



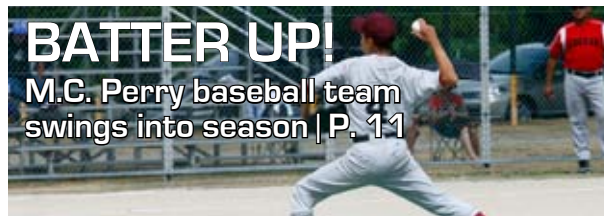
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Valiant Shield kicks into gear

LANCE CPL. CLAUDIO A. MARTINEZ
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE, Guam — Multiple Air Force, Marine and Navy units from around the Pacific theater gathered here to kick off exercise Valiant Shield 2010 Sunday.

Valiant Shield, scheduled to run from Sept. 12 – 21, is an integrated joint military exercise among U.S. military forces that focuses on their ability to respond to any regional contingency.

More than 150 aircraft are scheduled to participate in the exercise along with a naval strike group and amphibious ready group.

“Valiant Shield is our opportunity in the Pacific to practice advanced integrated air and missile defense, anti-surface warfare and anti-sub warfare tactics jointly,” said Air Force Col. Alan Kollien, 613th Air and Space Operations Center vice commander here.

The exercise is scheduled to take

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VMFA(AW)-242 receives new top enlisted bat

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Sgt. Maj. Steven L. Brown took the reigns as the Marine All Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 242 sergeant major from Master Sgt. Rene Benedit during a post-and-relief ceremony at Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, Aug. 24.

Benedit has been the acting sergeant major for the Bats since the end of June. He was returned to his position as ordnance chief.

Brown enlisted in the Marine Corps on Aug. 6, 1987. He graduated from Alpha Company, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, S.C.

Upon graduation he attended Aviation Machinist Mate School in Millington, Tenn. Upon graduation, he attended Fleet



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KADENA AIR BASE OKINAWA, Japan — Master Sgt. Rene Benedit, Marine All-Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 242 acting sergeant major, shakes hands with his incoming replacement, Sgt. Maj. Steven L. Brown, during a post-and-relief ceremony here Aug. 24.

Readiness Aviation Maintenance Program School for the F/A-18 Hornet in Jacksonville, Fla.

In 1988, as a lance corporal,

he was transferred to Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 451

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Aviation Life Support flies through CNAF inspection

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Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12 Aviation Life Support was evaluated Aug. 31 through Sept. 3 here during a Commander Naval Air Forces (CNAF) inspection and passed with flying colors.

The weeklong inspection consisted of multiple Navy officials evaluating every aspect of the work center. “They came down here to make sure we are following the (Commander, Naval Air Forces

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

'Friends & family'

LT. ROBERT E. MILLS
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For several weeks this summer I had the opportunity to return to the states.

During the trip, I took some additional training to make me a better chaplain, drove and flew to many really beautiful places, and best of all, I was able to reconnect with loved ones and friends.

The trip was wonderful, and I was able to spend significant time with people who mean a lot to me.

A wise man once said, "Friends are the relatives that you choose!"

I agree. For a portion of our leave, my family and I attended a Christian camp in the gorgeous mountains and lakes of western Maine.

There at Camp Lawroweld, we had one full glorious week of rest and recreation.

The scenery was awe-inspiring, the weather was beautiful, the food was good (and we didn't have to cook it), and the free time with friends and extended family was the best.

Several months ago, when we realized we would have this opportunity, we put out the word on Facebook that we would be there for the Family Camp.

Several of our friends from high school and college then made plans to be there, and for one week we had a grand reunion.

It was so refreshing to renew conversations and strengthen the bonds of love and respect with people that, in some cases, I hadn't seen since the late 1980s.

We talked about our lives, bragged about our kids, canoed, water-skied, sailed, rode horses, made crafts, shot arrows, sang songs, watched movies and just generally had a peaceful, relaxing time. For seven days in Weld, Maine, there was a small piece of heaven for about 100 people.

The day after the camp ended, we had a family reunion.

There I saw pictures and heard stories about relatives, long dead,

whom I had barely known when I was "Little Bobby."

We had great food and great conversation, and were able to spend time with about 35 people who shared our headline.

Again, I felt a little piece of heaven there in Richmond, Maine.

What is it about reconnecting with loved ones, whether you are related by blood or not, that is so special?

It may be that it brings to mind the innocent, fun, bygone days of childhood when we took for granted seeing and being with loved ones every day.

To be sure, there were gaps around the table, and the conversation often turned to those who had passed away and who weren't there with us.

We miss them, and celebrated their lives as we talked together.

To me, this all brings heaven to mind — a time and place where interrupted relationships will be restored, broken people will be mended, and where peace and happiness will reign forever.

May your day have a little bit of heaven today.

Marines land in Guam for Valiant Shield

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place in the Pacific Ocean in the vicinity of Guam. Valiant Shield will also exercise maritime interdiction, intelligence surveillance and reconnaissance, personnel recovery, and command and control skills.

Kollien said he hopes all service members involved in the exercise are prepared to train to the best of their ability in order to work seamlessly together and be prepared to respond to any contingency that could arise in the Pacific.

Iwakuni-based units participating in the exercise include Marine Aircraft Group 12, Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12 and Marine Wing Support Squadron 171.

"Valiant Shield allows us to integrate with the Navy and the Air Force on a large scale we don't often see," said Maj. Robert George, MAG-12 operations officer. "There are always challenges, which can arise along the way as each service brings unique capabilities," he added.

"We take each service's unique capabilities and bring them together and validate our tactics in order to optimize a combined effect," said George.

Okinawa-based Marines also participating in the exercise include service members from Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 152 and Marine Air Control Squadron 4.

Marine All-Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 225, or the Vikings, out of Marine Corps Air

Station Miramar, Calif., is the main squadron from the Marine Corps side participating in Valiant Shield.

The Vikings are slated to land in Iwakuni as part of the Unit Deployment Program after the exercise to replace VMFA(AW)-121 Green Knights.

UDP is a program developed to send Marine units on a six-month tour of the Pacific theater to participate in various exercises to improve upon their combat readiness.

Valiant Shield is the Vikings' first training exercise as part of the UDP.

In arriving here, the squadron has already been confronted by many challenges that they have been able to overcome.

The Vikings have had to overcome the problems presented by working in a different climate and the challenges of working with other services.

"We are overcoming (those challenges) right now, day-to-day," said Lt. Col. Daniel Goodwin, VMFA(AW)-225 commanding officer. "It's just what we do. That's probably the one thing the Marine Corps is the best at in being flexible and adapting to a variety of situations."

Goodwin said he believes his squadron is doing well in overcoming the challenges they are faced with now and will do even better when joined by the rest of his squadron.

This is the third year Valiant Shield has been conducted by the U.S. military.

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CNAF inspection passed with flying colors

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Instruction 4790.2a), which is the rule book we follow for the maintenance that goes on here," said Sgt. Cristian Orozco, division chief.

Throughout the week, different inspectors came to evaluate each specific entity of the shop.

"A certain inspector will come in just to check on our tools and ask us questions about how things are supposed to be done," said Orozco. "Then another inspector focuses specifically on an individual shop and asks questions about the gear."

Marines were not only questioned throughout the inspection, but also had to conduct practical application exercises.

"An inspector came up to me and asked me what I would do if another Marine got (hazardous material) in his eye," said Lance Cpl. Sergio Tapia, flight equipment technician. "I had to take the Marine and show the inspectors what I would do in that situation. I got kind of nervous, but I pulled through and did what I was supposed to do."

A lot of preparation went into

getting ready for this inspection.

Many of the Marines came in on weekends and spent long nights at work to make sure they didn't miss anything.

"It has a lot to do with attention to detail," said Orozco. "We have to nitpick everything to make sure what we've been doing is correct."

"The hours were long, but it was worth it in the end," added Tapia. All of the Marines at Aviation Life Support performed above and beyond for the inspection, but one Marine was recognized for his excellence.

"I was given a Bravo Zulu," said Orozco. "It's to recognize Marines who did outstanding during the inspection. I got recognized for knowing all of the flight equipment technician side of our shop." Orozco also added that he couldn't have done it without the rest of his Marines.

"All of the Marines were prepared," he said. "They really knew what was going on."

Now that the inspection is over, the Aviation Life Support shop isn't going to relax. They will go straight back to doing what they do best — keeping pilots alive.

Bats get new sergeant major

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aboard Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort, S.C.

In 1989, as a corporal, Brown transferred to VMFA-122 aboard MCAS Beaufort and participated in multiple unit deployments to the Western Pacific.

From 1989 to 1993, he completed tours with VMFA 312, VMFA-451 and VMFA-122 in Beaufort, S.C.

From there, as a sergeant, he was selected as a drill instructor to MCRD Parris Island, S.C.

In 1995, as a staff sergeant, Brown again reported to MCAS Beaufort, where he was assigned to VMFA(AW)-533.

While assigned to VMFA(AW)-533, he made multiple unit deployments to Italy, Hungary and the Western Pacific.

In August of 1999, Brown reported to MCAS Iwakuni, Japan, where he was assigned

to VMFA-212 and held billets as powerline division chief, maintenance control chief and squadron gunnery sergeant.

In May of 2004, as a first sergeant, Brown was transferred to Lima Company, 3rd Battalion, 24th Marines in Johnson City, Tenn., where he filled the billet of inspector instructor first sergeant until his promotion to sergeant major.

Brown assumed post as the Combat Engineer Battalion sergeant major in May 2007, where he saw combat during a yearlong deployment to Afghanistan.

He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in homeland security from American Military University in Charlestown, W.Va.

His personal decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with one gold star and the Navy Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

Station members walk to remember 9/11



Marines, sailors and dependents walk to the Marine Memorial Chapel during the Sept. 11 Freedom Walk here Saturday. The Freedom Walk is done to remember and honor those who lost their lives during the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorists attacks.

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IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Station members gathered on the parade deck outside Building 1 here Saturday to participate in the fifth annual Freedom Walk.

Anyone who is old enough to remember the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, can tell you exactly what they were doing nine years ago.

For most, whether they were at work, school or at home eating breakfast, they were sitting in front of their television transfixed.

Marines, sailors, firefighters and civilians made their way out of bed by 7:30 a.m. on Saturday morning to honor the firefighters

and police officers who served and the many U.S. citizens whose lives were lost that day.

"The Freedom Walk is the community coming out and showing their support," said Devin Johnston-Lee, station fire chief.

"It's a remembrance of what happened, and because they always let the fire department play a large part, and part of the tribute is to the firefighters who lost their lives, we feel a sense of pride. We haven't forgotten the sacrifices that everybody has made, especially on a military facility where the sacrifices continue on a day-to-day basis."

As the colors were raised, everyone from the smallest child to the highest ranking official in attendance stood quietly and paid respects

to the stars and stripes as it was raised up to the mast.

"Let us remember all (who) served in the cause of freedom, on the battle lines and on the home front," said Col. James C. Stewart, station commanding officer. "Semper Fidelis. Let's walk."

Following a fire truck with speakers playing "Amazing Grace," the mass of freedom walkers filed through the station streets.

Service members, mothers, children and everyone in between made their way to the Marine Memorial Chapel.

As people walked into the chapel, an eerie silence went over the crowd. As they sat in their seats, tears ran down the cheeks of many while they watched photos from Sept. 11 scroll over a large screen.

Lt. Col. Michael R. Coletta, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron commanding officer, was the guest speaker for the event.

During the memorial service, a bell was rung by a firefighter in the memory of the 347 firefighters whose lives were lost on Sept. 11.

"The bell is symbolic to the fire department," said Johnston-Lee. "In the olden days, before we had radios, we were toned out by bells. At the morning shift, it was a bell that signaled the start of our duty day. The bell is a symbol of the fire department, and I'm glad we're keeping that tradition."

As the memorial service came to an end, the congregation sang "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" and headed out of the chapel quietly with somber faces. "(The Freedom Walk) symbolizes closure," said Jeanice Coffeygibbs, a walker in the event.

"It gives you a chance to safely remember somebody and remember the event without a fit of rage by yourself. It's always better to do it in a more constructive environment."

The event meant many different things to different people.

For some people, it meant honoring those who lost their lives that day, and for some it meant remembering the duty they serve every day as firefighters.

Too fast, too furious not meant for Japanese streets

Tips for safe driving:

- If confused on what side of the road to be on, just remember the center line should be on the right of the vehicle.
- Visually check to ensure the side lane is clear of pedestrians, vehicles and bicycles before making any left turns.
- Always actively search for pedestrians and bicyclists and yield right-of-way.
- A common understanding amongst Japanese is that the larger vehicle has the right-of-way.
- As distance increases, so does the distance needed for vehicles to come to a complete stop.
- When traffic lights are absent, Japanese traffic laws give right-of-way to the wider road. Since it is often hard to tell which road is wider, always drive as though the other road has the right-of-way.
- Once a traffic light turns green, check traffic to ensure it is safe before driving through the intersection.
- The use of cell phones while driving in Japan is prohibited. Distractions like these are the main cause of traffic accidents around the world.

Drivers can receive additional training through the Station Safety Center. Classes include: The Drivers Improvement Course, Remedial Drivers Training and several motorcycle safety classes. Contact Station Safety at 253-6381 for additional drivers training.



Cpl. Greg Fitts begins his drift before negotiating an upcoming turn at Barefoot Heaven Circuit in Kuga, Japan, Sep. 5, 2009. For those looking to exercise their street racing chops, there are tracks around Japan that will accommodate. Keep the racing off urban and rural streets.



Things to remember while driving in Japan

Driver training for SOFA personnel

Status of Forces Agreement personnel possessing a stateside drivers license are required to take an online driving course and pass an exam before they are issued a SOFA driver's license.

Driving training for Japanese

After passing a written exam and a skill evaluation, the Japanese are required to attend drivers school where they must drive numerous hours on open road before taking a final skill evaluation exam. Upon graduation of driving school, they are eligible to apply for a driver's license at a local police station where they must pass a written driving exam before being issued a license.

Crosswalks

Crosswalks in Japan are used by pedestrians and bicyclists. When approaching a crosswalk, remember pedestrians and bicyclists have the right-of-way. Japanese law prohibits drivers from interfering with pedestrians and bicyclists attempting to cross the street. Most pedestrians and many bicyclists will enter a crosswalk without slowing down, checking for traffic or acknowledging the presence of any oncoming vehicles.

Side lanes

Motorcycles, scooters, bicyclists and pedestrians regularly use the side lane. Slow down and pass them with caution to prevent accidents caused by unpredictable movements from the side lane.

Narrow roads

Many of Japan's streets are narrower than roads in the U.S. These narrow roads have a number of blind spots and a high potential for unseen hazards. A pedestrian could quickly step into a vehicle's path of travel without warning.

Right vs. left

Driving in Japan presents its own unique challenges, especially for new drivers. In addition to becoming accustomed to driving from the right side of the vehicle, drivers have to condition themselves to drive on the left side of the road.

Speed limits in Japan

Speed limits in Japan are slower than in the U.S. With the average speed limit being between 25-30 mph, many new drivers tend to accelerate past the speed limit unintentionally.

Speed limits are as follows:

- 25-30 mph in rural areas.
- 32-43 mph in suburban areas.
- 43-65 mph in single lane express highways.

Liability

Liability for a mishap will be tied to the Japanese investigation. It is important to call PMO to ensure the story is correctly communicated.

- All SOFA drivers are subject to Japanese law and its judicial decisions.
- Drivers are held to a high standard. Past records indicate that the driver is usually at fault if they hit anything smaller.

ARFF heats up outback, tames wildfires

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ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE BASE TINDAL, Australia — Iwakuni aircraft rescue firefighters coordinated with No. 322 Expeditionary Combat Support Squadron firefighters to set controlled fires in the fields here during exercise Southern Frontier, Sept. 9. The purpose of the training was to conduct integrated operations between forces and reduce foliage to prevent wildfires on base. "If we don't go set the fires the way we want it to go, it might start a fire somewhere else out of control," said Staff Sgt. Dexter Williford, aircraft rescue firefighter.

According to Aircraftman Leigh Weston, firefighter with No. 322 Expeditionary Combat Support Squadron, the firefighters with the RAAF regularly set hazard reduction fires in the fields to ensure the safety of the base and the structures on it.

"It eliminates the risk of having a grass fire," said Weston. "It's a bit of training for us as well. We also have a lot of ordnance around the base so if fires get set off by themselves, it can be bad for everyone."

According to Williford, wildfire training is unique to the type of training the Marines are used to conducting on base.

"Because we are out here in the middle of nowhere, these firefighters get a lot of training with wildfire," said Williford. "In Iwakuni, we don't have the ability to do this type of training. It's very fortunate we came here during this time of year."

What is unique about the firefighters of RAAF Tindal is they not only do crash fire rescue but structural firefighting as well.

"We have two main roles," said Weston. "Our first role is to support the aircraft and the base. We also do structural firefighting, which is our second role."

The RAAF firefighters also worked closely with ARFF to provide structural firefighting training.

"Our guys have been right there showing them how to do it," said Weston. "The Marines might have different tactics, but firefighting is ultimately the same. It's good to come together and share ideas."

According to Weston, structural firefighting is unlike aircraft firefighting, and knowing the difference is key to the safety of the Marines.

"In structural firefighting, the techniques are different inside from outside," said Williford. "The chemicals we would come in contact with are different. In structural firefighting, Marines would go through buildings they might not know the layout of. With aircraft firefighting, we know the aircraft well enough to get out there and do the job."

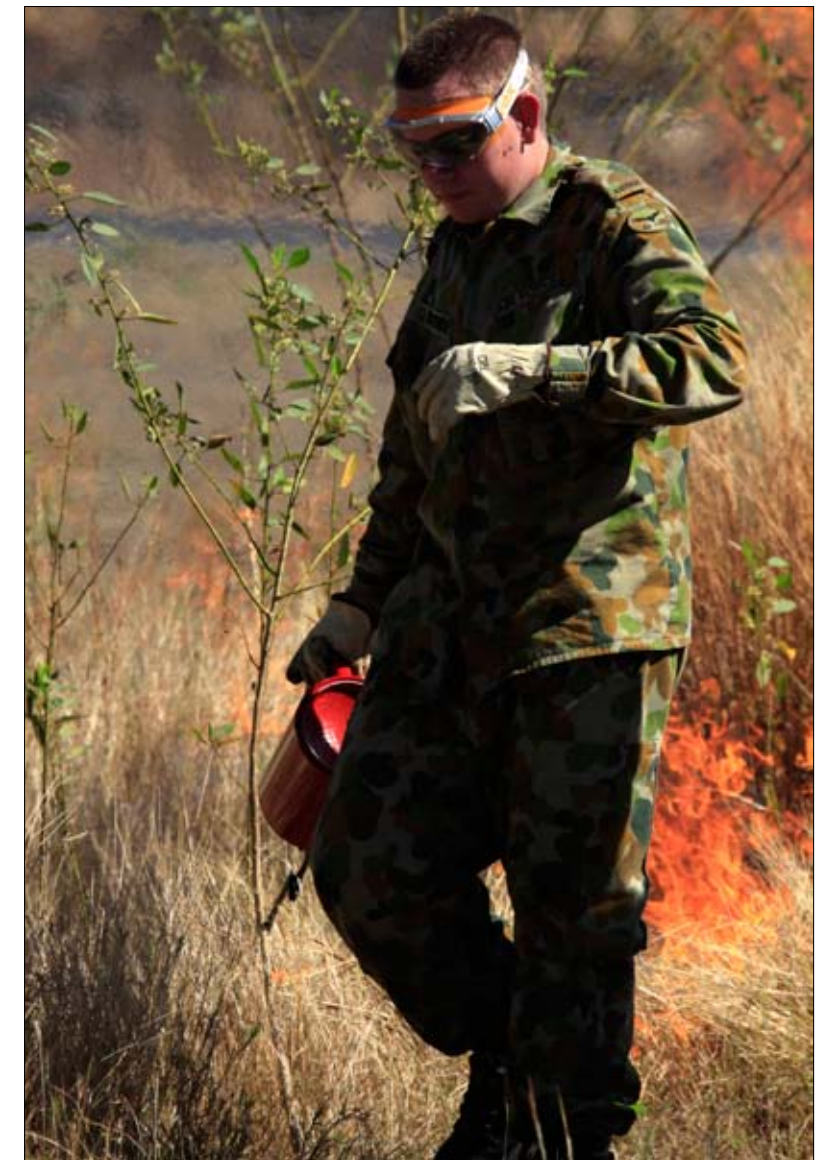
During exercise Southern Frontier, a significant thing the ARFF Marines and Australian firefighters agreed on was the camaraderie shared between the two forces is strong.

"The good thing about this training for us is it lets these guys know firefighters are the same no matter where you go," said Williford. "These firefighters have been really good to us, integrated with us and let us be a part of their day. We come in here, we joke with each other and we back each other up. There has been good cooperation all around."

During Southern Frontier, ARFF and RAAF firefighters have worked together to make sure both forces get the most out of the training and deployment.



ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE BASE TINDAL, Australia — Staff Sgt. Dexter Williford, aircraft rescue and firefighting specialist, and Aircraftman Leigh Weston, firefighter with No. 322 Expeditionary Combat Support Squadron, set a controlled fire in the fields here Sept. 9. Cpl. James Lovett, firefighter with ARFF, uses a pressure hose to keep the fire within the area intended to burn.



ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE BASE TINDAL, Australia — Aircraftman Leigh Weston, firefighter with No. 322 Expeditionary Combat Support Squadron, sets a controlled fire here Sept. 9.

STAYIN' ALIVE: Corpsmen teach Marines life-saving skills

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IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE BASE TINDAL, Australia — As the Marines of Marine All-Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 224, Marine Aircraft Group 12, and Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 continued to conduct operations during exercise Southern Frontier, the safety and well-being of the Marines was the first thing on the minds of the Navy corpsmen supporting them throughout the mission.

Petty Officer Third Class Nicholas Rudy, corpsman with MAG-12, and Seaman Apprentice Jarvis Broom, corpsman with VMFA(AW)-224, coordinated a basic life-saving combat techniques course to inform Marines about proper methods and procedures performed during an injury or mass casualty situation.

"Life or death can be decided in a matter of seconds," said Broom.

Under the instruction of their unit corpsmen, Marines applied the vital life-saving skills as part of simulated casualty situations during exercise Southern Frontier at Royal Australian Air Force base Tindal, Australia, Sept. 8.

The corpsmen broke the steps down as they went over the vital processes to saving a casualty's life, from the moment a service member or corpsman arrives on the scene until the evacuation of the casualty.

Some situations were simulated as if Marines were under live-fire to imitate the urgency of a real combat environment.

According to Broom, learning the basics is important when trying to save a Marine's life in a real combat situation.

"The main objective is to return as many Marines to battle as you can," said Broom. "Superior firepower is what the Marine Corps believes in."

Marines brushed up on basic techniques for various situations such as a sucking-chest wound, injuries to arms and legs, and casualties not breathing.

The corpsmen demonstrated how to use various operational medical equipment such as a tourniquet and H-bandage.

Marines also practiced how to properly apply the tourniquet and H-bandage on fellow Marines.

"The Tourniquet should be applied as high on the leg or arm of the casualty as possible," said Broom. "The H-bandage is then applied over the wound to help stop the bleeding."

The corpsmen also showed the Marines proper rescue breathing techniques.

"All military personnel should practice these steps as much as possible," said Lance Cpl. Andrew Andrakowicz, aviation information systems specialist with VMFA(AW)-224. "It's something everyone needs to know to keep us alive every day. If I go down, I'm confident my Marines know the basic steps to keep me alive until a corpsman gets there to help me out."

Using proper judgment during triage becomes vital when there are mass casualties.

Making the right decisions can mean life or death to the Marines who are injured.

"Some of the basic things you want to do are to find out who's injured, how many people are injured, what their injuries are and how many people you have to help you," said Broom. "Then you have to select and prioritize. You have to begin to treat the casualties who need it most. It just takes a little assertiveness and familiarization to know what injuries are

life-threatening."

Heat is also a concern for many of the Marines currently deployed in Australia's Northern Territory where the daily temperature has risen into the high 90s.

"It was good to go through a bit of a refresher course on how to treat a heat casualty so that if one happens we don't forget those important steps," said Andrakowicz. "It's a higher risk in this type of weather."

According to Broom, training regularly with

the Marines helps to build camaraderie and trust between and within units in the field, during deployment and even back on base.

"Everyone works together," said Broom. "It's a very proud job."

The Navy corpsmen continued to stay engaged throughout the training.

By keeping the Marines informed and mission ready, the corpsmen know if they ever go down, the Marines are trained enough to take care of them if they need treatment.



LANCE CPL. JENNIFER PIRANTE

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE BASE TINDAL, Australia — Seaman Apprentice Jarvis Broom, a corpsman with Marine All-Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 224, instructs a group of VMFA(AW)-224 Marines how to apply the H-bandage during a simulated combat casualty training session Sept. 8. After a tourniquet is applied to the upper thigh of the leg or upper arm, pressure bandages must be applied directly over the wound to stop the bleeding when a casualty suffers an injury.



LANCE CPL. JENNIFER PIRANTE

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE BASE TINDAL, Australia — Lance Cpl. Andrew Andrakowicz, aviation information systems specialist with Marine All-Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 224, practices applying a tourniquet to the arm of Cpl. Christopher Ilas, aviation operations specialist with VMFA(AW)-224, during a simulated combat casualty training session Sept. 8. A tourniquet is a device used to control arterial circulation in an attempt to stop traumatic bleeding.



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LANCE CPL. JENNIFER PIRANTE

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE BASE TINDAL, Australia — Lance Cpl. Andrew Andrakowicz, aviation information systems specialist with Marine All-Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 224, practices the technique of applying a tourniquet to the arm of Cpl. Christopher Ilas, aviation operations specialist with VMFA(AW)-224, during a simulated combat casualty training session Sept. 8. A tourniquet is a device used to control arterial circulation in an attempt to stop traumatic bleeding. When applied to the arm, the tourniquet should be placed high on the upper arm near the shoulder.

CORPS NEWS

HIGHLIGHTING MARINES AND SAILORS AROUND THE GLOBE

15th MEU's Maritime Raid Force recaptures ship from pirates

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MANAMA, Bahrain — At approximately 5 a.m. local time, Sept. 9, 24 U.S. Marines from the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit's Maritime Raid Force (MRF) aboard USS Dubuque (LPD 8) operating under Combined Task Force 151 (CTF-151), boarded and seized control of Antigua-Barbuda-flagged, German-owned vessel M/V Magellan Star from pirates who attacked and boarded the vessel early Sept. 8.

This successful mission by Combined Maritime Forces (CMF) secured the safety of the ship's crew and returned control of the ship to the civilian mariners.

Nine pirates are currently under control of CTF 151, pending further disposition. This ship's crew has not reported any injuries or casualties. There were no reported injuries from the U.S.

Maritime Raid Force.

The CTF-151 flagship, TCG Gökçeada, a Turkish frigate, was the first ship on scene, responding to a distress call received from Magellan Star Sept. 8. Two additional warships assigned to CTF-151, USS Dubuque (LPD 8) and USS Princeton (CG 59) arrived in the vicinity of the attack to provide support to Gökçeada.

Turkish Navy Rear Adm. Sinan Ertugrul, commander, CTF-151, said, "Units from the multi-national maritime force, under Combined Task Force 151, are actively engaged in anti-piracy operations.

"This regional problem, truly, has global impact, and we are completely committed to bringing the disruptive acts of piracy to an end. We have full support of the international community and will continue to do everything possible to bring security to the Gulf of Aden and Somali Basin."

CTF-151 is one of three



CMDR. CHRISTOPHER NODINE

GULF OF ADEN — Marines assigned to the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit, Maritime Raid Force, approach the motor vessel Magellan Star Sept. 9 to recover it from suspected pirates. The Marines boarded the vessel and took nine suspected pirates into custody. The pirates were taken to the guided-missile cruiser USS Princeton (CG 59) and the ship's 11 crew members resumed control of Magellan Star. Pirates took control of the ship Sept. 8.

task forces operated by the 25 nation Combined Maritime Forces (CMF). CTF-151 was established

in January 2009 in order to deter, disrupt, and suppress piracy, protecting maritime vessels of all

nationalities and securing international freedom of navigation.



PETTY OFFICER 2ND CLASS WILLIAM FARMERIE

GULF OF ADEN — The U.S. Navy amphibious transport dock ship USS Dubuque (LPD 8), center, deploys U.S. Marine Corps Cobra attack helicopters Thursday, Sept. 9, during a board and seizure operation by the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit, Maritime Raid Force, embarked aboard Dubuque, after the motor vessel M/V Magellan Star was attacked and boarded by pirates Sept. 8. Dubuque is part of Combined Task Force (CTF) 151, the multinational task force established by Combined Maritime Forces to conduct counter-piracy operations in the Gulf of Aden and the Somali Basin.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Red Cross Upcoming Events

The Red Cross has several events scheduled for September:
Prenatal brief: Wednesday.
Adult, infant and child first aid and CPR: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Saturday.
Volunteer orientation: 11 a.m. Tuesday.
Boys and Girls Club day: 12 p.m. Sept. 25.

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.

OSC Aloha Party

The Officers and Spouses Club is hosting an Aloha party beginning 5 p.m. at the Officers Club Oct. 1. All officers, spouses of officers, officer equivalent civilians (GS-7/NAF-4 and above), and DOD employees (unmarried or married to an officer or officer equivalent) are invited to attend. Hawaiian food will be served.

Armed for Success

The armed for success Web site is scheduled to host a free, live two-day online virtual event for active duty and transitioning service members, veterans and family members 1 – 10 a.m. Saturday and Sunday. The event will bring well known experts in military transition and education, and experienced advisors for discussion, questions and answers. The site offers free and easy entry to academic information and career information. For more information or to sign up, visit www.armedforsuccess.com.

Japanese Language Course 2010

The Yamaguchi International Exchange Association is sponsoring a Japanese language course for non-Japanese every Tuesday at the Iwakuni Shimin Kaikan (Civic Hall) Training Room 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. from Sept. 28 – Dec. 21. Sign up in advance at the Public Affairs Office or call 253-5551 for more information. Attendance is required the first day of your class.

Lending Locker Program

The lending locker program provides small home appliances and utensils for incoming and outgoing command sponsored members for up to 60 days inbound and 30 days outbound. A copy of PCS orders are required to check-out items and the program is by appointment only. The lending locker is located in Building 411 Room 101. Appointments are 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. For more information, call 253-6161.

54th Iwakuni Civic Culture Festival

Celebrate the 54th Iwakuni Civic Culture Festival at the Iwakuni Civic Hall 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. Sept. 24 – 26. There will be a Japanese flower arrangement display and a tea ceremony conducted by several Japanese schools in the Iwakuni area. Admission is free, but the tea ceremony is 500 yen per person. For more information, contact the Iwakuni City lifelong learning section at 0827-29-5211.

JMSDF Iwakuni Base Festival

Celebrate the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Forces' 2010 Iwakuni Base Festival here 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Sunday. There will be an aircraft static

display, open house for an LST Osumi Class ship, flight simulators and ground events. For more information, call 082-722-3181 ext. 6232 8 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

MCPES Early Release

Matthew C. Perry Elementary School will release students at 10:45 a.m. on Wednesday.

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 157.5.

SAKURA THEATER

Friday, September 17, 2010
7 p.m. Dinner for Schmucks (PG-13)
Premier

Saturday, September 18, 2010
1 p.m. Cats and Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore (PG)
4 p.m. Despicable Me (PG)
7 p.m. Charlie St. Cloud (PG-13)
Premier
10 p.m. Predators (R)

Sunday, September 19, 2010
1 p.m. The Sorcerer's Apprentice (PG)
4 p.m. Dinner for Schmucks (PG-13)
7 p.m. The Expendables (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.

Monday, September 20, 2010
7 p.m. Predators (R)
Last Showing

Tuesday, September 21, 2010
7 p.m. Cyrus (R)

Wednesday, September 22, 2010
7 p.m. The Expendables (R)

Thursday, September 23, 2010
7 p.m. Charlie St. Cloud (PG-13)

253-5291

CLASSIFIEDS

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, resumé preparation, interviewing, job search, etc. If interested, e-mail your resume to careers@invernesstechnologies.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.

Miscellaneous

Bumblerride Stroller

Lightly used stroller suitable for infant to toddler age. Has an adjustable handle, footrest and adjustable seat that reclines in 4 positions. The handle is reversible, so the baby can face the parents or the world. It's compatible with different infant car seats. Car seat adaptor, rain cover and cup holder are included. Ideal for smaller cars, easy and compact fold, weighs only 19 pounds. \$180 OBO. For more information, call Lana at 253-2362.

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, call 253-2246.

Free Translator

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

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Mess Hall Menu

Monday

Manhattan clam chowder, chicken and rice soup, Swedish meatballs, roast turkey, buttered noodles, mashed potatoes, Louisiana-style smothered squash, green beans and corn, chicken gravy, dinner rolls, macaroni salad, confetti rice salad, standard salad bar, coconut raisin cookies, double layer almond cake, chocolate cream pie with whipped topping.
Specialty Bar: Pasta

Tuesday

Beef noodle soup, navy-bean soup, beef brogul, mustard-dill baked fish, mashed potatoes, rice pilaf, asparagus, scalloped cream corn, tomato gravy, dinner rolls, three-bean salad, cucumber and onion salad, standard salad bar, butterscotch brownies, apple pie, spice cake with buttercream frosting.
Specialty Bar: Taco

Wednesday

Cream of broccoli soup, knickerbocker soup, veal parmesan, spaghetti with meat sauce, pizza, mashed potatoes, club spinach, mixed vegetables, brown gravy, garlic bread, spring salad, deviled potato salad, standard salad bar, peanut butter cookies, sweet potato pie with whipped topping, coconut cake.
Specialty Bar: Barbeque

Thursday

Minestrone soup, pepper pot soup, ginger pot roast, Creole shrimp, steamed rice, oven glow potatoes, broccoli parmesan, peas and carrots, cheese biscuits, brown gravy, potato salad, spinach salad, standard salad bar, double-layer devil's-food cake with coconut-pecan frosting, pumpkin pie with whipped topping, oatmeal raisin cookies.
Specialty Bar: Deli Bar

Friday

Beef barley soup, tomato soup, rock cornish hen with syrup glaze, chili macaroni, grilled ham and cheese, steamed rice, mashed potatoes, succotash, green bean combo, chicken gravy, dinner rolls, mixed fruit salad, Italian style pasta salad, standard salad bar, apple and cherry turnovers, bread pudding, crisp toffee bars, whipped topping, chocolate pudding.
Specialty Bar: Hot Dog

M.C. Perry girls volleyball off to bleak start



Courtney Veall, Samurai volleyball player, stuffs a Yokosuka High School Red Devil during a regular season volleyball game held at the Matthew C. Perry High School gym here Saturday. The Samurai lost the games 25-16, 25-9, 25-11. The games held on Saturday marked the home season opener for the lady Samurai.

LANCE CPL. MIRANDA BLACKBURN

Samurai take vengeance against Cobras 10-1



CPL. SALVADOR MORENO

Shawn Eagman, sophomore pitcher, connects with the ball during a regular season baseball game against Sasebo's Ernest J. King Cobras at the main field here Saturday. After receiving a gut-wrenching 12-10 loss Sept. 10, the Samurai regrouped and ousted the Cobras 10-1.

CPL. SALVADOR MORENO
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

The Matthew C. Perry High School baseball team took the mound Friday and Saturday against Sasebo's Ernest J. King Cobras at the Main field here.

The Samurai fell to the Cobras on Friday 12-10 after seven innings but took the night to regroup and recharge and came out Saturday to return the favor with a 10-1 outing.

The Samurai started off by shutting down the Cobras in the top not allowing a single run.

At the bottom of the first they were able to find their groove but only able to earn one run before being retired.

The second inning saw a little more action as the Cobras with a few base runners managed to get into scoring position, but were unable to capitalize thus going back to the dugout with another goose egg.

For the Samurai it was the same as the first, making connection with the ball, earning hits, but still not able to put the numbers on the score board earning only two more to extend the lead to 3-0.

"One memorable moment was a suicide squeeze in the second inning by C. Jay Brysiak, who put down a perfect bunt that seemed to spark the team for the rest of the game," said Vernie Jones, coach for M.C. Perry.

Once again the Cobras were skunked in the third as well as the fourth. M.C. Perry, however, managed to continue consistent hitting earning two more in the third before finally being shut down in the fourth with a 4-0 advantage.

Shawn Eagman, sophomore, pitched five scoreless innings before being relieved by

Dims Wakimoto, senior. Wakimoto along with Hayden Miller, Austin Richardson and Ryan Schmidt are the leaders of the Samurai, who are relatively young with the majority of the team lower classmen.

"Our team has a mixture of younger and older players, and we should be competitive in all our games," said Jones.

Wakimoto closed the game allowing only one run in the two innings he pitched.

"Today was an excellent day. They only scored one run, so we did better than we did yesterday," said Wakimoto.

Behind the excellent pitching of Eagman and Wakimoto, the Samurai managed to hold E.J. King scoreless until the top of the sixth only allowing one run for the entire game.

According to coach Jones, the biggest challenge for the Samurai is their pitching. With the entire season ahead of them, they have plenty to be proud about splitting the series against the Cobra starting 1-1.

The Samurai may be a young team, but with the addition of first-year coach Jones and a few returning players, they should not be a team to be looked over.



CPL. SALVADOR MORENO

Dims Wakimoto, senior catcher and pitcher, captures a foul ball during a regular season baseball game against Sasebo's Ernest J. King Cobras at the main field here Saturday. Wakimoto closed the game as the relief pitcher allowing only one run in the two innings he pitched.

JMSDF

Iwakuni Base Festival

9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sunday



<http://www.mod.go.jp/msdf/iwakuni>

- Flybys to celebrate the open house
- Static aircraft display
- LST Osumi Class open house
- Flight simulator
- Ground events

Schedule of events:

9-10:30 a.m. - Opening ceremony
 9:55-10:07 a.m. - Drill performance
 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. - Kunisaki ship tour
 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. - Static displays
 Children's area
 Flower train
 Flight simulator
 Nursery

11:50 a.m. - 3:30 Stage performances:

11:50 a.m. - Taiko drums
 12:20 p.m. - White snake power rangers
 1:30 p.m. - Drill
 2:15 p.m. - Taiko drums
 2:50 p.m. - Japanese band

The air show is scheduled to run all day. Events will take place on the northside apron area, accessible via the road around Penny Lake.