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## 5 days, 89,000 gallons: Marines train for disaster

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Marines of Combat Logistics Company 36 and Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 maintenance and utilities sections participated in water purification training at Penny Lake here Oct. 25-29.

The purpose of the training was to prepare Marines for possible natural disaster situations.

The Marines were given a mission to bring in and purify 8,000 gallons of water each day from both the port here and Penny Lake for a total of 40,000 gallons. They pulled in more than double their quota, bringing in 89,000 gallons of water.

"We come out here, set up all our gear and we test it out," said Lance Cpl. Michael Banks, water purification technician for CLC-36. "We run trial and error, preposition checks and services, and make sure all our gear runs how it's supposed to. Also, for the new guys who just got here, they haven't touched the gear since the schoolhouse, so they get more comfortable with their gear."

Staff Sgt. Archie Mardis, equipment chief for the exercise, said this is the first time doing the exercise due to former environmental limitations in



CPL. KRISTIN E. MORENO

A heavy equipment operator with Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 loads generators onto a truck after the conclusion of a water purification training exercise held at Penny Lake here Oct. 25-29. The purpose of the exercise was to prepare Marines for possible natural disaster situations in the local area.

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## ISAR gets wall lift

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The Indoor Small-Arms Range here, the only indoor range in the Marine Corps, recently replaced the forward protective berm with a ballistic brick wall to increase efficiency, effectiveness and shooter safety.

The project was sponsored by the Ground Range Sustainment Program, which is a program that provides money for the sustainment, upgrades and modernization of Marine Corps ranges.

Each year, the ISAR shuts down for six weeks for annual maintenance. During this time, the ISAR receives any necessary construction, repairs and upgrades. This year, replacing the berm was the main priority.

The main berm is made of chipped rubber. The old protective forward berm was made of the same material. After awhile, the rubber chips would settle and leave the metal wall that protects the target systems exposed. Upon impact, the rounds would ricochet and hit lights, walls and the

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## Understanding: Marines enjoy taste of U.S.-Japan history, alliance

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IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Dr. Robert D. Eldridge, Marine Corps Bases Japan deputy assistant chief of staff, G-5, gave two periods of instruction in the Building 1 auditorium here Oct. 27.

The first period of instruction discussed and gave examples of the security alliance between Japan and the U.S.

"I thought the first (class) was really good," said 1st Lt. Theresa Campobasso, Marine Aircraft Group 12 intelligence officer. "Unfortunately it was a little bit over my head as far as having background knowledge to

really get the most out of it, but I have such a better understanding now of a lot of the protest, why people feel a certain way and the history of the agreements."

Eldridge's second period of instruction focused on current Japanese government members and their attitudes toward the U.S. forces in Japan.

"Japanese politics are very personality based. There's going to be a lot of changes and upheavals based on personalities. So it's important to understand the personalities of Japanese politics," said Eldridge.

The second class especially caught the attention of Marines and sailors whose jobs

have a connection with Japanese nationals, politics or the Japanese government.

"The second (class) was my favorite. He actually went into individual people to do a political analysis. It was very interesting," said Campobasso. "It definitely made us, as an intel shop, want to do more research later down the road."

Throughout both classes, Eldridge highlighted the importance of Marines getting Japan's community and growing familiar with its government.

"His overwhelming feeling was we need to do

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# CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

## 'If we cannot perform, we must refer or provide'

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In the business world, total customer focus organizations strive to reap great success. "The company will do anything short of going broke to make a customer happy. That's just the way we are," says the vice president of one of the top corporations in the U.S.

Achieving customer delight and meeting basic requirements are their top priorities. I read a poster that says, "I can only please one customer a day. Today is not your day. Tomorrow ain't looking good either."

When Marines, sailors or their dependents come to our office, do we give our best to meet their basic needs?

Remember, Marines, sailors and their families are the most important part of our business.

As top defenders of our nation, they deserve the best service we can give.

One of the philosophies of ministry is, "If I cannot perform, I must refer or provide."

To provide means to do what is necessary to ensure that an activity or task is accomplished. The mission of the Religious Ministry Team is to provide comprehensive pastoral and spiritual care to our Marines, sailors and their families.

One Marine and his wife came to my office asking me if I could baptize their newly born baby girl.

They are both Catholics. As a Christian chaplain who happens to be a Baptist, I told them, "I am greatly honored to baptize your baby. However, in my faith background, we only dedicate babies. But I will refer you to our Catholic chaplain who can baptize your baby."

The next day, the wife of the deployed Marine called and asked me if I could drive her 5-year-old to the clinic at 10 a.m. coinciding with my scheduled appointment.

How did I respond to her request? "I am sorry; I am not available at that time. Goodbye."

No, not at all. I told her "I regret I can't drive your son to the clinic because of a prior commitment; however, please give me five minutes and I will exhaust everything to find somebody to drive for you."

Usually, my wife is that somebody. If we cannot perform, we must provide or refer.

Our Lord once said, "Whatsoever you do even to the least of your brethren, you do it unto me." Even a cup of cold water given in his name will surely, not go unnoticed.

## Navy's 235th birthday: 'Honoring the past, serving the present, preserving the future'

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I had the pleasure of speaking to more than 250 sailors, Marines, and family members who celebrated the Navy's 235th birthday anniversary during a ball held at Club Iwakuni Oct. 15.

The Navy Ball has been an annual event since 1972 when Adm. Elmo Zumwalt directed the Navy to celebrate its beginnings in ceremonies held around the world wherever sailors are stationed.

This year's theme was "honoring the past, serving the present, and preserving the future."

With 34 years of service and retiring as a command master chief petty officer, I was glad to honor the past and serve the present by encouraging all in attendance to preserve the future.

The night was filled with dancing and camaraderie as the celebration lasted well into the night.

Yet the Navy birthday is more than dancing. It is more than an annual cake-cutting event. It is an opportunity for fellowship, reunion, and

renewal.

It is a chance to restate goals and dreams. It is a moment in which all hearts are together at the forefront of freedom.

Such celebrations and anniversaries are important, for they require all gathered to recognize the vital role and many sacrifices and contributions of those who have gone before us, those currently deployed, and those who will deploy in the future who play in the vanguard for freedom.

Additionally, they cause us to plan proficiently, set goals, and invest personal time.

If proper planning and lack of personal investment fail to happen, then the date we celebrate and the event that we commemorate loses its meaning.

During such events we take a moment to remind ourselves of who we are and rededicate our lives to what we do as warriors.

The future of our country and our naval service depends on those who have made the commitment to serve.

If you have made that commitment and are preparing to take the mantle of leadership, remember that your performance today and tomorrow will become a part of Navy history!

## BOOT SCOOTIN' ROUNDUP

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## MCBJ G-5 teaches being good ambassadors takes cultural understanding

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more to interact with the Japanese on a one-on-one basis, so they can get to know us," said Campobasso.

Eldridge also maintained that knowledge of the host nation will help overall decision making during an overseas tour and help troops understand the reasons behind political debates and decisions.

"If the Marine knows more about their host country, he or she can become a better ambassador for the U.S."

Although this wasn't Eldridge's first Iwakuni appearance, he said he has witnessed different reactions to his periods of instruction every time.

Eldridge said most of the Marines tell him

the classes help put into perspective a past experience they've had, and for others, the classes give them an explanation of why certain political ideals exist or why some political figures act a certain way.

"As members of the U.S. forces in Japan, it is really important for us to have an understanding of our history with Japanese nationals and to have a thorough working knowledge of their government because it affects our work and our existence here," said Campobasso.

Before serving with the Marines, Eldridge was a tenured associate professor of Japanese political and diplomatic history at Osaka University's Graduate School of International Public Policy in Osaka, Japan, and the acting director of the university's Center for

International Security Studies and Policy. Eldridge is a frequent visiting scholar at Okinawa International University's Institute of Law and Politics and Hosei University's Institute of Okinawan Studies.

"Within Okinawa, I give this brief on a regular basis both on the alliance as well as the politics," said Eldridge. "The alliance has a long history, and it has served the mutual interest of both countries. It's a relationship that's evolved and deepened over the years."

Eldridge is currently researching a book on the Japan Ground Self-Defense Force, co-editing another book in Japanese on Japan's future security choices, and working on a sequel to his first book on Okinawa entitled "The Road to Reversion: Okinawa in Postwar U.S. - Japan Relations, 1952 - 1972."

## Nightmare celebration: Children's Halloween party brings out all manner of costumed creatures



Ellie Cook enjoys the festivities during the annual Marine Corps Community Services sponsored children's Halloween party at IronWorks Gym here Saturday. Volunteers decorated the IronWorks Gym sports courts with Halloween decorations, inflatable jumpers, fog and spooky lights to set the atmosphere.

## Changes to ISAR make firing safer

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tracks for the target systems, which led to costly damage to the range. The equipment used to recycle the main berm didn't reach the forward berm, so the Marines had to do it by hand.

For these reasons, more than 27,000 pounds of rubber were removed and replaced with ballistic bricks, giving the range an additional two and a half feet.

"The new ballistic bricks are compressed rubber shavings, and instead of projectiles going in and slowing down over a distance, they go in and are essentially immediately stopped and

they bounce off others, again posing a safety risk. With the bricks, the rounds are contained. "The recycling process for the chipped rubber is time consuming," said Lance Cpl. Anthony Zublis, Indoor Simulated Marksmanship Trainer operator at the ISAR. "The ballistic bricks make our job easier. We can get the range prepared a lot faster now, and, as a result, accommodate more shooters."

The new forward berm will be put to use for the first time during the Wolf-Tactical Reconnaissance and Personal Protection pistol course scheduled for Nov. 15.

If the rubber chips aren't recycled regularly, they lose their effectiveness. Instead of the rounds penetrating and slowing to a stop,

## Marines purify 89,000 gallons of water

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Iwakuni; however, the intention is to hold the training quarterly.

"The training the Marines are doing right now is for the community, for Iwakuni and Hiroshima, in case something did happen," said Mardis. "People need to know that the Marines are doing their best to make sure they can take care of our community."

While the local community is the main concern in case of a disaster, the training can also be adapted to other places around the world and help build international relations.

"This will give us the opportunity to do humanitarian missions," said Mardis. "If Thailand gets hit with a typhoon or something, we'll be able to react and give them water. We need to know how to do our job here so if natural disasters do happen we can respond and produce water for other countries."

In addition to preparing the Marines for disaster relief and getting them comfortable with the equipment, the exercise also helped build stronger internal relationships between CLC-36 and MWSS-171, which is important because they work together a lot.

"The most important thing Marines should take away for the exercise is to maintain your gear and your knowledge," said Banks. "It's so easy to forget what you've learned and neglect all your gear, and then when it comes time for practical application, you won't be prepared."

The Marines finished off the week with new knowledge while refreshing what they already knew. The exercise familiarized the Marines with the water purification equipment and taught them how to react effectively and efficiently in case of a natural disaster.



# Heroism: Marine risks life to save others

LANCE CPL. CLAUDIO A. MARTINEZ  
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Station members held a formation at the parade deck in front of Building 1 here Oct. 28 to recognize and award a local Marine for his bravery.

Sgt. Travis Goodwin, station runway supervisor, was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Medal for heroism displayed while saving the lives of two people during his tour of duty in Pensacola, Fla.

"It's not every day we get the opportunity to recognize a Marine," said Lt. Col. Michael Coletta, Headquarters & Headquarters Squadron commanding officer. "It's a very special award."

The Navy and Marine Corps Medal is the second highest non-combat award given for heroism to Navy and Marine Corps service members.

The medal is awarded to service members who display heroism by saving the life of another while risking their own life during a non-combat situation.

Coletta said he believes every Marine who was present at the formation would do what Goodwin did.

Goodwin saved the lives of two women during a head on collision nearly a year ago.

"I take no credit for it," said Goodwin. "I give it to the Marine Corps. The Marine Corps taught me, and I'm able to perform because of the Marine Corps."

During the traffic accident, Goodwin placed his own life in danger to pull the women out of their vehicles, which were on fire and in danger of exploding.

"I think he's really brave, and I'm proud of him," said Keely Goodwin, Travis Goodwin's wife of five years. "I don't know if I would have been able to think and react as quickly (as he did)."

It was 7 a.m. with clear blue skies and a cool breeze on March 19, 2009, when Goodwin decided to go into work earlier than he usually did.

Goodwin was an instructor at an expeditionary airfield school in Pensacola, Fla.

A class had just graduated and he expected it to be a slow workday as he drove on the Blue Angel Parkway.

Goodwin was driving his Chevrolet C71 pickup truck when he saw the vehicle in front of him swerve.

He swerved a little to the opposite side when he saw a car coming head on toward him.

Quickly reacting, Goodwin jerked his wheel and forced his truck into a sideways sliding motion down the road.

As his vehicle slid down the road, Goodwin saw a head on collision between a Cadillac CTS and a Nissan Sentra.

Both vehicles were traveling at approximately 55 to 65 mph toward each other.

The impact caused the vehicles to lift up in midair and land horizontally on the road, stopping traffic.

A Dodge Neon was unable to stop and T-boned the Cadillac, causing an explosion and a fire.

After Goodwin's truck finally came to a stop nearly 150 feet from the accident, he rushed out to help.

"Everyone else was so worried about getting to work that nobody was doing anything,"



Lt. Col. Michael C. Taylor, Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 commanding officer, pins Sgt. Travis Goodwin, station runway supervisor, with the Navy and Marine Corps Medal at the parade deck in here Oct. 28. The medal is the second highest non-combat award for heroism given to Navy and Marine Corps service members.

CPL. ANDREA M. OLGUIN

said Goodwin. "They were just going around the vehicles."

Goodwin quickly analyzed the situation and saw three vehicles and four people involved in the accident.

He saw the Cadillac was on fire and a woman, bloody and with several compound leg fractures, trapped inside.

Goodwin rushed over to pull her out first before the vehicle could explode.

Bystanders screamed out, "The car is on fire, the car is on fire," as Goodwin pulled her out through the passenger side.

After carrying her to safety and leaving someone to look after her, he returned to the collision.

Goodwin ran to the Dodge Neon and saw an unconscious woman in the driver's seat and her uninjured, conscious daughter in the passenger side.

After checking her pulse and breathing, he struggled to pull the woman out.

"The (Cadillac) engine, was, no joke, right behind me on fire," said Goodwin. "It was hot, really hot. As soon as I got (her) out, somebody finally stopped by with a fire extinguisher and was able to put the fire out."

After pulling the woman out and leaving her daughter with her, Goodwin ran to the Nissan Sentra to see what he could do.

"I couldn't do anything for her," said Goodwin. "It was the worst feeling I ever had, because I was like, 'Man what do I do for this lady.'"

He saw a woman in the driver's seat severely injured, bleeding from her head, but alive with the car engine in her lap.

After leaving someone behind to keep the woman in the Nissan Sentra calm, Goodwin returned to the unconscious woman he pulled out from the Dodge Neon.

He attempted to calm the woman's 20-year-old daughter as he began to resuscitate the unconscious woman.

Goodwin fell back on the training he received as a Marine recruit to help the unconscious woman.

"I'm not an (emergency medical technician); I'm not a paramedic. I'm a Marine," said Goodwin. "In boot camp we learn the basic

stuff — how to apply pressure, how to check for certain things. I'd been in the Marine Corps for six years and I hadn't used this stuff in six years."

Goodwin stayed with the woman, attempting to help her with his training until the paramedics arrived.

All four women survived the collision, two of them because of what Goodwin did.

Throughout the whole two-minute ordeal, Goodwin had no thought in mind but to help.

It wasn't until he was giving his statement to the state troopers that Goodwin thought about what he did.

"It was then that I realized 'Holy crap, what did you just do, what just happened?'" said Goodwin. "Instincts, it just happened. When I had to write my statement out, I started shaking and started (thinking) 'Oh my God, how did this just happen?'"

After the scene was cleared and the women were taken away, Goodwin headed straight to work.

Word of what Goodwin had done began to spread at his work section, even though he downplayed his involvement in the whole thing.

Warrant Officer Scott Nickson, expeditionary air field recovery officer-in-charge here, was serving with Goodwin in Pensacola at the time.

"At first, he didn't say much about it and then we heard secondhand about what he had actually done," said Nickson. "He was pretty modest about it, actually."

Several of the state troopers who arrived at the scene of the collision wrote letters to Goodwin's command informing them of what he did.

"What he did was inspiring and, bottomline, heroic," said Nickson. "He could have injured himself. The situation could have been much worse."

Time passed after the collision and Goodwin slowly began to lose touch with the women whose lives he had saved.

Though still modest about what he did, giving credit to the Marine Corps for training him, Goodwin stood at the parade deck to receive an award that speaks volumes about his bravery.

# Signed, sealed, delivered: What to do if it looks suspicious

LANCE CPL. JENNIFER PIRANTE  
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

In a message from the U.S. Postal Service to Americans in 2001, John E. Potter, postmaster general with USPS, stated the USPS places the highest priority on the safety of customers, employees and the security of the mail.

As the busy holiday season comes around, a time when millions of letters, packages and postcards, make their way to family members and loved ones, the safety and well-being of service members and civilians around the world continues to be paramount.

It is vital that service members and civilians be vigilant and aware of what to do if someone encounters one or more of the elements of a suspicious package or envelope.

According to Staff Sgt. Shane Hall, mail clerk with the south-side post office, there are different characteristics to the two main types of threats found in a suspicious package.

"For a possible explosive, we look for improper packaging; the package may be sloppily put together, misshapen or the wrong supplies may have been used to package the item," said Shane

Hall. "For a possible chemical or biological threat, there may be a noticeable residue or powdery substance coming out of the seams."

Sometimes suspicious characteristics of a package or letter can be subtle.

In other instances, there can be more obvious indications that make an item suspicious or unsafe.

Misspelled or no return address, sealed with tape and excessive postage are potential indications of a suspicious envelope.

"A lot of times, someone will see a package with too much postage," said Hall. "The person sending the package probably really wanted the package to get to where it was going and didn't want to go to a post office and mail it."

For packages, suspicious indicators include oily stains or discolorations, excessive tape, strange odor, rigidity, bulkiness, lopsidedness or even protruding wires.

"Any time someone sees a suspicious item, it should be treated like an improvised explosive device," said Hall.

Each postal clerk aboard the station is trained to handle the situation if someone comes

across a suspicious item in the mail room.

"First of all, we try to identify if the package is an exploding or chemical threat," said Hall.

Once the package or letter has been identified as suspicious, the mail clerks follow steps and procedures to deal with the threat.

"In the post office, we isolate the letter or package," said Hall. "The junior Marines are trained to isolate the item because they are more likely to come into contact with it. They are hands on with every piece of mail that comes through the post office. If they find it, they'll pull other Marines away from it and let their supervisors know. Then, we'll clear the building and call PMO."

Service members and civilians are recommended to follow the same steps at home and in the workspace to ensure the safety of loved ones and co-workers.

"If someone sees a weird looking item and they think it may explode, they should keep themselves and loved ones away from it and let authorities know," said Hall.

In order to ensure packages or letters service members and civilians send to their loved ones do not appear suspicious, the USPS Web site outlined tips on how to properly wrap a package and send a letter.

The advice is not only to ensure safety, but also to ensure the package or letter gets to where it was intended to be sent.

"A package should be no more than 70 pounds," said Lance Cpl. Dorian Hall, mail clerk with Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron.

"All the seams should be taped. The package should

also have sufficient mailing and return addresses, as well as correct postage."

Packages sent internationally are subject to customs examinations in the destination country.

According to Dorian Hall, senders are required to complete a customs form to declare the contents and value of the item being mailed.

"Customs has to screen the package because there are certain places someone can't ship certain items to," said Dorian Hall. "It also states what is in the package so that if a package looks suspicious, they can open the package and see that what's inside is exactly what it was said to be."

Some examples of commonly used items restricted or considered to be hazardous under USPS regulations include perfumes, nail polish, flea collars or flea sprays, aerosols, bleach, pool chemicals, paints, matches

batteries, fuels or gasoline, airbags, dry ice, mercury thermometers, cleaning supplies, items which previously contained fuel, glues and fireworks.

It is good practice to be vigilant and aware of what can and cannot be sent in the mail to ensure the package being sent does not appear suspicious.

In the unfortunate circumstance someone does encounter a suspicious package, the USPS Web site outlines simple instructions: Stop. Don't handle the item. Isolate it immediately. Don't smell, open or taste. Activate an emergency plan and notify proper authorities.

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LANCE CPL. CHRIS KUTLESA





Cpl. Jacklyn White, a station American Forces Network broadcaster, holds a card up as part of a game played during a visit to Midoro Hoiken School in Iwakuni, Oct. 26. Approximately 10 service members visited the school to play and teach Western Halloween traditions to the school students.

## Sailors, Marines teach Japanese children ABCs of trick or treat

LANCE CPL. CLAUDIO A. MARTINEZ  
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Sailors and Marines dressed as convicts, pirates and witches climbed up a small staircase leading into a classroom filled with eager young children.

As they stepped into the classroom armed with bags of candy and cookies, the children screamed out in excitement and wonder.

Petty Officer 2nd Class Ruiz Avelardo, station religious programmer, stood in front of the children disguised as a fierce werewolf.

Some of the children timidly hid behind their braver classmates as Avelardo clawed at the air and let out a threatening growl.

Other children laughed and giggled as they jumped up and down ready to start playing with Avelardo and the other service members who came with him.

Approximately 10 station service members visited the Japanese students of Midoro Hoiken School in Iwakuni, Oct. 26.

They spent the morning with the children playing games and teaching them some of the Western traditions of Halloween. Avelardo said their visit to the school was a great way to build stronger ties with the community while sharing some of the American culture with the children.

"(When the children go home) they're going to be talking about Halloween," said Avelardo. "They're going to be talking about how we came, gave them candy and taught them how to celebrate Halloween."

The service members removed

their masks and introduced themselves to the children.

The smiling students stared with wide-eyed wonder as the service members removed their costumes.

"The children have been looking forward to the service members' visit," said Ayaka Kobayashi, a Midoro Hoiken school teacher. "They've been learning about Halloween since yesterday. The children think it's awesome that the Marines and sailors have come to teach them about Halloween."

Many of the children had not seen anything like what they saw that morning.

"We don't really have such customs in Japan like Halloween," said Kobayashi.

Having the service members come and share something new, like Halloween, is a wonderful way to open the children's minds to the different ways of other cultures, she added.

The service members stood in front of the class and tried to teach the children about trick or treating.

The sailors and Marines tried to encourage the children to repeat after them by counting to three and yelling out, "trick or treat."

At first, the children stared at the Marines and sailors with smiling, confused looks on their faces.

After practicing a few times, the children caught on and started to repeat in unison, "trick or treat."

Once the children learned their new phrase, the games began.

Teachers began playing music and had the students walk around the classroom in a circle until the music stopped.

As soon as the music stopped, one of the service members held up a card with a number written on it and the children called out the number.

After calling the number out, they quickly scattered around trying to get into a group with the same number of people as the number on the card.

As the children got into groups with the service members, they started climbing on top of the Marines and sailors to get a closer look at their costumes.

After the games ended, the service members were separated from the students into another classroom.

Two by two the students walked into the classroom and yelled out, "trick or treat!"

With ear-to-ear smiles, the children received a fist full of candy from each service member they walked past in the classroom.

"I really had fun," said Marin Takemoto, a six-year-old Midoro Hoiken school student. "I really liked trick-or-treating."

Takemoto said she hopes the Marines and sailors come back to her school for another visit.

Once all the candy was passed out and the children received their fill, the service members gathered their things to return home.

As they climbed back down the staircase, the children rushed to the classroom windows to watch the Marines and sailors drive away.

After the service members stepped out of the school, they turned around and saw the children peeking through the windows waving goodbye.



Midoro Hoiken School students surround Petty Officer 2nd Class Avelardo Ruiz, a station religious programmer, fascinated by his werewolf costume at the Midoro Hoiken School in Iwakuni, Oct. 26. For many of the students at the school, it was the first time they had ever been exposed to American Halloween traditions and costumes. The service members taught the children how to trick or treat and afterward played games with them.



LANCE CPL. CLAUDIO A. MARTINEZ

A Midoro Hoiken School student laughs after a service member placed a hat on his head during a community relations project at the Midoro Hoiken School in Iwakuni, Oct. 26. The service members' visit provided an opportunity for the students to experience something new from a different culture while having fun.



LANCE CPL. CLAUDIO A. MARTINEZ

Midoro Hoiken School students high-five service members as they say goodbye to them after spending a morning together learning about Halloween and playing games at the Midoro Hoiken School in Iwakuni, Oct. 26. The service members visit the students at least once a month in an effort to build stronger relations with the community.



## CORPS NEWS

HIGHLIGHTING MARINES AND SAILORS AROUND THE GLOBE



CPL. DANIEL WOODALL

TRAKH NAWA, Afghanistan -- Residents of Trakh Nawa, Afghanistan, watch as the final touches are placed on a bridge construction project Oct. 28. Approximately 40 Marines with CLB-3's Engineer Company constructed the bridge in less than two days.

## CLB-3 constructs bridge, aids Afghan Community

CPL. DANIEL WOODALL  
1ST MARINE LOGISTICS GROUP (FWD)

**TRAKH NAWA, Afghanistan** — Since the removal of the Taliban as Afghanistan's governing body nine years ago, coalition forces have helped rebuild the nation's infrastructure, providing stability and peace to an otherwise turbulent region. Their humanitarian and peace-keeping efforts seek to bridge the divide between traditional and progressive values in an ever-changing world. For combat engineers, the aforementioned objective can be accomplished quite literally. Approximately 40 Marines with Engineer Company, Combat Logistics Battalion 3, 1st Marine Logistics Group (Forward), rebuilt a bridge here Oct. 27 after a local dispute concerning water privileges ended in the burning of the previous, wooden structure. Operating near Marjah in Afghanistan's Helmand province, the engineers accomplished a dual-purpose mission by increasing mobility for military units operating in the area and improving the roadways for the local Afghan community.

In order to create a more permanent structure, the Marines opted to use a large, metallic storage container for the bridge's foundation rather than wood. The container also acted as a culvert, allowing water to pass underneath without interference, which was vital to the project because the river system serves as the community's primary water source.

Given the Taliban's influence in the area, it's important to interact with local residents to increase awareness about coalition operations and reiterate to the community that U.S. forces are here to help rid them of the Taliban's

oppression, said 1st Lt. Elizabeth Stroud, 25, engineer platoon commander, Engineer Company, CLB-3, 1st MLG (FWD).

"A lot of [the Trakh Nawa residents'] conversations were interesting," the Hutto, Texas, native said. "There is still an element



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TRAKH NAWA, Afghanistan -- Lance Cpl. Jonathan Jessee, combat engineer, Engineer Company, Combat Logistics Battalion 3, 1st Marine Logistics Group (Forward), scans the area during a foot patrol in Trakh Nawa, Afghanistan, Oct. 27. Jessee, a 20-year-old native of Newcastle, Calif., and approximately 40 other Marines with CLB-3 constructed a bridge in the area after the previous one had been burned down.

of fear here, but the community interactions were still positive. They understand that we're here to help them — not to occupy this country."

Though their primary mission was to construct a bridge, the engineers did not take the enemy threat in the area lightly. After securing the area with help from Afghanistan National Army personnel and Marines from 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 1, I Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward), CLB-3 Marines maintained security around the area's perimeter for the duration of the bridge's construction.

For Lance Cpl. Derek Slaughter, 23, a combat engineer with Engineer Company, CLB-3, 1st MLG (FWD), engineering missions in deployed environments are just as important as combat missions due to the physical, positive impact a project can have on an area.

"Personally, I enjoy the security element because it shows another aspect of [logistics occupations]," the Angleton, Texas, native said after providing on-site security during the mission. "Of course, I am a little nervous — a little anxious — but in the end, I am confident we'll do what we're supposed to do in order to get the job done."

After completing the bridge, the CLB-3 engineers returned to their base of operations, Camp Dwyer, for a debrief before beginning preparations for their next mission. For the Marines of CLB-3's Engineer Company, the operational tempo is high and the job is demanding, but mission accomplishment and troop welfare remain top priorities.

"The [Trakh Nawa residents] were very appreciative of our efforts," Stroud said. "The bottom line is that the mission was accomplished and everyone came home safe."

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### Lending Locker Program

The lending locker program is available to provide 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 can be made 8 a.m. — 3:30 p.m. For more information, call 253-6161.

### 3rd Annual Arts and Crafts Fair

Admission is free. The fair is scheduled 10 a.m. — 4 p.m. Saturday. Handmade crafts will be sold by American and Japanese vendors. For more information, call 253-2199.

### NMCRS Quick Assist Loans

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

### Provost Marshal's Office

The PMO Community Relations Office has new hours of operation for fingerprinting, flight-line access, passport reentry stamps, and the lost and found. New PMO Community Relations Office hours are from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m.

### Kuragake Castle Festival

There is an opportunity for six men to participate in the Kuragake Castle Festival Nov. 21 in a remote area of Iwakuni City. The men will be dressed up as samurai warriors. Costumes and transportation will be provided. For more information, call 253-5551 or e-mail hiromi.kawamoto.ja@usmc.mil.

### Japanese American Society

The Japanese American Society is scheduled to hold its 49th annual Speech Contest at Sinfonia Hall in Iwakuni 11 a.m. — 4 p.m. Saturday. Students grades 1-12 may compose a speech to showcase their Japanese and English skills for a live audience and compete for prizes. For more information, call 253-4744.

### Fertility Seminar

Dr. Atsushi Tanaka is scheduled to host a fertility seminar in the Branch Health Clinic lobby 5 p.m. Nov. 18. The seminar will cover infertility treatment options and other child conceiving topics. The seminar is for all interested personnel. For more information, call Lt. j.g. Torres at 253-3014.

### Officer's Spouses Club

The Officer's Spouses Club is scheduled to host a golf tournament on base beginning 9 a.m. Nov. 12. The cost will be \$25. Food, drinks and mulligans will be available for purchase.

### Thanksgiving Day Buffet

All single and unaccompanied service members are encouraged to come and enjoy a great meal 12 — 6 p.m. Nov. 25 at the Club Grand Ballroom. Spend this day enjoying the company of others and partaking in holiday activities. For more information, call 253-3585.

### Marine Corps Birthday Meal

The mess halls are scheduled to host a special meal, open to all station personnel, 11 a.m. — 1 p.m. Nov. 10. The menu features shrimp, steak, lobster, french fried shrimp, teriyaki chicken, and birthday cake. The meal is \$7 for commuted rations, family members and civilians.

### 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.

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Your local Marine Corps Exchange is looking for a volunteer to be Santa for this coming holiday season. Stop by the MCCS Human Resources office on the second floor of the Crossroads Mall to fill out a volunteer form. For more information, call 253-3030.

## SAKURA THEATER

### Friday, November 5, 2010

7 p.m. Takers (PG-13)  
Premier  
10 p.m. Red (PG-13)  
Premier

### Saturday, November 6, 2010

1 p.m. Secretariat (PG)  
4 p.m. Takers (PG-13)  
7 p.m. Machete (R)  
Premier  
10 p.m. Life As We Know It (PG-13)

### Sunday, November 7, 2010

1 p.m. The Legend of the Guardians: The Owls of Ga'Hoole (PG)  
4 p.m. The Last Exorcism (PG-13)  
7 p.m. Red (PG-13)

### Monday, November 8, 2010

7 p.m. The Switch (PG-13)  
Last Showing

### Tuesday, November 9, 2010

7 p.m. Piranha (R)  
Last Showing

### Wednesday, November 10, 2010

7 p.m. Machete (R)

### Thursday, November 11, 2010

7 p.m. Alpha and Omega (PG)  
Premier  
10 p.m. Red (PG-13)

The movie schedule is subject to change. Please check [www.mccsiwakuni.com/sakura](http://www.mccsiwakuni.com/sakura) often for updates, or call the Sakura Theater at 253-5291 for the latest schedule.

General Admission: Ages 12+ are \$2.50/ Ages 6-11 are \$1/ Children ages 5 and under admitted free. For more information, visit [www.mccsiwakuni.com](http://www.mccsiwakuni.com) or call 253-5291.

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# CLASSIFIEDS

## Vehicles

### 2000 Toyota Noah Field Tourer

Seats 7. New front brakes and rotors. AWD power moonroof and seats fold to allow more room for items or storage. JCI good until July 2011. Asking for \$3,950 OBO. For more information, call Jenn at 253-2146 or 080-4179-3033 or email jenn8164@yahoo.com.

### 2002 Nissan Liberty

Seats 7. Has sunroof, Japanese navigation system, power sliding door, keyless entry. JCI good until December 2011. Asking for \$4,200 OBO. For more information, call Jenn at 253-2146 or 080-4179-3033 or email jenn8164@yahoo.com.

### 1994 Toyota Corsa

JCI paid through October 2012. CD Player included. \$500. Call 253-7716 for details.

## Mess Hall Menu

### Monday

Cream of mushroom soup, creole soup, sauerbraten, hot-and-spicy chicken, fried rice, oven-glow potatoes, fried zucchini, calico corn, dinner rolls, potato salad, mixed-fruit salad, standard salad bar, congo bars, marble cake double-layer with butter-cream frosting and blueberry crunch. Specialty Bar: Pasta

### Tuesday

Cream of potato soup, chicken-noodle soup, southern fried chicken, BBQ beef cubes, steamed rice, buttered pasta, black-eye peas, creole squash, cornbread, macaroni salad, deviled potato salad, standard salad bar, chocolate-chip cookies, spice cake with butter-cream frosting and lemon meringue pie. Specialty Bar: Taco

### Wednesday

Cream of broccoli soup, vegetable soup, tempura fish, pepper steak, steamed rice, oven glow potatoes, glazed carrots, brown cravy, dinner rolls, club spinach, potato salad, country-style tomato salad, standard salad bar, peanut-butter cookies, double-layer devil's food cake with butter cream frosting and cheese cake. Specialty Bar: Barbecue

### Thursday

Tomato soup, cream of chicken soup, baked ham, macaroni and tomatoes, fried shrimp, fettuccini noodles, alfredo sauce, grilled cheese sandwich, tempura vegetables, peas and carrots, dinner rolls, macaroni salad, German tomato salad, standard salad bar, sugar cookies, strawberry shortcake with whipped topping and vanilla cream pie. Specialty Bar: Deli Bar

### Friday

Clam chowder soup, minestrone soup, braised beef and noodles, baked fish, mashed potatoes, fried cabbage, mixed vegetables, chicken gravy, dinner rolls, potato salad, spinach salad, standard salad bar, banana bread, shortbread cookies and Dutch apple pie. Specialty Bar: Hot Dog

## Miscellaneous

### Free Translator

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

### Rainbow Home Daycare

Rainbow Home Daycare has openings for children ages 2-5. Hours are 8 a.m. to noon. Personnel are first aid and CPR certified. Has fourteen years of experience working in childcare centers. Has a degree in early childhood education. Also specializes in teaching pre-school age children in a structured environment that prepares them for kindergarten. For more information about openings, call 253-2246.

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### Travel Counselor

CWTSatoTravel has a travel counselor position available at the government travel office here. This position is responsible for booking air, car and hotel reservations for military travelers in official duty status using the SABRE CRS. Desirable for the candidates to have travel agency or airline experience, and SABRE CRS experience. Knowledge of government travel regulation is also preferred. Send all inquiries and resumes to mkenat@cwtsatotravel.com. No phone inquiries.

### 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.

Join Marine Aircraft Group 12 at its celebration of the 235th Marine Corps Birthday Ball 6 p.m. Nov. 10 at the IronWorks Gym. MAG-12's celebration will feature Maj. Gen. James B. Laster as the guest speaker.



Maj. Gen. James B. Laster has served in the U.S. Marine Corps since 1978 and currently commands the 3rd Marine Division. Laster has deployed twice to the Arabian Gulf and has deployed to Kenya in support of Operation Noble Response. He has attended the Army Airborne School and the Advanced Infantry Officers Course. He is a graduate of the Marine Corps Command and Staff College and the National War College.

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Bats quarterback Jason Bennett goes for a quarterback rush against the IYAOYAS during a 2010 Intramural Flag Football Season game at the Penny Lake football field here Oct. 27. While the Bats held the IYAOYAS to only one touchdown in the first half, the Bats players were unable to put any points up of their own.

## IYAOYAS bomb Bats 18-13 in 2nd half barn burner

LANCE CPL. MARCEL BROWN  
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

The IYAOYAS took their fourth 2010 Intramural Flag Football Season win 18-13 over the VMFA(AW)-242 Bats at the Penny Lake football field here Oct. 27.

After conquering the Bats, the IYAOYAS currently stand at 4-1 for the season.

"We try to bring intensity throughout the whole game," said Benjamin A. Armijo, IYAOYAS safety, receiver and coach. "That's what I stress to them, discipline and intensity."



IYAOYAS quarterback Robert Figueroa attempts to make a pass to a teammate during the IYAOYAS second possession of the second half during a 2010 Intramural Flag Football game at the Penny Lake football field here Oct. 27.

Discipline and intensity showed from the start of the first half. In their second possession, the IYAOYAS chalked up the first touchdown of the game.

After scoring, the IYAOYAS focused its strength on its defensive line and prevented the Bats from gaining yards.

"Our defense is pretty much unstoppable. We try to hold the team's offense down and overall keep their points down," said Keon Beccles, IYAOYAS running back.

Their tough defense was effective, but the Bats retaliated with a similar defensive strategy and both teams were forced to run the ball.

The constant drives and short passing from both teams caused a sequence of fourth down turnovers on both sides that eventually ended the first half with no additional scores for either side.

"After the first half we felt we should have been more ahead," said Armijo. "We kind of let them dictate how we were playing our offense."

The score was 6-0 at the start of the second half, the IYAOYAS had possession and the Bats were determined to break the IYAOYAS's defensive line.

The Bats started to look for openings and risk longer passes, which threw off the IYAOYAS one-runner-back defensive line.

With 15:12 on the clock,

the Bats made a touchdown pass and completed a one-point attempt bringing the score to 7-6 and putting the Bats in the lead.

Taking possession, the IYAOYAS took less runs, threw short passes and, with 7:15 on the clock, the Bats left its defensive line open and the IYAOYAS was able to make a 40-yard rushing touchdown.

"Out here in these conditions with the wind blowing, we want to put them in a position where they're going to throw a bad pass and all we have to do, just like they did, is run (the ball) all the way back every time," said Beccles.

IYAOYAS took advantage of the Bats' play delays, and Beccles made his second blitz with 4:12 on the clock.

With 3:39 on the clock, the Bats were on fourth down. The Bats quarterback threw an incomplete pass and the IYAOYAS took over.

"Our QB shook off the cobwebs and he came through in the second half," said Armijo. "With the game clock running short, the IYAOYAS began risking and completing longer passes and eventually made it first and goal with 2:14 on the clock."

At third and goal, the IYAOYAS made another touchdown pass and took a commanding lead with a score of 18-7.

Although the IYAOYAS was ahead two touchdowns, the Bats gave it their all with less than one minute on the clock.

The Bats called for a timeout with 30 seconds on the clock, and with their last burst of speed, the Bats completed a long touchdown pass with 14 seconds on the clock bringing the score to 18-13.

The IYAOYAS maintained possession until the end of the game and chalked up their fourth win of the season.





LANCE CPL. MIRANDA BLACKBURN

Andrew Park, a Yellow Jackets player, runs the ball down the field during the second half of a youth soccer playoff game at the Penny Lake soccer fields here Saturday. The Yellow Jackets were eliminated from the tournament after losing to the Mighty Strikers 2-0. The Yellow Jackets took third place overall in the youth soccer playoffs.



LANCE CPL. MIRANDA BLACKBURN

Josh Lindquist, a Mighty Strikers player, chases after the ball before it goes out of bounds during a youth soccer playoff game at the Penny Lake soccer fields here Saturday. The Mighty Strikers defeated the Yellow Jackets for the first time all season to continue onto the championship game against the Hi-Liters.

## Mighty Strikers kick Yellow Jackets out of playoffs 2-0

LANCE CPL. MIRANDA BLACKBURN  
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

The Mighty Strikers defeated the Yellow Jackets 2-0 during a 10- to 12-year-old youth soccer playoff game at the Penny Lake soccer fields here Saturday.

This eliminated the Yellow Jackets from the tournament, leaving them in third place for the season.

The Yellow Jackets previously beat the Mighty Strikers twice before and were the only team to defeat them during the entire season.

"Beating them was a really big accomplishment for us," said Robert Downing, coach for the Mighty Strikers. "They've beat us twice before, so the kids really had to come together as a team for this win."

The Mighty Strikers kept the ball near the opposing goal for most of the first half, and efforts by Cameron Villarouel and David Shoebrook who each scored a goal in the first half, put the Mighty Strikers up 2-0.

Hayden Vesprey, assistant coach for the Yellow Jackets gave his team words of wisdom during halftime to prepare them for the second half.

The Yellow Jackets put up a

better defense during the second half, which prevented the Mighty Strikers from getting any more goals.

Becoming more aggressive toward the end of the game, the Yellow Jackets managed to get the ball down the field but couldn't capitalize on the chances they had to take shots on the goal.

The Yellow Jackets just couldn't overcome the first-half deficit, and the game ended 2-0 with the Mighty Strikers victorious.

Despite their loss, Vesprey said he felt his team did very well throughout the season.

"We didn't have a lot of kids that were very experienced in soccer and we still finished third in the season," said Vesprey. "They have really learned a lot."

Although the Mighty Strikers have only lost twice Downing said they have also come a long way since the beginning of the season.

"They've really started playing as a team instead of as individuals," he said.

The Mighty Strikers went on to face the Hi-Liters in the championship game.

The youth soccer closing ceremony is scheduled to be held 9:30 a.m. Saturday at Penny Lake fields.