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## Station children tour airfield

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Lance Cpl. Jeremy Borges, a station Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting specialist, assists Allison Mohn, a 5-year-old School Age Care child, shoot a water hose at cones during an airfield facilities tour here Aug. 17. SAC children from around the station spent two days learning what the Marines do here.

School Age Care children from around the station spent Aug. 17-18 with Marines learning what it is they do here. During their first day, station Marines volunteered their time and took approximately 60 children, ages 5-12, on an airfield facilities tour.

Gunnery Sgt. Shane Smoger was responsible for organizing the SAC's tour. "The tour was just to give them an idea of what it is their moms and dads do," said Smoger. "It's a unique opportunity for kids this age to be on a military base and to see that their mom and dad all play an important role to the military, to the Marine Corps and to the air station."

The children were given the opportunity to tour the air traffic control tower and the different offices responsible for keeping the airfield operational.

Station Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting Marines also gave the children the opportunity to tour the ARFF facilities.

The children got a hands-on learning experience as they climbed into an ARFF rescue vehicle and shot off a water hose at cones.

"I just wanted the kids to have fun," said Smoger. If they have fun while they're experiencing all this, it will make it much easier for them to learn everything that goes on in the operations department, he added.

SAC personnel also agreed the tour was a valuable learning experience for the

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## MWSS-171, MCCS team up to get children in shape

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Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 and Marine Corps Community Services' Youth Sports Division completed a two-week sports camp for 74 children on the air station at IronWorks Gym, Aug. 20.

During the two-week camp, children from 7 to 15 years old learned or honed their skills in basketball, dodgeball, football and volleyball.

"The camp helps them with their skills and to learn from a different type of coaching style coming from Marines," said Xavier Romero, MCCS youth sports coordinator.

"These guys have done a great job with the kids," he added.

During their final day, the 10 to 12-year-olds and the 13- to 15-year-olds learned volleyball, while the 7- to 9-year-olds basically played a variety of games including dodgeball, kickball and a modified form of tag.

The day began with all participants performing a warm-up exercise and stretching out. While the older children endured a standard stretch routine, the 7- to 9-year-olds ran around playing a human version of Pac-Man.

Then the children were introduced to volleyball at a very rudimentary level.

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## Inns of the Corps now accepting online reservations

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As of Aug. 13, reservations can be made at Marine Corps Community Service (MCCS) operated Temporary Lodging Facilities (TLFs) by going to [www.innsofthecorps.com](http://www.innsofthecorps.com), according to a MCCS press release.

The new online reservation system is another MCCS customer service initiative. MCCS operated TLFs are conveniently located on base and offer the amenities of a mid-market hotel. New TLF design and operating standards are being developed

to ensure guests enjoy a great lodging experience when and wherever they stay at an Inns of the Corps property.

"Reservations are just a click away," stated Siddhi Patel, Hospitality Specialist with the Personal and Family Readiness Division, HQMC.

All one has to do to make a reservation is visit the website and choose the TLF desired to stay in: input the dates of travel, number of people, purpose of visit, and status (active duty, retired, civilian). The reservation system will generate a listing of available

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# CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

## 'Back to School'

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On Monday, our kids will be going back to school.

This just happens to be one of the most dreaded days for the kids, and yet, one of the most happily anticipated days for the parents.

The same day is coming, some are happy about it, and some are sad about what that day means.

There are two sides to most stories, aren't there?

It all depends on how you look at the same day.

On one hand, the good days are gone.

Those days of sleeping in and having no responsibilities are now gone, and the days of deadlines and waking up and trying

to figure out a new schedule are now here.

For most kids, starting a new school year is on par with having teeth pulled or getting braces, not something one looks forward to.

On the other hand, the parents look forward to having the children go back to school because it not only gets them out of bed in the morning, it gets them back into a routine they can handle.

The parents look forward to getting the kids in bed at a decent hour each night, an almost impossible task during the summer.

And the parents can look forward to a schedule that's predictable.

This is life.

Some of us look forward to coming change, and others of us are terrified at what is to come.

The military lifestyle is full of change.

There is a lot to look forward

to, and a lot that needs to be planned and prepared for.

Our families here aboard Iwakuni have a lot of change happening on a regular basis.

Most of it can be exciting and rewarding.

The rest of it needs to be planned and prepared for, or else it will be a confusing and disturbing time.

We need to make sure our kids are prepared and ready for the new school year.

Our kids can even look forward to school starting as an adventure instead of a dreadful turn of events.

One thing is for certain, even though change is coming, there is something we can count on that will never change.

God's love for us will never change.

Enjoy the new school year and enjoy the love that comes from God that will never change.

## Class is in: Back to School Safety

*Helping your kids hop back on the education station with precaution*

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It is time when we will once again be seeing individuals and groups of students walking, riding bicycles and scooters, running, playing, being driven and riding busses to and from school each weekday morning and repeating the cycle in the afternoon.

The beginning and ending of each school day affects the entire station and requires increased attention to driving and road conditions.

This installment in the MCAS Iwakuni Critical Days of Summer safety campaign will present information directed at all motorists, parents, and students both returning and those new to the station.

This information has been collected from multiple sources both inside and outside of the Department of Defense.

### Tips for motorists:

- Never pass a school bus.
- Slow down around school zones and pay attention for children who may run out into the road without looking. Keep in mind children, in general, are not as tall as adults so adjust look zones appropriately.
- During inclement weather, such as rain or snow, pay close attention to stopping distances and realize children's outfits may blend in more with the background.
- The most dangerous part of the school bus ride is the bus stop.
- Children are at the greatest risk when they are getting on or off the school bus. Most children killed in bus-related crashes are pedestrians, five to seven years old, who are getting on or off the bus. They are hit by the school bus or by motorists illegally passing a stopped bus. In neighborhoods, near schools and at bus stops, drivers need to take special care.

Elementary school children become easily distracted and may start to cross the street without warning, don't understand the danger of moving vehicles, can't judge vehicle speed or distance and may be blocked from view by the bus.

Most importantly, children expect vehicles to stop for them at the school bus stop.

### What should parents do for child safety this school year?

- Familiarize yourself with school or provider drop-off and pick-up practices and then be sure you always follow them.
- One of the biggest complaints by school officials is parents find a reason to be exceptions to the rule. If the curb says, "No stopping, standing or parking at any time," that means everyone. If children are required to use designated cross walks, do not walk your child across the middle of a street just because you are holding his hand.

- Discuss the rules with your child and practice with younger ones. If possible, take your child to the drop-off area and practice the procedure at an off-peak time. Have your child wear his backpack, if required, and walk him through what to look for, what to do and what not to do. If crossing guards are used, explain their purpose and how they must wait for approval to cross. Younger children understand best by actually doing a routine instead of just being told about it.

- Resist the urge to speed or make exceptions to any traffic rules because you are running late. Whipping your car around, getting your child to dash out of the car to reach the classroom before the school bell rings or encouraging a drop-and-dash drop-off is the recipe for disaster in terms of child safety. You would rather your child receive a tardy notice than be in an accident.



Lance Cpl. Christopher Lorio asks for Pac-Man volunteers during the final day of a sports camp put on by Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 and Marine Corps Community Services at the IronWorks Gym here Aug. 20.

## Sports camp is huge success with children

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The 7- to 9-year-olds moved quickly onto a game of tag. Two children were "it," but all of the children were only allowed to run along the black lines of one basketball court.

If one or both of the two "it" children needed some extra mobility to run down their quarries, they could opt to grab one of the two bright neon sports balls from the center of the court. Once carrying the ball, the "it" child had 30 seconds not being confined to the black lines.

Eventually the 7- to 9-year-olds moved onto dodgeball and then kickball.

Several of the children from this group agreed dodgeball was their favorite sport.

"Dodgeball because you get to get people out and throw the ball at them," said 7-year-old Declan Derossette.

Declan said he learned blocking has to be done with a ball and not the hands during dodgeball.

Meanwhile the 10- to 12-year-olds began by learning some of volleyball's fundamentals.

Beginning at a very basic level, MWSS-171 volunteers Gunnery Sgt. Aaron Gray, Sgt. Jonathon Hignett

and Cpl. Travis Angel taught the children setting the ball, serving and returning.

"I've worked with all of (the age groups)," said Hignett. "It's been fun, and I learned how to play the sports better myself."

The 13- to 15-year-olds were under the tutelage of volunteer Chrystal Johnson who played four years in college.

"It's just really fun learning new stuff," said Carson Russell, 12, of his experience at sports camp.

Johnson taught them how to refine their serves and returns and also schooled them on more advanced techniques such as spiking.

"The most fun for me was the kids," said Johnson.

"I feel like they've taught me a lot about coaching," she added.

After several hours of volleyball, the volunteers, with some concerted effort, rounded all the children up to receive T-shirts and certificates.

Lt. Col. Michael C. Taylor, MWSS-171 commanding officer, presented the children with certificates signifying their successful completion of sports camp.

To round out the day, the children and volunteer coaches enjoyed a barbeque behind IronWorks Gym.

## School Age Care exposes new worlds to children

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children.

Nina Nutell, SAC program assistant, said the tour gave the children an opportunity for them to see what they can do with their own life.

On the second day, Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 air operations Marines set up different stations at Penny Lake, which showed the children MWSS-171's capabilities.

The children rotated through each station discussing MWSS-171 abilities to forecast weather, dispose of explosive ordnance and supply fuel.

"We wanted to give them an idea of what MWSS-171 air ops does as a whole to help support the flight line," said Master Sgt. Andra Hall, MWSS-171 fuels operations chief. "(We wanted) to give them a broad view on how we support this flight line whether we are here or go deploy somewhere. (We want them to see) the assets we bring to the fight."

The children eagerly ran from one station to another, learning and having fun at the same time.

"It was really cool to learn about things I didn't know," said Elizabeth Hennings, a 9-year-old SAC child.

Hennings said she was impressed with how the ground support was able to keep in contact with the air units no matter how far in the sky they were.

Anyone interested in having their child involved with the station SAC center here can call 253-4769.

## Reservations for MCCS temporary lodging facilities now online accessible

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room types with rates and amenities offered. Select the room type, enter the required information, and click submit. A confirmation number will be provided and a confirmation message will be emailed. The online reservation system can also be used to modify, view, or cancel reservations.

The Inns of the Corps TLFs offer quality, short-term accommodations for active duty on Permanent Change of Station (PCS) orders, personnel on temporary additional duty (TAD), and authorized patrons on leisure travel.

"Reservations are recommended, as many TLFs are booked far in advance," said Patel. "PCS personnel may book reservations at any time, while those on TAD and leisure travel may book up to 30 days in advance."

Patel also said the TLFs participating in the new Web site reservation service include the Dos Rios Inn, MCAS Yuma; The Miramar Inn, MCAS Miramar; South Mesa Lodge and Ward Lodging, MCB Camp Pendleton; Sleepy Tortoise Lodge MCAGCC Twentynine Palms; The Lodge at Kaneohe Bay, MCB Hawaii; Lejeune Inn, MCB Camp Lejeune; de Treville House, MCAS Beaufort; Westpac Lodge, MCB Camp Butler; and the Monzen Nishiki

Lodges here.

The Crossroads Inn at MCB Quantico and the Oasis Lodge at MCLB Barstow are not participating in the new reservation system.

For personnel wanting to book a room at the Monzen/Nishiki Lodge, it is important that they understand some of the criteria for making online reservations.

"We encourage anyone wishing to make reservations to contact us to ensure the guest has all the Oconus information required for Base access," said Eve Culverwell, TLF Manager. "First and foremost, if you are bringing dependents over, the base requires an area clearance and all paper work applicable with being in Japan. If an authorized patron is bringing guests, the base requires a Visitation Letter issued by PMO."

"Leisure travelers may make an online reservation, however, their reservation may be cancelled if the room is required for PCS personnel."

"TAD travelers are required to check with the Kintai Inn for availability before reserving at Monzen/Nishiki. We require a Letter of Non-availability from Kintai Inn for TAD personnel."

There are a few other things Culverwell says are important to staying at the Lodge, which she will be putting on the Lodge Web site in the near future.





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Camp Adventure children enjoy pizza they made during a food pyramid class at JD's Grille here Aug. 19. Ginna Benke, JD's Grille executive chef, taught the children the value of nutrition and a healthful diet. Benke said she used pizza as the teaching tool because it involves almost every food group in the food pyramid and makes it easier to discuss the value of nutrition with the children.

## Camp Adventure takes trip to JD's Grille

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The Camp Adventure children visited JD's Grille here to prepare and cook pizzas during an educational class hosted by JD's Grille executive chef Aug. 19.

The class focused teaching the children, ages 5-10, the value of healthy eating habits by using the food pyramid.

Ginna Benke, JD's Grille executive chef, said she used pizza as the teaching tool because it involves almost every food group in the food pyramid and made it easier to discuss the value of nutrition with the children.

Benke replaced some of the ingredients in the pizza to make it healthful for the children. The children used whole wheat flour for the dough and also used skim-mozzarella to replace regular whole milk mozzarella.

Although Benke prepared the dough, the children were the ones kneading the dough and adding the ingredients.

The children were questioned on each ingredient as they added them to their personalized pizzas.

Benke said, considering their age, they were a lot more knowledgeable than she expected them to be.

"(They knew) that tomatoes were fruits instead of vegetables," said

Benke. "That's something that throws most grown-ups."

After the children finished topping off their pizzas with their favorite ingredients, Benke ended the lesson and took the pizzas to the oven.

By the end of the lesson, it was apparent that the children not only had fun but also learned a few things.

"I had fun coming over here to cook," said Yoselin Johnson, a 7-year-old Camp Adventurer.

Johnson said she learned she should always wash her hands before she cooks and if you don't eat right you can get sick.

The Camp Adventure personnel who took the children to JD's Grille believed the experience they got there benefited the children in more ways than one.

Ashanti Jones, School Age Care office automation clerk said she believed although the children learning about the food pyramid was great, having them cook their own pizza also taught them a little of what a cook does.

"(Visiting different places around the air station) gives them a chance to see what everybody does," said Jones. "It's also good because they just have fun."

Anyone wanting more information on Camp Adventure or the School Age Care program can call 253-4769 or 253-3400.



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Dylan Marine, a 7-year-old Camp Adventurer, adds skim-mozzarella to her pizza during a food pyramid class at JD's Grille here Aug. 19. Pizza was used to teach the class because it requires almost every food group in the food pyramid to make a pizza.



LANCE CPL. JENNIFER PIRANTE

Staff Sgt. Archie Mardis, utilities specialist with Marine Wing Support Squadron 171, gets some practice riding the Hyosung GT 250 motorcycle during the one-day Experienced Rider Course here Aug. 10. Service members who have completed the Basic Rider Course have the opportunity to take the Experienced Rider Course and continue building their skills to become better riders.

## Motorcycle classes free for service members

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It might be the freedom, the rush of wind, the economical advantages over paying approximately 50 dollars for a full tank of gas, or it could be that they just look really cool.

Whatever the reason service members choose to ride a motorcycle, learning the rules of the road is vital to maintaining the safety of the rider and the safety of others.

Before stepping off on that first ride toward freedom on the open road, potential motorcycle riders must obtain a motorcycle endorsement on their driver's license.

Different states may have specific requirements for obtaining a class C license.

Marine Corps Community Services, in coordination with Station Safety here, offers a free Basic Rider Course, an Experienced Rider Course and a Military Sport Bike Rider Course to provide knowledge about the basic fundamentals for expert riders and even those who have never ridden a motorcycle before.

The Basic Rider Course is a two-day course which consists of in-class material and on-cycle skill exercises followed up with a written exam and on-cycle skill evaluation.

The course covers basic skills of controlling the motorcycle, maneuvering around turns, and avoiding hazardous traffic situations on the road.

Outside, first-time riders learn how to accelerate, brake, turn, adjust speed, switch gears, and stop.

"The basic rider course allows riders or potential riders who have no experience to build a basic foundation of the controls of a motorcycle and how they operate," said Neville Rush, motorcycle instructor with

MCCS. "We work on that foundation and those basic techniques to build them up to a level where they can actually ride safely and confidently as a civilian."

Service members who have completed the Basic Rider Course have the opportunity to continue building their skills to become better riders through the one-day Experienced Rider Course.

"The Experienced Rider Course is an add-on to the Basic Rider Course," said Rush. "It's the same basic exercises but we do them at slightly higher speeds and apply a little more technique. We built a foundation in the Basic Rider Course and now we are focusing on developing those skills a little bit better."

Through the Experienced Rider Course, riders can use their own purchased motorcycle and gear to perform maneuvers and practice techniques pertaining to the specific handling of their own bike.

There are many different types of bikes riders may choose to purchase, such as a standard motorcycle, a cruiser, a touring bike or an off-road bike.

According to Rush, riders should choose a bike that is right for them.

"Each bike handles differently," said Rush. "Even if you have the same types of bikes, there's a slight difference in the handling each rider has to get used to."

When choosing a bike, riders should be able to reach the ground when they are seated comfortably on the bike.

The controls should also be easy to operate from a comfortable position.

Lastly, no matter what kind of bike, it is important for every rider to know the basic fundamentals and rules of the road.

"The same techniques used to control a standard bike are the same techniques and fundamentals used on the sports bike

or the cruiser bike," said Rush. "The basic fundamentals don't change."

"You don't want to do something that will injure someone or injure yourself," said Staff Sgt. Archie Mardis, utilities specialist with Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 and participant in the Experienced Rider Course. "You have to know the rules of the road."

For service members looking to take their ride to the tracks, MCCS offers the Military Sport Bike Rider's Course.

"The Military Sport Bike Rider Course is specifically designed for sport bike riders to address the specific handling, fundamentals and techniques designed to ride a sport bike," said Rush.

Because motorcycle riding is inherently dangerous, it is important to know the right type of gear to wear and use while riding.

"It's important to have the right type of gloves, helmet, boots and clothes," said Mardis.

During any of the courses, riders are required to wear a shirt with long sleeves or a motorcycle jacket specially designed to protect against injury.

"Motorcycle specific gear has a little more padding and design in it to protect specific areas from injury," said Rush.

"Not only does it protect the rider from the elements, it also protects the body from road rash in case the rider ever goes down in an accident."

Service members interested in learning to ride a motorcycle for the first time, get back into riding the motorcycle again, or even service members looking to get into the sport of bike riding are welcome to take the courses.

For more information about motorcycle safety or upcoming classes, call Station Safety at 253-6381.



# VMFA (AW)-121 gets a makeover

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Marine All-Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 121 recently painted its flag plane or flag ship as it's called.

Paint jobs are commonplace with aircraft; however, the Green Knights went the extra mile with this one.

"There are three colors on a typical jet," said Cpl. L.W. Hughes, corrosion control painter for VMFA (AW)-121. "They are 35-237, 36-320 and 36-375; they are all gray."

The Green Knight's flag plane has a paint job with over 10 colors but still within the 30 percent painted guidelines.

The new design of the flag plane came after many design suggestions and changes.

"We came up with designs, gave it to the aviation maintenance officer (AMO) and he approved," said Sgt. Jacob Shobe, corrosion control paint crew supervisor with VMFA (AW)-121.

It took the corrosion control team about two weeks to paint their flag plane.

"As far as their attention to detail and work ethic goes, it can't be beat," said Shobe.

Previously, the flag plane had a green knight painted on the stabs of the plane; now the stabs of the plane have "Bombing Betty."

"Bombing Betty was a mascot the squadron used around World War II," said Hughes.

Typically, aircraft are painted every couple of years according to the Marines with corrosion control.

"We needed a new flag ship, and every couple of years the squadron will rotate the design of the flagship," said Shobe.

The last time the Green Knight's flag plane was painted was around October 2008, so it was due for a new paint job.

It took only six Marines from VMFA(AW)-121 to paint the plane in the two-week time period.

It started with Lance Cpl. Stephen Flavin, "Tape Boy," prepping the jet with the tape followed by Lance Cpl. Jock Sears who ordered all the equipment needed to get the job done.

Once the orders and prep work were done, in came Pvt. Rick Padilla and Cpl. Hughes, the corrosion control painters, to do the dirty work with the paint.

Finally, it was Shobe and Staff Sgt. Solis Gonzalez who supervised and made sure everything was going according to plan and kept the Marines on schedule.

"Painting aircraft is more of a corrosion treatment for the aircraft on top of making it look good," said Shobe.

Although the paint job to VMFA(AW)-121's flag plane was just another day at work for some, it really proves the type of pride and honor these Marines take in their job.

It was not just a tablet and some paint brushes needed to paint this plane. These Marines got into the most intricate details where they were down on their hands and knees with razor blades, cutting fabricated stencils to make layer upon layer to get their pride and joy done.

Hughes said when he saw it finished he felt just like he did when he went to visit Iwo Jima.

Since the new paint job on the VMFA(AW)-121 flag plane, they have received numerous comments and praise.

It just goes to show how a few standout Marines can go the extra mile to show their squadron's pride.



CPL. SALVADOR MORENO

A High Volume Low Pressure spray gun was used to paint the Marine All-Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 121 multimillion dollar flag plane. Typically, aircraft are painted every couple of years according to the Marines with corrosion control.



CPL. SALVADOR MORENO

Emblazoned on the air brake of the multimillion dollar flag plane is the Marine All-Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 121 motto "Have Gun Will Travel," along with the squadron's green knight logo.



CPL. SALVADOR MORENO

Bombing Betty is emblazoned onto the stabs of the Marine All-Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 121 flag plane. Bombing Betty was a mascot the squadron used around World War II.



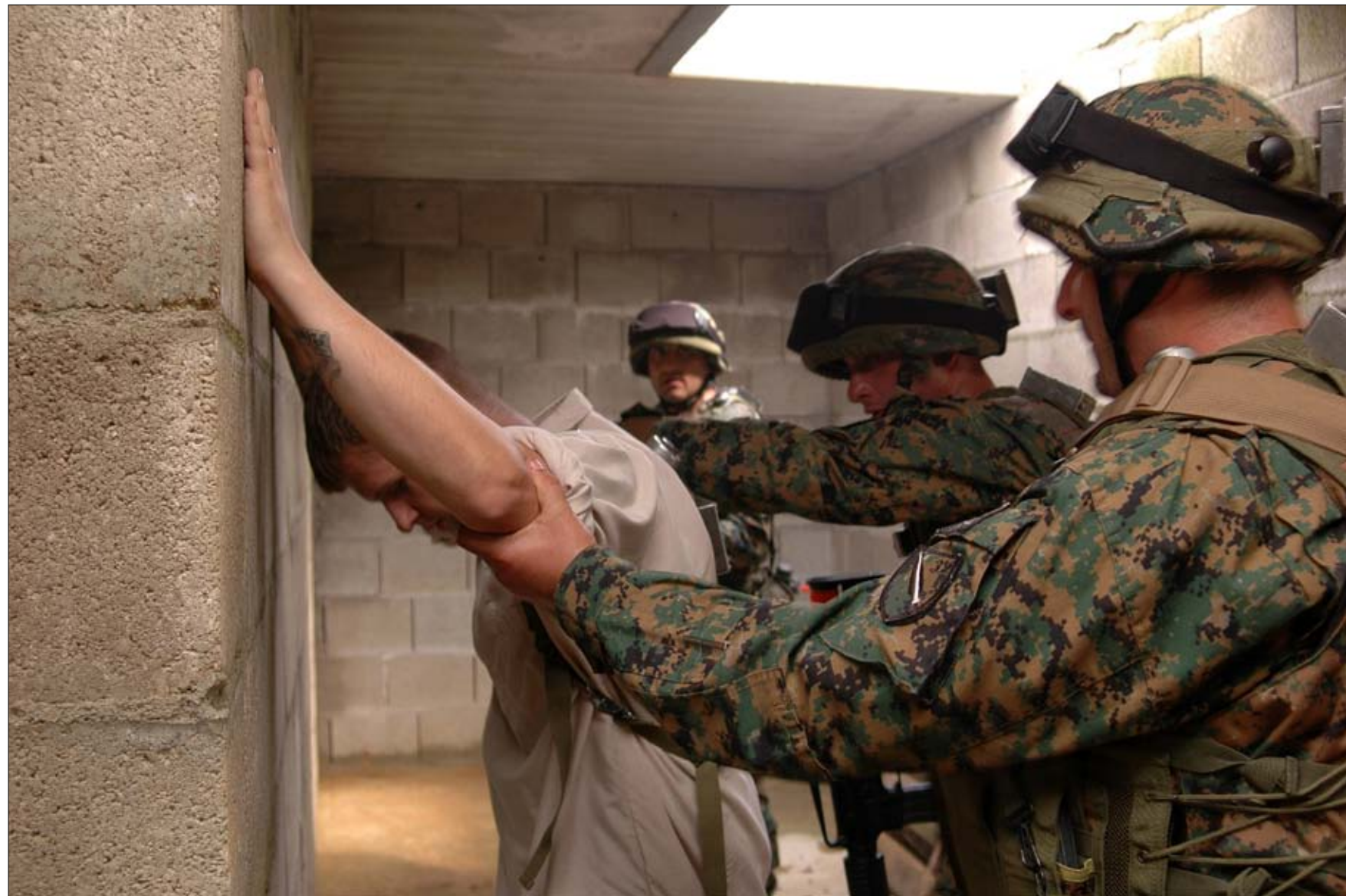
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A side view of the starboard side of the recently painted flag plane of Marine All-Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 121 shows the Mameluke sword emblazoned on the side of the jet to represent the officer who flies it. On the other side of the jet is the Marine noncommissioned officer sword to represent the enlisted personnel who maintain the jet for mission readiness.



## CORPS NEWS

HIGHLIGHTING MARINES AND SAILORS AROUND THE GLOBE



MASTER SGT. GRADY T. FONTANA

HOHENFELS, Germany - Two Georgian soldiers search a potential high-value-target individual in a building in a simulated Afghanistan village at the Joint Multinational Readiness Center here. The Republic of Georgia's 32nd Light Infantry Battalion was conducting cordon searches during their situational training exercise (STX). The STX is the first part of the mission rehearsal exercise, a final evaluation of the 32nd Battalion as they prepare for their deployment to Afghanistan in support of International Security Assistance Forces there.

## Georgian Bn preps for Afghanistan deployment

MASTER SGT. GRADY T. FONTANA  
MARINE FORCES EUROPE

HOHENFELS, Germany — The Republic of Georgia's 32nd Light Infantry Battalion (LIB) recently arrived from Georgia and began a month long training evolution here at the Joint Multinational Readiness Center (JMRC) that will culminate in a Mission Rehearsal Exercise (MRE), which will serve as a final mission evaluation before their upcoming deployment to Afghanistan in support of International Security Assistance Forces (ISAF) there.

The 32nd LIB is the second of four battalions to undergo training through the Georgia Deployment Program (GDP), a Marine Corps-led initiative designed to prepare the Georgians to operate alongside U.S., NATO and other multinational forces in Counter-Insurgency Operations in Afghanistan as part of ISAF. The GDP-ISAF is a two-year training program, which began August 2009.

Prior to the final exercise of the MRE, the 32nd LIB is currently conducting lane training, also known as situational training—refresher training of everything they've learned in Georgia.

The lane training covers a variety of subjects, such as improvised explosive device training, sensitive site exploitation, mounted and dismounted patrolling, key leader

engagements, pre-combat checks/pre-combat inspections, reporting, base operations, casualty evacuation procedures, helicopter landing zone setup, and several live-fire ranges.

"My main goal is to ensure my battalion is ready to go to Afghanistan," said Georgian Army Maj. Phridon Tereladze, battalion commander, 32nd LIB. "It's important we do this now because when we get back [to Georgia], we don't have time to prepare, it's important to do it now."

At Kittensee combat town, located at the top of a hill, a situation is brewing. The 32nd LIB has just received an intelligence report that the town is hosting an IED factory.

In their maneuver through town, they encounter many civilians.

Members of Marine Forces Europe, Marine Corps Training and Advisory Group, 2nd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, and 2d Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Company, among others, are supporting the Georgians through the training evolution. Additionally, 22 Georgian Military Instructors are serving as Observer/controllers alongside the US Army and Marine O/Cs to continue to build Georgia's partnership capacity.

"Today was supposed to be a cordon and search of this village, said Master Sgt. Hector Reyes, team chief, Georgia Liaison Team (GLT). "The intent was to make liaison with

the village elder but that changed drastically. Almost immediately, upon entering the village, we started engaging hostile acts followed by small arms fire and indirect fire."

Maj. Chris J. Curtin, officer-in-charge of the GLT said cultural differences aside, the Georgian Army shares many of the same attributes of U.S. Marines: dedication to mission, the camaraderie, the looking out for their soldiers and taking care of them, and the desire to not let each other down and not let their country down.

Curtin's role, along with the other members of the GLT, is to embed with the Georgian 32nd LIB, deploy with them and help them integrate as part of a Marine RCT in Afghanistan. They arrived in Georgia late June and have been with the Georgians since.

This training is being conducted at the JMRC, a world-class military training facility that hosts international forces. In this scenario, the training area mimics what the 32nd LIB will most likely encounter in Afghanistan and they've created villages and hired actors to add to the realism. The actors not only look like the local populace, but are also provided scripts to role play what these Georgian soldiers may encounter. Along the alleys, local vendors compete for business selling DVDs and Afghan rugs.

Curtin said it's in their best interest to make sure Georgians are trained well.

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### UMUC Fall Session I Term

Register for fall session I classes with University of Maryland University College located in Building 411, Room. 110. Registration dates are until Monday and session will start Monday through Oct. 17. For more information, contact your local field representative at 253-3392.

### MOPS Volunteer Opportunities

Do you enjoy working with children? Mothers of Preschoolers is looking for volunteers to work with children up to 5 years old every first and third Thursday of every month from 9:30-10:30 a.m. starting Sept. 16. If you are interested, please contact Michelle at 253-2031 or e-mail iwakunimoppets@yahoo.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.
- Sexual Assault: To make a confidential report of sexual assault or harassment, 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.

### Officers and Spouses' Club

The Officers and Spouses' Club needs a few good members as well as a few spouses and civilians who would like to serve on the 2010-2011 OSC Board. Several key positions are open. Join the OSC for a get-together Tuesday at Building 1209's Community Room (Northside) from 6:30-8:30 pm. E-mail lisakillmer@yahoo.com for more information.

### Night in the Zoo

The Shunan City Tokuyama Zoo will be open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday for the last time this summer. During the summer, animals won't move during the day due to the heat, but they are active in the evening. You can see the animals eat at night and take photos from designated spots. For more information, contact Tokuyama Zoo at 0831-22-8640.

### JMSDF Iwakuni Base Festival

Celebrate the JMSDF's 2010 Iwakuni Base Festival here Sept. 19 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Applicants can

pre-register for a JMSDF aircraft fighter experience. Applications must be delivered no later than Tuesday. There will be an aircraft static display, open house of LST Osumi Class, flight simulators and ground events. For more information, call 0827223181 ext. 6232 from 8 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

### Kinshu Special Kabuki Performance

Kantaro Nakamura and Shichinosuke Nakamura will hold a kinshu special kabuki performance at the Shunan City Cultural Hall at 1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Sept. 12. Admissions are 6,500 yen for S-seats, 5,500 yen for A-seats (All seats are reserved seats.). No admission to preschoolers. For more information, contact Shunan City Cultural Hall at 0834-22-8787.

### 54th Iwakuni Civic Culture Festival

Celebrate the 54th Iwakuni Civic Culture Festival at the Iwakuni Civic Hall from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 24. The event includes an Ikebana (Japanese flower arrangement) display and a tea ceremony conducted by several Japanese schools in the Iwakuni area. Admission is free but the tea ceremony cost 500 yen per person. For more informa-

tion, contact the lifelong learning section, Iwakuni City at 0827-29-5211.

### Japanese Drum (taiko) performance

There will be a Japanese taiko drum performance Sept. 11 from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. in Sinfonia Iwakuni. Admissions are 6,000 yen for S-seats, 5,500 yen for A-seats, 5,000 yen for B-seats. All seats are reserved. For more information, contact Sinfonia Iwakuni at 0827-29-1600.

### 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  
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.

### Tori Video Madden Tournament

Tori Video hosted an all day Madden NFL 10 Tournament to allow video enthusiasts a chance to showcase their talents Aug. 7. Kyle Sours of Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron emerged as the victor. He received a free copy of Madden NFL 11 and a trophy. Tori Video is scheduled to have more community events in the near future. For more information, contact 253-4700.

## SAKURA THEATER

### Friday, August 27, 2010

7 p.m. Jonah Hex (PG-13)  
10 p.m. Predators (R)  
Premier

### Saturday, August 29, 2010

1 p.m. Cats and Dogs: Revenge of Kitty Galore (PG)  
4 p.m. Grown Ups (PG-13)  
7 p.m. Eat Pray Love (PG-13)  
Premier

### Sunday, August 29, 2010

1 p.m. Despicable Me (PG)  
4 p.m. The Last Airbender (PG)  
7 p.m. Predators (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.

253-5291



# CLASSIFIEDS

## Automobiles

### Honda Pickup Truck

Asking \$800. For more information, please call Frank Foster at 253-3855 (work) or 082-763-1417 (home).

### Suzuki Van

Asking \$1000. For more information, please call Frank Foster at 253-3855 (work) or 082-763-1417 (home).

### 1996 Honda Odyssey

JCI until April 2011. Asking \$2,000 firm. For more information, call 090-4262-5394 or email nam.h.tran1@usmc.mil.

### 1995 Honda Integra Type R VTEC

JCI until November 2010. 12 inch Kenwood

## Mess Hall Menu

### Monday

Bean with bacon soup, shrimp gumbo soup, savory baked chicken, oven roast beef, oven brown potatoes, tossed green rice, succotash, green beans and mushrooms, brown gravy, dinner rolls, potato salad, cucumber and onion salad, standard salad bar, peanut butter brownies, double layer marble cake, butter cream frosting, banana cream pudding.  
Specialty Bar: Pasta

### Tuesday

Tomato soup, vegetable soup, turkey pot pie, Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, tangy spinach, steamed cauliflower, buttered noodles, brown gravy, dinner rolls, country style tomato salad, coleslaw, standard salad bar, cherry pie, Boston cream pie, oatmeal raisin cookie.  
Specialty Bar: Taco

### Wednesday

French onion soup, cream of broccoli soup, Caribbean chicken breast, beef cordon bleu, O'Brien potatoes, chicken gravy, Creole green beans, savory summer squash, dinner rolls, cabbage, apple and celery, three bean salad, chocolate chip cookies, Dutch apple pie, butter cream frosting, devil's food cake.  
Specialty Bar: Barbeque

### Thursday

Manhattan clam chowder, split pea soup, cantonese spare ribs, turkey curry, steamed rice, macaroni and cheese, Southern style green beans, corn on the cob, dinner rolls, macaroni salad, mixed fruit salad, sugar cookies, German chocolate cake, whipped topping, banana cream pie.  
Specialty Bar: Deli Bar

### Friday

Chicken noodle soup, cream of mushroom soup, baked fish, yankee pot roast, home fried potatoes, steamed rice, calico corn, simmered white beans, vegetable gravy, dinner rolls, potato salad, country style tomato salad, coconut raisin drop cookies, double layer Florida lemon cake, butter cream frosting, chocolate cream pie.  
Specialty Bar: Hot Dog

subwoofer installed. Front, back and side body kit installed. Cold air intake. Road taxes paid. Four 16 inch custom chrome rims. MP3 player stereo installed. 99,000 kilometers. Two side door amps installed. Custom red interior job. Great on gas. For more information, please call 090-4262-5394 or email nam.b.tran1@usmc.mil.

## Jobs

### Career Transition Trainer

Inverness Technologies is seeking a part-time career transition trainer. Will perform 1-2 seminars a month training military personnel to enter the civilian work force. Some overnight travel is required. Opportunity for military spouses or DOD personnel. Must know U.S. job market and have experience teaching job search technology. Experience in training is strongly desired. Training topics include skill assessment, career decision making, resume preparation, interviewing, job search, etc. If interested, e-mail your resume to careers@invernesstechnologies.com.

### 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

A Registered nurse position is open at Branch Health Clinic Iwakuni. A Family nurse practitioner position is open at the Branch Health Clinic Sasebo. Performance improvement coordinator, ob nurse and dental assistant positions are 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/cer/default.aspx>.

## Miscellaneous

### Household Items

Queen bed with 3-year-old mattress and box springs, \$100. Large refrigerator, \$75. Small refrigerator, \$40. Small wood dining table and four chairs, \$80. Make offer on assorted other household items (lamps, tables, chairs, fans, bookcases, chests of drawers and many other items.) For more information call 253-3855 (work) or 082-763-1417 (home).

### Free Translator

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

### Rainbow Home Daycare

Rainbow Home Daycare has openings for children from ages 2-5. Hours are from 8 a.m. to noon. First aid and CPR certified. Fourteen years of experience working in child care centers. Degree in early childhood education. Specializes in teaching pre-school age children in a structured environment that prepares them for kindergarten. For more information, please call 253-2246.

## Real Estate

### Beautiful Home for Rent

Big two story home and yard. Upstairs and downstairs toilets. Second floor patio off of master bedroom. Twenty-five minutes from base, near Yuu Beach. For more information, call Frank Foster at 253-3855 (work) or 082-763-1417 (home).

### Ad Submissions

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A family stops by the Work and Family Coordinator table during the information fair in the Club Iwakuni Ballroom here Aug. 21. The information fair included many different organizations from the station and local area. There were performances by the Terayama Zenidaiko and the Shunan International Children's Club. There were also door prizes that were given throughout the three-hour fair.

# Orient Tigers claw past competition, become intramural soccer season champions

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NAFY's goalie clenches onto a ball tightly after a counter-assault by the Orient Tigers during the intramural soccer championship held at Penny Lake Fields here Monday. Although NAFY fought fiercely, the Orient Tigers clenched the championship 5-2.



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Tylor Apple, an Orient Tigers striker, fires a cannon after negotiating away from two NAFY defenders during the intramural soccer championship game held at Penny Lake Fields here Monday.

The Orient Tigers defeated top seeded NAFY 5-2 in the intramural soccer season championship game at Penny Lake fields here Monday.

NAFY had taken a loss early in the tournament to Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 6-1, but had rallied from the losers' bracket for a shot at the title.

For the championship game, NAFY was at full strength and came out strong, aggressively pushing the tempo forward offensively.

Initially the Orient Tigers appeared unable to handle NAFY's quick transitions and the team struggled to get much offensive action.

For roughly the first 15 minutes, NAFY was firmly controlling the tempo and consistently challenging the Tigers' defense.

While the Tigers were able to get a few balls down field, NAFY was quick to contain, sending the ball back down the field and continuing the offensive assault.

"We never gave up," said Tylor Apple, Orient Tigers forward. "We were always fighting."

Just after the 15 minute mark, NAFY paid for their offensive onslaught.

A quick ball to Yuta Fleming, an Orient Tigers striker, at midfield and the one NAFY defender couldn't put enough pressure on the fast-footed Fleming.

Fleming fired a cannon past the NAFY keeper, but NAFY's players weren't going down without a fight. They responded quickly and scored less than 1 minute after regaining the ball.

Instead of settling back down, the Tigers began applying some offensive pressure of their own.

The Tigers managed to work the ball downfield and just outside the goal box to Alex Barker who knocked one by the keeper.

The Tigers were back in the lead 2-1.

Again, the Tigers continued the pressure and shortly before the half they were rewarded with a corner kick.

Doug Lang, a Tigers defender, dashed forward from his midfield position and blasted the ball over the NAFY keeper's head.

The half ended with the Tigers up 3-1.

The second half began where the first left off. Initially, the Tigers kept NAFY on its heels and kept the ball on NAFY's side.

As the minutes ticked by, NAFY became more and

more aggressive, ultimately transitioning to a four-man attack and leaving only one defender and the keeper in the backfield.

For awhile, this strategy worked well and the Tigers were unable to get any clean breakaways.

Several times the Tigers' forwards would get down field, but the lone NAFY defender was able to forestall the attempt long enough for additional NAFY players to drop back and contain.

NAFY's keeper would bomb the ball back down field and NAFY would continue the four-man assault.

Apple, who was heading the Tigers' offensive response would hang back and attempt to use his body to block the power punts of the NAFY keeper.

"I tried it all night because I knew they were going for the long, hard ball," he said.

Apple's efforts paid off and he finally managed to block one of the goalie's punts.

Caught completely off guard the NAFY goalie could do little but watch the ball bounce right back past him and into the net.

With the score 4-1 and less than 10 minutes remaining, NAFY was on the ropes and continued their four-man attack with their fifth playing from midfield.

NAFY managed to score again with a series of throw-ins.

Having worked the ball within scoring range and then getting a throw-in, a cycle repeated itself several times.

A NAFY player would launch the ball into the goal box hoping his teammates would be able to head or kick the ball in.

The Tigers' keeper would attempt to intercept the throw but come up begging as the ball repeatedly slipped out of his hands and out of bounds again.

Finally, after several of these cycles, NAFY put a shot on net, making it 4-2.

Again NAFY resumed its pressure tactics, but their forward play left them extremely vulnerable to breakaway. Fleming was able to break past midfield and despite NAFY's attempts to stop him, he tapped one past NAFY's keeper.

The game would end shortly thereafter 5-2.

Fleming said NAFY had good passing skills and speed, but it wasn't enough.

"We play together all the time," said Fleming. "We passed well this game."

For the Orient Tigers, this victory was a long-time coming.

In the two years prior, the Tigers had managed second in the tournament.

Takashi Sobue was the selected Most Valuable Tiger's Player.



# Marines, sailors get wet, wild at Aqua Fitness Feud

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Competitors race 50 meters to answer one of the trivia questions during the Commander's Cup Aqua Fitness Feud at the water works outdoor pool here Aug. 20. The purpose of the competition was to test endurance and knowledge.

Another Commander's Cup challenge is in the books after Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 took first in the Aqua Fitness Feud at the outdoor pool here Aug. 20.

The Commander's Cup Challenge is open to different units here to compete in various events, which in turn lead to a unit receiving the Commander's Cup.

With the Aqua Fitness Feud complete, there are only three events left before a champion is crowned once again.

MWSS-171's recent victory in the Aqua Fitness Feud earned them 30 points toward their overall score and puts them well ahead with a total of 465 points.

Logistics came in second, earning 27 points to their overall score and bringing it to 142, while Combat Logistics Company 36 earned 25 points for third with an overall score of 379.

The Aqua Fitness Feud was as basic a challenge as they come, with the overall purpose being a fun way to compete and build camaraderie between units.

"Basically what we were doing was a 50 meter swim, and it was basically a test of endurance and knowledge," said Cpl. Isiah Fagins, competitor with MWSS-171.

The endurance was expected of the participants; however, they did get a little help with the knowledge.

"They got a study guide a couple of weeks before (the challenge), and the event was on nutrition exercise and fitness," said Barbara Roman, health promotions fitness coordinator with Marine Corps Community Services here.

Rather than having the event at the indoor pool, it was held at the outdoor pool due to the good weather.

"We chose the outdoor pool cause it's summer," said Roman. "We wanted to be in the outdoor environment because we try to mix it up with indoor and outdoor events."

With two events remaining before the Gladiators challenge, MWSS-171 is in first with 465 points followed by CLC-36 with 379, and in third is Operations with 300.

It is still anyone's game to win with the next few events as well as the Tuesday Tune-ups.

The next event to earn points for your unit is the Tuesday Tune-Up on Sept. 14 followed by the Goodwill Iwakuni Triathlon Sept. 19.

The Commander's cup will wrap up with the Gladiators event Oct. 22.

For more information on events, event times or just general information, contact Health Promotions at 253-5051.



CPL. SALVADOR MORENO

Lance Cpl. Robert Khafizov, Cpl. Isiah Fagins, Lt. Anthony Baker, Cpl. Peter Geelan, Cpl. Rachel N. Ashworth, and Lance Cpl. Alexander Goldhammer pose with their first place trophy after destroying the competition at the Commanders Cup Aqua Fitness Feud at the outdoor pool here Aug. 20. The Aqua Fitness Feud was as basic a challenge as they come, with the overall purpose being a fun way to compete and build camaraderie between units.