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# THE IWAKUNI APPROACH

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## Bombs get dropped ... in new home

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Station Ordnance here began the moving process to their new compound June 4. The move is slated to be completed at the end of June.

The new ordnance compound will be located near the station harbor, and the old compound will be leveled in preparation for construction of the new commercial airport, which is scheduled to be complete by 2014.

The old ordnance compound contained 26 storage magazines where all of the ordnance equipment was organized, but the width of the magazine doors were smaller than the ordnance crates, making it difficult to extract and store crates.

In the new compound the width of the doors and the size of the storage units are twice the size of those of the old compound, making forklift mobility less cumbersome.

"The door width is way better for moving in and out of. Instead of zig zagging back and forth, you can just drive right in and right out," said Cpl. Mitchell Baade, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron aviation ordnance systems technician.

"Some of the magazines were starting to get worn out. The doors are small, where it took a little extra work getting certain assets in and out," said Chief Thomas Mckinnie, H&HS ammunitions stock record section staff noncommissioned officer-in-charge.

Not only are the new storage magazines more spacious, but some of the ordnance Marines believe the new compound has a more secure and organized structure.

"We're not spread out like we were on our old compound," said Mckinnie. "With our new compound, everything is uniform, looks the same and just feels more professional."

"It's more organized, and it's higher security," said Baade. "It actually feels like a military establishment."

Marines, sailors and civilians all assisted in helping station ordnance Marines with their move.

Sailors from Navy Munitions Command East Asia Division unit Misawa, Japan, came down to the station to assist the ordnance Marines.

Civilian contractors from Motor Transportation also assisted by providing trucks and drivers for the move.

The ordnance Marines have been working



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Lt. Col. Tray J. Ardesse (right), former Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron commanding officer, passes on the H&HS colors to Lt. Col. Michael R. Coletta, H&HS commanding officer, during the H&HS change-of-command ceremony here June 10. The passing of the flag is conducted during changeover ceremonies to symbolize the passing of duties from the former CO to the incoming CO.

## H&HS gets new commander

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The Former Navy Warfare Development Command Head of Air and Land Doctrine took command of Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron during a change of command ceremony at the parade deck here June 10.

Lt. Col. Michael R. Coletta relieved Lt. Col. Tray J. Ardesse, who is headed to Carlisle, Pa., where he will attend the Army War College.

Coletta graduated from the University of Rhode Island and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in 1994.

In 1999, Coletta deployed aboard USS John F. Kennedy in support of Operation Southern Watch.

In 2001, he deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom aboard the USS Theodore Roosevelt.

In 2004, Coletta deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom aboard the USS Harry S. Truman with Marine Aircraft Group 31, where he was nominated for the MAG-13 Marine Corps Aviation Association

Aviator of the Year award.

From 2003 to 2005, he served as the Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 115 pilot training and aircraft maintenance officer.

In June 2006, Coletta received orders to the Naval War College in Newport, R.I., where he served as the NWDC Head of Air and Land Doctrine Officer, and, subsequently, the Newport executive assistant to Rear Admiral Wendi B. Carpenter, NWDC commander until 2009.

"I'm extremely elated and honored to be selected as the next commanding officer of H&HS," said Coletta. "It is a true privilege to be selected to lead some of the finest men and women that Iwakuni has to offer."

Coletta's military education includes basic flight school, intermediate and advanced jet training, initial F/A-18 Hornet training, Expeditionary Warfare School, the USMC Weapons Tactics Instructor Course and the Navy's Strike Fighter Weapons School.

His awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, Individual Air Medal with combat 'V', six Air Medal Strike Flight awards, the Navy Commendation Medal, and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

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# CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

## 'Father's Day'

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Have you called your dad yet? Does he know how much he means to you?

This weekend is Father's Day weekend. Father's around the world are recognized for their contribution in raising strong children.

The role of the father in the life of the child cannot be underestimated.

Recognizing what our fathers did for us should not be limited to just one day's worth of recognition. It should be year-round.

However, all too often, the fathers of our nation are either not stepping up or are stepping away from their responsibilities.

According to the American Probation and Parole Association, over 70 percent of people in prison today grew up without a father.

According to the Leadership Journal, the percentage of fathers who say they read to their children is 61 percent. The percentage of children who agree with that figure is only 28 percent.

According to Christianity Today, the three most repeated phrases that a father says to his child are 1: "I'm too tired." 2: "We don't

have enough money." 3: "Keep quiet." It still doesn't matter whether your father was a great father or not, he still needs a phone call from you.

He needs to be recognized as an important figure in your development and growth.

You are the person you are today because of the influence of your father.

You can either blame him or thank him: the choice is yours. I would like to think that you would have the wisdom and grace to thank him instead of blaming him.

Take the time this weekend to do something special for the man in your life who helped bring you into

this world and helped get you through it.

Sometimes a phone call is all that needs to happen. Sometimes it requires something much more.

Take the step and let him know what he means to you and let him know how you've become who you are because of him and his influence.

If you're a father yourself, congratulations! Enjoy having one of the toughest jobs I know.

Never underestimate your influence and your impact on the next generation.

Have a great Father's Day, and enjoy getting that tie. Make sure you thank whoever gives it to you.

## Outdoor Sports & Recreation Safety

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### Skateboard Safety:

Sprains, fractures, contusions and abrasions are the most common types of injuries in skateboarding. Several factors – lack of protective equipment, poor board maintenance and irregular riding surfaces – are involved in these accidents. Skateboard riding requires good balance and body control, yet many young skateboarders have not developed the necessary balance and do not react quickly enough to prevent injury.

Injuries to first-time skateboarders are, for the most part, due to falls. Experienced riders mainly suffer injuries when they fall after their skateboards strike rocks and other irregularities in the riding surface or when they attempt difficult stunts.

Protective gear, such as closed, slip-resistant shoes, helmets, and specially designed padding, may not fully protect skateboarders from fractures, but their use is recommended as such gear that can reduce the number and severity of injuries. Padded jackets and shorts are available, as well as padding for hips, knees, elbows, wrist braces and special skateboarding gloves. All will help absorb the impact of a fall. With protective gear, it is important to look for comfort, design, and function. It should not interfere with the skater's movement, vision, or hearing.

The protective gear currently on the market is not subject to Federal performance standards, and therefore careful selection is necessary. In a helmet, for example, look for proper fit and a chin strap; make sure the helmet does not block the rider's vision and hearing. Body padding should fit comfortably.

If padding is too tight, it could restrict circulation and reduce the skater's ability to move freely. Loose-fitting padding, on the other hand, could slip off or slide out of position.

### Hiking:

1. Plan ahead, and plan carefully.
2. Study maps, guidebooks and other references so that you know about the roads, trails, and streams in the area.
3. Check the weather forecast before you leave.
4. Make sure you're in shape for the demands of your hike.
5. Leave a written plan of your route, schedule and campsite with a responsible friend. Follow your plan, and let him/her know when you return.
6. Wear a good pair of hiking shoes or boots.
7. Bring an extra layer of clothing, and avoid cotton if you might get wet.
8. Carry a compass and a topographic map of the area and know how to use them.
9. Don't travel too light. Many campers have ended up wishing they had brought a poncho, a jacket, more food and water, a first-aid kit, knife, whistle and matches in a waterproof container.
10. Don't drink water from ponds or streams unless you have treated it first by boiling, filtering or using purification tablets.
11. If you get lost, don't worry. If someone is going to report you missing, then most experts stress the three "stays": stay dry, stay warm and stay put.
12. If you have to find your way out of the woods, follow a stream downhill.
13. Don't hike alone. For long trips, take along at least two friends.
14. Only hike daytime.
15. Turn back if the weather gets bad.

### Bicycle Safety:

- The biggest preventable risk factor for bicycle head injury is not wearing a bicycle helmet.
- Familiarize yourself with local bicycle regulations. MCAS Iwakuni riders must comply with Japanese and Station regulations.
- Stay on the left side of the street close to the curb, moving with traffic. Watch for parked cars pulling out or car doors opening suddenly.
- When riding with others, travel in single file. Follow a full bike length behind.
- Bicycle riders are required to follow all motor vehicle regulations. Coasting through stop signs and failing to signal or heed traffic lights are violations of the law.
- Be aware at intersections. Signal your turns and look out for others.
- Do your riding in the daytime. If you must ride at night, wear a reflective garment and have a working headlight and a red rear reflector.
- You'll need all of your senses, especially hearing and sight. Don't wear headphones.

### All Sports:

Shoes and clothing are important factors to look at for any type of sports. For example: Running is cheap and easy to get into but as a minimum you need:

- Suitable running shoes to reduce the risk of long-term injury
- The right clothing to make running as comfortable as possible.

Shoes and clothing must be right for you and the conditions you are going out in. Invest a little time and money up front and you'll feel much more comfortable during training and racing, prevent injuries and generally maximizing your enjoyment of the sport.

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more diligently than expected, said Mckinnie.

The initial expectation was to empty and move one magazine a day, but with everyone's hard work, two magazines have been getting moved daily.

"The support we've gotten from Motor T and the Misawan sailors have made it a really smooth move," said Mckinnie.

The move will be challenging with long hours, but the ordnance Marines think the new compound will remain the station ordnance compound for generations to come.



LANCE CPL. CLAUDIO A. MARTINEZ

## VMFA(AW)-242 Commanding Officer gets hosed down

Sgt. Maj. Ricky Stroud, Marine All Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 242 sergeant major, hoses down Lt. Col. Chris Pappas III, VMFA(AW)-242 commanding officer after his final flight at the VMFA(AW)-242 hangar here June 11. Pappas has accumulated 2,621 tactical flight hours and 2,434 F/A-18 Hornet hours. Pappas relinquished command to Lt. Col. Richard Peterson during a change-of-command ceremony held at the VMFA(AW)-242 hangar June 15.

## New commander takes charge of MALS-12

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Lt. Col. Charles A. Redden assumed Lt. Col. Jonathan O. Gackles command of Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12 during a change-of-command ceremony at the Marine All-Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 242 hangar Monday.

Redden graduated from Auburn University in June 1993 and was commissioned as part of the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps program.

Second Lt. Redden graduated from The Basic School in March of 1994 and was designated a basic aircraft maintenance officer.

Upon completion of the aviation maintenance officer school in May 1994, Redden reported for duty at Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 14, where he served as the airframes and aviation life support systems officer-in-charge.

In March 1995, he served as the maintenance material control officer and later the assistant aviation maintenance officer for Marine Attack Squadron 231.

In May 1997, Redden reported to Marine Aviation Training Support Group 21 in Pensacola, Fla., for duty in Aviation Maintenance Squadron 1, where he served as the mechanical department liaison officer, and later, the marine liaison officer for the aviation machinist's mate, aviation ordnance, aircrew survival, and expeditionary airfield schools.

From Aug. 1998 to June 2000, Redden served as the executive officer of Aviation Maintenance Squadron 2.

In June 2000, Redden transferred to Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12 where he served as the assistant aircraft maintenance officer, assistant operations officer, and operations officer.

In June 2003, he transferred to Commander Naval Reserve Air Forces in New Orleans, where he served as the helicopter maintenance class desk for all Navy and Marine Corps reserve helicopters.

From 2005 to June 2006, Redden attended Command and Staff College in Quantico, Va.

In July 2006, he reported to Marine Wing Headquarters Squadron 3 for duty as the plans officer in the Aviation Logistics department and volunteered for a deployment from March 2007 to February 2008 as the executive officer for the Region 2 Headquarters Border Transition Team, located in Tikrit, Iraq.

From July 2008 to Sept. 2009, Redden executed a permanent change of assignment move to Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 11 for duty as the executive officer. Redden was promoted to his present rank of Lieutenant Colonel in Feb. 2009.

In Sept. 2009, Lt. Col. Redden rejoined the staff of 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing while awaiting command. "I'll do my best to take MALS-12 to the next level," said Redden.

His awards include the Bronze Star, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal and Combat Action Ribbon.



LANCE CPL. JENNIFER PIRANTE

Lt. Col. Charles A. Redden (left) accepts the colors from Lt. Col. Jonathan O. Gackle (right) at the Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12 change-of-command ceremony at the Marine All-Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 242 hangar Monday. The transfer of colors signifies the passing of command from the outgoing commanding officer to the oncoming commanding officer.



# Liberty Campaign Order

## Joint Task Force recommends changes to liberty limits

III MEF PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE

**CAMP FOSTER** – Changes to the Liberty Campaign Order went into effect recently for all Marines and sailors assigned to III Marine Expeditionary Force and Marine Corps Bases Japan. Lt. Gen. Terry G. Robling, commanding general of III MEF and MCBJ, signed change 3 to the Liberty Campaign Order June 11.

The changes to policy are the result of recommendations made to Robling by a joint task force comprised of all the U.S. services that conducted a comprehensive internal examination of policies and procedures that govern conduct and discipline on and off duty. The joint task force was created in late March due to a number of off-base vehicle accidents and alleged misconduct by service members.

The U.S. military and its commanders take very seriously all incidents and allegations involving misconduct by service members, especially those that impact the host nation community.

“These liberty policy changes are designed to promote good order and discipline and reduce off-base misconduct,” said Robling. “These changes to policy will ultimately serve our interest in reaffirming the trust, confidence and rapport with our local community.”

Robling, who serves as the Okinawa Area Coordinator and senior U.S. military commander on Okinawa, worked with all senior service leadership on Okinawa to modify and improved existing liberty policies for all service members on Okinawa.

The liberty policy change applicable to all service members on Okinawa is the prohibition against patronizing off-base bars and clubs or any establishment where the primary business is the sale and consumption of alcohol after midnight. This change is applicable to Marine Corps red and gold card holders and is being implemented because the majority of off-base liberty incidents involving service members exercising poor judgment with alcohol occur between midnight and 5 a.m.

“Gold card holders can no longer patronize bars and clubs after midnight,” said Col. Leo Falcam, chief of staff for Marine Corps Bases Japan, who worked with the joint task force.

Alcohol consumption off base still secures at 2 a.m. for gold card holders.

Red liberty cards for sergeants and below who live in the barracks will now be kept by unit commanders until liberty has sounded and returned at conclusion of liberty period.

The change to policy is applicable to all service members assigned to III MEF and MCBJ issued a red or gold card while in Japan.

The Joint Task Force also recommended that all the services examine the possibility of expanding courtesy patrols to focus on additional areas of concern. However, no decision has been made yet with regards to exact locations. Courtesy patrols consist of teams of three or four service members in uniform. The teams patrol during weekends and holiday liberty periods in areas frequented by Status of Forces Agreement members during liberty hours.

Personnel departing Marine Corps installations during late hours are routinely required to show their liberty card and military identification at the gates to ensure that all personnel abide by the liberty policy and other regulations. As result of changes to the liberty order, people entering Marine Corps facilities will now be checked for identification and liberty card.

Liberty training and orientation will be improved so that all new members of a unit will be better prepared for liberty. Improved liberty training will include practical application at small-unit level and an emphasis on liberty events supervised by staff non-commissioned officers and non-commissioned officers. In addition, service members will be required to demonstrate knowledge of liberty policies before receiving liberty privileges.

The Liberty Campaign Order is designed to provide simple guidance and expectations of military members assigned to III MEF and MCBJ while in an off-duty status. The order addresses leave and liberty regulations, the off-base liberty card program, the liberty risk program, liberty buddy policy, the courtesy patrol program, prohibited activities, civilian clothing regulations, and the alcohol abuse and de-glamorization policy.

The MCBJ/III MEF Order 1050.7 Change 3 Liberty Campaign Order can be accessed online at the Camp Butler adjutant SharePoint homepage at the following CAC-protected site: <https://wss.mcbbutler.nmci.usmc.mil/G1/Adjutant/default.aspx>. Look under “Announcements” for a link to the updated Liberty Campaign order.

THE LETTER of the law Some of the important parts of the Liberty Campaign Order

### LIBERTY CARD POLICY

■ No liberty card will be issued until completion of the NOWA Seminar and the Standards of Conduct Class for all newcomers, regardless of rank. Newcomers

are not allowed unaccompanied liberty without their sponsor until receiving the NOWA Seminar and Standards of Conduct Class.

■ Company commanders and company grade officers designated by the battalion/squadron-level commanders may assign red liberty cards to deserving Marines and sailors. Only battalion/squadron-level commanders will assign gold liberty cards based upon recommendations of company, battery, and section team (CO, XO, 1stSgt) for those who have EARNED it through demonstrated maturity, judgment and superior conduct.

■ Service members E-4 and above will normally be issued a gold liberty card. However, the commander may consider initially issuing a red liberty card, should he/she desire a period of observation.

■ Red liberty cards for E-5 and below living in barracks will be retained by unit commanders until liberty has sounded and returned when off-base liberty is secured.

■ Off-base liberty for service members issued a red liberty card is secured to their home camp or off-base place of residence from midnight to 5 a.m. However, service members will be considered in compliance with policy when using “The Green Line” after midnight.

■ Permission for overnight liberty or liberty extended beyond the designated restricted liberty hours must be obtained in writing from unit commanders in the rank of O-5 or above.

■ Local leave within Okinawa Prefecture does not dismiss the requirements to adhere to the rules of the liberty card program. Red card holders on leave and in possession of valid leave papers may be off-base and are not required to check in, but must be indoors (hotel or private residence) between midnight and 5 a.m. Leave papers must be in Marine or sailor’s possession when in leave status.

### ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION OFF BASE

■ No service members are allowed in bars/clubs off-base past midnight where the primary business is the sale and consumption of alcohol, regardless of color of liberty card, duty status, or rank. (Note: For gold card holders this prohibition does not extend to eating facilities in which alcohol is served as an accompaniment to food service.)

■ Red card holders are prohibited from consuming alcohol off base after midnight except when in an off-base private residence.

■ Alcohol consumption off base secures at 2 a.m. for gold card holders except when in an off-base private residence.

### ALCOHOL IN THE BARRACKS

■ E-3s and below who live in the barracks shall not possess more than six 12-oz/wine coolers/malt liquor beverages or one 750 ml bottle of wine per occupant of legal drinking age (20 years old).

■ E-3s and below regardless of age, are not authorized to possess or consume hard liquor in the barracks, including those E-3s and below who are TAD or leave status. Hard liquor is defined by the Order as any beverage with an alcohol content greater than 15% (greater than 30 proof).

■ Non-Commissioned officers or petty officers (E-4/E-5) who live in barracks shall not possess more than one liter of hard liquor or twelve 12-oz beers/wine coolers/malt liquor or two 750-ml bottles of wine per occupant of legal age. Hard liquor will be locked up at all times when not being consumed. An example of “secured” hard liquor would be locked within wall locker or desk secretary within the barracks room.

■ Displaying of empty bottles or cans of alcohol of any type is prohibited in barracks.

■ Providing alcohol to underage or unauthorized military or civilian consumers is prohibited.

■ Any Marine or sailor who knows that another Marine or sailor is consuming alcohol while underage or in a manner otherwise prohibited by this order and fails to stop or report it to proper authority may be subject to administrative and/or disciplinary action for violating article 92, UCMJ.

### LIBERTY BUDDY POLICY

■ Marines and sailors, E-3 and below, and all red liberty card holders must have a liberty buddy for off-base liberty, except when on approved annual leave. The requirement for a liberty buddy applies to all liberty periods, including after working hours, over weekends, and during special liberty hours. Marines and sailors serving an accompanied tour are to have a liberty buddy in the event their family member is not available to accompany him/her during liberty periods. Marines and sailors traveling between their residence and base do not require a liberty buddy for such travel, so long as they are traveling directly between base and residence and make no stops along the way.

■ If liberty buddies become separated, they must report their separation to their command within 30 minutes. While becoming separated from a liberty buddy in and of itself does not represent a violation of the Order, failing to report the separation is a violation of the Order.

# Iwakuni youth wins at National Club Tech Digital Arts Festivals

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BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF AMERICA

For the 8th Annual Club Tech Digital Arts Festivals, Boys & Girls Club members across the country were encouraged to follow in the footsteps of notable Boys & Girls Club alumni such as Denzel Washington, Mario Lopez and Usher, and BE Creative in depicting the greatness within his Club. Mikhael Cometa was encouraged to engage in unique forms of artistic expression to create a digital piece of art in the Photo Tech category. His entry, entitled Create, not only creatively captured this theme, but it brought home the top honor for the Overseas region in the 16-18 age group and went on to win the national title.

Now on behalf of Boys & Girls Clubs of Iwakuni, Cometa will travel to Atlanta with all expenses paid to learn about real world application of the skills learned through the program.

The Digital Arts Festivals are a dynamic component of the national Club Tech program, a partnership between Boys & Girls Clubs of America, founding sponsor Microsoft and Comcast with the goal to provide youth with the skills needed to thrive in a technology-driven world.

In contests held locally, regionally and nationally, the Digital Arts Festivals celebrate the creativity and technical abilities of area Boys & Girls Club members. Members are encouraged to combine these elements to generate a digital masterpiece in one of four categories: photo illustration, music production, filmmaking and graphic design. Members created artwork that reflected this year’s theme “BE CREATIVE.” From magazine ads and bumper stickers or billboards, to clay animations or PSAs and digital music, the artwork was judged based on age, artistic merit and demonstrated technological skills of the members.

Using computer software available at the Club, Cometa created a self-portrait inspired by the “Be Great” campaign. He is currently a member of the Boys & Girls Club of Iwakuni (Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni Youth and Teen Center) and plans to pursue a career in design/media art.

“Technology know-how is almost always expected in the world today. Thus, it is important that we help spark the imagination, and help our youth discover potential career paths so that they will be well-prepared for the future. The Club Tech Digital Arts Festival does just that. It helps develop members’ creativity and allows them to play with the limitless possibilities of their imagination,” said Karen McDonald, vice president, Program & Youth Development Services at Boys & Girls Clubs of America. “The experience gained from this event will help carry our young people through grade school into college and into the career world.”

Through Club Tech, members are intro-



Mikhael Cometa's entry, entitled Create, took the top honor at the overseas region in the 16-18-year-old age group and went on to win the national title for the 8th Annual Club Tech Digital Arts Festivals. The Digital Arts Festivals are a dynamic component of the National Club Tech program, Microsoft and Comcast with the goal to provide youth with the skills needed to thrive in a technology driven world.

duced to the world of clay animation, robotics, game design, digital movie making, photo illustration, graphic design, music production and Web design. Youth follow an interactive, age-appropriate curriculum and complete various projects throughout the year.

National teen winners receive an expenses-paid summer trip that includes sightseeing and job-shadowing experiences. In years past, winners have visited the headquarters of Microsoft in Seattle, Best Buy in Minneapolis and Boys & Girls Clubs of America in Atlanta to get a behind-the-scenes peek at potential careers.

This year, teens, (ages 13-18), will venture to Atlanta for four days and four nights of fun-filled educational and career exploration experiences. Winners in the youth division, (ages 6-12), will receive \$500 per category to the Club to hold an event or day trip to honor their national winners.

The Festivals are just one way that Boys & Girls Clubs of America, founding sponsor Microsoft and Comcast hope to technologically enable more than 4.2 million youth served by some 4,000 Clubs nationwide and abroad

through Club membership and community outreach. Club Tech also provides software, develops and delivers curricula, and provides program management and computer training for staff and youth. The sponsorship allows Clubs to integrate technology into every aspect of the organizations' fabric, from overall management to core programs.

About Boys & Girls Clubs of America's Club Tech Program:

Club Tech was created by Boys & Girls Clubs of America and Microsoft in 2000 to technologically enable Clubs worldwide, transforming Clubs from “swim and gym” to “point and click.” Partnering with long-time supporter Comcast and Microsoft, BGCA provides technology program access to some 4.2 million youth served through Club membership and community outreach at some 4,000 Clubs. By leveling the virtual playing field, kids of all ages and circumstances now have access to the same resources and skills to help them discover their world, expand creativity, perform better in school, and eventually take their technology know-how into the workplace.



# Local Marines compete in Jujitsu tournament

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IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Local Marines competed in the 4th annual Chugoku-Shikoku Jujitsu Championship at the Hiroshima Minami Ward Sports Center June 6.

Shaun Green, white belt in Jujitsu, walked away with first place in his weight class and first place in the absolute, a competition between all white belt weight-class winners, white-belt tournament.

Hugh McClenney, blue belt in Jujitsu, took first place in his weight class and fourth in the absolute blue-belt tournament.

Benjamin Cosgrove, white belt in Jujitsu, took second place in his weight class.

Ivan Ortega, white belt in Jujitsu, was a first-time competitor and like his two other fellow Marines went into the competition with very little experience but a lot of determination.

The competition brought together different various regions of Japan and Brazilian Jujitsu practitioners to battle against each other for the first-place title.

Green came into the competition a rookie, having never owned or learned how to properly wear a gi, a commonly used martial arts uniform, and dominated his competition.

"I practiced the day before the competition for probably one hour to learn some of the rules so that I didn't go in completely blind," said Green. "That was my first practice ever."

Green was able to apply much of the wrestling techniques he learned in high school and use his size to his advantage.

"Jujitsu and competitive wrestling are very similar," said Green. "You have to control your body and your balance, but some of the small techniques, like using the gi, can be a little difficult."

Green was not only able to pin his competitors but end the matches before the 5-minute time limit.

Cosgrove was also a first-time Jujitsu competitor but had been practicing Jujitsu for approximately ten months prior to the tournament.

"I love practicing Jujitsu with a gi," said Cosgrove. "The moves and techniques you can execute with a gi are so much broader than without."

Sergio Esquivel, second-degree black belt and instructor in the Marine Corps Martial Arts Program, was at the competition providing motivation and coaching support to the Marines during their matches.

"He's great," said Cosgrove. "When you are in there grappling, you can't see what someone else watching can see. He can tell me what I need to do."

"It's always helpful to have a third-person perspective," said Green. "It was definitely helpful for the Marines there, especially the white belts."

Win or lose, the Marines were able to take away lessons learned from the tournament.

"It's not all about power," said Cosgrove. "You have to be able to outsmart your opponent."



LANCE CPL. JENNIFER PIRANTE

Hugh McClenney, blue-belt competitor, keeps a dominant position as he holds down his opponent during the 4th annual Chugoku-Shikoku Jujitsu Championship at the Hiroshima Minami Ward Sports Center. June 6. McClenney took first place in his weight class and fourth place in the absolute blue-belt tournament during which the winners from each weight class competed overall.



LANCE CPL. JENNIFER PIRANTE

Ivan Ortega, white-belt competitor, grabs hold of his opponent's gi as he defends himself against a mount during the 4th annual Chugoku-Shikoku Jujitsu Championship at the Hiroshima Minami Ward Sports Center, June 6. The gi is an important aspect in Jujitsu, allowing competitors to execute moves and use it in ways such as wrapping the gi around the arm or using it to pull them down.



LANCE CPL. JENNIFER PIRANTE

Ivan Ortega, white-belt competitor, executes an armbreak during the 4th annual Chugoku-Shikoku Jujitsu Championship at the Hiroshima Minami Ward Sports Center, June 6.



LANCE CPL. JENNIFER PIRANTE

Score keepers score competitors during the 4th annual Chugoku-Shikoku Jujitsu Championship at the Hiroshima Minami Ward Sports Center, June 6. During Jujitsu matches, there are various ways to earn points, including holding a dominant position over an opponent and executing moves properly.



LANCE CPL. JENNIFER PIRANTE

Benjamin Cosgrove, white-belt competitor, wraps his opponent's gi around his arm to execute an armbreak during the 4th annual Chugoku-Shikoku Jujitsu Championship at the Hiroshima Minami Ward Sports Center, June 6.



# CORPS NEWS

## HIGHLIGHTING MARINES AND SAILORS AROUND THE GLOBE



SGT. MARK FAYLOGA

**FORWARD OPERATING BASE GERONIMO, Helmand Province, Islamic Republic of Afghanistan** — A former Taliban commander is greeted by members of 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, as he gets off an MV-22 Osprey at Forward Operating Base Geronimo to participate in a reintegration shura June 1. After determining he was no longer a threat, the former Taliban commander in the Nawa area, was released by an Afghanistan National Army general. At the shura, the former commander vowed to participate in the peace and prosperity of Nawa.

### A brave choice in Nawa

GUNNERY SGT. WILLIAM PRICE  
1ST MARINE DIVISION

**FORWARD OPERATING BASE GERONIMO, Helmand Province, Islamic Republic of Afghanistan** — A main goal in the War on Terror has been to hunt down leaders of enemy forces, but during an Afghanistan National Army-led reintegration shura a former Taliban commander was released from custody and welcomed back into Nawa, June 1.

Hussein Akhundzada, a Taliban leader in the Nawa area responsible for the production of improvised explosive devices and recruiting fighters, was released by an ANA general after months in detainment when it was determined he was no longer a threat.

Both government and tribal leaders vouched for Akhundzada's intent to reintegrate into the area as a peaceful citizen during the brief meeting. His reintegration is only the fourth in Afghanistan.

"In any counterinsurgency, eventually this has to be a part of the peace process," Lt. Col. Jeffrey C. Holt, commanding officer, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, said.

After the shura Akhundzada spoke with Lt. Col. Matt Baker, commanding officer, 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment,

and Holt, whose battalion is set to take over 1/3's area of operations in the coming days.

"He vowed to participate in the peace and prosperity that the people of Nawa enjoy," Holt, from Dallas, said. "The greatest challenge is how do you reintegrate the Taliban into the peace process? We're brave enough to do it in Nawa. The question is, how do you spread that? We know this guy believes that we're here to help people prosper and make them more self-sufficient."

The U.S. deemed the former enemy commander was no longer a threat, but ultimately it was the decision of Afghan leaders to allow him to reintegrate.

"An Afghan general released him today," Holt said. "This was an Afghan-led shura. The only Marine who spoke at it, for a few words, was Lt. Col. Baker. It's great to see that the Afghans are taking so much of a role in all of our lines of operation: leading patrols, leading governance. Instead of doing or enabling, we find ourselves watching — with pride."

For many, the question remains: how can you trust Akhundzada and other enemy leaders won't return to old ways after reintegrating?

Holt has an answer.

"Don't give him a choice," he said. "Give him a job. He needs

work just like any other guy. Give him whatever he needs: security, success, anything possible to make a better life."

Holt believes it's possible for the Taliban to move away from extremism and become a legitimate political party, one that supports the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, and cited the Sunnis in Western Iraq as an example of how reintegration can be successful.

"I hope the Taliban understands that we're here to help the people

and that includes them — that includes the Taliban as long as they want to reintegrate," Holt said.

The 3/3 commander understands there is risk in integration, but said you have to make peace. He said he isn't ready to call the reintegration of one member of the Taliban a tipping point in the war, but he is hopeful.

"Without hope we have no future," Holt said. "It is our hope they choose peace."

"I think they're tired of war."



SGT. MARK FAYLOGA

**FORWARD OPERATING BASE GERONIMO, Helmand Province, Islamic Republic of Afghanistan** — Using an interpreter, Lt. Col. Matt Baker, commanding officer, 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, talks with a former Taliban commander after a reintegration shura at Forward Operating Base Geronimo, June 1. An Afghanistan National Army general released the former commander after deeming he was no longer a threat. At the shura, the former commander vowed to participate in the peace and prosperity of Nawa.

# COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### 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.

### Town Hall Meeting

Station Facilities will be hosting a Transportation Plan Meeting to discuss the future base growth and development. The purpose of the meeting is to gather information from existing base personnel regarding current transportation patterns, habits, origins and destinations, as well

### as major routes currently used.

The meetings are scheduled for:  
Unaccompanied Personnel: June 21 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. in Building 360 Crow's Nest.  
Accompanied Personnel: June 22 from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. in Building 360 Crow's Nest.

### 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 Marine Memorial Chapel, room 148.

### Soap-Box Confessions presents Spoken Word Poetry

Come vent what you feel or just sit back and relax with the vibe at Spoken Word Poetry in the Botan Tower community room, 589 June 29. Hosted by The Poet CoFFY and Miss Supreme, free and open to all adults. For more information, call 080-3700-7540 or e-mail [hottcoffy@hotmail.com](mailto:hottcoffy@hotmail.com).

### 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.

### Summer Reading Program

The station library will launch its "Voyage to Book Island" summer reading program June 23 — Aug. 4 and will be open to readers 5-12 years old. Summer reading participants will meet every Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the station library to participate in games, art and craft projects, and story time. For more information, stop by the library circulation desk or call 253-5156 or e-mail [pughbj@usmc-mccs.com](mailto:pughbj@usmc-mccs.com).

### 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 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 in the upcoming month.

### Brief Submissions

To submit a community brief, send an e-mail to [iwakuni.pao@usmc.mil](mailto:iwakuni.pao@usmc.mil). Include a contact name, a phone number and the information you would like published. You may submit your brief or classified ad 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.

## 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
- Call 080-4177-2060 or e-mail [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.

## 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 1575.

## SAKURA THEATER

### Friday, June 18, 2010

7 p.m. The Losers (PG-13)  
Premier  
10 p.m. Kick-Ass (R)  
Premier

### Saturday, June 19, 2010

1 p.m. How to Train Your Dragon (PG)  
4 p.m. Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time (PG-13)  
7 p.m. Robin Hood (PG-13)

### Sunday, June 20, 2010

1 p.m. Shrek Forever After (PG)  
4 p.m. The Losers (PG-13)  
7 p.m. Kick Ass (R)

### Monday, June 21, 2010

7 p.m. Why Did I Get Married Too? (R)  
Last Showing

### Tuesday, June 22, 2010

7 p.m. Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time (PG-13)

### Wednesday, June 23, 2010

7 p.m. The Losers (PG-13)

### Thursday, June 24, 2010

7 p.m. Sex and the City 2 (R)

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.

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# CLASSIFIEDS

## Automobiles

### 1996 Honda Odyssey

Great Family Car. Good AC and Heat/ Power windows and locks. JCI until Oct 2010. Asking \$2,800. For more information, Call 090-3906-0157.

## 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, stop by the dental clinic in Bldg. 111 or call 253-5252/3331 to speak with HM1 Taft or HMC Hunter.

### NMCRS Volunteer Opportunities

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

### USNH Yokosuka Openings

Registered nurse, family practice provider and physician assistant positions open at Branch Health Clinic Iwakuni. Family nurse practitioner position open at Branch Health Clinic Sasebo. Performance improvement coordinator, ob nurse and dental assistant positions open at Yokosuka Clinic. For more information, call 243-6835 or 046-816-6835. Interested applicants should register with the Central Contractor Registration at <https://www.bpn.gov/ccr/default.aspx>.

## Miscellaneous

### Stroller

Black and silver Graco Quattro Tour Duo Stroller for sale. Asking \$50. Call 080-3417-6913 for more information.

### Advertisement Submissions

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## Mess Hall Menu

### Monday

Cream of mushroom soup, Creole soup, steak ranchero, braised pork chops, mashed potatoes, macaroni and cheese, succotash, carrots, dinner rolls, brown gravy, potato salad, mixed fruit salad, standard salad bar, congo bars, marble cake double layer, butter cream frosting, blueberry crunch.  
Specialty Bar: Pasta

### Tuesday

Cream of potato soup, chicken noodle soup, cajun meatloaf, baked salmon fillet, potatoes au gratin, steamed rice, French fried cauliflower, mix vegetables, dinner rolls, macaroni salad, deviled potato salad, standard salad bar, chocolate chip cookies, spice cake, butter cream frosting, lemon meringue pie.  
Specialty Bar: Taco

### Wednesday

Cream of broccoli soup, vegetable soup, turkey pot pie, oven roast, noodles jefferson, steamed rice, brussels sprouts, broccoli combo, biscuits, brown gravy, potato salad, country style tomato salad, standard salad bar, peanut butter cookies, double layer devil's food cake, butter cream frosting, cheese cake.  
Specialty Bar: Barbeque

### Thursday

Cream of chicken soup, tomato soup, Swiss steak with mushroom gravy, honey glazed rock cornish hen, parsley buttered potatoes, buttered pasta, green beans southern style, vegetable stir fry, chicken gravy, dinner rolls, macaroni salad, German tomato salad, standard salad bar, sugar cookies, strawberry shortcake, whipped topping, vanilla cream pie.  
Specialty Bar: Deli Bar

### Friday

Tortilla soup, minestrone soup, Beef Fajitas, chicken fajitas, chili con carne, refried beans, beef burritos, Mexican corn, salsa, jalapeno corn bread, potato salad, spinach salad, standard salad bar, banana bread, shortbread cookies, Dutch apple pie.  
Specialty Bar: Hot Dog

## Retirement after 26 years of dedicated service



LANCE CPL. JENNIFER PIRANTE

Maj. Edward Seifert, Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12 aircraft maintenance officer, shakes hands with Lt. Col. Jonathan Gackle, commanding officer of MALS-12, during Seifert's retirement ceremony at the parade deck June 14. Seifert reported to MALS-12 at Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan, as a warrant officer in 1997 to become the Airframes Division and Aviation Life Support Equipment Division officer-in-charge. After serving in numerous deployments including a 13-month combat tour as the MALS-29 production control officer in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Seifert detached from MALS-29 on May 15, 2008 and reported to MALS-12 on June 18, 2008. Seifert was promoted to major on Oct. 1, 2008, and finished out his career as the MALS-12 aircraft maintenance officer.

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LANCE CPL. JENNIFER PIRANTE

Martin White, power forward for the Goon Squad, puts the ball up for a 2-pointer during an intramural basketball game at IronWorks Gym here June 8. The Goon Squad added another win to their name when they defeated the Diablos 52-46.

## Goon Squad brings hammer down on The Diablos, 52-46

LANCE CPL. JENNIFER PIRANTE  
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

The Goon Squad added another win to their record when they defeated the Diablos 52-46 during an intramural basketball game at IronWorks Gym here June 8.

The two teams battled head to head for the first few minutes of the game, alternating 2-point shots and fast-break layups.

It wasn't long until the Goon Squad began pulling away to put themselves in a dominant lead.

Martin White, power forward for the Goon Squad, kept the defense tight under the basket, making sure to grab every rebound.

"I tried my best to keep their points off the board," said White. "When we're on our side of the court, I'm always hoping someone will come around so that I can pass it out to the corner for an easy shot."

The Diablos did not let the Goon Squad's intensity discourage them.

The Diablos bumped up their game and began closing the gap.

The Goon Squad managed to pull off a few 3-pointers as the half came to a close.

"The game got exciting for us," said White. "We were losing our lead so we tried to shut the door on that."

The buzzer signaled the end of the first half with the Goon Squad on top 27-13.

"The game went pretty well the first

half," said Ouimet. "We were on fire."

The second half kicked off fiercely.

The Diablos seemed to have a new game plan and a newfound sense of motivation.

The Goon Squad played well against their tactics and applied teamwork when it seemed the Diablos were putting the pressure on the defense.

"The second half was a little tougher," said Ouimet. "They came out stronger and put a lot of pressure on us."

In spite of the effort put forth by the Diablos on defense, the Goon Squad maintained court vision, passed the ball to the open man and kept their team always one step ahead.

"We try to play team ball," said White.

"Sometimes we get stagnant movements, and in times like that, I try to take the ball to the hole."

The buzzer signaled the end of the first half with the Goon Squad on top 52-46.

The Goon Squad plans to keep the intensity up as they carry out the rest of the season and head into the playoffs.

"We're always pretty intense," said White.

"We're always there motivating each other," said Ouimet. "The intensity has to be there, and we always have to keep that defense up."

The playoffs began Tuesday. For more information about upcoming intramural sports events, call 253-3067.



LANCE CPL. JENNIFER PIRANTE

Martin White, power forward for the Goon Squad, puts the ball up for a 2-pointer during an intramural basketball game at IronWorks Gym here June 8. The Goon Squad routed The Diablos 52-46 for another win.





CPL. SALVADOR MORENO

Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron's second baseman Rodney Buentello unleashes his fury on the slow-moving softball coming his way for a solid base hit during the 2010 Intramural Summer Softball Tournament at the main softball field here Saturday. H&HS took second place in the tournament after falling to BOP/MWSS-171 14-7.

## BOP/MWSS-171 takes Intramural Summer Softball Tournament



CPL. SALVADOR MORENO

BOP/MWSS-171 pitcher unloads a pitch during the championship game of the 2010 Intramural Summer Softball Tournament at the main softball field here Saturday.

CPL. SALVADOR MORENO  
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

As the temperature rises for summer, so does the need for a summer softball season.

Thanks to the requests of the station's softball players, Marine Corps Community Services Intramural Sports division was able to host the 2010 Intramural Summer Softball Tournament.

The tournament featured eight teams, bringing their mitts, bats and of course their balls to the main softball field in front of Building 1 here Saturday.

The competition was hard-hitting and competitively matched with no real indication of any one team looking like they would emerge the victor at the end.

"It was a really good outcome," said Andrew Porche, MCCA Intramural Sports coordinator. "We didn't have any forfeits, so that means every team showed up ready to play."

BOP/Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 took the tournament with a nearly unblemished record after outfielding, outhitting and outlasting Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron 14-7 in the championship game.

"I got to give these guys the credit. They really, really put out and performed unbelievably," said Michael R. Coletta, catcher for H&HS. "MWSS-171 is just a bunch of great guys and great sports. If we are going to lose to anyone in the finals, I'm glad it was

those guys."

BOP/MWSS-171 had a perfect record of 3-0 going into what should have been the championship game. Due to double-loss elimination, H&HS with a 5-1 record had to beat them twice to take the tournament.

Needless to say, H&HS came through in their first meeting with a come-from-behind 10-7 win to force a second game and a possible championship title for the tired squad.

BOP/MWSS-171 regrouped during the time between games and gained their composure to face off once again, but this time it was for all the peanuts.

They came out of the dugout swinging, quickly jumping to a 5-0 lead and never looked back.

Despite all efforts and strategies, H&HS could not seem to field the ball the way they wanted to or hit the ball in any direction other than into a glove of the opponent.

"The team fought to our very last breath, but a lot of our energy was behind us at that point," said Coletta.

In the end, it was BOP/MWSS-171 who ended the tournament with the win, a nearly flawless record and of course the trophy.

"We did about as well as you can ask a team to do," said Anthony Baker, coach and shortstop for BOP/MWSS-171. "I'm extremely proud of them."

The Intramural Summer Softball Tournament was just a glimpse of what's to come. The regular season is scheduled to start June 21. For additional information on it or any other intramural sports, call 253-3067.