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# THE IWAKUNI APPROACH

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## MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

### Iwakuni recognizes military children

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Children and families gathered for fun and games to celebrate the Month of the Military Child at the Multi-purpose Activity Center Dome here April 10.

Marine Corps Community Services spent months arranging and planning different activities for the children and families to take part in this special event to recognize the sacrifices they make while their parents serve their country.

"It's an opportunity for all the military children as well as Japanese children out in town to come on base and enjoy the games and festivities to let them know how much we care about them," said Keeya O. Charleston, family readiness officer with Marine Aircraft Group 12.

Available to the children were games, prizes, face painting, animal balloons, food and hourly performances to entertain all who attended.

Units and children's organizations aboard the air station, including USA Girl Scouts Overseas and the Troop 77 Marine



LANCE CPL. JENNIFER PIRANTE

Isamu Frog, a professional balloonist, creates a balloon animal for Alex Cardenas and her younger sister Krista Cardenas during the Month of the Military Child celebration at the Multi-purpose Activity Center Dome here April 10. The purpose of the event was to recognize military children and families for all the sacrifices they make while parents and family members serve their country.

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### Charger may open door for malicious software

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Service members as well as all Marine Corps Exchange and Commissary patrons, be aware of a device that creates backdoor access to computer for potential hackers.

Recently it has been discovered the software available for the Energizer Duo universal serial bus battery charger contains a backdoor allowing unauthorized remote system access.

With that backdoor open, any computer is vulnerable to having its system attacked by a hacker.

According to the United States

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### MCAS Iwakuni to open gates for 37th Annual Friendship Day

LANCE CPL. JENNIFER PIRANTE  
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

The air station is slated to open its gates to host the 38th annual Friendship Day here May 5.

Friendship Day enables service members, civilians, and Japanese citizens to spend a day aboard the air station enjoying food, activities and an acrobatic air show.

Among the military aircraft available for display and fly-by demonstration will be the American F/A-18D Hornet, AV-8B Harrier, the Japanese Shin Meiwa US-1A and many modern and vintage aircraft.

There will also be static displays of extravagant luxury and sports vehicles from all over Japan for owners and car enthusiasts.

Slides, ball pits, mazes and other activities will be made available for children and their families to enjoy.

Approximately 275,000 visitors are expected to attend.

Because of the large number of people expected to attend, the Provost Marshal's Office has outlined a list of safety tips.

Among the safety tips, PMO suggests guests and personnel involved in Friendship Day stay aware of surroundings, ask questions, don't leave children unattended and find out where one can get medical aid if needed.

The traffic plan for Friendship Day is designed to allow many

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### Bilateral training builds confidence, camaraderie

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**YECHON AIR BASE, Republic of Korea** – An improvised explosive device explodes suddenly and flips over a mine-resistant armor-protected vehicle. Marines are injured. Panic and confusion fills the air.

This was the simulated situation Marines and the Republic of Korea Air Force were challenged with April 13 during a training exercise here.

As soon as the IED exploded, the military police quickly came in to secure the area. A secondary IED was spotted, and with-

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# CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

## 'Critical Communication - Part I'

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One of the most important things we do every day is communicating.

Unless you are a hermit living in a mountaintop shack somewhere, and I doubt we have very many of those here in Iwakuni, you have to communicate with other people every day.

Those of us who are married with kids have family communication and marriage communication to manage in addition to communication with friends, colleagues and all the casual interactions that happen every day. Single people also communicate every single day.

Many of us don't take the time to think about what communication is or what form communication can take, so I will take the next two Chaplain's Corner articles to discuss this critical, often-ignored part of our lives.

In order for communication to occur, four things have to happen, two in the mind of the sender and two in the mind of the receiver.

1. Intent: Somewhere in the frontal region of our brain, we form a thought we want to share with somebody else.

This process could take a few thousandths of a second like when we yell, "fire" and warn everybody to get out of a burning building; or it could take months to form, like when we are thinking of proposing marriage to the one we love.

After the thought is formed and the intent is there, we move on to ...

2. Encoding: This is the step where we decide, often not even consciously, how to share our thought with the receiver. We need to put our thought into some type of language.

If you and your friend or spouse speak more than one language, you will make a decision about whether you will speak English or Japanese, for instance.

Other options for language often involve non-verbal communication.

I know that when I drive in the states, other drivers often decide to use a common form of single-digit non-verbal communication to express their feelings.

So, after we have intent and we encode our thoughts into language, we send the message. The next two steps depend on the receiver. First of these is ...

3. Decoding: This is the step where the receiver has to be able to figure out what we are saying. If you spoke to me in rapid-fire Japanese, we would not be communicating because I don't understand enough Japanese to make sense of what you are saying.

As a receiver, I need to be able

to decode the message that you sent. Many times, decoding is difficult and actually takes practice - another great reason for training and exercise in cross-cultural communication. Even for this article, in order to complete the cycle of communication, I had to have intent to send a message to you, I then encoded my intent into written language, and you are decoding it because you can read English. Once the first three steps happen, we move to the final step in communication which is ...

4. Understanding: Understanding is where you process the decoded information you got from me and figure out exactly what I meant. But you may say, decoding should take care of this step too.

Let me explain the difference - for instance if I said to you, "The boy stuffed his socks into the soup and Thomas ran under the clock with an airplane chasing Minerva's cat," you would be very confused. You were able to decode what I said because I said it in English, but you were not able to make sense of it, to understand it.

Understanding occurs when my original thought is replicated in your mind after we have communicated.

So the point stands, in order to communicate, you need all four components.

Next week we'll talk about things that degrade or get in the way of good communication. Until then, happy communicating.

## Master gunnery sergeant retires after 30 years of service



Master Gunnery Sgt. Maurice Patterson (left) receives the U.S. flag at the Marine Memorial Chapel here April 16. Friends and family gathered to honor his 30 years of service in the Marine Corps during his retirement ceremony.

CPL. ANDREA M. OLGUN

## Simulated scenario prepares Marines, ROK Air Force for real-life scenario

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in seconds, explosive ordnance disposal was on the scene. Not far behind them were the rescue teams.

Working together, the Marines and ROK airmen were able to gain control of the area and care for any injured.

"It's good to work with the Koreans and do things together. It paints the big picture, which is good.

A lot of Marines don't get to see the big picture, so when we get to do things like this, we can better understand a real-life situation," said Sgt. Joshua R. Teaff, Crash Fire Rescue assistant section leader for Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 and operations chief for the scenario.

Although all service members who participated benefitted from the exercise, it was the Crash Fire Rescue Marines who ultimately benefitted the most.

Crash Fire Rescue trains on a daily basis while at Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan. However, they rarely get the opportunity to train on anything other than aircraft.

"IEDs and suicide bombers are a real factor. Marines are dying every day from that. It's a real problem in the war these days, so I think this as a scenario is very realistic, and it's good practice because most of our firefighters are used to working with aircraft, so when we get the chance to do something other than aircraft, that's excellent training," said Teaff.

The ROK airmen played an important role in the training. They worked hand-in-hand with the Marines to achieve the mission, learning to communicate and work together as a team.

"The way (the Koreans) operate is completely different from the way we operate, so we're kind of gathering a little bit from everybody and putting it into one big operation," said Staff Sgt. Ladonna Prosser, EOD technician with MWSS-171.

"They took every little aspect in, and everybody got a piece of what could happen. (Military police) were sent out to secure the area, we were sent in to neutralize an IED and our rescue guys actually got to do a little rescuing. I think it was beneficial for everybody."

## Station celebrates Month of the Military Child at MAC Dome

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Corps Air Station Iwakuni Boy Scouts chapter, took part in making this day special to the children by providing arts and crafts tables.

The Provost Marshal's Office K-9 unit performed a special demonstration to exhibit basic dog-handling during a bag inspection and take down of a suspect.

Darci Kruse, MCCS health promotions assistant director here, provided an instructional Zumba class for the children to get up and dance.

"It's always really important to have a cultural exchange for the kids as well," said John Iwaniec, director of MCCS. "That's the benefit of being on a military base in a different country. They get to share those cultures."

During the day, raffle tickets were collected by the children and families to win prizes.

Two mountain bikes were handed out as special prizes to children ages 15 and below who entered the raffle.

Children ages 16-18 had the opportunity to win iPods.

The month of April has been designated military wide as the Month of the Military Child for decades to recognize the sacrifices made by military service members' children.

"We want to make sure that we

acknowledge the children because they too go through the stress and process of deployment just as the adults do," said Charleston.

Whether it is the absence of a parent on deployment or having to relocate due to a permanent change of station, the children of military service members must adapt and overcome.

"They are a very unique population and live a very different lifestyle living on a military base," said Iwaniec.

For the past seven years, the air station, in conjunction with MCCS, has coordinated and planned events to make the lives of the children better.

"Here aboard the air station, we try to make April that special month for the kids," said Eugene Clark, supervisor at the Youth and Teen Center here.

Planned throughout the month to celebrate the Month of the Military Child are matinees at the Sakura Theater for children to enjoy as well as a scheduled trip to Universal Studios Japan.

"There are going to be ongoing things throughout the month," said Iwaniec. "This year, we're specifically looking at different ways we can make it better."

For more information about upcoming events or available trips for children, contact the Youth and Teen Center by calling 253-5549.

JUST  
AROUND  
THE  
CORNER



## MCAS Iwakuni to host 38th annual Friendship Day

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guests to walk safely aboard the air station.

The main gate will close at 5 a.m. to all modes of vehicles and guests will be granted access from 7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The main gate will then re-open for outbound foot traffic.

From 5 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., the north gate will open for four-wheeled vehicles only and will support outbound traffic at 2 p.m.

The contractor's gate will be open at that same time allowing tour buses and motorcycles as well as four-wheeled vehicles to enter the air station.

From 5-6 a.m. the Monzen gate

will open for Marine Corps Community Service's car display participants.

At 9 a.m. the gate will re-open for occupants residing in the Monzen housing area, mission-essential duty personnel and special needs guests.

The old Monzen gate will open at 5 a.m. and close at 9 p.m. for station personnel and Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force personnel who work or reside aboard the air station.

At 1:30 p.m., the C gate will be designated for guests to exit the base via city buses.

For more information about Friendship Day, visit [www.friendship-day.net](http://www.friendship-day.net).

## Product warning! Energizer Duo USB contains backdoor for malicious software

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Computer Emergency Response Team (US-CERT), "an attacker is able to remotely control a system, including the ability to list directories, send and receive files, and execute programs. The backdoor operates with the privileges of the logged-on user."

The problem is not the device itself, but the software that comes with the device.

"Anyone that knows about this could exploit it and basically any attacker around the world could have access to your computer," said Staff Sgt. Ryan Chilson, information assurance manager for Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni.

Service members who use this device give any potential attacker the perfect access to join your computer to a botnet. A botnet is a number of Internet computers that, although their owners are unaware of it, have been set up to forward transmissions, including spam or viruses, to other comput-

ers on the Internet.

One possible scenario: service members install the device and software on their personal computers and take their work home with them. They could inadvertently corrupt government files or allow classified material to be distributed to the public without their knowledge due to their Energizer Duo USB device.

"Instead of using their own computer to launch an attack, they use 10,000 computers to launch attacks against nation states or businesses," said Chilson.

Although this device can create a huge problem, there is a simple solution for those who have inserted this device into their computers and installed the software.

Remove the Energizer software and it will also remove the registry value that causes the backdoor access to execute automatically when Windows starts.

For additional information on the Energizer Duo USB, visit [www.kb.cert.org](http://www.kb.cert.org) and search for VU#154421.





A Japanese Taiko musician performs in front of an auditorium of children at Matthew C. Perry Elementary School here April 8. Due to constant relocation in the military lifestyle, the biggest obstacle military children face is having to constantly adapt to new environments. The performance was a chance for the children to experience the Japanese culture.



Japanese Taiko drummers perform in front of an auditorium of children at Matthew C. Perry Elementary School here April 8. April is the Month of the Military Child and the performance was one of the many events organized to celebrate military children around the station.



Japanese Taiko drummers bow in front of an auditorium of children at Matthew C. Perry Elementary School here April 8. Many of the children began dancing and playing air drums while watching the performance.

# Taiko drummers visit M.C. Perry Elementary

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IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Two Japanese taiko drummers visited the children of Matthew C. Perry Elementary School here April 8 in honor of the Month of the Military Child.

"(The performance) was very relaxing. It made me think of cherry blossoms," said Geraldine Baldelomar, fifth grader at M.C. Perry Elementary School. "It put a nice picture in my head."

The event took place in the M.C. Perry Elementary School gymnasium, where children of all grades, parents, teachers, principals and even the district and Pacific area superintendents attended the performance.

"The performance was marvelous. They were very engaging and really showed the kids about the Japanese culture," said Dr. Joyce Lutrey, Pacific area superintendent for curriculum instruction and

assessment.

Lutrey said April is the Month of the Military Child, during which military children are honored for some of the difficulties they face having military parents.

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*Dr. Joyce Lutrey*

*Pacific area superintendent for curriculum instruction and assessment*

Military Child because children serve too. They move frequently, they grow up in different countries, and they are a precious commodity who we in the school are able to take care of."

Due to the constant relocation in the military lifestyle, the biggest obstacle military children face is having to constantly adapt

to new environments.

"Military kids are resilient. They're adaptable, and they take real good care of each other," said Tricia Cassidy, M.C. Perry Elementary School assistant principal. "I think because they move so much, they're real easy

to welcome each other in."

Lutrey said events like these are a way to give back to the children and let them know how important they are.

"We invited the taiko drummers as a gift to the 505 military children in the school," said Cassidy.

performance in the gym. Many of the children were moving around and playing air drums to the beat of the Japanese music.

"The children were very involved in the performance," said Lutrey.

"I always enjoy coming to schools," said Clayton J. Fujie, district superintendent. "I saw the taiko drummers, and the students reacted in the audience as if they had their own taiko drums in front of them."

Cassidy said the taiko drummers are just one of several events planned to celebrate the Month of the Military Child. At the end of April, the school will host a movie event open to all students and parents.

The event will include an outdoor movie, a barbeque and basket auction.

For more information on upcoming events for the Month of the Military Child, contact the school registrar at 253-5449.



Parents and children gather for Story Time at the station library here April 15. Story Time is a chance for children to interact with one another and is offered every Thursday at the station library between 10 and 11 a.m.

# Story Time strengthens family bonds, enlightens children

LANCE CPL. CLAUDIO A. MARTINEZ  
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Finding the best way to spend time and connect with their children is just one of the many challenges parents face in child rearing.

Because of the demands of their military duties, for the military mother or father it can be a bit harder to find the best activity to get the most out of their relationship with their kids.

The station offers various programs to the community, which help parents connect with their children. One of those programs is the Story Time hour offered every Thursday at the station library between 10 and 11 a.m.

Story Time at the library here offers a lot of benefits to both the participating parents and the children.

"Story Time allows the children to interact with other children their age as well as interact with their parents," said Jessica Ossiander, a library technician and Story Time reader. "The parents can ask (their children) questions about what's happening during the story and get that connection and communication with their child throughout the story."

The readings take place in the children's section of the library and involve singing songs, reading children's books and art-and-craft projects.

Parents are interact with their children throughout the whole hour.

Ossiander said there's a lot more interaction going on through Story Time than with watching television or playing video games, because there is no technology to disconnect

the parent from their child and it is simply the parent with their child and a book.

Parents with children between 18 months and five years of age usually attend the Story Time hour.

"We are always promoting early literacy for children, and literacy can start as early as birth to two (years of age)," said Ossiander. "We want them to get comfortable with reading stories and the concept of turning the pages and what's happening next. A lot of

hour for them.

"(Story Time) is definitely a bonding time for us," said April Paris, mother of two and Story Time attendee. "It's time for us to cuddle."

Paris said, aside from bringing them to Story Time to bond, she also enjoys having that special bonding moment with each one of them alone by reading to her two sons individually at home every day.

Aside from forming a bond with their children, parents see the benefits of interacting with their children through Story Time and reading.

"(With my oldest) I've seen a big difference," said Paris. "He's talking a lot more and understands a lot more. He loves books."

Paris said she believes parents who want to start reading to their children and may not know how to go about it will really benefit from attending Story Time, where they can learn some of the techniques the librarians use while reading to the children.

While most of the parents who attend Story Time are mothers and the occasional father, the station library technicians believe military parents would really benefit by attending Story Time too.

"We would love to see more service members come with their children," said Ossiander. "We love having the moms, but we would really love to see the service members as well. I think they would really enjoy just a little time with their child to do a craft and to do a story and to sit down with their children."

For more information about Story Time or any other program offered at the station library, call the station library at 253-3078.



Holly McNeal and her 16-month-old daughter Madeline sit and look through a book picked out by Madeline during the story time class held at the station library here April 15. Children are encouraged to read and look through books during the class.

the questions that we ask during story time apply to the questions they are going to be asked in school. So we are using the story time to promote good reading habits even when they are this little."

Many of the parents who take their children to Story Time describe it as a very special

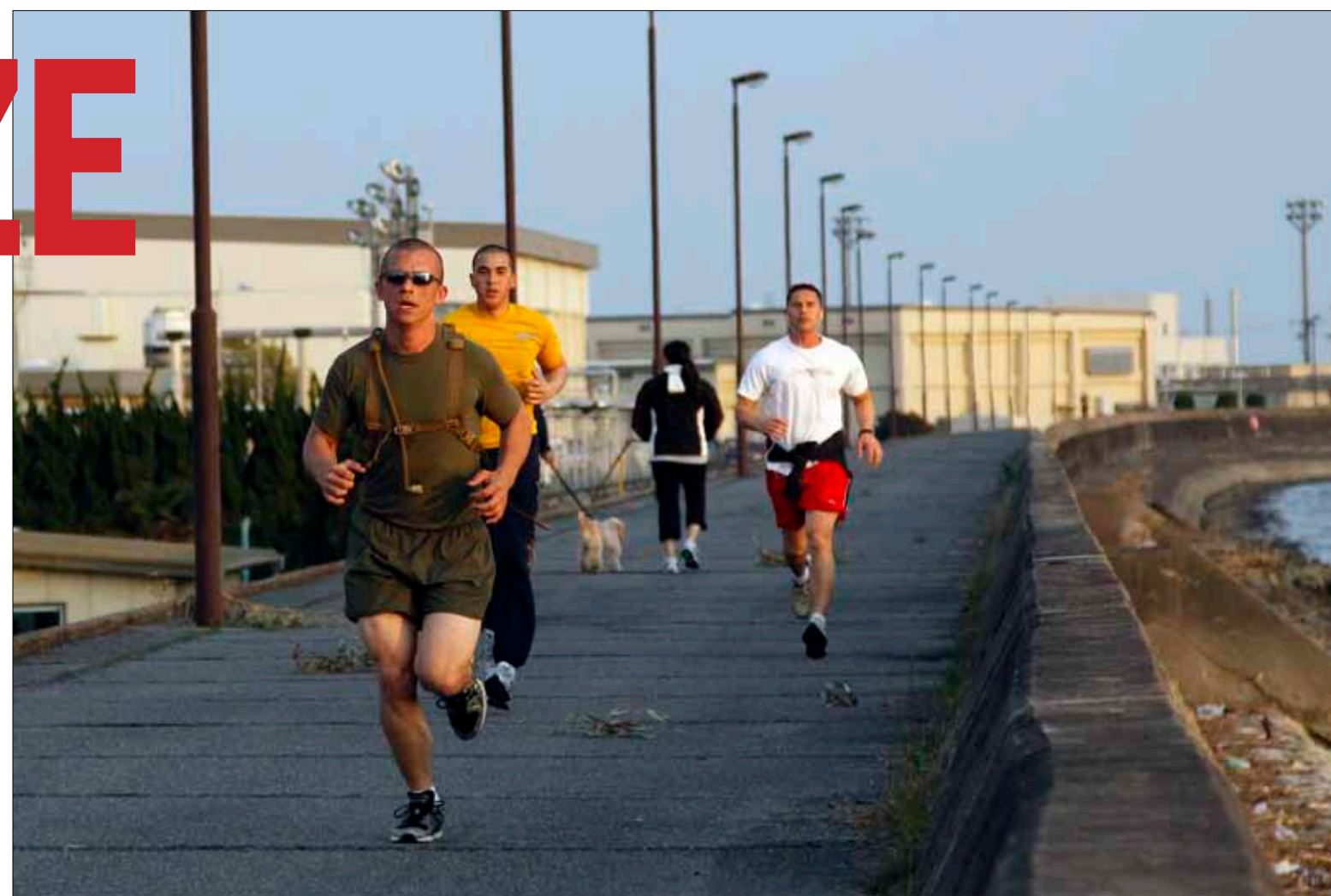


# EYES ON THE PRIZE



LANCE CPL. CLAUDIO A. MARTINEZ

Sgt. Ricardo Gomez, station combat camera production chief, fireman carries Sgt. James Hardenbrook, a station property supply administration chief, at Penny Lake field here during a combined physical fitness and combat fitness test competition April 8. Both Marines and Sgt. Adam Kruse, station outside plant chief, competed for the chance to participate in a tandem parachute jump during jump rehearsals prior to Friendship Day on May 5.



LANCE CPL. CLAUDIO A. MARTINEZ

Sgt. Adam Kruse, station outside plant chief, approaches the three-mile mark on the seawall here during a combined physical fitness and combat fitness test competition April 8. Kruse took first place during the competition and won the chance to participate in a tandem parachute during jump rehearsals prior to Friendship Day on May 5.

## H&HS service members face-off for tandem parachute jump

LANCE CPL. CLAUDIO A. MARTINEZ  
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

The Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron command hosted a competition by the southside softball field here April 8 that offered service members the opportunity to compete for a chance at a tandem parachute jump during jump rehearsals prior to Friendship Day on May 5.

The competition, which was open to all H&HS second-term service members, was a back-to-back physical fitness.

Sgt. Adam Kruse, station outside plant chief, Sgt. Ricardo Gomez, station combat camera productions chief and Sgt. James Hardenbrook, a station property supply administration chief, participated

in the competition.

Kruse took first place in the contest and won the prize.

"The point of (these competitions) is to keep morale up," said Gunnery Sgt. Rodney Buentello, H&HS squadron gunnery sergeant. "The benefit is, 'Hey somebody cares about us. We're not just the worker-bees. We're getting payback for our dues and this is the benefit of it right now.'"

Buentello said since these competitions and opportunities come up from time to time, it would be a good idea if the squadron service members kept physically fit at all times so they could take advantage of these opportunities.

The competition started with a max set of pull-ups and crunches,

each exercise to be done within a two-minute limit by the southside softball field here and continued with an approximate four-mile run on the seawall.

To close out the competition, all competitors ran through a CFT course set up at the Penny Lake field here.

Kruse said when he heard of the competition, he saw an opportunity he wanted to take advantage of and decided to compete.

"Opportunities like these don't just come up anywhere in the Marine Corps," said Kruse. "It really takes someone looking out for their Marines to give them these types of opportunities."

The other Marines who participated also agreed chances to compete for opportunities like

HALO jumps are not offered every day and are worth taking advantage of.

"It's not everyday that you'll get to do a tandem jump or take a trip to Saipan. It's an opportunity, and I just wanted to take up the challenge that the (commanding officer) put out for the Marines," said Gomez.

The Marines were appreciative of the opportunity to compete, but they also understood the underlying need the command competitions enforced.

Gomez said while competitions like these are good to keep morale up, Marines are a force in readiness and should always ensure they are ready for anything, whether it's a competition or going into combat.



LANCE CPL. CLAUDIO A. MARTINEZ

Sgt. Ricardo Gomez, station combat camera productions chief, presses an ammunition can at Penny Lake field here during a combined physical fitness and combat fitness test competition April 8. Gomez placed second place in the competition.



LANCE CPL. CLAUDIO A. MARTINEZ

Service members struggle to pull themselves up on the pull-up bars by the southside softball field here during a combined physical fitness and combat fitness test competition April 8. The competition was open to all Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron second-term service members.



# CORPS NEWS

## HIGHLIGHTING MARINES AND SAILORS AROUND THE GLOBE

### Three long days, nights



LANCE CPL. JAMES W. CLARK

**MARJAH, Afghanistan** Corporal Tim Stark, a squad leader with 81mm Mortar Platoon, Weapons Company, 1st Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment scans for insurgents who opened fire on the Marines, Feb. 13, during Operation Mosharak. Marines and Afghan forces launched the assault against the Taliban held city of Marjah, Afghanistan in an attempt to route insurgents from what is suspected to be one of their last remaining strongholds in Helmand province.

### First 72 hours in Marjah with 1/6 mortarmen

LANCE CPL. JAMES W. CLARK  
REGIMENTAL COMBAT  
TEAM 7

**MARJAH, Helmand Province, Islamic Republic of Afghanistan** — The first installment in a three-part-series chronicling the experiences of Marines with 1st Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, during their participation in Operation Mosharak in Marjah, Afghanistan.

Several young men huddle around a small video camera, their faces bathed in the soft hue of its LCD screen, in the dark confines of an abandoned compound in Marjah, Afghanistan, March 20. As the Marines gather around, pulling up boxes of food and bottled water to use as stools, Lance Cpl. James R. Borzillieri, a gunner with 81 mm Mortar Platoon, Weapons Company, 1st Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, shows fellow Marines the video clips he made during the first several days of fighting in Marjah. Feb. 13, 2010 — D Day

"Well, it's seven-thirty in the morning and we're here, sitting in an open field in Marjah and we're slowly being surrounded," says the smiling face of Borzillieri on the first clip before it's turned off and another is played. The second clip takes place an hour and a half later, but starts the same way. Borzillieri, with a serene smile. "Well, they're shooting at us now and we're still out in the open," he says before turning away from the camera and grabbing his M-240 medium machine gun. The video continues that way, with Borzillieri firing at insurgents

who fire back.

Intermittently, Borzillieri turns back to the camera for the occasional update, saying frankly, "I think I got one," or "they just fired an RPG at us."

The fear and apprehension present in the Marines that day never shows on the video, but it's there.

A nonchalant comment or random chuckle is offset by wild eyes or heads on a swivel, which move left and right as rounds impact all around them.

"The only thing that really prepped me for this deployment was my last. Nothing you can do to prepare, except do it," said Borzillieri, who was with 1/6 during their last deployment to Afghanistan, when the battalion saw combat in Garmsir. "Trying to prepare for combat, you need to understand that you can't control who gets hit or who's coming back. You just have to keep your head down and fire back. Keeping your composure is key. Emotions will get the better of you if you let them."

Crouched next to Borzillieri in the video was his assistant gunner, Lance Cpl. Allan J. Fenley with the 81mm Mortar Platoon, Weapons Co., 1/6, who is also on his second deployment to Afghanistan and was with 1/6 during their last tour.

"I kept thinking about and mentioning my family," said Fenley. "Even before things started happening, I was just thinking hard about family and how I need to get home to them. I knew what was happening. I just wanted to stay alive for it."

Even before the fight began, the



LANCE CPL. JAMES W. CLARK

**MARJAH, Afghanistan** Marines with 81mm Mortar Platoon, Weapons Company, 1st Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment fire a smoke mission, Feb. 13, during Operation Mosharak. Marines and Afghan forces launched the assault against the Taliban held city of Marjah, Afghanistan in an attempt to route insurgents from what is suspected to be one of their last remaining strongholds in Helmand province.

Marines were forced to struggle with conflicting emotions; a rising sense of frustration being the most commonplace.

"Since we first landed, my frustrations started then," said Cpl. Joshua T. Hurst, the fire direction center chief for the 81 mm Mortar Platoon, with Weapons Co., 1/6. "We were spread out on different flights, and landed on two different sides of a canal. We needed to get the gun line up before the sun rose, but our weapons system was spread out amongst the two different groups."

Due to the weight of their ammunition and the weapon's system itself, the mortar section was broken up and placed on different helicopters before being flown into Marjah, but when they landed, they had to regroup in the dark and quickly set up their position, Hurst said, adding that when he landed in the city, the base plate for one their mortar tubes was on another helicopter.

"We were sitting behind our packs in an open field, after being told this was the most hostile place in the country, but nothing was going on, until it was," said Hurst. "We started taking small-arms and indirect fire from every direction. Rounds were cracking over our heads, RPGs were whipping by, and then we got the call to pick up our gear and move to a different location. When the snipers started to shoot, my frustrations reached their peak, thinking 'if I move an inch I'm going to get shot.'"

As the video goes black, and the footage from the first day is finished, Borzillieri looks around the room, which has grown more crowded since the video began playing. Although they experienced those first few days first hand, every Marine nearby has gravitated towards the camera, wanting to see it again.

Thumbing the play button, Borzillieri starts the video of their second day in Marjah.

# COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### CREDO Marriage Enrichment Retreat

Couples can learn to communicate even more effectively at the Aki Grand Hotel, Hiroshima May 21-23. Couples cannot have attended a CREDO marriage retreat within the last five years. Capacity is for 14 couples. Sign up from May 5-12. To sign up, call the Marine Memorial Chapel at 253-3371.

### Mammography Van

Mammo-Van is scheduled for its next visit here from Monday through April 30. Beneficiaries wishing to make use of this service must obtain a referral from their Primary Care Provider and take a brief survey at radiology. These steps are mandatory before a Mammo-Van appointment may be booked. The Mammo-Van is not scheduled to return to Iwakuni until sometime

during the next quarter. Please plan accordingly.

### Infertility Seminar

Dr. Atsushi Tanaka will be speaking about fertility options at the Branch Health Clinic Lobby Thursday at 5 p.m. All base personnel are invited. For additional information, call Lt. Gentry at 253-3485.

### Women's bowling league

The Strike zone is looking to form a women's bowling league. It will take place Thursday nights 7-10 p.m. The teams will consist of three members. For more information, call 253-3495.

### The Biggest Saver Coupon Contest

The contest will run until April 30. Come by Marine and Family Services, Building 411, Room 201 and pick up your coupon packets. Save your

receipts, put your name and phone number on the back of your receipts and turn them into the Personal Financial Management Office. The person who saves the most money will win an hour long massage. If you have any questions, call 253-6250.

### Hornet's Nest Renovations

The Hornet's Nest is currently undergoing renovations scheduled to be completed June 2010. The gym area will be closed until June 1. The Cyber Café, located in Building 1345 next to the Wood Hobby Shop, will remain open 24 hours a day, seven days a week during the renovations. Single Marine Program trips will continue. For more information, contact Jay Stovall at 253-3585.

### Emergency Phone Numbers Reminder

- 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 Mar-

shal's Office : 253-3303.  
• To report without talking to a person, Crime Stoppers: 253-3333.

### NMCRS Quick Assist Loans

The Iwakuni Navy Marine Corps Relief Society is providing 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 station chapel, room 148.

### Birthday Break

The birthday break is an ongoing promotion held every Friday at 9:15 a.m. on Power 1575 radio. The promotion is open to anyone with a birthday. Just visit [www.mccsiwakuni.com/birthdaycake](http://www.mccsiwakuni.com/birthdaycake), fill out the form and let Power 1575 and MCCS take care of the rest. Every Friday, birthdays from the previous week will be announced and on the last Friday of every month there will be a random birthday cake giveaway for one birthday in the upcoming month.

### Iwakuni Teens

Join Club Beyond every Tuesday night. Enjoy games, music, food and fun plus a short Bible lesson. Club Beyond is

held in Yujo Hall, between the chapel and Thrift Store, 6:30 – 8 p.m. every Tuesday. For more information, call the chapel at 253-3371 or 080-4177-2060.

### Road Tax

Pay your road taxes at the Provost Marshal's Office April 21, 22 and 23 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bring your title and payment in the form of yen. Heavy vehicles must pay at the New Symphonia Building from 8:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. Light vehicles/motorcycles pay at City Hall from 8:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. To receive your new decal from PMO, bring your Japanese title, secondary insurance, 2010 road tax receipt, SOFA license and AFID card and your vehicle. Failure to pay road tax can result in impoundment.

### Partial Transition from CIF to IIF

The Consolidated Storage Program is scheduled to transition from the consolidated issue facility model here Tuesday. All field protective masks issues and returns will take place at the CIFs or IIFs. Each customer will have a single issue record including any field protective masks and all infantry combat equipment issued through CIFs or IIFs. For more information, call 623-2626 or 623-2625.

## 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  
Tues. – Fri. 11:30 a.m. Weekday Mass  
Wednesday 6 p.m. Inquiry Class for adults

### Protestant

Saturday 9:30 a.m. Seventh-Day Adventist Sabbath School  
11 a.m. Seventh-Day Adventist Divine 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 p.m. Awana (Bldg. 1104)  
6:15 p.m. Adult 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 12-17 Activities

### Teen Programs

- High School Meetings (Club – grades 9-12)
- Junior High Meetings (Club JV – grades 7-8)
- HS&JR Bible Studies
- Retreats
- Service Projects
- Missions Trip
- Special Events Volunteer Training & Mentoring
- Parent Support Group

Contact 080-4177-2060 or [jletaw@ClubBeyond.org](mailto:jletaw@ClubBeyond.org)

For information regarding divine services, religious education or any other command religious program or chapel activity, call the Marine Memorial Chapel at 253-3371.

# SAKURA THEATER

### Friday, April 23, 2010

7 p.m. Date Night (PG-13)  
*Premiere*  
10 p.m. Cop Out (R)  
*Premiere*

### Saturday, April 24, 2010

1 p.m. How to Train Your Dragon (PG)  
4 p.m. The Last Song (PG)  
7 p.m. Clash of the Titans (PG-13)  
10 p.m. Shutter Island (R)

### Sunday, April 25, 2010

1 p.m. Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG)  
4 p.m. Date Night (PG-13)  
7 p.m. Cop Out (R)

\*At the time of the publication, the rest of the movie schedule was unavailable.

**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 \$2.50/ Ages 6-11 are \$1/ Children ages 5 and under admitted free. For more information, visit [www.mccsiwakuni.com](http://www.mccsiwakuni.com) or call 253-5291.**



# CLASSIFIEDS

## Automobiles

### Mitsubishi Chariot

Seats 7, heat and air conditioning, CD player, tinted windows, power everything. Asking \$1750 OBO. Please call 253-2108 or 090-8504-8796

### 1995 Black BMW

Left hand drive, 5 speed manual transmission, sound system, sub-woofer, amp, CD/DVD player, TV, tilt-touch screen system with remote, power doors, locks and win-

dows, leather seats, alarm system, sun roof/moon roof, well maintained, only 116,000 km or approximately 72,000 miles. Asking \$4,500 OBO. For more information please call 080-3874-8056 or 080-3874-8055.

### 1995 Black Honda Accord

Automatic transmission, power doors, locks and windows, heat and air conditioning, well maintained. Asking \$2,000 OBO. For more information please call 080-3874-8056 or 080-3874-8055.

### 2001 CBR 929

Asking for \$3800 OBO. JCI is good until June 2011. Please call Jimmy at 080-3059-0626.

## Miscellaneous

### Two Bunnies for Sale

Only 5 months old. One black male and one gray female. Very friendly, love to be held,

and great with kids. Asking \$150, paid \$300 for both with accessories. For more information, please call 080-3417-6913.

### Girls Bedroom Furniture

Twin sleigh bed. Matching dresser with mirror and matching desk. Asking \$300 OBO. For more information, please call 253-2519.

### Couch and Coffee Table for Sale

Off-white dual declining couch and light wood coffee table for sale. Asking \$100 for both or will sell separately. Must sell as soon as possible. For more information, please call 080-3705-2974 or 253-3469.

### PCS Moving Sale

Plush carpets for town homes. Only used for one year. Asking \$400. For more information, please call 253-7844.

## Jobs

### NMCRS Volunteer Opportunities

Be that friendly person who lets those in need know they've come to the right place. Client Services Assistants volunteers greet clients and guide them through the initial intake process. For more information or to apply, call 253-5311.

## Mess Hall Menu

### Monday

Manhattan clam chowder, chicken and rice soup, Swedish meat balls, roast turkey, buttered noodles, mashed potatoes, Louisiana style smothered squash, green beans and corn, chicken gravy, macaroni salad, German style tomato salad, coconut raisin cookies, double layer almond cake, chocolate cream pie, whipped topping. Specialty Bar: Pasta

### Tuesday

Beef noodle soup, chicken and mushroom soup, jaeger shnitzel, grilled pork chops with sauteed peppers, mashed potatoes, rice pilaf, asparagus, scalloped cream corn, tomato gravy, brown gravy, three bean salad, cucumber and onion salad, butterscotch brownies, apple pie, spice cake, buttercream frosting. Specialty Bar: Taco

### Wednesday

Tomato noodle soup, chicken nand mushroom soup, veal parmesan, spaghetti with meat sauce, pizza, mashed potatoes, club spinach, mixed vegetables, brown gravy, garlic bread, spring salad, deviled potato salad, peanut butter cookies, sweet potato pie, whipped topping, coconut pie. Specialty Bar: Barbeque

### Thursday

Minestrone soup, cream of broccoli soup, ginger pot roast, Creole shrimp, steamed rice, oven glo potatoes, broccoli parmesan, peas and caarrots, cheese biscuits, brown gravy, potato salad, spinach salad, double layer devil's food cake, coconut pean frosting, pumpkin pie, whipped topping, oatmeal raisin cookie. Specialty Bar: Deli sandwich

### Friday

Beef barley soup, spanish soup, rock cornish hen with syrup glaze, chili con carne, grilled cheese, steamed rice, mashed potatoes, beets with orange and lemon sauce, green bean combo, chicken gravy, mixed fruit, Italian style pasta salad, apple and cherry turnovers, bread pudding, crisp toffee bars, whipped topping, chocolate pudding. Specialty Bar: Mongolian



Capt. Jay M. Woods, operations officer at the Provost Marshal's Office here, is presented with a letter of appreciation by Moritomi Hiroshi, chief of Iwakuni Police Department, at the Iwakuni Police Department April 12. The letter of appreciation commemorates Woods for the work he put forth to coordinate joint operations, such as Operation Total Shield, with the Iwakuni Police Department on and off base. His efforts to maintain communication, are professional relations with the Iwakuni Police Department has solidified a dual partnership between the air station and the city of Iwakuni.

## BOOT SCOOTIN' ROUNDUP

A live 1-hour radio show featuring the best country music. Kick up your boots from 9 - 10 a.m. Mondays-Thursdays on Power 1575.



Joshua Blackburn with the Robert M. Casey Medical and Dental Clinic (left) takes on Tracy Mood from Combat Logistics Company 36 during the fourth event of the Commander's Cup Competition called Sumo Basho at the IronWorks Gym April 16. Competitors suited up in sumo suits and wrestled it out to force their opponents to the ground or out of the designated area.

# Marines, sailors smash, bash bellies

CPL. SALVADOR MORENO  
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Marines and sailors aboard the station suited up for Sumo Basho, the fourth event of the Commander's Cup Challenge, held at the IronWorks Gym here April 16.

Sumo Basho is exactly what it sounds like; it's sumo wrestling. Marines and sailors from different units put together teams to wear sumo wrestling fat suits and pound it out to be named champs.

"It's basically to have fun," said Barbara Roman, fitness coordinator for Marine Corps Community Services.

Robert M. Casey Medical and Dental Clinic sailors came out ready to win and designated themselves the team to beat after last year's victory.

Before any matches took place, Marines and sailors had to battle with the suits just to get them on.

"It was difficult," said Keith Paley, competitor with Marine Wing Support Squadron 171. "It weighed you down a lot so it was definitely fun."

Once suited up, the competitors would waddle their way to the

mat and do whatever form of intimidation they could think of to get any edge over their opponent.

Once the stare down was complete, a whistle began the match and the two competitors would awkwardly throw themselves into each other to push the other out-of-bounds.

Teams that competed last year seemed to have an edge on others as they used certain strategies learned from their previous matches.

"The lower you are to the ground the better chance you have of winning," said Matthew Lundt, competitor with MWSS-171.

There was a circle on the mat to distinguish the out-of-bounds area; a competitor was allowed to step on the line but not over it or he/she would lose.

Each team was composed of three competitors with each competitor having one chance to beat down the competition.

Once all three teammates wrestled, the judges would tally the score up and see who went on and who went home.

Six teams showed up to bash bellies and swap sweat: Combat Logistics Company 36, Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12, Marine Aircraft Group 12, MWSS-171, BHC, and station operations.

The BHC fell short of last year's glorious run, taking second place and earning 27 points toward the Commander's Cup just ahead

of operations, which earned 25 points. Both fell short of MWSS-171, which took first and earned 30 points.

All other teams participating earned 20 points. For more information on upcoming Commander's Cup events, contact MCCA's Semper Fit Division at 253-5225.



Keith Paley (left) with Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 out muscles his opponent to take the win during the Sumo Basho competition held at the IronWorks Gym April 16. Sumo Basho is the fourth competition of the Commander's Cup, which is a yearlong challenge amongst the different units aboard the station.



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