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An Air Force C-5 opens its frontal cargo space preparing to unload a 45,000 lb. Sonar dome rubber window, a large navy ship part, June 6. The part was taken to the port facility to be loaded onto a ship for further travel to Yokosuka the next day. Lance Cpl. Ashley M. Howard

Ship part transported from air to sea

LANCE CPL. ASHLEY M. HOWARD
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

MCAS Iwakuni is home of the only dual port facility in Japan, giving it the capabilities to not only house a site for plane arrivals and departures but also a port for ships to come and go.

A Navy ship part was off-loaded from an Air Force C-5 plane June 6 on the air terminal strip here and placed onto a Japanese commercial ship June 7 in route to Yokosuka Naval Base, Japan.

The 45,000 lb. Sonar dome rubber window began its trip to Yokosuka at Travis Air Force Base, Calif. It was then flown to Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii, where it was flown to Iwakuni.

This is the fourth time a piece of equipment has arrived at the station by plane and departed by ship, said Lieutenant Commander George C. Estrada, station

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3rd Marine sentenced at general court-martial in Hiroshima investigation

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A Marine assigned to Combat Logistics Company 36 was sentenced June 10 at a general court-martial held here for his involvement in incidents that took place in Hiroshima, on Oct. 13 and 14, 2007.

Gunnery Sgt. Carl M. Anderson, a 40-year-old Marine who enlisted in

the Marine Corps on Jan. 22, 1987, was sentenced to 15 months confinement, reduction in rank to private (pay grade E-1), and a Bad Conduct Discharge.

Anderson was found guilty of conspiracy to engage in indecent acts, violating liberty and alcohol orders, fraternization, dereliction of duty, and committing indecent acts and adultery with a woman.

U.S. Marine Corps personnel sentenced to

confinement of one year or longer or a punitive discharge automatically have their cases forwarded to the Navy-Marine Court of Criminal Appeals for review.

The military judge for the proceeding was Lt. Col. David S. Oliver.

Anderson is the third of four CLC-36 Marines to be court-martialed in connection with allegations that they violated several articles of the Uniform

Code of Military Justice in Hiroshima in October.

The first Marine court-martialed was Lance Cpl. Larry A. Dean, a 20-year-old who enlisted in the Marine Corps on July 10, 2006, who on May 8 was found guilty of conspiracy to violate military orders about liberty and alcohol, conspiracy to commit indecent acts, violating military orders about liberty and alcohol, fraternization,

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Facilities prepares for future with housing survey

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IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

The station facilities department here began a housing preference survey June 10 in order to improve housing aboard Iwakuni in the future.

During on initial survey period of about two weeks, e-mails will be sent to 40 percent of the station's residents as well as residents of the Carrier Air Wing Five, based out of Naval Air Facility Atsugi, Japan, inviting them to participate in the survey.

The initial survey will close June 23 and will then be available for the rest of the residents of the station and Atsugi in order to get further feedback on housing preferences.

"After June 23 the survey will be

available to those who did not receive the initial survey," said Lt. Joseph Dunaway, facilities department planning staff member.

An all-hands survey will be sent out on June 23 with a link to the survey, and a link to the survey is scheduled to be put on the station's Web site.

The survey will close all together June 30 in hopes that the feedback received will help improve the future of Iwakuni housing.

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Station Library offers touch of home

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IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Station Commanding Officer Col. Michael A. O'Halloran presented the Station Library with the Premier Library status award June 5 for its exemplary performance providing the station with commendable service.

Since 2003, every military library has been eligible to attain the distinction of Premier Library.

Camp Foster, Okinawa, was the first to receive the award in 2004, and this year the station library and Camp Lejeune were

selected as Premier Libraries.

To date, three out of the 24 Marine Corps libraries have been selected as Premier Libraries.

"We work hard to try to educate everyone and it's nice to be recognized," said Belinda J. Pugh, supervisory librarian for the library.

Department of Defense libraries are required to meet core standards in order to maintain their library status.

In order to obtain Premier Library status, a tough set of standards apply.

"To hold Premier Library status, we must not only do more and produce more, we also have to keep up with technology and

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CORPS SAFETY

Critical Days of Summer Safety Campaign 2008

THIS WEEK'S SAFETY TOPIC: Typhoon awareness

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Are you ready for the Typhoon season? Here are some general facts that you should know about Tropical Cyclone Conditions of Readiness (TCCOR), typhoon categories, emergency shelters and phone numbers.

Any questions should be directed to either your Unit Typhoon Coordinator or the Destructive Weather Bill Marine Corps Air Station Order 3140.3X.

Tropical Cyclone Condition of Readiness

TCCOR IV - The trend indicates a possible threat of a tropical cyclone within 72 hours. Typhoon season is from June 1 to November 30 annually during which MCAS Iwakuni remains at a minimum TCCOR IV for the duration.

TCCOR III - Destructive winds of 50 knots or greater are possible within 48 hours.

TCCOR II - Destructive winds of 50 knots or greater are anticipated within 24 hours.

TCCOR I - Destructive winds of 50 knots or greater are anticipated within 12 hours.

TCCOR IC - Winds of 34 to 49 knots are occurring on Station.

TCCOR IE - Destructive winds of 50 knots or greater are occurring on Station.

TCCOR IR - Destructive winds of 50 knots or greater are no longer occurring.

Emergency crews, Safety, and Facilities' personnel assess Air Station readiness for normal operations. All personnel should remain in shelters until All Clear is set.

TCCOR Storm Watch - Although destructive winds have subsided or are currently no longer forecast, there is still a possibility of danger due to the proximity of the storm and unpredictable changes in storm track and/or strength.

TCCOR All Clear - All tropical cyclone imminent dangers have passed. Return to

Condition IV.

Typhoon Categories

Typhoon CAT 1 - Wind speeds of 64-82 knots.

Typhoon CAT 2 - Wind speeds of 83-95 knots.

Typhoon CAT 3 - Wind speeds of 96-113 knots.

Typhoon CAT 4 - Wind speeds of 114-135 knots.

Super Typhoon - Wind speeds greater than 136 knots.

Emergency shelters and phone numbers

Disaster shelters - The Southside Gymnasium, BLDG 1010, 253-6578 and M.C. Perry Gymnasium, BLDG 555, 253-3447

Off-base residents - Are accepted at on-station shelters after TCCOR II has been set. A stay for 48 hours should be anticipated.

To get the current Typhoon conditions, call 253-8300.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Too busy for what's really important

Lt. Cmdr. Denis Cox
MAG-12 GROUP CHAPLAIN

As I work, live and play on this base, I notice that people seem to be very passionate about what's important to them. Some are passionate about PT, some are passionate about work. For others, it's all about shopping and yet others, it's all about liberty. If you want to find out what's important to someone, just look at their checkbook. Or better yet, just watch what they do, you'll find out what's important to them. Work is important, but it shouldn't rule our lives. PT is important but it isn't everything. Shopping for what we need is important but what do we really need anyway.

There are a couple of keys to a healthy life that I've learned over the years. First of all, balance is the key. If we are so focused on only one area of our lives, other areas will be neglected. Then we have to spend more time trying to fix problems that could have been avoided in the first place. If we spend the right amount of time in each area of our lives, no one area will be neglected. Secondly, don't over commit. We need to learn how to say no.

It can be hard on a small base like this to be too involved in too many things. There is a polite way to say "no thank you" and, "well you know." Thirdly, find out where the balance point in your life is. Friends can be a big help in this area. They can tell us when we are spending too much time or money in any one area. Sometimes, friends can straighten us out and sometimes they can get us deeper into trouble. I think we all know the difference between a true friend and bad influence.

Lastly, find out what's really important. For me personally, it's God, wife, family, calling, and country in that order. If I get these out of order, my life goes into chaos and I feel like I'm too busy chasing my tail. When priority number 1 is in order, everything else falls into place. If I'm too busy to do anything, I take inventory to see if #1, then #2 and on down the line are in order.

Finally, when all is said and done, think about this: what do you want to have your family put on your tombstone? Will they put "Here lays a real PT animal" or "He knew how to shop with the best of them" or will they put something really valuable as your epitaph. It will be easy for them to determine what's important to you just by watching you.



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and committing wrongful sexual contact and indecent acts. He was sentenced on May 9 to two years confinement, reduction in rank to private, forfeiture of all pay and allowances, and a Dishonorable Discharge.

On May 20, Gunnery Sgt. Jarvis D. Raynor, a 35-year-old who enlisted in the Marine Corps on July 8, 1991, was found guilty of conspiracy to violate military orders about liberty and alcohol, conspiracy to engage in indecent acts, violating liberty and alcohol orders, fraternization, committing indecent acts with one woman, committing adultery with another woman, and larceny.

Raynor was sentenced to 600 days confinement, reduction in rank to private, and a Bad Conduct Discharge.

Sgt. Lanaeus J. Braswell's court-martial is scheduled to be held June 23-27.

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"We are looking at everything from interior features, exterior features and neighborhoods," said Dunaway.

The Atsugi Air Wing is planning to move to the air station in approximately six or seven years, and the move will double the station's population, resulting in a need for more housing.

"This is a way to get feedback from the community on what they want and how things can be improved," said Dunaway.

"We want to encourage people to participate if they do get the e-mail," said Dunaway. "And even if they don't get the initial e-mail, they may participate after June 23."

For more information, call the Facilities Department at 253-3399.

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logistics officer.

"It's not on any scheduled basis," said Kevin Walsh, the air transportation division manager at the station's air terminal. "It is on a need to do basis and usually a part has to meet a deadline for ship repair."

If an item is too large to go over land on Japanese highways, a request will be sent to Iwakuni for permission to utilize its dual port capabilities.

Many different organizations and people put effort into the unloading, transporting and reloading of the large Navy ship part.

"It was a large Navy part transported by a large Air Force plane, down loaded by Marines and transported to its final destination on a Japanese ship," said Walsh. "Even the Army was involved. They assisted in contracting the Japanese ship."

All different sections of the station also aided in the transportation of the ship part onto and off of the station.

"It involved a lot of people in Iwakuni," said Estrada. "There was the air terminal crew, Traffic Management Office folks came in to talk about the part, port operations, logistics and station operations controlled a lot," he added.

With all of the help from other services and other nationals, the transportation of the ship part became an integral part of the importance and uniqueness of Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni.

"Iwakuni is unique in that aspect of being a fully functional dual port facility," said Walsh. "We're able to support anything on this air station because of it."

News Briefs

Toner cartridges

The Recycling Center will now begin to receive toner cartridges due to M.C. Perry no longer recycling them. If you only have a few, they may be placed separately along with your non-combustible trash. If you have several, bring them to the Recycling Center during operating hours, Mondays - Fridays 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. All boxes that the cartridges come in are recyclable and must be separated.

Got news?

If so, e-mail your story ideas to Iwakuni.pao@usmc.mil. Your story idea could appear in the next edition of the Iwakuni Approach, and the air station's source for command information.

AA sponsorship needs volunteers

Senior friends of Bill W. needed for sponsorship assistance.
Place: Alcoholics Anonymous floor of Yujo Hall, next to the base chapel.
Time: Mondays, Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
For more information, call 253-4526.

Schmidle sets sights on Pitch Black



1st Marine Air Wing Commanding General Robert E. Schmidle climbs into the cockpit of an F/A-18 in a hangar on Royal Australian Air Force Base Tindal, Australia, June 9. Schmidle came to survey the site being used for Pitch Black 2008, a three-week multi-national air-to-air exercise, and to support operations by flying four sorties. Lance Cpl. Noah S. Leffler

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make it readily available to the public as fast as possible," said Pugh. "We also keep our doors open 79 hours a week, that's longer than any other DOD library."

The station library is open to anyone with the intent of gaining information, using the Internet or just sitting down and reading a book.

"The library is often the first place visited when service members and their families arrive at their new duty station," said O'Halloran. "They know that the library will provide that "touch of home" when they first arrive on foreign soil

and face unfamiliar food, language and culture."

The library offers accommodations for all age groups, a multimedia room, children's room, comic books and computers with a working Internet, connection.

"Our mission at the library is to educate," said Pugh. "We offer all venues needed to get people where they want to be and get the knowledge they want to get."

Undoubtedly, the station library is a haven for knowledge and leisure, offering service members and their families with a place to let their imaginations wander.



Station Commanding Officer Col. Michael A. O'Halloran stands with the station library staff after presenting them with their awards June 5. All staff members received an award for their individual efforts which aided in earning the library the Premier Library award. Lance Cpl. Ashley M. Howard

Marine steps up when faulty fuel spells trouble for Pitch Black

LANCE CPL. NOAH S. LEFFLER
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE BASE TINDAL, Australia (June 6, 2008)

— Pitch Black 2008 is the product of many moving parts. Service members work around the clock providing the mechanical, logistical and administrative support necessary for Australian, American and Singaporean pilots to engage in the exercise's air-to-air training. But what would happen if one critical element — the jets' fuel — didn't meet its strict purity standards?

The consequence is that it can take down a jet, said Cpl. Josh Maners, and that puts a pilot's life in danger.

With this in mind, Maners, a Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 bulk fuel specialist, takes his job very seriously. And due in large part to this devotion to duty, Pitch Black is taking off safe and on schedule.

On May 28 during a regular mid-level fuel sample, a problem was detected. As a safety measure, the tanks were closed off, refueling vehicles quarantined and aircraft identified that may have received contaminated Jet Propellant 5.

"Part of the normal routine once contamination is detected is (to) close those things down, then the lab guys will go through a process of trying to detect what the contamination was," said Royal Australian Air Force Flight Lt. Wayne Dicks, 322 Expeditionary Combat Support Squadron supply services officer-in-charge. "Until that's done and the fuel's cleared, then it can't be used."

With Pitch Black slated to begin the next week, this meant there was a possibility of losing significant fuel assets during the early stages of the exercise. It would be up to the RAAF and Marine personnel working at the fuel farm to determine the cause of the problem before operations could resume.

Maners, who was at the testing lab when the contamination was detected, said the discovery was initially alarming.

"We were testing the fuel and we started finding really big rubber chunks," Maners said. "Actually, we didn't know what it was at first, but ... it's not good at all, especially big chunks like that."

After the findings were reported and fuel quarantined, the process of ruling out the contamination's source began. According to Sgt. Laurice Kelly, MWSS-171 motor transportation operator who works with Maners, the circumstances were stressful.

"It was a really bad situation," Kelly said. "A lot of stuff was about to happen, a lot of people were called."

Maners, however, remained cool. The soft-spoken Californian ran through a mental checklist, taking into account the location and nature of the contamination.

"I tried to put it all together — where they took the mid-level samples of the tanks," Maners said. "I was just trying to think how a rubber piece could get in there."

Something occurred to Maners — what if the testing materials were at fault?

"I thought maybe it was the rubber



Cpl. Josh Maners, Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 bulk fuel specialist, holds a one-liter fuel sample bottle outside a fuel farm at Royal Australian Air Force Base Tindal, Australia, June 2. Maners' recent identification of a fuel contaminant in one of the storage tanks made a positive impact on operations during Pitch Black 2008, a three-week multi-national air-to-air training exercise. Lance Cpl. Noah S. Leffler

cork used on the kit," he said. "We made our way back (to the fuel farm) and found that the kit we were using was old and that the rubber had started deteriorating."

Instead of halting operations and delaying the exercise, the tank was re-tested, the contamination quickly eliminated and the fuel cleared for aircraft use.

Kelly, who has known and worked with Maners for about six months, said this display of level-headedness and professionalism is an excellent example for others in the fuels field to emulate.

"It just shows that no matter where you go, you need to know your job," he said. "It's not just in Iraq — in every country, in every situation you have to be on top of your game."

"He's a 1391 — bulk fuel specialist," Kelly added. "He stepped in and got the job done."

Maners is more modest when explaining what took place.

It comes down to saving lives; this proves how important testing, no matter how routine it may seem, can be, he said.

"When something actually happens, you have measures in place to stop it."

M.C. Perry students graduate DARE course

LANCE CPL. ASHLEY M. HOWARD
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Students from Matthew C. Perry Elementary School graduated from the Spring 2008 Drug Abuse Resistance Education course in here June 3.

Students from three different fifth-grade classes underwent nine weeks of courses dealing with drug abuse, violence, peer pressure, tobacco, alcohol and drugs.

"I learned a lot about drugs, alcohol and smoking," said Sara Stavale. "I didn't know a lot, and now I do," she added.

The course presented the students with real life situations and taught them how to be confident and

say "no" in pressuring situations.

"All of the students remained interested throughout the course," said Sgt. Shane A. Worley, physical security specialist and instructor for the DARE classes. "They all participated in the activities throughout the course."

The pressure was on Worley as he successfully completed his first course of classes and his first graduation as a DARE instructor.

"I volunteer all the time," said Worley. "I think the graduation turned out well," he added after the graduation had ended.

Worley took a hands-on approach in his classes as a way of getting the class comfortable with the knowledge, as well as each other.

"The best way for the students to learn is by them answering questions, asking questions and answering them themselves," said Worley.

During the final weeks of the course, the students were required to create a DARE report, encompassing

what they had learned in the weeks prior. The top graduates would be chosen based on their essays.

"I wrote down everything I learned," said Stavale, top graduate of her class.

Fifth-grader Jaielen Trinidad also took top graduate of her class, and fifth-grader Rachel Kling took overall honor graduate out of all of the three classes that went through the course.

"I keep teaching intractably with games and races," said Worley.

"Now that I know all the bad things about everything, I won't ever do drugs or smoke or drink alcohol," said Stavale.

All of the information provided in the classes is geared to deter children away from making bad decisions and from taking part in situations that can harbor drugs, alcohol and violence.

"DARE is one of the most positive programs for the youth that can teach them to make healthy decisions," said Worley.

31st MEU Marines, sailors fast rope at sea



Chief Warrant Officer 2 Darren Bernal, the chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear defense officer of the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit's Battalion Landing Team, 2nd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, prepares to fast rope out of a CH-46E Sea Knight helicopter May 18 during a training exercise aboard the forward deployed USS Essex (LHD 2). Lance Cpl. Audrey M. Graham

LANCE CPL. RYAN WICKS
ABOARD USS ESSEX

ABOARD USS ESSEX, Andaman Sea (June 6, 2008) — Marines and sailors with the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, currently forward-deployed aboard USS Essex (LHD 2), conducted static fast-rope training in the Andaman Sea May 18 in order to familiarize personnel with the processes and techniques involved with helicopter rope suspension training.

E Company, 2nd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, currently serving as the MEU's battalion landing team, hosted the training and made it available to any Marine or sailor aboard ship.

For the training, the service members donned flak jackets and Kevlar helmets and boarded a stationary CH-46E Sea Knight helicopter that had been positioned with the tail ramp hanging over the edge of the flight deck above the ship's elevator. After a HRST master instructed and inspected each participant, they jumped out of the back of the helicopter and slid down the rope to an elevator platform.

On the way down, each participant executed a lockout procedure in order to demonstrate how to manage the rope in case of an emergency. For the

Marines hosting the event, this was a key part of the training.

"Marines could be fast roping onto a structure and the wind could batter the helicopter away from the landing zone," said 2nd Lt. Jerome Borden, platoon commander, 3rd Platoon, E Company. "The lockout procedure would allow the Marine to stay on the rope with little struggle until the bird was in a safe position."

Many of the Marines and sailors who participated wouldn't normally conduct fast-rope training in their job field, but with a high operational tempo, the probability of conducting helicopter-borne missions with the MEU seems more likely, said Borden.

"The training was a good way for the Marines and sailors to cross-train on a procedure that is very important and can be a useful skill," he said.

Fast-roping techniques and rappelling are both very versatile helicopter insertion maneuvers which are practical for fast insertions of troops, rescue missions and supply operations into urban areas, jungles, ships and amphibious areas, said Borden.

The participants said the chance to learn a new skill excited them and gave them a chance to break up the monotony of ship life.

"I had a lot of fun training today," said Lance Cpl. Heedok Choe, a radio operator with Combat Logistics

Battalion 31. "It was a really good opportunity to be able to conduct this type of training. I haven't had a chance to do anything like this before, so I'm glad that the training took place."

The 31st MEU, along with the Essex Amphibious Ready Group, is currently off the coast of Burma ready to support potential humanitarian assistance operations in the wake of Cyclone Nargis.



The training was a good way for the Marines and sailors to cross-train ... "

2nd Lt. Jerome Borden
platoon commander, 3rd Platoon, E Company

Yukata fever spreads through Hiroshima



A young girl and her mother model their yukatas in front of the Enryuji Temple, Hiroshima City Sunday. The yukata is a lightweight kimono worn during the summer. Photo by Lance Corporal Joseph Marianelli

LANCE CPL. JOSEPH MARIANELLI
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

With daily temperatures running high, grills being turned up, and the pool opening for the season, it seems like summer has definitely arrived for Iwakuni service members.

Japanese people in Hiroshima use Toukasan, the Yukata Festival held the first weekend of June from Friday to Sunday, to signify the official arrival of summer.

Although Toukasan reminded people that summer had arrived, Japanese people donned their yukatas, a lightweight, cotton kimono, and headed to Chuo Dori Avenue and its surrounding streets in Hiroshima City June 6, 7 and 8.

For most, their ultimate destination is the Enryuji Temple in Mikawa-Cho, Hiroshima City, to celebrate Touka Daimyojin.

Besides the religious and seasonal significance, the festival also represents a change to the yukata as a more summer appropriate garment. Despite the festival's religious nature, the streets are filled with a multitude of street vendors selling everything from grilled cuttlefish to chocolate covered bananas. A particular favorite is the kakigori, flavored shaved ice.

There are also stalls containing popular goldfish scooping and balloon fishing.

Many vendors also sell fans to ward off evil, yakuyoke uchiwa, as a specialty at the festival. At least once during the festivities, most will make their way by the Enryuji Temple to make an offering, receive a blessing or receive their fortune.

The blessings are performed in the temple by a Buddhist monk to bring good fortune, usually in particular areas of life. The fortunes are much more general and are received in the form of a paper slip that outlines various aspects of one's life, such as health, money and love.

A container full of bamboo sticks is shaken and one stick with a number on it corresponding to a slip of paper is removed from the hole in the container.

The fortunes, good or bad, are then tied to a tree limb or onto metal bars as a sign of prayer either that the fortune will come true if good or will not come true if bad.

The festival concluded at midnight on Sunday with yukatas still streaming off into the night.



Festival goers dance in traditional yukata during the Yukata Festival in Hiroshima City Sunday. Although the festival signifies that summer has arrived, most will make sure to stop by the Enryuji Temple to make an offering, receive a blessing or receive their fortune. Photo by Lance Corporal Chris Dobbs



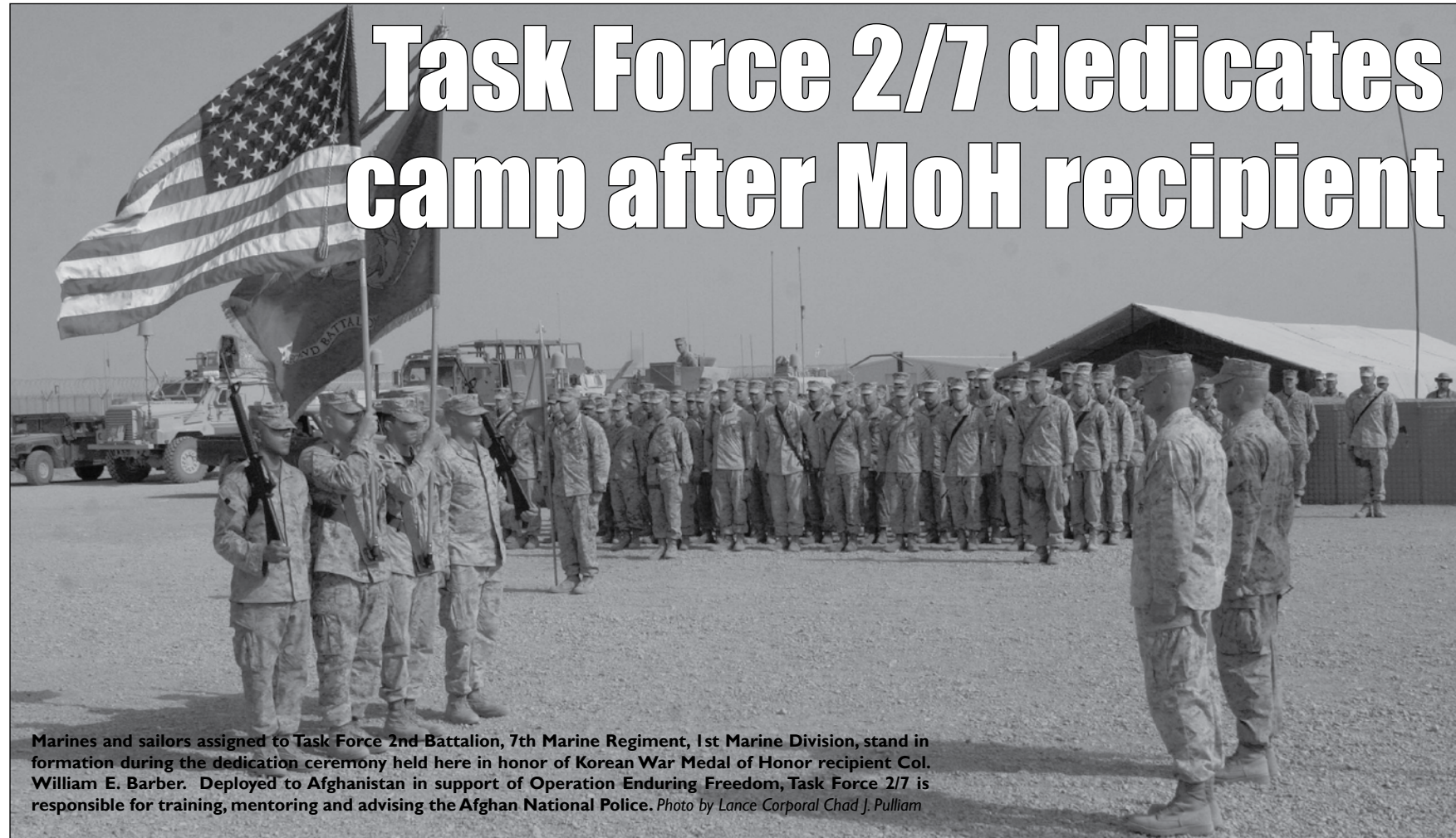
Fortunes written on slips of paper are tied onto metal bars during the Yukata Festival in Hiroshima City Sunday. People will tie fortunes onto bars or tree limbs as a sign of prayer that either the fortune comes true is good or does not come true if bad. Photo by Lance Corporal Joseph Marianelli



Candied fruits, such as strawberries, pineapples, cherries and apples, are one of the many snacks offered by vendors during the Yukata Festival in Hiroshima City Sunday. Besides the food stalls, goldfish scooping and balloon fishing are intertwined amongst the myriad of snack vendors. Photo by Lance Corporal Chris Dobbs

AROUND THE CORPS

Task Force 2/7 dedicates camp after MoH recipient



Marines and sailors assigned to Task Force 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, stand in formation during the dedication ceremony held here in honor of Korean War Medal of Honor recipient Col. William E. Barber. Deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, Task Force 2/7 is responsible for training, mentoring and advising the Afghan National Police. Photo by Lance Corporal Chad J. Pulliam

CPL. RAY LEWIS
1ST MARINE DIVISION

CAMP BARBER, Afghanistan (May 11, 2008) — The Marines now have a place to call their own.

On May 11, Task Force 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division dedicated its camp here as Camp Barber in honor of Col. William E. Barber, a Medal of Honor recipient who served with 2/7 during the Korean War.

Task Force Commander Lt. Col. Richard Hall and Sgt. Maj. Matthew B. Brookshire presided over the dedication ceremony, which reflected the pride and ownership Marines are traditionally proud of displaying.

"We're proud of our heritage; we're proud of being Marines," said Brookshire, adding the camp was named after an outstanding and well-deserving Marine from the battalion's heritage.

Barber was a captain when he earned the Medal of Honor — the nation's highest military award for combat heroism. He led his company in a desperate five-day defense of a frozen mountain pass vital to the 1st Marine Division's breakout to the sea, according to his award citation.

He was wounded while fighting sub-zero temperatures against overwhelming odds. Yet, he reportedly refused evacuation and remained in command of his company.

His actions merited the Medal of Honor presented to him by President Harry S. Truman during a ceremony held at the White House on Aug. 20, 1952. He passed away April 19, 2002.

In his honor, the Marines unveiled a marquee that dons the camp's heroic name.

It rests at the camp's front entrance, which also features an American flag and a Marine Corps flag that are raised each morning at dawn and lowered at dusk.

"It's one of those motivating things," Sgt. Maj. Brookshire said. "It adds the Marine flavor to the overall

camp itself ... we fly our flags high here as you can see."

Lt. Gen. Samuel T. Helland, commander of Marine Corps Forces Central Command and commanding general of I Marine Expeditionary Force, was the ceremony's guest speaker.

Also in attendance were Maj. Gen. Thomas D. Waldhauser, commanding general, 1st MarDiv, and Sergeants Major Dennis W. Reed, MARCENT/I MEF, and Randall Carter, 1st MarDiv, who traveled to Afghanistan with the MARCENT commander.

The MARCENT commander highlighted the ceremony when he combat meritoriously promoted Cpl. Peter R. Villanueva of Weapons Company, and Lance Corporals Jason L. Claunch and James D. Doherty, both of Company F, to their current ranks.

"I felt honored because here's a general taking his time to promote a lance corporal," said Lance Cpl. James D. Doherty of Company F, who was also pinned by the general. "I was kind of nervous because it's a three-star general. I didn't want to trip over my feet or anything. It'd be embarrassing. I just wanted to be my best."

Doherty said he was motivated by the promotion and plans to pick up his next rank much faster.

"I wasn't supposed to pick up lance corporal until August, so this gives me a lot more motivation to pick up corporal meritoriously," he said. "To get promoted here shows we're making footsteps. The dedication means the Marine Corps is breaking new ground all over the world."

Another Marine was completely surprised to hear that he would be getting promoted by the general as well.

"It was pretty outrageous. I found out maybe two hours before formation," said Lance Cpl. Jason L. Claunch of Company F.

Claunch said he now has a newfound confidence and also the drive to pick up corporal by January.

"You can say that it motivated me. It kind of brought out the sense of pride that comes with being a Marine,"

Claunch said.

The final Marine to be promoted on this momentous occasion was Cpl. Peter R. Villanueva of Weapons Company. As he and the other two Marines stood proudly in front of Lt. Gen. Helland, it was evident that their promotions played a significant role in the dedication ceremony itself.

"It's something big for a Marine to be promoted on a camp just prior to its dedication ceremony," said Headquarters and Service Company 1st Sgt. James A. Colon, who acknowledged other Marines promoted here on May 1 before the camp's official dedication.

"I want it to be known that they, too, are a part of the Marine Corps' history," Colon said. "How often can you say that you were one of the first Marines promoted at Camp Barber?"

The first Marines to be promoted to their current ranks here were Lance Cpls. German A. Hoyos and Mark W. Richardson, Cpl. Brandon W. Dion, and Sgts. Victor M. Perez, Donald O. Critchlow and Mackenzie P. Thompson. Master Gunnery Sgt. John D. Sterling, TF 2/7's operations chief, said seeing the dedication and promotions brought his 27-year Marine Corps career full circle.

"It feels like the last part of a long 'ooh-rah' for me," Sterling said. "To be here for this dedication and then be there to see these Marines get promoted ... it felt pretty good actually."

Sterling said he also approached Hoyos immediately after the promotion to see how the newly-promoted lance corporal felt about being the "first" Marine promoted here.

"Do you know that you're the first person promoted on camp Barber?" Sterling asked the Marine. "... He just gave me that good old Marine Corps smile," he said.

Task Force 2/7 is the Marine Corps' first battalion-sized unit to be assigned the mission of training, mentoring and advising the Afghanistan National Police in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Community Briefs

Free Seminar on Infertility Treatment Options

June 26, 5:00 p.m., at the Branch Health Clinic lobby. Dr. Atsushi Tanaka, M.D. will provide a free seminar on infertility options here in Japan. All interested base personnel are welcome. For more information, call 253-3485.

1st Annual Installation Personnel Administration Center Golf Tournament

June 20, 11 a.m. (shotgun start at noon) at Torii Pines Golf Course. All skill levels, all personnel aboard the station (including authorized guests) are welcome. Entry deadline is June 18.

- Fee: \$20 plus green fees and \$2 mulligans.
- Format: four-man best

ball. You can enter as a team or single. Singles will be formed into teams.

- Prizes: 1st, 2nd, 3rd-place teams, closest-to-pin on hole 2, longest drive on hole 12.

For more information, call IPAC at 253-5523 or e-mail dustin.t.thompson@usmc.mil. All proceeds go to the IPAC Marine Corps Ball Fund.

17th Annual Black and White Ball - Genesis Lodge #89

June 21, 6 p.m., at the Club Iwakuni Grand Ballroom. Tickets for this formal event must be purchased in advance. During this event, several students from Matthew C. Perry High School will receive college scholarships.

For more information or tickets, please call 253-4698 or 080-3474-8842 or e-mail byron.keys@usmc.mil.

AA sponsorship needs volunteers

Senior friends of Bill W. needed for sponsorship assistance. Place: Alcoholics Anonymous floor of Yujo Hall, next to the base chapel. Time: Mondays, Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 253-4526.

Goodwill golf tourney

A Japan-U.S. goodwill golf tournament with the local Chamber of Commerce and Industry is scheduled for July 19 at the Torii Pines Golf Course.

Anyone interested in signing up should contact Dave Garber, station protocol officer, by e-mail (dave.garber@usmc.mil) by June 30. After June 30, people may sign up at the golf course. The cost, including green fees, is \$25 per person. Participants may pay at the golf course after June 30. Showtime for the event is 8 a.m., and tee-off is at 8:30 a.m. MCCS will provide food following the tournament. Call 253-4213 or send e-mail to dave.garber@usmc.mil for

additional information.

L.I.N.K.S.

Do you want to know about: communicating, Tri-Care, DEERS, investing in your community, PCSing, allowances and entitlements, LES statements, basic housing allowances, children and deployment, rank structure, Marine jargon, types of uniforms, MOS roadmaps, rank progression, optional billets and tuition benefits? Then join us for L.I.N.K.S.! Free child care and lunch provided. For class schedules or more information, call Marine Corps Family Team Building at 253-3754.

Boy Scouts Troop 77

After 50 years of air station service, Boy Scouts Troop 77 is still accepting new members. Meetings are Mondays 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Building 1111 (two buildings down from the Marine Memorial Chapel). For more information, call at 253-3505.

2008 Summer Reading Program

Join "Catch the Reading Bug!" this summer at the Station Library and discover the amazing world of insects. The 2008 Summer Reading Program is open to young people, preschool through age 12 with programs, prize drawings, story hours and more. Families are invited to join the Read-to-Me portion of the program. Registration for the Summer Reading

Program begins June 30. For more information, call the library at 253-3078. All programs are free of charge.

Girl Scout Summer Clubs 2008

Dance Club: June 16 – 20, 3 p.m. – 4 p.m. at Iron Works Gym.
Twilight Camp: June 30 – July 3, 5:30 p.m. – 8 p.m. at Girl Scout Hut.
Going Green Crafts: July 14 – July 18, 12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. at Girl Scout Hut.
Base Camp: July 28 – August 1, 12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. at Girl Scout Hut. For more information or to sign up, please call 253-2159.

New after hours phone number – American Red Cross

The American Red Cross has new after hours phone number, DSN: 225-6802.

Thrift Store Electronics sale

MCAS Iwakuni's Thrift Store will hold an electronics sale today from 4 – 7 p.m. Many quality electronics will be available at affordable prices.

Japanese and American friendship concert

Everyone is welcome to attend a Japanese and American friendship concert at the Marine Memorial Chapel here June 20 at 7 p.m. The concert will hold performances by: Hinotsume Sisters, Yosie Uchikawa, Yanai Gakuen, Jiro Mouri, Chaplain Robert Mills and Chaplain John Cometa.

Chapel Services

Roman Catholic

Saturday 4:30 p.m. Confession
5:30 p.m. Mass
Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass
9:45 a.m. Religious Education
Tuesday - Friday 11:30 a.m. Weekday Mass
Wednesday 6:00 p.m. Inquiry Class for adults

Protestant

Saturday 9:30 a.m. Seventh-Day Adventist Sabbath School
11:00 a.m. Seventh-Day Adventist Divine Worship
Sunday 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Adult Bible Fellowships
10:30 a.m. Protestant Service
Wednesday 6:00 p.m. Awana (Bldg. 1104)
6:00 p.m. Bible Study (Capodanno Hall Chapel)

Church of Christ

Sunday 9:30 a.m. Bible Study (small chapel)
10:30 a.m. Worship Service (small chapel)

Church of the United Christians Inc.

Sunday 1:00 p.m. Worship Service

Latter Day Saints

Weekdays 6:30 a.m. Youth Activities

Jewish

Friday 6:00 p.m. Shabbat (small chapel)

Teen Programs

For times, call 253-5183: high school meetings, junior high meetings, HS and JR Bible studies, retreats, service projects, mission trips, Special Events Volunteer Training and Mentoring, Parent Support Groups

For information regarding divine services, religious education or any other command religious program or chapel activity, call the Marine Memorial Chapel at 253-5218.

Sakura Theater

Friday, June 13, 2008

7 p.m. Prom Night (PG-13)
Premier
10 p.m. Forgetting Sarah Marshall (R)
Premier

Saturday, June 14, 2008

1 p.m. Kung Fu Panda (PG)
4 p.m. Forgetting Sarah Marshall (R)
7 p.m. 21 (PG-13)
10 p.m. Prom Night (PG-13)

Sunday, June 15, 2008

1 p.m. Kung Fu Panda (PG)
4 p.m. Prom Night (PG-13)
7 p.m. Forgetting Sarah Marshall (R)

Monday, June 16, 2008

7 p.m. 21 (PG-13)
Last Showing

Tuesday, June 17, 2008

7 p.m. Leatherheads (PG-13)

Wednesday, June 18, 2008

7 p.m. Stop Loss (R)
Last Showing

Thursday, June 19, 2008

2 p.m. The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian (PG)
7 p.m. Superhero Movie (PG-13)
Last Showing

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.

THE IWAKUNI APPROACH Classifieds

Automobiles

1994 Suzuki Wagon R

Asking \$1,000 and will throw in a free snowboard if purchased before June 14, 2008. Comes with snowboard and ski rack and tire chains for the winter months. Car runs great and gets great gas mileage. Don't let the car's size mislead you however, the small size comes in useful when maneuvering through Japan's narrow roads. Plus, it makes for cheaper road tax and JCI. Road tax is paid, however JCI ends September 2008. If interested please call 253-5724 (work) or 070-5051-9295 (cell).

1992 Mazda Cronos

4-door, automatic. Road tax paid. JCI expires May 2009. New tires, air compressor, CD player, speakers. Good condition. Great family car. PCS on June 13. Asking for \$1,800 or best offer. For more information, call 253-5511 (work) or 080-3465-3928 (cell).

1992 BMW

4-door sedan, 92,000 plus km, JCI good until May 09. Asking for \$2,500. Series 525i, black leather interior, bucket seats, CD player, sun-roof, aluminum wheels including the spare, anti lock brakes, power windows & locks, AC, tires more than 75% tread, comes with signature BMW first aid kit & built in tool kit, plus many extra brand new parts. New parts include rotors, brake pads and miscellaneous items. For more information, call 253-6902 (work) or 253-2383 (home).

Toyota Marino

Asking for \$1,200. JCI till April 2009. A/C. For more information, call 253-4504 (work) or 090-1760-7356 (cell).

Honda Odyssey Van

Asking for \$1,800. JCI till August 2009. A/C. CD player. For more information, call 253-4504 (work) or 090-1760-7356 (cell).

1992 Toyota Estima Enima

Must sell by June 20! JCI until Sept. 2009, seats 8, seats fold up, under 65,000 km, 10 disc CD player, hot and cold box for food or drinks, sun-roof, diesel, heat, cold AC, power windows & locks, all taxes paid, and automatic. Runs great! Asking \$1,400 or best offer. For more information, call 253-2151 (home) or 080-3876-2327 (cell).

1989 Mitsubishi Pajero

Must sell by June 20. JCI until Nov. 24, 2009, new tires, seats 7, seats fold up, 4 wheel drive, diesel, heat, no AC,

power windows & locks, all taxes paid, and automatic. Runs great! Asking \$1,500 or best offer. For more information call 253-2151 (home) or 080-3876-2327 (cell).

1997 Mitsubishi RVR

JCI good until May 2010! Runs great, 4-wheel drive, A/C & heat, am/fm stereo/CD, power windows/door locks, keyless entry, 3 door, 4 passenger hatchback car. Non-smoking owners. Road tax paid until April 2008. Asking \$2,700 or best offer. Call 253-2124, 253-4606, or 080-6612-9195 (cell).

Job Openings

Full-time Home Visitor

J & E Associates, Inc., a government contractor, has an opening for a full-time home visitor with the Iwakuni New Parent Support Program.

Position requires a bachelor's degree in nursing, a master's degree in social work or a master's degree in marriage and family therapy. Applicants must hold a clinical license as an RN, LCSW or LMFT. Two years work experience in maternal and child health, community services, or abuse and neglect is desirable. Note: degree and license requirements cannot be waived. To apply, drop off your cover letter and resume to NPSP, Building 411, e-mail to resumes@jeassociates.com or fax to 253-6626.

Miscellaneous

White bedroom furniture

Please call 253-6250 (work) or 253-2588 (home).

To submit an advertisement request, follow the classifieds link on the station Web site and open an advertisement request form. Submit the form via e-mail to iwakuni.pao@usmc.mil or in person at the Public Affairs Office, Building One, Room 216.

Mess Hall Menu

MONDAY, June 16

Manhattan Clam Chowder, Chicken and Rice Soup, Sauerbraten, Jerk Style Chicken, Steamed Rice, Oven Browned Potatoes, French Fried Okra, Calico Cabbage, Brown Gravy, Dinner Rolls, Coconut Raisin Cookies, Double Layer Almond Cake, Chocolate Cream Pie, Specialty Bar: Pasta Bar

TUESDAY, June 17

Beef Noodle Soup, Chicken and Mushroom Soup, Swiss Steak with Gravy, Szechwan Chicken, O'Brian Potatoes, Noodles Jefferson, French Fried Cauliflower, Broccoli Parmesan, Brown Gravy, Cheese Biscuit, Butterscotch Brownies, Apple Pie, Spice Cake with Butter Cream Frosting, Specialty Bar: Taco Bar

WEDNESDAY, June 18

Tomato Noodle Soup, Chicken and Mushroom Soup, Sweet and Sour Pork, Yakisoba (Hamburger), Fried Rice, Brussels Sprouts, Simmered Corn, Hot Dinner Rolls, Peanut Butter Cookies, Sweet Potato Pie, Whipped Topping Coconut Cake, Specialty Bar: BBQ

THURSDAY, June 19

Minestrone Soup, Cream of Broccoli Soup, Fried Chicken, Beef Stroganoff, Buttered Pasta, Candied Sweet Potatoes, Okra and Tomato Gumbo, Southern Style Green Beans, Chicken Gravy, Cheese Biscuits, Devil's Food Cake with Coconut Pecan Frosting, Pumpkin Pie, Oatmeal Raisin Cookies, Specialty Bar: Deli Bar

FRIDAY, June 20

Beef Barley, Spanish Soup, Lemon Baked Fish, El Rancho Stew, Steamed Rice, Potatoes Au Gratin, Cauliflower Combo, Black Eyed Peas, Hot Dinner Rolls, Brown Gravy, Fruit Turnovers, Bread Pudding, Crisp Toffee Bars, Chocolate Pudding with Whipped Topping, Specialty Bar: Hotdogs/Polish Sausage

ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH ENDS ON HIGH NOTE



Members of the Kinoh-Kai Koto Group perform a Japanese traditional style piece at the ceremony to conclude Asian/Pacific-American month at the Marine Memorial Chapel here May 29. A traditional koto has 13 strings arched tautly across 13 moveable bridges. Players make basic pitches by moving this bridges before playing. Photo by Lance Cpl. Joseph Marianelli

Heavy Hitters edge Longballs 18-17

Davenport's base hit seals dramatic win

Lance Cpl. Chris Dobbs
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

In a game that featured just about everything one could ask for – solid hitting, good defensive plays, multiple lead changes and a dramatic game-winning hit, the Heavy Hitters edged the Longballs 18-17 in intramural softball action at the main field here Tuesday.

Heavy Hitters' third baseman Matthew Davenport delivered the final blow to the Longballs with a base hit over second base that brought in the winning run in the fourth inning of the timed game.

"I kind of hit it off the grip of the bat, but it was a pretty solid swing," Davenport said about the play which capped off a six-run inning for the Heavy Hitters.

"We had our times, but we came through in the end," Davenport added, saying the win was extra sweet because it was such a "close, intense game."

The Heavy Hitters, who consist mainly of Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 engineers, lived up to their name early in the game with an 11-run first inning, which featured an infield grand slam by first baseman Julian Briones.

"We played pretty good "D," and we had really good bats that inning," said Heavy Hitters' leftfielder Clinton Ryan. "We were feeling pretty good after that."

Struggling to withstand the hot bats of the Heavy Hitters, the Longballs finally got off the field when shortstop Luis Esparza made a skilled catch after chasing down a short fly ball.

Picking up their bats down 11, the Longballs needed to find their own rhythm at the plate to get back in the game – something they were confident they could do if they stayed patient and got off to a good start, according to pitcher Robby Lark.

"One base hit will start it off," Lark said. "Usually if the first hitter starts off with something strong, it's a good inning."

In an intense reply to the Heavy Hitter's first at-bat, the Longballs, a team of Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting and Recovery specialists, rallied, racking up 13 runs of their own to take a 13-11 lead in the second.



Heavy Hitters' center right fielder Daniel DeGrenier rips a hit during an intramural softball game against the Longballs at the main field here Tuesday. After opening the game with an 11-run first inning, the Heavy Hitters also closed the game strongly by tacking on six-runs for a come-from-behind 18-17 win. Photos by Lance Cpl. Chris Dobbs

"After being down 11 in the first inning and now we're winning the game, it feels awesome," Lark said after the rally.

Energized by their momentum-building second-inning comeback, the Longballs kept up their strong play in the third and top half of the fourth innings as they increased their lead

to 17-12. It appeared they would cruise to victory, but the Heavy Hitters had other plans.

As the game approached its time limit, the outcome was in the Heavy Hitters' hands at the plate. Though the Longballs defended well, the Heavy Hitters' final assault was just too much.

"There's not much you can do about good hitting," the Longballs' Lark said.

The Heavy Hitters improved to 3-3 on the season while the Longballs dropped to 4-2. The teams' next games come when the Longballs face Combat Logistics Company 36 Monday and the Heavy Hitters match up against



Longballs' pitcher Robby Lark releases the ball during an intramural softball game against the Heavy Hitters at the main field here Tuesday. Though they answered the Heavy Hitters' 11-run opening inning with 13 runs of their own in the second, the Longballs lost the game 18-17.

"Usually if the first hitter starts off with something strong, it's a good inning"

- Robby Lark

SCORING SUMMARY

	1	2	3	4	TOTAL
Longballs	0	13	2	2	17
Heavy Hitters	11	1	0	6	18

THE IWAKUNI APPROACH SPORTS
For sports coverage, call 253-5551



Staff Sgt. Robert Wichner, Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting section leader, emerges from the water during the 200-meter swim portion of the Commander's Cup Challenge indoor triathlon at IronWorks Gym June 6. Wichner's time of 3:16 was the competition's best and helped ARFF earn its second consecutive title in the annual event. Lance Cpl. Chris Dobbs

Units challenge limits in triathlon

LANCE CPL. CHRIS DOBBS
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Displaying speed and endurance in all three events, Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting's three-man team turned its back on its opponents during the Commander's Cup Challenge indoor triathlon at IronWorks Gym June 6.

Punctuated by competition-best times in each event of the five-team contest — which featured a 200-meter swim, five-mile bike ride and two-mile run — ARFF's time of 26:13 topped the field by more than two minutes.

Along with ARFF, other participating units were Marine Wing Support Squadron 171, Aircraft Recovery and the Branch Health Clinic.

Due to the nature of the competition — the events were held simultaneously in the gym's indoor pool and cardio room — the participants had no way of telling where they stood. Nonetheless, each competitor strove to put forth their best effort for their part of the race, according to several participants.

"I just didn't want to finish last," said ARFF team member Staff Sgt. Robert Wichner, section leader, whose time of 3:16 was the competition's best. The 39-year-old's winning effort, in which he said he maintained a "strong pace," left him laid out on his back, exhausted.

Wichner, who helped organized the two ARFF teams that competed, said the event encouraged friendly competition and boosted morale in his section.

"I think it's great," adding that there was a lot of "trash talking" among the Marines in his shop leading up to the event. "We've been looking forward to this for a long time."

ARFF's stiffest competition came from MWSS-171, who posted a time of 28:18. Team member Cpl. Matthew Kozak, a field wireman, completed the five-mile distance on the bike in 11:33, the second-best time overall.

"It felt good," a red-faced Kozak said after the event.

Kozak and teammate Sgt. Shane Wilson, a field radio operator and one of the competition's fastest swimmers — posting a time of 3:33, said the event was a good indicator as to how well-conditioned they are for individual entry into a full-length triathlon.

"An actual triathlon is much longer and more grueling, but doing stuff like this gets you interested in doing the real thing," Kozak said.

Rounding out the competition were Recovery and the Branch Health Clinic, who finished fourth and fifth, respectively. While they were unable to pose a threat to the speedy ARFF and MWSS-171 teams, both team's competitors finished with class.

Despite being the last man pedaling, Recovery's Robert Walkup, aircraft recovery specialist, kept his legs moving as fast as he could to the encouraging words of his teammates and the event's other participants.

"My crew was there," Walkup said about giving it his all to complete the five-mile ride. "I was doing the best I could for them."

The Commander's Cup Challenge, previously known as the President's Challenge, is an annual physical fitness program organized by the IronWorks Gym Semper Fit Division in which station units compete for "party funds." ARFF's win earned it \$100 while MWSS-171's runner-up finish was good for \$75. The funds are used for events such as barbecues and family functions.

For more information contact Semper Fit at 253-3696.



Pvt. Robert Walkup, Aircraft Recovery specialist, completes a five-mile bike ride during the Commander's Cup Challenge indoor triathlon at IronWorks Gym June 6. Walkup's time of 11:40 was one of the competition's best. Lance Cpl. Joseph Marianelli