



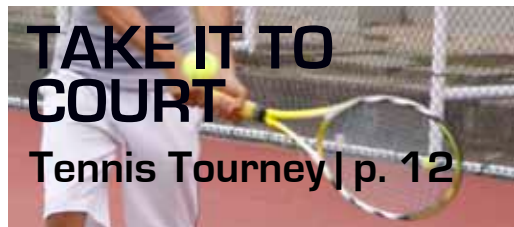
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LANCE CPL. MIRANDA BLACKBURN

A team makes it's way across one of the many obstacles during a leadership retreat at Hachagamine Park, Saturday. The Youth and Teen Center, adolescent substance abuse counselor and Marine Memorial Chapel provided this opportunity to teens from 7th through 12th grade. Marines and sailors from Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 and Combat Logistics Company 36 also volunteered for the event to act as mentors for the students and to make sure the correct safety precautions were taken. See full story on pages 6 and 7.

Local sailors recognized as best in MARFORPAC

LANCE CPL. CLAUDIO A. MARTINEZ
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Master Chief Petty Officer Kevin Burg, III Marine Expeditionary Force command master chief, and Master Chief Petty Officer Reginald Dean, III Marine Logistics Group command master chief, recognized three station sailors for their hard work and dedication to the Naval service and the Marine Corps during a ceremony at the Building 1 auditorium here May 20.

Petty Officer 1st Class Lawrence Comdeco, Marine Aircraft Group 12 aeromedical safety corpsman, was recognized as the Marine Forces Pacific Sea Sailor of the

Year.

Petty Officer 1st Class Kemp Dreher, station fuels staff noncommissioned officer-in-charge, was recognized as the MARFORPAC Shore Sailor of the Year.

Petty Officer 1st Class Sean Vannoy, a Strike Fighter Squadron 94 aviation electrician, was recognized as the Strike Fighter Wing Pacific Sailor of the Year.

"What all these gentlemen represent is the best among thousands and thousands of sailors out there that could be considered for those awards," said

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School science fair opens children's minds

LANCE CPL. CLAUDIO A. MARTINEZ
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Matthew C. Perry Elementary School opened its doors to parents and students for a Super Science Saturday fair held at the elementary school gym here Saturday.

The fair provided interactive hands-on learning for parents and students who attended the event.

"We want the kids to get an appreciation for science that doesn't have to be this huge, complicated five-week thing," said Michael Erhart, an M.C. Perry Elementary English as a Second Language teacher. "It's

hands-on activity. A lot of times when you do science, there's a lot of reading behind it, a lot of set up and prep. The kids can come in here, and they see the actual activity right here right now without having to do a vocabulary lesson; without having to be quizzed on it. It's just the hands-on activity they can do."

The fair had up to 15 different stations, concentrating on different simple science experiments.

The experiments covered a variety of subjects, ranging from the properties of water and bubbles to the workings of sight

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

'Decoration Day'

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Have you made your plans for the weekend? Are you taking an ITT trip? Fire up the grill or just hang out with friends. Get your families involved and it's a great weekend. Whatever your plans are, make sure you relax and enjoy your well deserved 96; you earned it. Wait just a minute, back the truck up. Do we even know why we get a 96 this weekend? Are we so concerned about getting off the base that we've lost track of what Memorial Day is all about?

Many of us, by now, know of others who have given the last full measure of devotion during OIF or OEF. We either served with them in another unit or we grew up with them in our home town. Either way, The Long

War, as it has now been called, has left its mark on our nation's landscape and on our lives. This war has been going on for 9 years now. Many of those who are entering military service today were only 9 years old when the war started. We need to make sure we never forget those who came before us and paved the way for our freedom.

That's what Memorial Day is all about. Very soon after the war that caused our country's greatest amount of casualties, our nation began a holiday called Decoration Day. In 1865, many communities around the country began to decorate the graves of fallen comrades who fought in the Civil War. These observances coalesced around Decoration Day, honoring the Union dead, and the several Confederate cemeteries scattered around the country. The name "Memorial Day" was first used in 1882. It did not become more common

until after World War II, and was not declared the official name by federal law until 1967.

Memorial Day is not about 96s, cookouts, ITT trips and having the pool open up. Memorial Day is about remembering those who gave their all and sacrificed everything they had so we can live in freedom. Memorial Day is about remembering your friends and those who are no longer around to fight in this long war. It's up to us to keep their memories alive and keep what they fought for from becoming passé.

On a personal note, I will never forget those I served with in 1st Battalion, 8th Marines who lost their lives over in OIF. The 21 Marines whose names are indelibly written on my life will never be forgotten. God bless you brothers; you're with me at every cookout, baseball game and every 96 I take. Semper Fi!

Plan ahead: ORM keeps SNMs safe

SUBMITTED BY
STATION SAFETY OFFICE

The purpose of the leave and liberty operational risk management worksheet is to give you a chance to think about your upcoming leave or liberty period and control the risks involved.

The worksheet is a tool designed to aid leaders in briefing their subordinates.

For the sheet to be successful, subordinates should use it to brief their immediate superiors.

For example, corporals should use this sheet to counsel their lance corporals, the gunnery sergeant to counsel the staff sergeant, etc.

Let's say Cpl. Adam requires an ORM worksheet prior to any Marines under his charge going on leave or liberty.

Lance Cpl. Bob is attempting to go on leave this weekend.

Lance Cpl. Bob would need to do the following:

- Go to the safety Web site on the intranet at <https://intranet.iwakuni.nmci.usmc.mil/>

StationSafety/Safety/.

- Go to the library page and look under the safety forms column for the Leave and Liberty Risk Assessment Worksheet.

Lance Cpl. Bob would then start to circle the items that pertain to him.

After he has finished circling the items, he would then turn the form into his corporal.

The corporal will then add all the items up for a total score.

For example, if the lance corporal racked up a score of 28 points, it is an indicator that the lance corporal's activities may be high risk.

Now the corporal needs to sit down with the lance corporal and go over the work sheet looking for ways to mitigate (lessen the hazard).

It may be discovered from the work sheet that the lance corporal can lower his risk quite a bit if he were to rest before his long drive, and instead of participating in the activities alone, he should go out with someone who is more proficient in the activities.

More updates on prohibited drugs

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Use of Salvia may be charged under SECNAVIST 5300.28D, paragraph 5(c), as a "natural substance" which the user intends to "induce intoxication, excitement, or stupefaction of the central nervous system."

Salvia possession may be charged under Article 134 as an assimilated crime if the state where the act was committed has outlawed the substance. Otherwise, Salvia possession may be charged under

reference (a).

Use or possession of Salvia may be the basis for administrative separation for commission of a serious offense under MILPERSMAN 1910-142.

Spice that contains the active ingredient HU-210 is a controlled substance and possession and use may be charged under article 122a.

Use or possession of Spice containing HU-210 is also a basis for mandatory processing for administrative separation for drug abuse under MILPERSMAN 1910-146.

All other Spice may be

classified as a chemical or pharmaceutical designed to induce intoxication under SECNAVIST 5300.28D, paragraph 5(c).

Use of those varieties of Spice that do not contain HU-210 may be charged under Article 5300.28D.

Spice possession, regardless of whether the product contains HU-210, may be charged under reference (a). Use or possession of Spice not containing HU-210 may be the basis for administrative separation for commission of a serious offense under MILPERSMAN 1910-142.

M.C. Perry Elementary students are exposed to new worlds during school science fair



LANCE CPL. CLAUDIO A. MARTINEZ
Maribel A. McCabe, a first grade Matthew C. Perry Elementary School student, conducts an experiment using bubbles during the Super Science Saturday fair held at the M.C. Perry Elementary school gym here May 22.

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and sound.

"It's simple science experiments, but I wanted it to be something where the kids go 'Wow' when they see something," said Erhart. "There's no big deal big deal about it but its 'wow'."

As the students conducted their experiments they applied the scientific method, which forced them to ask questions about what they were doing.

"The kids learn to ask questions and explore their answers," said Ivette Silvas, an M.C. Perry sixth grade teacher. "It's more the inquiry method that we're focused on. That's why there are different stations. It's just how do you learn by exploring the world around you."

Silvas said she believed the most important thing about the science fair is that it helped spark the student's curiosity, which would encourage them to explore the world

around them and delve deeper into what they are learning.

Many of the participating students were excited about what they experienced during the fair.

Jacob Silvas, a fifth grade M.C. Perry Elementary School student said he really liked the fair because it showed him things he didn't learn every day during school.

"It kind of helps us act interact with more stuff and have fun," said Jacob. "I learned about sound and how it travels, I learned about erosions. I think we should do this again next year."

Jacob said if the school has a science fair again next year, he would tell students they should come and learn the things he learned that day.

Erhart, who originally planned the science fair, had his own ideas for next year.

"We are going to do it again next year," said Erhart. "Bigger and better."



LANCE CPL. CLAUDIO A. MARTINEZ
Maribel McCabe, a parent volunteer, builds a tower using books and rolled up sheets of paper during the Super Science Saturday fair held at the M.C. Perry Elementary school gym here May 22.

Local sailors named best in Pacific

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Burg. "That they are able to win that honor is significant. (They) are a direct reflection of the Navy Marine Corps team, and the great sailors and Marines that are out there that make our operational forces as strong as they are."

During the ceremony, the sailors received a plaque to commemorate their achievement and a certificate of commendation from Lt. Gen. Keith J. Stalder, MARFORPAC commander.

Comdeco and Dreher were both competing for separate awards.

Sea Sailor of the Year is an honor given to sailors with sea duty while Shore Sailor of the Year is an honor given to sailors with shore duty.

Each sailor had to compete at various boards in which they were rigorously tested and screened on their military knowledge, bearing and potential as leaders.

The final board for MARFORPAC Sea and Shore Sailor of the Year was held in Hawaii, where they competed against sailors stationed all over the Pacific theater.

"I have never heard of, and a lot of the

master chiefs have never heard of, people from the same base getting the award," said Comdeco. "When we both ended up making it to Hawaii, which is the highest level that we could reach, they were looking at it like 'wow both of you guys are from Iwakuni; that's amazing', because that's out of 106,000 sailors. We were the top finalists out of 106,000 sailors."

Comdeco said he considered it a great honor to receive the award and he hopes his success will provide a path his junior enlisted personnel can follow and motivate them into giving their best.

Vannoy is here on station through the Unit Deployment Program with VFA-94, and although he did not reach the level Comdeco and Dreher reached, his success is not without significance.

In receiving Strike Fighter Wing Pacific Sailor of the Year, Vannoy was only one step behind Comdeco and Dreher.

"(Receiving this recognition) was awesome," said Vannoy. "I can't even explain it. It just took a lot of work and a lot of overtime."

Vannoy said all the good experiences and challenges he's had during his Navy career got him to this present point.

Station says goodbye to sailor serving in Afghanistan

Petty Officer Third Class Zarian Wood, 29, of Houston, Texas, died May 16 in Helmand Province, Afghanistan, of wounds sustained from an improvised explosive device blast while on dismounted patrol.

Wood was assigned as a hospital corpsman to Third Battalion, First Marine Regiment, First Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force.

His personal service awards include the Purple Heart, Combat Action Ribbon, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal and the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon.

There will be a memorial held on his behalf at the Marine Memorial Chapel today at 12:30 p.m.



More than 100 race against time in Amazing Race



LANCE CPL. JENNIFER PIRANTE

Cpl. Christopher Rogers, armory chief with Combat Logistics Company 36 and Bums With Guns team members, fireman carries fellow teammate Cpl. James Almanza, supply clerk with CLC-36, on the parade deck during the Amazing Race here May 21. During this station, team members had to participate in a small relay race and perform various exercises.

LANCE CPL. JENNIFER PIRANTE
IWAKUNI APPROACH
STAFF

More than 100 Marines and sailors gathered on a hot afternoon to test their strength, endurance, fitness, military knowledge, grammar and even bowling skills as they raced against time during the Amazing Race here May 21.

The Liberty Risk team, composed of Staff Sgt. Ajene M. Webley, utilities chief with Combat Logistics Company 36, Master Sgt. Jason L. Miller, supply chief with CLC-36, 1st Sgt. Michael J. Pritchard, CLC-36 1st Sgt., and Maj. James S. Whiteker, commanding officer of CLC-36, took home first place and \$100 Marine Corps Community Services gift cards after they crossed the finish line with a time of 1:37:29.

Their bonus points earned them an adjusted time of 47:29 overall.

The Warheads were close behind with an overall time of 1:28:33 and an adjusted time of 48:33, which earned them \$75 MCCS gift cards and the 2nd place title.

The Where Is It team came in shortly after, crossing the finish line with a time of 1:49:34 and an adjusted time of 1:14:34.

The race was composed of an estimated six-mile run to 14 different locations on the installation where teams had to work together to overcome mental and physical challenges.

These stations included IronWorks gym, where teams had to search for a ping-pong ball; Building 411 to correct typos on a document; the laundry mat, where teams had to throw a ping-pong ball into cups; and the Auto Hobby shop, where teams had to flip large tires.

"The variety is the best thing about the event," said Alma

Dickinson, health promotions director. "There's so many things that teams do. Some are very skill based, and some are just silly."

Each of the 14 stations had a specific obstacle course, knowledge quiz or hunt each team had to complete in order to receive a sticker and run to the next station.

Each team was allowed to ask for a blue sticker in order to skip any two events they chose during the race.

If teams could not complete an activity and already had two blue stickers on their passport, a third blue sticker would cost the team 30 minutes off their total time.

Bonus points were available at designated locations that would allow teams to cut their run time down to an adjusted time, giving them an advantage over other teams.

"The first year that we ran this, the first team that came through the finish line that just got through the activities as quick as possible without taking advantage of those bonuses did not place in the top six," said Dickinson. "Those bonuses can make a huge difference."

Exhaustion was apparent on the faces of all the participants but was accompanied by smiles and encouragement for teammates.

"We had fun," said Cpl. Christopher Rogers, armory chief with CLC-36 and member of the Bums with Guns team. "(Physical Training)'s in there too. It's good to have camaraderie out here and get together with the different units on the base."

As hard as each team worked to complete each station and quickly run to the finish line, the race did not last as long as expected or as in previous years.

This event encourages people to contribute their good ideas to MCCS.



LANCE CPL. JENNIFER PIRANTE

The Liberty Risk team, composed of Staff Sgt. Ajene M. Webley, utilities chief with Combat Logistics Company 36, Master Sgt. Jason L. Miller, supply chief with CLC-36, 1st Sgt. Michael J. Pritchard, CLC-36 1st Sgt., and Maj. James S. Whiteker, commanding officer of CLC-36, takes home first place with an adjusted time of 47:29 during the Amazing Race here May 21.



LANCE CPL. JENNIFER PIRANTE

Cpl. Christopher Rogers, armory chief with Combat Logistics Company 36, Pfc. Sir Edward Daniels, small arms technician with CLC-36, Cpl. James Almanza supply clerk with CLC-36, and Lance Cpl. Kevin Robertson, small arms technician with CLC-36, represent the Bums With Guns team as they race to their next station during the Amazing Race here May 21.



TADASHIRO OZAKO

Station Installation Personnel Administration Center personnel pose for a group picture in front of Building 1 here Monday. The station IPAC team passed the Marine Corps Administrative Analysis Team inspection conducted here May 17 and 18 with a near perfect score of 99.31.

Station IPAC proves to be best in Marine Corps

LANCE CPL. CLAUDIO A. MARTINEZ
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

The station's Installation Personnel Administration Center passed the Marine Corps Administrative Analysis Team inspection conducted here May 17 and 18 with a near perfect score of 99.31.

The score is a record high for all IPACs and places the station's IPAC as the best and most mission capable IPAC team in the Marine Corps.

"For an IPAC to get a score of 99.31 is just unheard of," said Chief Warrant Officer 4 Bradley J. Goode, station IPAC director. "I'm sure it will be a record for awhile."

Goode said he credits the hard work and effective communication between his officers and junior Marines for the IPAC's success. "We're a very tight group and we do a lot of things together and the results speak for themselves," said Goode.

MCAAT visits and inspects the various IPAC shops in the Marine Corps, approximately every two years, searching out discrepancies in paper work and evaluating how well the administrative team functions.

While the passing score for a MCAAT inspection, according to Marine Corps Order 7220.13G, is 90, General James T. Conway, commandant of the Marine Corps, has set any score of 96 or above as the high score meriting a letter of commendation signed by

his hand.

The station IPAC scored a 97 during the last MCAAT inspection.

"I was expecting a 98. I told the Marines if we get a 99, that's just off the charts," said Goode. "I said, 'Our goal is to get a 98 because our goal is to do better than last time. When I saw that 99, I was just blown away. I was just overwhelmed by the score itself and I was just proud of the Marines.'"

One of the things which became apparent to their inspections, was that there was no one Marine who stood out from his or her peers. There was not one go-to guy.

"At first I was like, 'Man I don't like the way that sounds what do you mean no one Marine stood out,'" said Master Sgt. Don Miller, station IPAC staff noncommissioned officer-in-charge. "Then he brought it around, he said, 'That's because they're all superstars and they are all doing what they need to do so the one Marine that you would typically see, the one or two or three in another unit, they're all like that here.'"

The majority of the station IPAC is made up of junior Marines, many of whom are straight out of their Military Occupational Specialty school.

"Most of them are straight out of the school house and I know both personnel officers like that," said Miller. "It means they come here and they don't have any bad habits. Staff

NCOs and the Officers are like the car, the engine and the driver but the corporals, and the lance corporals and the PFCs are the gas and without them your not going to go anywhere. They make stuff happen."

Pfc. Jenna Ahles, an IPAC first stage audit clerk has been a part of the station IPAC for approximately three months.

"The fact that there are so many new people here in IPAC and we got such a high score, I think it really says a lot about who we are, because for the most part at least half of us just got here and we proved ourselves on paper," said Ahles. "We know what we're doing and we take our job seriously. We don't just do it so we can get through the week. We do the right things."

Ahles said she believes one of the reasons why her IPAC team is so successful is because everyone communicates well with each other and with the senior personnel.

"Everyone is like such a tight bunch," said Lance Cpl. Gabriela Venegas, an IPAC travel claims clerk. "We are like a family here. We eat together, we PT together, we play together and we work together. We do everything together."

Now with their recent success, the IPAC Marines continue to work together, knowing their job is important to their fellow Marines, but also with another thought in mind.

"We have a reputation now and we have to keep it," said Venegas.



LANCE CPL. MIRANDA BLACKBURN

One team makes their way through one of the obstacles during the leadership retreat at Hachagamine Park Saturday. The Youth and Teen Center, adolescent substance abuse counselor and Marine Memorial Chapel provided this opportunity to teens from 7th to 12th grade. Marines and sailors from Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 and Combat Logistics Company 36 also volunteered for the event to act as mentors for the students and to make sure that the correct safety precautions were taken.

Students build teamwork at leadership retreat

LANCE CPL. MIRANDA BLACKBURN
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Approximately 100 students gathered outside Matthew C. Perry High School here Saturday as they prepared to board a bus that would take them to Hachagamine Park for a leadership retreat.

The Youth and Teen Center, adolescent substance abuse counselor and Marine Memorial Chapel provided this opportunity to teens from 7th through 12th grade.

Marines and sailors from Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 and Combat Logistics Company 36 also volunteered for the event to act as mentors for the students and to make sure that the correct safety precautions were taken.

"Today we're working with our Marine Corps teen center along with the high school and our ASACs counselor to bring together our kids and give them a healthy alternative to teach them the skills necessary to say no and make some wise decisions," said Morgan Nugent, the M.C. Perry High School Principal.

The day consisted of an obstacle course that students went through in teams of about six or seven. Each team also had at least two Marines or sailors.

The course was a timed event. Each team raced to the obstacles trying to get through each one as quickly as possible.

It may have seemed pretty easy the first time around, but there was a catch.

"The second time we had to do it with an injured person," said Staff Sgt. Nandy Hernandez, a volunteer for the event. "They had a broken arm, and it required a little bit more team work than the first time when we were just going through the course."

Each group did whatever they could to get their injured member through the course and made sure they finished each obstacle as a team.

"Right now the kids have the opportunity to learn a lot of leadership skills, teamwork, cooperation and also motivation," said Nugent. "Anything we do within our lives we have to have all those parts of it. Individuals who are not motivated and don't know how to work together are going to struggle in their lives in every form and fashion."

Teams rushed through the last portion of the course, pushing to make it through with the fastest time. Students leapfrogged over logs, walked across a balance beam with their wounded team member on their shoulders, raced through the last few obstacles

and sprinted to the finish line.

"We're trying to teach these kids that you have to be a good follower to be a good leader, and a good follower can also take over leadership at any time," said Midge White, the ASACs counselor for the school. "Once they learn these valuable lessons, they will be able to stand up for themselves and say no when someone offers them drugs or alcohol."

After the event finished, students expressed that they learned a lot from the experience.

"I was extremely proud of my team for helping out our wounded person and really working as a team," said Aramis Alexander, a seventh grader at M.C. Perry. "I think that's probably what helped us get through so quickly."

Marines and sailors also expressed that the students did a great job and worked together to solve each problem.

"They were so eager to want to work it out on their own and to come up with their own solution to things that I really didn't have to do a whole lot," said Hernandez.

After discussing how they performed throughout the course, the students were dismissed to enjoy the rest of their day at the park.



LANCE CPL. MIRANDA BLACKBURN

One of eight teams fly through the leapfrog portion of the obstacle course at the leadership retreat at Hachagamine Park Saturday. The second time each team went through the course one team member had a broken arm. "I was extremely proud of my team for helping out our wounded person and really working as a team," said Aramis Alexander, a seventh grader at M.C. Perry.



LANCE CPL. MIRANDA BLACKBURN

A team sings cadence as they run to the next obstacle during the leadership retreat at Hachagamine Park Saturday. The obstacle course was a timed event. During the second time through the course each team had an injured member, requiring each team to use their problem solving skills.



LANCE CPL. MIRANDA BLACKBURN

Aramis Alexander, a seventh grader at M.C. Perry shimmy through one of the obstacles at the leadership retreat at Hachagamine Park Saturday. The day consisted of an obstacle course that students went through in teams of about six or seven. Each team also had at least two Marines or sailors.

CORPS NEWS

HIGHLIGHTING MARINES AND SAILORS AROUND THE GLOBE

Scout Platoon heads to Babadag to train with Romanian soldiers, Marines



BABADAG TRAINING AREA, Romania — Romanian Marines with Amphibious Company, 307th Battalion, unload their gear after arriving at Babadag Training Area, Romania, May 17.

CPL. R. LOGAN KYLE
BLACK SEA ROTATIONAL FORCE

BABADAG TRAINING AREA, Romania — Marines and Sailors with scout platoon, Headquarters and Service Company, 1st Tank Battalion, left their home away from home at Romania's Mihail Kogalniceanu Airfield, May 17, to begin peacekeeping operations training with Romanian forces at nearby Babadag Training Area.

"I want to learn the best things I can," said Romanian Marine Sgt. Tony Adrian, a squad leader with Amphibious Co., 307th Bn., and a native of Tulcea, Romania. "This training will help the U.S. and Romanians work better together in combat, and we will see what the next weeks bring."

Over the next two weeks, scout platoon and the Romanian forces will sharpen their skills across the spectrum of training for peacekeeping operations, including nonlethal weapons and fixed-site security.

"We're catering the training to what they want to learn," said Sgt. Shane Cell, a squad leader with scout platoon, H and S Co., 1st Tank Bn. "We have based the training schedule on the things they are most interested in learning more about, and we added a few classes they were really interested in, like [Military Operations on Urbanized Terrain]."

Scout platoon, based out of Marine Corps Air-Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, Calif., serves as the ground combat element of the Security Cooperation Marine Air-Ground Task Force deployed to Eastern Europe for Black Sea Rotational Force. The force is Marine Corps Forces Europe's commitment to a rotating presence of Marines in Eastern Europe to meet U.S. European Command's theater security objectives.

"With the Romanian land forces as well as the Romanian

Marines, it's an opportunity for us to bolster relationships with partner nations," said 1st Lt. Marc Tucker, the scout platoon commander, H and S Co., 1st Tank Bn. "It's an opportunity for us to exchange techniques, tactics and procedures that both of us have refined since the inception of the Global War on Terrorism."

The Marines are working in the Black Sea, Balkan and Caucasus regions to promote regional stability, build enduring partnerships and build the capacity of partner nation's military forces.

"It really is an opportunity for us, as brothers in the fight, to get to know each other's capabilities and limitations," said Tucker, a Silver Spring, Md., native. "This training is broken down into 14 different segments - a wide variety of different United Nations and NATO reference-based materials, and ranges from convoy operations and [Improvised Explosive Device] awareness, to fundamentals of peacekeeping operations."

Marines said despite a difference in language, there's no doubt Romanian troops of all ranks are highly motivated and ready to train.

"There's no question that the Romanians are a viable force," Tucker said. "It's been very encouraging knowing the willingness and motivation that goes into not just the staff and officer side, but the enlisted Marines and soldiers that are out here."

Even though the Marines and Sailors of scout platoon will serve as instructors, they said they also look forward to the opportunity to gain knowledge from a partner nation.

"This is a two-way street," said Cell, a Parker, Colo., native. "We came here to teach, but we also came here to learn. There are always things you can take away from any armed service, and that's what we intend to do."



BABADAG TRAINING AREA, Romania — 1st Lt. Marc Tucker, the scout platoon commander, Headquarters and Service Company, 1st Tank Battalion, gives a class to Romanian soldiers and Marines at Babadag Training Area, Romania, May 17. Over the next two weeks, scout platoon will work with the Romanians in peace keeping operations, covering such facets as nonlethal weapons training, Marine Corps Martial Arts, and combat marksmanship.



BABADAG TRAINING AREA, Romania — Romanian and U.S. Marines offload gear after arriving at Babadag Training Area, Romania, May 17. Scout platoon, based out of Marine Corps Air-Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, Calif., serves as the ground combat element of the Security Cooperation Marine Air-Ground Task Force deployed to Eastern Europe for Black Seas Rotational Force. The force is Marine Corps Forces Europe's commitment to a rotating presence of Marines in Eastern Europe to meet U.S. European Command's theater security objectives.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

5 Love Languages of Teens Seminar

Attend the Seminar at the Yujo Hall on Saturday, June 12 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Learn to recognize your teen's love language and learn tools for expressing your love to your teen in ways they will understand. Lunch and childcare provided. Call the Marine Memorial Chapel at 253-3371 to reserve a spot. This seminar is designed for parents of teens, not teens themselves.

Soap-Box Confessions Presents Spoken Word Poetry

Free and open to all adults, come vent what you feel or just sit back and relax with the vibe. Spoken Word Poetry takes place 7 p.m. Tuesdays, June 1, 15 and 29 in the Botan Tower community room, Building 589.

For more information, please call 080-3700-7540 or e-mail hottecoffy@hotmail.com.

Combat Camera Web site

The new Combat Camera Web site can be viewed at <https://intranet.iwakuni.nmci.usmc.mil/CombatCamera/index.html>. The new site displays all pertinent information about Combat Camera and provides height and weight verification cards for promotion photos, as well as the funding approval form for commands outside of Station and Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron.

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 Marine Memorial chapel

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

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.

The Family Readiness Survey through June 18

The surveys are separated by category of participants: Commander Team Survey, Family Readiness Officers' Survey, Marine and Family Members' Survey, Marine Corps Community Services

Family Readiness Support Personnel Survey, and Volunteer Survey. The surveys are voluntary and kept anonymous. For more information, refer to MARADMIN 258/10 or contact your unit's family readiness officer.

NMCRS Quick Assist Loans

The Iwakuni Navy Marine Corps Relief Society provides Quick Assist Loans to prevent active duty service members from falling prey to predatory lenders. These loans are interest free, designed to assist with short-term living expenses, up to \$300 and must be repaid within 10 months. For more information, call the Iwakuni NMCRS at 253-5311 or stop by the Marine Memorial Chapel, room 148.

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, fill out the form and let Power

1575 and Marine Corps Community Services 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.

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

Station Goes TCCOR 4

The Station will go to Tropical Cyclone Condition of Readiness 4 beginning Tuesday. Typhoon season lasts until Nov. 30, and now is the time for station residents to prepare. A tropical cyclone is possible within 72-hours for the duration of the season.

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
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

Call 080-4177-2060 or e-mail 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.

Summer Hire Program

The program runs through Aug. 14 for students attending Matthew C. Perry High School ages 14-18. For more information about the program, call the summer hire coordinator at 253-6828.

Brief Submissions

To submit a community brief or classified request, please send an e-mail to iwakuni.pao@usmc.mil. Include a contact name, at least one phone number and the information you would like published. Alternatively, submit your brief or classified in person at the Public Affairs Office, Building 1, room 216. The deadline for submissions is 3 p.m. every Friday. Submissions will be run the following Friday on a space-available basis. The Iwakuni Approach staff reserves the right to edit submissions.

SAKURA THEATER

Friday, May 28, 2010

7 p.m. Ghost Writer (PG-13)
Premier
10 p.m. Hot Tub Time Machine (R)
Premier

Saturday, May 29, 2010

1 p.m. Diary of a Wimpy Kid (PG)
4 p.m. Clash of the Titans (PG-13)
7 p.m. Iron Man 2 (PG-13)
10 p.m. Repo Man (R)

Sunday, May 30, 2010

1 p.m. How to Train Your Dragon (PG)
4 p.m. Ghost Writer (PG-13)
7 p.m. Hot Tub Time Machine (R)

Monday, May 31, 2010

1 p.m. Shrek Forever After (PG)
Premier

Tuesday, June 1, 2010

4 p.m. Remember Me (PG-13)
Last Showing

Wednesday, June 2, 2010

7 p.m. Repo Man (R)

Thursday, June 3, 2010

7 p.m. A Nightmare on Elm Street (R)

The movie schedule is subject to change. Please check 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 or call 253-5291.

253-5291

CLASSIFIEDS

Automobiles

1996 Nissan Skyline
Black, 4-door with power windows and locks. New battery, brakes and tires. Has 100,000 kilometers. For more information, please call 253-2233 or 080-3474-8869.

2001 CBR 929
Great gas saver. 20,600 kilometers. Two Brothers aftermarket exhaust, Scotts steering damper and new battery. Asking for \$3,500 OBO. For more information, call 253-2119 or 090-6017-6822.

1994 Mazda MS-8
Timing belt, radiator and alternator recently replaced. JCI good until Aug. 2010. Road tax paid. Six cylinder. A/C. Asking \$1400. For more information, please call 253-6340.

1998 Mazda Familia
Low mileage. Great on gas. Asking \$600. JCI good until Oct. 2010. Road tax paid. For more information, please call 253-6340.

1996 Black Mitsubishi Diamante
16-month JCI. One year road tax. Asking \$2,500. For more information, please call 253-2759.

1994 Mazda MPV
Must sell. Seats seven. Road tax paid. JCI good until Aug. 2010. \$1200 OBO. Very Negotiable. For more information, please call 080-3417-6913.

1994 Toyota Estima
JCI expires Dec. 2011. Seats Seven. Rear seats fold up for storage. Automatic transmission. Good A/C and heater. Power windows. Available now, asking \$1900. For more information, please call 253-2429 or 080-3522-3122.

Miscellaneous

Free Kittens to Good Home
Three kittens born April 15. Ready for a new

home by June 2. For more information, call 090-4104-1541 or email billiej316@gmail.com.

Lost or Stolen Personal External Hard Drive
Black in color. Please return to PSC 561 Box 271 or call 253-2458.

Homes

Temecula, Calif.
Three bedrooms, two and a half bathrooms. 1600 square feet. Will be available in November. \$1,700 a month. Heated pool in a gated community. Van pool to Miramar and back. For more information, call 951-553-5843.

For Sale by Owner in Jacksonville, N.C.
Beautiful home with four bedrooms and two and half bathrooms. Great location, near schools and in a quiet cul-de-sac. Asking \$204,900 OBO. For more information, call 910-451-5507 ext. 3264 or email sparulis@ec.rr.com.

Jobs

Dental Assistants
The Robert M. Casey Medical and Dental Clinic is seeking two certified dental assistants for a great opportunity in dental healthcare services. For more information, please stop by the dental clinic in Building 111 or call 253-5252/3331.

NMCRS Volunteer Opportunities
Be that friendly person who lets Marines and sailors know they have come to the right place. Client Services Assistants volunteers greet clients and guide them through the initial intake process. To apply, please call 253-5311.

Mess Hall Menu

Monday
French onion soup, cream of broccoli soup, chalupa, pot roast, steamed rice, parsley butter potatoes, corn on the cob, cauliflower au gratin, mushroom gravy, jalapeno corn bread, macaroni salad, spinach salad, peanut butter cookies, chocolate cream pie, whipped topping, double layer banana cake. Specialty Bar: Pasta

Tuesday
Minestrone soup, tomato soup, New Port fried chicken, lasagna, spinach lasagna, mashed potatoes, Southern style greens, mixed vegetables, chicken or turkey gravy, garlic bread, potato salad, Italian style pasta, brownies, spice cake, coconut cream pie. Specialty Bar: Taco

Wednesday
Chicken and rice soup, egg drop soup, sweet and sour soup, yakisoba, egg foo yung, Chinese egg rolls, pork fried rice, steamed rice, corn O'Brien, vegetable stir fry, dinner rolls, macaroni salad, spring salad, chocolate drop cookies, double layer Florida lemon cake, blueberry pie. Specialty Bar: Barbeque

Thursday
Chicken noodle soup, cream of mushroom soup, chicken kiev, meat loaf, mashed potatoes, steamed rice, canned cream style corn, french fried cauliflower, brown gravy, dinner rolls, potato salad, German style tomato salad, pecan brownies, pineapple upside down cake, chocolate cream pie. Specialty Bar: Mongolian

Friday
Vegetable soup, beef noodle soup, roast turkey, breaded pork chops, mashed potatoes, steamed rice, club spinach, sweet potatoes, dinner rolls, turkey gravy, macaroni salad, cucumber and onion salad, ginger molasses cookies, double layer German chocolate cake, pumpkin pie. Specialty Bar: Hot Dog



Andrew Samuels, station anti-terrorism officer, receives the Security and Law Enforcement Civilian Marine of the Year Award from Col. Michael O'Halloran, station commanding officer here May 14. "Mr. Samuels' anti-terrorism/force protection programs have been an integral part in ensuring MCAS Iwakuni is able to perform both it's day-to-day and wartime missions," said O'Halloran in a letter of nomination.

BOOT SCOOTIN' ROUNDUP

A live 1-hour radio show featuring the best country music. Kick up your boots 9 - 10 a.m. Mondays-Thursdays on Power 157.5.

Fil-Am steps up game, defeats IYAOYAS 47-36



Chase Dariso, sophomore at Matthew C. Perry High School and player for the IYAOYAS, puts up a shot as Tommy R. Bryan III, player for the Fil-Am team, prepares to block or rebound the ball during a 2010 Intramural Basketball game at IronWorks gym May 19. The Fil-Am intramural basketball team came out victorious over the IYAOYAS 47-36.

LANCE CPL. JENNIFER PIRANTE
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

The Fil-Am intramural basketball team came out victorious over the IYAOYAS 47-36 during a 2010 Intramural Basketball game at IronWorks gym May 19.

The game began with fierce intensity. As soon as the referee tossed the ball into the air, players from opposite teams leaped up in an attempt to tap it to a teammate. Fil-Am had no trouble putting the ball through the net as they racked up points.

Tommy R. Bryan III, player for the Fil-Am team, brought his game full-force against the IYAOYAS and scored a total of 20 points throughout the game.

The IYAOYAS still managed to put up a good fight against the Fil-Am's strong defense as the two teams stayed neck and

neck throughout the first half.

During the first half, Tech. Sgt. Jordan Kroell, team coach and player for the Fil-Am team, was fouled and managed to sink a free throw to keep the team in the game.

The rest of the Fil-Am team kept up the intensity and finished the first half with a total of 17 points.

"The first half, when we played 20 minutes, we tried to give it all we had," said Drevonn Fluellen, player for the Fil-Am team. "We hit a couple of threes, made a couple of two pointers and worked as a team."

At the start of the second half, the IYAOYAS led the game by just four points.

Fil-Am stepped up their game and shot after shot, they scored from just inside the arc, never letting up until the end.

Fluellen was able to score two points during the first quarter but stepped up his game

when he managed to sink a three-pointer from outside the arc with hardly any man on the defense to cover him.

"In the second quarter, I was just feeling it," said Fluellen. "I received the ball and just fired up a three pointer."

"It was a pretty close game up until the end," said Bryan.

In the end, the team finished strong.

Fil-Am was able to keep their defense tight and Bryan was quick to catch the rebound of any shot that was put up.

"All we need to do to win is work as a team," said Fluellen. "We have a good group."

Fil-Am is slated to go up against the Goon Squad at IronWorks gym June 1.

For more information about upcoming games or intramural sports, please call 253-3067.

M.C. Perry takes home 1st in DODDS boys soccer tournament

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IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

The Matthew C. Perry High School boys soccer team defeated Morrison Christian Academy 3-1 during the final game of the Department of Defense Dependent Schools Class "A" Far East Soccer Tournament at the M.C. Perry High School soccer field May 20.

Yuta Flemming, defensive middle for M.C. Perry scored the first goal of the final game.

Flemming was fouled and shot a free kick through the other team's weak defense.

"The wall wasn't supported so it just went in," said Andre Bugawan, captain and striker for M.C. Perry.

Bugawan managed to score the last two goals, which crowned the team the first

place winners of the soccer tournament. "During the last goal, Cody Garner, right middle position on our team, passed the ball through and I was able to thigh it in," said Bugawan.

The boys were already tired by the final game after having defeated Osan High School 3-1 earlier that afternoon but their intensity lasted throughout the tournament.

"The teams put up a good fight but we didn't fall under the pressure," said Kody Botts, right midfielder for M.C. Perry. "You just have to conserve your energy. When you play, you just give it everything you've got and rest later."

Bugawan scored two out of the three goals during the semi-final match against Osan High School.

The first goal happened when the ball

was kicked free across the field. Bugawan sped to the ball and kicked it in.

The second goal was scored by Tylor Apple, striker for M.C. Perry.

Bugawan crossed the ball in from the right side of the field, and Apple dribbled the ball in for the shot.

Bugawan scored the third goal of the game with just as much ease.

"The ball went to the keeper but slipped out of his hands and went past him," said Bugawan. "I followed through and shot the ball in."

"I think the tournament went really well," said Botts. "Both teams played with a lot of effort."

For additional information about upcoming high school sports events, call 253-5448.



LANCE CPL. JENNIFER PIRANTE

Ron Hunter, in-coming leading chief with 11th Dental Co., stretches to receive the tennis ball shot high overhead during the Spring Tennis Tournament at the tennis courts here Saturday. Hunter came up second with a score of 8-6, 8-6 before losing the 11th and final match against Cadavos.



LANCE CPL. JENNIFER PIRANTE

Simeon Cadavos, leading chief with 11th Dental Co., speeds toward the net to retrieve the tennis ball and send it right back to the other side for a final match win with a score of 8-6 during the Spring Tennis Tournament at the tennis courts here Saturday.

11th Dental Co. takes first and second in Tennis Tourney

LANCE CPL.
JENNIFER PIRANTE
IWAKUNI APPROACH
STAFF

Simeon Cadavos, leading chief with 11th Dental Co., came out undefeated during the Spring Tennis Tournament at the tennis courts here Saturday.

During this double elimination, eight set match tournament, competitors ceased to be eligible to win the tournament's championship upon losing two matches.

Those who lost still had a chance to redeem themselves if they beat out the rest of the losing bracket.

The tournament consisted of eight competitors, including military personnel and students from Matthew C. Perry High School, all competing for the first place title and a trophy to represent their unit.

Cadavos, in spite of an injured knee, placed first in the tournament with scores of 8-2, 8-3, 8-6, 8-6.

Ron Hunter, in-coming leading chief with 11th Dental Co., came up second with a score of 8-6, 8-6 before losing the 11th and final match against Cadavos.

Andre Bugawan, student from Matthew C. Perry High School, battled his way to the semifinals to win third place with scores of 8-1, 8-5.

Hunter started the tournament strong against Vincent Craft, maintenance technician with MALS-12, and Chang.

When Hunter had to go up against Cadavos in

the semi-finals, Hunter found Cadavos was a fierce competitor to beat.

Cadavos was ultimately unstoppable, beating Hunter 8-6 during the final match of the tournament.

"Hat's off to Cadavos," said Hunter. "He played a great tournament. Especially since he has an injured knee and he still prevailed."

Cadavos did not let his injury stand in the way as he continued to hit hard, flat serves and forehand smashes that sped the ball over the net to the other side of the court for a point.

"Cadavos is a great player," said Hunter. "He knew how to place the ball. Any time I came to the net, he would hit it over my head, and it went in every time."

Hunter had to stay on his toes, running backward, forward, and across to receive the ball, but he kept it a close match until the end.

"It was a terrific tournament," said Cadavos. "It's Hunter's first year here. He brought no weapons at all, borrowed a tennis racquet and came out second. He was unbelievable."

After eight hours of fierce competition leaving each participant exhausted, Hunter and Cadavos brought home the first and second place Spring Tennis Tournament trophies to represent the 11th Dental Co. with pride and sportsmanship.

"It's definitely an honor to bring two trophies back to represent the 11th Dental Co.," said Hunter. This was a great tournament."



LANCE CPL. JENNIFER PIRANTE

Simeon Cadavos, leading chief with 11th Dental Co., and Chief Petty Officer Ron Hunter, in-coming leading chief with 11th Dental Co., take home first and second place trophies during the Spring Tennis Tournament at the tennis courts here Saturday.