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Military police target public safety

Station orders in place to save lives during summer months

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The station Provost Marshal's Office is targeting several violations of air station orders by increasing public awareness.

Violations such as driving while talking on a cell phone, riding a bicycle without a helmet, wearing headphones off the seawall and leaving a running vehicle unattended are PMO's main concerns.

Other infractions include proper attire for operating a motorcycle, child safety seats and seatbelts.

"These laws are there for safety," said Sgt. Carrie M Morse a physical, security specialist with PMO.

When the summer weather comes around, more people become complacent, she added. That's when PMO really starts seeing these violations.

Per Marine Corps order 5100.19E, driving while talking on a cell phone distracts the driver, can lead to an accident and is strictly prohibited, said Morse.

Violating this order on or off the station can result in suspension of the driver's license, and multiple violations can result in the loss of the driver's license.

Military police have also been seeing a lot of children riding bikes without a helmet.

Although it may have been the child's decision not to wear the helmet, the parents may be held responsible and issued a minor offense report, said Morse.

Other charges such as wearing headphones off the seawall have been questioned in the past despite the fact that military police officers give the brief to all personnel while in the joint reception center.

"It's not fun not being able to wear



Marines attending the Corporal's Leadership Course practice close order drill on the parade deck July 28. During the three-week course, the Marines will learn leadership traits, sword manual and other traits of a proficient noncommissioned officer. Photo by Lance Cpl. Ashley M. Howard

Station services receive MCCS Excellence Award

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Club Iwakuni, Crossroads Mall and the Temporary Lodging Facility will soon receive a Marine Corps Food and Hospitality Excellence Award from Marine Corps Community Services for fiscal year 2007.

The Food and Hospitality Excellence Award was created to acknowledge non-appropriated facilities that have achieved the highest degree of excellence during the fiscal year.

The award will be presented during an awards ceremony as part of the MCCS conference Sept. 9 at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif.

"This is the fifth year that Club Iwakuni has won this award," said Larry Mask, manager of Club Iwakuni.

According to the MCCS Web site, to be considered for the award, the facility must demonstrate significant contributions in four categories—customer service, financial performance, human resources and operations.

Recipients must submit a package to Headquarters Marine Corps containing financial information, surveys from customers and a descriptive layout of what the installation offers to the public.

The work areas are also screened by sanitation employees to ensure the establishment is in clean working order.

The three establishments won the awards in all three possible areas as clubs, lodging and quick-service activities. All three have won the award consecutively for five years.

"The award shows that we're doing what we were supposed to do," said Mask. "Without the Marines, the sailors and their families, we wouldn't have jobs."

Club Iwakuni offers a wide range of dining throughout the week, with bingo, Italian night, Mongolian night, steak night and Mexican night.

It's really a nice place to go eat and hang out with friends, said Lance Cpl. Kimberly A. Early, a Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron air traffic controller and frequent visitor of Mongolian night.

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CORPS SAFETY

101 Critical Days of Summer

Heat Stress & Flag Conditions

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Heat Stress & Flag Conditions

- The summer season can be an enjoyable time of the year. It is also a time when the potential for heat injuries increases. Heat injuries are preventable.
- By following just a few simple recommendations, you can prevent yourself from becoming a heat casualty this summer.

Heat stress

- Heat stress is the total heat burden to which the body is subjected to by internal and external factors.

Internal

- Physical activity (metabolic heat load)

External

- Temperature
- Humidity
- Amount of air movement
- Radiant temperature of surroundings
- Clothing

Factors leading to heat stress

- High temperature and humidity; direct sun or heat; limited air movement; physical exertion; poor physical condition; some medicines; and inadequate tolerance for hot workplaces.

What are the body's cooling mechanisms?

- The body can lose heat by the following means:
- Evaporation of sweat
- Convection (heat loss to air)
- Radiation (heat loss to surrounding objects)

What happens if the body's cooling mechanisms are insufficient?

May result in:

- Heat cramps – muscle contraction in legs, arms, abdomen, primarily from the excess loss of salt through sweating
- Heat exhaustion – profuse sweating, headache, weakness, nausea, vomiting, due to excessive water and salt depletion
- Heat stroke – a medical emergency! dizziness, weakness, nausea, headache,
- confusion, disorientation, drowsiness and irritable behavior, skin may be hot or dry, body temperature above 104F, loss of consciousness, may result after heat cramps and heat exhaustion.

Recommendations to help prevent heat stress

- Know the signs and symptoms of heat-related illnesses
- Fluid replacement
- Wear lightweight, light colored, loose-fitting clothes
- Avoid alcohol, caffeinated drinks
- Acclimatization
- Know Flag Conditions

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

IS IT A CLOUDY DAY?

Lt. j.g. Robert Mills
STATION CHAPLAIN

Lately, I have been looking up at the clouds a lot. There have been some incredibly beautiful cloud formations over Iwakuni the past few days. When I took pilot training some years ago, I had to learn the different types of clouds, from the puffy, fair-weather cumulus which often build into towering, giant Cumulonimbus thunderstorms to the flat Stratus clouds which can carry a lot of rain, to the feathery, light Cirrus at very high altitudes. For me, clouds often seem to reflect my mood. The soaring, majestic ramparts of the thunderclouds are an inspiring sight, while the light brushstrokes of the Cirrus remind me of

carefree summer days in my childhood.

But what about those gray, scudding rain clouds? So often, rain clouds seem to get in the way of my fun outdoor plans. I know that many people are like me, so my guess is that most people don't really like rain clouds all that much. These clouds bring rain and worse yet, hide the sun from us, so we hate them. They make it hard to see the beauty around us. So if we just look at the clouds from that point of view, we are going to have a hard time with them. But have you ever stopped to consider that the same clouds that are cursed by casual beachgoers are a real blessing to a farmer with parched crops, or to firefighters desperately trying to save property and lives during a wildfire?

Can it be that clouds are a good thing? There are multiple references in the

Christian Scriptures to clouds being used as a hiding place for the very person of God—a kind of cosmic garment. Moses was given the Ten Commandments by God's own hand while up on a mountain surrounded by clouds. God appeared to the Israelites time and again in the form of a pillar of cloud. The people of that time knew that clouds were God's favored covering—a way to provide closeness between God and people.

Songs and poems often talk about a "silver lining" in the clouds we face in our lives. We all experience tough times and often it seems like the negative things get in the way of our "fun" plans. I invite you to see the clouds in life as a blessing too—when your life seems cloudy and gray for a while, remember that God is very close to you, wrapped up in the clouds.

PMO pamphlet touches on regulations

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headphones around base, but you just have to do what they tell you," said Lance Cpl. Jake Mays, a military policeman with PMO.

Although the majority of the orders aboard the station are for safety purposes, some such as leaving your car running and unattended, protect personal property as well.

"Not only can your car be stolen, your child can get into the driver's seat and take off with the vehicle," said Morse.

The Provost Marshal's Office distributed a pamphlet with information regarding station orders throughout the station to help educate residents about the regulations on and off of base.

According to the pamphlet, children less than four years of age and less than 45 pounds must be in a child seat at all times on and off the station.

Marine Corps order P5560.8 requires the cooperation

of people riding motorcycles. Motorcycles have been responsible for 15 off-duty fatalities throughout the Marine Corps since the 101 Critical Days of Summer campaign began.

According to the order, when operating a motorcycle, a reflective vest must be worn at night and light colored clothing is required during daylight hours.

Per Marine Corps order 5100.19E, seatbelts are required to be worn by all passengers riding in a vehicle. The highest ranking individual will take responsibility for those who are not.

"It's not like the old days when you could buckle two people in one belt," said Morse. "Now it's one seatbelt per person."

All of the regulations in effect aboard the station are per order of the Marine Corps for the safety of its military members and families.

The Provost Marshal's Office strongly advises residents to pick up the pamphlet and further educate themselves on orders.

Free showing of Robin Hood play at Sakura

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A free showing of the classic Disney play Robin Hood will be presented Aug. 2 at the Sakura Theater here. There will be a matinee showing at 3 p.m. and night show at 7 p.m. The cast is 51 Iwakuni youths, ages 6 to 17, who auditioned for the play last month.

The performance is funded by the Boys and Girls Clubs of America and the National Military Family Association. Operation Purple, a summer camp for military children stationed overseas, will be hosting the event.

The tour actor and director is Dr. Samuel Rudolph and the play director is Renee Roberts.

Commandant unveils Vision and Strategy

'The Capstone Operational Concept' to be published early next year

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As the first decade of the 21st Century draws to a close, the United States faces a new myriad of threats and challenges in which both the landscape and operating environment of the world continues to undergo dynamic and dramatic upheavals, claims Marine Corps Vision and Strategy 2025. How the Marine Corps can best be employed and the Corps' contributions to national defense in the coming years and decades is outlined in the Vision and Strategy document, which was signed June 18 by Gen. James T. Conway, commandant of the Marine Corps. Important as well is The Capstone Operational Concept, signed June 25, which will act as the first chapter in the forthcoming Marine Corps Operating Concept for a Changing Security Environment, 3rd Edition, scheduled to be published early next year, which serves as a bridge from vision and strategy to operating concepts and capabilities.

According to Col. Steve Zotti, director, Strategic Vision Group, Headquarters Marine Corps, both documents should be read by every Marine in order to understand the future of the Marine Corps and how it will maintain its role as our nation's expeditionary force-in-readiness.

"This is who we are and where we're going to be in 2025 in order to meet the country's expectations," explained Zotti. "The difference in this vision as compared to previous Marine Corps statements is that it calls for a more multi-capable, expeditionary and culturally adept Marine Air Ground Task Force. It reaffirms the nation's need for an expeditionary force able to operate from the sea."

The Vision and Strategy document has been in development since the fall of 2007 and used, according to Zotti, "lessons learned, intelligence estimates, experts assessments and numerous detailed studies" to craft an assessment of potential future conflicts and how the Marine Corps can best counter and dif-

fuse conflicts. It will further communicate what the special core competencies of the Marine Corps are to the American public, whom Zotti described as the ultimate shapers of foreign policy.

"We can better serve the nation by clearly communicating who we are, what we believe, what we do, and what our role is in addressing the challenges of the future security environment," Zotti said.

According to both the Marine Corps Vision and Strategy 2025 and The Capstone Operational Concept, global changes, especially within the "Arc of Instability," an area including parts of South America, Africa, the Middle East and South Asia where weaker states are vulnerable to extremist dominance, will blur notions of conflict between state and non-state actors, conventional and irregular forms of war, and combatants and non-combatants into what could be termed hybrid conflicts that

will not be easily solved by conventional military power alone.

"In order to understand how valuable we (the Marine Corps) are to the nation's defense," Zotti explained, "we have to define the future: Who are the potential adversaries and competitors? What are the challenges?"

Challenges, according to Vision and Strategy, will include global changes brought upon by population shifts to urban areas, globalization and increased competition for resources, climate change, terrorism, the increased speed of communication, and the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.

Zotti referred to these as the conditions wherein extremist ideologies are allowed to flourish, especially within nations that have weak internal security. The global strategy described in Vision and Strategy involves denying extremist agents this ability to flourish.

Editor Note: This article will be divided and printed in multiple editions of The Iwakuni Approach. Next week, a continuation of this article will run on page eight. To read the entire article online, visit <http://www.military.com/news/article/marine-corps-news/commandant-unveils-corps-vision.html>.

News Briefs

New G.I. Bill brief

The new G.I. Education Bill is now law and this bill affects active duty personnel and veterans. A brief will be given by the Veterans Affairs Representative Wednesday, Aug. 6 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the Building One Auditorium. All active duty personnel veterans and spouses are highly encouraged to attend. There will also be a short brief on the educational programs offered by Life Long Learning.

PMO asks residents to abide by station orders

The Provost Marshal's Office highly encourages residents aboard the station to abide by all station regulations. Please take note of the following so you can do your part to ensure this installation is a safe home for all residents. Please be sure you do not use a cell phone while driving a vehicle on or off the installation. Every passenger of a motor vehicle — personal or government — must wear a seatbelt. Also, be sure that when you are riding a bicycle you have a proper bicycle

helmet, properly fitted and secured on your head. Earphones are not permitted to be worn outside, except on the seawall. When leaving your vehicle unattended, even for a brief stop, leaving the keys in the ignition and the engine running is prohibited. For our motorcyclists, bicyclists, skaters and skateboarders, be sure you are wearing mandatory personal protective equipment per MCASO P5560.8A. The MCAS Iwakuni orders can be found on the Station intranet.

"Eat your 80s" - A live 1-hour radio show that features the best of 80's music. Noon to 1 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, except holidays, on Power 1575.

Bulk fuelers catch break during Southern Frontier 2008

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ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE BASE TINDAL, Australia (July 24, 2008) — After nearly a month of conductivity related issues, the Joint Fuels and Lubricants Agency lifted the quarantine on fuel farm two and cleared the stored fuel for use here Wednesday during Operation Southern Frontier 2008.

The cause of the conductivity fluctuations is still under investigation; however, tests show that fuel conductivity has dropped to within acceptable ranges.

According to a report released by the JFLA, high conductivity levels can affect the fuel sensors in aircraft.

Despite the quarantine being lifted, providing quality fuel to the aircraft is still a priority and actions are being taken to ensure that goal.

“Even though fuel farm two has been cleared, standard procedures remain in effect,” said Sgt. Laurice Kelly, noncommissioned officer in charge of refuelers for Operation Southern Frontier 2008. “Fuel is still tested daily.”

The clearance comes at an ideal time as the tempo for refuelers has increased dramatically with the official beginning of Operation Southern Frontier July 21.

While fuel farm two was down there was added pressure for the refuelers because fuel farm one is currently being retro-fitted by civilian contractors.

“Because fuel farm one is being retro-fitted, it can’t be used at night,” said Kelly. “The contractors wouldn’t work after 5 p.m. so all the fuel we got during the day was what we had.”

Besides allowing the fuelers to refuel their trucks after hours, fuel farm two connects to the hydrant lines.

“Logistically, it’s faster and more efficient to use the hydrant lines for fueling larger aircraft,” said Kelly.

To put it into perspective, it takes two 15-thousand liter tankers to fill a C-130.

“We don’t like to use the tankers for large jobs because those are used for fueling smaller jets,” said Kelly. “If we use the tankers to top-off a big aircraft, that disperses our assets.”

The hydrant lines also allow the fuelers to perform a “hot turn.”

During a hot turn, the aircraft will pull up directly to the hydrant lines with the engine still running.

Although hot turns may not be used during the operation, a functioning and useable fuel farm two allows them to be done if requested.



Pfc. Travis Unwin pulls a fuel sample up from a tank atop fuel farm 2 here July 17. Samples are taken from each of the 14 tanks every day and tested by the base laboratory to ensure fuel quality. Photo by Lance Cpl. Joseph Marianelli

An editorializing piece on editorializing:

The presidential election and Long War

SGT. JOSH COX
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

When I sit down at my workspace every morning, typically my first instinct is to check the headlines on several major news Web sites. As a journalist, it is my duty to stay up-to-date in current events and contemporary issues.

Much of the news is shifted in one direction or another, depending on which news organization one chooses to follow. Editorializing is harder to get away with in print, but is a lot easier and effective on camera.

When I watch television at home, the news is often presented in a more editorialized fashion.

An anchor usually debates a particular topic with several subject-matter experts who have a particular opinion on the issue. During regular news casts, anchors occasionally smirk or read the news with a condescending tone. Ultimately, these gestures frequently appear to reveal the network’s opinion of the topics discussed.

Several days ago, I was cleaning my house while an anchor on television reported on Senator Barack Obama’s trip to the Middle East and Europe. The anchor sneered as he questioned the Senator’s trip. A clip of Sen. McCain showing the Republican candidate’s rebuttal followed the anchor’s rant. McCain’s point was fair coverage of the issue in debate, but the anchor’s commentary and demeanor seemed to take a stance on the subject instead of remaining neutral in the matter.

At first glance, I thought I was watching a satirical segment from The Daily Show. The media constantly slanders both presidential candidates.

Voters who collect information on the presidential candidates by means of competing news organizations aren’t always entirely informed.

As a combat correspondent for the Iwakuni Approach, it is my job to tell the Marine Corps story.

Thus, I publish stories about the many heroes serving in Iraq (editorializing), and I publish stories about Marines who at times discredit the Corps.

Generally, it is our job to report the hard news and let the people decide.

Unfortunately, various members of the media often report what sells and subsequently sell ideas simultaneously.

Many great journalists represent these particular news organizations and perform a superb service for the American public. I have served with several great civilian journalists eager to report unbiased dispatch from Iraq. I have also met several journalists in the field who refused to cover good news coming from Al Anbar. Military journalists are obligated to cover the Long War without editorializing. When we arrest insurgents, we write a story about it. When we lose a comrade in combat, we write a story about it.

With the Long War and the presidential race taking place, it’s important for Americans to be very careful where they gather information. Americans need to experiment with various news sources. A great place to find out solid information about the presidential candidates is to log on to official campaign Web sites and compare the presidential hopefuls. Take the media’s challenges into consideration, but be hesitant to believe everything streaming from a single source.

Furthermore, give the military journalists a chance and visit your respective service’s official Web site for the latest news.

Assaulting through

III MEF’s SOTG teaches spot-on shot technique, house raiding skills

LANCE CPL. JOSEPH A. CABRERA
OKINAWA MARINE

CAMP HANSEN, Okinawa (July 25, 2008) — Shell casings piled on the ground and the smell of burnt gunpowder filled the air as students practiced precision shooting July 9 during the Dynamic Assault Course here.

The course, which ran June 18 through Wednesday, focused on close quarters battle techniques crucial in accomplishing missions in urban environments.

Speed, surprise and violence of action—movements of sudden, intentional force—are fundamentals



Capt. Matthew Pierson fires on his target with a MEU(SOC) .45-caliber pistol July 9 in a timed shooting drill during the Dynamic Assault Course. Students in the course fired an average of 500-1000 rounds per day during the course which focused heavily on precision shooting techniques. Lance Cpl. Joseph A. Cabrera

of close quarters battle, said Staff Sgt. Jonathan D. White, Dynamic Assault Course instructor assigned to III Marine Expeditionary Force Special Operations Training Group.

During the training, the students focused on gaining entry into a building or room, clearing the structure and safe egress techniques, White said.

Precision shooting was an integral part of the course at all levels, said Capt. Matthew Pierson, the platoon commander of the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit’s Deep Reconnaissance Platoon.

“It certifies them to have the skills and qualifications necessary to go into a house and conduct complicated raids effectively utilizing precision and surgical shooting techniques,” he said.

During the course, students fired an average of 500 to 1000 rounds of ammunition daily, using M-4 assault rifles and MEU(SOC) .45-caliber pistols—upgraded M1911 .45-caliber pistols designed for use with MEUs, said Sgt. Edrick Villarreal, a communications chief with the 31st MEU’s Deep Reconnaissance Platoon.

Shooting drills were conducted at all hours, day and night. During night drills, students used weapon-mounted or hand-held flashlights to illuminate targets.

The drills were intense and fast-paced, and some required students to alternate between weapons, Pierson said.

“The challenge is the rapid pace of the training, because you have to keep up with the schedule,” Villarreal said.

Adding to the realism of the training was the fact the students had to always know exactly where their rounds were impacting.

“They are taught target discrimina-

tion—to identify the target and know whether it’s a threat to them,” White said.

The students enjoyed the course and appreciated the opportunity to broaden and refine their skills.

“For anyone who is in the Marines, especially recon Marines, this is what they want to do,” Pierson said. “They would rather be doing this than anything in the world.”

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Capt. Matthew Pierson
Platoon commander
31st MEU Deep Reconnaissance Platoon



Students gather as instructors grade their targets for weapons qualification during the Dynamic Assault Course, July 9. The Marines were required to qualify with rifles and pistols during the course to ensure proficiency in precision shooting techniques. Lance Cpl. Joseph A. Cabrera



Marines and sailors gather at the summit of Mount Fuji after nearly nine hours of climbing. Waiting at the top of the active stratovolcano are shops, shrines, restaurants, amazing views and the last stamping post for those carrying walking sticks. The summit and trails are open to climbers just two months out of the year, July and August, for safety reasons and severe weather. Photo by Lance Cpl. Kyle T. Ramirez

FROM THE TOP

PMO takes training to new heights as 59 climb to Mount Fuji summit

LANCE CPL. KYLE T. RAMIREZ
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

As its trails open for only two months each year, some 600,000 hikers will grace the summit of the 12,388-ft. titan, Mount Fuji, according to mountain hut workers.

Marines at the Provost Marshal's Office saw it as the perfect opportunity for a special training evolution, and after a few weeks of planning, 59 Marines and sailors with PMO donned packs, sunscreen and cameras July 13 and 20 to head up for the climb.

"Most the Marines here haven't had a chance to travel this far from the air station and do something like this," said 1st Lt. Jay Woods, deputy provost marshal. "We wanted them to be able to leave Japan and say, 'Hey, I climbed the tallest mountain there.'"

An 11-hour bus ride brought the group to Combined Arms Training Center, Camp Fuji to set up camp for the night. Many stocked up on snacks and energy bars to prepare for the next morning.

Marines and sailors hiked up the Gotembaguchi Route, well known as

the toughest ascent through the clouds. Throughout the first few hours of climbing, hikers were met with steep, loosely packed gravel and visibility less than 100 feet. One military policeman said, "It helped not being able to see too far ahead — that's how you get psyched out."

It wasn't until many climbed above 10,000 feet that the clouds cleared, revealing the scenic landscapes below and the last daunting half-mile of vertical marching above.

"When you get past the clouds and can finally see how far you've climbed, you worry less about how tired you are and start focusing only on getting to the top," said Lance Cpl. Cody A. Stevens, a military policeman. "I think that's the training we're supposed to get out of this. I'm glad because I wouldn't have been able to do this otherwise."

Many Marines and sailors finished their descent well into the evening, catching glimpses and photographs of the sun setting on clouds from the summit.



After climbing for approximately five miles on the Gotembaguchi Route, climbers come to a mountain weather station — the first appropriate place to take a break after 6,000 feet, although no water or supplies are available. Looking up reveals the miles of trail leading to the top. Large sheets of ice still present from the winter season can be spotted as a combination of ash and altitude prevent them from melting even in direct sunlight. The last recorded volcanic eruption for Mount Fuji was recorded Dec. 16, 1707. Photo by Lance Cpl. Kyle T. Ramirez



Sgt. Shane A. Worley, a military policeman, goes over the group's course of action before beginning the 11-hour bus ride to the location July 20. Worley has climbed to the summit of Mount Fuji five times over during his time in Japan with a personal-record time of four hours and 55 minutes via the Gotembaguchi Route. His tip — dress for four seasons and wear sun block. Photo by Lance Cpl. Kyle T. Ramirez

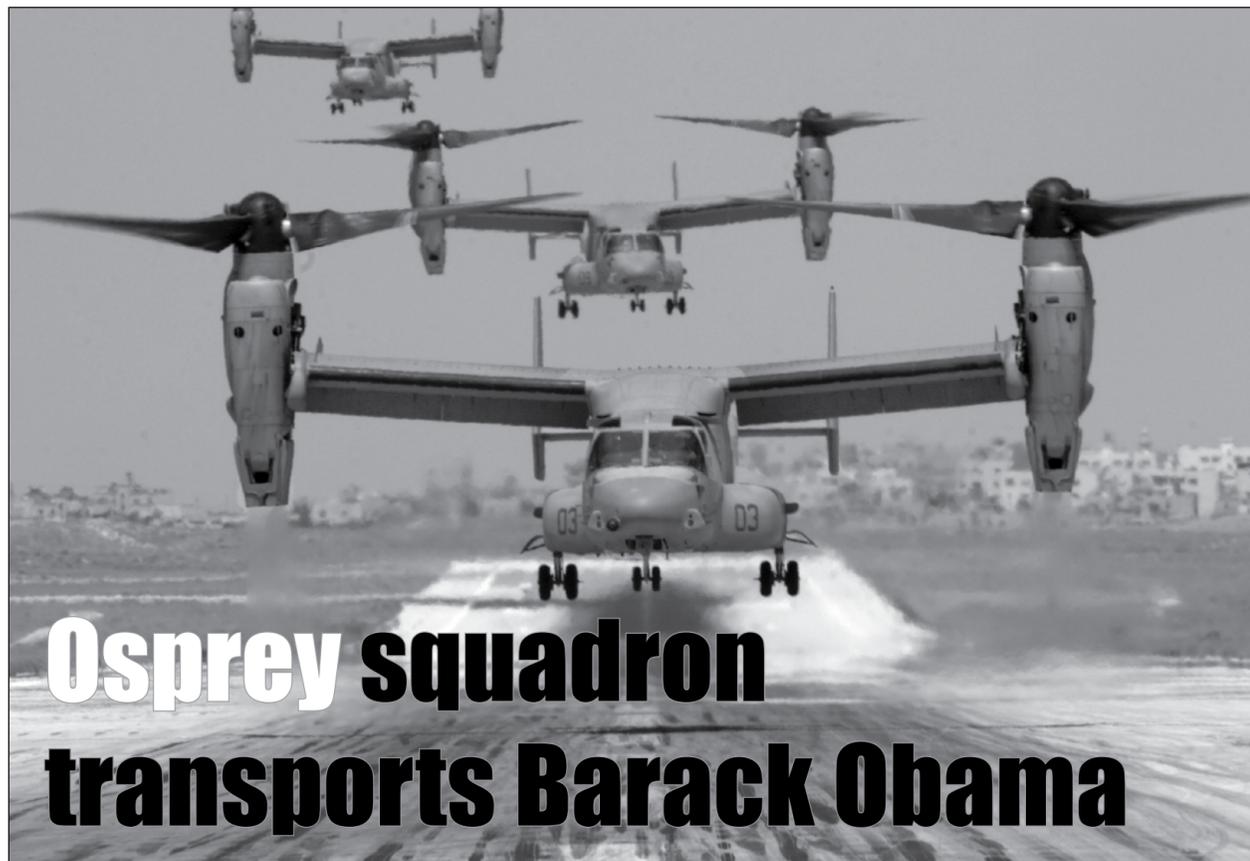


Many climbers carry walking sticks, some for extra support and some for a souvenir. Brands on the wooden poles vary with different routes up the mountain. A story can be told about each climb after many brandings at different altitudes cover the surface. Mementos come at a price. Each brand is between 200 and 400 yen depending on the route taken, and walking sticks usually go for 1300 yen. Photo by Lance Cpl. Kyle T. Ramirez

Sgt. Carrie M. Morse, a military policeman, and 1st Lt. Jay Woods, deputy provost marshal, pose for a silhouette shot while venturing off the normal hiking trail to make a dramatic climb to the tip of Mount Fuji's summit. Photo by Lance Cpl. Kyle T. Ramirez



AROUND THE CORPS



Osprey squadron transports Barack Obama

Cpl. George J. Papastrat

MV-22 Ospreys with Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 162, Marine Aircraft Group 16, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing (forward), land at an airport in Amman, Jordan July 22. Four aircraft from the squadron transported Sens. Barack Obama (D-Ill.), Jack Reed (D-R.I.) and Chuck Hagel (R-Neb.) from Iraq's al-Anbar Province to Jordan.



Iraqi Police train to turn over post, boats

HADITHA, Iraq — Preparing to assume security over Lake Qadisiyah and the Haditha Dam, Iraqi police practice recovering from a capsized boat during a 21-day boating course held by Riverine Squadron 3, Detachment 2, 3rd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 5. Photo by Lance Cpl. Paul Torres

Community Briefs

Boy Scouts Troop 77

Boy Scouts Troop 77 is accepting new members. Meetings are Mondays, 6 - 7:30 p.m. at Building 1111 (one block down from the Marine Memorial Chapel). For more information, call 253-3505.

Open Play Volleyball

Open Play Volleyball for all personnel and skill level. Come out to the IronWorks Gym every Thursday and Sunday at 6 p.m. For more information, call 253-6084 (work) or 253-2839 (home).

Information Job Fair 2008 - Marine and Family Services

August 23, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Club Iwakuni. Marine and Family Services Division

will offer Iwakuni residents information on various programs offered as well as employment and volunteer positions available aboard the installation. Interviews for interested applicants will be conducted during the event. Resume assistance will be provided. MCCS will provide child care for those interviewing. Come enjoy the entertainment, food and prizes. For more information, call Marine and Family Services at 253-4526.

Registration for Session 1 and 2—University of Maryland University College Asia

Session 1 (Term 1, face-to-face class):
Registration runs till Aug. 22
Term dates are Aug. 25–Oct. 18.
Online education registration

runs until Sept. 1
Session 2 (Term 2, Face to Face class):
Registration runs until Oct. 24.
Term dates are Oct. 27–Dec. 20.
Online education registration runs until November 10.
For a listing of classes, please visit www.umuc.edu/myumuc/ and scroll down to the Asia homepage and click schedule of classes.
For more information, call UMUC Iwakuni at 253-3392 or visit www.asia.umuc.edu

Budget for Baby Class - Navy Marine Corps Relief Society

Are you financially ready for your new baby? NMCRS is offering a Budget for Baby Class on Aug. 22, noon to 1 p.m. Feel free to bring your lunch.
The class provides valuable information on budgeting for you new baby.

In order to be eligible, attendees must have recently had a baby or are expecting within six months. All attendees will receive a junior sea bag with a coordinated set of bedding and clothing, a baby book, and a handmade blanket and sweater set. Call 253-5311 to sign-up.

Volunteer leader seminar - Club Beyond

Club Beyond (CB) is a faith-based program that reaches out to Christian and non-Christian teens aboard MCAS Iwakuni. CB has seen 70 percent of the 200+ high school and junior high students participate in their youth

group meetings over the past two years. Each year we need six to eight volunteer leaders for the upcoming school year. The local CB director will have a training seminar Aug. 23, 2 p.m. in Yujo Hall.

To register or for more information, contact the CB director at 253-5183 (work), 080-3474-8856 (cell), or e-mail IwakuniCB@gmail.com.

Operation Homefront Military Spouse Scholarship

Operation Homefront is proud to announce the CinCHouse.com scholarship for spouses of uniformed services members to attend a post-secondary university, college, accredited trade school, certificate program, vocational school or community college.
Deadline for submission is extended to Aug. 15. The scholarships will be awarded to recipients on Aug. 30.
Visit <http://www.operationhomefront.net/spousescholarship.asp> for details.

Become a Volunteer Victim Advocate

Volunteers are specially trained men and women who provide immediate assistance to victims of spouse abuse and sexual assault. Pre-registration is required. Training is Aug. 25-29, 6 - 9 p.m. Please call the Victim Advocate Coordinator at 253-4526 to register.

Mammograms

The Branch Health Clinic Iwakuni will be conducting mammograms through an on-site van from Aug. 4 to 8.
To schedule this service, please call central appointments at 253-

3445 so that it can be arranged through your primary care doctor. Once the order is requested by your primary care doctor, appointments will be made by Radiology.

Vacation Bible School Friendship Trek 2008

Aug. 4 - 8, 5:30 - 8 p.m. The trek is open to ages 3 years (potty trained) to 8th grade. Come join the adventure with games, crafts, music and God's Word.
For more information on registering or volunteering, contact Station Chapel at 253-3371.

"Robin Hood" MCCS

Youth and Teen Programs
Performances are scheduled for Aug. 2, 3 p.m. (matinee show) and 7 p.m. (evening show) at the Sakura Theater.
"Robin Hood" is part of the Missoula Children's Theatre's unique international touring project and is presented at MCAS Iwakuni by Children, Youth and Teens Branch.

Gospel Choir Members

Recruiting for Gospel Choir members to sing at a Christmas concert at the Sinfonia Iwakuni Concert Hall (1,200 seats) is now taking place.
Please call 090-4104-1541 (cell) for additional information.

PTO needs volunteers

M.C. Perry Elementary School Parents and Teachers Organization (PTO) needs volunteers to help through the summer to plan events and fundraisers for the fall.
Please call 253-3327 for more information.

Chapel Services

Roman Catholic

Saturday 4:30 p.m. Confession
5:30 p.m. Mass
Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass
9:45 a.m. Religious Education
Tuesday - Friday 11:30 a.m. Weekday Mass
Wednesday 6:00 p.m. Inquiry Class for adults

Protestant

Saturday 9:30 a.m. Seventh-Day Adventist Sabbath School
11:00 a.m. Seventh-Day Adventist Devine Worship
Sunday 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Adult Bible Fellowship
10:30 a.m. Protestant Service
11 a.m. Children's Church
Wednesday 6:00 p.m. Awana (Bldg. 1104)
6:00 p.m. Bible Study (Capodanno Hall Chapel)

Church of Christ

Sunday 9:30 a.m. Bible Study (small chapel)
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Latter Day Saints

Weekdays 6:30 a.m. Youth Activities

Jewish

Friday 6:00 p.m. Shabbat (small chapel)

Teen Programs

For times, call 253-5183: high school meetings, junior high meetings, HS and JR Bible studies, retreats, service projects, mission trips, Special Events Volunteer Training and Mentoring, Parent Support Groups

For information regarding divine services, religious education or any other command religious program or chapel activity, call the Marine Memorial Chapel at 253-5218.

Sakura Theater

Friday, August 1, 2008

7 p.m. The Dark Knight (PG-13)
Premier
10:30 p.m. The Dark Knight (PG-13)
By demand

Saturday, August 2, 2008

3 p.m. Robin Hood
Missoula Children's Theater
7 p.m. Robin Hood

Sunday, August 3, 2008

1 p.m. Kung Fu Panda (PG)
4 p.m. Wanted (R)
7 p.m. The Dark Knight (PG-13)

Monday, August 4, 2008

7 p.m. The Dark Knight (PG-13)

Tuesday, August 5, 2008

7 p.m. Sex and the City (R)

Wednesday, August 6, 2008

2 p.m. The Dark Knight (PG-13)
7 p.m. Wanted (R)

Thursday, July 31, 2008

2 p.m. Hancock (PG-13)
7 p.m. The Strangers (R)

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.

253-5291

THE IWAKUNI APPROACH Classifieds

Automobiles

1995 Toyota Hiace Van 3.0L Turbo Diesel

This very well maintained vehicle is in excellent condition and runs great. Has seating for eight passengers. Cold A/C, and new compressor installed July 2008. JCI is good through July 2010. This is an excellent car for a family or if you need a lot of room. P/S P/L P/W CD with TV \$3,500. For more information, call 253-5857 (work) or 090-7542-1965 after 6 p.m. (home).

1997 Mitsubishi RVR

JCI runs until May 2010. Runs great including 4-wheel drive, A/C and heat, AM/FM stereo, CD, power windows, doors, locks, keyless entry, three door, four passenger, hatchback car. Nonsmoking owners. Asking \$2,700 OBO. Call 253-2124, 253-4606, or 080-6612-9195 (cell).

Mess Hall Schedule

MONDAY

Cream of Mushroom Soup, Creole Soup, Sauerbraten, Hot and Spicy Chicken, Fried Rice, Oven Glo Potatoes, Fried Zucchini, Calico Corn, Hot Dinner Rolls, Congo Bars, Marble Cake Double Layer, Butter Cream Frosting, Blueberry Crunch
SPECIALTY BAR: PASTA BAR

TUESDAY

Cream of Potato Soup, Chicken Noodle Soup, Southern Fried Chicken, BBQ Beef Cube, Steamed Rice, Buttered Pasta, Black Eye Peas, Creole Squash, Corn Bread, Chocolate Chip Cookies, Spice Cake, Double Layer, Butter cream Frosting, Lemon Meringue Pie
SPECIALTY BAR: TACO BAR

WEDNESDAY

Cream of Broccoli Soup, Vegetable Soup, Tempura Fish, Pepper Steak, Steamed Rice, Oven Glo Potatoes, Glazed Carrots, Club Spinach, Brown Gravy, Dinner Rolls, Peanut Butter Cookies, Devil's Food Cake,
Butter Cream Frosting
SPECIALTY BAR: BBQ

THURSDAY

Minestrone Soup, Cream of Chicken Soup, Creole Macaroni, Fried Shrimp, Fettuccini W/ Alfredo Sauce, Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Tempura Vegetables, Peas and Carrots, Dinner Rolls, Sugar Cookies, Strawberry Shortcake, Whipped Topping Vanilla Cream Pie
SPECIALTY BAR: DELI BAR

FRIDAY

Clam Chowder Soup, Minestrone Soup, Braised Beef and Noodles, Baked Fish, Mashed Potatoes, Fried Cabbage, Mix Vegetables, Chicken Gravy, Dinner rolls, Banana Bread, Dutch Apple Pie, Shortbread Cookies
SPECIALTY BAR: MONGOLIAN BBQ

1995 Subaru Domingo

Low fuel and low maintenance. Perfect for Iwakuni. Seats six and great for driving and parking off-base. Needs JCI renewed. \$2,500 OBO. Call 253-5301 (work) or 253-2265 (home) for more information.

Job openings

Become a Crew Chief

If you want to explore the world and venture in the skies, become a crew chief with H&HS C-12 Ops. Must have a 1st class or better swim qualification. For more information, call 253-4022.

Corporal's Course instructor needed

Corporal's Course is looking for motivated sergeants or staff sergeants to be instructors for the Corporal's Course.

The next course starts Sept. 5, instructors will report no later than August 25. For more information, call 253-3974.

Miscellaneous

Items for sale

Bunk bed for sale. Twin/Full in Black. Please leave a message at 253-2717 (home).

To submit an advertisement request, follow the classifieds link on the station Web site and open an advertisement request form. Submit the form via e-mail to iwakuni.pao@usmc.mil or in person at the Public Affairs Office, Building One, Room 216.

Dispatch from PMO

The Provost Marshal's Office highly encourages residents aboard MCAS Iwakuni to abide by all air station regulations. Please take note of the following so you can do your part to ensure this installation is a safe home for all residents. Please be sure you do not use a cell phone while driving a vehicle on or off the installation. Every passenger of a motor vehicle, personal or government, must wear a seatbelt. Also be sure that when you are riding a bicycle you have a proper bicycle helmet, properly fitted and secured on your head. Earphones are not permitted to be worn outside, except on the seawall. When leaving your vehicle unattended, even for a brief stop, leaving the keys in the ignition and the engine running is prohibited. For our motorcyclist, bicyclist, skaters and skateboarders, be sure you are wearing mandatory personal protective equipment per MCASO P5560.8A. The MCAS Iwakuni orders can be found on the Station Intranet website.



Voter responsibility: you decide

Station Inspector's Office CONTRIBUTED

- Ensure you are eligible to vote
- Register to vote before the deadline
- keep your contact information up-to-date
- Vote when you receive materials
- Ensure you follow directions on the registration and ballot.

How to register for an Absentee

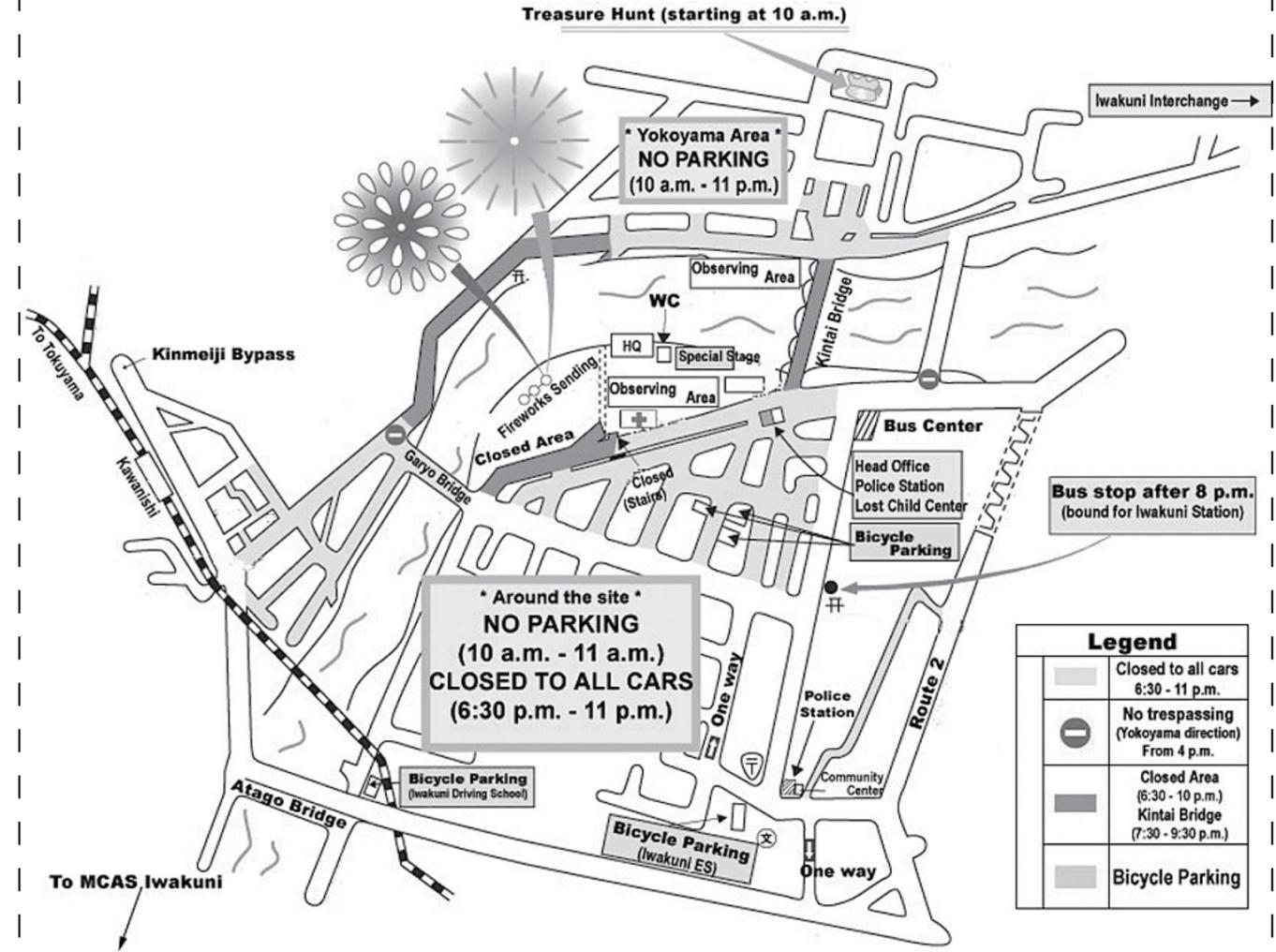
Ballot

- Fill out the SF-76 Federal Post Card Application
- Get copy of FPCA from UVAO
- Get Copy of FPCA online at <http://www.manpower.usmc.mil/voting>, or <http://www.fvap.gov>
- Follow directions for your state in Chapter 3 of the Voting Assistance Guide

Resources

- Installation Voting Assistance Officer
- Unit voting Assistance Officer
- Intranet, Station Inspector's Office Web site
- <http://www.fvap.gov>
- <http://www.manpower.usmc.mil/voting>

Nishikigawa Water Festival



Traffic restrictions are in effect tomorrow near the Kintai area to make way for the 41st Nishikigawa Water Festival. There will be no parking near the firework launching area from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m., and the area is closed to all traffic from 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. Designated bicycle parking spaces are available at Iwakuni Driving School (English sign at entrance), Iwakuni Elementary School and Iwakuni 1-Chome. No swimming or rafting is allowed at designated areas on the map.

The traffic restriction map

Shuttle buses are available between JR Iwakuni Station and the Kintai Bridge (approx. 20 minutes), and from Marifu Elementary School to the bridge (approx. 15 minutes). Parking space is available at Marifu Elementary School.

Bus schedule

- o Outbound to Kintai Bridge
JR Iwakuni Station (bus stop No. 2), first departure 4 p.m.
Marifu Elementary School, first departure 4:30 p.m.
- o Inbound to JR Iwakuni Station (via Marifu Elementary School)
Kintai Bridge, last departure 10:10 p.m.

Fare (one-way):

- o JR Iwakuni Station – Kintai Bridge 240 yen for adult, 120 yen for elementary school students or younger
 - o Marifu Elementary School – Kintai Bridge 210 yen for adult, 110 yen for elementary school students or younger
- ** Shuttle buses will depart once full. Times may fluctuate due to gridlock and unforeseen events.

Playoffs Champions

A perfect season denied

Real Madrid counts its losses as Orient Tigers claim final round



Orient Tigers right forward Brent O. Miller does his best to challenge Real Madrid defender Juan Bravo during the intramural soccer championship game July 22 at the north side athletic field. Photo by Lance Cpl. Ashley M. Howard

LANCE CPL. ASHLEY M. HOWARD
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron's Real Madrid players' heads hung low after losing the intramural soccer championship to the Orient Tigers, a team comprised of Japanese military, Marines and Matthew C. Perry High School faculty members, 1-4 at the north side athletic field here July 23.

The game was an upset to Real Madrid, who had been undefeated throughout the season. The Orient Tigers had lost three of their games during the season.

Real Madrid center Fernan J. Hernandez started off the first half with a goal from inside Orient Tiger territory.

He would be the only player to score in the first half.

The game could go either way, said Real Madrid coach Alex A. Garciasilva at the half.

"We need to win this now," he added.

During the first few minutes of the second half, both teams carried the ball



Orient Tigers sit together as the champions of the intramural soccer championship at the north side athletic field July 22. The Orient Tigers beat the undefeated Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron Real Madrid 4-1. Photo by Lance Cpl. Ashley M. Howard

back and forth, giving the illusion that there would not be another goal in the game. However, Orient Tiger's left forward Takanori Manago proved he would not let his team go out without

a fight after a spontaneous goal off a corner kick.

Manago's teammate and Orient Tiger center Masayasu "Franchise" Odakura then scored two consecutive goals

within minutes of each other.

"The team really came together during the second half," said Orient Tigers right forward Brent O. Miller. "Even through the diversity and language barrier, we came together and made it work."

The half rallied on with fouls and goalie kicks, but Real Madrid could not maneuver the ball for a goal.

Manago furthered Orient Tiger's lead with another goal from up the center and ended the game in favor of his team 4-1.

"It was definitely an upset for the team," said Garciasilva. "We pushed ourselves hard all season."

After the game, trophies were presented to each individual team member by their coach.

No one likes to lose but the team did outstanding and should have no regrets, said Garciasilva.

Everyone shook hands one last time before retiring for the night.

"It feels good to be the champs," said Miller. "The players on both teams should be proud."