

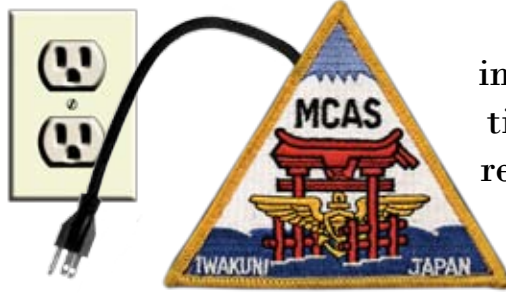
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## STATION SCHEDULES POWER OUTAGE



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## Energy Awareness Week targets students

LANCE CPL. DAN NEGRETE  
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Students from Matthew C. Perry High School and Middle School visited the Yanai Power Plant and Iwakuni Water Purification Plant as part of Energy Awareness Week, observed here Oct. 20 through 24.

“We need to start educating people from an early age about energy conservation,” said Petty Officer 1st Class Maximo C. Corpuz, the station’s assistant utilities chief. “We wanted kids to observe first hand how electricity is produced and how water is purified to give them a better understanding of how important it is for them to conserve energy and value their resources.”

More than one hundred students visited the Yanai Power Plant and Iwakuni Water Purification Plant during Energy Awareness Week. The students spent approximately two hours at each facility and then applied their gained knowledge to the classroom. After visiting the two plants, the students participated in an essay contest that addressed the topic of what they as individuals can do to conserve more energy.

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Children scramble for loads of candy hurled from a stage at the Marine Corps Community Services Halloween Party at Ironworks Gym Here Oct. 25. The party invited children from on and off base. Read the full story on page 6. Photo by Lance Cpl. Kyle T. Ramirez

## Station CO hosts town hall meeting

LANCE CPL. KYLE T. RAMIREZ  
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Station Internet providers and coordinators are having a hard time getting cable for high-speed Internet over Freedom Bridge and into the Monzen housing area, and for some other residents here. Going wireless isn’t always the best alternative either.

Internet access was just one of the many topics covered during a command-hosted town hall meeting at the station chapel here Oct. 23.

The forum was the first one simulcast over American Forces Network Iwakuni

TV and Power 1575 radio, bringing the guided discussion into the living rooms of those residents unable to attend. In addition, Col. Michael O’Halloran, station commanding officer and host of the meeting, also led a Commander’s Corner radio show at American Forces Network Iwakuni Monday. O’Halloran expanded on important topics not covered at the town hall forum as listeners called in with their queries.

During the town hall meeting, station residents were informed on topics including the Internet situation, station gas prices and new menus at Club Iwakuni.

O’Halloran communicated his three command priorities.

“I approach my job from the standpoint of three things — readiness, vigilance and quality-of-life,” he said as he opened the guided discussion.

Quality-of-life issues, a high priority for the commanding officer, dominated the meeting. Many residents left with a better understanding of the command’s operational requirements and how they affect quality-of-life decisions, solutions, initiatives and limitations.

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## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

'All in the Family'

**CHAPLAIN ROBERT MILLS**  
STATION CHAPLAIN

A few days ago, I attended the town hall meeting hosted by Col. Michael O'Halloran, the commanding officer of the station. As we met together for a time of questions, answers, and information sharing, I was impressed by several things.

The first thing that impressed me was the fact that we had this meeting at all. As a student of history, I have learned that leaders who have something to hide don't have town meetings. They stay as far as possible from the possibility of confrontation and examination. When the spotlight of public scrutiny shines on them, they often will fill the air with half-truths, distortions, and many times, outright lies. I was very happy to see that Col. O'Halloran had an open, honest forum in which the issues of the day were openly discussed, answers were given, and crucial information was shared. We have a long history in our

country of leaders being held accountable for their decisions — and the heritage of the town hall meeting shows the nobility of open, fair, honest communication.

Another thing that impressed me the other night was all of the hard work put in by people preparing for the meeting. There was a great deal of behind-the-scenes effort to make the event go as smoothly as possible. TV cameras had to be set up, a phone line run to take phone-in questions for the colonel, PowerPoint presentations had to be made, the PA system had to be adjusted to try to accommodate a host of different people speaking into several different microphones, refreshments had to be prepared, and somebody had to get the word out that the event was happening so that you could be invited.

I think I was most impressed with the fact that you showed up! On a rainy night when it would have been much easier to kick back in the easy chair with a good book, about 230 of you took the time to come out, share your concerns, listen to the concerns of others, and help to bring this big family a little closer

together.

Yes, I'm serious when I call us a family. We have many similarities to a family. We are all together in our "house" — MCAS Iwakuni. We have many different members of this family and sometimes we don't get along perfectly, but boy if somebody from outside the family attacks one of us, watch out! The family pulls together very quickly. Our MCAS Iwakuni family is quite diverse. When I eat at the Crossroads, I can hear several different languages spoken by our family members. When I looked out over the family members at the Town Hall Meeting, I saw many different colors, races, religious beliefs, and issues, but one thing kept coming back to me, "This is not just any family, this is my family, and we are all in this together."

So let us keep working together, Iwakuni family. Let us help each other when the going gets rough. Let us pray for and support each member of this unique family. Let us continue to bring our issues respectfully to our leaders and sacrifice for the cause of freedom. I'm glad I'm a part of this family — and I'm praying for you.



From left to right, Kimberly Lee, 5th grade, Kiana Lloyd and Matia James, 6th graders, show their winning posters for Energy Conservation Week alongside essay winners, Lauren Smith, 7th grade, Alicia Saiki and Yuta Fleming, 9th graders. Station facilities personnel presented the awards at the Matthew C. Perry High School gym here Oct. 27. Photo by Lance Cpl. Joseph Marianelli

## Corps Question

**Q. Can spouses and family members join their service member for a meal in the mess hall?**

**A. Sometimes. According to MCBUL 10110, paragraph 10, the primary purpose of the garrison mess hall is to feed the enlisted member. Garrison mess halls are authorized to support civilians, on an exception basis, (during certain special occasions such as designated holidays, military appreciation days and open house days) but is contrary to congressional intent for funding the feeding of Marines.**

## Station-wide forum held at chapel

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For a little more than a year, junior Marines have been experiencing the fruits of fast cable Internet in the barracks. It was a conscious decision to put single and unaccompanied Marines and sailors at the front of the line for high-speed Internet access, O'Halloran said.

Others have had to make due with the station's wireless Internet and Asymmetric Digital Subscriber Line (ADSL) services. But according to town hall participants, the services are sluggish at best.

Chief Warrant Officer Edward Cutshall, ground electronics officer-in-charge, outlined the plan to get Iwakuni wired.

"Within the next 30 days, we'll have Building 655 and Building 1200 online. After that, we're looking at the Single Officer Quarters and the staff NCO barracks," he said.

Cutshall and his team are planning to provide service to mid-rises here such as Buildings 657, 656, 1210 and 1209 in the near future as well.

"We hope to speed the process up with some of those Monzen mid-rises on the list. However, Monzen townhouses are going to have to wait," Cutshall added.

O'Halloran has directed a review of the provisioning of high-speed Internet to Monzen housing.

O'Halloran also responded to multiple submissions from the station's Interactive Customer Evaluation (ICE) system about the price of gas on the station. Iwakuni residents wanted to know why station gas prices do not reflect those offered stateside or by Army & Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES). The simple answer is Marine Corps Community Services Iwakuni doesn't follow the same pricing formula as AAFES, an organization large enough to change its prices with the fluctuating American economy and absorb losses.

Both AAFES and MCCS buy their gas from the Defense Energy Support Center (DESC). Mr. David Haigh, MCCS Iwakuni director, said AAFES has a pricing



Col. Michael O'Halloran, station commanding officer, takes questions at a town hall meeting held at the station chapel here Oct. 22. Attendees took the opportunity to speak directly with the commanding officer, voicing their concerns regarding the installation and asking for his input on a variety of issues. Photo by Lance Cpl. Dan Negrete

policy that utilizes the average price of stateside gas as their starting point to determine their overseas selling price. That average is found by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in Washington. Because of this, if the OMB suggests AAFES should sell gas at a price lower than they originally bought it for, AAFES will lose money. The opposite situation could happen in its favor as well.

MCCS Iwakuni offers gasoline based on the price they paid the DESC. This price changes only once each fiscal year and isn't affected by the state of the American economy. MCCS bought gasoline at \$4.16 per gallon and makes a \$0.37 profit from each gallon, profit that goes back into the air station community. MCCS provides many services and entertainment for free to Iwakuni residents. MCCS also contributes \$50-thousand annually to pay for the Marine Corps Ball. Some of that profit goes to servicing costs as well.

Then, a complaint more likely to see its conclusion in the near future, station residents said they were bored with on-base eateries and menus.

Statistics show station residents have no

problem eating out. Each week, one-fifth of the air station will eat at Crossroads Mall for a meal. But the five station-owned franchises at the food court isn't each resident's idea of healthy food, especially those who find themselves eating out more than five meals per week or those who are used to a convenient and abundant stateside food selections.

Club Iwakuni has begun renovations to support three separate kitchens, serving food on at least three new menus on both of its floors. MCCS officials said by next summer residents can expect to eat at four different restaurants at the club.

O'Halloran also said MCCS is doing the best it can to offer variety that will sell. Larger restaurant chains like those in Okinawa are skeptical of bringing their business here due to a smaller customer base and less likelihood of profitability. Perhaps a growing population in future years due to the planned relocation of Carrier Air Wing 5 might prove to be enticing.

"Come back for a tour in 2012, and I'll buy you a steak and salad from Applebee's," O'Halloran said jokingly.

## Students learn to conserve energy

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"It all starts with their awareness," said Jo Ann L. Sellers, M.C. Perry Middle School teacher. "We wanted them to also see how their individual actions help out a community, city, prefecture and country."

"It's amazing to see how the Japanese conserve their resources," said Lauren A. Smith, a seventh grader at M.C. Perry Middle School. "I think we take advantage

of the way we use energy. From now on I'm going to make sure to turn off all unnecessary lights and appliances, not let water run for too long and talk with my parents about getting fluorescent light bulbs."

"The best way of bringing about energy conservation is by getting young people involved," said Chief Rodney D. Inciong, the station's utilities chief.

Inciong actually planned and coordinated the school visits to the Yanai Power

Plant and Iwakuni Water Purification Plant as a way of fostering energy conservation on the station.

"It's a lot easier for us to teach kids at an early age about energy conservation so they carry their knowledge later on," he said. "Aside from teaching kids, the utilities department also started giving a 10 minute brief to all incoming station residents during the welcome aboard indoctrination, explaining to them what they can do to help conserve energy on base."

The utilities department is constantly seeking out ways to cut the station's energy fees. Getting children involved is one way, but ultimately it depends on all station residents.

"Keep on conserving energy," says Inciong. "It's money we can use to improve the quality of life here on base and target

## IWAKUNI KEEPS MOVING DURING POWER OUTAGE

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Station facilities will conduct an eight-hour electrical power outage Nov. 8.

The outage will give station facilities an opportunity to perform maintenance on its electrical equipment and will span from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Many locations around the station will be without power, including homes. However, several Marine Corps Community Services facilities will remain with power and certain community events will take place as well.

### Tips to prepare for the outage:

- Fill empty milk cartons or anything that will hold water and keep frozen. An hour before the outage, remove from the freezer and place in the top and bottom of refrigerator. Leave a couple in the freezer.

- Use up perishables like milk, vegetables, and meat. Restock at the Commissary after 4:30 p.m. on Nov. 8.

- Do not keep ice cream.

- Don't open the freezer or the refrigerator doors during the outage.

- The more mass in the refrigerator, like frozen water, the longer it will stay cool.

- Freezers will be okay for 24 hours. The more full they are, the better they will hold temperature.

- If there are important items that you will need throughout the day, it is recommend to prepare an ice chest of these items on the morning of Nov. 8.

- Faucet temperatures will not change during the outage, but taking a shower after 8 a.m. means showering in the dark.

### MCCS facilities in operation during outage

Sakura Theater (Free family movies)	Services Station Maintenance
Crossroads	Auto Hobby
Information Tours & Travel	Torii Video
Photo Shop	Marine Corps Exchange
Soft-Bank Mobile	Youth and Teen Center
Academy Travel	Ironworks Gym (with limited power)
Services Plus Car Rental	Single Marine Program

# IPAC brings Halloween to local kindergarten



Lance Cpl. Yandeyra G. Nunez, dressed as a Samurai warrior-princess, helps a child make a face mask out of a paper plate at a visit to a kindergarten Oct. 21. The Marines showed the Japanese students what Halloween is all about. Photo by Lance Cpl. Dan Negrete

LANCE CPL. DAN NEGRETE  
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Marines with the Installation Personnel Administration Center here dressed up in Halloween costumes and visited a local kindergarten Oct. 21.

"We visit the kindergarten about once a month," said Staff Sgt Tansey D. Olson, IPAC Pay and Maintenance staff noncommissioned officer-in-charge. "All the Marines who participate in these visits volunteer for them out of their own free will."

The Marines sat down with the Japanese kindergarteners and taught them how to make face masks out of paper plates and crayons. They sang songs with the children and played games like duck-duck-goose and head-shoulders-knees-and-toes.

With more than 60 kindergarteners jumping around and hyped-up about their American visitors wearing strange costumes, the teachers were prompt to split the class up into more manageable groups.

In charge of the 3-year-olds were Pfc. William F. Knapp, who dressed up as Indiana Jones, and Justin N. Chin, who showed up as Elvis Presley.

"It's a great experience to play with these kids," said Knapp. "It's good for both halves, actually. We learn about their culture, and they learn about ours."

"It's interesting to see how well the kids cooperate with the teachers," said Chin. "You really don't see that with kids back in the states. For instance, when we handed out bags of candy teachers told the kids not to open them before lunch. Not one of the 60 kids opened their bag. Not even to take a peak inside."

With the 4 and 5-year-olds were Lance Cpls. Yandeyra G. Nunez, who dressed up as a Samurai warrior-princess, and Aisha S. Shapirokinghorn, who rocked out a 1970s-era hippie style of dress.

"By being with kids you learn not to be so uptight and how to better enjoy life by remembering what it was like to be a kid," said Nunez. "It's neat to show these Japanese kids part of our American culture and what Halloween is all about."

The American visitors showed the Japanese children how to trick-or-treat. The Marines stood behind a sliding room-separator and handed out candy to Japanese children who walked up in small groups yelling "trick-or-treat!" The teachers opened and closed the sliding room-separators after each child had a chance to say trick-or-treat and receive a bag of candy.

"Every time the kids look forward to the Americans coming here," said Eiko Yamashiroya, the kindergarten's vice principal. "As a teacher, I'm glad to be part of this exchange of friendship between the two countries."

The station chapel coordinates and schedules these visits to the local schools, said Noriko Yamada, chapel administrator. With the support of several units on the base, Marines and sailors visit an average of 11 schools per month.

"Five years ago, the chaplain's staff and I started this program with the purpose of providing service and outreach to the local community," said Yamada. "Thanks to these visits, the Japanese children have come to know Americans as ordinary people and are no longer afraid of (them)."



Marines with the Installation Personnel Administration Center here play head-shoulders-knees-and-toes with Japanese children during a visit to a local kindergarten Oct. 21. The IPAC Marines came to the school dressed up as Elvis Presley, a Samurai warrior-princess, a hippie and Indiana Jones to show the students what Halloween was all about. Photo by Lance Cpl. Dan Negrete



**FUJITA RECEIVES RECOGNITION** Japanese Ground Self-Defense Force 1st Lt. Yasushi Fujita receives praise after being presented a Navy and Marine Corps achievement medal at Building One here Oct. 22. Fujita received the medal from Col. Michael O'Halloran, station commanding officer, on behalf of the Secretary of the Navy for his actions as a platoon leader under JGSDF Base Cluster 4 here. Between January 2004 and December 2005, Fujita designed a training program, instructing close quarters battle. Photo by Lance Cpl. Kyle T. Ramirez

# Station employees recognized for length of service

Japanese employees were recognized for their contributions to the station at an annual length of service awards ceremony held at Club Iwakuni here Oct. 23. A total of 101 employees were recognized for 10, 20 and 30 years of service. Yoshihiko Fukuda, the mayor of Iwakuni was present at the ceremony along with other Japanese dignitaries.

## 30-Year Awardees

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|-------------------|------------------|
| Sadaichi Tani     | Tatsumi Nakatani |
| Masao Hamashige   | Haruyuki Yagi    |
| Shoji Yamamoto    | Shiro Morishige  |
| Kanji Nishimoto   | Iwao Nakamura    |
| Tetsuro Shigehiro | Tetsuro Nomura   |

## 20-Year Awardees

- |                   |                    |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| Noriko Abe        | Mitsumasa Kawamoto |
| Ryoji Ofuji       | Shunji Hironaka    |
| Mamoru Suginoara  | Shinji Matsumoto   |
| Tadashi Yoshino   | Kazunari Funamoto  |
| Hiroshi Ito       | Masayoshi Takenaka |
| Susumu Fukuzumi   | Tatsuo Adachi      |
| Hidemi Matsumae   | Keiji Matsuda      |
| Kimihito Fujimoto | Teruji Tabuchi     |
| Atsushi Maruyama  | Satoru Nakatsui    |
| Toshio Nagai      | Yutaka Ichikawa    |
| Koji Fujikane     | Makoto Waku        |
| Masao Urabe       | Nobuyuki Ichioka   |
| Takenori Sagami   | Keiko Hironaka     |
| Hisao Hironaka    | Shoji Hamanaka     |
| Mikio Kurisu      | Kazuaki Ema        |
| Kenji Shigeta     | Terumi Hirata      |
| Hisao Shimaji     | Shinichi Seo       |
| Kazushi Sugio     | Norihisa Shirai    |
| Sachiko Muraoka   | Shintaro Nakao     |
| Kenji Fujimoto    | Mina Iwaki         |
| Ryoko Shigeta     |                    |

## 10-Year Awardees

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|---------------------|------------------------|
| Norimitsu Taniguchi | Takashi Koshimizu      |
| Aiko Ochiai         | Kazuya Yamasu          |
| Hiroyuki Watai      | Asako Fujikawa         |
| Michiyo Uchiyama    | Kiyoshi Kubota         |
| Yoko Haranaka       | Nobutaka Mori          |
| Katsumi Kichiji     | Akira Osaki            |
| Michio Tanaka       | Yuji Fukushima         |
| Kenji Iwamoto       | Miki Murata            |
| Masaru Furukawa     | Etsuko Ishizaki        |
| Koshiro Fujimori    | Miho Keta              |
| Hiromi Fukumura     | Hiroshi Kifune         |
| Shigemi Yoshimoto   | Yoshie Hashimoto       |
| Takashi Nishikawa   | Kaori Shimabukuro      |
| Tomohisa Nakatsui   | Mioko Kikuchi          |
| Katsuhiko Fujitsuna | Shinichi Yokoyama      |
| Kazumi Hashimoto    | Hiromoto Masahiko      |
| Mieko Yamada        | Takahiro Aki           |
| Michiko Hamano      | Hiroyuki Iwanaka       |
| Toru Hirota         | Junko Komoto           |
| Takashi Miyaki      | Christopher Yoneda Lee |
| Ayako Kushibe       | Yasuhiro Okumoto       |
| Tomohiro Nakagawa   | Masaru Hiromoto        |
| Makoto Tsunemori    | Kazuyuki Murata        |
| Kimiko Hironaka     | Keiji Miyazaki         |
| Satoru Imai         | Toshinori Ihara        |

# 30-Year Awardees



Photos by Lance Cpl. Dan Negrete

# 20-Year Awardees



# 10-Year Awardees





Jason Voorhees meets Wayne Gretzky on a child's Halloween costume at the Marine Corps Community Services Halloween party Oct. 25. Photo by Lance Cpl. Kyle T. Ramirez

# Halloween un-masks youths at station party

LANCE CPL. KYLE T. RAMIREZ  
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Oct. 31 is normally another day of the year for children growing up in Japan. In fact, in larger cities, the day comprises eccentric dress up and quirky cult-like parties geared toward adults only.

When Marine Corps Community Services hosted its Halloween Party Oct. 25 at Ironworks Gym here, it invited youngsters from on and off the station to join in the amusement.

Anthony Martinez, MCCS special events coordinator, said the event offered a chance for Japanese children to embellish the obscure Western tradition and hopefully make a few new American friends.

"We hope the kids can walk away from this event with a good time and a lot of cavities," Martinez said laughingly. "We definitely put a lot of effort into making this a fun event for them to have here in Japan."

Among other activities, participants competed in a costume contest, collected mass amounts of candy, played in inflatable moonwalks and dismembered a six-foot purple Frankenstein cake, which took three days to make. More than 600 children and adults came to the party this year, a head count that grows slightly every year according to MCCS.

"Surprisingly, more than half of the crowd is Japanese," Martinez said during the event.

Keiko Nakamura, an Iwakuni native, brought her

4-year-old son to the event.

When asked where he was, she merely pointed behind her and said, "Well, he's somewhere running around."

Nakamura said she enrolled her child, Hiyate, in English classes and also classes that teach American culture to Japanese children. Nakamura brought her son along for a little practical application. Every now and then, her son, wearing a ghost costume, would bump into her after a running start and carry on laughing in another direction. He was experiencing his first Halloween on the station.

Another child, Seth Nordberg, couldn't figure out why his new masked friend who he had been chasing for some time was unresponsive to all of his questions. Approaching slowly in his Scooby Doo costume, Nordberg carefully unveiled the three-foot ghost standing next to him only to find it was a Japanese boy.

"Whoa!" he exclaimed while laughing hysterically. Like something out of a rock concert, candy poured out of large ice coolers from the event's stage several times throughout the afternoon. Children scrambled for the sweets each time. Some ran away victoriously, their shirts made into makeshift candy sacks.

As the event came to its conclusion, the once six-foot Frankenstein cake had become a very modern art pile of limbs and knives, and children young and old, American and Japanese walked away no longer wearing their masks.

Costume contest semi-finalist, "the nerd," and his father are interviewed by Anthony Martinez during a costume contest at the Marine Corps Community Services Halloween party at Ironworks Gym here Oct. 25. The child went on to take first place in the contest, earning a gift certificate to any MCCS facility. Photo by Lance Cpl. Kyle T. Ramirez



Anthony Martinez, Marine Corps Community Services special event coordinator, questions a costume contest semi-finalist, "the scary ghost," on stage at the MCCS Halloween party at Ironworks Gym here Oct. 25. A panel of three judges chose nine children to compete in the final round of the contest. Photo by Lance Cpl. Kyle T. Ramirez



Seth Nordberg, wearing a Scooby Doo costume, pauses in his sprinting around at the Marine Corps Community Services Halloween party at Ironworks Gym here Oct. 25. Photo by Lance Cpl. Kyle T. Ramirez



Cake servers make the first incisions into the six-foot Frankenstein cake served at the Marine Corps Community Services Halloween festival at Ironworks Gym here Oct. 24. After more than 600 adults and children attended the party, only the head and shoulders remained. The cake took three days to make according to MCCS officials. Photo by Lance Cpl. Kyle T. Ramirez



Seth Sanchez, Yoda, examines the elaborate detail of his friend, Simon Krupa's Buzz Lightyear costume at the Marine Corps Community Services Halloween party at Ironworks Gym here Oct. 25. Photo by Lance Cpl. Kyle T. Ramirez

## CORPS NEWS

HIGHLIGHTING MARINES AND SAILORS AROUND THE GLOBE

# Marching to the 'Sound of the Guns'



Shortly after arriving in Afghanistan, the Marines who volunteered to serve as combat replacements set the battle sight zero on their weapons. In order to fill in for combat losses suffered by TF 2/7 since deploying in early April, 146 volunteers recently deployed here in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Photo by Sgt. Steve Cushman

## More Marines deploy to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom

SGT. STEVE CUSHMAN  
2ND BATTALION, 7TH MARINES

CAMP BARBER, Afghanistan (Oct. 21, 2008) — When it was announced that more Marines were needed to support Task Force 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment in Afghanistan, close to 300 Marines raised their hands and volunteered.

Anxious to join the fight, these Marines deployed as combat replacements to fill in for the combat losses suffered by TF 2/7 since it arrived here in early April.

Of those who "stepped forward," only 150 were selected. Surprisingly, many of the volunteers had just returned from serving in Iraq. Upon hearing these Marines had cut their post-deployment leave short, senior leaders were awestricken to see so many Marines come forward to support their fellow warriors in combat.

"This is what Marines do; they answer the call when needed," said Sgt. Maj. Matthew B. Brookshire of TF 2/7, now part of Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force Afghanistan. "It was humbling to see so many volunteers. It is truly inspiring, and it speaks tremendously of their character and courage."

The first group of combat replacements landed here at the Bastion flight line Sept. 11. Also referred to as 9/11, this date serves as a constant reminder of the atrocious and horrific attacks that took place on U.S. soil seven years ago. The events that resulted from these terrorist attacks against the Pentagon and World Trade Center towers led to America's involvement in the Global War on Terrorism.

In light of their Iraq deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, and now their support of Operation Enduring Freedom, the combat replacements have sacrificed time to spend with family and friends to support TF 2/7 in its mission to conduct counterinsurgency and full spectrum operations with an emphasis on police mentor-

ing of the Afghan National Police. A reinforced infantry battalion of approximately 1,000 Marines, TF 2/7 is currently operating throughout the Helmand and Farah provinces — an area estimated as large as Vermont.

Although this display of selflessness and dedication to duty will certainly attest to the character and values of each deploying service member, Brookshire offered thanks to the senior leadership at 1st Marine Division as well.

"Credit for getting the Marines here goes to the 1st MarDiv staff," Brookshire said. "Everything we have needed, they have found a way to make it happen. Their support has been outstanding."

Assembled from various units within 1st Marine Division, including 1/7, 1/5, 2/1, 2/4, 3rd Assault Amphibian Battalion, and Headquarters Battalion, the combat replacements had only a short time to prepare for this deployment. The Marines of 2/4 had just returned to California a few months ago.

"We came back from a deployment with the 31st (Marine Expeditionary Unit) in mid-July," said Sgt. Sean R. Patereau, a machine gunner from 2/4 and Tacoma, Wash., native. "We weren't scheduled to return from block leave until Aug. 21, but most of us were back by the 18th to deploy to Afghanistan."

Other Marines, particularly those assigned to 1/7, are scheduled to deploy to Iraq within only a few months after TF 2/7 ends their OEF deployment.

"Marines march to the 'sound of the guns,'" said Lt. Col. Rick Hall, commander, TF 2/7, noting that he was thoroughly impressed by the caliber of Marines joining his task force. He said he was absolutely floored by the number of Marines who had volunteered to join his unit.

Many of the Marines said they volunteered because the battalion needed help and Marines go where they are needed to help each other. One Marine even volunteered



Sgt. Maj. Matthew B. Brookshire, sergeant major, Task Force 2d Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, welcomes the Marines who recently volunteered to join the task force. Photo by Sgt. Steve Cushman

because his childhood friend serves with TF 2/7.

"Sgt. Alvin M. Klauson Jr. and I grew up in the same neighborhood. We lived five houses apart and went to the same high school," said Cpl. James D. Shymanik, an assault man from 2/4 and Gurnee, Ill., native. "I came out here to help him."

The majority of the Marines, however, said the reason they volunteered for this deployment was the chance to fight.

"Nobody joins the Marine Corps for college benefits or because you make a lot of money. It doesn't matter if they're a rifleman or an aviation tech, people become Marines because they want to go out and fight the war," said Capt. James D. Searels, the Combat Replacement Detachment OIC and Trion, Ga., native,

"Everyone wants to go to Afghanistan, even the commandant, because this is where the kinetic fight is and that's what Marines are good at," Capt. Searels said. "Marines are good at blowing stuff up and killing enemy forces who deserve to be killed. That's what's going on here right now."

## Community Briefs

### Mammograms

Mammograms will be conducted via onsite van at Branch Health Clinic Iwakuni until today. Contact central appointments at 253-3445 to set up a mammogram through your primary care doctor. Once the order is requested by your primary care doctor, appointments will be made by radiology.

### Halloween Golf Tournament

VMFA(AW)-242 will hold a golf tournament today. It is a 2-man scramble best ball. Cost is \$25 a person, food and drinks included. Prizes will be awarded for longest drive and closest to the pin. Sign up at the golf course until the tournament, pay the day of tournament. First 30 teams (60 people). For more information,

call 253-6589 or 2759.

### Road closure for Halloween

The Freedom Bridge is the only road closure from 5 - 7 p.m. today. All other roads are open. Only Monzen housing residents will be authorized access to Monzen housing area between 5 - 7 p.m., today. Parking will be permitted at public parking areas such as Crossroads, Commissary and Station Chapel.

### Off-base guests for Halloween

1. Sponsors must meet their guests at the Contractors' Gate between the hours of 4 - 6:30 p.m., today. All guests may exit the station via the Main Gate after the event.
2. Guests are prohibited from parking vehicles in the housing

areas.

3. Only pre-registered guests are permitted.
4. "Trick or Treating" will be limited to the housing areas only. BOQ's, BEQ's, and office spaces will be off limits. "Trick or Treating" hours are 5 - 7 p.m. today.

For more information, contact the Provost Marshal's Office, administrative section at 253-4843 or PMO Physical Security Section at 253-4929.

### Children's Halloween Party

Tomorrow, 3:30 - 6:30 p.m. at Marifu Children's Park, Downtown Iwakuni. Come and enjoy a fun filled intercultural Halloween event! Open to anyone who loves to play games, carve pumpkins and eat the sweet stuff! For more information or if you wish to volunteer, kindly contact via email jackie@allenintl.com.

### IESC Elections

Monday, 6 - 7 p.m. at the Station Chapel. The Iwakuni Enlisted Spouse's Club (IESC) will be electing the 2008-09 advisory board, committee chairs and forming interest groups. If you would like to participate, share comments/concerns/interests, learn about the group or ease your curiosity, please join us. For more information or any question, please e-mail jessarroyo2002@yahoo.com.

### Power outage

There will be a station wide power

outage Nov. 8 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The power outage is necessary in order to perform maintenance to essential parts and equipment for the continuous safe and reliable electrical service to MCAS Iwakuni

authorized for use aboard MCAS Iwakuni. For more information or any question, contact PMO at 253-5105.

### Lost and Found

PMO, Lost and Found section receives many unclaimed items. If you lose something, please contact PMO at 253-5105.

### Boy Scouts

Troop 77 would like to welcome and invite anyone interested in joining to attend one of their weekly meetings. The meetings are every Monday, 6 - 7:30 p.m. at Bldg. 1111 (one block down from the Chapel). For more information, call Hut at 253-3505.

### Fine Arts Exhibit Program

As a participant in the National Fine Arts Exhibit program, the Youth & Teens Center may submit artwork in four age divisions and 10 categories. Selected artwork will be screened at the local level and a limited number will be sent to the regional and national levels. Local exhibit will be held in December. For more information, call the Youth and Teen Center 253-5549 or 4803.

### Hiroshima Ice Hockey Team

Hiroshima Collectors, an ice hockey team in Hiroshima City, is now inviting players. Practice schedule: Nov. 7, 10, 14, 21, 28, Dec. 3, 5, 8, 11, 15, 19, 22, 26, Jan. 5, 7, 16, 22, 26. Time: 9 - 11 p.m. At: Hiroshima Big Wave Ask the team representative about entry fee or any other question, via e-mail: morimoto.ry@mazda.co.jp. URL: <http://www.geocities.co.jp/Athlete-Samos/8667/>

### Reminders to motorcycle riders

- With the camouflage uniforms going from desert to green digital, motorcycle riders are reminded to wear proper personal protective equipment. Reflective equipment is required for wear over the green digital camouflage uniform when riding a motorcycle.
- Toy motor scooters are not

## 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 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 p.m. Awana (Bldg. 1104)  
6 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 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 253-3371.

## Sakura Theater

### Halloween weekend at the theater

#### Friday, Oct. 31 2008

6 p.m. The House of Dracula  
*Civic Theater Performance*  
9 p.m. Disaster Movie (PG-13)  
*Premier*  
11:55 p.m. The Rocky Horror  
Picture Show (R)

4 p.m. The House of Dracula  
7 p.m. The Women (PG-13)  
*Premier*  
10 p.m. Bangkok Dangerous (R)  
*Premier*

#### Sunday, Nov. 2 2008

1 p.m. The Longshots (PG)  
*Last Showing*  
4 p.m. The Women (PG-13)  
7 p.m. Bangkok Dangerous (R)

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

## THE IWAKUNI APPROACH Classifieds

### Automobiles

#### 1993 Skyline GTR

Parting out a 1993 Skyline GTR with many aftermarket parts. Everything from the mirrors to the motor is for sale. Please call 080-3474-8856 (cell) or email potwic@gmail.com for more information.

#### 1998 Toyota Noah

JCI runs through Sep. 2009. Seats eight. In good condition, recently replaced battery and tires. Asking \$1,500. For more information, call 090-1681-0866 (cell).

#### 2006 Suzuki GSX-R

5,800 miles. Lowered two inches in the front and one inch in the rear. Adjustable dog bone in the rear for desired height. Recently serviced and brand new tires with no miles on them. Comes with two helmets, one rid-

ing jacket, gloves, reflective vest, and rear seat and rear cover. Never laid down. Asking \$8,500 OBO. For more information, call 253-5716 (work) or 080-3522-1526 (cell).

#### 2002 Mazda Bongo Van

JCI runs through Oct. 2010. 88,000km. In good condition. Asking \$2,500. For more information, call 090-1681-0866 (cell).

#### 1995 Nissan Prairie

Asking \$1,850 OBO. Automatic transmission, with 98,900 km, A/C works well. Clean interiors, no cigarette smoke smell. Brand new tires, AM/FM stereo with CD player. Bike/boat rack on roof, JCI runs through Oct. 2010. For more information, call 253-7224 (home) or 080-3807-6410 (cell) or 090-9449-9783 (cell) anytime.

### Miscellaneous

#### BOWFLEX TREADCLIMBER TC5000

Asking \$1,800 OBO. Purchased for \$2,600 with shipping 2 years ago. Slightly used. For more information, e-mail to dawn\_larrabee@yahoo.com or call 253-2611 (home). For more information on the machine, visit <http://www.bowflex.com/>.

#### Ball gown for sale

Asking \$100. Fits size 16-18. Adjustable lace up back. Comes with shear wrap. For additional pictures/information, call 253-2611 (home) or e-mail to dawn\_larrabee@yahoo.com.

To submit an advertisement request, follow the classified link on the station Web site and open an advertisement request form. Submit the form via website or send the e-mail to [iwakuni.pao@usmc.mil](mailto:iwakuni.pao@usmc.mil). Or you can submit in person at the Public Affairs Office, Building One, Room 216.

- The deadline for submissions is Monday at 4:30 p.m.
- The request is effective a week.
- If you want to extend a previously submitted ad for an additional week, notify the Public Affairs Office at 253-5551.

### 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: Marine Corps Ball Birthday Meal

Shrimp Cocktail, Grilled Tenderloin Steak, Lobster Tails, French Fried Shrimp, Teriyaki Chicken, Baked Potato, Steamed Rice, Broccoli Polonaise, Corn on the Cob, Sautéed Mushrooms & Onions, Birthday Cake

-Comrats, family members and civilian employees pay \$6.35. Family members of E4 and below pay \$5.35.

## SINGLE MARINE PROGRAM

### \* Upcoming events

Join Iwakuni's Single Marine Program for these events:

\* Tonight at 7 p.m. /// Costume Party at the Hornet's Nest featuring free food, games and Halloween fun.

\* Wednesday at 10 a.m. /// Single Marine Program Meeting at the Hornet's Nest.

\* Nov. 8 at 6 p.m. /// Texas Hold-Em Tournament at the Hornet's Nest. Prizes will be awarded to first place winner.

\* Nov. 15 /// Universal Studios Japan Tour /// deadline to sign-up is Nov. 13.

To inquire about these upcoming events, contact the Single Marine Program at 253-3585



Dr. Nancy Bresell, director of Department of Defense Dependent Schools-Pacific, spoke at the opening ceremony of Educator's Day 2008 at the Matthew C. Perry Schools complex here Oct. 24. During Educator's Day, teachers and other members of the community spent time in the classrooms with students and observed the latest and most innovative methods of learning synonymous to DoDDS schools. Photo by Lance Cpl. Dan Negrete

# GETTING BACK IN SHAPE

## Semper Fit provides tools to perform

LANCE CPL. JOSEPH MARIANELLI  
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Jumping into the realm of fitness can be a potentially nerve racking experience for first timers or those attempting to re-engage.

For those looking to expand their fitness level or those just starting out, the Ironworks Gym provides a slew of group fitness and personalized fitness options.

"The classes, they're intense, but they're conducted so that you can have first timers," Jeramie Johnson, Ironworks Gym fitness coordinator, said.

Ultimately the individual dictates the intensity level of any workout.

"They are only going to be as intense as you make them," said Johnson.

The flexibility of the classes is what allows them to be geared for dependents who might treat fitness as a more casual endeavor and service members who need to prepare for physical testing or the Combat Fitness Test.

"The CFT is how we base a lot of our curriculum," said Johnson. "They (Training and Education Command) want us to train members to be able to put out that high intensity and stay with it."

In order to more directly facilitate TECOMs goal, the gym offers SWEAT and combat conditioning classes geared solely for service members and preparation for the CFT.

"We're here for you — this is our job," said Johnson. "The active duty service members are our objective and we offer the programs for free."

In the long-term, the Semper Fit

programs strive to teach individuals so that they can then work out on their own.

"It's teaching people how to turn it on and be intense, but with control," said Johnson.

But, in order for Semper Fit to effectively achieve its goals and improve as a whole, service members need to participate.

"We would really love to have more participation from the top down," said Johnson. "We're always open to suggestion but we need feedback and the only way we can get that is with participation."

Currently, group fitness classes run almost constantly from 5:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. and resume at 4 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Johnson said they are currently trying to get more evening courses to accommodate the work schedules of most service members.

As well, Semper Fit will lead physical training if given enough notice.

Besides the physical training aspects of Semper Fit, they now have a dietician who offers her services at the individual level and in the "Lean Marine" course open to everyone.

If a more regimented fitness system is needed, Semper Fit also has personal trainers who use micro-fitness physical assessments that check body fat, VO2 max levels and other metrics that the trainer will put into a computer to monitor individual progress.

To get more information about group fitness programs, personal training, call 253-5051 or check out [www.mccsiwakuni.com](http://www.mccsiwakuni.com).



Kevin Henderson, Tim Masker and Kenneth Dover take on the Wheels of Steel Cycling class at Ironworks Gym here Oct. 27. The Wheels of Steel Cycling class alternates between high resistance to build muscle and low resistance to improve cardiovascular endurance. Photo by Lance Cpl. Joseph Marianelli



(Far left) Station Aircraft Rescue Firefighters paddles their way to their halfway mark in the river raft race for the Gladiators Ultimate Unit Physical Training Challenge Oct. 24. Each month there are events in which sections can win points towards the Commander's Cup. (Left) Lance Cpl. Joseph D. Haden, sprints to the finish line after being spun around during the human sphere barrel race for the Gladiators Ultimate Unit Physical Training Challenge Oct. 24. Photos by Lance Cpl. Jacqueline Diaz



‘United as one to  
make a difference’

LANCE CPL. DAN NEGRETE  
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

From Oct. 17 through 31, the station celebrated and recognized Red Ribbon Week. Red Ribbon Week is the oldest and largest drug prevention campaign in the United States. The campaign actually started in 1985 as a tribute to the life and death of a former Marine.

Enrique “Kiki” Camarena served in the Marine Corps from 1968 to 1970. After his tour of duty, Camarena went on to serve as special agent with the Drug Enforcement Administration. Camarena worked undercover in Mexico, trailing major drug cartels and bringing down wealthy and dangerous drug leaders.

On Feb. 7, 1985, while working on unlocking a multi-billion dollar drug pipeline in Guadalajara, Mexico, Camarena was kidnapped and brutally killed by the drug traffickers he was trying to bring down.

Camarena received many awards by the DEA after his death, including the Administrator’s Award of Honor, the highest award given by the DEA.

Those close to Camarena responded to his death by wearing red ribbons in protest to the violence wrought out by the war on drugs.

A club was named in Camarena’s honor and a movement began. Other anti-drug coalitions began wearing red ribbons in Camarena’s honor, and eventually Red Ribbon week emerged as a national anti-drug campaign.

The station is doing its part to celebrate Red Ribbon Week and keep Camarena’s legacy alive.

On Oct. 17, Red Ribbon Week began at Matthew C. Perry Elementary and High School. Children were handed ribbons, flyers and were talked to about saying no to drugs and how to make the right choices.

“We’ve gotten together as one in the community to take a stand against alcohol and drug abuse,” said Erica S. Ramos, the station’s risk reduction assistant. “Our goal is to save lives by encouraging everyone to do their part in the fight against drugs and alcohol.”

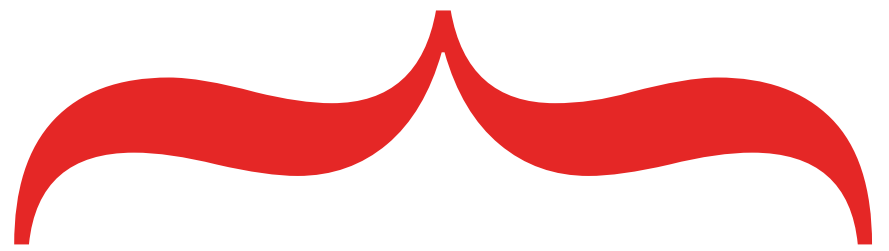
Marine and Family services has hosted a number of events to sponsor Red Ribbon week.

On Monday, Ramos and other volunteers stood at the main gate to hand out ribbons and flyers.

Ribbons and flyers were also handed out at the North and Southside mess halls throughout the week to reach out to service members and other station personnel.

An American Forces Network live radio show was set up at the Crossroads Mall Wednesday to get the community involved and for people to express their opinions over the station’s radio channel.

“The whole base has worked together as a team to make Red Ribbon Week possible,” said Ramos. “Now it’s up to everyone as an individual to do their part in honoring Camarena’s legacy and joining the fight against drugs.”



# 3.5k Drug & Alcohol Awareness Fun Run

# TODAY!

**From 11:30 a.m.  
to 1 p.m. at the  
Parade Deck in front  
of Building One**

