

Consultant brings ideas to Iwakuni

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Author and management consultant, Mark Graham Brown visited the Station for two days of seminars Feb. 4 and 5 in order to provide consultation and performance measures to Station leaders.

"Most folks don't ask you back to their house after you tell them their baby's ugly," Brown said in his opening remarks with the Iwakuni leadership.

Brown, a professional management consultant since 1979, is a plain talker who prides himself on being straightforward and brutally honest in providing feedback to organizations when he reviews their strategic programs, goals and visions.

"Sears, for example, lacked a clear vision after it had to transition and compete with other companies like Wal-Mart and Kmart," Brown said.

The vision for the Station is that Iwakuni will be the assignment of choice in the Marine Corps.

"Iwakuni has a good vision because it is short, clear, plain English, motivational and inspirational," Brown said.

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WWE body slams Japan

STORY AND PHOTOS BY
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A special visit was made by some of World Wrestling Entertainment's stars at Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Feb. 5.

The wrestling stars paid the visit to the Station while touring through Japan in promotion for the "Road to Wrestlemania."

Bobby Dillard, Marine Corps Community Services outdoor recreation director, invited eight of the wrestlers to the Station. The invited guest were Lita, Shawn Michaels, Triple H, Ric Flair, Chris Benoit, the Hurricane, D-Von and Bubba Dudley.

The day started with Flair, Triple H, Michaels and Benoit lifting weights at the IronWorks Gym.

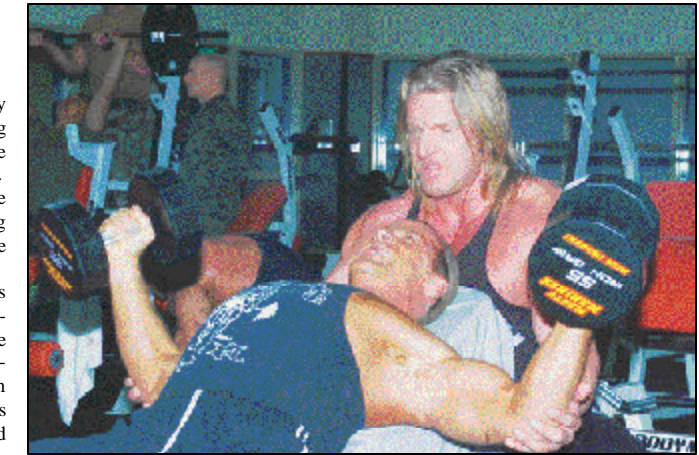
All eyes were on the wrestlers as they displayed their talents: muscles.

"They're huge," said Cpl. Mike Browning, American Forces Network broadcaster.

Lita, Hurricane and the Dudley Boys continued to surprise Station residents by appearing at the Crossroads Mall to sign autographs.

"We were invited to come to the Station and it was an honor. This is our way of saying thank you to the Marines," said Lita, the only female wrestler to visit the Station.

"It's great to be here. We just wanted to show our sup-



WWE superstars Triple H and Shawn Michaels workout at the IronWorks Gym before meeting fans around the Station.

port to the troops," said D-Von Dudley, one-half of the Dudley Boys. "People often times see us as heroes. But it's not us, though. We're not the heroes; the troops are the true heroes. I can't stress this enough. I am deeply appreciative of the troops. Without them I wouldn't be able to do what I love doing. Because of them I feel safe. In every aspect of the word, you guys are the true heroes. Thank you for everything."

The wrestlers will be putting on shows for the "Road to




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Patriot Express to see changes

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Air Mobility Command Public Affairs

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill.—Fiscal realities and limited use have led U.S. Transportation Command to restructure Patriot Express. Patriot Express is the military's chartered commercial air service for transporting service members on permanent-change-of-station orders and their families to and from overseas locations.

Air Mobility Command, the air component of USTRANSCOM, manages the Patriot Express program on behalf of the Department of Defense.

Since the 1960s, Patriot Express, or a similar program, has provided regular passenger service from the United States to 27 locations in European Command, Central Command and Southern Command areas of operation. The system

handles more than 340,000 passengers annually; however, more than two-thirds of the seats on the contracted aircraft are filled by passengers on permanent change of station orders.

The Patriot Express system has four contracted U.S. gateway international airports: Atlanta-Hartsfield, Baltimore-Washington, Los Angeles and Seattle-Tacoma, and four passenger reservation centers, or PRCs, in Germany, Japan, Hawaii and the continental United States.

Beginning next fiscal year through fiscal 2008, the restructure will lead to fewer flights and leave only one gateway, at BWI. Duty passengers will be able to travel on commercial airlines through the General Service Administration's City Pair program.

"Customer trends have led to this restructuring," said Capt. Billy Webb,

chief of AMC passenger operations. "We made our prices comparable to the commercial airlines and launched several customer-service improvements to attract more riders and offset costs. The number of riders did not increase. And even though DOD requires PCSing passengers to use Patriot Express, the department has paid about \$67 million more each year than what it would cost for official PCS travel through the City Pair program."

The restructure will not only save the government millions of dollars annually, PCS travelers will gain more flexibility in planning their overseas moves.

"The restructure brings several advantages to those PCSing overseas," Webb said. "Commercial airlines fly into most locations served by Patriot Express,

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Happy Valentines Day



I want everyone to know that I have the best wife in the world. I love you, Lori. Mark.



I love you You are my heart.



Be My Valentine... I Love You!



Swieca nam do powiecia Dwa slowa - Kocham ciebie. For my loving husband -Eva-



Happy Valentines Day and Happy Anniversary! Love Clint



I love you more Today than I did on yesterday! Thanks for 6 great years Happy Anniversary



Happy Valentines Day



Happy Valentines Day



You had me at hello. Love Kellen



Happy Valentines Day



It's been 16 years today that we first met. I love you more everyday and look forward to years of happiness in our future.



You two make the world a more beautiful place. Happy Valentines Day Love, Gordita

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Valentines Day is a time to be with loved ones, and Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan will be offering a variety of outlets to express one's feelings.

Tomorrow at Club Iwakuni there will be a Valentines Day Dinner and Dance in the ballroom at 6 p.m. The cost is \$25 for club members and \$30 for nonmembers. Dinner is served from 6-8:30 p.m. Dancing and music from 8 p.m. to midnight. There will be a drawing for two at 8:10 p.m. for a Caribbean cruise, which includes airfare, luggage and spending money.

For those who believe they have the best puckers around, a Most Kissable Lips Contest will be held at noon at the Exchange. Prizes include a \$100 gift certificate and gift sets.

Valentines Day is not just for the old at heart, as there will be a Teen Center Red and White Dance Saturday from 6-11 p.m. The middle school students dance will be 6-8:30 p.m while all high school students are welcome from 9-11:30 p.m.

If staying on base is not in the cards for you and your loved ones, then explore the romantic sights in Japan. The staff at the Torii Teller want to wish you and your special someone a happy and safe Valentines Day!

On sacred ground: temples of Japan

STORY AND PHOTOS BY
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High atop the frosted summit of Kyoto's Hiei mountain, a worshiper places incense in an altar before the entrance of Enryaku-ji, guardian temple of the city.

Leaving his boots by the gate, he enters the 1,200-year-old sanctuary within and kneels quietly before an altar containing wood carved statues of Buddha.

The only source of light comes from an unwavering row of flames in front of the altar, a vigil that has continued for over 1,000 years.

Low chanting can be heard in the flame's vicinity, but the source remains obscured in shadow. Absorbing the magic of the moment, the worshiper offers hushed supplication and rises with a purified mind.

Ancient Buddhist temples like Enryaku-ji are a foundational aspect to Japanese culture. Hundreds of such

holy places beautify mountains, lakes, and cities throughout the country. Unlike god-specific shrines, the temples are built to house statues of Buddha and used for the training of monks.

"I feel like I am purified when I enter the temple," said Yoko Seo, Marine Corps Community Services culture specialist. "Praying to Buddha gets rid of my bad desires."

According to Seo, the temples are essential in understanding the Japanese way of life. Tall gateways, hushed halls, and multi-roofed pagodas all tell a story of a worshipful and observant culture.

"The building itself is built to help us keep our traditions," said Seo.

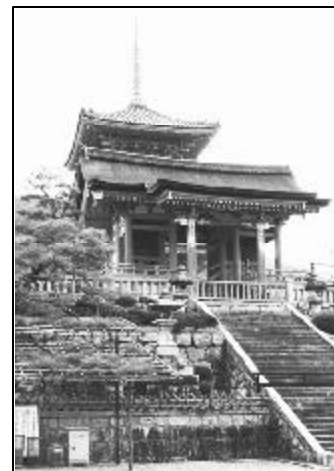
One of the most fascinating aspects of traditional Japanese architecture is that metal parts, such as nails and braces, are not used.

Temples have stood for more than 1,000 years due to the extremely precise joints and fittings holding them together.

This is spectacularly displayed in Kyoto's Kiyomizu Temple. Built



Kiyomizu's main hall boasts a huge veranda supported by hundreds of pillars. The temple provides a magnificent view of Kyoto City.



Sai-mon, Kiyomizu Temple's west gate, was built in the 1630s during the Momoyama period.



The water of Otowa-no-taki (Sound-of-Feathers Waterfall) is supposed to revitalize the body.

in 778, the massive main hall extends out over the edge of a cliff, supported by a latticework hundreds of feet high. From its traditional mountain slope-shaped rooftops, to the cascading waterfalls offering cleansing for those who drink, the temple enjoys harmony with its environment - a natural extension of the mountainside.

According to Seo, harmony with nature is reflected in every aspect of the temple. Intricate interior carvings express traditional understanding of humanity's connection with nature. Respectful treatment of the Earth directly corresponds to an improved quality of life.

"Many temples are famous for a particular plant or flower," said Seo. "There may be a garden, or plants all around. Sometimes people go to the temple just to see the plants."

Seo explained that Buddhism teaches against killing any living thing. Because humans must kill to survive, balance comes by causing things to grow.

Like priceless treasure, the temples bring a deep richness to the people of Japan. In view of the nation's



A statue sits in the main hall of Kiyomizu Temple for all to see.

modernization over the past century, the ancient buildings remain an integral link to its cultural and spiritual roots.

"Japan is not as religious as it used to be," said Seo. "But the temple keeps our traditions alive."

watch the burning around the observatory on the plateau. They will light the old twigs around 9:30 a.m. and finish the event around 12 p.m. In case of rain, it will be postponed to Feb. 21. Call 0837-62-0304 for more information.

Miyajima Oyster Festival

The festival will take place in front of the ferry terminal on Miyajima Island, Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. They will sell oysters and oyster dishes. They will also prepare a section where participants can cook oysters themselves. For more information, call 0829-44-2011.

Bamboo Masterworks; Japanese Baskets From The Loyd Cotsen Collection

There will be an exhibition of bamboo art Tuesday through March 28, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Hiroshima Prefectural Art Museum. One hundred six works of art from the Cotsen's collection will be displayed. Admission fee is required. The museum closes Monday. Call 082-221-6246 for details.

Burning The Hills of Akiyoshidai Plateau

This event will take place Sunday in Shuho town. Visitors can

OUT THE GATE

Note: Japanese who do not speak English may answer the phone numbers provided.

Plum Blossoms Tea Ceremony

There will be Umemichakai, a tea ceremony with viewing plum blossoms at Shukkeien Park in Hiroshima, Sunday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission fee is required in order to enter the park and also to attend the tea ceremony. It will not be cancelled in case of rain. Call 082-221-3620 for details.



TORII TELLER CLASSIFIED ADS

To submit your ads or announcements: *Torii Teller* accepts ads/announcements from nonprofit organizations and groups only. Briefs run on space-available and time-

priority basis. Deadline for briefs is noon Thursday. *Torii Teller* reserves the right to edit to fit space. Stop by Building 1, Room 216 to fill out a form.

AUTOMOBILES

or 253-2291 awh.

Toyota Surf, 1992, excellent condition, extra set of off road tires, has been well maintained, JCI until March 2004, \$3,500 or \$4,000 with 2 years JCI. Call Sean at 253-5549 dwh or 253-2291 awh.

Nissan Prairie Van, 1991, 7 passenger van, P/W, automatic transmission, excellent A/C, radio, CD player, sliding doors on both sides, JCI until June 2004, \$1,600. Call CWO2 Stocker at 253-3404 dwh or 253-2275 awh.

Nissan Cedric, 1992, excellent condition, JCI until April 2004, \$1,500 or \$2,000 with 2 years JCI. Call Sean at 253-5549 dwh

Harley Davidson Tour Glide Classic, 1988, mint condition, well maintained, cared for 2nd owner private ride, JCI until March 2004. Call Sean at 253-5549 dwh or 253-2291 awh.

OTHER ITEMS

Misc., battery operated infant swing, 6 speed with music, \$50 obo; Luxury Jogger type stroller, \$150 obo; infant bouncer, \$5; infant Eddie Bauer car seat, \$40 obo. Call Monte Craven at 253-4787 dwh or 253-2031 awh.

Misc., vintage Pioneer tuner TX-9500II, worldwide voltage, original

manual, schematic, packing materials, \$300. Call Mark Parsons at 253-5487 dwh or 09052662270.

WANTED

English Substitute Instructor URGENT. Need reliable person to substitute for off-base English class Monday mornings. Pay is 8,000 yen. Call 253-2264 for more information.

JOB OPENINGS

Criminal Justice Instructor

An instructor is needed at Central Texas College. Qualifications: Associates degree with 5 years directly related work experience or a Bach-

elors degree with 3 years directly related work experience. Call Jennifer Walker at 253-3631 dwh.

English Instructor

An English instructor is needed at Central Texas College. Qualifications: Masters degree of any kind with 18 graduate hours in English.

Child Development Instructor

Child Development instructor needed at Central Texas College. Qualifications: early childhood development degree, an Associated degree with at least 5 years teaching experience or a Bachelors degree with at least 3 years teaching experience.

CHRO (253-6828)
MCCS:
-Supervisory Education Services Specialist
-Career Resource Program Manager

DeCA:
-Sales Store Checker (Intermittent)
Clinic:
-Social Worker
BPO:
-Management and Program Analysis Officer

MCCS (253-3030)

(The following jobs are open at MCCS Personnel)

MCCS Job Listing:
-Head of Retail
-Retail Area Supervisor, civilian only
-Purchasing Agent, civilian only
-Audit Clerk, Main Complex, civilian only
-Audit Clerk, civilian only
-Inventory Control Specialist, civilian only
-Basic Replenishment Clerk, civilian only
-Material Handler
-Leisure Travel Assistant, civilian only

-Supervisor Vending Specialist, civilian only
-Club Operations Assistant, civilian only
-Food Court Assistant Manager
-Operations Assistant, civilian only
-Library Technician, civilian only
-Program Leader, civilian only
-Recreation Assistant, civilian only
-Recreation Assistant, civilian only
-Health Promotions Assistant, civilian only
-Public Relations Specialist, civilian only
Continuously Open Jobs
Retail Branch:
-Senior Sales Associate
-Retail Ops Assistant
-Sales Clerk
-Store Worker
-Laborer
-Food Service Worker
Food & Hospitality:
-Club Ops. Assistant
-ID Checker
-Waiter/Waitress
-Food Service Worker

SAKURA THEATER



LOVE DON'T COST A THING

An unpopular but superintelligent teenage boy, Alvin Johnson, hires a cheerleader, by paying to fix her mother's car which she has recently wrecked, to pose as his girlfriend so that he can improve his reputation in school, which leads to high jinks and shenanigans that are both romantic and comedic (105 minutes).



VERONICA GUERIN

Veronica Guerin was an award-winning journalist for Dublin's Sunday Independent, whose investigations into the city's drug underworld puts her in increasing danger (92 minutes).



PAYCHECK

Michael Jennings is a brilliant computer engineer hired by high-tech corporations for specialized top-secret projects. Once a job is complete, his short-term memory is erased so as not to divulge any sensitive company information to future clients. Highly paid for his work, he expects to earn \$4.4 billion at the end of his latest 3-year project. But upon completion of the job Jennings is handed an envelope filled with random objects and told that he has agreed to forfeit all payment (110 minutes).

FRIDAY

7 p.m. Love Don't Cost A Thing (PG-13)
10 p.m. Gothika (R)

SATURDAY

1 p.m. Beauty And The Beast (G)
4 p.m. Love Don't Cost A Thing (PG-13)
7 p.m. The Human Stain (R)
10 p.m. The Missing (R)

SUNDAY

4 p.m. Stuck On You (PG-13)
7 p.m. Veronica Guerin (R)

MONDAY

4 p.m. Stuck On You (PG-13)
7 p.m. Paycheck (PG-13)

TUESDAY

7 p.m. The Human Stain (R)

WEDNESDAY

7 p.m. The Missing (R)

THURSDAY

7 p.m. Paycheck (PG-13)

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

EDUCATION

Test Schedule
Tuesdays/Fridays - CLEP, DSST
Wednesday -ACT
Thursday -SAT
February 23 -EDPT, DLAB
February 25 -DLPT, AFCT
 For more information call 253-3855.

CHRO

CHRO Training
 ■ **EBIS/My Pay/TSP:** Tuesday, 1:30-3:30 p.m. (This training will be provided at Building 360, the Distance Learning Center.)
 ■ **Privacy Act:** Feb. 24, 9-11 a.m. (This training will be provided at Building 1, Auditorium room.)
 ■ **Family Member Local Employment Orientation:** Feb. 25, 8-9 a.m.
 ■ **RESUMIX:** Feb. 25, 9:30-10:30 a.m.
 ■ **Outbound Family Member**

Priority Placement Program Brief: Feb. 25, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. For more information and nomination, call 253-6828 or send e-mail to shiomuram.jp@iwakuni.usmc.mil. Classes will be held at Building 1, Room 102, CHRO training room except EBIS/MyPay/TSP and Privacy Act.

MCCS

CRMC Classes (253-6439)
 ■ **Teaching English For Profit:** Wednesday, 9-10:30 a.m.

Club Iwakuni (253-3119)
 ■ **Valentine's Day Dinner & Dance:** Saturday, 6 p.m. in the ballroom. \$25 for club members, \$30 for nonmembers. Dinner is served from 6-8:30 p.m. Dancing and music from 8 p.m. to midnight. Entertainment by "Just As Nice" and DeeJay.
 ■ **Euricka Concert:** Sunday, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. in the ballroom. Free. Adults only. Opening acts by local DJs and talents.

MCX (253-5641)

■ **President's Day Sale:** Monday, receive great savings on quality electronics and name brand clothing.

Teen Center

■ **Red And White Dance:** Saturday, 6-11:30 p.m. Middle school students dance 6-8:30 p.m. All secondary school students are welcome 9-11:30 p.m. Middle school student needs a signed permission slip. Call 253-6454 for more information.

Single Marine Program (253-4656)

■ **Miyajima Sight-seeing Trip:** Sunday, 10 a.m. \$10 transportation. Bring yen for shopping and lunch. Also tour the Miyajimaquarium.

Play Morning

Tuesday and Feb. 24, 9:30-11 a.m. The group meets in the community room of Building 657. Sign up by calling 253-6553.

COMMUNITY

University Of Maryland

An Academic Advisor from Yokota will be visiting UMUC at Iwakuni Wednesday through Feb. 20. Students should call 253-3494 or stop by Building 411, Room 110 to schedule an appointment.

Black History Month Jubilee

The Station Chapel will be hosting a Black History Month Program Feb. 20, 7 p.m. in the main chapel area. Join us for a special celebration in 2004 with the Master and Mistress of ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Tensley, followed by selective speeches, sermonettes, praise dancers, steppers, local chapel choirs, special solo's and various poetry readings. There will be a special Soul Food Dinner served afterwards free of charge. Call the Station Chapel at 253-3371 for more information.

WIC Overseas

WIC Overseas is a supplemental food and nutrition education program eligible participants are pregnant, postpartum or breast feeding women, infants and children up to their 5th birthday. Financial eligibility is based upon total family income and size. Call 253-4928 for more information.

Antiques And Furniture Sale

The American Red Cross is sponsoring Sophie's Chinese Antiques and Furniture sale, March 6 and 7, in the Matthew C. Perry High School cafeteria. Volunteers are needed. Call 253-3839 for details.

Breast Feeding Basics

Learn about the benefits of and how to breast-feed, Feb. 24, 2:30-3:30 p.m. in the CDC training room. Call 253-4928 to preregister.

Healthy Snacking

Learn what the right foods can be, Feb. 25, 2:30-3:30 p.m. in the CDC training room. Call 253-4928 to preregister.

Is Your Plate Overweight?

Learn what sensible eating and moderation really mean, Wednesday, 2-3 p.m. in the CDC training room. Call 253-4928 to preregister.

Thrift Store

The Thrift Store is open Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Thursday from 4-8 p.m. and the last Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., in Building 1117, located next to the Chapel.

Iwakuni Toastmasters

Toastmasters International provides an excellent opportunity to learn and practice proper public speaking and invaluable leadership skills. Meets every 2nd Thursday evening and 4th Friday at lunch. Call Nancy Regan at 253-4557 or Sallie Donahue at 253-5328 for more information.

CDC & Wine Tasting Festival

If 10 or more people preregister by COB on Feb. 20, the Child Development Center will open 2:45-7:15 p.m. to provide childcare for those who wish to imbibe at the Winter Wine Tasting Feb. 28, 3-7 p.m. at the Club Iwakuni ballroom. Please make your reservations with the CDC by calling 253-5584 as soon as possible if you wish to attend.

Dynasty saga continues to grow

STORY AND PHOTOS BY LANCE CL. RUBEN D. CALDERON
 Combat Correspondent



Domination continues to reign on the court for the Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron Dynasty basketball team as they defeated the Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12 Supply team 56-41 at the IronWorks Gym, Feb. 3.

Considering that Dynasty is undefeated with 11 wins in the intramural basketball league, Supply gave the unbeatable team a good challenge, said Lee A. Woodbridge, Dynasty team member.

"Supply and Dynasty are the two best teams in the league. In this game, Dynasty had a better turnout," said Kostas Lazarou, MALS-12 Supply head coach.

"The Dynasty is a tough team. I say the game was pretty close but we needed to come more prepared. We will win next time. We have a lot of talent on the team, a lot. We just need more practice," added Lazarou.

Dynasty felt as though they were not playing to their full potential.

"We had some issues during the first-half of the game. Our mind wasn't in it," said Woodbridge.

The first-half of the game, Supply was trailing behind Dynasty by only 10 points, 31-21, but MALS-12 kept coming strong into the next half, Lazarou said.

Although the final score was 56-41, Dynasty kept making too many mistakes in both offense and defense fronts because of Supply's players, said Roderick Haynes, Dynasty head coach.

"Supply played a good game, but we didn't play like we normally do. There were too many turnovers in the game. We also had a bad shooting night, but everyone in the team managed to score a basket," concluded Haynes.

"We should have won the game, but we don't practice as much as Dynasty does. We play street

Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12 Supply's Michael Hernandez crosses over Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron Dynasty's Todd D. Lester, scoring two points.

ball. It's hard for us to have any scrimmages because not every one of the players can be at the practices at the same time. We're shift workers. It's hard to get everyone together. There is a lot of talent on this team and Coach Lazarou is working hard to get us together to practice.

"Without a doubt, we would have won, but we will win the next time around," said Michael Hernandez, Supply team player.

Supply is looking forward to the next time they will meet up with Dynasty with hopes of ending their streak, said Hernandez.



Supply's Keith A. Chambers shot is deflected by Dynasty's Corven D. Monigan at the start of the second-half.

CHAPEL SERVICES

Roman Catholic

Saturday	4:30 p.m.	Confession
	5:30 p.m.	Mass
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Mass
	10:45 a.m.	CCD

Protestant

Saturday	9:30 a.m.	Seventh Day Adventist (second and fourth)
Sunday	8 a.m.	Traditional
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	11 a.m.	Contemporary
	12:30 p.m.	Jesus Christ Apostolic Service
Thursday	6:30 p.m.	Jesus Christ Apostolic Bible Study

Church of Christ

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	10:30 a.m.	Church of Christ
Wednesday	7 p.m.	Bible Study

Latter Day Saints

Sunday	1 p.m.	Priesthood/RS Meeting
	2 p.m.	Sunday School
	3 p.m.	Sacrament

Muslim

Friday	Noon	Prayer
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Jewish

Friday	6 p.m.	Shabbat
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For information regarding divine services, religious education or any other Command Religious Program/Chapel activity call the Station Chapel at 253-5218.



Lance Cpl. David Revere

An Ancient Spectacle

Kyoto's Kingakuji Temple, also named the Golden Pavilion, is one of the most famous temples in Japan. It was finished in 1409 by shogun Ashikaga Yoshimitsu as a retirement house. The pavilion is covered with gold leaf and built on a platform in the middle of a pond. The landscape surrounding the pond is a famous Japanese garden.

IWAKUNI SPORTS SCENE

SEABEE/CEC BIRTHDAY BALL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Feb. 20, 9 a.m. start. Four-Man Scramble. 9:30 a.m. Shotgun start. Open to the first 80 Station personnel and invited guest. Entry deadline is Wednesday. Call 253-5084 for more information.

2004 FAR EAST POWERLIFTING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Feb. 21, 10 a.m. at the IronWorks Gym. Sign up for \$15 at the IronWorks Gym front desk for a competition open to the Station personnel, family members, and local Japanese residents. Call 253-6359 for weigh in times.

ALL-MARINE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Ladies, submit your resume to the Athletics Office before Feb. 20. Players will compete at MCAS Miramar, Calif. For resume format and more information call Jennifer Jones at 253-4605.

SWIM LESSONS

Feb. 23-27, 5-5:30 p.m. The Station personnel and family members sign up for \$30 at the IronWorks Gym front desk. This water adjustment course allows parents to help their toddlers become comfortable in the water and learn the basics of swimming. Classes are at the IronWorks Gym indoor pool. Call 253-4966 for more information.

OVER 30 BASKETBALL

Coaches meet Feb. 24, 10 a.m. in the IronWorks Gym wellness room. Season begins March 8. For more information call 253-5777.

SKI TRIPS TO MIZUHO HIGHLANDS

Monday, 5 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sign up at the IT&T office for \$20 per person, per trip. Patrons must bring 5,500 yen for a lift ticket. Call Bobby Dillard at 253-3822 for details.



Stephen Mahon (right) scores a kill, evading a block by Rhino player Damon Wilson during game one Feb. 4. Mahon's team went on to win the first of the three-game competition, but lost the overall meeting held at the IronWorks Gym here.

Rhinos serve up victory

STORY AND PHOTOS BY
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IronWorks Gym hosted a hard-fought battle between the Marine Corps Community Services Rhinos and the preseason champions, Combat Service Support Squadron 36, during intramural volleyball action Feb. 4.

The best-of-three match included two, 25-point games and a final, 15-point tie breaker.

CSSD-36 came out strong in the first game, with several volleys providing early momentum to the competition. Their effort was well-matched by the

opposition. Jordan Hines provided strong stability for the Rhinos, denying several kill attempts with high-flying blocks. Nevertheless, CSSD-36 triumphed in the first game 25-23.

After a quick court switch, game two kicked off. Several CSSD-36 kills early on seemed to suggest a repeat performance. However, a key spike by Rhino Damon Wilson proved a tide-turning event. After an exciting volley, Wilson made contact with the ball off an opposing blocker, smashing it soundly onto the opponent's floor.

"His spike rallied the whole team," said Hines. "It was the inspiration that we needed."

The Rhinos began to build momentum, edging out of game two with a 25-23 victory.

The pressure was on for the final game, with solid team performances on both sides of the net.

This time, the Rhinos played with confidence from the beginning, finishing out with a 15-12 win, and securing the match victory.

"I think we had a lot of heart," said Hines. "I guess we decided that we had nothing to lose, so we started playing hard."

Both teams gave tight, well-rounded performances throughout the competition, making the match all the more exciting to watch.

"Volleyball is a great team sport," said CSSD-36 coach Stephen Mahon. "All the players have to work together to make a point."

According to Mahon, many of his players from the preseason were gone due to deployments.

"I still had a lot of fun," Mahon said. "I thought we did pretty good today."



Rhinos player Matilda Montoyo prepares to return the ball during intramural volleyball action Feb. 4 at the IronWorks Gym here.

In addition to the exercise, the volleyball league provides an exciting opportunity for relationships between Station residents.

"I think it bonds units together through competition," said Hines. "It's a chance to relax and get to know each other."

Upcoming Volleyball Schedule

Wednesday

6 p.m. Boat House vs BMC
7 p.m. Rhinos vs Scared Hitless
8 p.m. CSSD-36 vs Supply

Feb. 25

6 p.m. Rhinos vs BMC
7 p.m. CSSD-36 vs Fil-Am
8 p.m. Boat House vs Supply