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**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

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**TINIAN, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands** — Servicemembers 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

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## III MEF CG, 1st MAW CG view Tinian progress

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**TINIAN, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands** — Lt. Gen. Kenneth J. Glueck Jr., III Marine Expeditionary Force commanding general, and Maj. Gen. William D. Beydler, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing commanding general, visited Tinian May 29, during Exercise Geiger Fury 2012.

The commanding generals stopped by Tinian to observe the work Marine Aircraft Group 12 Marines and sailors accomplished in less than a month.

"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 air field, set up expeditionary fueling, 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

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## Without supply, planes don't fly

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**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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# CHAPLAIN’S CORNER

## ‘Turning failure to success’

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COMMAND CHAPLAIN

Someone did research on all the successful people in the world, from artists to scientists, and found one common denominator: failure.

All the successful people at one time or another have failed. Some have failed over and over again. Yet they found their way to success.

All achievers have failed. Some of the world's most famous people have been declared by experts to be failures. Albert Einstein was declared a failure at math.

Many of his teachers thought he was mentally retarded or for better word, “mentally challenged.” Winston Churchill was declared a failure at school in his early years. He failed several times during the course of his education. Walt Disney was plagued with strings of bankruptcies and failures. On one occasion, he didn’t even have money for rent or food so he survived by eating dog food.

Like them, many of us try, but fail. The sense of failure is never far from the surface. Work has not become what we had hoped. Things do not turn out as we were led to believe. Promotions have slipped out of our hands. Marriages have ended in tears. Children are a concern despite our hopes for them. Family members have brought much grief. Politicians disappoint. Friends betray. Prayers remain unanswered. Achievements often disappoint. Those things upon which we place our hearts

can lead to false hopes, bitter anticipations and despair and can press our lives with anxiety and anguish. To many of us, failure has become a cruel companion.

In the Gospel of Luke chapter 22, we have Peter, who is a disciple of the Lord. Before the Crucifixion, Peter vehemently states, “Even if all fall away on account of you, I never will...even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you.”

He was absolutely sure he would never fail Jesus on a point of loyalty and courage. Later that night, the most brave, audacious, and overconfident of all disciples, Peter, denied Christ three times and failed miserably. He failed in the most despicable and wretched way. What does the Gospel say about people who are failures? And what help does the Scripture offer when we fail?

First, our Lord will NOT give up you no matter what. He could have said, “Peter, I instructed with you for three years and taught you everything, and even told you about my death. Yet, you did exactly what you said you wouldn’t do. I’ve had it with you, Peter, I’m finished!”

But that’s not Jesus. Jesus never gives up on us because it’s not in his character.

After the Resurrection, Jesus appeared to the disciples and to Peter, and fellowshiped with them, and ate together. Jesus continued the discipleship process by being compassionate, merciful and patient beyond description. Jesus did not give up on Peter and neither will he give up on you. Jesus never gives up on us!

Second, our Lord wants us to learn from failure just as he wanted Peter to learn from his.

He didn’t let Peter off the hook easily. Likewise, our Lord wants us to learn from our failures. Thomas Edison invented the electric light bulb and the storage battery. He tried more than 10,000 experiments to produce the bulb and battery. At the end he said, “I haven’t failed. I know 10,000 ways that will not work. Failures are but fingerposts pointing out the right direction to those who are willing to learn.”

Deeper thought is born out of failure. New ideas are conceived in failure. Find a person who has never made a mistake and you will have a person who has never made a discovery. We all need to learn from failure. Have your faith in God. Learn from your failures.

Third, our Lord wants us to turn from failure and not dwell on it. You must turn from it and start again. If you have failed, you must get up and start again. Failure is not a resting place, but a starting place. That is the meaning of repentance. You turn from your error, wickedness and sin, ask for God's forgiveness, and start all over again. That is why Christianity is such a healthy lifestyle, for no matter how you fail, you can find a way from failure to success.

The story of Christianity is the story of failed men and women who have found their faith in God and turned this world upside down!

Our Lord will grant us the strength and courage to turn our mess into something good, all we need to do is to put our faith in him. We may fail, but our God can take the messy painting we made and draw over our painting and turn it into a work of art.

## SUMMER SAFETY: Swimming Pool Safety

Education:	Aquatic safety starts with the education of parents and pool owners as to the dangers posed not just of swimming pools, but all bodies of water. It is also essential to start	educating children early and setting rules for the pool, e.g. adults must be present before you can get in the water and what to do if they see another child in the water drowning.
Supervision:	There is simply no alternative to "constant eyes on" supervision when children are in or near water. No safety product can be considered an alternative for direct adult supervision. Supervision also means being mindful of other aquatic risks when your children are not even in the pool. Whenever	infants or toddlers are in or around water, an adult should be within arm's length, providing "touch supervision." Ponds, lakes and retention ponds pose sizable risks. Toddlers can even drown in less than 4 inches of water, such as toilets and 5 gallon buckets .
Barriers:	Your home's walls provide the first barrier between your child and the pool area. The walls, doors and windows can be effective only if they are locked and unable to be	opened by a toddler. A great barrier between your child and the water in the children's pool in your yard is to drain it after each use.
Skills and Education:	Teaching your child to swim provides him with the final solution should all other layers of protection fail. This is the one layer of protection that goes with your child	everywhere he goes, even when he is alone. Being competent in the water provides your child with the basis for a lifetime of enjoyment in the pool.
Emergency:	Having an emergency plan in place may be the difference between life and death for your child or a visitor. Know the emergency phone number. Take a CPR course and	maintain your skills. Practice emergency response with your children - including what they should do if they see another child in trouble in the water.

## SUPPLY

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supply detachment staff non-commissioned officer-in-charge. “We have more than 1,600 line items and it took at least four months of planning to figure out what it would take to keep the planes here flying, because you can’t fly without supply.” Supply Marines work tirelessly toward their mission goal in ensuring all units have the tools necessary to perform their jobs. “Our goal is the goal of the MALS-12

commanding officer, to keep every aircraft flying,” said Henson. “The biggest obstacle we could face is holding down an (aircraft) for a part we don’t have,” said Lance Cpl. Leon Peterson, MALS-12 aviation supply specialist. “That’s why we make sure we have accountability for everything, to make sure we have whatever we might need while we’re out here. The most difficult part so far was getting everything we needed before we headed out.” Through all the complications and time constraints, supply Marines have managed

to accomplish all goals set for them during the exercise. “We want to be 100 percent mission capable,” said Henson. “We want to be successful and be ready at all times.” With the constant requirement of supplies, such as ordnance and other materials, the job of supply is never finished. Whether accounting, ordering or distributing, aviation supply Marines work in a constant cycle to provide the tools necessary for every squadron to achieve mission accomplishment.



TINIAN, Common Wealth of the Northern Marianan Islands – Maj. Gen. William D. Beydler, 1st Marine Air Wing commanding officer, talks about the strategic importance of Tinian's air fields on West Field Runway, Tinian, May 29 during Exercise Gieger Fury 2012. The purpose of Exercise Geiger Fury is to execute and assess combined expeditionary operations in the South Pacific.

## GENERALS

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sortie generation during this week increasing the operational tempo. The surge will test the Marines' readiness and ability to operate well under pressure. “The training we’re getting here is going to generate combat-readiness that we can use elsewhere in the Pacific, as required,” said Beydler. “The bottom line is we have ... F/A-18s from Iwakuni deployed to Guam

and now they’re flying to Tinian. We have all the capabilities which enable the air planes to fly out of an austere environment.” Marines have performed their jobs with little to no support from what they have been accustomed to back in Iwakuni. “This isn’t terribly austere, but a lot of the requirements were not here before we came,” said Beydler. “If we didn’t bring it, or didn’t make it, for the most part we’re not using it here. We have Marines in an expeditionary

environment flying simulated-combat sorties, generating individual and collective readiness, to which we can apply elsewhere in the Pacific as required.” “The bottom line is,” continued Beydler. “After this exercise, we’ll have a hot wash, a review of everything that went well and what did not, both from an exercise stand point and also how we flew and operated tactically. From that, we’ll take the lessons learned into the development of

the next exercise.” Even with such a success with the exercise so far, all the achievements have not come easily. “We lost a little bit of lift coming out here, so some of our capabilities, in full strength, were not able to make it,” said Beydler. “It would have been nice to have a little bit more gear, but a part of what we do in a training exercise like this is we adapt to those changes, overcome and make it work.”

## BAKER

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Taylor to observe operations and look at future chances of joint Marine Corps, Air Force operations,” said Air Force Lt. Col. Bill Percival, director of operations for 36th Mobility Response Squadron. “What the Marines have done to this airfield is nothing short of amazing. Looking at the photographs prior, showing where there was so much vegetation and in a short time, you guys made it into a useable (landing zone), extending the

capabilities you can bring to the fight. That in itself is impressive.” The Marines who spent the past weeks transforming Baker into a suitable runway for landings took time after the plane touched down to pose in front of the now famous aircraft, the propeller blades still spinning and kicking up dust behind the proud group. “To take a surface which has not been used in so many years and have a team come in and make it into an assault-capable landing zone is just phenomenal,” said Percival. “It says a lot, not only for Marine Aircraft Group 12’s

capabilities, but it also speaks a lot for the Marines.” While Exercise Geiger Fury has focused on military achievements, such accomplishments would not be possible without the support of the local community. “I am very grateful for the Marines coming to Tinian,” said Ramon M. Dela Cruz, Tinian mayor. “We love having the Marines here. Tinian is a very historical site and it has been waiting for the Marines to come back and follow in the footsteps of their forefathers.”



## Station gives Asian Americans, Pacific Islander community thanks



LANCE CPL. NICHOLAS RHOADES

Christopher Kimmey, Mathew C. Perry Elementary School music director, performs his first Taiko drum performance during Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month at Club Iwakuni's Eagles Nest here May 31, 2012. DoD members playing beside Japanese civilians showed the common interest of music between these normally divergent communities.



LANCE CPL. NICHOLAS RHOADES

Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni personnel preform the Maria Clara to represent Filipino culture during the Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month observation at Club Iwakuni's Eagles Nest here May 31, 2012. Several nationalities, cultures and practices were celebrated, including this Filipino folk dance.

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 Jana 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 ensures 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 celebrants 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 Kimmey, 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 Kimmey.

At the end of the day it wasn't about the food or music, but the common interest of past and current generations of all the nationalities represented.



LANCE CPL. NICHOLAS RHOADES

Station residents listen to the Department of Defense members give a Taiko drum performance along side Japanese civilians for Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month at the Eagles Nest here May 31, 2012. DoD members playing beside Japanese civilians showed the common interest of music between these normally divergent communities.



LANCE CPL. NICHOLAS RHOADES

Department of Defense members give a Taiko drum performance along side Japanese civilians during Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month at the Eagles Nest here May 31, 2012.

## MWSS-171 Marines pave roads in Tinian hearts and minds

Cpl. Charlie Clark  
IWAKUNI APPROACH  
STAFF

**TINIAN, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands** — Marines with Marine Wing Support Squadron 171, Marine Aircraft Group 12, started expeditionary road repair training here May 31, 2012, to build upon engineering skills while deployed.

Since Tinian has few paved roads, erosion from the elements and tourist travel leave routes on island in a state of disrepair.

Luckily, these roads provide excellent training for heavy equipment operators who need the earth-moving experience to work better in an expeditionary environment.

"There were a lot of cracks down the center of the road," said Staff Sgt. Jose R. Camberos, heavy equipment operator operations chief, Engineer Company MWSS-171, MAG-12. "This road leads to a popular tourist destination called 'Long Beach.' We're not only helping ourselves with getting some extra training out of the way, we're helping the Tinian people and their economy by repairing this road. I think the relationship between the Marines and the Tinian people is growing because of this training."

The terrain on Tinian provided different scenarios while performing the repairs.

"It's hard work since we're mainly working with coral and limestone," Camberos said. "We've had to get out the shovels and pitchforks. We're even taking out the rocks by hand to ensure the ground will be smooth for the ride out to the beach. The Marines will get to go back to their shops and teach the Marines who aren't here what they have learned, which is a lot."

The Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni based Marines said they appreciated the opportunity to get this kind of training under their belts.

"For the past two weeks, we were repairing a runway," said Lance Cpl. Jacob H. Nolan a heavy equipment operator with MWSS-171, MAG-12. "Repairing this road adds to that training. This is exactly what we would be doing in a combat environment as a MWSS: building or repairing runways and airfields for our aircraft to safely operate on."

The training on Tinian, for some, never seems to end. But, the challenges of hot weather, rough terrain and inhospitable sleeping arrangements won't stop the MWSS-171 Marines from completing training and building bridges with the people of Tinian.



LANCE CPL. CHARLIE CLARK

**TINIAN, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands** — A Marine Wing Support Squadron 171, Marine Aircraft Group 12 heavy equipment operator with, uses a rake to spread dirt May 31 to repair a road on Tinian Island during Exercise Geiger Fury 2012.



LANCE CPL. CHARLIE CLARK

**TINIAN, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands** — Staff Sgt. Jose R. Camberos, a Marine Wing Support Squadron 171, Marine Aircraft Group 12, Engineer Company heavy equipment operator operations chief walks behind a 120M Grader May 31 to repair a road on Tinian Island during Exercise Geiger Fury 2012. The purpose of Exercise Geiger Fury is to execute and assess combined expeditionary operations in the Pacific. Repairing weather-beaten roads provided great training for the combat engineers in Tinian's austere jungle environment.



LANCE CPL. CHARLIE CLARK

**TINIAN, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands** — Engineer Company Marines with Marine Wing Support Squadron 171, Marine Aircraft Group 12, use a MCT-850JR May 31 to repair a road on Tinian Island during Exercise Geiger Fury 2012.



# Marines and Tinians remember the fallen

## Memorial Day celebrated on Tinian

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IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

### 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. Kiersten 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 Star-Spangled Banner" and posting of the colors by the Tinian High School Army JROTC.

Four FA-18Ds from Marine All-Weather Attack Squadron 121, screamed 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," an American flag folding and 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 Lucia Anar, 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 occupants during the war, were saved by them."

Lucia'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 front lines for the Japanese," said Anar.

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.



LANCE CPL. J. GAGE KARWICK

TINIAN, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands — A child tries on and plays with gear from a Marine Wing Support Squadron 171, Marine Aircraft Group 12 static display while attending a historic Memorial Day service on North Field on the island of Tinian May 28, as servicemembers take a reprieve from participating in Exercise Geiger Fury 2012.



LANCE CPL. J. GAGE KARWICK

TINIAN, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands — A small girl gets a little help performing a flex arm hang while attending a historic Memorial Day service on North Field on the island of Tinian, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, May 28, 2012. The flex arm hang is a timed strength test in which all females in the Marine Corps prove their physical fitness.



LANCE CPL. J. GAGE KARWICK

TINIAN, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands — Residents watched and stood proudly as the National Colors were flown during a historic Memorial Day service held on North Field on the island of Tinian May 28, as Marines took a moment away from Exercise Geiger Fury 2012 to participate in the service. Approximately 600 residents of the patriotic island of Tinian and more than 150 active duty Marines participated in the exercise.



LANCE CPL. J. GAGE KARWICK

TINIAN, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands — Aircraft Rescue Firefighters with Marine Wing Support Squadron 171, Marine Aircraft Group 12, showcased a static display for Tinian residents with a P-19 fire truck while attending a historic Memorial Day service held on North Field here, May 28, 2012. After the ceremony, the people climbed on static displays of heavy equipment, participated in a chin-up challenge, ate Meals Ready to Eat, interacted with an explosive ordnance disposal robot and had their faces painted in camouflage.



LANCE CPL. J. GAGE KARWICK

TINIAN, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands — A Marine Wing Support Squadron 171, Marine Aircraft Group 12, heavy equipment operator poses with young residents during a static display while attending a historic Memorial Day service held on North Field on the island of Tinian May 28, as the servicemembers take a break from participating in Exercise Geiger Fury 2012.



CORPS NEWS

HIGHLIGHTING MARINES AND SAILORS AROUND THE GLOBE

Marines, Macedonians and Armenians participate in combined training



CPL. PAUL ZELLNER  
BABADAG TRAINING AREA, Romania — Pfc. Aziz Ismaili, a Macedonian logistics soldier, practices marksmanship skills on Babadag Training Area April 6. Soldiers from Armenia and Macedonia trained on multiple live-fire ranges with U.S. Marines from Black Sea Rotational Force 12 during the nine-day training.



CPL. PAUL ZELLNER  
BABADAG TRAINING AREA, Romania — Marines with Black Sea Rotational Force 12 act as range coaches for Macedonian soldiers firing machine guns on Babadag Training Area April 6. Soldiers from Armenia and Macedonia trained on multiple live-fire ranges with U.S. Marines from Black Sea Rotational Force 12 during the nine-day training.



CPL. PAUL ZELLNER  
BABADAG TRAINING AREA, Romania — A Marine with Black Sea Rotational Force 12 gives the thumbs up signifying the Armenian soldiers on his side of the range are done firing on Babadag Training Area April 6. Soldiers from Armenia and Macedonia trained on multiple live-fire ranges with U.S. Marines from Black Sea Rotational Force 12 during the nine-day training.

Cpl. Paul Zellner  
MARINE FORCES  
EUROPE

**BABADAG TRAINING AREA, Romania** — Marines and sailors with Black Sea Rotational Force 12 participated in combined training with Macedonian and Armenian soldiers on Babadag Training Area in Romania, April 2-11. "The purpose of this training is to enhance interoperability with our partnered allies in peacekeeping and counterinsurgency skills," said Capt. Adam Steele, Ground Combat Element Executive Officer, BSRF 12. "We are here to enable the training to be done in a safe and professional environment."

The training included live-fire ranges for machine guns, close-quarters combat, marksmanship skills and designated marksmanship training. Marines gave weapons and range safety classes to the soldiers through an interpreter before beginning to fire. "We bring the months and years of Marine Corps experience to share with these men," said Steele. "Our hope is that the Macedonian and Armenian soldiers can go back to their countries with a better understanding and readiness for future joint training with us," said Steele.

Rain fell throughout the morning but did not hold up training. Servicemembers worked together to keep the

firing range running safely and smoothly. "This is a great opportunity to enhance our readiness abilities and skills," said Col. Artak Tonoyan, Armenian peacekeeping brigade deputy commander. "It also promotes good cooperation with U.S. and our other peace-keeping partners."

The firing range isn't the first time these countries have worked together. All three nations have members of their militaries deployed as part of the International Security Assistance Force to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

"This also increases our knowledge as we prepare to participate in future ISAF missions," said Tonoyan. "This is well-organized training and an important experience for our sergeants, and we are grateful for the opportunity to train and prepare to work side-by-side."

The training is part of the Black Sea Rotational Force's six-month deployment which includes training exercises with 19 nations planned throughout the Black Sea, Balkan and Caucasus regions. The Black Sea Rotational Force is a Special-Purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force with crisis response capabilities deployed to the region to enhance interoperability, promote regional stability and build camaraderie amongst the forces.



CPL. PAUL ZELLNER  
BABADAG TRAINING AREA, Romania — An Armenian soldier fires his machine gun on Babadag Training Area April 6. The live-fire ranges were part of a nine-day combined training which also included Marines from Black Sea Rotational Force 12 and soldiers from Macedonia.

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Briefs

**Lt. Col. Saunders' Retirement**

Marines, sailors and civilians are invited to attend Lt. Col. Breton L. Saunders', station operations officer, retirement ceremony scheduled for 11 a.m. June 8. The ceremony will be conducted at the Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting facility located on the east side of the airfield next to the Joint Control Facility.

**Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron Change of Command**

H&HS is slated to have a change of command ceremony, June 12, 2012. Lt. Col. Michael R. Coletta will relinquish Command to Lt. Col. Frederick L. Lewis. The ceremony will begin at 3:00 p.m. on the Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni parade field. All are welcome to attend.

**Friendship Day program and coin sets**

Marine Corps Community Services is selling the remaining 500 "2012 Friendship Day program and coin sets" at the cash cage at the Marine Corps Exchange. The set costs \$20 and cannot be bought separately. For more information, call Sean McHenry at 253-6373.

**Single Marine Program Birthday Bash**

The SMP is scheduled to host the SMP Birthday Bash at the Hornet's Nest

from 4 - 8 p.m. June 22, 2012. This year another event has been added. Each unit is allowed to enter three recipes, with each team having no more than three team members. Recipes will be re-created at the event by a team member. Recipes must be entered no later than June 22, 2012. for more information, call the SMP at 253-3585.

**NMCRS Quick Assist Loans**

The Iwakuni Navy Marine Corps Relief Society provides 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.

**Return Shopping Carts**

Patrons must return shopping carts to the commissary instead of leaving them outside the barracks and housing.

**ASIST Workshop**

Learn suicide intervention skills. Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) is scheduled to conduct a free suicide first-aid intervention workshop June 7-8 at Yujo Hall from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. The ability to identify

those at risk and how to better listen and care for those having suicidal thoughts will be the focus. The workshop is open to all military, civilian, contractors and adult family members. To register, email madelyn.santiago@med.navy.mil, or call Iwakuni Chapel at 253-3371.

**Golf In Iwakuni**

Golf in Iwakuni has survived; the Iwakuni Golf Pro Shop sells vouchers and transportation to the Iwakuni Country Club, a golf course in town. It takes only a few minutes to get to the country club by bus and the entire trip will cost approximately \$35. For more information, call the Golf Pro Shop at 253-3402.

**SOFA Drivers Classes**

Looking to get a SOFA license? SOFA classes are held every Friday from 8:30 - 11:40 a.m. at Building 411. The SOFA class is available to dependents and all military members. The class has no sign up roster but is on a first-come, first-served basis. Come a little early. For more information, call station safety at 253-6330.

**Community Rooms**

Community room inspections are required in order to rent a community room. Patrons reserving community rooms risk losing their reservation by missing their inspection

appointment. To schedule a community room or get more information, call Housing at 253-3341.

**Iwakuni is now on Facebook**

MCAS Iwakuni now has a Facebook page. Updates will be made consistently along with content only available on Facebook. A larger selection of photos from covered stories will also be available and free for those pictured to tag themselves. To find the facebook page, search for "MCAS Iwakuni."

**Iwakuni DeCA Scholarship**

Congratulate Patricia Mojica and Alicia Saiki from M.C. Perry High School. Each received \$1,500 Iwakuni DeCA Scholarship. The scholarships are given as part of the Scholarships for Military Children Program, funded by manufacturers and suppliers who provide products and services for commissaries around the world.

**Emergency Phone Numbers Reminder**

Put these numbers in your wallet and phone: • 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.

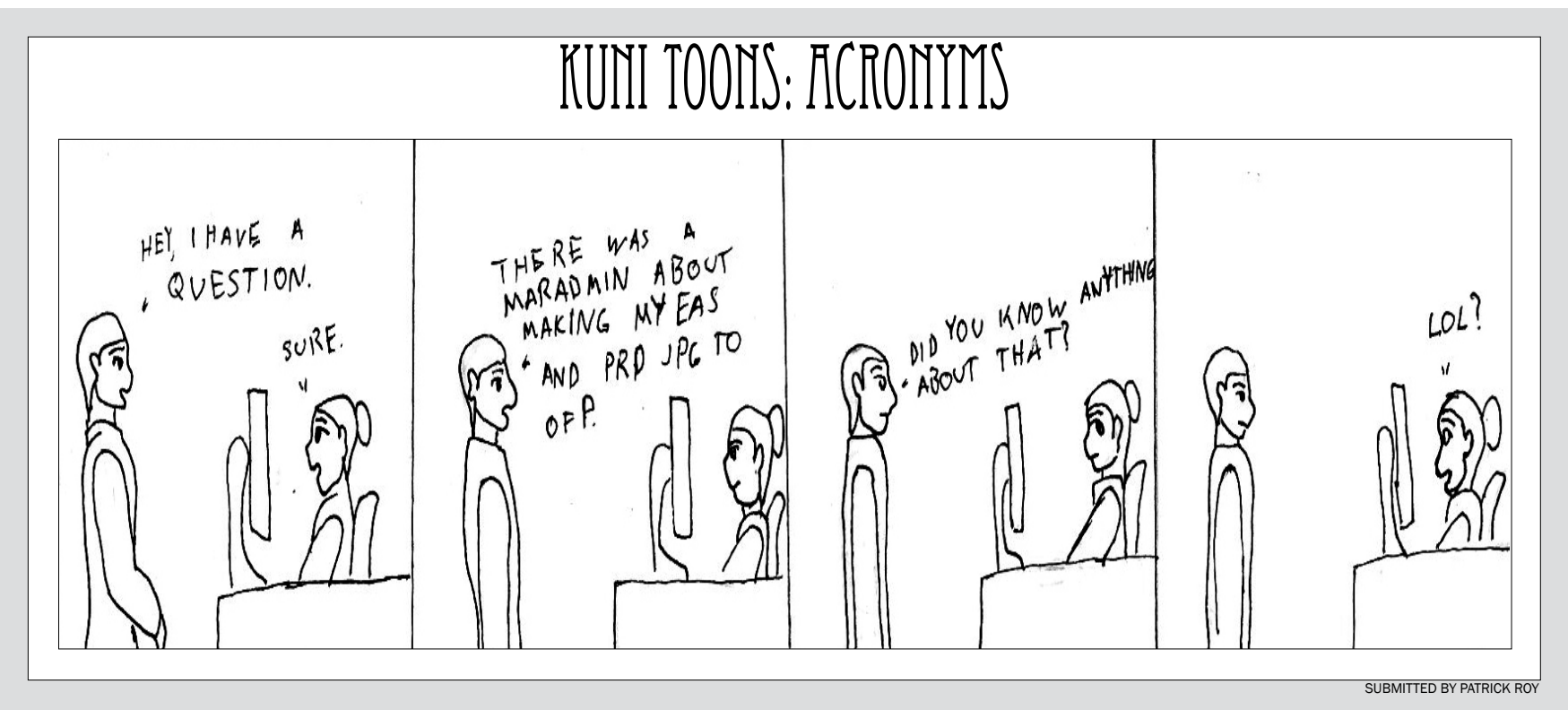
• Sexual Assault: To make a confidential report of sexual assault or harassment, contact the victim advocate at 253-4526 during working hours. For after hours, weekends and holidays, call 090-9978-1033 or 080-3427-0835. You can also call the installation Sexual Assault Response Coordinator at 253-6556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

**Active-Reserve Career Information**

Marines seeking information about transitioning to the Reserve component should contact Gunnery Sgt. Robert Noyes, Okinawa Active-Reserve Career Planner, at (315) 622-6004, or send him an e-mail at robert.noyes@usmc.mil.

**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.





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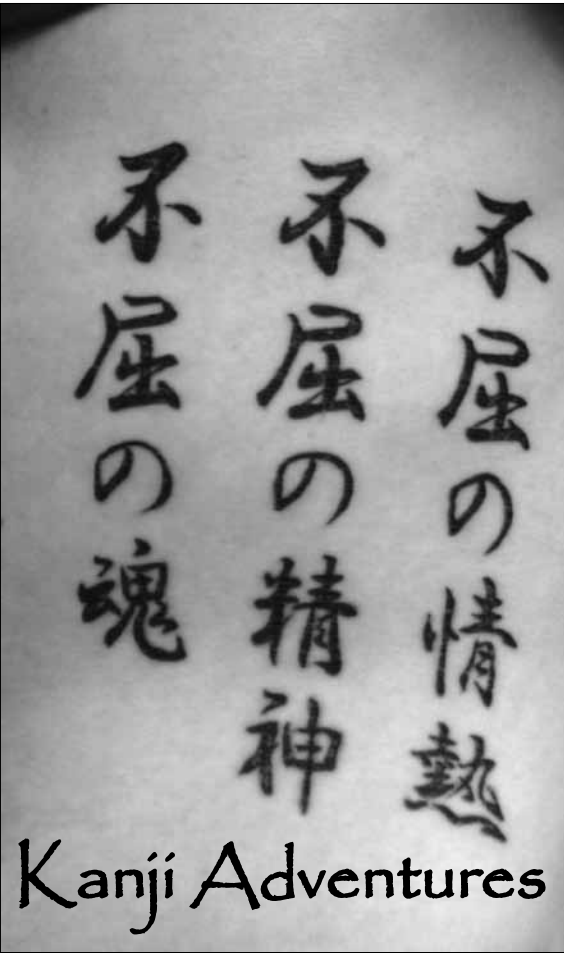
## Chapel Services

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	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 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

刺青 — Kanji for Tattoo, read "irezumi" meaning "permanent mark by insertion of ink under the skin."  
タトゥー — Katakana for Tattoo, adopted by Japanese as a foreign word.  
In America, tattoos are an accepted part of the culture. Almost every day we interact with tattooed friends and coworkers without giving it a second thought. Kanji characters and other Japanese themes are popular, and many servicemembers get them while stationed here. But Japanese culture is different. While tattoos in Japan are slowly becoming more acceptable, a strong stigma still exists with them here. Until very recently, tattoos have been exclusively worn by members of the Yakuza, Japan's underworld crime organizations. It's no surprise then when Japanese get anxious or frightened when they see them. Keep this in mind at the beach or visiting spas. While you may mean no harm, you could unknowingly inspire fear in Japanese who see your tattoos, especially elderly, more orthodox Japanese. You could be asked to cover your tattoos or even asked to leave. Try not to be offended. Remember you are a guest in a different culture.



LANCE CPL. NICHOLAS RHOADES

## SAKURA THEATER

### Friday, June 8, 2012

7 p.m. Men in Black 3 (PG-13)  
10 p.m. American Reunion (R)

### Saturday, June 9, 2012

4 p.m. The Three Stooges (PG)  
7 p.m. Cabin in the Woods (R)

### Sunday, June 10, 2012

4 p.m. The Three Stooges (PG)  
7 p.m. Men in Black 3 (PG-13)

### Monday, June 11, 2012

7 p.m. Dark Shadows (PG-13)

### Tuesday, June 12, 2012

Theater Closed

### Wednesday, June 13, 2012

Theater Closed

### Thursday, June 14, 2012

7 p.m. Men in Black 3 (PG-13)

The movie schedule is subject to change. Please check [www.mccsiwakuni.com/sakura](http://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](http://www.mccsiwakuni.com) or call 253-5291.

## Mess Hall Menu

### Monday:

Corn chowder, jerked styled chicken, spicy baked fish, Lyonnaise rice, baked macaroni and cheese, asparagus, corn, chicken gravy, dinner rolls, macaroni salad, potato salad, coleslaw, bear claws, blueberry muffins, cherry pie, white cake with butter cream frosting, brownies, chocolate pudding parfait, Jell-O parfait

### Tuesday:

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

### Wednesday:

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

### Thursday:

Minestrone soup, apple glazed corn beef, Cantonese pork ribs, potatoes au gratin, tossed green rice, orange carrots amandine, spinach, mustard sauce, dinner rolls, macaroni salad, potato salad, coleslaw, bowknots, blueberry muffin, apple pie, devils food cake with coconut butter cream 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, squash, asparagus, chicken gravy, brown gravy, corn muffins, macaroni salad, potato salad, coleslaw, quick French coffee cake, doughnut, cherry pie, yellow cake, chocolate butter cream frosting, brownies, vanilla pudding parfait, Jell-O parfait

## Go BIG or go home

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

Station residents and local Japanese took part in testing their power and strength in the 2012 Summer Slam Bench Press competition here at the IronWorks sports courts June 2.

"It's a powerlifting event which is solely specialized for the bench press itself," said John R. Baltazar III, Marine Corps Community Service acting athletic director. Approximately 28 individuals 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 bench 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 Donyale Young, 165-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 competition against contemporaries. They're also competing against themselves. The possibility of breaking personal records or

accomplishments motivated some weight lifters at this year's event.

"It's not about coming in first place," said Young. "It's about going against yourself. When you come out here for the first time, it's just about seeing where you are at."

For some, self-motivation may not be enough when entering the ring of such an egocentric sport.

"A lot of Marines don't want to get embarrassed," said Young. "I try to encourage them to come out and compete because they're going against themselves. It's not working out too well but I'm going to keep trying to get them to come out."

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, 132-pound competitor and first place winner.

Takabayashi said she felt there were not as many females competitors to men because some 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 do 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 competitors, this is a question they continue to ask themselves but also push to find out.



CPL. KENNETH K. TROTTER, JR.

Sayaka Takabayashi, 132-pound competitor and first place winner, prepares to press 47.5 kilograms (104.5 pounds) during the 2012 Summer slam Bench Press Competition at the IronWorks Gym sports courts here June 2. Approximately 28 participants competed, divided into male and female categories comprised of ten weight classes.



CPL. KENNETH K. TROTTER, JR.

Donyale Young, a 165-pound weight competitor, stretches before he attempts 132.5 kilograms (291.5 pounds) during the 2012 Summer Slam Bench Press Competition at the IronWorks Gym sports courts here June 2. Approximately 28 participants competed, divided into male and female categories comprised of ten weight classes.



# The Iwakuni Time Machine

In the April 26, 1974, issue of the Torii Teller, Marines reported on the Drum and Bugle Corps performing in Iwakuni, Navy testing electronic landing systems, the end of the school year and summer taking effect, Matthew C. Perry high graduating three seniors, an upcoming tennis tournament and what numbers mean to people.



**ENCOMPASSING GENEROSITY**—AMSgt Domenic Ternulla, (right) MWSG-17, presents a \$200 check to Sergeant Major Louis Sandorello 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 Ternulla 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.

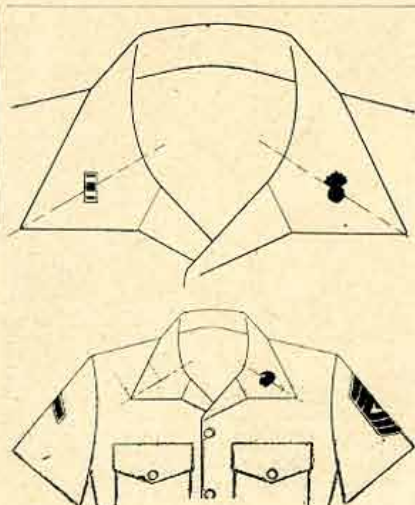
Until the new order (1020.29) was published, the short-sleeve shirts were authorized only at activities within the southern part of the United States.

But a spokesman said that it still hadn'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



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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)

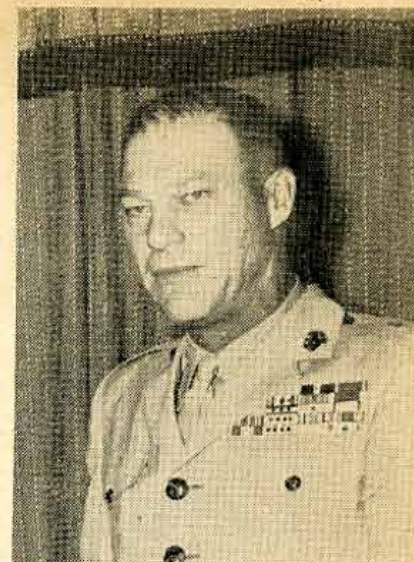
## AMERICAN RECEIVES JAPANESE DECORATION

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 M/Sgt. Hugh F. X. 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 \$300,000 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)



**Brig Gen Murray**

## South Korea Awards Medal To Gen Murray

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

The presentation was made May 23 by LtGen Kim Dae Shik, Commandant of the Korean Marine Corps in ceremonies at ROK Marine headquarters in Seoul. BrigGen Murray was in Korea for a planning conference.

The citation accompanying the General for services rendered the Republic of Korea during its fight against invading Communist forces.

During the Korean conflict, BrigGen 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 Ulchi Medal, Gen Murray was presented the key to Seoul by Mayor Chang Kee Yung. A scroll accompanying the key said simply: "From a grateful citizenry."

BrigGen 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.



**BEAUTY ON PARADE**—Attractive Miss Karen Stanko, 16, models a bathing outfit during last year's Staff NCO Fashion Show. The annual event will again be held at the Wing Club at 8 p. m. Wednesday, June 8, and will feature fashions by local tailors ranging from bathing suits to formal evening wear. The two hour long show is open to members only.

## JAPANESE CLASSES

The MCAF Information and Education Office will conduct an elementary course in spoken Japanese from 6:30 p. m. to 9 p. m. beginning June 20 and continuing through August 18.

Classes will be conducted in Building 189 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.