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DLA changes name, unifies enterprise

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For the past year, Defense Logistics Agency has worked to find a solution to a dilemma, which has caused confusion and misunderstanding among its employees, customers and stakeholders.

As a global community operating in 41 states and 16 foreign countries, including overseas operations in Europe, the Pacific, Africa, Afghanistan, Iraq and Kuwait, DLA came up with a solution to change its identity and present to the world a cohesive, collaborative and forward-thinking organization.

The change is to be established among other Defense Reutilization and Marketing Offices and field sites all over the world.

The Defense Reutilization and Marketing Service and the local Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office, agencies of DLA and longtime partners to war fighters worldwide, took on a new name and are now called DLA Disposition Services as of July 19.

The name has changed, but the mission has stayed the same: to provide the best value logistics support to America's Armed Forces in peace and war, around

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Relief supplies show Shobara MALS-12 cares

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Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12 here donated relief supplies to the town of Shobara, Japan, July 24 after the town was recently hit with a flood.

Due to the flood, eight people are in poor physical condition, one person is missing, 10 houses were completely destroyed and 24 were severely damaged, and more than 90 people evacuated the area.

Additionally, much of the town's water system was blown away, which left the people without clean drinking water, and several roadways were destroyed.

The Shobara City Government estimated a total damage cost of nearly \$90 million.

Machiko Hamamoto, affectionately

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Marines and a Navy corpsman run to aid simulated wounded victims during exercise Dragon Fire at the Combined Arms Training Center Camp Fuji, Japan, July 14. Dragon Fire is an annual exercise Combat Logistics Company 36 Marines conduct in order to prepare for combat military operations.

CLC-36 returns better-equipped for combat

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Approximately 65 Marines with Combat Logistics Company 36 returned here from Combined Arms Training Center Camp Fuji, Japan, July 22 upon completion of Exercise Dragon Fire 2010.

Exercise Dragon Fire, a 10-day exercise designed to refamiliarize Marines with weapon systems, convoy operations, military operations in urban terrain, land navigation and patrolling, took place at the base of Japan's largest and most prominent mountain Mount Fuji.

According to CLC-36 Commanding Officer Maj. Dustin Thorn, the purpose of the exercise was to increase the unit's ability to function in a combat environment,

build esprit de corps and facilitate engaged small-unit leadership.

To build confidence in weapons handling and intermediate marksmanship skills, the Marines practiced throwing M-67 fragmentation hand grenades and fired the M-16A2 service rifle, vehicle-mounted M-2 .50 caliber machine gun, M-203 grenade launcher, M-249 squad automatic weapon, and M-240G medium machine gun.

Overall, more than 44,700 rounds were fired during the exercise.

The Marines also practiced patrolling. Squads patrolled from the grenade range to the armory of Camp Fuji, performing several maneuvers such as patrol formations and contact responses.

"(The junior Marines) were put in positions of fire team

leaders and such where they had other Marines under their control, and I think a lot of the E-3 and below that are getting ready to pick up (rank) gained a lot of experience dealing with that type of situation," said Lance Cpl. Martin Prado, motor-transportation mechanic with CLC-36. "When I do get thrown into that situation of having control over other Marines, I'll have a little bit of experience. I think it helped out a lot. You see a different angle of it, the bigger picture.

Daytime and nighttime land navigation events were executed to allow the Marines to apply the fundamentals of azimuth orientations and to navigate through terrain with low-light visibility.

New to this year's training evolution was convoy

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'Success like charity begins at home'

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The advertising world uses slogans as the most effective means of drawing attention of the consumer world. Nike's "Just Do It" campaign is probably one of the most famous slogans in advertising history.

The military services also use slogans as one of their primary recruiting tools. Marine Corps: "Semper Fidelis," "The Few, The Proud, The Marines," and "To the Shores of Tripoli," Navy: "AGlobal Force for Good," "Accelerate Your Life," "It is not just a job, It is an Adventure." Army: "Army

Strong," and "Be All You Can Be." Air Force: "Above All," and "Aim High." Coast Guard: "Semper Paratus" (always ready), and "Be Part of the Action."

My favorite personal slogan is "Success Begins at Home." In Proverbs 22:6, "Train a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not turn from it."

The late Fleet Adm. Nimitz once said a given individual is not predestined to succeed simply because he was born with a silver spoon in his mouth. He believes determination and industry are the determining factors.

He also attributed his success to his family, particularly to his wife, who always stood by him even when his career was at stake.

His four children, who are all well-bred, gave Fleet Adm. Nimitz, the first sign of success. He loves to say, "Success, like charity, begins at home."

The Marine Corps offers a variety of programs and a wide range of support services to our military families. However, despite all these resources available to

us, parents have a crucial role in instilling in children our family values. The Scriptures say, "A man reaps what he sows ... Let us not be weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." (Galatians 5:7,9) If we sow love at home, we will reap love. If we sow hatred and bitterness at home or even at our work place, guess what we are going to reap? Personal growth is a process. Like farming, the right climate is essential for growth. We can bring out the best in our kids starting at a very young age by providing the right atmosphere at home, setting an example and spending quality time with the family.

The principle of sowing and reaping also applies to single Marines and sailors. Whether they are anticipating marriage or not, sowing the right attitude and internalizing our core values of honor, courage and commitment in day-to-day existence will definitely reap success.

As the saying goes, "There is no place like home."

Back in business: Hornets Nest reopens



Col. James C. Stewart, station commanding officer, and Mr. Oshitani, Hiroshima branch sub-chief of Obayashi Corporation, prepare to cut the ribbon and officially open the new and improved Hornets Nest during the "Rock the Block" Grand Opening celebration at the Hornets Nest here July 30. The renovations consisted of leveling the floor; installing new flooring and wall coverings; updating the heating, ventilating and air conditioning system, as well as the plumbing; and installing a wireless Internet network.

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operations and military operations in urban terrain training.

"The convoy operations were most beneficial for the Marines," said Thorn. "They are the deadliest events in theatre, so it's important they get that training."

During convoy operations, Marines simulated improvised explosive device counter measures to prepare for real-life combat scenarios. They performed immediate actions drills as well as vehicle recovery.

When a vehicle is struck by an IED, Marines first have to determine if the vehicle is mobile and able to drive out of the kill zone. If it isn't, they then have to decide if it should be recovered or abandoned.

In executing a vehicle recovery, they practiced hauling the vehicle out of the zone, repairing it and assisting the corpsman with treating casualties.

"We learned to recover a vehicle in two to three minutes," said Prado.

The Marines focused on squad-versus-squad aggression and urban environment familiarization during the MOU training, which was designed to improve urban warfare skills.

MALS-12 provides support, strengthens U.S., Japan relationship

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known as Mama-san to all MALS-12 Marines, brought the flood to the attention of Cpl. Marcie McWaters, assistant substance abuse control officer and chaplain's assistant for MALS-12.

McWaters then sent out an all-hands e-mail to the unit requesting donations of water to be brought to the town located approximately 3 hours north of Iwakuni by car.

Not even a week later, her request was answered by more than 1,000 bottles of donated water.

The majority of which were donated by the MALS-12 Staff Noncommissioned Officer Association.

McWaters, along with Staff Sgt. Fabio Salas, member of the MALS-12 Staff NCO Association, drove to the distressed town to deliver the relief supplies.

"It was amazing seeing all the people cleaning everything up and seeing the cars that were devastated and totaled," said Salas. "I was awestruck. Trees were torn up out of the ground. I've never seen anything like that in person. It was pretty amazing."

"We want them to know we're here to help in times of need and offer support when needed most," said Salas.

By donating the water, MALS-12 helped further strengthen the relationship between U.S. forces and Japan.

McWaters said there are a lot of incidents that happen out in town that give Marines here a negative reputation, but this will show the community that Marines aren't all the same.

"We wanted to show that MALS-12 is here to help," said McWaters.

McWaters is currently working with Hamamoto to coordinate further efforts in helping the people of Shobara in their time of need.

"The scenarios were all played out by sergeants and staff (noncommissioned officers) who have been deployed, and we used real-life scenarios," said Sgt. William H. Smith, motor-transportation maintenance chief who has deployed to Iraq three times. "We used (our experiences) to kind of gear the Marines toward (the scenario) as far as going in the buildings, but the training in general was very much real-life scenarios."

After completing the training, Smith says he feels more confident in his abilities and the abilities of his Marines to succeed in a combat environment.

The MOU training proved to be the most realistic training of the exercise.

The Marines brought a lot of new skills back with them in addition to improving old skills.

"I think the biggest thing (the Marines) took away from it was every Marine is not just their (military occupational specialty)," said Smith.

"They don't just turn wrenches or work in a warehouse. They have to stick to the fundamentals of being a rifleman, being able to move and maneuver with a 240 and .50 cal and assist a corpsman if we have casualties on the deck."

The Marines were given liberty in Tokyo to

wrap up the training sequence and completed a 3,776-meter ascent to the top of Mount Fuji the following day.

"We had the day off to go to Tokyo but Fuji itself, to me, was a lot better and more rewarding because you had to work for it. It wasn't like something just given to you," said Smith. "It was definitely rewarding on a personal level and seeing all the Marines make it up there together was even more rewarding."

This was the first training exercise Thorn led as the new commanding officer of CLC-36.

"To see the Marines get out there, they're a very tight-knit group with a lot of camaraderie," said Thorn. "To see that at that level is exhilarating."

"They'll expand on everything they got out there," Thorn added. "The small-unit leadership goes down to the lowest level. I saw a lot of NCOs step up. I'd like to see that trickle down to the lance corporals and even (private first classes). They will take from their NCOs the things they saw and emulate that in day-to-day operations."

The exercise prepared the Marines for combat, ensuring their confidence in their abilities and the abilities of their fellow Marines.

DLA Disposition Services: Providing logistic support under new name instituted July 19

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the clock and around the world.

Navy Adm. Alan Thompson, director of DLA, wanted to change the name to reflect to the customer that DLA's global enterprise is a seamless operation and one entity, said Felix Leon, forward logistics specialist with DLA Troop Support Pacific.

The DLA Disposition Services carries out its mission to deliver great customer service to include the reuse, transfer, donation, sale or disposal of excess property.

"If you go to your supply unit, you will see vehicles, trailers, buses, ambulances, anything from desks to medical equipment, aircraft parts and other supplies," said Edward Ryley, site manager of DLA Disposition Services here. "Any excess property has to be turned into us."

DLA Disposition Services plays a significant role in protecting national security through the disposal of excess and unusable supplies.

"There's a big picture involved in it," said Ryley. "Aircraft parts, especially, have to be destroyed because of their military application. They can't be re-used or given to a foreign country or even our enemy."

There is an extensive process involved in handling excess, lost, or unclaimed supplies used by units and service members.

"Items that are abandoned by somebody must go through a board," said Ryley.

"If it is deemed the owner cannot be found, then it becomes government property."

While DLA Disposition Services takes care of the disposal of supplies, DLA Troop Support, formerly called Defense Supply Center Philadelphia, operates from the other end, providing units and service members with vital supplies.

DLA Troop Support is divided among four main commodities: construction and equipment, medical material, subsistence, and clothing and textiles.

The construction and equipment supply chain, oversees maintenance, repair and operations services for DLA.

Its purpose is to supply various types of heavy equipment, lumber, plumbing and electrical supplies. The medical material supply chain provides military and federal agencies with vital medical products and services to include pharmaceuticals and biological products, antibiotics, an-

algesics, antihistamines, blood derivatives and vaccines.

"When a hospital expands, it's our mission to provide the hospital with the supplies needed to continue their mission," said Leon.

The subsistence supply chain provides operational rations products, dining hall support, food service equipment, and chow to units stationed and deployed.

"If a unit goes on an exercise, I can deploy with the unit and support the unit through their exercise by supplying things like (military meals ready to eat) and other equipment," said Leon.

The fourth commodity of DLA Troop Support is the Clothing and Textiles supply chain which supports America's warfighters with clothing, to include uniform items, utilities and individual equipment items.

"The main thing that everyone needs to know is that we are part of DLA and we are here to serve," said Ryley.

Many more changes are slated to take place throughout the enterprise as DLA continues to support the mission and look for new ways to unify its soul purpose: to serve the warfighter.



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Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting Marines climb up to the next station during ARFF's annual Mt. Fuji climb July 24. Mt. Fuji is home to many torii towers and shrines resting at various locations around the dormant volcano. Mt. Fuji is the highest and holiest mountain in Japan, which extends 12,355 meters into the sky.

Marines test endurance against Mt. Fuji climb

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A small group of Marines with Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting stormed to the top of Mt. Fuji July 24.

Mt. Fuji, a dormant volcano, is the highest and holiest mountain in Japan, extending 12,355 feet toward the sky.

It is estimated 200,000 people climb Mt. Fuji every year, even during the night to see the sunrise at the top of the mountain in the early hours of the morning.

Lance Cpl. Tucker Roberts, ARFF crash crewman, climbed Mt. Fuji for the second time with ARFF.

Climbing the mountain more than once does not make the climb any easier, said Roberts.

"They say, the first time you climb the mountain is for fun, the second time is for health, and the third time is for wealth," said Roberts. "The first time was definitely more fun than this time, and I could tell this one was definitely for health."

ARFF took the Kawaguchi route, marked by 10 checkpoints where climbers can stop, rest and purchase snacks.

Each checkpoint is manned by Japanese locals who live in huts on the mountain for months at a time, providing various services including housing for climbers who wish to stay overnight.

Some of the Japanese locals shared experiences with the Marines about how they climb the mountain numerous times.

"It's kind of fun to see all these Japanese people who do this on a daily basis," said Roberts. "It's impressive."

Climbers can purchase walking sticks at the base or first station of the mountain and have special stamps, which are branded onto the sticks to mark each checkpoint.

"The stamps are very motivating," said Clayton Begay, ARFF crash crewman. "When

you get to the top, it's covered and it becomes memorabilia. It holds a lot of personal pride for me."

As the Marines continued to ascend to the summit, exhaustion, dehydration and depleting oxygen levels began to take their toll.

"The hardest part of the mountain to climb was the last stretch," said Begay. "After station nine, I looked up and it just looked like it kept going to the very top."

At the peak of the mountain lies a shrine, which belongs to the Sengen-Sama, Shinto goddess, who has been worshiped by Japanese Mt. Fuji climbers for centuries.

"The shrine at the very top of the mountain is cool," said Begay.

Locals and tourists gather year-round to climb the mountain, but the official climbing season is during the months of July and August when the weather is particularly hot.

"Make sure you have enough water, but don't bring too much and make sure to wear sunscreen," said Roberts.

Once the Marines reached the top, the journey wasn't over yet.

After hours of climbing the mountain, it was estimated an extra few hours would pass before the Marines reached the bottom.

Even though the path was meant to be less time consuming, the route to the bottom presented further challenges.

"Coming back down the mountain was hard because there are so many rocks," said Begay. "It's just as steep going down the mountain as going up and it's very slippery coming down."

The climb was dedicated to the Tsuta Children's Home, an orphanage ARFF has sponsored for the past two decades.

ARFF supports the Tsuta Children's Home by hosting regular and seasonal events, donating money and forming working parties to familiarize themselves with the children.



LANCE CPL. JENNIFER PIRANTE

Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting section leader, Staff Sgt. Shane Waiuu, uses his walking stick to climb the steps to the seventh station of Mt. Fuji July 24. Climbers can purchase walking sticks at the base or various stations of the mountain as well as special stamps, which are branded onto the sticks to mark each accomplished checkpoint.

"Last to let you down": Aviation Life Support keeps pilots alive

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Many sections aboard the air station keep jets up and running and mission oriented, but one shop is responsible for something much more important than keeping those aircraft in the air. They are responsible for the lives of the pilots that fly them.

Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12's Aviation Life Support section prepares all of the life support equipment a pilot would need in case he has to eject due to an aircraft malfunction.

Staff Sgt. Francisco Hennings, division chief, said they are here to support the different units aboard the station to make sure pilots and crew members have the proper survival equipment in case they need to evade a hazardous situation.

Some of the life support equipment includes parachutes, oxygen systems, life preservers and several different survival items kept inside seat pans in case of a condition in which the pilot could not survive on their own.

"We basically go through all the gear that they use," said Lance Cpl. Shedarah Teamer IV, the production control chief. "We make sure all of it is good, usable and works properly and that all of the survival gear is up to date."

Aviation Life Support services EA-6B Prowlers, AV8B Harriers, and F/A-18 Hornets, not only for MALS-12 but also for any of the Unit Deployment Program squadrons that deploy to the air station.

"We've got squadrons coming in and out all the time," said Teamer. "Every six or three months we'll get a new one and they're always wanting the gear, because they are always flying."

All of that gear has to be up to date and if it's not, even if it's bad by one day it could cause a malfunction."

Flight equipment technicians have absolutely no room for error in any aspect of their duties.

"We can't fail at our job," said Sgt. Cristian Orozco, flight equipment technician. "You have air framers and power planters, and they might make some mistakes here and there, but we can't afford to make those mistakes because it can cost someone their life."

Their job may be very tedious and technical but it also hits home to every flight equipment technician.

"I've already had two pilots go down with my gear, and just hearing that they ejected was completely nerve racking," said Orozco. "Thankfully, I've done everything right, and they've come back and thanked me with tears in their eyes, because they've put all their trust in our hands. We just cannot afford to make a mistake, period."

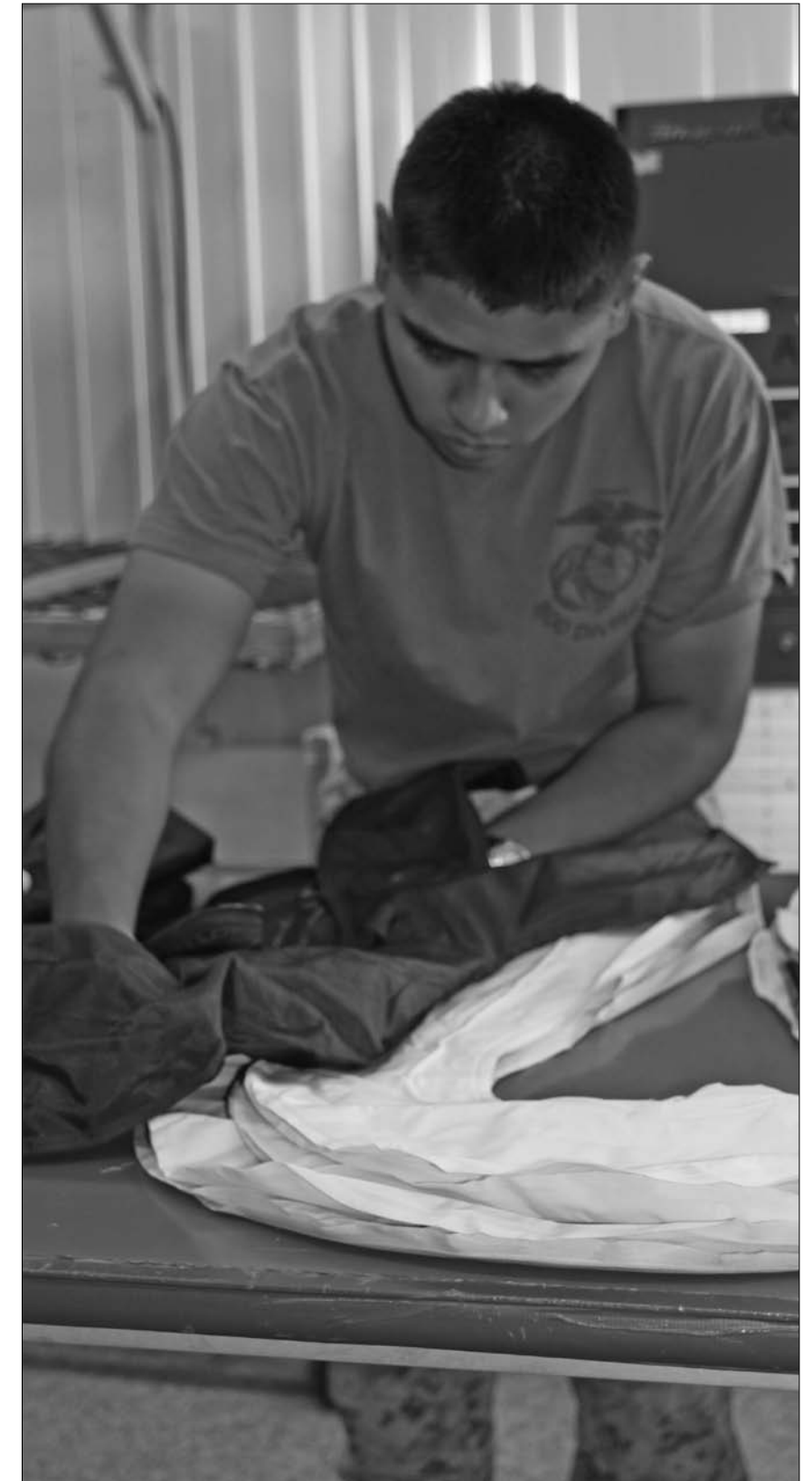
Teamer said that being able to keep a mother or a father alive so they can get back to their family is one of the greatest feelings he has experienced.

"That in general is what keeps most of us going," he said.

Many people may think their job is simple: preparing life preservers, assembling survival equipment and packing parachutes. Easy, right? But when it comes down to it, those small things save lives when everything else has failed.

"We're the last to let you down," said Teamer. "We're the last line of defense for pilots. If we fail, that means a pilot is going to die."

Aviation Life Support ultimately serves as the link between the pilot in the aircraft and his survival and recovery.



LANCE CPL. MIRANDA BLACKBURN

Cpl. Jose J. Hernandez, flight equipment technician, prepares life preservers at Marine Aviation Logistics 12 Aviation Life Support here July 27. Some of the life support equipment includes parachutes, oxygen systems and several different survival items in case of a condition in which the pilot could not survive.



LANCE CPL. MIRANDA BLACKBURN

Lance Cpls. Rowin Bhandhoo and Thomas Woodring, flight equipment technicians, put together a parachute for an AV8B Harrier at Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12 Aviation Life Support here July 27.



LANCE CPL. MIRANDA BLACKBURN

A finished parachute sits on a table at Marine Aviation Logistics 12 Aviation Life Support here July 27. Aviation Life Support services Prowlers, AV8B Harriers and F/A-18s Hornets.

US, ROK forces flex skills during Invincible Spirit

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Exercise Invincible Spirit came to a close for Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan units as the last two F/A-18 Hornets flew out of Pohang Air Base Republic of Korea July 29.

Exercise Invincible Spirit is a joint combined exercise in which the Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Republic of Korea forces work together to demonstrate solidarity and a commitment to work together.

Marines from Marine Aircraft Group 12, Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 and 172, Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12, Marine Air Control Squadron 4, Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 152, Marine All-Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 242 and Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 542 began putting boots on the ground July 13.

Over the next 12 days, they set up ground support, emergency systems, communications and more than 15 tents for billeting.

They also brought in more than 10 tactical vehicles and many heavy equipment vehicles.

During the course of the exercise, the concerted efforts of all the units allowed them to supply more than 2,300 Meals Ready to Eat, 154 cases of bottled water, bring in more than 1,000 personnel, pump more than 66,000 pounds of fuel, transport more than

11,000 pounds of cargo, support four AV-8B Harriers and four F/A-18 Hornets, and got more than 40 sorties off the ground.

"(The training) didn't start with flying," said Lt. Col. Richard Petersen, commanding officer of VMFA(AW)-242.

"It started with building up this entire camp."

"Everybody's working together. Small detachments from each of the different units, in a week and a half, built this place up to what it is now," added Petersen.

Invincible Spirit was anything but a typical exercise.

Most exercises are planned months in advance to line up the logistics; Invincible Spirit went from boots on the ground July 13 to locked and cocked July 25.

"I think (short notice) was part of the challenge," said Petersen. "It was a short-fuse exercise. They wanted to see how well we could come in, how well we could set up, how well we could command and control, and how many sorties we could actually fly from here."

In addition to the time-crunch, Invincible Spirit brought AV-8B Harriers and F/A-18 Hornets together in mixed divisions – two Harriers and two F/A-18 Hornets.

The combination maximizes the fighting capabilities of a division whereas traditionally a division would be comprised of four Harriers or four Hornets.

The presence of the Harriers and Hornets was unusual for Pohang Air Base, said Republic of Korea Navy Senior Chief Petty Officer Beomseok Lee, air traffic controller.

Because of the noise associated with these aircraft, their presence is not always welcome in surrounding populated areas.

Invincible Spirit isn't a typical exercise. The Korean population is understanding and supportive due to both the size and scope of the exercise, said Lee.

Lee worked more closely with Marines than many of his fellow Republic of Korea service members.

Air traffic control is one of the few occupational specialties where service members from both sides work together.

Lee said the relationship between the Republic of Korea Navy and the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps has a long history of cooperation. Over the years, the bilateral training has created a two-way flow of improved air traffic control methods and techniques.

Invincible Spirit was more than just a flight exercise for Iwakuni units. Off the coast in the Sea of Japan, approximately 20 ships and submarines were in place and the eight aircraft of Iwakuni were a fraction of the 200 involved.

More than 8,000 U.S. and ROK forces service members were involved throughout the entire exercise.



CPL. JOSEPH MARIANELLI

Recovery Marines check and adjust the placement of the deck pin in preparation for an arrestment during exercise Invincible Spirit here July 28. The pin must be placed in "boots," rubber tire pieces with a gap for the deck pin to rest in, to raise the pin two and a half inches off the deck so the plane's tail hook won't just skip over it.



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A recovery Marine prepares to retract the deck pin after a successful arrestment during exercise Invincible Spirit here July 28. During retraction, arrestment gear operators on either side of the runway must act together to properly pull back the arrested plane to release the deck pin from the tail hook.



PETTY OFFICER 3RD CLASS CHARLES OKI

A U.S. Marine Corps C-130 Hercules aircraft, center, leads a formation of three F/A-18C Hornet aircraft, right, and three A/V-8B Harrier aircraft as they fly over USS George Washington July 27 while the carrier is under way in the East Sea. George Washington is participating in the combined U.S. and South Korean alliance maritime and air readiness exercise Invincible Spirit.



CPL. JOSEPH MARIANELLI

POHANG AIR BASE, Republic of Korea – Marine All-Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 242 Ordnance Marines place a training missile onto an F/A-18 Hornet during exercise Invincible Spirit here July 27. During Invincible Spirit, VMFA(AW)-242, Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 542 and the Republic of Korea Air Force conducted numerous sorties to improve their interoperability and combat effectiveness.



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POHANG AIR BASE, Republic of Korea – Marines with Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 152 and Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 load cargo onto a C-130 preparing to take a portion of Marines back to Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan. Marines transported more than 11,000 pounds of cargo during the exercise.

CORPS NEWS

HIGHLIGHTING MARINES AND SAILORS AROUND THE GLOBE

26th Marine Expeditionary Unit completes Composite Training Unit Exercise

GUNNERY SGT. BRYCE PIPER
26TH MARINE EXPEDITIONARY UNIT

USS KEARSARGE, ATLANTIC OCEAN, US — Travelling south to the Florida coastline, Marines and sailors kicked off the scenario-driven COMPTUEX in earnest, conducting a live Maritime Interception Operation exercise at sea. MEU Marines and Kearsarge ARG sailors teamed up to identify, target a non compliant vessel suspected of smuggling arms and supplies to an insurgency, and conduct an aerial insert boarding to enforce its compliance. Combat Logistics Battalion 26 took the lead on a Humanitarian Assistance/Disaster Relief training mission based at Naval Support Activity Mayport, Fla., beginning July 16. While elements of Battalion Landing Team 3/8 provided security, CLB-26 Marines and sailors managed the distribution of more than 50,000 lbs. of mock relief supplies via aircraft from Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 266 (VMM-266) (Rein).

Scenario training stopped temporarily when a MEU AV-8B Harrier crashed in Ocala National Forest, Fla., around 8 p.m. July 18 while conducting close air support training. Captain Jarrod L. Klement, with VMM-266 (Rein) ejected from the plane and was airlifted by local authorities to Shands Cancer Hospital at the University of Florida, Gainesville, where he was treated for minor injuries and released. The cause of the crash remains under investigation.

The Marines resumed COMPTUEX training July 19, as the ships of Kearsarge ARG moved north to continue the exercise off the shores of Camp Lejeune, where their UK counterparts had been conducting counterinsurgency fighting ashore. BLT 3/8 conducted an amphibious assault July 23, executing a relief in place with 3 Commando Brigade Royal Marines, who returned to UK ships offshore.

Another key element of COMPTUEX was reconnaissance, communication, and close air support provided by Joint Tactical Air Controllers on the ground, and aircraft assets such as Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System and Airborne Warning And Control System. Throughout the exercise, 26th MEU tactical

air controllers teamed with sailors, airmen, soldiers as well as Air Force JSTARS and NATO AWACS crews who provided intelligence that affected the exercise.

"This is the first time that Strike Force Training Atlantic invited JSTARS to participate in an ARG/MEU COMPTUEX as a fully integrated resource," said David J. Gellene, N57 plans director for Commander, Strike Force Training, Atlantic. JSTARS participated in another MEU's COMPTUEX in Feb. 2009, but only as a proof of concept event, Gellene said. The Kearsarge ARG/26th MEU's exercise marks the first time JSTARS was integrated into COMPTUEX scenario-driven exercises.

Familiarization with these systems' functions and capabilities was key for the Marines' proper utilization should they benefit from any of their availability during the MEU's upcoming deployment.

COMPTUEX was an extremely successful evolution for 26th MEU, according to Executive Officer Lt. Col. Mike Starling. Communications, Navy and Marine staff planning, integration with higher level assets and standardization of operating procedures between the Marines and Navy staffs exceeded expectations.

"The Kearsarge ARG and 26th MEU have a firm grasp on our communications and mission procedures, which was a major objective for this exercise," Starling said. "COMPTUEX was extremely productive and has set us up well for the certification exercise ahead."

26th MEU's certification exercise begins mid-August.



LANCE CPL. SANTIAGO G. COLON JR.

USS KEARSARGE, ATLANTIC OCEAN, US - Lance Cpl. Jesse Raper, front, and Lance Cpl. Christopher Fisher, rear, team leaders with Company I, Battalion Landing Team 3/8, 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit, rehearse casualty evacuation procedures during Composite Training Unit Exercise aboard USS Kearsarge, July 20, 2010. 26th MEU and Amphibious Squadron 4 conducted the three-week COMPTUEX in preparation for their deployment later this fall. During COMPTUEX, 26th MEU will prepare for its Certification Exercise in August by integrating and finalizing communications and mission procedures.



SGT. JESSE J. JOHNSON

USS KEARSARGE, ATLANTIC OCEAN, US - United States-Marines with 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit Visit, Board, Search and Seizure (VBSS) assault force fast-rope from an MH-60S Seahawk Helicopter onto the deck of the fleet replenishment oiler USNS Leroy Grumman during a Maritime Interception Operation exercise as part of Composite Training Unit Exercise (COMPTUEX), July 16, 2010. 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit and Amphibious Squadron 4 conducted the three-week exercise in preparation for their deployment later this fall. During COMPTUEX, 26th MEU will prepare for its Certification Exercise in August by integrating and finalizing communication and mission procedures.



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USS KEARSARGE, ATLANTIC OCEAN, US - Sailors with USS Ponce ship control team use a ladder to board the fleet replenishment oiler USNS Leroy Grumman during a Maritime Interception Operation as part of Composite Training Unit Exercise (COMPTUEX), July 16, 2010. 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit and Amphibious Squadron 4 conducted the three-week exercise in preparation for their deployment later this fall. During COMPTUEX, 26th MEU will prepare for its Certification Exercise in August by integrating and finalizing communication and mission procedures.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Vacation Bible School
Vacation Bible School is being offered at the Marine Memorial Chapel 5:30 - 8 p.m. Aug. 9 - 13. Ages 3-11 may attend. For more information call 253-6470 or e-mail natali_godoy@yahoo.com.

New consular fee schedule
The U.S. Embassy in Tokyo has published a new consular fee schedule. The new fees went into effect July 13. The Web site for the new fee is at <http://tokyo.usembassy.gov/eacs/tacs-fees-20100613.html>, and the new fee chart is listed at http://www.travel.state.gov/news/news_5078.html. For more information, contact the Station Judge Advocate at 253-5591.

Summer Reading Program
The station library

is holding "Voyage to Book Island" summer reading program through Wednesday and will be open to readers ages 5-12 years. Summer reading participants will meet every Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the station library and participate in games, art and craft projects, and story time. For more information, stop by the library circulation desk, call 253-5156 or e-mail pughbj@usmc-mccs.org.

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.

Sexual Assault
To make a confidential report of sexual assault or harrasment, contact the victim advocate at 253-4526 during working hours. For after hours, weekends and holidays, call 090-9978-1033 or 080-3427-0835. You can also call the installation SARC at 253-6556 or 080-5865-3566.

UMUC Fall Session I Term
Register for fall session I classes with University of Maryland University College located in Building 411, Rm. 110. Registration dates are from now until Aug. 23 and session will start Aug. 23 through Oct. 17. For more information, contact your local field representative at 253-3392.

Nishikigawa Water Firework Festival
The Nishikigawa Water Festival is scheduled tomorrow at the Kintai Bridge area from 8 p.m. to approximately 9:30 p.m. Depending on the condition of the Nishiki river, the event could be

postponed to Aug. 28. For more information, call 0827-41-1477.

August American Red Cross Courses
Babysitter Instructor Course (\$75)
■Aug. 13, 5-9 p.m.
■Aug. 14, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
■Must attend both days.

Babysitting Course for ages 12 and up (\$40)
■Aug. 14, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
First Aid and CPR Instructor Course (\$100)
■Aug. 19, 5-9 p.m.
■Aug. 20, 5-9 p.m.
■Aug. 21, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
■Must attend all days.

Adult, Infant and Child First Aid and CPR Course (\$40)
■Aug. 21 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
All classes are held at the ARC Office in the Marine Memorial Chapel. You must come to the office to sign up and pay prior to taking the courses.

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 in the upcoming month.

Soap-Box Confessions
Come to the Soap-box confessions every Tuesday throughout the month of August at the Botan Tower community room located in Building 589 to feel the vibe. For more information, call 080-3700-7540 or e-mail hottcoffy@hotmail.com.

Brief Submissions
To submit a community brief, send an e-mail to 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 run the following Friday on a space-available basis. The Iwakuni Approach staff reserves the right to edit submissions for space and style.

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

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

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

SAKURA THEATER

Friday, August 6, 2010
7 p.m. Killers (PG-13)
Premier
10 p.m. Get Him to the Greek (R)

Saturday, August 7, 2010
1 p.m. Marmaduke (PG)
Premier
4 p.m. The Last Airbender (PG)
7 p.m. Inception (PG-13)
Premier

Sunday, August 8, 2010
1 p.m. The Sorcerer's Apprentice (PG)
4 p.m. Killers (PG-13)

7 p.m. Inception (PG-13)
Monday, August 9, 2010
7 p.m. Splice (R)

Tuesday, August 10, 2010
1 p.m. Marmaduke (PG)
7 p.m. The Twilight Saga: Eclipse (PG-13)

Wednesday, August 11, 2010
7 p.m. Inception (PG-13)

Thursday, August 12, 2010
1 p.m. The Last Airbender (PG)
7 p.m. Get Him to the Greek (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.

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CLASSIFIEDS

Automobiles

1996 Honda Stepwagon

Seats 8. JCI good until March 2011. Well maintained and good A/C. CD player, two sunroofs and convertible seats. Asking \$1,100 OBO. Call 080-3097-8461.

Honda NSR25

Rare and fast bike. New tires and chain. JCI will be renewed upon purchase. Asking \$5,000 OBO. Call 080-3524-3462.

1996 Nissan Cedric

Excellent condition. Reliable, full tune up done one year ago, oil changed regularly. Good tires. Kenwood stereo with multi-axis accelerometer, iPod/MP3 input and remote. JVC speakers installed with stereo two years

ago. Pre-wired for AMP/subwoofer. JCI good until Oct. 2011. Asking \$2,900. Call 253-2119 or 080-3278-4561.

2004 Yamaha Vmax

2,000 miles. Runs and looks great. State-side ready. JCI good until May 2012. Asking \$6,400 OBO. Call 253-2096 or 253-8524.

Jobs

Thrift Store Job Openings

Immediate opening for paid positions at the station's Thrift Store. Deliver your resume to Building 1117 or e-mail Gwen Peterson at gwenkaypete@yahoo.com.

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 at

<https://www.bpn.gov/ccr/default.aspx>.

Miscellaneous

Hoover Steam Cleaner

Used only one time. Asking \$70. For more information, please call 080-4209-3590.

Free Translator

Stay at home mom looking to help others in spare time. For more information, email nakahashimikiko@msn.com.

Day Care Openings

Kuni Care In-Home Daycare currently has openings for children ages 1 and up. For more information call 253-2121 or email kunicare@ymail.com.

Real Estate

Jacksonville, N.C.

Beautiful four bedroom, two and a half bath room home for sale by owner. 102 E. Carlington Way, Jacksonville, N.C. Near Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune. Asking \$204,900. E-mail sparulis@ec.rr.com for pictures.

Ad Submissions

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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, brown gravy, jalapeno corn bread, macaroni salad, creamy cucumber rice salad, standard salad bar, peanut butter cookies, chocolate cream pie, double layer banana cake.

Specialty Bar: Pasta

Tuesday

Minestrone soup, tomato soup, Southern fried chicken, lasagna, spinach lasagna, mashed potatoes, Southern style greens, mixed vegetables, chicken gravy, garlic bread with cheese, potato salad, Italian style pasta salad, standard salad bar, brownies, spice cake, coconut cream pie.

Specialty Bar: Taco

Wednesday

Chicken and rice soup, New England clam chowder, sweet and sour chicken, pepper steak, egg foo yung, Chinese egg rolls, pork fried rice, steamed rice, corn O'Brien, vegetable stir fry, dinner rolls, macaroni salad, spring salad, standard salad bar, chocolate drop cookies, double layer Florida lemon cake, blueberry pie.

Specialty Bar: Barbeque

Thursday

Chicken noodle soup, cream of potato soup, chicken kiev, meat loaf, mashed potatoes, steamed rice, green beans nicoise, french fried cauliflower, grown gravy, dinner rolls, potato salad, German style tomato salad, standard salad bar, pecan brownies, yellow cake, chocolate cream pie.

Specialty Bar: Deli Bar

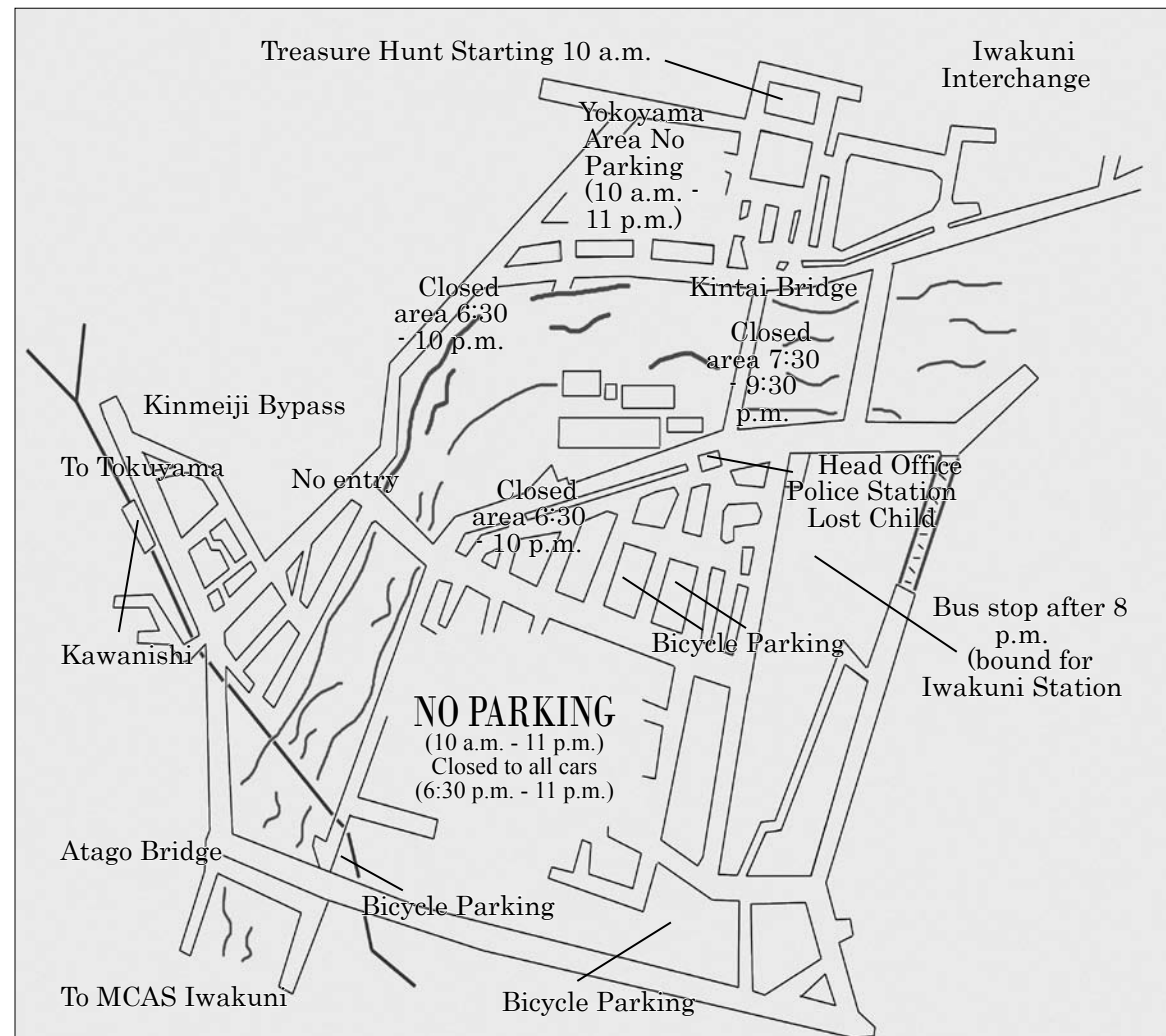
Friday

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, standard salad bar, ginger molasses cookies, double layer German chocolate cake, coconut pecan frosting, pumpkin pie.

Specialty Bar: Hot Dog

43rd Nishikigawa River Festival

Traffic Restrictions are in affect tomorrow. Shuttle buses are available between JR Iwakuni Station and the Kintai Bridge. Shuttle buses will depart once full. Times may fluctuate.



LANCE CPL. MIRANDA BLACKBURN

Naoki Kanno, player for Hope Atago, prepares to spike the ball to the other side of the court during the annual five-on-five volleyball tournament at the IronWorks Gym here July 24. Hope Atago took first place in the tournament, beating Kings of the Court 10-7 in the final game of the morning. Both Hope Atago and Kings of the Court started out the tournament strong by setting up good plays almost every time and finishing off with swift spikes to the other side of the court.

Hope Atago edges Kings of Court in volleyball

LANCE CPL. MIRANDA BLACKBURN
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Team Hope Atago took first place in the annual five-on-five volleyball tournament at the IronWorks Gym here July 24.

Three teams hit the courts in the morning hoping to take home the trophy, but Hope Atago didn't quite do the job last year and was determined to take home the win this time.

The double elimination tournament consisted of 14 games, which all ended in close scores.

Each game went to 15 points with the exception of the game ending in a tie or a one-point difference. At that point the game was played until one team won by two points.

Both Hope Atago and Kings of the Court started out the tournament strong by setting up good plays almost every time and finishing off with swift spikes to the other side of the court.

JT Thunders took the tournament a little less seriously than the two other teams but still enjoyed the friendly competition and kept everyone laughing with their over-the-top dramatics.

Eventually, the tournament became more of a face-off between Hope Atago and Kings of the Court, with Hope Atago winning five out of the eight

games played against Kings of the Court.

During the final game, Kings of the Court started off slow, letting Hope Atago rack up the points quickly, but by the time Kings of the Court started to pull it back together Hope Atago had already won the game 10-7.

"We really started to come back, but we didn't have time since the last game only went to 10 points," said Jordan Kroell, team captain for Kings of the Court.

Hope Atago was extremely grateful for their win, especially after taking second place the year before.

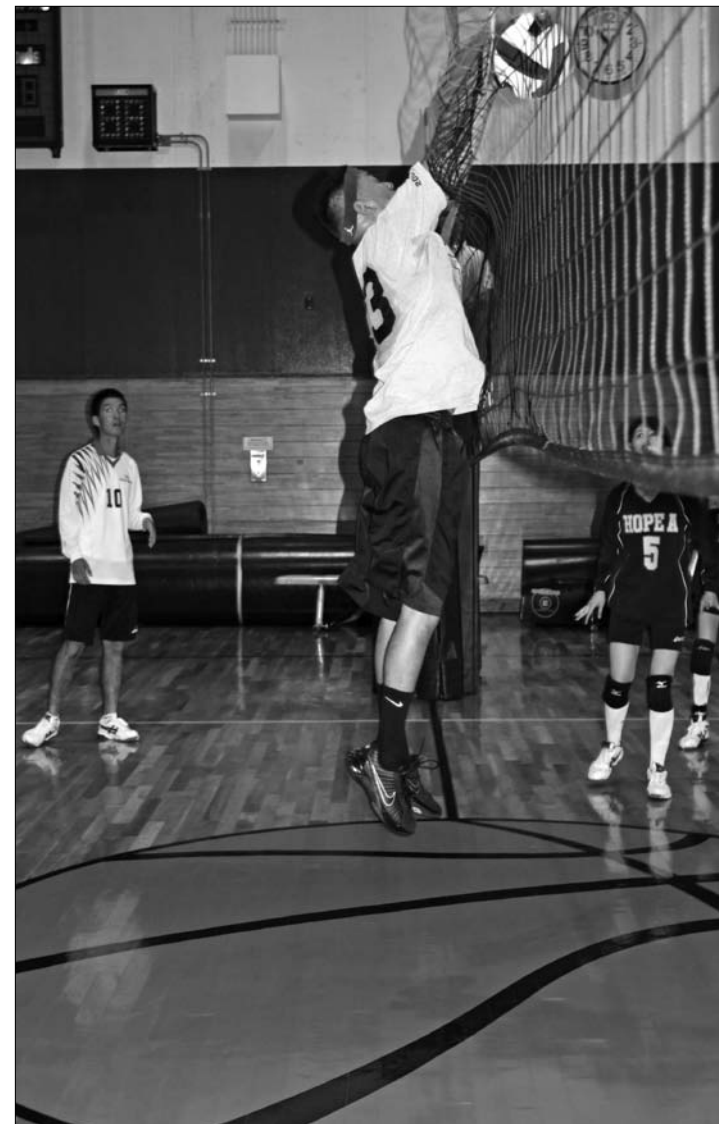
"We did a really great job today," said Ritsu Hiromoto, team captain for Hope Atago.

"We pulled through as a team and won this tournament together."

Kroell said more important than winning or losing is having the opportunity to participate in intramural sports and friendly competition.

"Intramural sports are very important to the station," said Kroell. "I play a lot of sports, and it really gives us a chance to get together with other station members and local nationals."

For more information on intramural sports, call the athletic division at 253-4605.



LANCE CPL. MIRANDA BLACKBURN

Jordan Kroell, team captain for Kings of the Court, blocks a spike during the five-on-five volleyball tournament at the IronWorks Gym here July 24. The double-elimination tournament consisted of 14 games, which all ended in close scores.

JMSDF's Nafi scorches MWSS-171 6-2



CPL. KRISTIN E. MORENO

A Nafi forward tries to maneuver around Antonino Mautino Aguirre (center) and Julio Bernal (right), defenders for MWSS-171, to set up a goal shot during an intramural soccer game at Penny Lake here July 26. At the start of the game, neither team was able to dominate the field, and Nafi ended up taking the much-deserved win 6-2.

CPL. KRISTIN E. MORENO
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

They might not play in a multi-million dollar facility in South Africa, and they might not have thousands of screaming fans, but with the FIFA World Cup over, Iwakuni intramural soccer is now the hottest thing since sliced bread.

MWSS-171 went into the game with the will to win but was obliterated by Nafi 6-2 during an intramural soccer game held at Penny Lake here July 26.

At the start, neither team was able to dominate the field, and the ball was constantly being turned over due to bad passes, but within minutes of the first half, Nafi picked up their play, putting constant pressure on MWSS-171's quickly-tiring defense.

It was a hard-fought battle for MWSS-171 to keep possession of the ball and a good position on the play with Nafi's mad passing skills.

"We talked about finding the open spaces (before the game), said McMahon. "They're very good at doing it."

Matthew McMahon said his team needs to work on getting into good positions to field the ball instead of just waiting for it. That's what put Nafi ahead of MWSS-171, their ability to play the open spaces.

As with the first, the second half of the game kept spectators on the edge

of their seats.

It was a neck-in-neck battle with shot after shot, block after block, save after save and numerous missed opportunities. Neither team was able to gain any type of momentum to put them ahead.

"The first half we kind of just feel it out," said Matthew McMahon, forward for MWSS-171. "The way we started the second half, we were playing very well. We went out and got that first goal in the second half, and I don't know if everyone got tired (in the first half) or just started falling apart, but I think we were playing pretty strong at the end of the second half."

While they came into the half strong, it wasn't long before MWSS-171 started to lose their stride.

"We missed such easy shots and could have played a little harder on defense, but overall, I'm not mad about the game," said David Suy, defensive player for MWSS-171. "We did a really good job and stuck with it all the way to the end. We never stopped fighting."

Despite their ongoing efforts, MWSS-171 was unable to catch up to Nafi in the end, and Nafi took the much-deserved 6-2 win.

Suy said MWSS-171's aggressiveness is both a strength and weakness, and they'll be working on the fundamentals and communication for the next game.



CPL. KRISTIN E. MORENO

An offensive Nafi player dribbles down the field as Sean Weaver, MWSS-171 player, attempts to sneak in for the steal during an intramural soccer game at Penny Lake here July 26.