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Editorial

Every Marine, whether he or she went to Marine Corps Recruiting Depot San Diego or Parris Island, or Officer Candidates School, is taught the proper way to salute. But by looking around you can always watch enlisted and officers alike create their own ways of saluting, whether faster, ‘cooler’ looking, or just more comfortable. When and how did so many Marines forget how to give a proper salute? The salute has evolved primarily into one of three very different movements. The “Around-the-World” is common among motivated Marines because of their desire to constantly look their best and keep all movements sharp and yet stay as fluid as possible.

Dental Corps celebrates 100th birthday

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The U.S. Naval Dental Corps put on a giant smile to celebrate its 100th birthday Aug. 22, 2012, around the world. The Dental Corps exists everywhere simply because everyone has teeth, said Cmdr. Jose A. Suris, Robert M. Casey Medical and Dental Clinic exodontist. “The Dental Corps ensures our warfighters are ready to fight. We exist to make sure the warfighter has healthy oral conditions to be able to fight. And, our mission is to do that, no matter where we need it, whether that’s here in Iwakuni or the deserts of Afghanistan.”

The Dental Corps is one of the first military dentistry organizations to exercise the use of deployable mobile treatment units, which has become common practice today. It was also the first to focus on the prevention of diseases and discomfort to its patients.

“Back when the Dental Corps was just starting, I don’t think they had the emphasis on prevention that we have now,” said Suris. “I think the emphasis was more on intervention, whereas now, we place so much energy into preventing disease or intercepting problems before they become serious.”

Preventing disease is the first step BHC takes in order to maintain good oral hygiene. Maintaining good oral hygiene to prevent disease among all patients is important to Dental Corps members.

“Our main priority is to ensure the dental readiness of our active duty patients and to serve dependents alongside of retired personnel,” said Navy Lt. Matthew R. Burdick, BHC general dentist.

President William Howard Taft signed an act on Aug. 22, 1912, establishing the Naval Dental Corps. It evolved into the Naval Postgraduate Dental School and is considered one of the most prestigious dental schools in the world with some of the most important patients, according to Suris.

“I think you could ask anyone who has experienced dental pain how important it is,” said Burdick. “The pain can be very debilitating and under severe dental pain, many people will...
Go for the gold 2

Lt. Fulgencio L. Legaspi
HHS STATION CHAPLAIN

The Olympic cauldron is extinguished and the Olympic flame has passed from London to Rio de Janeiro. The quest for the gold was over in London Games 2012 but still continues in Rio de Janeiro.

The quest for the gold medal in sports will go on as long as there is a world-class Olympics. There is no stopping to follow the dreams of rising Olympians like the swimmer Missy Franklin and the American swimmer Missy Franklin is a world-class Olympiad. Sports will go on as long as there are athletes who are capable of reaching the gold medal. 

Hard work, commitment and dedication combined will earn you the gold medal.

In the spiritual sense as I have mentioned in my previous article, our spiritual gold count will continue if we follow God’s will in every moment of our lives.

We need hard work, commitment and dedication as religious individuals.

There is no stopping to follow God’s will. No retirement when it comes to striving for holiness of life. The quest and the desire to earn the gold are as powerful as when keeping one’s left arm attached securely to the body, one will stop and look his shoulder in place while watching his right arm bend the elbow, creating the awesoming movement required for a complete “Around the World.”

The subject will find the salute when the fingers accurately touch the tip of his cover sometimes accompanied by a slight, robotic-like wobble. Also, it is usually preceded by a very formal greeting of the day and possible conversation seemingly forced upon younger Marines.

The “Around the World” is a correct. It takes an excessive amount of time, and while showing much respect, it is not in accordance with Marine Corps standards. The “Around the World” should not be thought of as “motivating” or correct.

Warning: This salute may cause possible finger or arm injury due to hyperextension of arm and possible surrounding objects to the right or overhead.

DIY Safety

Paying attention to what you are doing. Work deliberately and thoughtfully, always considering the possible reaction to your action!

Ladders

The distance from the base of the wall to the base of the ladder should be 1/4 the height of the ladder. Most ladders have a graphic on the side to help you determine if the ladder is set at the proper angle.

Make sure the ladder’s footpads are secure on the ground.

Test the ladder to be sure it will not shift. If necessary, tie it off to keep it in place.

Keep all ladders, especially metal ladders, away from electrical lines and pay attention to overhead lines when moving an extended ladder into position.

Never attempt to stretch while on a ladder. If you can’t reach, move the ladder.

Only use ladders in good condition.

Hand and Power Tools

Always wear safety glasses when using power tools. Wear safety glasses when using a hammer or drill.

Always follow the manufacturer’s recommendations for using their tools and materials.

Dull tools are unsafe and can harm the work. Maintain your tools. Always work with sharp cutting blades.
Marines train for hazardous situations

**Iwakuni Approach Staff**

Station Marines participated in a week-long hazardous material course at the Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting firehouse here Aug. 23, 2012. "This training is to teach Marines how to identify and address hazardous material incidents, which might occur here on the base," said Steven Wood, HazTrain business development director. "They have the knowledge of what chemicals they don’t know, as well as what they take and understand hazards of these dangerous chemicals and how they interact with the environment in a manner that would provide safety to both the public health as well as their own health," said Steven Wood, HazTrain business development director.

The initial training course lasts four days and covers a plethora of topics, while those who have already taken the training are only required to take a day-long refresher course. "They go through quite a bit of chemistry, quite a bit of toxicology, learning about what these chemicals can do to a person," said Wood. "They learn how to use respirators, how to use decontamination techniques, which are what they are training on today.

The practical-application scenarios presented to class participants consisted of locating drums of spilled chemicals and using their training to neutralize any hazards or threats. "Basically, we went out to the units and notified them on what we were doing and what the intent was," said Charles R. Hill, station environmental protection specialist. "We put this out primarily for the 8056 (hazardous material) Marines to get this training, since it is part of what they do. After these alerts we’ve filled, we told the units, ‘Alright, if you have anyone else interested, send them over.’ When you have Marines working with hazardous materials and may be involved in some sort of spill, those are the Marines recommended to come out here and complete this training.

Station welcomes Japanese English seminar students

**Lance CPL. Benjamin Peter**

Station volunteers and Boy Scouts of America Troop 77 welcomed Ishinomaki-Iwakuni English Seminar students at the WaterWorks Pool here Aug. 19, 2012, for an afternoon of fun and food. Troop 77 sponsored the event for the Japanese visitors with the help of Jesus Dominguez, station volunteer.

"This was all made possible through Dominguez. He always does volunteer service with all the orphanages and he became a volunteer for the Boy Scouts as well," said Andrew J. McDermott, Troop 77 Scoutmaster. "When this opportunity came around, he asked me if the Boy Scouts would want to sponsor an event, and I said, ‘absolutely!’ This is a great opportunity for the Scouts to get familiarized with Japanese culture. This gives them an understanding of how people live in other areas of the world, seeing how their customs and courtesies are.

Some students in the seminar are from surrounding Ishinomaki and Hiroshima areas, but because of last year’s earthquake and subsequent tsunami around northern Japan, children from Ishinomaki, Japan, were given the opportunity to join the trip. "This is my very first experience in America as well," said Tatsuo Yoshida, a participant in the program.

"As far as I’m concerned, it will really, really help them to understand American cultural experience inside of Japan, it will really, really help them, and it also strengthens the bond of the community relationship between Japan and America as well," said Boyer. "I’m very glad that this Iwakuni air station was able to offer the program, have them come today and have a tour later on this week."
Jimmy Stare performs with his band, Demo Nande, at the Summer Music Festival here, August 25, 2012. The music festival, put on by Marine Corps Community Services, gave Marine families and base employees a chance to relax and enjoy free time away from work.

Approximately 800 station servicemembers, residents and local community members attended the 2012 Summer Music Festival at Penny Lake field here Aug. 25, 2012.

Four bands played, and the event featured demonstrations from a Zumba dance instructor, station children’s ballet and martial arts classes.

Concessions, bounce houses and slides gave station residents smiles throughout the evening.

This year’s music festival differed from last year since the festival was open only to station servicemembers, residents, workers and their families.

“What we did this year was instead of having a big crowd, we made it more of a small town community-type event,” said Kenneth J. Snook, Marine Corps Community Services 2012 Summer Music Festival event organizer. “Penny Lake field has been a great place for the families to bring their blankets, pillows and food and be able to sit and relax away from the speakers.”

The crowd stayed under the big tops, set up by the Marine Corps Community Service organizers during the afternoon, until the sun set beyond the Monzen River.

“This is a great opportunity to meet your community, hangout with friends, support the bands and listen to some great music,” said Snook.

The music varied from American Blues to Japanese Rock N Roll, with variations played as well.

“I like every type of music,” said Phillip M. Brosseau, 2012 Summer Music Festival participant. “Hearing some Japanese style music was really cool. It was an interesting twist to hear blues music and Japanese lyrics.”

Some bands were new to the festival, but some musicians who played were veterans of the Iwakuni crowds.

“This is my third or fourth time playing here,” said David R. Ralstom, Dave Ralstom Band lead guitarist and singer. “It’s a gorgeous landscape and there are great people up in Iwakuni. Our band is made up of Japanese and Americans so a festival like this was really perfect for us, and the crowd was great.

Guests who stayed to the end were treated with a special show. A dazzling fireworks display lit up the sky to put a colorful ending to a community-building, music-filled day.

2012 Summer Music Festival builds community on foundation of Rock N’ Roll

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Feature

A Marine Corps Community Services worker grills burgers during the Summer Music Festival at Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan, August 25, 2012. The music festival, put on by Marine Corps Community Services, gave Marine families and base employees a chance to relax and enjoy free time away from work.

Justin Adams goes down an inflatable slide during the Summer Music Festival at Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan, August 25, 2012. The music festival, put on by Marine Corps Community Services, gave Marine families and base employees a chance to relax and enjoy free time away from work.

Jeffrey Williams, left, and Jimmy Stare, perform with their band, Demo Nande, at the Summer Music Festival at Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan, August 25, 2012. The music festival, put on by Marine Corps Community Services, gave Marine families and base employees a chance to relax and enjoy free time away from work.
**CORPS NEWS**

**In Afghanistan, 'big brother' is watching**

Lance Cpl. Kevin Quigley, tank crewman, Bravo Co., compared the power of one tank to an entire army platoon. In addition to its main 120 mm main gun, an Abrams tank has a 50-caliber machine gun and two M240 machine guns mounted.

"There's nothing else like an M1A1 on the battlefield," Quigley said. "It's a tight fit, but a four-Marine crew operates each tank. I don't think it would be a good place for someone who is claustrophobic," said Lance Cpl. Joshua Felder, a tank crewman.

In southern Afghanistan, the terrain Bravo Co. operates in varies from fine-powered sand commonly referred to as "moon dust" by the Marines, to course and rocky. Water irrigation channels, known as wadis, are scattered throughout the landscape and pose a hazard to the tanks.

"Being over here is like being on a different planet," Quigley said. "Tanks have their back for infantry Marines fighting the enemy. If you're going to be needed in Afghanistan the operators don't mind the long hours, or the cramped environment they often find themselves working in. They all know that tanks have their back out they'd be training. They're happy to be in the back. They refuse to fail," Donlin added.

Fourteen tanks make up Bravo Co. It's a tight fit, but a four-Marine crew operates each tank. "Finding a leak is like finding a needle in a haystack," Walsh said from Canton, Mich., said. On missions, mechanics are new for the tanks their assigned to. They either drive M-982 "Hercules" recovery vehicles, tow trucks for tanks, or 7-1/2 ton trucks that carry tools and gear works.

Both the mechanics and the operators don't mind the long hours, or the cramped environment they often find themselves working in. They all say they want to make sure that the infantry Marines in a fight know that tanks have their back. "It's easier to replace parts than Marines," Felder said.

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**HEADLINE NEWS**

**Community Briefs**

- **Speed Limit Change**
  - The proposed new speed limit in the Sanborn area of the Futenma Theater, is now 30 km.

- **Thrift Store Funds**
  - The Thrift store gave funds generated from donations they received back to the community. If your organization is hosting a community event, or wanting how they will fund and meet community relations project, your Thrift Store may be able to help. For more details contact Sharon Rostkowski at 253-4771.

- **Small Converse**
  - Section of the building was closed for construction scheduled through April 2013. The affected area of the awning includes all portion of the awning after the "NO THROUGH PATH" sign. Take extra care, construction vehicles will pass through. The affected areas will be completely when heavy equipment is transferred. For more information on the closures, call Walter Chain at 253-5904.

- **Catholic Mass Changes**
  - No Catholic Masses will be held aboard Quantico Sept. 9th or 16th. However, a van will be provided for those who do not have a vehicle in to go to the Christ The King Catholic Church in Iwakuni. The van leaves the station chapel parking lot at 8:00 a.m. The Saturday Catholic Masses for Sept. 9th and 15th will still take place in the chapel. Daily Masses for Jesus and Mary from Sept. 7th to 15th will be provided. For more information and directions to Christ The King Church, contact the Chaplain's office at 253-3371.

- **MCX News**
  - Effective Sept. 1, 2012, credit options at all Marine Corps Exchange facilities are limited to the following: Cash, Visa, MasterCard and American Express.

- **Off-Limit Establishments**
  - The following establishments are Off-Limits:
  - The Speed limit on the seawall includes Dusty Street, the Christ The King Catholic Church, Station 16th. However, a van will be provided for those who do not have a vehicle in to go to the Christ The King Catholic Church in Iwakuni. The van leaves the station chapel parking lot at 8:00 a.m. The Saturday Catholic Masses for Sept. 9th and 15th will still take place in the chapel. Daily Masses for Jesus and Mary from Sept. 7th to 15th will be provided. For more information and directions to Christ The King Church, contact the Chaplain's office at 253-3371.

- **Headphone Usage**
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- **NMCI Lost and Found**
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**CLASSIFIEDS**

- **Brief and Classifieds**
  - To submit a community brief or classified advertisement, send an e-mail to gqnaix-civilian.pacom.mil. Include a contact name, phone number and the information you would like to publish. 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 drawings to simplify the request process. The deadline for submissions is 3 p.m. every Friday.

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**In Afghanistan, big brother is watching**

Col. John Safer, commanding officer, Regimental Combat Team 6, recently spoke with Bravo Co.'s tankers. He said they arrived in country at a pivotal and transitional time in the fight, as Marines allow Afghan forces to take the lead in security operations. While Afghans will focus on maintaining security in safer areas, Marines will operate in less secure areas of Helmand province, places that have had little to no coalition presence.

"You are going to stay busy," Safer told the Marines.

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**Breaking News**

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**September 11 Memorial Service**

A Sept. 11th memorial service will be held in the station chapel at 15.12. The service will be held at 8:15 a.m. A freedom walk will take place afterwards as it did last year. For more information, contact the station chapel at 253-3371.
**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 9:30 a.m. Lutheran Service 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 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 5:45-6:15 p.m. AWANA (Bldg. 1004)

2nd Saturday 7:30 a.m. Men’s Discipleship

Bahai

Sunday 11 a.m. Bahai Meeting

For information regarding command religious programs or chapel activity, call the Marine Memorial Chapel at 253-3371.

* Information for upcoming Mass times is located in the community briefs section.

**INFOTAINMENT**

**Kanji Adventures: Samisen**

Something like a mandolin or banjo, the Samisen is thought to have originated in the Ryukyu Islands in 1562, but the style was gradually changed to suit Japanese musicians. Japanese samisen makers began to see our style instead of our style, the Ryukyu makers did, since maus are less plentiful on the main islands and the strings were too fragile. Another noticeable difference is that the samisen has been used more because of its simplicity. Currently, there are 2 types of samisen. Both types of wood must be imported from India, though synthetic thread is sometimes used.

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Not all samisen are the same. The better, more expensive samisens are made from sandalwood, while ordinary samisens are made from paulownia wood. Both types of wood must be imported from India, though synthetic thread is sometimes used. Both types of wood must be imported from India, though synthetic thread is sometimes used. Both types of wood must be imported from India, though synthetic thread is sometimes used. Both types of wood must be imported from India, though synthetic thread is sometimes used. Both types of wood must be imported from India, though synthetic thread is sometimes used.

The samisen was played by the masses when they sang folk songs, narrated poems and chanted ballads. Instruments like the “koto,” the flute and “tsuzumi,” a hand drum, were played by the upper class of society during the feudal days. The samisen became popular among geisha, who were regarded as the most enlightened among Japanese women during the feudal period. Later, the daughters of merchants began to learn the samisen, while those in high society took koto lessons. Samisen music is customarily played during Bunraku (puppet) and Kabuki plays. Long epics, ballad stories and children’s songs are popular subjects. Therefore, the samisen is a versatile instrument.

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The Iwakuni Time Machine

In the Aug. 30, 1974, issue of the Torii Teller, Marines reported on the ribbon cutting of the new Air Station Correctional Facility, Iwakuni's Boy Scout Troop 77 completing a 50-mile hike and the process for servicemembers going through a Permanent Change of Station.

The Marine Corps War Memorial Foundation has completed plans for the reconstruction of the birthplace of the Marine Corps, Tun Tavern.

The Foundation hopes construction will be completed by Nov. 10, 1975, 200 years after Capt. Samuel Nicholas, acting on the orders of the Continental Congress, came to Tun Tavern to begin the formation of the Continental Marines.

The building will "be historically true in every possible respect to the original" say Foundation officials. It is estimated the replica will cost between $350,000 and $400,000, to be raised through private donations.

As part of the Independence National Historic Park area, the 30-by-60-foot building will be constructed on a 6000 square foot lot only a few blocks from the original site. The original site of the tavern lies in the planned roadbed of Interstate 95. The City of Philadelphia is leasing the land to the Foundation for 50 years at a dollar per year.

Eleven MGySgts.
Selected Here

Eleven 1stMAW and Air Station Marines were selected for promotion to master gunnery sergeant.

MSgts. Richard A. Benavides, Martin Gold and Jean Pinguet were selected from the Air Station.

MSgts. Eugene B. Allen, James W. Starbuck and Charles N. Wise were selected from MWFHS-1.

Those selected from MAG-12 were MSgts. Troy Greenwood, Donald I. Wentworth and Harvey M. Wiebert.

MSgt. Tilghman A. Miller, Jr. was selected from MAG-15 and MSgt. Donald R. Davidson was selected from MACG-18.

The selection board picked 103 for promotion to sergeant major and 176 for promotion to master gunnery sergeant.

Tun Tavern To Be Rebuilt

Five Japanese Earn
Safety Awards Here

Five Japanese civilian workers received safety awards here Aug. 20.

Receiving safe driving awards were Yutaka Kawai for 16 years of safe driving; Hatumi Tsuyama and Makoto Fuji, each for eight years