TINIAN, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands — A KC-130J takes off from West Field Runway May 27 during Exercise Geiger Fury 2012. Marine Aircraft Group 12 participated in the exercise, especially significant because this is the first time in nearly 60 years Marines have landed aircraft on Tinian.

MAG-12 achieves another first in history, first flight in 60 years

Lance Cpl. Benjamin Pryer
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

TINIAN, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands — Service members participating in Exercise Geiger Fury 2012 achieved another historic hallmark by landing a KC-130J on Baker runway, a runway which hasn’t been used for more than 60 years, on North Field here, May 30.

“This has been a great improvement in readiness for us,” said Lt. Col. Michael C. Taylor, commanding officer of Marine Wing Support Squadron 171. “Tinian is a new location. The Marines are excited about it and it has a lot of historical tie-ins as well, so this is very significant. Compared to most other exercises, we’re employing the majority of our capabilities here on Tinian during Geiger Fury.”

Along with Marines and sailors who watched as the KC-130J made its descent on to the newly-repaired runway, airmen viewed the momentous occasion as well.

“We were invited by Lieutenant Colonel...”

ILL MEF CG, 1st MAW CG view Tinian progress

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“I think there are some great lessons to learn here, not only for the expeditionary force, but for the air combat element,” said Glueck. “The ability to deploy 36 jets out here and operate out of Andersen, come to Tinian and set up an expeditionary airfield, set up expeditionary fuelling, expeditionary arming pits, conduct and increase the number of sorties we’re doing on a regular basis, this is just all great training we would use if we had to go into any operational plans we might have to execute in the future.”

With a surge week scheduled, Marines and sailors have already proven their tenacity to go above and beyond their required duties and continue to strive forward.

Marines will work toward maximizing...”

Without supply, planes don’t fly

Lance Cpl. Benjamin Pryer
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE, Guam — One goal of Exercise Geiger Fury 2012 is to improve mission readiness and combat effectiveness of Marine Aircraft Group 12. While some might think this means solely increasing the performance of pilots, that would be far from the truth.

With such an exercise, a massive amount of supplies are necessary to maintain mission effectiveness. Maintaining that is the job of the aviation supply Marines.

“Planning for supply takes a lot of time,” said Master Sgt. Don Henson, Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12...”

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Station gives Asian Americans, Pacific Islander community thanks

Lance Cpl. Nicholas Rhoades
Iwakuni Approach Staff

“We are all gathered here today to celebrate the Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month,” said Warrant Officer Donna Tang, a guest speaker during a celebration at Club Iwakuni’s Eagle’s Nest.

Station Marines, sailors and civilians attended the luncheon here May 31 to pay tribute to the Asian American and Pacific Islander community.

“We are here to celebrate the generations of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders who have helped make America what it is today,” said Tang.

The Department of Defense chose the month of May to show its appreciation for accomplishments and influences Asian American and Pacific Islanders have made.

“The (DoD) has titled the 1st through the 31st of May ‘National Pacific Heritage Month,’” said Tang.

The month of May was chosen to commemorate the first Japanese immigrants landing in California May 7, 1843. It also marks the completion of the first transcontinental railroad May 10, 1869.

“This month we reflect on the indelible ways AAPI communities have shaped our national life,” said President Barack Obama. “As we celebrate centuries of trial and triumph, let us re-dedicate ourselves to making our Nation a place that welcomes the contributions of all people, all colors, and all creeds, and ensure the American dream is within reach for all who seek it.”

Many different nationalities were represented, such as Korean, Japanese, Chamorro (people of Guam), Hawaiian, Vietnamese, Cambodian and others.

Some celebrations presented cultural performances from a variety of nationalities, including a Taiko drum performance.

“It was my first performance as a Taiko drummer but I really enjoyed it,” said Christopher Kinnes, Matthew C. Perry Elementary School music director.

Japanese attendees performed alongside DoD members to create a great show of Taiko drums, dancing and a guitar performance.

“It was really cool to share what I have been learning about Japan and be able to give back to the community,” said Kinney. At the end of the day it wasn’t about the food or music, but the common interest of music between these normally divergent communities.
Memorial Day celebrated on Tinian

Lance Cpl. J. Gage Karwick

TINIAN, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands — Approximately 600 residents of the patriotic island of Tinian and more than 150 active duty Marines participating in Exercise Geiger Fury 2012 attended a historic Memorial Day service held on North Field here May 28.

The master of ceremonies was 1st Lt. Kirsten L. Madsen, Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 motor transportation executive officer, operations platoon officer-in-charge and North Field air base commandant.

"Today an event was held in honor of Memorial Day by the Marines participating in Exercise Geiger Fury 2012 to honor those who in past and present have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country," said Madsen. "This was also the first time active duty service members have participated in Memorial Day on the island of Tinian, and we are honored to share this time with the people who live here."

The ceremony began with an opening prayer, the playing of the colors by the Tinian High School army JROTC.

Four F/A-18Ds from Marine All-Weather Attack Squadron 121, armed overhead in a "Missing Man Formation." Each of the four jets formed one corner of a diamond. As they approached the ceremony location, one jet veered sharply away, leaving the three remaining jets to continue the mission as an incomplete unit.

Following the hair-raising flyover, a 21-gun salute, the playing of "Taps," the laying of a wreath on the 2nd Marine Division monument honored all servicemembers who have fallen in the name of freedom.

"We are proud to have the Marines here," said Lucin Anan, Tinian Memorial Day attendant. "We feel as if this is where the Marines belong. This island was truly liberated by the Marines and the people here, like my own father who was forced into slave labor by the occupant during the war, were saved by them."

Lucin's father, who was present at the service as well, is known as a man of few words. Since the time of the war he has chosen to speak of the things he had witnessed to none but his own family.

"My father was forced to construct buildings, dig tunnels, and carry ammo to the frontline for the Japanese," said Anan.

It is through deeds such as this that many will say they volunteer to serve in the armed forces to ensure freedom is afforded to all Americans.

Following the ceremony, people of Tinian climbed on static displays of Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 heavy equipment participated in a pull-up challenge to taste parts of Meals Ready to Eat, interacted with an explosive ordnance disposal robot, cooled off in water sprayed from a P-19 fire truck and had their faces painted in camouflage.

Many of the Marines, experiencing their first Memorial Day on active-duty, enjoyed the kindness displayed by the locals.

The people of Tinian overwhelmed the Marines with appreciation for the sacrifices they currently make for their country, just as those who have come before them.
Marines, Macedonians and Armenians participate in combined training
Chapel Services

Roman Catholic

Saturday 4:30 p.m. Confession
5:30 p.m. Mass
Sunday 8:30 a.m.
9:45 a.m. Religious Education
11:10 a.m. Weekly Mass

Protestant

Sunday 10:30 a.m. Protestant Service
10:30 a.m. Children’s Church
10:30 a.m. Church of Christ
1 p.m. Contemporary
4:30 p.m. Lutherian Service
3:30 p.m. FLOW (Youth Group)

Monday 7 p.m. Men’s Bible Study
Tuesday 9 a.m. Ladies’ Bible Study
5 p.m. Working Women Bible Study

Wednesday 10:30 a.m. Ladies’ Tea
4-5 p.m. AWANA (Bible Class)

2nd and 4th Saturday 10:30 a.m. Seventh Day Adventist Meeting
2nd Saturday 7:30 a.m. Men’s Discipleship Meeting

Bahai

Sunday 11 a.m. Bahai Meeting

For information regarding divine services, religious education or any other community religious program or chapel activity, call the Marine Memorial Chapel at 253-8579.

Mess Hall Menu

Monday: Corn Chowder, jerked styled chicken, sauteed black-eyed peas, macaroni and cheese, potato salad, coleslaw, carrot salad, broccoli, white rice, rolls, garlic bread, shortbread cookie, chocolate pudding parfait, Jell-O parfait

Tuesday: Chicken with rice, baked Italian sausage, pepper steak, steamed rice, potato salad, macaroni salad, carrot salad, broccoli, white rice, rolls, macaroni and cheese, potato salad, coleslaw, carrot salad, broccoli, white rice, rolls, garlic bread, shortbread cookie, chocolate pudding parfait, Jell-O parfait

Wednesday: Cream of chicken soup, baked salmon, Yorkshire pudding, mashed potato, buttered green beans, creamed spinach, black-eyed peas, potato salad, coleslaw, fruit, cookies, chocolate pudding parfait, Jell-O parfait

Thursday: Minestrone soup, apple glazed corn beef, Cinnamon toast pork rib, potato au gratin, tossed green rice, orange carrots, amaranth, asparagus, mustard sauce, dinner rolls, macaroni salad, potato salad, coleslaw, bowloest, blueberry muffin, apple pie, devil food cake with coconut butter cream frosting, shortbread cookie, chocolate pudding parfait, Jell-O parfait

Friday: Chicken rice soup, sauteed baked chicken, fried catfish, mashed potato, potato salad, coleslaw, collard greens, corn bread, corn muffins, macaroni salad, potato salad, coleslaw, quick French ruffle cake, doughnut, cherry pie, yellow cake, chocolate butter cream frosting, shortbread cookie, chocolate pudding parfait, Jell-O parfait

Kanji Adventures

Kanji for Tattoo, read “irezumi” meaning “permanent mark by insertion under the skin.”

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Go BIG or go home

Cpl. Kenneth K. Trutts, Jr., IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Station residents and local Japanese took part in testing participants and strength in the 2012 Summer Slam Beach Press competition at the IronWorks Sports complex here June 2.

“It’s a powerful event which is specifically designed for the beach press itself,” said John R. Baltazar, Marine Corps Community Service acting athletics director.

Approximately 28 participants took part in the competition, which consisted of male and female competitors in ten divisions.

The number of participants in this year’s competition was surprisingly greater than in previous iterations.

“I was pretty impressed,” said Baltazar. “We actually tripled the amount of names and bodies we had last beach press competition.”

Though Japanese who live off base made up the majority of competitors, station residents and servicemembers, who competed were excited about the opportunity to compete and perform.

“This is my second competition so far,” said Doncyle Young, 195-pound weight class competitor. “It’s always good to compete with those of the Japanese community. It’s good to interact with them because you learn a lot.”

Participants may be motivated by more than just competition and highlighting. They’re also competing against themselves. The possibility of breaking personal records or going home.

For others, the issue was not necessarily with the number of servicemembers, but the absence of women athletes.

“I thought it would be better if we had more female competitors,” said Sayaka Takabayashi, 110-pound weight class and first place winner.

Takabayashi said she felt there were not as many females competitors to men because same women are more comfortable using a machine to train their muscles as opposed to free weights.

“They don’t even know how much they can bench because they never use the bar,” said Takabayashi.

Bench pressing is one of the primary ways some people gauge strength. The question of how much one can bench can often come up whenever people are in casual conversation discussing weightlifting. For competitive this is a question they continue to ask themselves but also push to find out.

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Sayaka Takabayashi, 110-pound weight class and first place winner, prepares to press 47.5 kilograms (104.5 pounds) during the 2012 Summer Slam Beach Press Competition at the IronWorks Sports complex here June 2. Approximately 28 participants competed, divided into male and female categories comprised of ten weight classes.

Shinya Young, a 165 pound weight class competitor, steps before he attempts 132.5 kilograms (292.5 pounds) during the 2012 Summer Slam Beach Press Competition at the IronWorks Sports complex here June 2. Approximately 28 participants competed, divided into male and female categories comprised of ten weight classes.

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Kanji B

General Admission: Ages 12+ are $2.50/ Ages 6-11 are $1/ Children ages 5 and under admitted free. For more information, visit www.mccsiwakuni.com or call 253-5291.

Kanji C

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The Iwakuni Time Machine

ENCOMPASSING GENEROSITY—Sgt Domenic Terrulla, (right) MWSG-17, presents a $200 check to Sergeant Major Louis Sundorello in behalf of Saint Anselm’s Episcopal Church, Garden Grove, California, as the two measure the distance on the globe that the check traveled to reach its destination. The money will go to the building fund of Reverend Shimo’s Orphanage in Hiroshima, a project undertaken by MWSG-17 several months ago to rebuild and increase the facilities at the home. Sergeant Terrulla wrote to his wife recently, following a trip to the orphanage, and suggested that she collect clothing and other needed items for the children. However, upon taking her request to the Reverend Richard G. Ellis, the money was taken from the Church’s own building fund and donated to the Japanese orphans.

Marine Short-Sleeve Shirt OK For World-Wide Wear

Leathernecks are going to find the hot summer days coming up to be a little bit cooler than they were last year. The Marine Corps has just authorized its men to wear the short-sleeve Khaki shirt at its activities all over the world.

Until the new order (102029) was published, the short-sleeve shirts were authorized only at activities within the southern part of the United States.

But a spokesman said that it still hasn’t been decided whether Leathernecks stationed at Marine Corps Headquarters here could also wear the short-sleeve shirts.

That word, the spokesman said, would have to come from Gen. David Shoup, the Marine Corps Commandant.

Wearing of the short-sleeve shirts, the order said, would be up to the discretion of local commanding officers.

It said that they may be worn with the summer service duty uniform, and that they could be worn while going to and from work. The order said the short-sleeve shirts cannot be worn at public ceremonies, at formal or semi-formal social events, on leave or liberty.

Recruiters may wear them within the recruiting office, the order said. Marines can wear short-sleeve shirts made of dacron and wool, or dacron and cotton, the order said. But they are not to wear shirts whose sleeves have been cut to quarter length.

Such shirts, the order said, "are not suitable." (NAVY TIMES)

AMERICAN RECEIVES JAPANESE DECORATION

The first American enlisted man to receive a Japanese decoration in the name of Emperor Hirohito is a soldier U.S. moviegoers should be familiar with. He is Sgt. Hugh F. O’Reilly, the “Gentle Wolfhound” of the famed 27th Inf. Regt., whose sponsoring at an Osaka orphanage made him world famous.

His campaign that raised almost $200,000 among his fellow soldiers has now brought him Japan’s sixth-class Order of the Sacred Treasure, in the emperor’s name, which was presented to O’Reilly by Japanese Welfare Minister Yoshio Watanabe.

Years ago O’Reilly’s efforts to aid the lot of Osaka’s orphans was the subject of a movie, “Three Stripes in the Sun.” (AFPS)

South Korea Awards Medal To Gen Murray

South Korea has awarded its second highest decoration, the Uchchi Medal with gold star, to Brig. Gen. Raymond L. Murray, ADC of the 3rd Marine Division, for outstanding service during the Korean War.

The presentation was made May 23 by Lt. Gen. Kim Dae Shik, Commandant of the Korean Marine Corps in ceremonies at RK Military headquarters in Seoul. Brig. Gen. Murray was in Korea for a planning conference.

The citation accompanying the General’s service rendered the Republic of Korea during its fight against invading Communist forces.

During the Korean conflict, Brig. Gen. Murray commanded the 5th Marines of the 1st Marine Division. He was in command of that regiment during the battle at Chosin Reservoir.

Prior to receiving the Uchchi Medal, Gen. Murray was presented the key to Seoul by Mayor Chang Kee Yung. A scroll accompanying the key said simply: “From a grateful citizen.”

Brig. Gen. Murray was promoted to his present rank last June and assumed his current duties two months later in August. He holds two Navy Crosses, one for Korea and one for WWII, and also won the Army Distinguished Service Cross in Korea.

JAPANESE CLASSES

The MCAF Information and Education Office will conduct an elementary course in spoken Japanese from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. beginning June 20 and continuing through August 18.

Classes will be conducted in Building 180 located adjacent to the Main EM Club. Price of the course is $1,500 which includes text. Enrollment may be made by contacting the I&E Officer at 2489.