

## Assistant Commandant visits Station

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The Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps and his wife, Gen. and Mrs. William L. Nyland, visited the Station Monday and Tuesday to express the pride felt by Headquarters Marine Corps at the job Iwakuni Marines have been doing.

During his stay, Nyland toured Station facilities and construction sites, and visited different units to speak personally with Marines and answer their questions.

After breakfast Tuesday with Marines and Sailors at the Southside Chow Hall, Nyland received a tour of the Ironworks Gym, and a brief about the Iwakuni Runway Relocation Project.

He then visited Marines and Sailors at Hangar 281B and surrounding units. "Marines here in the Far East are ready. They are agile. And that makes my job in the Pentagon a heck of a lot easier," said Nyland. "What you do is really very important. You

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## Casualty drill storms Balikatan

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**CLARK AIR BASE, Republic of Philippines** — A mass casualty evacuation drill took place Feb. 25 here, on the airfield.

This was the first of many slated drills to take place as part of Exercise Balikatan 2004.

The drill was a simulation of a C-12, carrying three passengers onboard, going down. Marine Wing Support Squadron 172's crash fire rescue team, out of Camp Foster, Okinawa, arrived on the scene, extinguishing the blaze from the aircraft first.

Then, once the blaze was put out, the emergency team immediately began to look for any passengers aboard the C-12.

"Since the aircraft landed on its side, making it difficult to enter through the doors, we had to break through and make an entry," said Pfc. Matthew Blackman, MWSS-172 crash fire rescue.

The emergency team made an entry point to the aircraft using an ax. Once a hole was made, the "headliner" (the first person to make his way into the aircraft) looked inside to check for fire, smoke and then passengers.



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**Marine Wing Support Squadron 172 scavenges for bodies across the airfield as part of the mass casualty evacuation drill. It is the first drill of Exercise Balikatan 2004.**

When all was clear, the "rescue man" went into the C-12 and aided the passengers.

After all the passengers were taken out, the rescue team scoured the airfield to find any bodies, injured or lifeless.

One passenger was found with a serious injury, which required her to go

to the hospital immediately.

This was the first mass casualty evacuation drill for Blackman, and he can only imagine how a real life emergency would feel. The emotions he felt for this drill seemed as if it were not a mock crash

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## Child Development Center in danger

Current workforce depleted, other child care programs in jeopardy

CHL. DAVE BONI  
 Press Chief

Due to a lack of child care providers working at the Child Development Center here, CDC officials may soon have to make changes in order to fulfill the regulatory requirements of the depleted work force.

The CDC, in accordance with set standards for child care, requires a minimum of 22 care-providers while 29 is the ideal number. The CDC is currently working with 17.

The CDC is required by law to maintain a certain child care provider to child ratio, which means that unless new providers are hired, some of the programs and services may have to be reduced, or terminated.

"The problem we are running into is a high turnover rate for families changing stations or bases, and leaving an empty void in our child care-provider ranks," said Ray Tribe, Marine Corps Community Services, Marine and Family Services Division director. "The CDC is USMC sponsored and providing child care for single service members and dual military families takes precedence over other programs, which are

here as more of a quality of life option rather than necessity."

Programs such as Sure Start and Part Day Enrichment may be subject to scrutiny if the problem at CDC is not solved. While Tribe and other CDC officials have made a personal endeavor to advertise the job openings to the Station community, responses have been scarce.

"We are losing people every month," said Jane Jermain, CDC supervisor. "The problem is becoming increasingly serious."

While the cause for concern is warranted, Tribe feels the problem can be fixed by the Station residents, who utilize the program themselves.

"We are looking for individuals who are qualified and enjoy working with kids," Tribe said. "MCCS will provide all the training classes required to become a certified care-giver. All that is required of you is that you are 18-years-old, a high school graduate or have your general education degree and complete the mandatory background check. The background check can take up to two to three weeks."

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# 10 things learned in Iwakuni

WENDY GIBSON  
*Letter to the Editor*

10. The delivery of a baby can be a wonderful experience, even if your nurse doesn't speak the same language as you. Dr. Shoji and his staff made the delivery of my baby one of the most memorable experiences of our stay in Japan. Thank you for opening your facilities and your hearts to us.

9. It is hard to celebrate Monday Night Football or Super Bowl Sunday on a Monday, but in Iwakuni you can always find people who continue the tradition. Festivals and Friendship Day have allowed us to learn from our host country, thanks to all of the people who make these events happen.

8. Shopping online can be fun and you can always find a deal. There are great sales online too. Don't forget to use those online coupons for free shipping from coupon Web sites. Sign-up for your favorite merchants' Web sites and most will send you promotions during every holiday season.

7. Childcare off-base can be a great

learning experience for the whole family. The greatest group of Japanese employees from a local day care cared for my son for the first two years of his life. It was inexpensive, and we all learned from each other every time we got together to celebrate both Japanese and American holidays.

6. If you are hungry and go into a Japanese restaurant where everyone speaks Japanese, be adventurous and point at the picture to get what you want. You can also visit the Information, Referral & Relocation Office for a guide on how to order in Japan. There was never an establishment I entered where the locals didn't try to make our family feel at home. They were always friendly and willing to go out of their way to serve us.

5. Marine Corps Community Services is not perfect, but they are always trying to improve. I would like to thank everyone from MCCS for listening to the public and taking action to make us happy. The whole organization as a whole has come a long way.

4. Karaoke can be so much fun—even if you can't sing a note. I am

grateful that they have separate rooms in the karaoke bars in Japan because I would have never been brave enough to make a fool of myself in front of strangers. I would also like to apologize to our friends who had to endure my singing. Everyone should try it, and bring the kids because they will love it.

3. The commissary is one place that does not get enough credit for the wonderful job they do. I remember the day I first walked in to find three aisles and no meat or produce department. The personnel have made every visit a pleasurable experience; keep up the good work.

2. Flying six hours across the United States is a piece of cake compared to traveling for 24 hours to go home to Florida. Join a miles plan for each airline that will take you home. They have great offers for members who "love" to fly.

1. The friendships we have cultivated during our stay in Iwakuni, will be in our hearts forever. To my team at work, thank you for making such great memories, and I will miss you all.

## Be strong against world evils

CHAPLAIN S. S. BROWN  
*Letter to the Editor*

"These are the times that try men's souls," wrote Thomas Paine way back in 1780.

"We too live in trying times," wrote David Frum and Richard Perle in their new book, "An End to Evil: How to Win the War on Terror."

I'll never forget that Sept. 11th. I was visiting Combat Cargo aboard USS Iwo Jima when the horrific news came over the microphone. All eyes turned to the nearest television.

I dare to say a single soul could believe what their eyes were seeing. It was pretty discouraging, to say the least.

While the war on terror is far from yet won, for me, reading Frum and Perle's cogent and insightful study was very encouraging.

Quite coincidentally, while reading Frum and Perle, I happened upon excerpts from a 19th century spiritual treatise by the Philadelphia Quaker, Hannah Whitall Smith.

Smith cautions, "The enemy makes an easy prey of a discouraged soul." And while Smith was speaking of a spiritual enemy, namely temptation, her words are hauntingly prophetic in light of our very concrete and corporeal enemies in the war on terror.

Encouraged, discouraged or somewhere in between, during my recent readings it struck me anew that

courage is one of our Core Values for very good reason:

"Courage is the value that gives me the moral and mental strength to do what is right, with confidence and resolution, even in the face of temptation or adversity." I don't know who wrote those words from the Department of the Navy's Core Values Charter, but I certainly wonder if they've ever read Hannah Whitall Smith!

The important role courage plays in warfare, both spiritual and actual mortal combat, is nothing new to us here and now in our war on terror. Scripture recounts how after Moses died (no doubt itself a discouraging event) the Lord said to the adjutant, Joshua, "Be strong and of good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed. Only be strong and very courageous" (Josh. 1:9,6). Without the Core Value courage, I sincerely doubt if those walls of Jericho would've ever come tumbling down!

Now, thousands of years after Joshua, in the life-and-death struggle that is the war on terror, courage again plays a vital role. Smith pulls no punches: "One of the most fatal things in life...is discouragement."

Furthermore, courage is paramount institutionally, as well as personally. The 31st Commandant of the Marine Corps, General C.C. Krulak reminds us: "Semper Fidelis...Marines pledge to remain Always Faithful to these [Core]

Values and to God, Family and Country. Our Core Values remain the very soul of our institution, underlying all that is best in Marines, and must continue to frame the way we live and act as Marines."

In the fight against evil, either the personal, besetting kind, or the more apocalyptic war-on-terror type Marines call upon courage for victory to be achieved.

As Frum and Perle conclude their tome, they relate their vision of hope:

"A world at peace; a world governed by law; a world in which all peoples are free to find their own destinies: That dream has not yet come true, it will not come true soon, but if it ever does come true, it will be brought into being by American armed might and defended by American might, too. America's vocation is to support justice with power. It is a vocation that has earned us terrible enemies. It is a vocation that has made us, at our best moments, the hope of the world."

God told Joshua that "good courage" was key. Hannah Whitall Smith reminds us that courage is required to face the enemy. And as America is that hope of the world, The Corps, in this battle at least, is the hope of America. Therefore, devil dog, "Be strong and of good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed. Only be strong and very courageous." Amen.

# Mock trial witnessed by interns

LANCE CPL. GIOVANNI LOBELLO  
*Combat Correspondent*

The Station Judge Advocate held a mock trial on March 2 at Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni.

A group of 21 lawyers and interns from the Hiroshima Prosecutor's Office were invited to witness the procedures for a military special court martial and increase already good relations between the legal communities.

The Marine involved in the mock trial was charged with 243 days of unauthorized absence and had tested positive for cocaine in a drug test.

One of the differences between the Japanese and United States court system is the jury or court martial panel as referred to in the military.

According to Fumiaki Ooshiro, legal intern, there are other differences between the court system he is accus-

tomed to and what he witnessed.

"In Japan prosecutors and the counsel normally face each other," said Ooshiro, as one example.

According to Lt. Col. Charlie Stubbs, Station judge advocate "Currently, Japan has no jury system. Judges determine both the facts and the sentence in the Japanese system. Japan is now investigating how the member/jury system works."

Stubbs added, "We are providing a demonstration to our Japanese colleagues about our military justice system while hopefully giving them some ideas and insights into the jury system. Also, in Japanese court the accused is not given the opportunity to talk with his representative during the trial because they are physically separated. The accused is segregated away from the prosecutor, council and judge."



Lance Cpl. Giovanni Lobello

**Marines participate in a mock trial while Japanese law interns watch.**

The current Japanese court system can take several months before a finding of guilty or innocent and/or a sentence is determined.

"In a military trial, we usually continue with the trial until we are completely done," said Stubbs. "However, in a Japanese court room there are many sessions. Only for special reasons will we stop a trial midstream."

"In Japanese court, with all the breaks in between each session, four months can pass before a decision is rendered. But if we perform the trial, it will take a day or so before a decision is made," added Stubbs.

The interns sat through the mock trial and at the end were asked to decide on an appropriate sentence for the Marine's crimes. From the group of nine members, only six concurring votes were needed for a sentence to be given. After approximately three rounds of discussion, the accused was given a sentence of reduction to E-1, eight months in confinement, and two-thirds pay deduction for those eight months.

"Local Japanese interns are invited to the Station approximately four times a year," said Stubbs. "Events like this provide an excellent opportunity for the Station to exchange ideas with the Japanese community."

## Credit card scam targets users

GUNNERY SGT. M.A. ZEID  
*Combat Correspondent*

Recent information released by the Station Finance Office and the General Service Administration warns holders of government travel credit cards to beware of anyone requesting information about their credit cards via phone or e-mail.

Often, individuals receive fraudulent e-mail claiming to be from Visa officials and asking cardholders to reactivate their accounts due to a "technical security update." Cardholders are directed to click on a link that appears to be the Visa Web Site, but is actually a fake mirror image. People are then asked to enter personal information, such as credit card numbers and social security numbers.

"A bank official is not going to call you or contact you in this way," said Master Sgt. Benjamin F. Slater, the Station Finance Office finance chief. Slater stressed that banks and credit card companies will not ask for credit card numbers or social security numbers.

"The credit card companies actually don't contact the holders," explained Amy J. Baker, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron and Station travel card agency program coordinator. "It's the banks, in this case, Bank of America,

which contacts credit card holders."

"They (banks) will never solicit information from customers. They may ask such information if you initiate the call, but that's only to verify the caller and your account information." Baker also stated, "Whenever you have any doubt, just hang up and feel free to call the APC for help or guidance, or call the 800 number on the back of the card."

Baker did acknowledge that many contacts are made by e-mail, but these e-mail messages usually direct individuals to contact someone directly, not to send information.

In addition to e-mail messages, many people are also receiving phone calls stating they are bank employees working with the government charge card program. The scam operators claim to be checking suspicious card activity and ask for account numbers, social security numbers and other personal information. The important thing to remember is, bank employees do not call and ask for this kind of information. Only APC's will request this information, but they rarely do, stated Baker. They already possess this information. They may ask for some personal information if an individual calls, but only to confirm the person's identity.

Any attempts, or suspected attempts, should be reported immediately to APC's and the bank by calling the 800 number on the back of the credit card.

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represent the Marine Corps well."

Nyland also visited Hangar 1510 to speak with units there. He answered questions regarding the delicate relationship between America and North Korea, and expressed his thanks for the daily effort put forth by the service members.

A stop at the Single Marine Program's Hornet's Nest concluded Nyland's tour of the Station.

Nyland expressed his approval of the Station and its programs and facilities before departing. "Iwakuni has changed a lot since the last time I was here, and it's absolutely fantastic. My impression of Iwakuni is that it's a great place to be. The quality of life is absolutely superb."



Pfc. Lydia Davey

**Gen. Nyland shares a laugh with Lance Cpl. Keith Challet after breakfast at the Southside Chow Hall. Nyland took time to address Marines' questions and concerns.**

## NEWS BRIEFS

### SEALED BID SALE

Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office's next sealed bid sale will start March 22. Property on sale can and should be inspected at DRMO March 22-24. Inspect the property prior to bidding. Bid must be received no later than March 25, 8 a.m. Call 253-3982 or 253-4089 for details.

### UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND

Term IV registration is Monday through March 26. Term dates are March 29 through May 22. Course offering include Marketing, Life in the Oceans, Human Biology and more. Students must take the placement exams prior to enrolling in math or English. Call 253-3494 for additional information.

### SCHOOL REREGISTRATION

Currently enrolled students at M. C. Perry schools returning for SY 04-05 must reregister. Registration will be held in both schools April 5-9, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1-3 p.m.

### OFFICERS' SPOUSES CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

The OSC is accepting applications now through April 16. One spouse and one high school senior scholarship will be awarded. Applications can be found in Building 411, Education Office and with the high school counselor. For more information, call Margaret Erwin at 253-2401.

# Education beckons Iwakuni

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Combat Correspondent

"A smart Marine is a good Marine, and the Marine Corps is dedicated to helping Marines continue to cultivate their minds," - so says the official Marine Corps recruiting Web site.

With 100 percent tuition assistance and college programs at most installations, the Corps means what it says. But how do service members aboard Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni get started?

The Station is home to two college field offices offering a wide variety of classes and degree programs.

University of Maryland University College assists service members in getting started with the basic required education courses, as well as those already working on a degree.

"For young Marines who are just starting out, we recommend taking the general math, science and English courses first," said Becky Scott, UMUC's Iwakuni field representative. "All of our general courses will transfer to colleges back in the states."

Enrolling in UMUC is quick, beginning with a visit to the UMUC field office.

"It's a very simple process," said Scott. "Come by the office and complete a request to get tuition



Pfc. Lydia Davey

**Gunnery Sgt. Mark Grant, MWSS-171 company first sergeant, and education officer university college, registers for classes from the University of Maryland with the help of Marcia Marshall, Education tech.**

assistance, which is signed off by your officer in charge. It is brought back to the office, and then you are ready to sign-up. There's a onetime application fee of \$30."

Scott said that the office is especially helpful for service members who are new to college.

"The first thing we like to do is to get started with math and English classes," said Scott. "For anyone who has not taken these classes already, a

placement exam is required."

According to Scott, UMUC offers students both online and face-to-face classes.

"For the face-to-face classes, we start a new term every eight weeks," said Scott. "On the average, we offer between 12 and 13 courses each term. We try to include about two upper-level courses."

"Students also have access to our online Asia distance education classes. Those courses run on a semester basis, 16 weeks."

For service members interested in online education, an additional opportunity is available through a Central Texas College field office.

According to Jennifer Walker, CTC Iwakuni field representative, CTC online courses are eight weeks long as opposed to the 16-week long UMUC online courses.

CTC specializes in associate degrees.

Like UMUC, service members will have a tuition assistance form signed by their OIC and complete a registration form.

CTC offers several different associate degree plans to include General Studies, Criminal Justice, Child Development, Applied Management and Applied Management with Computer Applications.

The field offices of both colleges are located on the first floor of Building 411.

## Navy's top two therapists win awards

BILL DOUGHTY  
U.S. Naval Hospital, Yokosuka  
Public Affairs

It's a "two-fer" - the Navy's two Occupational Therapists (OT) of the Year for 2003 both serve in Japan.

Senior OT is Navy Lt. Maria Barefield in Yokosuka. Junior OT is Navy Lt. Philip Choresevic from Branch Medical Clinic Iwakuni. The duo received notification of their selection from their specialty advisor mid-February.

Both therapists treat active duty Sailors and Marines, as well as young children in the Educational and Developmental Intervention Services (EDIS) Program.

"In EDIS, I evaluate and treat



Photo courtesy of Branch Medical Clinic  
**Navy Lt. Philip Choresevic works with children at the Branch Medical Clinic. Choresevic was named Junior Occupational Therapist of the year for 2003.**

children in the Early Intervention Program and provide school-based therapy," said Barefield. "Some diagnoses that we treat are Down's Syndrome, autism, global developmental delays and other school and development-related areas of concern."

Barefield continued, "In my personal opinion, I feel that EDIS is one of the best programs available for families with children with special needs. The multi-disciplinary team that we have in Japan is outstanding and are fully committed to the populations in which we serve."

Junior OT of the Year, Choresevic (a lieutenant, junior grade at the time of his nomination) also treats adults and children. Most of his patients are Marines and their family members at Marine Corps Air Station, Iwakuni.

"Most of the children that I treat have been referred because of problems with fine motor coordination," said Choresevic. "For example, poor handwriting, inability to tie shoelaces or fasten buttons and zippers, etc. The adult patients that I see are almost exclusively for evaluation and treatment of orthopedic injuries of the upper extremity."

The Navy's top occupational

therapists said Japan is a top duty station.

"Coming from our last duty station in southern California, my wife and I were actually looking forward to a less hectic lifestyle that Iwakuni offered," said Choresevic. "We enjoy being part of the community on-base that's geared towards young families. We're very impressed with how friendly the Japanese are, and the length at which they will go out of their way to help."

Barefield is coming to the end of her tour in Japan.

"Initially, when I first came to Japan, I just took it one day at a time. As my time here is getting shorter, I am finding it very difficult to leave. Japan has been my most memorable Navy experience and I have loved every minute of it. I consider Japan home and I will definitely be back for a second tour."

She added, "In Japan, I fell in love with the culture, people, food and all the wonderful opportunities that this tour has provided me. I am sad to say goodbye to such a wonderful place."

U.S. Naval Hospital Yokosuka serves forward-deployed forces and their families throughout mainland Japan and in Chinhae, South Korea.

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at all, he said.

"My adrenaline was rushing and my heart was pumping. Everything was going so fast. I believe it was a success though," Blackman said.

Lance Cpl. Joshua H. Smith, new to evacuation drills as well, agreed with Blackman's assessment.

"My adrenaline was pumping, too. It was exciting and it felt real. We always train as if it is an actual emergency," he said.

The total time it took the crash fire rescue team to complete the drill was 12 minutes, from receiving the call of an emergency to transporting the victims to safety.

"Twelve minutes is a fast time. On average, it takes about 30 minutes to do what we did; traveling to the airfield, extinguishing the blaze, making an entry point, unloading, and finding passengers. This was good training," said Smith.

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Jermain added, "going through the training classes and working with children on a daily basis will not only support the community, it will make you a better parent or future parent."

Those interested in working at the CDC can also look forward to tuition assistance for college as well as other benefits MCCA offers their employees.

"The training you receive and the experience you gain can be used at any military CDC anywhere, so there is an opportunity for career advancement," said Tribe. "Just come out and apply for the job."

For more information regarding a job at the Child Development Center, located at Building 637 adjacent to the Sakura Theater, call 253-5584.

# T-Bolts lend a hand to Korat locals

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Combat Correspondent

While in America people take basic health care for granted, in Thailand it is a different story. For three days, Feb. 20-22, medical personnel from Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 251 and other Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni units volunteered their time to help Thailand nationals with medical care at a local elementary school.

The Sailors, along with Marine volunteers, took part in the three-day combined United States, Thai and Singaporean Medical/Dental Civic Action Program that provided medical, dental and optometry care for over 2,000 patients a day. They used Bon Bungkala Elementary School's classrooms as exam rooms, according to Petty Officer 3rd Class Elizabeth Cronnin, VMFA-251 corpsman.

"We saw approximately 400 people a day for 10 hours straight all three days," Cronnin said. "The school let us use some of their classrooms as acute care rooms."

The Sailors provided medical care to the Thais, who had health concerns ranging from bone and joint problems to parasite and cardiology issues.

"Anyone who had a health concern could come and get checked out," Cronnin said. "We saw all types of things with these people. A lot of it was simple stuff, like malnutrition or parasites from the water which caused a big number of cases."

All the work that was done would have been a lot harder if it weren't for the Thunderbolt volunteers who took time out of their liberty time to lend a hand, said Cronnin.

"The volunteers helped in all aspects of the event," Cronnin said. "They assisted in the transporting of the medical gear, assisted people to get where they needed to be for the specific type of care they needed and entertained everyone while they were in line waiting for treatment. They did



Capt. Dan Berzack

**A dental technician checks a patients tooth at the medical/Dental Civic Action Program in Korat, Thailand, Feb. 21 while Chief Warrant Officer John Chartier provides light for the procedure.**



Capt. Dan Berzack

**Navy Lt. Jeb Kucik, Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 251 flight surgeon, gives a local Korat citizen a shot in the knee during the medical/dental Civic Action Program, Feb. 20. Sailors, along with T-Bolts, volunteered their time to give medical care to about 2,000 patients.**

a heck of a job. We had some Marines work all day Sunday with us, just turn around to work on night crew that

same day. The patients couldn't say enough about the Marines. They were very happy with them."

The volunteers were excited to help in even the smallest of tasks.

"I helped control the lines for the optometry," said Lance Cpl. Tony Clevinger, VMFA-251 electric shop. "I also helped get the corpsmen

some water while they were working those long hours. It was very rewarding to know I was helping make a

difference in these people's lives."

Communication was a barrier that had to be dealt with while serving in an unfamiliar country. This was overcome by the use of translators provided by the Thailand Public Health department, according to Cronnin.

Although glad to help out, Cronnin and others were put in a somber mood when there was someone they knew they couldn't help.

"I am used to seeing people and being able to take care of people," Cronnin said. "It was a life changing experience to have patients I knew I could help, but needed long term care I couldn't give them. There was one woman who was only 27 and needed a heart-valve replacement, which we

couldn't give her. There are no hospitals close to their village and if there were, they wouldn't have the money to go."

The Marines who helped out were especially affected because they are not used to seeing people in such poor shape, said Clevinger.

"I usually see stuff like that on TV and don't think about it," Clevinger said. "Since I was there all three days, I had a chance to sit back and see the things I take for granted. I see how lucky I am to be in the position I'm in to have a good job and basic necessities taken care of."

The villagers were very grateful of the medical team and the Marines who took the time to help them.

"Everyone was very appreciative," Clevinger said. "Even though they were a little cranky from standing in line, they had a real good attitude about it."

## Myers tells students about war, operations, public service

JIM GARAMONE

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The nation's top military officer discussed the global war on terror and operations in Haiti, and pitched public service to members of the U.S. Senate Youth Program today.

Joint Chiefs Chairman Air Force Gen. Richard B. Myers spoke to high school seniors and juniors visiting the Pentagon from all the states, the District of Columbia and the DoD overseas schools and then took their questions.

Myers told the students that if they don't think the war on terror is an important endeavor, they need to "do more research."

The issue with terrorism is fear, he said. "If you are afraid, then you don't act in logical and rational

ways. And if you don't act in logical or rational ways, this democracy that we live in could be in danger."

It isn't readily apparent that the United States is at war, Myers said. "People go about their daily business and you're almost not aware that this threat is out there," he said.

But it is. In Iraq, the enemy has taken to killing its own people. The bombings in Baghdad and Karbala were the work of Muslim extremists killing fellow Muslims, Myers pointed out. "If they could do it with biological weapons, or nuclear weapons or radiological weapons, they would," he said.

Myers told the students that the U.S.-led Multinational Interim Force is in Haiti to lay the groundwork for a return to democracy. He said the force has calmed the capital, and rebels and former

President Jean-Bertrand Aristide's followers are allowing life to return to normal. There are currently about 1,000 U.S. Marines in Haiti. France has about 450 service members and gendarmes in the country, Canada has about 60 service members, and Chile has 130 soldiers in Port-au-Prince.

Myers said the United Nations is sending an assessment team to Haiti next week and that team will return to New York with its recommendations. He said there will probably be another U.N. Security Council resolution calling for peacekeepers in the country, and once those peacekeepers arrive, the U.S. troops in Haiti will probably pull out.

Myers, who has served 39 years in the Air Force, also spoke of the importance of public service. "You are at that point in your lives where you have lots of choices about what directions you take," he said.



Lance Cpl. Steven R. Stone, HMM-362 expeditor, holds an infant from the neighborhood.



"Angelina," a girl that lives in the neighborhood where the church is, acts a bit shy around the foreign guests roaming about.



Neighbors and worshippers take their seats moments before mass begins.



Children from the neighborhood run to get a look at the Marines and Sailors who paid a visit to the church.



The Sunday school children eat Pansit Bihon (fried noodles) off palm tree leaves after a church service.

# Marines, Sailors

STORY AND PHOTOS BY  
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*Combat Correspondent*

**CLARK AIR BASE, Republic of Philippines** — A small group of Marines and Sailors visited the Christian Praise and Worship Church here, Sunday.

What made this pilgrimage special for the service members was that the church was in the garage of a resident in an impoverished neighborhood.

What the Marines and Sailors discovered in the garage (church) was somewhat of a miracle, according to Lance Cpl. Celisa M. Reyes, Helicopter Marine Light Attack 369 avionics.

"I could not believe that all these people come together here to pray," she said.

Considering their situation, dealing with poverty and poor living conditions, the people from the neighborhood were happy and welcoming to outsiders (in this case, Americans).

Reyes, accompanied by a force

protection officer, along with Cpl. Steven R. Stone, Heavy Helicopter Squadron 362, walked around the neighborhood, greeted the many children, and was shoeless, in the dirt roads.

While on their journey through cluttered homes and littered streets, the two Marines discovered they never knew existed.

"Some of the homes were made of sheet metal and it looked like they were actually made partly of cardboard," said Stone.

The whole neighborhood greeted their heads when they discovered two Americans walking in the street. The children immediately ran toward them with laughs and hugs. The adults were just as happy to have them into their homes and to let them take pictures.

Back in the church, a group of local teenagers began to sing and sing a routine for their service members. Immediately after, toys, which the service members had brought,



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Excited children gather with smiles and waving arms in hopes to grab the attention of visiting Marines and Sailors in front of the church.

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give to the children, were given out to the Sunday school children for answering questions from the Bible correctly.

The service members were later treated to a meal and sat beside the Sunday school children to eat. The cuisine was Pansit Bihon, rice noodles with chicken and vegetables.

Once the meals were finished, the Marines and Sailors donated more toys and clothes to the church.

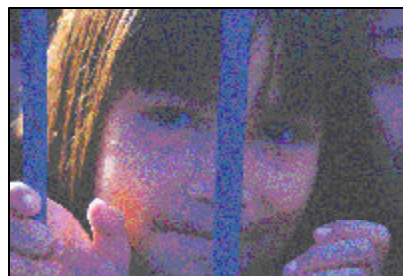
When the day was done, heading back to Clark Air Base, the service members reflected on their visit.

"I wish I could do more. But this experience did open my eyes, and it made me see how fortunate we are. Everybody should realize this and be grateful for the things we have. In the future, I plan on doing volunteer work.

Today, seeing and doing the things we did, is probably the most rewarding thing I have ever done in my life," Stone said.



A statue of Jesus Christ stands in front of the Bahay Pag-Ibig Center to give a message of love and hope.



A little girl, looks from behind a fence to catch a glimpse of the service members at the church.

# Local orphanage creates 'miracles'

STORY AND PHOTOS BY  
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**ANGELES CITY, Republic of Philippines** — In a remote part of a poverty-stricken city, in a third-world country, a sanctuary exists for lost children from the streets. Streets that are paved with dirt and hunger.

The Angeles Bahay Bata Center is more than an orphanage. Comprised of a home and a school, it is the future for many Philippine islanders.

In the center, children from ages 8 through 16 find solace from the streets. They also break free from broken homes where the children deal with physical, emotional and sexual abuse, neglect and even drug addiction.

"Our vision is not only to provide a nurturing environment for these children, but to serve as a catalyst in developing their potential in all aspects of growth and thus offering the children extensive academic, values formation, medical, social welfare and psychological programs," said Pinky Narciso, the center's academic consultant.

The orphanage houses more than 40 children in a facility that is equipped with restrooms, cafeteria, infirmary, dental clinic, library and a television room.



Orphans from the Angeles Bahay Bata Center in Angeles, Philippine Islands, sing a welcome song to the Marines and Sailors visiting the center.

"Angeles Bahay Bata Center is a pioneering institution. Which seeks to uplift the welfare of street children by providing for their holistic development; physically, socially, emotionally, cognitively and spiritually. Thereby helping them become productive and responsible members of society," said Narciso. "In Angeles City alone, we have an estimated number of 999 identified street children and the number is continuously increasing."

The center is home to children whose lives are scarred, traumatized, or, in one child's case, transformed.

Joe Smith, a mentally handicapped orphan, is what the benevolent people from the center call a "miracle." The 16-year-old boy was beaten daily by his father. The last time he was beaten, he was struck in the head so hard it caused his skull to crack open. This forever changed his life. When authorities found him on the streets, lying lifeless with his head open, he was taken to the center.

"When Joe first came to the orphanage, he was like a vegetable. He wouldn't move, talk or anything. But now, considering his handicap, he has improved so much. He is a miracle," said Narciso. "Another wonderful thing about Joe is that all the children here love him. They all know of his condition and they always protect him if they feel he is treated wrong by

someone. It brings out their instinct to be protective."

Joe Smith is just one of the tragic stories from the streets. Stories of hunger and drug addiction are common as well. To escape hunger, children from the streets sniff rubber cement. The high from the chemicals



After a short game of football, Sgt. Marben P. Aquino, HMH-362 career retention specialist, talks with one of the young orphans at the center.

in the glue take away the children's appetite.

On Feb. 19, more than 25 United States Marines and Sailors from Clark Air Base, Republic of the Philippines, visited the orphanage to share a life-altering experience for both the service members and the orphans. The orphans, according to Narciso, are not accustomed to seeing many Westerners, let alone service members. When the Sailors and the Marines appeared before the children, both parties were in awe, with admiration coming from the children and sympathy from the service members.

"The children do not have any role models, they have no family. But when they see Marines, they immediately know who they are and many of the children admire what they do," Narciso said.

The introduction began with different service members introducing themselves individually and telling the children why they chose to be in the military.

"People like Marines are good role models. They explain why they chose to join the military and why getting education is important. It gives the



The children from Angeles Bahay Bata Center pose for a picture with Cpl. Timothy B. Serin, HMH-362 avionics technician, after playing a game of football.

children something to look at and, maybe, they would want to be the same way," Narciso explained.

The Angeles Bahay Bata Center is an organization that is funded by private donations. For more information on how to help, or donate items, contact the center at [www.angelesstreetkids.org](http://www.angelesstreetkids.org).



## OUT THE GATE

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

### Kintai Bridge Exhibition

There will be an exhibition of items relating to the Kintai Bridge Sunday through May 23, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Historical items such as the original draft of the bridge, pictures taken in the late 19th century, woodblock prints, Japanese paintings and ancient manuscripts, will be displayed. The admission is free. It is

closed on Mondays. Call 41-0452 for more information.

### Plants Dye Display

This display takes place until April 8, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Hiroshima Botanical Garden to show approximately 40 works of art. It is closed on Fridays. Admission fee is required. For more information, call 082-922-3600.

### Camellia Festival

There is a festival through March 21 on the Mount Kasa-yama in Hagi City. Almost 25,000 camellia trees in full bloom can be seen everyday.

(They will perform local arts at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. only on Sunday, March 20 and 21.) On these days, they will sell local products. The performance may be cancelled in case of rain. Call 0838-25-3139 for details.

### Ancient Hina Dolls Display

Approximately 400 pieces of ancient Hina dolls and equipment, including items from the mid 19th century, are displayed at Mori museum in Hofu City until April 4 at 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Admission fee is required. Call 0835-22-0001 for more information.



# TORII TELLER CLASSIFIED ADS

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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

**Nissan Wingroad**, 1998, station wagon, blue with silver trim, P/W, P/L, AM/FM stereo cassette player, driver side air bag, anti-lock brakes, JCI until March 2006, \$2,000. Call Phillip Grant at 253-3510 dwh or 090-1681-0866.

**Mazda Eunon 800**, 1997, 4 door sedan, excellent condition, leather interior, moon roof, power everything, 10 disc CD, 4 wheel steering, JCI for 2 full years, \$2,600. Call Capt Archer at 253-4074 dwh or 253-2740 awb.

**Nissan Terrano**, 1990, 4x4 new tires, roof rack, 10 disc CD, heated seats, 5 door, moon roof, 1 year of

JCI, \$2,200. Call Capt Archer at 253-4074 dwh or 253-2740 awb.

**Nissan Skyline GT**, 1994, 2 door, highly reliable, good condition, new JVC AM/FM CD player, new front and back speakers, all professionally installed and loud, auto transmission, cold A/C, auto eliminate control, A in-line V-6 engine, well maintained, power everything, good tires, must sell before PCS, JCI until Dec. 2005, \$3,950 obo. Call Chad Boblett at 253-6101 dwh, 253-7240 awb or 090-4109-6830.

**Mazda Roadster Convertible**, 1990, 5 speed, new tires, CD changer, new back window, excellent condition,

JCI until Aug. 2005, \$2,000. Call Hope at 253-4673 dwh or 253-2461 awb.

**Nissan Serena Van**, 1993, blue family van, CD player, runs well, low kilometers, must sell, JCI until Jan. 2006, \$2,200. Call Sgt Garza at 090-3632-8563 or 253-2862 awb.

**Toyota Prominent**, 1992, 4 door, sedan, charcoal grey, low mileage, well maintained, A/C, JCI until Nov. 2005, \$1,750 obo. Call Jon Foster at 253-4298 dwh or 253-2564 awb.

**Suzuki GSF 1200 Bandit**, 1997, silver, 1,200cc, in-line 4 cylinder DOHC engine, 100 BHP, \$1,800. Call Phillip Grant at 253-3510 dwh or 090-1681-0866.

## OTHER ITEMS

**Misc.**, Sony MVC-FD85 Mavica digital camera with carrying case, \$350 obo; Panasonic VCR \$100; JVC 3 disc DVD Player, \$150; large Pooh Bear, 9,500 yen or \$90. Call Linda Kostelny at 253-3278 dwh or 090-8608-3799.

**Misc.**, matching off white sofa, \$150, love seat, \$100, full size Japanese style refrigerator, \$100; black iron patio table and four chairs, \$100; large dresser and mirror, \$80; entertainment center, \$68; 27" color TV, \$50; 8x10 oriental style rug, \$50; large coffee table, \$40; wooden kitchen table and four chairs, \$25. Call Lt. Elliott at 253-4453 dwh or 21-7981 awb.

**Community Room Multi Family Garage Sale**  
Multi family sale at Building 657 Community Room, Saturday, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

## WANTED

Nonsmoker to care for a 13-month-old girl at our home or yours 3-6 days per month is needed. Call Shannon or Kim Ealy at 253-2052.

## JOB OPENINGS

**Torii Tunes**  
Help wanted at Torii Tunes. Apply at MCX Sound Shop. Full and part time positions available.

**CHRO (253-6828)**

**DeCA:**  
-Materials Handler (Intermittent)

**Clinic:**  
-Social Worker

**BPO:**  
-Management and Program Analysis  
-Management and Pro-

gram Analysis Officer  
**MCCS (253-3030)**  
*(The following jobs are open at MCCS Personnel)*  
**MCCS Job Listing:**

- Head of Retail
  - Retail Area Supervisor, civilian only
  - Basic Replenishment Clerk, civilian only
  - Leisure Travel Assistant, civilian only
  - Club Operations Assistant, civilian only
  - Catering Manager
  - Assistant Club Manager
  - Program Assistant, civilian only
  - Program Leader, civilian only
  - Recreation Specialist, civilian only
  - Operations Assistant, civilian only
  - Recreation Assistant, civilian only
  - Outdoor Recreation Manager, civilian only
  - Marketing Research Specialist
- Go to <http://www.mccs iwakuni.com> for a complete job listing.



## MOVIE SCHEDULE

### FRIDAY

- 11 a.m./5 p.m. George Of The Jungle (PG)
- 2 p.m./8 p.m. Drumline (PG-13)
- 11 p.m./5 a.m. Boiler Room (R)
- 2 a.m. Exit Wounds (R)

### SATURDAY

- 11 a.m./5 p.m. Secondhand Lions (PG)
- 2 p.m./8 p.m. Charlie's Angel: Full Throttle (PG-13)
- 11 p.m./5 a.m. Bridget Jones's Diary (R)
- 2 a.m. Blow (R)

### SUNDAY

- 11 a.m./5 p.m. Ghostbusters (PG)
- 2 p.m./8 p.m. Barbershop (PG-13)
- 11 p.m./5 a.m. Any Given Sunday (R)
- 2 a.m. The Hollywood Sign (R)

### MONDAY

- 11 a.m./5 p.m. Anna And The King (PG-13)
- 2 p.m./8 p.m. Out Of Time (PG-13)
- 11 p.m./5 a.m. Eye Of The Beholder (R)
- 2 a.m. The Sure Thing (PG-13)

### TUESDAY

- 11 a.m./5 p.m. Here On Earth (PG-13)
- 2 p.m./8 p.m. League Of Extraordinary Gentlemen (PG-13)
- 11 p.m./5 a.m. Underworld (R)
- 2 a.m. Biker Boyz (PG-13)

### WEDNESDAY

- 11 a.m./5 p.m. Raiders Of The Lost Ark (PG)
- 2 p.m./8 p.m. Radio (PG)
- 11 p.m./5 a.m. Matrix Revolutions (R)
- 2 a.m. Basic (R)

### THURSDAY

- 11 a.m./5 p.m. Batman Returns (PG-13)
- 2 p.m./8 p.m. School Of Rock (PG-13)
- 11 p.m./5 a.m. Final Destination 2 (R)
- 2 a.m. Catch 22 (R)

# SAKURA THEATER



## CHASING LIBERTY

Tired of being followed around every moment of every day, the 18-year-old daughter of the president of the United States ditch her Secret Service handlers and sets out on a romantic road trip through Europe with her boyfriend (111 minutes).



## TORQUE

This action movie shows what happens to longtime biker Cary Ford when he is framed by a longtime rival, Henry, the leader of a biker gang called the Hellions for the murder of Sleepy D, the brother of Trey Wallace, the leader of the Machine, the most notorious and feared biker gang in the country. Cary and his friends must make a run for it as they have both Trey and his Machine bikers and the FBI on their tails (94 minutes).



## DISNEY'S TEACHERS' PET

Spot the Dog is so curious about the world that he has taught himself how to talk and read, and then sneaks to school with his master, Leonard, where he poses as a human (74 minutes).

### FRIDAY

- 7 p.m. 50 First Dates (PG-13)
- 10 p.m. Chasing Liberty (PG-13)

### SATURDAY

- 10 a.m. URA Star Talent Show auditions
- 4 p.m. Disney's Teachers' Pet (PG)
- 7 p.m. Torque (PG-13)
- 10 p.m. House Of Sand And Fog (R)

### SUNDAY

- 4 p.m. Peter Pan (PG)
- 7 p.m. Mona Lisa Smile (PG-13)

### MONDAY

- 7 p.m. Welcome To Mooseport (PG-13)

### TUESDAY

- 7 p.m. Torque (PG-13)

### WEDNESDAY

- 7 p.m. Mona Lisa Smile (PG-13)

### THURSDAY

- 7 p.m. Chasing Liberty (PG-13)

# COMMUNITY BRIEFS

## EDUCATION

### Test Schedule

**Tuesdays/Fridays** - CLEP, DSST

**Wednesday** -ACT

**Thursday** -SAT

**March 22** -EDPT, DLAB

**March 24** -DLPT

**March 25** -AFCT

For more information, call 253-3855.

## HEALTHCARE

### Healthy Cooking Class "Asian Style"

Tuesday, 6-7:30 p.m. in IronWorks Gym Wellness Kitchen. Sign-up for \$5.

## CHRO

### CHRO Training

■ **Preventing Workplace Conflict and Adverse Actions:** March 22-24, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
 ■ **Alternative Dispute Resolution:** March 25-26, 8 a.m. to 4:30 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 one, Room 102, CHRO training room.

## MCCS

### CRMC Classes (253-6439)

■ **Basic Resume Writing:** Tuesday, 9-11:30 a.m.  
 ■ **Interviewing Skills Workshop:** Thursday, 1-3 p.m.

### Club Iwakuni (253-3119)

■ **Chef's Seafood Classics:** Every Friday, 5-9 p.m. in all dining rooms. A children menu is also available.

■ **Saint Patrick's Day Celebration:** Wednesday, 5 p.m. in all lounges. Enjoy free social hour foods and Irish beverages. Wear green for a chance to win door prizes.

■ **Le Vieux Carre Festival:** March 20. Adults enjoy Bourbon Street in the ballroom, a Courtyard Restaurant on the veranda, Pat O'Brien's in the

Eagle's Nest bar, Blues & Jazz Club in the Eagle's Nest party room, and a dance party at the Landing Zone bar. Simultaneous Le Vieux Carre parties for children will be held at Teen and Youth Centers.

### MCX (253-5641)

■ **Home & Electronics Sale:** Now through March 21. Receive discounts on Whirlpool appliances, JVC and Sony electronics, grills and more.

■ **Saint Patrick's Day Sale:** Wednesday. Get 17 percent off select items.

### Single Marine Program (253-4656)

■ **Blitz Tournament: Sunday,** 6 p.m. Free entry for teams of two. Great prizes for first, second and third place winners.

■ **Pool & Dominos Tournament:** March 20, 6 p.m. Free sign-up for these single tournaments.

### Teen Center (253-6454)

■ **Sasebo Trip:** March 20, 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sign-up before Wednesday.

### Spring Bazaar Coming

Save your money for the MCCS Spring Bazaar, coming to the MAC Dome April 2-4. Antiques, furniture, textiles, drawings and food.

### Play Morning

Tuesday, March 23 and 30, 9:30-11 a.m. Play morning gives you and your child, age 1 to 5-years-old, the pleasure of meeting other families, sharing playtime, singing songs, making crafts and more. The group meets in the community room of Building 657. Sign-up by calling 253-6553.

### School Age Care Day Camp

April 2, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9, 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Make your reservations at least one week in advance if your child will be attending. Many activities are scheduled this week to celebrate children in military families. Call 253-4803 for details.

## COMMUNITY

### Sensible Eating During Pregnancy

Join the WIC Overseas office to learn about eating right for your baby's health, March 31, 3 p.m. in the Branch Medical Clinic library. Call 253-4928 to preregister.

### Nutritional Wellness Calcium

WIC Overseas is presenting a class discussing calcium and why our bodies need it, March 16, 2:30 p.m. in the Child Development Center Training Room. Call 253-4928 to preregister.

### 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.

### Crime Stoppers

If you have any information pertaining to a crime please call "Crime Stoppers" at 253-3333. Crime Stoppers is an answering service designed for anonymous callers to give information that would assist the Provost Marshal's Office in solving and preventing crime.

### Thrift Store

The Thrift Store is open Mondays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Wednesdays from 5-8 p.m. and the last Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in Building 1117, located next to the Chapel. Volunteers and donations are always welcome. Call 253-4721 for more information.

### Iwakuni Toastmasters

Toastmasters (TM) International provides an excellent opportunity to learn and practice proper public speaking and invaluable leadership skills. The TM experience also looks very good on your resume. The class meets every 2nd Thursday evening and 4th Friday at lunch. Japanese with intermediate or better English skills are welcome. Call Nancy Regan at 253-4557 or Sallie Donahue at 253-5328 for more information.

## 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.



Pfc. Lydia Davey

### Dr. Seuss appears in Iwakuni

Col. David T. Darrah, Station commanding officer, donned a striped hat to relate Dr. Seuss's story, "The Cat in the Hat," to Matthew C. Perry Elementary School students March 2. The school celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday with readings, crafts and door decorating competitions.

# Destined for perfect season

STORY AND PHOTOS BY  
LANCE CHL. GIOVANNI LOBELLO  
*Combat Correspondent*

Before the opening tip-off one team already had a lot more to lose before the game began. The making of a perfect season does not happen often for many teams. With blowout victories for most of the season, it would all boil down to one final game.

This was the scenario in the championship game for Headquarter and Headquarters Squadron's Dynasty going up against H&HS' Crash Crew.

Dynasty was victorious 48-32 to become the tournament champions, to complete their perfect season.

Lee Woodbridge, Dynasty small forward, led the way for Dynasty 21 total points.

The game started as a low scoring affair. Seven minutes into the game a 7-3 score demonstrated the tough defensive effort by both teams. At halftime both teams walked off the court with the scoreboard reading 19-8 in favor of Dynasty.

Despite a strong defense, Crash Crew was plagued by turnovers and missed shots leading into the half.

"We had a rough start," said Dale Dudley,

Crash Crew forward.

"But as the game progressed, we came together. Our strategy for tonight was to come in here and try to stop their outside shooters. They have a great deal of outside shooters that can really change the game."

The second half began with a 13-4 Crash Crew run in the first three minutes, bringing them as close as four points. However that would be the closest they would get to Dynasty before watching their championship dreams slip away.

As the game wound down careless mistakes and missed shots disabled Crash Crew to attempt one last run.

Randy Blanche, Dynasty point guard was named the most valuable player for the tournament as he contributed 11 total points to their victory.

"I could not of done this without the team," said Blanche.

Blanche also reflected on the accomplishments during their remarkable season.

"It feels really good to go 30-0. Not too many teams do that, and to do that in Iwakuni is unspeakable," Blanche said. "A perfect season was something I guaranteed to my coach at the beginning of the season because of the caliber team we had. This championship was also great because it is a storybook ending. We will be losing most of the players next year, and its nice to finish on top."



Dynasty's Randy Blanche, point guard, drives to the hole, adding to his 11 points that contributed to his team winning the championship game.



Dynasty's Gabriel Maldonado pulls up for a jumper despite the relentless pursuit of the opposing team trying to deny his shot.



Dale Dudley, forward for Crash Crew, takes the rock up strong as he is mobbed by three Dynasty defenders for the easy layup.

## IWAKUNI SPORTS SCENE

### YOUTH BASEBALL

Register your child through April 7 at IronWorks Gym front desk for \$30. Sign up after April 7 costs \$40. Call 253-3239 for more information.

### GROUP YOUTH SWIM LESSONS LEVEL 1 & 2

Lessons run Monday through March 19 at IronWorks Gym Indoor Pool. Level one students swim 5-5:45 p.m. Level two students swim 6-6:45 p.m. Sign up for \$30. Call 253-4966 for details.

### ALL-MARINE VOLLEYBALL TRIALS

Men's trials will be held at MCAS Cherry Point, N.C. Women's trials will be at Twentynine Palms, Calif. Trials run April 24 to May 16. Submit a resume by March 26 to the Athletics Office. For resume format, call Jennifer Jones at the Athletics Office at 253-4605.

### INVITATIONAL RACQUETBALL TOURNAMENT

Players meet Tuesday, 10 a.m. in the Wellness Room. The tournament takes place March 20, 10 a.m. at IronWorks Gym. For more information, call 253-5777.

### MADNESS H2O UNIT PT "5 ON 5 WATER BASKETBALL" CHALLENGE

Units are invited to IronWorks Indoor Pool for a free PT challenge March 19, 1-4 p.m. Teams must consist of six people: five players and one substitute. Open to military units and JMSDF members only. Call 253-4966 for more information.

### VARSITY SOFTBALL TRYOUTS

March 20, 10 a.m. at the parade deck in front of Building one. Call 253-5777 for details.

# Health Fair builds young minds, bodies



**Sarah Perez, massage therapist, gives a brief massage to Erica Coggins, helping to sooth any built up stress.**

LANCE CH. GIOVANNI LOBELLO  
*Combat Correspondent*

Marine Corps Community Services held their annual Health Fair March 6 at the Ironworks Gym.

The Health Fair is held every year to disseminate information about different ways to keep your mind and body healthy.

"This year the theme was to let the community know of all activities that promote a healthy lifestyle sponsored by MCCS," said Billie Scott, MCCS health promotions director. "We added the Hawaiian theme this year also. We think this lets people receive the information better by keeping them relaxed."

Demonstration of martial arts, spinning (indoor cycling) and a variety of other programs were available to try out for the first time.

Also a new hula class starting April 7 was revealed.

Before the wealth of information was summoned among those present, the events started with a 2.5, five or 10 kilometer run for anyone willing to put forth the effort.

Soon after the run, a rush of eager Station



**Erica Coggins gives a brief demonstration of what can be expected during an indoor cycling class given every Tuesday and Thursday. They are also given Monday and Friday.**

community members entered the gym looking forward to the days events.

Even children were provided with events enabling them to enjoy the afternoon.

"I wanted to try the games available and also win the prizes they had," said 12-year-old, Cassandra Dahl. "I went to all the stations that were here and got a lot of free stuff. Then I came here (kids corner) to play air hockey."

The stations were there to teach those who attended about different topics that have a major impact on one's health.

"We have topics such as substance abuse, dental care and massage therapy, which all promote a healthy life-style," said Scott.

According to Dahl, one the most important lessons she learned was about nicotine.

"I learned that nicotine is so addictive because it goes straight to your head."

The day's events were capped off as several prizes were passed out. In order to become eligible for the prizes, stamps from specific stations were required.

The Health Fair also welcomed a large group of volunteers from around the Station.

"I volunteered because this would be a fun way to find out about all the stuff that is available," said Cpl. Jose J. Gil, Marine Aircraft Group 12 engine mechanic. "I am happy to be here seeing everyone having a good time. This is also a good way for the whole MCCS community to come together for one big event."

For information about any of the programs offered by MCCS, contact 253-6359.



**Stephon House, 10-years-old, shouts with joy as he waits to see whether he manages to make it into one of targets holes drilled into a clowns face.**



**Station residents get their fingers pricked and their blood drawn as part of the Health Fair March 6.**



**Chief Petty Officer Joven Zamo, independent duty corpsman, performs a blood pressure test to Petty Officer 2nd Class Cipriano Zarate.**