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Station gets new sergeant major



Newly-appointed Station Senior Enlisted Advisor Sgt. Maj. David J. Wimberly addresses attendees at his relief and appointment ceremony on the parade field Wednesday. Photo by Lance Cpl. Noah S. Leffler

LANCE CPL. NOAH S. LEFFLER
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

The former Sergeant Major for Recruiting Station Richmond, Va., assumed the duties of station senior enlisted advisor in a relief and appointment ceremony on the parade field Wednesday.

Sgt. Maj. David J. Wimberly succeeded Sgt. Maj. Jerry L. Bailey, who is headed for Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point as the new station senior enlisted advisor.

Wimberly, who began his Marine Corps career as an aircraft rescue firefighter, has served multiple billets as an ARFF section leader, crash chief, non-commissioned officer-in-charge and OIC at installations including MCASs Iwakuni, New River, El Toro and Miramar. He also served two combat tours in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom I and II.

Designated a "Centurion Recruiter" for enlisting over 100 applicants in the Marine Corps, Wimberly's recruiting career includes more than six years at recruiting stations Phoenix and Richmond. He has

attended numerous schools and courses including the Airborne Course at Fort Benning, Ga., Federal Aviation Administration Fire Chief school, FAA ARFF school and the California Department of Forestry Incident Commander course.

Wimberly's personal decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal with gold star in lieu of second award, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with gold star in lieu of second award, Navy Marine Corps Achievement Medal with gold star in lieu of second award, Combat Action Ribbon and the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal.

During the ceremony Wimberly thanked the air station for the warm welcome, saying being back was "a homecoming" for him and his family.

"We were here once before with (Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron) as crash crewmen ... and we always looked forward for the opportunity to come back and serve the Marines of Iwakuni," he said. "And that's exactly what we're going to do - serve."



Japanese laws change for bikers, drivers

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IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

New Japanese laws were implemented last month affecting station drivers and cyclists.

All vehicle passengers are now required to wear seat belts, and younger children must be properly secured in an appropriate car seat. Also, drivers over age 75 must affix the maple leaf "Old-Age Driver's Mark" magnet to their vehicles, while those between ages 70 and 74 may voluntarily display the magnet.

While disabled bicyclists and those under age 12 and over 70 years old are permitted to ride on the sidewalk, Japanese authorities are encouraging others to use the area of road between the sidewalk and drivers' lane. Use of the sidewalk is permitted when traffic or construction make riding on the street dangerous, however, if instructed by police a rider must dismount and walk his bicycle.

According to Sgt. Carrie Morse, Iwakuni Provost Marshal's Office military policeman, all riders' use of helmets out in town is strongly encouraged by both military and Japanese authorities.

Parents will be held responsible for injured riders 12 years old and younger who were not wearing helmets, she added.

CMC signs Corps vision, strategy document

SGT. CLINTON FIRSTBROOK
DIVISION OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

WASHINGTON (June 20, 2008) - Gen. James T. Conway recently signed the Service Vision and Strategy document to guide the Marine Corps into an era beyond Iraq and Afghanistan.

The document, which has been in the works since late fall 2007, reinforces the Corps' role as the nation's expeditionary force-in-readiness and defines objectives for continued success.

"We brought in 25 lieutenant colonels and colonels from all of the operational commands and Headquarters Marine Corps to study past trends and patterns relevant to conflict in combat and make an assessment of what the world will look like in 2025," said Col. Steven Zotti, director, Strategic Vision Group. "This document reflects our findings, subsequent work, and

will put us in a better position to deal with emerging challenges in the future."

Zotti also said every Marine should know that the service-level strategy plans to maintain a persistent Corps presence in volatile areas of the

world. The Strategic Vision Group hopes this regional focus will better Marine Corps relationships with partners and minimize the learning curve for crises.

Marine units currently conduct two or three weeks of episo-

dic training in foreign countries before deploying to another region.

"We've learned that's not as useful," Zotti said. "We need to be around to help other countries build their military forces and keep their problems below the combat level. This doesn't mean the Marine Corps won't still be globally capable, it just means we're going to prioritize our efforts to meet the combatant commander's demands."

Another highlighted item in the document involves capitalizing on successes in Iraq's Al Anbar Province and acquiring specialized culture and language training for Marines.

"Operations in Basra showed us that Iraqi units trained by Marines did better than others," Zotti said. "That's because our Marines are very capable in taking their skills and teaching others. We just need more trained advisers. That's something we're going to work on in cooperation with the Army and Special Operations Command."

Expanding the Marine Corps' naval relationships and getting back to its expeditionary roots in terms of leaner and lighter equipment is another top priority for the Strategic Vision Group.

"We're getting way too heavy as a Corps and we know that," Zotti said. "But we have to stay lethal on future battlefields,

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CORPS SAFETY

101 Critical Days of Summer

Preventing disaster in the water

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To prevent swimming pool drowning, layers of protection are essential. Place barriers completely around the pool, closely supervise young children even if it's a kids pool in the yard.

If a child is missing, always look first in the pool. Seconds count! Knowing how to swim doesn't make a child drown-proof. Never use flotation devices as a substitute for supervision.

Learn cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). Your children are yours no one else's. Watch them!

54 percent of the U.S. population enjoys swimming as leisure activity. Total participation in aquatics exceeds all other popular activities such as walking for pleasure, cycling, golf, tennis, and boating. Unfortunately, roughly 4,000 people drown annually in the U.S., an average of 11 a day.

Drowning and near-drowning tend to occur on the weekends between the months of May–August. Those most at risk of drowning in the U.S. are males, 5 years of age and younger, and males between 15 and 29 years old. Males have higher drowning rates than females, and for most age groups they account for 80 percent of drowning victims in the United States.

In swimming pools it is important to follow the rules and obey the lifeguards.

Waves are the single most naturally destructive occurrence on any shoreline. As large waves crash against the beach or rocks, their weight and force can be measured in tons per square inch. Virtually all sports that involve riding waves can be considered hazardous. Human body mass can pick up a lot of speed moving on a wave. Coming to a sudden stop means that a lot of energy is being displaced, and the impact

of slamming into another object can cause broken bones, lacerated skin and bruised muscles.

Swimmers should be aware of surf conditions and exercise caution when going into the water even if they are familiar with the area. If the waves seem large and beyond a swimmer's abilities, the swimmer should remain on shore. Every year people are caught by large waves and are swept out to sea. Waves have the ability to pull people standing on the shoreline into the water.

If you are in open water, a person needs to be aware of hidden dangers. They could consist of rocks, tree stumps and debris. Make sure, when entering water where you cannot see the bottom you look before you leap. It is estimated that over 80 percent of all surf-related rescues are attributed to rip currents. Most people associate rip currents with their more common erroneous names of "undertows and rip tides." Although some beaches are more prone to rip currents than others, these currents occur in almost every coastal location around the globe, including the Great Lakes. Rip currents are hard to spot by the untrained eye. If you become caught in a rip current, you'll be able to tell when you try to swim toward shore and have great difficulty. The current won't pull you under; it will simply pull you away from shore. The best thing to do is to remain calm and stay afloat. Rip currents are usually fairly narrow — 20 or 30 yards across. Try swimming sideways through the current until you are out of it, and then swim to shore. Another option is to let the current carry you out until it reaches the point called the rip head, usually outside the surf zone. It is here that the current begins to break up and you will no longer feel the water pulling you out. Now swim at an angle away from the current and back toward the beach.

When dealing with any aquatics environment, remember the number one way to stay safe in and around water is to develop a respect for the water and use common sense.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

SEIZE THE DAY

Chaplain John Cometa
STATION CHAPLAIN

The ancient Philosopher Horace said in 1 B.C., "Carpe diem, qua minimum, credula postero." Seize the day, put no trust in tomorrow.

Similar words are expressed in Matthew 6:34.

"Do not be anxious for tomorrow; for tomorrow will take care for itself..."

Each day offers many challenges and opportunities to excel in all areas of our life.

This is not to say we should not be concerned about the past or the

future, but we do not need to be overly concerned or anxiety-ridden about something we have no control over.

A few months ago, one of our shipmates passed away after a long, hard bout with cancer.

Richard Blackaby, author of best selling book, "Experiencing God" once wrote, "No one, regardless of worldly rank, strength or wealth has been able to escape death. As soon as we are born, death becomes our destiny.

Many have tried, but no one has developed an antidote for death." Indeed, life is short.

It is in this light that I have resolved to live each day as if it were my last day on earth.

Before I go to work, I always hug my wife and children and show my utmost love to them so that if I don't come back alive, I leave them good memories.

Without doubt, how I live and what I do today influences those around me either positively or negatively and will leave a legacy.

As we press on towards the mark of the high calling of God, always remember we are not alone.

God said, "I will never leave you neither will I forsake you."

As the saying goes, "We may not know our future, but we know who is holding our future."

May we continue to seize the day for God and for our country.

"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.

Document breaks down aiming points for the upcoming years

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so there's a balance there. We're not going back to the ways of light naval infantry, but we can't continue with some of the heavier programs that we're currently invested in unless we have some other compensation for those investments."

Zotti also said bringing both services together should increase the number of Marines on ships, but only in a

21st-century point of reference.

"We're not going to be out there just guarding the ship's captain and being shipboard bellhops," he said. "We don't want to go back to that."

The document breaks down several aiming points for the next few years, but it's not a detailed operations order. However, Zotti said the Marine Corps must modify its battlefield approach and allocate resources in different areas to meet these objectives.

"We understand that future threats aren't going to be either irregular or conventional," he said. "We're going to be fighting in complex environments against hybrid threats, so the Marine Corps has to adapt and become more flexible in dealing with those complicated scenarios and situations. For example, we think in 2025 Pacific Command will have a higher priority than Central Command does today because of the shift in global competition and resources."



Petty Officer 1st Class Luis Montalvo and Seaman Apprentice Chue Her cut a traditional birthday cake to celebrate the 110th anniversary of the Hospital Corps' establishment at Robert M. Casey Branch Health Medical and Dental Clinic last month. Photo courtesy of the Robert M. Casey Branch Health Medical and Dental Clinic

COLORS: Know what to do when you see red, white and blue

LANCE CPL. NOAH S. LEFFLER
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Just as the sun never fails to rise and set, morning and evening colors are a staple of everyday life for all Americans aboard the air station.

For those unclear on the proper colors protocol, the Iwakuni Approach hit the books to answer some frequently asked questions.

What is required if I am outside when colors sounds?

According to Public Law 94-344, "During the ceremony of hoisting or lowering the flag ... all persons

present except those in uniform should face the flag and stand at attention with the right hand over the heart. Those present in uniform should render the military salute. When not in uniform, men should remove their headdress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart."

Pub.L. 94-344 further clarifies, "When the flag is not displayed, those present should face toward the music and act in the same manner they would if the flag were displayed there."

The salute must be held until the conclusion of the Japanese national anthem, as U.S. Navy Regulations state, "The same marks of respect prescribed during

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The flag is raised in front of Building One during morning colors Wednesday. It is important for all personnel aboard the air station to be familiar with the proper colors protocol. Photo by Lance Cpl. Noah S. Leffler



U.S. President George W. Bush gives his remarks during the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center ground breaking ceremony held at Bethesda Naval Hospital in Bethesda, Md., July 3, 2008. Photo by Tech. Sgt. Jerry Morrison

A new GI Bill

The Honorable President George W. Bush signs updated education bill

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THE PRESIDENT

Good morning. A few moments ago I signed legislation that funds our troops who are in harm's way. Our nation has no greater responsibility than supporting our men and women in uniform — especially since we're at war. This is a responsibility all of us in Washington share — not as Republicans or Democrats, but as Americans. And I want to thank leaders of the House and Senate for getting this bill to my office.

America remains a nation at war.

There are enemies who intend to harm us. Standing in their way are brave men and women, who put on the uniform, who raise their right hand, and took an oath to defend our freedom.

They volunteered to deploy in distant lands, far from their families, far from their homes, and far from comfort of America. And every day, they risk their lives to defeat our adversaries and to keep our country safe.

We owe these brave Americans our gratitude. We owe them our unflinching support.

And the best way to demonstrate that support is to give them the resources they need to do their jobs and to prevail. The bill I sign today does exactly that. It provides necessary funds to support our troops as they conduct military operations in Iraq, in Afghanistan, and in other theaters in the war on terror.

I appreciate that Republicans and Democrats in

Congress agreed to provide these vital funds without tying the hands of our commanders, and without an artificial timetable of withdrawal from Iraq. Our troops have driven the terrorists and extremists from many strongholds in Iraq; today violence is at the lowest level since March of 2004. As a result of this progress, some of our troops are coming home as result of our policy called "return on success." We welcome them home. And with this legislation we send a clear message to all that are (serving) on the front line that our nation continues to support them.

We also owe a debt of gratitude to our nation's military families. They endure sleepless nights, and the daily struggle of caring for children while a loved one is serving far from home. We have a responsibility to provide for

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This legislation will make it easier for our troops to transfer unused education benefits to their spouses and children. It will help us to recruit and reward the best military on the face of the Earth. It will help us to meet

our responsibilities to those who support our troops every day — America's great military families.

The bill also includes agreed-upon funding for other critical national priorities. This bill includes \$465 million for the Merida Initiative — a partnership with Mexico and nations in Central America to crack down on violent drug trafficking gangs. The bill includes nearly \$2.7 billion to help ensure that any state facing a disaster like the recent flooding and tornadoes in the Midwest has access to needed resources.

This bill includes a measured expansion of unemployment insurance benefits with a reasonable work requirement. And this bill holds overall discretionary spending within the sensible limits that I requested.

The bill is a result of close collaboration between my administration and members of both parties on Capitol Hill.

I appreciate the hard work of my Cabinet — especially the leaders of Defense and State, and Veterans Affairs, the Office of National Drug Control Policy, as well as OMB. I want to thank House and Senate leadership and leaders of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees. I am particularly grateful to Congressmen Boehner, Hoyer, Obey, and Lewis. And I want to thank members who worked hard for the GI Bill expansion — especially Senators Webb and Warner, Graham, Burr, and McCain.

This bill shows the American people that even in an election year, Republicans and Democrats can come together to stand behind our troops and their families.

Thank you for coming.

Partnership ensures progress

CPL. CHRIS T. MANN
REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM 1

FALLUJAH, Iraq — Community members can look outside each morning and see signs of change in their neighborhoods. Small but significant beacons of hope are brought on by new construction projects appearing all over the city.

To aid a city rising from the ashes of war, Marines with Detachment 3, Civil Affairs Group 3, Regimental Combat Team 1, met with Iraqi contractors and construction workers July 5 to continue to help facilitate the laborers' efforts in building a new school for the children in the Abu Saleh area of Fallujah.

The new school will replace the older one that was falling apart due to weather and collateral damage inflicted during battles between insurgents and Coalition forces.

The detachment oversees reconstruction projects such as this one, in hopes that the children in Fallujah can return to school and lead a normal life.

"The old building was falling apart and students couldn't go to school when it rained because the teachers were afraid that the roof would collapse on them," said Lance Cpl. Greg W. Holt, a 19-year-old civil affairs operations assistant from Auburn, Calif.

The school will include two floors and 12 new classrooms, and house up to 350 students in Kindergarten through sixth grade.

Marines with the civil affairs group have been coordinating for months with the school headmasters and the Iraqi Administration of Education to ensure the new building will be a success for the students.

The detachment also took the time to meet with "Brothers for Building," a company that works hand-in-hand with Marines from RCT-1 and the Iraqi Administration of Education.

"We have started working really closely with the Iraqi government so eventually they can take



Lance Cpl. Greg W. Holt, a 19-year-old operations assistant from Auburn, Calif., with Detachment 3, Civil Affairs Group 3, Regimental Combat Team 1, talks to local Iraqi children from the Abu Saleh area of Fallujah, Iraq, July 5. Holt and the others Marines with the civil affairs group visit local community members frequently to see how they are doing and how construction projects are going. Photos by Cpl. Chris T. Mann

over future projects such as this one," said 2nd Lt. Michael B. Robison, Detachment 3's team leader from Sierra Madre, Calif. "This project is an example of a patronage project where a tribal leader spearheads an activity to help a community."

A sheik and tribal leader known by coalition members as "Dark," owns the building company and has worked with Marines in previous years to help with several similar projects.

The Fallujah City Council votes on building plans and takes bids from trusted contractors.

The Marine Corps has worked with the Iraqi government, ensuring workers are up to standards. Now, Marines are hoping the torch will be passed, and that the Iraqi government will take charge of future projects.

"We hope to get the local people less focused on the Marines helping them, and look to the Iraqi government for support for the community," said Robison.

The school's construction is scheduled to be finished Aug. 20.



(Above) Marines with Detachment 3, Civil Affairs Group 3, Regimental Combat Team 1, talk with a community leader and check on progress of a school being rebuilt in the Abu Saleh area of Fallujah, Iraq, July 5. The school is being rebuilt as part of a humanitarian aid project run by the Marine Corps and the Iraqi Administration of Education. (Right) Marines with Detachment 3, Civil Affairs Group 3, Regimental Combat Team 1, check on progress of a school being rebuilt July 5 in the Abu Saleh area of Fallujah, Iraq. The building was on the verge of falling to pieces before the Marines and Administration of Education stepped in.





Residents funnel into the Strike Zone bowling facility moments after a ribbon-cutting ceremony July 4. Photo by Lance Cpl. Kyle T. Ramirez

232nd Independence Day illuminates Penny Lake, American life

LANCE CPL. KYLE T. RAMIREZ
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

It's difficult to take life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness for granted when you're part of an organization sworn to defend it.

When liberty was sounded Wednesday afternoon, starting 96 hours of liberty for the fourth-of-July-weekend, most took it upon themselves to take advantage of their off time the Marine Corps way and the American way.

Whether it was done by consuming copious amounts of marinated meats or basking in the consecutive days of agreeable sunlight, station residents were spotted celebrating their day — or days — of sweet independence.

The fabled day of American lore just 232 years ago is normally associated with very American pastimes including fireworks, picnics, barbecues, concerts and public

speeches. All was no different this year for Far East residents who promise to fight for rights and freedom declared on that faithful.

The Strike Zone, the station's new hi-tech bowling facility, made its debut with the help of station residents and leaders eager to explore its top-quality gaming experience. A massive firework show courtesy of Marine Corps Community Services illuminated the sea wall, residents and visitors the night-of. Some made their way to Club Iwakuni where the festivities continued in live music and dancing.

Whatever the doings, residents shined their light of freedom to yet another side of the globe.

Talking about American service members, President George W. Bush mentioned in his fourth-of-July radio address, "These brave Americans make it possible for America to endure as a free society."



Pyrotechnics light up the night sky over Penny Lake with brilliant noise and color July 4. The 8:30 p.m.-display courtesy of Marine Corps Community Services had residents and visitors waiting on the sea wall for their front-row seats. Photo by Sgt. Josh Cox



For some Americans, Independence Day means gorging on their favorite food while spending time with family. The same was true July 4 on the air station where the station consumed roughly five tons of meat, according to commissary workers. Photo by Lance Cpl. Kyle T. Ramirez



Station residents and visitors crowd the sea wall to watch a fireworks display courtesy of Marine Corps Community Services July 4. The show lasted nearly 10 minutes over Penny Lake here. Photo by Lance Cpl. Kyle T. Ramirez

Colors protocol reminders

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the playing of the National Anthem shall be shown during the playing of a foreign national anthem."

What if I'm in my car?
Marine Corps Order P10520.3B states, "During colors, vehicles within sight or hearing of the ceremony shall be stopped. Persons riding in such vehicles shall remain seated at attention."

Should I salute when passing the flag after colors have sounded?
No. According to MCO P10520.3B, it is only necessary to render such courtesies during colors; when boarding or disembarking from a naval vessel; when passed by or passing the national ensign being carried, uncased, in a military formation; and to foreign nation ensigns and aboard foreign men-of-war.

AROUND THE CORPS

Under oath



More than 1,200 U.S. troops re-enlist in Baghdad, July 4, 2008, during a ceremony in the Al Faw Palace rotunda led by Multinational Force-Iraq Commander Army Gen. David Petraeus. Multinational Force Iraq Public Affairs

SMART unlocks education goals

CPL. JUAN D. ALFONSO
MARINE FORCES PACIFIC

CAMP H.M. SMITH, Hawaii — Want to get a college degree? You might be further along than you think.

The Sailor/Marine American Council on Education Registry Transcript is a program designed to maximize a Marine or sailor's education by turning military training into college credit.

SMART is a transcript of an individual's military training. The American Council on Education evaluates military training courses to determine how many college credits each course is worth, if any.

"Your SMART transcript is one of the most powerful documents you will ever deal with," said Craig Lockwood, an education specialist with the Joint Education Center, Marine Corps Base Hawaii. "I've seen Marines come to me with half of their degrees completed and they have never taken a college course."

Many service members have a hard time believing military training could help attain a degree, but

Lockwood said it wouldn't make sense if they didn't. "Think about it this way," in (Military Occupational Specialty) school you had to go to class. That's what ACE looks at. They evaluate the length of the class, instruction hours, content and then decide how many credits it's worth."

Using a SMART transcript, Marines can use credits earned at basic training, combat training, Marine Corps Institute courses and MOS school, which depending on their field could already place them three to five classes into their degree, 12-18 credits.

"I didn't think so much of my training would count toward college credit," said Lance Cpl. Joshua J. Robey, a data networking specialist with U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific. "I'm a lot closer to my degree than I thought. On one page alone, I had almost 30 credits. That's 10 classes."

Marines in leadership positions benefit from the program more than other Marines. Leadership courses, such as Corporal's Course and the Staff Noncommissioned Officer Academies, can earn up to four credits a piece. Special billets, such as Marine Corps Martial Arts Program instructor, can bring service members even closer to a degree.

"In the civilian world, leadership is translated to management," Lockwood said. "Depending on how many credits those courses are worth, they

could already be launching you toward a degree in business."

Lockwood also said degree selection is essential to maximizing a SMART transcript. Having 20 credits toward a degree in business doesn't help if a Marine wants a degree in computer sciences.

Marines who decide to pursue a degree in their field get the most out of their transcripts. If striving for an associate's degree, military and political studies are a faster route given the nature of military courses.

But, there is no guarantee a school will take all the credits on a SMART transcript.

"The SMART is just a recommendation," Lockwood said. "Colleges or universities don't have to take it, but the schools we deal with, (such as Hawaii Pacific University,) do a good job of taking as many credits as possible."

Lockwood suggests not attending a school that does not take SMART credit. If debating what school to go to, his suggestion is to request an unofficial evaluation of all credit and choose the school that takes the most SMART credit.

"Maximize the use of your credit. Squeeze out as much as you can," he said. "Which would you rather prefer. A school that puts you a semester ahead or one that makes you start from scratch?"

For more information, service members can visit the SMART Web site at <https://SMART.navy.mil>.

Community Briefs

Mammograms

The Branch Health Clinic Iwakuni will be conducting mammograms through an on site van from Aug. 4 to 8. To schedule this service, please call central appointments at 253-3445 so that it can be arranged through your primary care doctor. Once the order is requested by your primary care doctor, appointments will be made by Radiology.

Vacation Bible School Friendship Trek 2008

August 4 - 8, 5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. The trek is open to ages 3 years (potty trained) to 8th grade. Come join the adventure with games, crafts, music and God's Word.

For more information on

registering or volunteering, contact Station Chapel at 253-3371.

"Robin Hood" Audition - MCCS, Youth and Teen Programs July 28, 10 a.m. - noon, at Sakura Theater. Those auditioning should arrive at 9:30 a.m. and plan to stay for the full two hours. Some of the cast members will be asked to stay for a rehearsal immediately following the audition. Approximately 50 roles are available for local students. All students (grades entering 1st grade through 12th grade) are encouraged to audition. No advance preparation is necessary. Most students rehearse approximately 4.5 hours each day, Monday through Friday. Performances are scheduled for

Aug. 2, 3 p.m. (matinee show) and 7 p.m. (evening show) at the Sakura Theater. For more information, call MCCS, Youth / Teen Programs at 253-5549 or Resource and Referral at 253-4141.

"Robin Hood" is part of the Missoula Children's Theatre's unique international touring project and is presented at MCAS Iwakuni by Children, Youth and Teens Branch.

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. On site registration is not allowed.

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.

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.

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 Devine Worship
Sunday 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Adult Bible Fellowship
10:30 a.m. Protestant Service
11 a.m. Children's Church
Wednesday 6:00 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

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, July 11, 2008

7 p.m. Made of Honor (PG-13)
Premier
10 p.m. The Strangers (R)
Premier

Saturday, July 12, 2008

12:30 p.m. The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian (PG)
4 p.m. The Strangers (R)
7 p.m. What Happens in Vegas (PG-13)
10 p.m. Made of Honor (PG-13)

Sunday, July 13, 2008

1 p.m. Kung fu Panda (PG)
Last Showing
4 p.m. Made of Honor (PG-13)
7 p.m. The Strangers (R)

Monday, July 14, 2008

7 p.m. Get Smart (PG-13)
Last Showing

Tuesday, July 15, 2008

7 p.m. What Happens in Vegas (PG-13)

Wednesday, July 16, 2008

2 p.m. Wall-E (G)
7 p.m. Street Kings (R) Last Showing

Thursday, July 17, 2008

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

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

1992 Mitsubishi Emeraude

Four Door. Cold air conditioning with automatic temperature control.

Automatic transmission, CD and cassette player, PW, PL and much more. JCI good until June 2009. \$1,400 O.B.O. For more information, call 253-2114 (home).

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. Asking \$2,700 OBO. Call 253-2124, 253-4606, or 080-6612-9195 (cell).

1995 Subaru Domingo

Low fuel/low maintenance. Perfect for Iwakuni. Seats

Mess Hall Schedule

MONDAY

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

Beef Noodle Soup, Chicken and Mushroom Soup, Swiss Steak w/ Gravy, Szechwan Chicken, O'Brian Potatoes, Noodles Jefferson, French Fried Cauliflower, Broccoli Parmesan, Brown Gravy, Cheese Biscuit, Butterscotch Brownies, Apple Pie, Spice Cake w/ Butter cream Frosting
SPECIALTY BAR: TACO BAR

WEDNESDAY

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

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, Devils Food Cake w/ Coconut Pecan, Frosting, Pumpkin Pie, Oatmeal Raisin Cookies
SPECIALTY BAR: DELI BAR

FRIDAY

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 w/ Whipped Topping
SPECIALTY BAR: HOTDOGS/POLISH SAUSAGE

six and great for driving/parking off-base. Needs JCI. \$2,500 OBO.
Call 253-5301 (work) or 253-2265 (home) for more information.

Job openings

Become a Crew Chief

If you want to explore the world and venture in the skies, become a crew chief with H&HS C-12 Ops. Must have a 1st class or better swim qualification. For more information, call 253-4022.

Director wanted - NMCRS Iwakuni

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society is seeking an experienced director to manage the operations of its Iwakuni Office.

This position is part-time (20 hrs/wk). Candidate must be a U.S. citizen and a command-sponsored dependent of an active-duty service member or U.S. Civil Service employee, who has unrestricted access to bases in Japan. Essential qualifications include: ability to successfully recruit, motivate and work with

volunteers, possess a high school diploma/GED, proven leadership/management capability, interpersonal skills, and superior communications skills. Desirable qualities: In-depth knowledge of military structure and pay systems. Starting salary \$15/hr/OCOLA. Please e-mail hr@nmcrs.org to request an application. Send completed NMCRS application/resumes to Headquarters, Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, 875 North Randolph St., Suite 225, Arlington, VA 22203 or FAX: 703-696-0144 by COB Aug. 1, 2008. E.O.E.

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.



Packing your student off to college? TRICARE goes to school too

TRICARE

When it's time for your child to go to college, you'll face many decisions as a family. Continued health care coverage is one of them.

TRICARE covers your eligible student until he or she turns 23 as long as they attend school full-time.

One decision you will have to make is determining which TRICARE option will work best for your child.

Although you and your family may be enrolled in TRICARE Pacific Prime, this may not be the best choice for your college-bound son or daughter.

If your student's college or university is located in an area where TRICARE Prime is offered, you can transfer their Prime enrollment.

It is not necessary to have all family members enrolled in the same region.

To assist in determining if there is a provider network in the area where the college is located, simply follow the instructions located at <http://www.tricare.mil/mybenefit/home/Medical/FindingAProvider>.

Then proceed to <http://www.tricare.mil/mybenefit/Forms.do> to download enrollment forms. Retirees should keep in mind that although Prime is not an OCONUS option, it may be available in the region where your child will reside.

However, there is an enrollment fee for Prime for retirees and their family members.

Be sure your student understands the rules in the new TRICARE region pertaining to pre-authorization for care. Failure to abide by these rules could result in Point of Service charges.

While traveling to the new region, your child is covered by TRICARE Pacific traveling procedures for emergency and urgent care.

Routine care should be accomplished after enrolling at the new region.

If TRICARE Prime is not available where your student will be living, TRICARE Standard may be the option of choice.

With TRICARE Standard there is no enrollment required but your child will need to be disenrolled from TRICARE Pacific Prime. TRICARE Standard is a fee-for-service option that allows your student to see any TRICARE authorized provider they choose. You will be responsible for annual deductibles and cost-shares. Claims are submitted to the region where your student is located for payments and reimbursements.

When your child returns during the summer you may transfer their enrollment back to your home region. There is no charge and no restriction on the number of times an active duty family member can transfer enrollment to a different region. Retiree family members are allowed one transfer from and one transfer back to the original region within a twelve-month period.

For more information about transferring enrollment, please visit our Web site at <http://www.tricare.mil/mybenefit/> or contact your health benefits adviser at the TRICARE Service Center 253-3072.

SEASON CHAMPS

Beating: Real Madrid, IYAOYAS 8-3

Lance Cpl. Ashley M. Howard
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Tension was high as the Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron team Real Madrid went into their final game of the intramural soccer season against Iyaoyas. Fans and friends cheered as they tried to carry home one final win for the season.

Real Madrid clinched an 8-3 victory over ordnance's Iyaoyas July 8 at the north side athletic field.

"We knew we were going up against a good team," said John L. Beckett, Iyaoyas' forward.

The game started in favor of Real Madrid with a goal from forward Forist Brockway.

"It always feels good to score, whether it was luck of the draw shot or a planned shot," Brockway said during the game.

The game continued with another goal from Real Madrid and a sneak shot from Beckett, ending the first half with Real Madrid up 2-1.

The second half started off with a roar as Real Madrid's forward Alex A. Garcia scored three goals in less than 20 minutes into the half.

"That last one didn't count," yelled



Real Madrid's sweeper Forist Brockway (right) steals the ball from an Iyaoyas player before sending it up the field during the last game of the season July 8 at the north side athletic field. Real Madrid beat Iyaoyas 8-3, ending the season undefeated. Photo by Lance Cpl. Ashley M. Howard



"It's great watching your teammates score, it proves all the hard work does pay off."

Donovan Brown
Real Madrid Forward



Team Real Madrid poses for a group picture as undefeated soccer champions for the season. Real Madrid finished the season 10-0. Photo by Lance Cpl. Ashley M. Howard

Garcia after his third goal. "It wasn't planned which means it doesn't count."

The game went on for minutes without scoring until Real Madrid's left forward Fernan Hernandez glided through Iyaoyas defense and secured Real Madrid's sixth goal of the game.

During the second half, Beckett scored again for his team, landing the score 6-2, Real Madrid.

"The best thing about our team is that we hustle," said Beckett. "We never stop, we love the game and we just keep playing."

Hernandez followed up Beckett's goal with a header into the corner of the net, furthering Real Madrid's lead over Iyaoyas.

"It's great to watch your teammates score, it proves all the hard work does pay off," said Real Madrid forward Donovan Brown.

Following Hernandez's goal, Beckett scored his third and final goal of the game with a spontaneous kick sending the ball into the top of the net.

The last goal of the game came from Real Madrid's sweeper Forist Brockway when he snuck a shot in the goal just minutes before the whistle was blown, ending the game at a score 8-3.

"It was a good game," Iyaoyas center Juarez Alberto. "We'll be back next year, and we'll be the champion."

The teams dispersed and congratulated one another after the game.

"After the final whistle, I wanted to keep playing soccer," said Hernandez.

The Real Madrid players ended the season as champions with a 10-0 record.



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Fernan Hernandez
Real Madrid Forward

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Col. Michael A. O'Halloran, station commanding officer, joins other privileged guests in the first lines at the Strike Zone here during its opening-day celebration, July 4. Residents poured inside the multi-million-dollar facility after a ribbon-cutting ceremony and were met with free games, snacks and ice cream while they explored its several attractions. After more than a year of construction and five years of planning, the complex offers 20 lanes for bowlers, "The 11th Frame," a full-service bar, billiards, slot machines, A&W and Pizza Hut restaurants and an indoor children's playscape. Mark Johnson, Strike Zone general manager boasts, "There's something out here for everyone. This is the new place to come and have a great time." Photo by Lance Cpl. Kyle T. Ramirez

A new home for local legends

New bowling center gets station out of the house, into lanes

LANCE CPL. KYLE T. RAMIREZ
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Lane traffic at the station's new state-of-the-art bowling facility, "The Strike Zone," has been steadily increasing since its opening-day July 4. In just a few short days, anyone from north-side regulars to Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force visitors has graced the 20-lane, 27,000-square-foot behemoth.

But as many have found, the complex is more than a place to test your game under an impressive show of lights. Finally, there's now a place that all crowds living on the north side of the air station can call their own.

"This is the new place to be if you're on north side," said Petty Officer 1st Class Brian Chaco, Fleet Readiness Center West aviation ordnanceman, while finishing a game with his co-workers Tuesday night. "Everyone is relaxed here. The bar is nice



Gunnery Sgt. Gerardo Acevedo and his son, Daniel, celebrate their game in the later hours of the evening at the Strike Zone, the air station's new hot spot for service members and families. After its doors swung open just a week ago, the new facility has seen visitors from all walks of the air station. Photo by Lance Cpl. Kyle T. Ramirez

and so is the food, but it's close to everyone's home, so it's more comfortable than anything."

Before the Strike Zone opened its doors to the station, residents living in the area had to search for other Marine Corps Community Services-entertainment, the closest being the Hornet's Nest and the

Sakura Theater.

The newest facility boasts a night of entertainment, friendly competition and supper all within walking distance of family housing and the barracks.

"This place is going to keep folks from spending every night and dollar they have here at the bar and club," said Chaco. "It's

a safe alternative. When they're done having fun, it's an easy trip back the house to call it a night."

But what keeps families coming back? Chief Warrant Officer Mary Gaddis, a postal officer and homemaker, will tell you it's the air conditioning.

"My son has been here every single day since the place opened last week," she said. "There's a mix of everything here, but most of all it's a comfy place to take the kids any night of the week."

The price on weekdays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. for one bowler is \$1.75. In the evenings and weekends, bowlers will pay \$2.25 for each game.

According to Steve M. Larrabee, Strike Zone bowling manager, programs are in the works for the year-round competition at the new facility. As early as the end of July, managers at the bowling center are planning to start a United States Bowling Congress Friendship League, midnight bowling on Saturday evenings and "Cosmic Bowling," a new game for teams and families with smoke and a laser-light show.

For more information about hours and schedules at the Strike Zone, call 253-3495.