

## COMMANDANT VISIT

### Residents pose changes in Far East way of life

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Following their visit to Camp Mujuk, South Korea, Gen. James T. Conway, commandant of the Marine Corps, and Sgt. Maj. Carlton W. Kent, sergeant major of the Marine Corps, made their way to the Sakura Theater here June 25, where Marines, sailors and families waited to hear about the ever-changing Corps.

But, with residents' questions and concerns a high priority for Conway and Kent, the two did more listening than speaking.

The changes proposed involved Marines at a unit level but touched on the lives of the station's families as well.

First to the audience microphones was Sgt. Joshua C. Deeds, a military policeman on an accompanied tour, who spoke on behalf of families on the station. Visibly attentive audience members looked to the Corps' top leaders to answer the question, "Will we see a rise in cost of living allowances?"

Kent responded by stating the importance of completing COLA surveys.

"Changes are made based on information taken from the surveys Marines and sailors fill out," Kent said.

Deeds' final question asked what was being done to support Iwakuni's growing infrastructure and proposed a new child development center be built.

The commandant said Iwakuni can  
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Gen. James T. Conway, commandant of the Marine Corps, cues the next question during a town hall meeting he hosted at the Sakura Theater here June 25. The nearly two-hour meeting shed light on family and quality-of-life issues that have been topics of discussion on the station. Photo by Lance Cpl. Kyle T. Ramirez

### Bowling center to open today

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Marine Corps Community Services is pleased to announce the opening ceremony and ribbon-cutting dedication for the new multi-faceted recreation facility and bowling center "The Strike Zone" will take place 1 p.m. Friday at the entrance of the new facility on the corner of Newell and Westbrook Road.

Commanding Officer Col. Michael A. O'Halloran will be joined by the MCCS director and the construction contractor, Obayashi Corporation of Hiroshima, Japan, for the official dedication. Additionally, 16 members of the Iwakuni community that were awarded "Free Bowling for Life" in an online facility naming contest will also be on hand to roll the first ball down the new lanes.

An important milestone for residents in Iwakuni, the new bowling center will provide exciting entertainment aboard the air station for service members and their families. The Strike Zone features 20 professional bowling lanes along with a Pro Shop, gaming room, billiards room, the 11th Frame Lounge, a children's play area, locker rooms, a new Pizza Hut, and a brand new fast food franchise to Iwakuni, the all-time favorite A&W.

The entire Iwakuni community is invited to come out and enjoy the opening ceremony and enjoy free bowling all day long courtesy of MCCS.

For more information about The Strike Zone, or information on MCCS activities in the Iwakuni community, just visit [www.mccsiwakuni.com](http://www.mccsiwakuni.com).

### 4th Marine sentenced at general court-martial

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Sgt. Lanaeus J. Braswell, a Marine assigned to Combat Logistics Company 36, was sentenced June 25 at a general court-martial held here for his involvement in incidents that took place in Hiroshima,

Japan, on October 13 and 14, 2007.

Braswell was sentenced to 12 months confinement, reduction in rank to private, forfeiture of all pay and allowances, and a Bad Conduct Discharge.

Braswell was found guilty of conspiracy to engage in indecent acts and violate liberty and alcohol orders, fraternization,

violating liberty and alcohol orders, sodomy, and committing indecent acts 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.

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# CORPS SAFETY

## Critical Days of Summer Safety Campaign 2008

**THIS WEEK'S SAFETY TOPIC: Local areas & Scuba water safety**

**SUBMITTED BY  
THE STATION SAFETY OFFICE AND SEMPER FIT**

Research suggests that more than half of advanced divers have experienced panic or near-panic while diving.

A number of dive medicine experts believe that panic is the leading cause of diving fatalities.

If we define panic as an irrational state, then consistent with this definition are the all-too-frequent reports of divers who bolt for the surface, refuse alternative air sources and become combative with rescue attempts, and are found dead with weight belts attached and gas in their cylinders.

Other features of panic may include disorientation, feelings of intense fear and rapid heartbeat.

Scuba diving is, by nature, a dangerous sport, but there are ways you can have a safe, fun, and accident-free dive. When considering scuba as a hobby, ensure that you do not have a fear of open water.

Make certain that you are comfortable in and around the water by going to an ocean or a lake and swimming.

Once you have decided to take up scuba, you need to get certified by a national organization. NAUI worldwide, PADI and YMCA are three of the major and most recognized agencies.

When getting ready for a dive, check your equipment.

If it is rented equipment make sure you understand how all parts of the gear work, and ensure that you have the correct amount of air in your scuba tank.

Scuba diving is a buddy sport. Make sure you have a buddy, and that you both know how to communicate with each other under the water. Under no circumstances should you ever dive alone.

There are a few places to dive around the area.

For beginners, Oshima Island is a great place to start. There is a great deal of mammal life to share the underwater experience with.

For beginners and advanced divers there is a boat dive at Susa and there are cliffs. With both of these dives, the water depth varies from 60 ft to around 110 feet.

For experienced divers there is a Japanese battleship, Mitsui.

She sits on the ocean floor at about 133 feet at low tide. Because of where she rests, you can only dive her at specific times and dates. It is not recommend that a person take it upon them self to set up this dive due to its degree of difficulty and planning.

The number one safety tip to remember when diving – don't hold your breath. You have air, breathe it!

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

**STRENGTH  
Lt. Cmdr. A. R. Kuss  
COMMAND CHAPLAIN**

As defenders of our nation and our way of life, we take pride in our strength and abilities.

Many years ago when I joined the Navy, I was impressed with the talents and the resources available for accomplishing missions.

Jets, carriers, tanks and bases around the world staffed with trained warriors express our readiness and willingness to defend and promote peace among nations.

The second and even more lasting impression, one that has never diminished, is the personal strength of the personnel serving in the military. Men and women, whose duty it is to use deadly force when necessary, on their off duty time exchange their uniforms for coaches jerseys, volunteer as Sunday school teachers, scout troop leaders and

a multitude of other activities.

The strength of character, the heart of the warrior and those for whom they serve truly comes forth at these times.

The older I become the more I realize that I was taught the important lessons early in life but have yet to put them into practice.

Do you remember the ancient story told by Aesop about strength?

Once upon a time when everything could talk, the Wind and the Sun fell into an argument as to which was the stronger.

Finally they decided to put the matter to a test; they would see which one could make a certain man, who was walking along the road, throw off his cape. The Wind tried first. He blew and he blew. The harder and colder he blew, the tighter the traveler wrapped his cape about him. The Wind finally gave up and told the Sun to try. The Sun began to smile and as it grew warmer and

warmer, the traveler was comfortable once more. The Sun shone brighter and brighter until the man grew so hot, the sweat poured out on his face, he became weary, and seating himself on a stone, he quickly threw his cape to the ground.

In a phone conversation from a country where Marines deploy, the caller explained the impact we have in real and lasting manner among the locals while we train. The largest impact made is not technology and material but the time spent playing soccer, repairing a building or school, conversations about food and family, sharing outgrown clothing and the gentle smile and greetings of the athletic warrior to a youth.

Each of us whether in uniform or civilian has strengths and opportunities to serve our nation and neighbors each day. Use wisely what you have been given and make a positive impact on others with your strength.

# CMC hosts town hall meeting at Sakura

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expect new support mechanisms to provide for a dramatic increase of incoming personnel, should it happen in the future.

Another audience member addressed the increasing number of children born to station families in recent years and pressed a birthing center be added to the Robert M. Casey Branch Health Medical and Dental Clinic's repertoire. Staff Sgt. Rand M. Sentes, an air traffic controller and father of an infant daughter, called for the service of not only a pediatrician but an obstetrician and

gynecologist as well.

Conway began to respond by mentioning the Navy has tried contracting out, recruiting civilian care to on-base clinics and hospitals. However, remote locations hardly see benefits because civilian contractors still decide where they practice.

One station member jumped on the question.

"The movement is afoot to bring a birthing center to Iwakuni," said Cmdr. William M. Wike, medical clinic officer-in-charge.

Wike explained that just in the past week Rear Adm.

Steven K. Galson, acting surgeon general, signed off on a course of action to bring a Department of Defense birthing center here that will mimic an Army birthing facility in Vicenza, Italy.

The audience burst into ovation after the announcement. However, no word was given as to the timeframe of the facility's completion date.

Before taking their leave, the top leaders took a moment to introduce the new Marine Corps physical training uniform and to recognize exemplary Marines aboard the station.

**The outgoing commander, Army Lt. Col. Joel Suenkel, receives colors from the battalion command sergeant major during a change-of-command ceremony at the Headquarters, U.S. Army Ammunition Depot (USAADA), 83rd Ordnance Battalion, Akizuki. Army Lt. Col. Sheila Bryant took command as the 35th battalion commander. Photo by Army Capt. Claudia Daniel**

## 83rd Ordnance Battalion gets new commander

### Unit history: first female commander

**ARMY CAPT. CLAUDIA DANIEL  
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On June 27, a change-of-command ceremony was held at the Headquarters, U.S. Army Ammunition Depot (USAADA), 83rd Ordnance Battalion, Akizuki, in Showa-machi, Kure City.

Army Lt. Col. Sheila Bryant took command as the 35th battalion commander. She was also honored as the first female commander.



After the U.S. and Japanese national anthems were played, Bryant received the colors from Army Lt. Col. Joel Suenkel, who will be assigned to the 25th Infantry Division in Hawaii following his command of the 83rd for the last two years.

The ceremony was attended by approximately 200 people of the unit, Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force, and Kure City and other distinguished guests.

Bryant, who transferred from her previous assignment in the Defense Intelligence Agency, in Washington, D.C., commented in her speech, "It is my intention to continue to foster the great community ties and teamwork with the leaders and people of Japan."

The USAADA, 83rd Ordnance Battalion controls the Akizuki, Hiro, Kawakami and Chibana Ammunition Depots.

## 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.

### Women, Infant and Children

WIC Overseas is a nutrition education program that also provides supplemental foods to encourage good health. Pregnant and postpartum mothers and children up to age five may participate. Eligibility is based on family size and household income. Please call 253-4928 to set up an appointment.

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

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# Service members lend helping hand to indigenous Aussies



Naval Fighter Attack Squadron 97 Petty Officers 3rd Class Rena Moore and Jose Cruz plant flowers at the Kalano Aged Care Complex June 20. A group of Marines and sailors participating in Pitch Black 2008, a three-week multi-national air training exercise, spent the morning helping with yard work and some minor maintenance at the home for elderly indigenous Australians. Photos by Lance Cpl. Noah S. Leffler

LANCE CPL. NOAH S. LEFFLER  
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

**R**OYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE BASE TINDAL, Australia (June 27, 2008) – The roar of aircraft flying in support of Pitch Black 2008 has made the American presence in Australia's Northern Territory well-known to its residents.

A group of Marines and sailors participating in the three-week multi-national air training exercise found a quieter way to impact the community by lending a helping hand to a local home for elderly indigenous Australians June 20.

Located in the Kalano indigenous community, Kalano Aged Care Complex is the only assisted living facility in Katherine, Australia, that exclusively cares for senior Aboriginals.

With multiple fire pits, free-roaming pets and a spacious outdoor environment, it is a place where residents' physical and cultural needs can be tended to. "If you go into a (typical) nursing home, it's very sterile," Wakefield said. "They wouldn't feel comfortable in that. They feel comfortable in something that belongs to them."

The upkeep on a 21-bed facility can be demanding for the 9-person staff, however, and sometimes things such as normal yard work and small maintenance issues take a back seat to the patients' care.

So when the home was contacted by the Marine Aircraft Group 12 chaplain's office here, there was no shortage of odd jobs volunteers could help with.

"They're pressure cleaning the outside of the buildings for us, just tidying up around the yards, and sort of giving the dining tables a fresh look they were very much in need of," Wakefield said, referring to a freshly-sanded and varnished set of tabletops.

"I think we thought our fairy godmother had dropped in when ... they popped in to offer us (assistance)," she added. "Someone sent them to us, and we're very grateful."

Even those up at odd hours during the exercise felt the cause and opportunity to help were worth sacrificing a little sleep for.

"Me and my buddy work night check, so we had it passed down from my master sergeant that some guys were going," said Lance Cpl. Rodrigo Gonzalez-Vega, Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12 aviation supply specialist. "We thought we were going to end up being pretty tired, but we said, 'You know what? We might as well go. We haven't actually gotten out and volunteered in Australia yet.'"

It was a choice Gonzalez-Vega said he didn't regret. "I'm pretty sure most of (the residents) have seen Marines come and go," he said. "We're here trying to reiterate that good stuff that we actually are here to do."

After being treated to a didgeridoo performance and lunch hot off the barbie, many of the volunteers found they had gotten back just as much as they'd given.

"I wanted to see what the natives were like," said Petty Officer Jose Cruz, Naval Fighter Attack Squadron 97 aviation ordnanceman.

"It was pretty cool to see how they really are," he added. "They're very humble, very respectful people."



Pvt. Steven Darnell, Marine Air Control Squadron 4 air traffic control communications technician, digs a hole for planting flowers at the Kalano Aged Care Complex June 20. A group of Marines and sailors participating in Pitch Black 2008, a three-week multi-national air training exercise, spent the morning helping with yard work and some minor maintenance at the home for elderly indigenous Australians.

LANCE CPL. AARON D. HOSTUTLER  
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

U-TAPAO ROYAL THAI AIRFIELD, Thailand (June 27, 2008) —

Operation Caring Response is made up of several essential links that, together, form a chain that delivers much needed supplies to the people of Burma affected by Cyclone Nargis.

One of those links is Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 152 who sent a detachment of more than 100 Marines to U-Tapao Royal Thai Airfield in Thailand in support of the operation.

The mission of the detachment is to keep the planes operational, according to "Sumos" pilot Capt. Jared Stuteville.

"We're doing everything we can to keep the planes in an up-maintenance status to make sure that every mission is flown as safely and efficiently as possible," he said.

More than 160 relief flights have been flown at a rate of about four a day since May 12.

For the planes to remain operational, pre-flight and post-flight inspections are conducted on each plane.

"It is the hard work and dedication of the aircraft maintenance personnel behind the scenes that keep the planes in the air, and make this relief operation possible," said Brig. Gen. Ronald Bailey, the commanding general of the 3rd Marine Expeditionary Brigade.

The inspection process ensures critical components of the aircraft such as engines, avionics, safety and survival equipment, hydraulics and overall structure are serviceable.

A typical inspection starts as soon as the plane is in the chocks, according to Cpl. Marcus Vegas, a flight mechanic with the squadron.

Marines conduct an initial inspection



Sergeant Kevin R. Jones, a quality assurance collateral duty representative with Marine Aerial Refueler Squadron 152, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, monitors fuel gauges June 14 during a KC-130 post-flight inspection at U-Tapao Royal Thai Airfield, Thailand. The squadron sent more than 100 Marines to Thailand to ensure their aircraft could continue to provide aid to the Burmese people in the wake of Cyclone Nargis. Photos by Lance Cpl. Aaron D. Hostutler

of the aircraft, checking for dents or cracked propellers, damage to the body, fuel and hydraulic fluid levels and electronics.

After the inspection is complete, any discrepancies are reported to the flight engineer who re-inspects the damage and gives the "go ahead" for the fix.

There are typically between eight and 15 Marines working on the plane at one time, according to 1st Lt. Dusty

Cook, a pilot and the officer-in-charge of the squadron's airframes section.

"The more Marines the better," he said. "They can usually complete an inspection in about two hours, but the more Marines you have, the faster it goes."

The high operational tempo of Caring Response is demanding.

Long days on the flight line in the sun followed by long days with torrential

downpours can take a toll on the Marines, said Sgt. Kevin Jones, a quality assurance collateral duty representative with VMGR-152.

"If something goes wrong on a plane, we stay until it's fixed," he said. "We want to make sure the Burmese people get what they really need."

The Marines stay motivated knowing they are making a difference, Jones said.



(Left) Lance Cpl. Sean Hubbard, a power line maintenance mechanic with the squadron, gives the hand signal "seven," indicating the fuel level inside the wing fuel tank. (Right) A Marine rotates a propeller during an engine inspection.







Naval Fighter Attack Squadron 97 Commanding Officer Cmdr. Russell McCormack receives an Australian welcome by Wing Cmdr. Rob Chipman, commanding officer of 75 Squadron, Royal Australian Air Force, after landing on the RAAF Base Tindal flight line May 30. The VFA-97 Warhawks were in Australia supporting Pitch Black 2008, a three-week multi-national air training exercise. Photo by Lance Cpl. Noah S. Leffler



Marines and sailors participating in Pitch Black 2008 secure equipment to the back of a flatbed truck at Royal Australian Air Force Base Tindal May 27. Photo by Lance Cpl. Noah S. Leffler



1st Marine Air Wing Commanding General Robert E. Schmidle gives the "thumbs up" to Petty Officer 3rd Class Leo Blay, Naval Fighter Attack Squadron 97 aviation mechanical safety equipment technician, before takeoff at 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 exercise, and to support operations by flying four sorties. Photo by Lance Cpl. Noah S. Leffler



An F/A-18 from Naval Fighter Attack Squadron 97 is seen through a set of night vision goggles refueling over Australia's Northern Territory June 16. Night missions are afforded an opportunity for pilots and aircrews to train with NVGs during Pitch Black 2008, a three-week multi-national air exercise. Photo by Lance Cpl. Noah S. Leffler

# LOOKING BACK

## Pitch Black training concludes in Aussie skies

LANCE CPL. NOAH S. LEFFLER  
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE BASE TINDAL, Australia – Exercise Pitch Black 2008 recently wrapped up in Tindal following three weeks of air training.

Over the course of the exercise, participants from more than six countries flew a variety of missions simulating wartime operations over Australia's Northern Territory.

Naval Fighter Attack Squadron 97 concluded its six-month stay in Iwakuni as part of the Unit Deployment Program flying mostly as a simulated opposing force against their Australian counterparts, while Iwakuni

and Okinawa-based Marine Aircraft Group 12, Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 152, Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12, Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 and Marine Air Control Group 18 provided support.

Training in a multi-national environment over such unique terrain was a fantastic opportunity for all involved, said Lt. Col. Bret Saunders, MAG-12 operations officer.

"It also gave us an opportunity to integrate a Navy Squadron in an exercise that in the past has been exclusively Marine," he added.

The service members are currently gearing up for Exercise Southern Frontier 2008, which is slated to take off in Tindal July 21.



# AROUND THE CORPS



Lance Cpl. Edwin S. Contreras, 19, an assaultman with Company I, 3rd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 5, flexi-cuffs a known insurgent in Hit, Iraq, June 21. Marines with Company I detained four known insurgents during an intelligence raid in the Hit area. The Marines were ecstatic with how the raid turned out. They were in search of one insurgent, but were able to capture three additional insurgents by the end of the day. Photos by Cpl. Erik Villagran

## Seized

### Marines shut down enemy in Hit, Iraq

CPL. ERIK VILLAGRAN  
REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM 5

**HIT, Iraq** — Marines here played the role of policemen by following one lead to another to bring down criminals and make the area safer for everyone. Marines with Company I, 3rd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 5 apprehended four known insurgents during an operation here June 21.

"We were doing an intelligence-driven raid," said Sgt. Rick D. Burke, 22, a squad leader with Company I from Vancouver, Wash. "We have a target list we're going after. All the individuals we're looking for are known insurgents, so we're trying to round them up one at a time."

Marines began the day in search of one of the individuals on their list. With the help of intelligence, they were able to identify the area where they could find their target.

As Marines made their way through the roads in Iraq, they encountered a disabled vehicle. They identified the driver as one of the men on their list.

"We did a snap (vehicle checkpoint)," Burke said. "Once we confirmed he was our man, we detained him."

The luck Marines had on finding their first target foreshadowed the day the Marines were going to have.

Once they had him detained, Marines called the Iraqi Police for assistance in interviewing the detainee. The police obliged and arrived shortly after.

"They were very helpful because they know the area better and crowd control is easier if we have (Iraqi policemen) out there," Burke said. "With their help, we were able to pull more information from the detainee which led us to more guys."

Marines raced to another location after the detainee gave them information about the whereabouts of other insurgents. Although Marines found nothing at the first home, they were not dissuaded. They again received information from the detainee about another home and they were off to the races again.

At the second home, their quick reaction was rewarded. Marines carefully searched each room for weapons, ammunition, improvised explosive device-making materials and other contraband.

"We found an AK-47, a bunch of loaded magazines, a shotgun and loose rounds for other weapons," said Lance Cpl. Sean W. Ward, 23, a team leader with Company I from Hoffman Estates, Ill.

The Marines documented everything they found in the home and snapped photos of all the evidence they found. The procedures Marines followed will be pivotal when the detainees are taken to court.

While Marines in the home collected evidence, other Marines identified three more known insurgents who were taken out of the home. They too were detained on a day that began with one target and ended

with a total of four insurgents detained.

"I was surprised with the turnaround time," Burke said. "Usually we go out and grab one guy. This time we got four."

Marines were happy with how well things turned out. They accomplished their mission quickly and proficiently and helped make Iraq safer.

"The squad feels good because we have a defined mission and were going out, executing and getting positive results," said Burke.



Lance Cpl. Edwin S. Contreras, 19, an assaultman with Company I, 3rd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 5, flexi-cuffs an insurgent in Hit, Iraq, June 21.

## Community Briefs

### Used medical needles

**Branch Health Clinic**  
Used medical needles should be placed in appropriate sharp containers and may be left with medical staff at the branch health clinic. Please do not dispose of needles with your household trash. If you have any questions please call the laboratory at 253-6647.

### Gospel Choir Members

Recruiting for Gospel Choir Members to sing at a Christmas concert at the Sinfonia Iwakuni Concert Hall (1,200 seats) is now taking place. Please call 090-4104-1541 (cell) for additional information.

### Suicide Risk Workshop

Marine & Family Counseling

is offering an Assessing and Managing Suicide Risk workshop. This training is very timely as overall military suicide numbers are up and receiving a significant amount of attention from Congress and USMC leadership. This training has been mentioned by CMC and other leaders during testimony and while Marine suicides are not showing an upward trend over the last few years, it is very timely training for our counselors, leaders and other professionals to assist in their professional development and support their continued outstanding service to our Marines.

Dr. Werbel is a Behavioral Health Affairs Officer at MR, very well-versed in this subject matter, and an engaging presenter.

The Assessing & Managing Suicide Risk Training will be held July 21 at Club Iwakuni Talbot's dining room from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Please register before July 2, by calling Counseling Services at 253-4526. Workshop participants must register prior to the event. Onsite registration is not allowed.

### 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 Tori Pines Golf Course. 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 an email to dave.garber@usmc.mil for additional information.

### 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 353-3505.

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

### Girl Scout Summer Clubs 2008

**Twilight Camp:**  
**Going Green Crafts:** July 14 - July 18, 12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. at the Girl Scout Hut.  
**Base Camp:** July 28 - August 1, 12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. at the Girl Scout Hut. For more information or to sign up, please call 253-2159.

### PTO needs volunteers

M.C. Perry Elementary School, Parents and Teachers Organization (PTO) needs volunteers to help through the summer to plan events and fundraisers for the fall. Please call 253-3327 for more information.

### Busch Gardens is giving back to the troops

For those looking to go on leave in the U.S. during the summer season, Busch Gardens and all of its affiliated parks are offering free admission to all active duty military members plus three direct dependent family members (with ID cards) to one of their parks. SeaWorld in Orlando, San Diego and San Antonio, Busch Gardens in Tampa Bay, Adventure Island and Water Country USA are all

affiliates and will be taking part in the free admissions.

**From Provost Marshall's Office**  
Flight line gate 11 is down until further notice.

Please use flight line gate 12. For information, contact PMO at 253-3303.

### New after hours phone number American Red Cross

The American Red Cross has a new after hours phone number, DSN: 253-6802.

### AA sponsorship needs volunteers

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### Message from station Energy Manager

AC season already started, please avoid using washers and dryers Mondays through Fridays from 9 a.m. to 4p.m. and turn off wasted energy to avoid green out and penalties for the station. MCAS Iwakuni May 2008 Energy Utility Bills

Electric	\$ 557,500
Water	\$ 216,953
FJ1/Fuel	\$ 452,967

### Local artist wanted

The indoor range is currently searching for a local artist to draw and paint walls at the indoor range. For more information, call the indoor range at 253-5753.

## Sakura Theater

### Friday, July 4, 2008

1 p.m. The Incredible Hulk (PG-13)  
4 p.m. What Happens In Vegas (PG-13)  
Premier  
7 p.m. Get Smart (PG-13) Premier

### Saturday, July 5, 2008

1 p.m. What Happens In Vegas (PG-13)  
4 p.m. The Incredible Hulk (PG-13)  
7 p.m. You Don't Mess With The Zohan (PG-13)  
10 p.m. Get Smart (PG-13)

### Sunday, July 6, 2008

1 p.m. The Forbidden Kingdom (PG-13)  
Last Showing  
4 p.m. Get Smart (PG-13)  
7 p.m. What Happens In Vegas (PG-13)

### Monday, July 7, 2008

7 p.m. You Don't Mess With The Zohan (PG-13) Last Showing

### Tuesday, July 8, 2008

7 p.m. Kung Fu Panda (PG)  
Last Showing

### Wednesday, July 9, 2008

2 p.m. Get Smart (PG-13)  
7 p.m. The Incredible Hulk (PG-13)

### Thursday, July 10, 2008

2 p.m. The Incredible Hulk (PG-13)  
Last Showing  
7 p.m. Baby Mama (PG-13)  
Last Showing

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### Mess Hall Schedule

#### MONDAY

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SPECIALTY BAR: PASTA BAR

#### TUESDAY

Cream of Potato Soup, Chicken Noodle Soup, Southern Fried Chicken, BBQ Beef Cube, Steamed Rice, Buttered Pasta, Black Eye Peas, Creole Squash, Corn Bread, Chocolate Chip Cookies, Spice Cake, Double Layer, Butter cream Frosting, Lemon Meringue Pie  
SPECIALTY BAR: TACO BAR

#### WEDNESDAY

Cream of Broccoli Soup, Vegetable Soup, Tempura Fish, Pepper Steak, Steamed Rice, Oven Glo Potatoes, Glazed Carrots, Club Spinach, Brown Gravy, Dinner Rolls, Peanut Butter Cookies, Devil's Food Cake, Butter Cream Frosting  
SPECIALTY BAR: BBQ

#### THURSDAY

Minestrone Soup, Cream of Chicken Soup, Creole Macaroni, Fried Shrimp, Fettuccini W/ Alfredo Sauce, Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Tempura Vegetables, Peas and Carrots, Dinner Rolls, Sugar Cookies, Strawberry Shortcake, Whipped Topping Vanilla Cream Pie  
SPECIALTY BAR: DELI BAR

#### FRIDAY

Clam Chowder Soup, Minestrone Soup, Braised Beef and Noodles, Baked Fish, Mashed Potatoes, Fried Cabbage, Mix Vegetables, Chicken Gravy, Dinner rolls, Banana Bread, Dutch Apple Pie, Shortbread Cookies  
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## CPI corner highlights process improvements

### Submitted by the CPI Office

Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni has just rolled out a new recognition program that brings process improvement initiatives to the attention of all.

Next time you are in the Crossroads area, check out the CPI Corner.

You will find this adjacent to the food court entrance door, on the bank side, and under the spotlights.

Every month we will be highlighting a process improvement team by posting their picture, and some of the details about their departmental efforts to improve a process, provide an enhanced product or

service, or save some money or manpower that could then be reallocated to higher priorities.

Process improvement is happening in many ways, and in virtually every area of the air station, and it is because you are involved with making MCAS Iwakuni the best air station in the Marine Corps.

The CPI Office is here to help you with your CPIO efforts, your training, and your personal and professional development.

Call us at 253-6308, or check out our Web site to enroll in a Lean Six Sigma Green Belt, White Belt, or other development course to enhance your skills.

We would like to see your picture in the CPI Corner.

## Iraqi women prepare to defend against insurgents



1st Lt. Kathryn B. Schilling coaches a woman as she prepares to shoot a pistol during her training to become a Sister of Ferris, June 4, 2008, in Ferris, Iraq. The Sisters of Ferris will inspect women for weapons, suicide vests, large amounts of cash and contraband at entry control points. Schilling is assigned to the Combat Logistics Battalion 1, 1st Marine Logistics Group. Photo by Lance Cpl. Cindy Alejandrez



Lance Cpl. Keenan Royes, Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12 ordnanceman, takes off after receiving the ball during a rugby game at Royal Australian Air Force Base Tindal, Australia, June 24. American and Australian service members have been taking part in friendly matches every Tuesday throughout Pitch Black 2008, a three-week multi-national air training exercise. Photos by Lance Cpl. Noah S. Leffler

# TINDAL RUGBY

## Service members run with Aussie pastime

LANCE CPL. NOAH S. LEFFLER  
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

**ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE BASE TINDAL, Australia** — Service members participating in Pitch Black 2008, a three-week multi-nation air training exercise, had a unique opportunity to get a firsthand look at Australia's diverse culture.

Marines and sailors have been taking part in some friendly athletic competition with a group of Australians, and although most didn't know a scrum-half from a stand-off when they arrived, all can add playing rugby to their list of overseas experiences.

According to Gunnery Sgt. Terrance Singletary, Marine Aircraft Group 12 aviation information systems department chief, the interest in learning to play one of Australia's most prominent sports was sparked long before the troops touched down in Tindal.

"Last year and the year before, Marines that worked for me were curious about rugby and trying to get games going," Singletary said.

Singletary's Pitch Black counterpart, Royal Australian Air Force Flight Sgt. Shane Boden, coaches an on-base youth league, and agreed to lend his expertise instructing the eager if uneducated group of American service members.

"He said, 'If I can teach 5-year-olds, I can teach you blokes,'" Singletary said with a laugh.

The "Yanks" paired up with a Tindal touch "footy" league during its Tuesday evening practices, and although there was much to learn, they took to the sport with gusto.

"After the first night, gunney was saying the boys all went back to work and started looking on the internet at the rules," Boden said. "It takes you a long time to learn to play, but they've done very well. I'm impressed."



Cpl. Michael Sweeney, Marine Aircraft Group 12 aviation operations specialist, dodges a tackle during a rugby game at Royal Australian Air Force Base Tindal, Australia.

Four weeks after their first practice and with the conclusion of Pitch Black days away, it was time for the Marines and sailors to test their mettle in the Aussie-American "championship" match. Though the touch game lacked the hard-hitting tackles the sport is famous for, there was no shortage of hustle as the Americans attempted to overcome their opponents' experience with speed.

The weary offense appeared to hold a glimmer of hope when their tenacious attacks from the tie line late in the second half resulted in a 3-3 score.

"Rugby is like football and soccer combined," said Cpl. Michael Sweeney, MAG-12 aviation operations specialist. "The conditioning is nonstop, so it requires much more endurance."

No amount of endurance would save them from the Aussies' nimble footwork however, and just as soon as the Ameri-

cans had scored, the competition deftly answered back with one of their own, winning the game 4-3.

According to Boden, the Americans' downfall was their reliance on the American football-pace of play.

"It's a bit different. It's not stop-and-start like gridiron," he said. "You don't get a chance to recover once you make that touch. You've gotta work."

"The Americans played well though," Boden added. "They learned a lot."

Though he joked the Australians wouldn't have it so easy the next time around, Sweeney, who plans to continue playing rugby during the upcoming Exercise Southern Frontier, said the game was mostly a chance to blow off steam and talk a little trash with some new friends.

"It's been fun to compete with them in their sport and build camaraderie with our host country," he said.

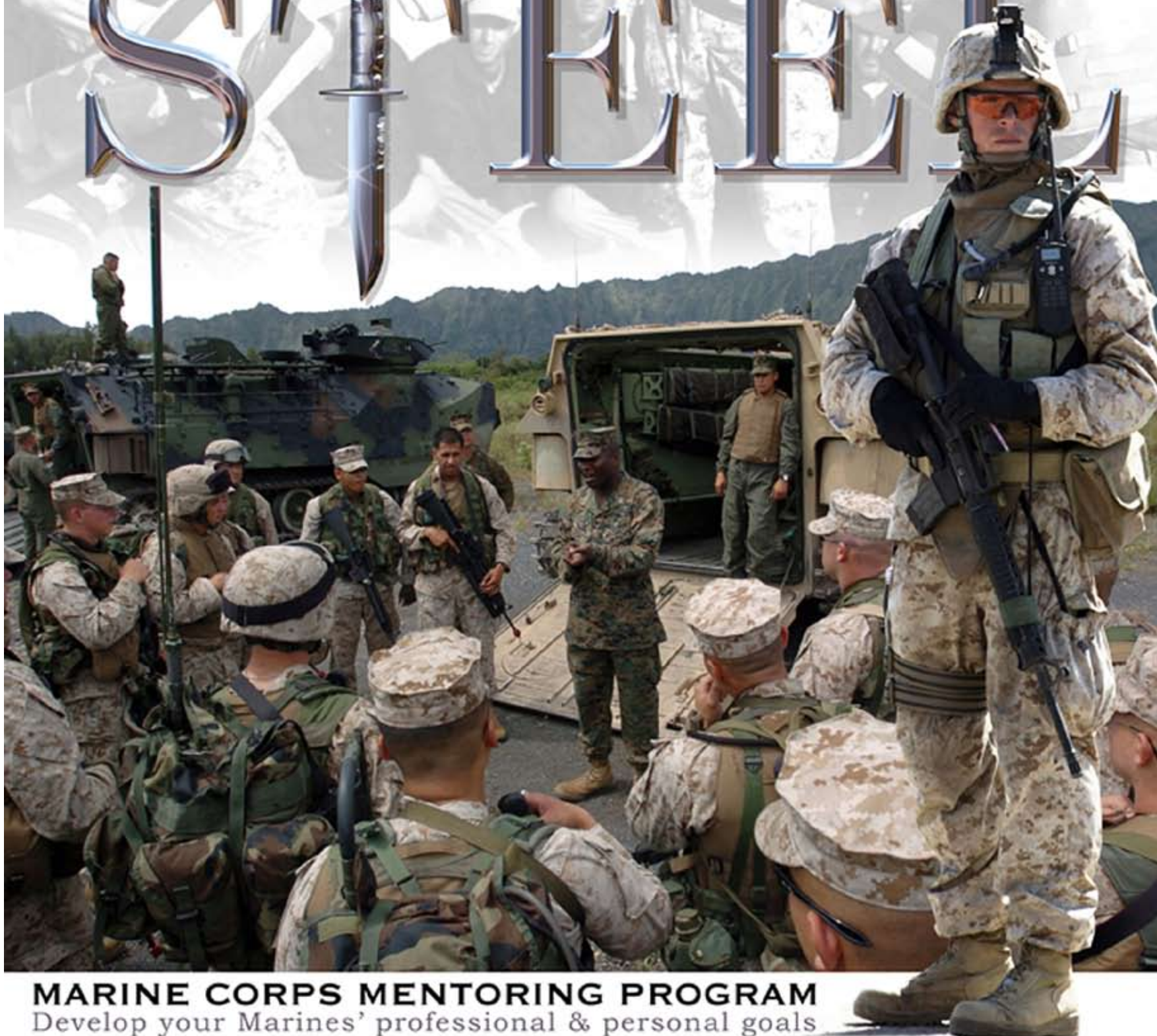


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