.

March 20 was like any other day for Lance Cpls. Justin Biddle and Vincent Vigil, station PMO military policemen.

Both Marines were travelling on Route 2 during rush-hour traffic when they noticed a peculiar situation in the middle of the road.

"We were only a couple of minutes away when traffic started backing up and everyone was honking their horns," said Biddle. "We looked up ahead and everyone was driving around something in the middle of the road."

The "something" in the road was an elderly man who lay in the middle of the street.

"Without even asking each other whether we were going to help, we did," said Biddle.

Both Marines sprang into action and went to aid the man, all while commuters passed by honking their horns at the responsive yet incapacitated individual and the helping Marines.

"We grabbed his arms and carried him to the side," said Vigil. "We tried asking him if he needed help but he mumbled back in Japanese."

A nearby Good Samaritan who saw the two Marines aid the elder gentleman came to assist by translating, but the Marines still had trouble communicating.

"Our biggest concern was getting him out of the street and (to) medical attention," said Biddle.

Japanese police soon arrived on scene to treat the man and transport him to the nearest hospital. Afterward, Vigil and Biddle continued on their way, reporting it to their sergeant when they returned to base.

The condition of the man remains unknown to the Marines.

When reflecting on seeing the gentleman in the street and describing the thoughts which ran through their heads, the two Marines thought of how they would want someone to help their own relatives if they were in a similar situation.

"I felt bad for him," said Biddle. "If that was my grandpa, I'd want someone to help him, not just honk their horns and drive around him."

Though most would describe these two as heroes, they see themselves as anything

There's Corps, then there's Army corps

LANCE CPL. BENJAMIN PRYER
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

The working population of Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni is scheduled to more than double in size in the coming years. With this large scale change mounting on the horizon, a multitude of projects for the station are under construction to accommodate this growth.


Many checks and balances, measurements and management calls must be made for these projects to happen and to finish construction in a timely manner. It's the job of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers who maintain the smoothness and efficiency in working sites on and off station to support its Marines and sailors with the completion of upcoming construction.

The Corps of Engineers originated when Congress established the Army with a provision for a chief engineer June 16, 1775. The Corps of Engineers was established as a separate and permanent branch of the Army on March 16, 1802.

"We have a dual role of supporting the construction surveillance heavily for host nation work and holding full responsibility in

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CHAPLAIN’S CORNER

‘Continue to enjoy the journey’

LT. J.G. TAKANA L. SKELTON
H&HS STATION CHAPLAIN

I wrote an article a few months ago titled “Enjoy the Journey.” As I reflect back on the article, I remember sharing that we should take time to slow down and enjoy life.

Whether it is spending time with our family and friends or enjoying the natural beauty of nature; enjoy the special moments life brings because tomorrow isn’t promised.

Life is very fleeting, as sand in an hourglass.

As I continue to enjoy the journey God has set before me; I find myself reflecting back on the

many blessings God has given me. It is easy for us to get into a rut of complaining.

Complaining about things that aren’t going right, but what about the things that are?

I am guilty myself at times of focusing on the negative when I can actually see the blessings that have been given to me.

I may not have all of my wants, but the needs have been fulfilled.

Paul stated in Philippians 4:11 NIV: “I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances.”

It is in that contentment that we can find true peace through Christ Jesus.

Paul also prays a prayer for the Philippian church, reminding

them when they begin to worry and life begins to overwhelm them, let it go and let God in and they too can enjoy the journey.

Philippians 4:6-7 NIV: “Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

The peace of God will be with you and you will be able to walk in peace, contentment, joy and happiness which God intended for your life.

My prayer for all who read this article is that you, too, will have the peace of God that transcends all understanding and you will continue to enjoy the journey right here in Iwakuni, Japan.

April Promotions

MWSS-171	MALS-12	Cpl. Blanke, Kyle A. Hernandez, Jr., Alberto	Sgt. Deanda, Damina R. Gaudin, Nicholas W.
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Cpl. Bentley, Mitchal E. Cashin, Adam J. Chan, Chimfei Clark, Kyle C. Henbest, Ariel L. Lima, Marianna F. Schap, Anton J. Singh, Yudisthira R.	Cpl. Armstrong, Wade J. Carbo, Melissa A. Dubose, Jeremy T. Lama, Tenzing N. Tuck, Logan C.	H&HS	MACS-4 DET B
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Backing vehicles: Honk!

The Provost Marshal’s Office would like to remind station residents it is required to sound your vehicles’ horns, whether government or privately owned, before backing up while aboard station per MCASO P5560.8A. The order also states the driver of a vehicle shall not back up unless such movement can be made safely and without interfering with other traffic. Vehicle drivers shall not back up upon any shoulder or roadway of any and all controlled access areas. Sounding a vehicle’s horn does not take responsibility off the driver. Motorists must still remain alert and cautious while backing out of all areas and must understand honking your horn may not stop other drivers or pedestrians.

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but.

“It just felt like something anyone would do,” said Vigil.

Biddle seconded that line of thought.

“Didn’t think twice about it,” said Biddle. “When someone is in need, you help out.”

Many of their seniors feel a great deal of pride in knowing these Marines took the correct course of action.

“It’s not a Marine thing they did, but a decent human thing,” said Staff Sgt. Bryce C. Good, station PMO military policeman. “They saw someone in trouble and they responded.”

Good went on to express a sense of honor in working with them.

“It filled me with pride knowing two of my Marines did something many people wouldn’t do,” said Good. “A lot of people wouldn’t go out of their way to help someone they didn’t know.”

The Marine Corps lives by the creed of “Honor, Courage, and Commitment.” Though these two Marines feel as though they did nothing special, they exemplified the creed perfectly.

Station Provost Marshal's Office military policemen listen as Lance Cpl. Vincent Vigil, station PMO military policeman, instructs them on the M16A4 techniques and handling here April 10, 2012. Vigil, along with Lance Cpl. Justin Biddle, a fellow military policeman, pulled an elderly man out of rush-hour traffic on March 20, 2012. The Marines stayed with the man until Japanese police arrived on scene.

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contract administration and quality assurance for military contracted construction,” said C. Alex Morrison, Jr., USACE, Japan District, Iwakuni program director and resident engineer. “A tremendous amount of work goes into the front end of these construction projects with criteria development. My staff here participates and provides insight based on their construction experience as they do designs and continual reviews to develop the criteria package and reviews of the actual designs.”

There’s a handoff once the criteria package has been designed, completed and moved on to the construction phase. This is when the staff becomes heavily involved as they do construction surveillance and facilitate the ability of Chugoku Shikoku Defense Bureau and their contractors to do their work and access the station on a daily basis, said Morrison.

A major priority of the Corps of Engineer staff is performing fieldwork to ensure everything which was agreed to, documented and designed is put together and implemented on the ground.

Morrison said 75 to 80 percent of the facilities are going to be newly constructed or reconstructed, and it’s all being done in a short time period.

“To participate in something this massive, to participate in what’s going to change Iwakuni forever, is quite rewarding,” said Morrison.

Marines teach intern military mannerism 101

EDITORIAL

LANCE CPL. CHARLIE CLARK
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

For those wearing the Eagle, Globe and Anchor, learning acronyms and understanding a new set of slang has been taught to us, or we’ve picked it up along the way since our days at a depot. We quickly learn what these words mean in order to keep up with the rest of our military brethren.

When we walk across the deck, go through the hatch, lean on the bulkhead, take a sip from the scuttlebutt and then pass some scuttlebutt about what we heard on TAD we toss words, phrases and acronyms around haphazardly (If you followed that you’re either a Marine or fully indoctrinated).

Civilians often work hand-in-hand with military personnel, especially if the civilian is a spouse or child of a servicemember.

Although these civilians have been around military culture for a portion of their lives, they have never needed to use or understand phrases like “the lance corporal underground” or BAMCIS! (Begin the Planning, Arrange for Reconnaissance, Make Reconnaissance, Complete the Planning, Issue the Order, Supervise... also a term Marines use when something right has happened.)

Gabriella Zeugin, a station Public Affairs Office and Combat Camera intern, stepped into a world of an unknown and confusing language for her. It wasn’t that she couldn’t comprehend what we said; her education at an Ivy League university is more than most could hope to attain. She didn’t understand us because she was an outsider in a new world. It was culture shock.

She needed time to learn the language, like how servicemembers learn Japanese while here.

She wasn’t the first civilian to be in this kind of situation. But it was the first time I’ve seen it. It was pretty funny.

The Combat Camera, other PAO Marines and I helped her any way we could to learn our mannerisms and speech patterns, but she usually looked at us with a blank stare for the first five minutes.

The only way I can describe teaching a civilian about Marine Corps culture is like teaching a puppy a new trick. She became our own “devil pup” during the course of her internship.

After a few weeks she was getting the hang of what we said, pointing out different ranks and being able to joke back with us during group functions.

She taught us a lot through helping edit stories and telling us about her experiences.

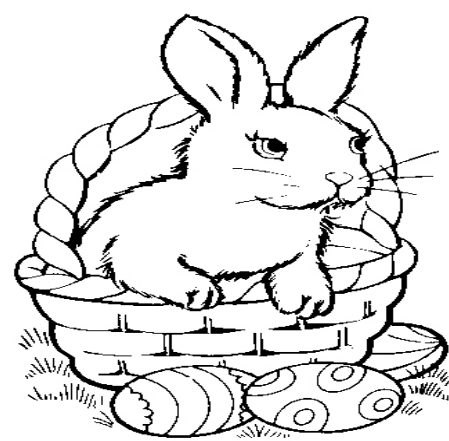
I hope the knowledge she gained from us will help her in her future adventures. If any other interns want to join our team, the devil pup training will continue for anyone ready and willing.

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requests the pleasure of your company
at the Change of Command ceremony at which
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IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

What Easter Bunny hides, children find

Easter goodies. The baskets had gifts such as yard games, footballs, Frisbees and various candies.

"I was so happy when I found a golden egg," said Harlie G. Rios, 6, golden egg finder. "I was running and when I went next to the tree I looked down and there it was."

The children were divided into age groups so all ages would have a reasonable chance to find the eggs.

"We have divided the children into age groups because we want it to be fair," said Eugene Clark, Marine Corps Community Services director of youth activities. "There are plenty of eggs for them to find and if they can't find them or they get here late, we will give them their own personal little hunt off to the side."

Inside of each egg there were delicious treats ranging from jellybeans to caramel-filled chocolates.

Not only was there an Easter egg hunt, but kids could also get their pictures taken with the Easter Bunny, who appeared shortly after the first round of egg hunting.

"Having the Easter Bunny come out is great for the kids," said Becky A. Vest, participating parent. "It's a beautiful day, the kids are having fun, they get to run around, find all the eggs and take pictures with the Easter Bunny and make great memories with their parents."

It was easy to see that all the children were having a great time, whether they were scoping out the next batch of eggs in order to spot the golden one, or running as fast as they could to grab a basket full of eggs.

"We are in the business of making kids happy. That's what it's all about," said Clark. "That's my job, I love it, and I intend to do it the best I can for the kids."



LANCE CPL. BENJAMIN PRYER

Maritanya J. Jones, 2, looks for Easter eggs during the station Easter egg hunt on the Torii Pines Golf Course April 8. Every group of eggs had one to two golden eggs hidden, and special prizes were awarded to the golden egg finders.



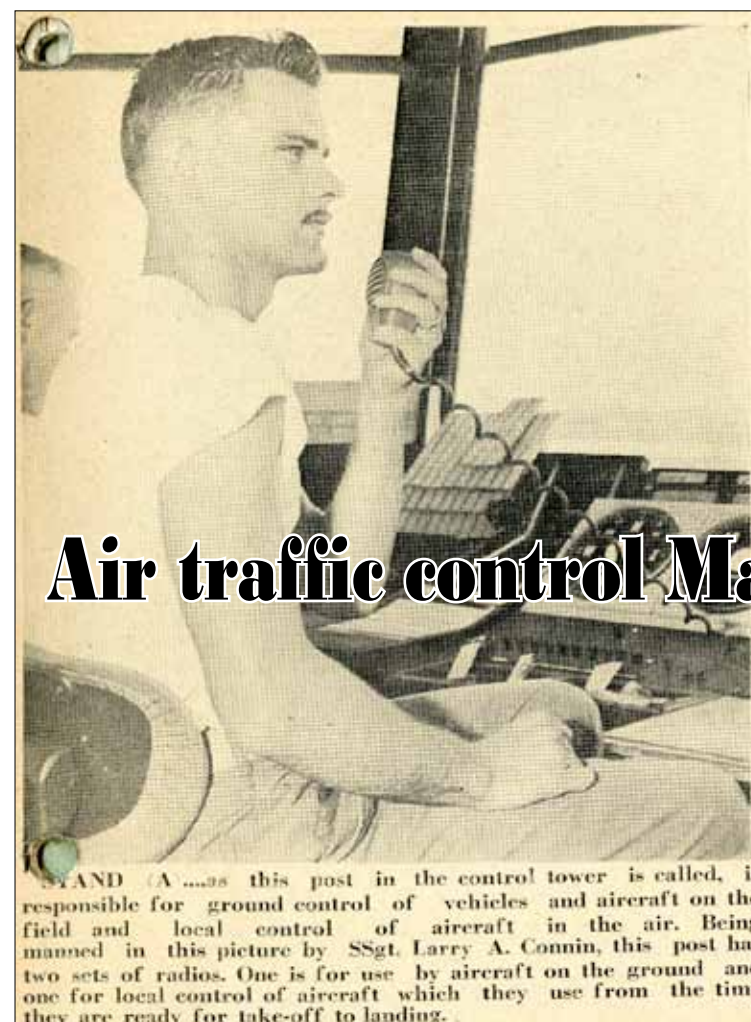
LANCE CPL. J. GAGE KARWICK

Emma McKelvey, 2, holds out her egg basket during the Easter egg hunt on the Torii Pines Golf Course here April 8. There was also an area for parents to take their children and have photographs taken with a station resident dressed up as the Easter Bunny.



LANCE CPL. BENJAMIN PRYER

Station residents take their children egg hunting on the Torii Pines Golf Course during Easter April 8. Children were split into different age groups for each hunt.



Air traffic control Marines ensure smooth landing

LANCE CPL. NICHOLAS RHOADES

Staff Sgt. Xavier W. Wethington, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron local controller trainee, watches over controls and plans which aircraft will have priority to the runways from the air traffic control tower here April 2. The air traffic control tower's main goal is to keep the air station running smoothly while allowing military aircraft to use the runways as often as possible.

LANCE CPL. NICHOLAS RHOADES
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Aboard Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, a 200-foot tower filled with Marines controls every aircraft and essentially manages the mission of the station.

The Marines who work in this tower are air traffic controllers.

Controllers manage the air space and runways here at Iwakuni, keeping everything moving quickly and safely.

"The primary purpose of ATC hasn't changed over the years," said Cpl. Robert M. Williams, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron tower watch supervisor. "It's still to separate aircraft, prevent collisions and expedite the flow of traffic as well as to give other information as necessary."

Air traffic controllers manage the flow of traffic for aircraft on the ground and in the air, including Japanese aircraft and sea-lanes. Air traffic controllers support all flights aboard station, including a wide variety of aircraft and pilots.

The biggest challenge is the language barrier.

The controllers conduct operations in English, a second language for most Japanese pilots. "They understand all of the nomenclature," said Staff Sgt. Xavier W. Wethington, Headquarters

and Headquarters Squadron air traffic controller. "But it forces the conversation to be less personal and more by the book."

Pilots and controllers have strange relationships. Pilots must put their lives in the controllers' hands, while only speaking short-term commands back and forth.

"Over the radio, there is a strong trust between controllers and pilots," said Wethington. "When weather goes bad, all these pilots go by is that voice in the box."

During inclement weather, air traffic controllers use modern technology to give pilots directions, but assert they can function even without it.

"If our equipment was to go out, we would just revert back to the basics," said Wethington. "Some of our luxuries would go away, but basic air traffic controlling doesn't change."

All controllers are trained in backup systems and to visually spot aircraft as it was done in days gone by.

"Even with all this great technology, you will never get rid of a Marine," said Wethington.

Despite pilots using the most advanced technology and advanced training, they ultimately rely on their eyes on the ground, the air traffic controllers, to have a safe and successful flight.



LANCE CPL. NICHOLAS RHOADES

Lance Cpl. Jose A. Martinez, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron air traffic controller, records and helps to plan aircrafts' ability to use the runways from the air traffic control tower here April 2. Schedules are constantly changing on the runways and air traffic controllers balance in coming, out bound and touch-and-go aircrafts' use of the runways in order to prevent problems and keep the station running smoothly.

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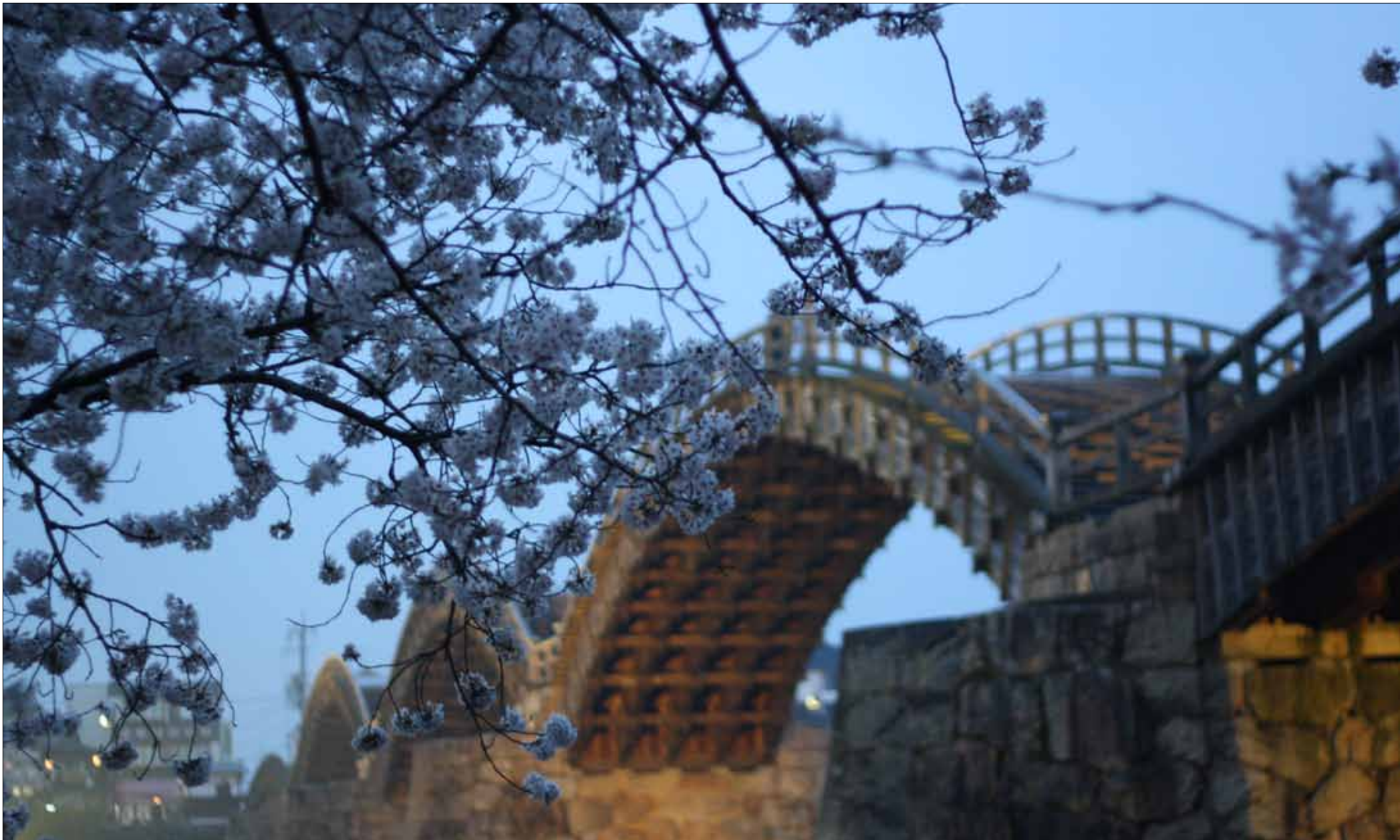
STAND (C) Pfc George H. Laird III, known as "the friendly voice of Iwakuni Radio", is charged with transmitting enroute progress and position reports to Tokyo ARTC via a "hot" telephone line. With these progress reports, the traffic center in Tokyo keeps track of all aircraft within its cognizance. Should a report not be received on an aircraft within three minutes of its expected reporting time, action will be taken to locate it.



SGT. CHARLES MCKELVEY
KIKKO PARK IWAKUNI, Japan – A cherry blossom tree blooms behind Sasaki Kojiro, a prominent Japanese swordsmen, April 9, 2012. The blooming of cherry blossoms can be followed by the flow of warm weather moving northward through Japan, aptly named Sakura Zensen, or the cherry blossom front.



LANCE CPL. BENJAMIN PRYER
KIKKO PARK IWAKUNI, Japan — Cherry tree blossoms bloom here April 9, 2012. While there are many different kinds of cherry blossoms, Japan's most prominent blossom is the Somei-Yoshino, which can be described by its almost pure-white flower with a pale pink shading around its stem.

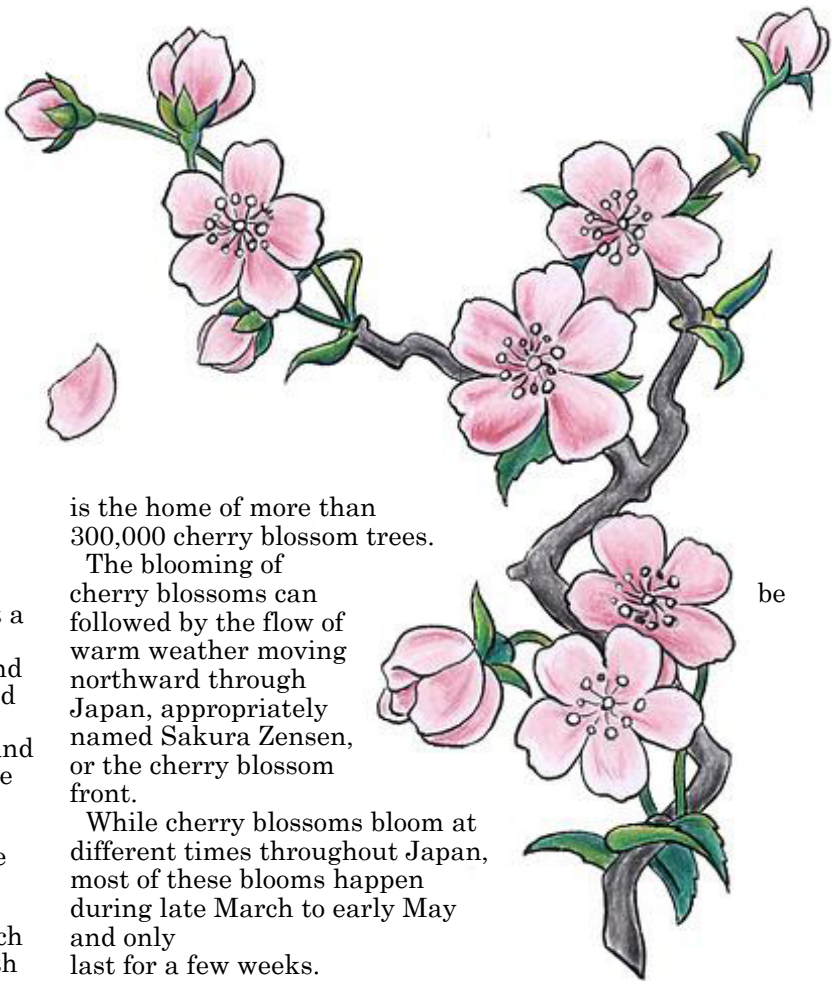


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KIKKO PARK IWAKUNI, Japan — Cherry tree blossoms bloom here April 10, 2012. Japan's most prominent blossom is the Somei-Yoshino, which can be described by its almost pure-white flower with a pale pink shading around its stem.

A blossom, A tradition, A legacy

LANCE CPL. BENJAMIN PRYER
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

“Sakura:” a word station residents possibly associate with Japanese culture and the movie theater aboard station, but a word many people may not completely understand. A Sakura is the Japanese term for cherry blossom trees and their blossoms, a sight most people deem themselves blessed to witness. From business names, Japanese art and music, kimonos and other clothing, to Japanese currency, cherry blossoms can be seen throughout the culture. The term “Hanami,” literally meaning “viewing flowers,” is used for the Japanese custom of having what most people would consider a picnic among blossoming cherry trees. While there are many different kinds of cherry blossoms, Japan’s most prominent blossom is the Somei-Yoshino, which is usually characterized by its almost pure-white flower with a pale pink shading around its stem. Japan is not the only place cherry blossoms grow and bloom. Countries as far away as Brazil, The Netherlands, Germany, the United States and others, have areas where cherry blossom trees can be viewed and admired. In 1912, Japan gave 3,020 cherry blossom trees to the United States, which were planted in Washington D.C., as a gift of friendship. The National Cherry Blossom Festival, a two-week event which begins with the last Saturday of March, has a combination of many activities, from a 10-mile run, to dancing, martial arts and much more, in celebration of the United States and Japan’s continually growing friendship. Currently, the most cherry blossoms in one location is the International Cherry Blossom Festival in Macon, Ga., which



is the home of more than 300,000 cherry blossom trees. The blooming of cherry blossoms can be followed by the flow of warm weather moving northward through Japan, appropriately named Sakura Zensen, or the cherry blossom front. While cherry blossoms bloom at different times throughout Japan, most of these blooms happen during late March to early May and only last for a few weeks. Because of their magnificent beauty and short lifespan, cherry blossoms are often a symbol used for mortality and the cycle of life and death. The cherry blossom was used in World War II to promote the ideas of militarism and nationalism to the Japanese people. In multiple battles, the willingness for young Japanese troops to fight in service of honoring their emperor was poetically portrayed as the falling of cherry blossom petals. Through generations of Japanese history, from the symbolism of life and death, to their use on clothing and art, the cherry blossom has proven itself an eternal staple in the Land of the Rising Sun.



LANCE CPL. BENJAMIN PRYER
KIKKO PARK IWAKUNI, Japan – Japanese sight-seers walk by Nishiki River April 9, 2012. From business names, Japanese art and music, kimonos and other clothing, to Japanese currency, cherry blossoms can be seen throughout Japanese culture.

CORPS NEWS

HIGHLIGHTING MARINES AND SAILORS AROUND THE GLOBE



CPL. JOHN ROBBART III

MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. — A UH-1Y with Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 364 flies over the area in search of two role players acting as United States Agency for International Development workers as a part of a tactical recovery of personnel during MEU Exercise, April 4, 2012. Marine Expeditionary Unit Exercise is the first training that integrates all elements of the Marine Air Ground Task Force. Tactical recovery of aircraft and personnel missions are rehearsed using several training scenarios. This particular scenario was created by the Command Element to develop the skills of each of the role players. The task at hand was to recover two United States Agency for International Development workers after a medical-aid mission went wrong.

Marines train to rescue hostages in hostile situations

CPL. JOHN ROBBART III
15TH MARINE
EXPEDITIONARY UNIT

MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. — Marines with Battalion Landing Team 3/5, 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit, conducted a simulated tactical recovery of personnel as a part of MEU Exercise, April 3, 2012. Marine Expeditionary Unit Exercise is the first training that integrates all elements of the Marine Air Ground Task Force.

Tactical recovery of aircraft and personnel missions are rehearsed using several training scenarios. This particular scenario was created by the command element to develop the skills of the TRAP unit. The task at hand was to recover two United States Agency for International Development workers after a medical-aid mission went wrong.

“It’s like roadside assistance with firepower,” said Maj. Scott A. Huesing, senior evolution coordinator for MEUEX and the assistant operations officer, Command Element, 15th MEU, as he described a typical TRAP mission. “TRAP requires detailed coordination and specialized skill sets, which differ from standard personnel recovery,” he added.

The training involved elements

from BLT 3/5 to include a combined anti-armor team, light armored reconnaissance detachment and scout snipers, who arrived in a light armored vehicle.

“This exercise allowed us to observe training from a different standpoint,” said Lance Cpl. Joshua R. Ellis, one of the role players in the exercise and a supply warehouseman, Headquarters and Service Company, BLT 3/5, 15th MEU. “My favorite part was seeing

the squad leader take charge of the situation and employing his squad effectively,” he added.

In addition to troops perfecting their skills, it allowed the different elements of the MEU to further refine planning processes. “The TRAP missions are important for the MEU because it is one of the standing missions the MEU can be called upon to execute,” said Chief Warrant Officer 2 Angelo A. Alvarez, exercise control officer in charge



CPL. JOHN ROBBART III

MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. — Marines with Combined Anti-Armor Team, Weapons Company, Battalion Landing Team 3/5, 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit, exit the area after rescuing role players during a tactical recovery of personnel as a part of MEU Exercise, April 4, 2012. Marine Expeditionary Unit Exercise is the first training that integrates all elements of the Marine Air Ground Task Force. Tactical recovery of aircraft and personnel missions are rehearsed using several training scenarios. This particular scenario was created by the command element to develop the skills of the TRAP unit. The task at hand was to recover two United States Agency for International Development workers after a medical-aid mission went wrong.

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Briefs

CREDO Marriage Retreat
Couples can learn to communicate even more effectively, work as a team to preserve and enhance love, commitment and friendship. The retreat is scheduled to take place at Kure Hankyu Hotel in Hiroshima from May 18-20. Sign-ups end April 17. For more information, or to sign-up, contact the Marine Memorial Chapel at 253-3371. All Marine Corps and Navy active duty, reserve, retired personnel and family are eligible.

Marine A-4 Skyhawk Reunion
Marine A-4 Skyhawk Reunion, in conjunction with the MCAA Symposium and Centennial Celebrations, is scheduled for 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 rodger.wilco@comcast.net.

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.

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. on Saturdays and Sundays.

Like To Draw?

The Iwakuni Approach is looking for artistic people with a sense of humor to submit cartoon drawings. If you are interested, bring your drawings by the Public Affairs Office, Building 1, Room 216. Public Affairs approves editorial content for cartoons published each week.

Iwakuni Roadrunners
All servicemembers and civilians are welcome. Runs are 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.

Off-limit Establishments
The following establishments 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.

Iwakuni is now on Facebook
“The Iwakuni Approach” now has a Facebook page. Updates will be made consistently along with content only available on Facebook. The page welcomes classified ads posted on the wall. Staff will choose ads weekly to feature in “The Iwakuni Approach” paper. A larger selection of photos from covered stories will also be available and free for those pictured to tag themselves. Visit www.facebook.com/theiwakuniapproach.

PMO Lost and Found
Contact the Provost Marshal’s Office Lost and Found if you have lost anything around the station. For more information, to report lost items or to claim lost items, call 253-4929.

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 you would like to be published. You may submit your brief or advertisement in person at the Public Affairs Office, Building 1, Room 216 or you may call 253-5551. Please ensure you provide all requested information to simplify the request process. The deadline for submissions is 3 p.m. every Friday.



INFOTAINMENT

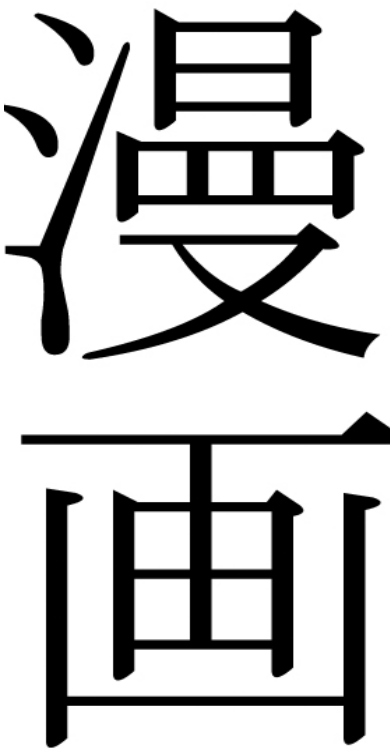
Chapel Services

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
Mon. – Thurs.	11:30 a.m. Weekday Mass
Protestant	
Sunday	10:30 a.m. Protestant Service 10:30 a.m. Children’s Church 10:30 a.m. Church of Christ Meeting 1 p.m. Contemporary 4:30 p.m. Lutheran Service 5:30 p.m. FLOW (Youth Group)
Monday	
Tuesday	7 p.m. Men’s Bible Study
	9 a.m. Ladies Bible Study 5 p.m. Working Women Bible Study
Wednesday	10:30 a.m. Ladies Tea 5:45 p.m. AWANA (Bldg. 1104)
2nd and 4th Saturday	10:30 a.m. Seventh Day Adventist Meeting
2nd Saturday	7:30 a.m. Men’s Discipleship
Bahai	
Sunday	11 a.m. Bahai Meeting

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

Kanji Adventures



Kanji for manga

Anime is a term used to describe Japanese animation shows such as Dragon Ball Z, Sailor Moon, Pokémon and many others. Originating from Manga, or Japanese comics and cartoons, anime is most commonly used to describe Japanese cartoons which have been turned into television shows and other forms of animated videos. Dating back to the early 1900's, manga has been deeply rooted in Japanese life. Unlike most American cartoons, people of all ages in Japan read manga and its extensive range of genres; from action, romance, comedy, drama and all other categories movies and books could cover. Becoming more developed during and after World War II, alongside many productions done by Walter Elias “Walt” Disney, anime has seen many uses, from propaganda to being used for children’s shows. The anime and manga, which is most commonly read or viewed today, originated in the 1960s and 70s, branched into even more genres associated with Japanese culture such as the multiple kinds of “robot” genres which could be most closely familiarized with the popular Japanese series, Gundam.



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SAKURA THEATER

Friday, April 13 2012 7 p.m. The Hunger Games (PG-13)	Tuesday, April 17, 2012 <i>Theater Closed</i>
Saturday, April 14, 2012 4 p.m. Big Miracle (PG) 7 p.m. Tyler Perry’s Good Deeds (PG-13)	Wednesday, April 18, 2012 <i>Theater Closed.</i>
Sunday, April 15, 2012 4 p.m. Dr. Seuss’ The Lorax (PG) 7 p.m. Wanderlust (PG-13)	Thursday, April 19, 2012 7 p.m. Wrath of the Titans (PG-13)
Monday, April 16, 2012 7 p.m. Tyler Perry’s Good Deeds (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.

Mess Hall Menu

Monday: Cream of broccoli soup, chicken vega, Cajun baked fish, steamed rice, mashed sweet potatoes, cauliflower combo, greens, vegetable gravy, dinner rolls, macaroni salad, potato salad, coleslaw, bear claws, quick apple coffee cake, apple crunch, marble cake, chocolate frosting, macadamia cookies, chocolate pudding parfait, Jell-O parfait.	Tuesday: Mexican onion corn soup, barbecue pork ribs, sweet and sour chicken, peas with onions, wax beans, steamed rice, oven browned potatoes, mushroom gravy, dinner rolls, macaroni salad, potato salad, coleslaw, banana nut muffin, quick apple coffee cake, blueberry pie, devil’s food cake, chocolate frosting, peanut butter cookies, coconut cream pudding, Jell-O parfait.	Wednesday: Tomato soup, lasagna, roast pork, fried breaded shrimp, grilled cheese, au gratin potatoes, steamed rice, whole kernel corn, mixed vegetables, brown gravy, garlic bread, macaroni salad, potato salad, coleslaw, snails, pecan rolls, cherry crunch, banana cake, chocolate frosting, sugar cookies, chocolate pudding parfait, Jell-O parfait.	Thursday: Minestrone soup, barbecued ribs, yakiniku, steamed rice, pork fried rice, vegetable stir fry cabbage, peas and carrots, brown gravy, dinner rolls, macaroni salad, potato salad, coleslaw, kolaches, blueberry muffins, apple pie, spice cake, buttercream frosting, brownies, vanilla pudding parfait, Jell-O parfait.	Friday: Cream of mushroom soup, salisbury steak, fried catfish, mashed potatoes, steamed rice, brussels sprouts, corn cream style, brown gravy, corn muffins, macaroni salad, potato salad, coleslaw, kolaches, quick French coffee cake, Boston cream pie, carrot cake, lemon butter, oatmeal raisin cookies, vanilla pudding parfait Jell-O parfait.
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The High Intensity Tactical Training Center behind the IronWorks Gym is scheduled to be used for a multitude of exercises and training programs to help improve the combat readiness of Marines aboard station. The HITT program is prioritized around increasing Marines’ speed, strength, endurance and combat efficiency. A main factor in the effectiveness of the training is reducing the possibility of injury while following the program.

New workout program to ‘HITT’ Iwakuni

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IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

The title of the most combat-oriented branch of the United States military is one of the many classifiers the Marine Corps and its select few Marines are proud to hold.

The only way Marines can hold such a label is to maintain a training regimen which sets the bar higher than any other service and not just for physical fitness, but combat readiness as well.

It is this need for the utmost physical fitness, the strength of a warrior, which is the founding reason for the High Intensity Tactical Training Program, which is spreading throughout SemperFit divisions across the Marine Corps.

Station residents who use IronWorks Gym may have noticed a pavilion with a padded area and gear lockers built next to the sports courts.

“The goal of the HITT program is to enhance operational fitness levels and optimize combat readiness and resiliency for the active duty Marine,” said Alma Dickinson, Marine Corps Community Services SemperFit health promotions director.

While normal workout programs can focus on what a civilian may desire, pure aesthetics and a lean figure with an obscure real-world benefit, the HITT program focuses on preparing Marines for the tasks they may encounter while in a deployed environment.

While the HITT program is prioritized around superior speed, strength, endurance and combat efficiency, a main factor in the effectiveness of the training is reducing the possibility of Marines becoming injured during workouts while following the program.

“The main goal of the HITT program is to bring the active duty (Marines) to a level of fitness of what it would take to do their jobs and to train their bodies to that high level of performance,” said Dickinson.

Within the HITT program are four components which compound for the full exercise routine: an active dynamic warm-up, strength and power exercises, speed and agility drills and flexibility and core stability.

“The daily program for the HITT program is being written up by our SemperFit headquarters staff, people with a professional understanding of fitness and the body, and is going to be dispersed Marine Corps wide through all the SemperFit centers,” said Dickinson. “Marines can look forward to seeing it no matter which station they go to next and they can expect the same program since it’s standardized.”

More information on the station’s new high intensity workout program will be available in the upcoming months.



SGT. CHARLES MCKELVEY

A Marine performs a pull-up at the High Intensity Tactical Training Center behind the IronWorks Gym here April 8, 2012. The HITT center was manufactured with a variety of mounts for multiple types of workout equipment.

The Iwakuni Time Machine

In the April 14, 1972, issue of the Torii Teller, Marines reported an Asian bazaar was held at the Matthew C. Perry School sponsored by the Parent-Teacher Organization. The bazaar featured merchandise from Tokyo merchants including china, furs, pearls and more. Also in the Teller there was a survey titled "Torii Teller attitude check," which asked readers what they liked about the paper and gave readers a chance to suggest new content for the paper. You can now go online to the Iwakuni Approach Facebook page and provide your input.

news events

13 million dollars in kitty for reenlistment bonuses

Headquarters Marine Corps — Guidelines have been released for expending a kitty of nearly 13 million dollars the Marine Corps has for the variable reenlistment bonus (VRB) program for the fiscal year beginning in July.

The new order (MCO7220.24E) lists 253 MOSs eligible to share in the money. Ten MOSs will be dropped from the current eligibles and five added. There will be 24 MOSs with lower multiples, while none will go up.

The 10 being dropped from VRB are 0211, 0221, 0231, 0239, 1341, 1342, 2335, 2336, 5831 and 5832. Marines holding these MOSs reenlisting between now and July 1 are eligible to receive the VRB if their normal expiration of service occurs during that period. There will be no payment for those reenlisting through an early discharge for the purpose of immediate reenlistment, an extension of enlistment, or other modification of an existing service obligation.

The five MOSs being added to the list are all in OF 55, the first time that musicians have been eligible for VRB. Getting a multiple of two will be 5511, 5534, 5541, 5546, and 5593.

Multiples will be lowered from three to two in 14 MOSs. They are 0241, 3071, 3072, 6022, 6024, 6025, 6026, 6027, 6028, 6036, 6062, 6064 and 6068.

The jobs drop from a multiple of four to three, 4051, 4051, 4053, 4057, 4058, 4059, 4063, 4065, 4067, 4069, and 6271.

A recent change in administration of VRB is included in the order. That significant step, sent out in ALMAR 16, provided that field commanders, instead of Headquarters, would pay lump sum VRB. It was part of some new reenlistment incentives, and was intended to get money into individual pockets faster.

PWOC to meet

For Protestant Women of the Chapel there will be a meeting 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, April 18, at the home of Mrs. Debbie Miller, Trailer #26.

Chaplain Robert Canfield will be the guest speaker.

All ladies are urged to attend and get better acquainted with Chaplain Canfield.

Philippines tough on pushers

Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos has joined his government's forces with the international dragnet seeking to put a stop to drug traffic.

On March 30 President Marcos signed into law a bill which imposes stiff penalties, including the death sentence, on drug pushers, smugglers, manufacturers and maintainers of drug dens. The new dangerous drug law is lenient on drug users who are proved to be first time offenders and who are willing to submit to treatment and who will identify the supplier of drugs. However, even these penalties have been substantially increased over previous chastisement.

Among the prohibited drugs are LSD, morphine, opium and its derivatives (heroin), seconal, mandrax, marijuana and other dangerous drugs.



Fourth star

General Earl E. Anderson, receives his fourth star and assumes duties as the assistant commandant of the Marine Corps. Mrs. Jane Anderson, the general's wife, and General Robert Cushman, Jr., Commandant of the Marine Corps pin the stars on.

Name drawing will expedite personal property retail sale

Some conveniences to afford more equitable purchasing opportunities have been introduced for tomorrow's personal property retail sale at the MCAS Disposal Yard.

There will be a drawing at 7:30 a.m. of all the names of shoppers arriving before 7 a.m. for the sale which begins at 8 a.m. The first one hundred-fifty names drawn will receive number tags in the numerical sequence of the drawing.

At 8 a.m. the first twenty-five will enter the market area, proceeding to make their purchases by tearing off half of the tag attached to a desired item, paying the cashier and obtaining a receipt, then picking up the merchandise.

As individuals of the initial shopping party finish their activity, additional persons, in numerical order, will be permitted to enter. When the first one hundred-fifty buyers have completed their shopping, admission of others will be governed by the order of their arrival.

Members of the Supply Department will administer and control the operation of the market to ensure fairness throughout. They will begin taking names at 7 a.m.

LWV no longer offers voting info

Members of the Armed Forces and their families who desire localized partisan information on the elections being held in 1972 should contact the political party headquarters in their state of residence, rather than the League of Women Voters.

In two March issues of the "Pacific Stars and Stripes" it was erroneously reported that servicemen could obtain this voting information by writing the League of Women voters. The League, consequently, was besieged with requests for data which it could not supply.

In case of fire

A friendly reminder for off-base residents.

In case of fire or illness you can receive assistance by phoning this number, 21-7700. This number will put you in contact with the base fire department. If there is a fire, the fire department will be there to assist you. In case of sickness or injury the number will provide you with an ambulance. Remember this number, 21-7700, write it down, put it next to the phone, and use it if you need it.