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## More recreation in store for Iwakuni

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Marine Corps Community Services is bringing a new level of entertainment and recreation to Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni.

A new contract with the Army Recreation Machine Program was formed in February 2004 in an effort to recoup \$18,000 in losses incurred by amusement machine purchases and maintenance in 2003. Under the contract, ARMP is now responsible for supplying and maintaining arcade games, jukeboxes, and pool tables at Crossroads Mall, Club Iwakuni, the Marine Lounge, and the Hornet's Nest, at no cost to MCCS.

MCCS Director Dale Smith expressed his support for the program saying, "By turning arcade games, pool tables, and jukeboxes over to an organization that specializes in recreation games, we are able to deliver an even higher level of service to our Marines and families. This transition allows us to focus on our core goals and objectives while still providing the activities our customers enjoy."

In addition, ARMP will share with MCCS a portion of the gross revenue generated, which will go to services

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# Helicopter makes landing in remote Ota riverbed

LANCE CPL. RUBEN D. CALDERON  
Combat Correspondent

A CH-53D helicopter from Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463 made a precautionary landing in Togocho Town, Hiroshima Prefecture April 15 at 2 p.m.

The helicopter safely made the landing in the Ota Riverbed due to a malfunction with the CH-53D's first stage hydraulic system.

The helicopter departed from here at 12:55 p.m. and was returning from a routine training exercise. At approximately 2 p.m., the helicopter pilots noticed the problem and immediately looked for a safe site to land.

"We had time, within reason, to look for a place to land," said 1st Lt. Michael Smith, HMH-463 pilot. There was no immediate danger to the two pilots and two-man crew of the helicopter.

"Togocho is surrounded by mountains, which made it difficult to find a place to land. We made sure we landed in a safe area away from children or anybody," said Capt. Gregory T. Baker, HMH-463 pilot.



Lance Cpl. Ruben Calderon

**A CH-53D helicopter from Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463 made a precautionary landing April 15 on the Ota Riverbed in the rural town of Togocho, Hiroshima Prefecture.**

The Ota River, where the helicopter made the precautionary landing, is property of the Japanese government. Once it landed, Japanese officials arrived on the scene within minutes.

"Nobody was injured and no damage was done to either private or gov-

ernment property because of the landing here," said Taketoshi Hayashi, Hiroshima Prefectural's senior policeman.

At approximately 3:10 p.m., a main-

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### IWAKUNI WEATHER



Today  
Showers  
High: 66



Saturday  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 62



Sunday  
Sunny  
High: 68

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## National Library Week opens door to world of reading

GUNNERY SGT. M.A. ZEID  
Combat Correspondent

The Marine Corps Air Station, Marine Corps Community Services Iwakuni Base Library is determined to be the gateway for Station residents into the world of literature and adventure. Furthermore, there is no better time to visit the library than right now as they celebrate National Library Week, which offers people a chance to win some fun prizes.

Until Saturday, anyone checking out two or more books will receive a prize, explained Joy Poynor, a 24-year-old native of Alma, Ark. and library technician.

For adults, the prizes include gift certificates, stationary sets, tote bags and coffee mugs. Children can receive toy grab bags, candy grabs, plastic tumblers or pencils.

The National Library Week was formed by the American Library Association and the American Book Publishers Association in 1958, stated Poynor.

"In the 1950s, research showed people were paying more attention to television and radio than reading books," said Poynor. National Library Week was developed to promote the use and support of libraries, she added.

The library is also hoping that National Library Week will increase participation in their ongoing programs such as

"Leaders are Readers," continued Poynor.

As Poynor explained it, the Leaders are Readers program is designed to encourage Marines and young adults to read more. Whenever a Marine finishes reading two or more books from the Marine Corps Reading List, that person's name is entered in a drawing for a \$20 gift certificate from MCCS.

Young adults must read two or more books from the Young Adult Section (books with orange labels) in a month in order to become eligible to win a \$10 gift certificate, also from MCCS.

The library staff wants people to visit and discover just what they have to offer, explained Poynor.

"We're proud that we have 19 Internet computers for use, and they're free," she said.

"We have newspapers from around the world," added Poynor. She stressed that the library subscribes to more than 200 magazines and newspapers.

She also pointed out that other services include Discovery Packs, special kits filled with activities to make learning fun, and language programs complete with books and audio tapes. All of these materials can be checked out.

The important thing is to use the library; it is a valuable resource for everyone, asserted Poynor.



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# Internet super ‘runaround’?

## JENS Corporation offers frustration for Iwakuni users

**CPL. MIKE BROWNING**  
*Combat Correspondent*

Webster’s dictionary defines dial-up as a network connection, as to the Internet, which requires that a telephone number be dialed. Webster’s goes on to define the Internet as worldwide network of computer networks that use the TCP/IP network protocols to facilitate data transmission and exchange.

Now, you may ask yourself why I am giving a lesson in vocabulary. It’s simple; I’m a fact type of person. An important lesson I have learned since I joined the Marine Corps is to think before you speak. If you do, then you should have no reason to regret what you have to say.

Sticking to the facts, here is a break down of JENS Internet access and service fees. For a onetime registration fee of \$50 you can get an Internet connection in your barracks room or housing.

As for the service plans, you could go one of two ways. You could make a onetime payment of \$299 and get access for an entire year. Now this includes unlimited Internet access, an e-mail account and 10 megabytes of personal home page space. If you’re a pay-as-you-go type of person, which many of us are, there is another plan just for you. For only \$35 a month, you get all of the above mentioned amenities.

Remember how I told you I was a fact type of person? I have already done the math for you, it averages out to a whopping \$420 a year. That’s \$121 more than the first service plan and if you’re on an accompanied tour, which I am, it’s \$363 extra you’re paying over the next three years.

Now I don’t want everyone out there thinking that I am just ragging on JENS because of their prices, because I’m not. Like I said earlier, I have a few things to say.

*“Are you tired of tying up telephones lines while you’re surfing the Internet? Tired of slow-download speeds? Want to view more content-rich sites than your*

*dial-up connection will allow?”* The questions are all from the JENS Web site. Their Web site goes on to say that these are things of the past, that you can surf faster and free up your phone line with JENS, “High-Speed Internet Access.”

Does JENS offer this option to the Iwakuni residents? No. Here, JENS boasts a 56k connection. That’s what their advertisements states anyway. I went over to JENS and spoke with JENS assistant manager, just to make sure I have my facts straight.

One of the first questions I asked was, “How many people employ the services of JENS?” This question was quickly sidetracked, something about a privacy issue, at least that is what I was told. The next question I asked was, “How many Internet access numbers are there available for users to connect to the Internet?” I already knew the answer to this question, but I asked anyway and he confirmed that there was only one access number for everyone on Iwakuni to connect to.

When I went on and asked if this hindered the connection speed he responded by saying that the server is able to accommodate the number of users connecting to it. I thought to myself, “really,” and kept on trucking with the next question. “Do you have the average connection speed that users connect to your server?” His answer was simple, “I’m not sure.”

JENS has, and I’ll guesstimate since they would not provide with the facts, a thousand users connecting to one server. Imagine a thousand people calling your home or your secretary and your secretary trying to take messages and forward phone calls. I would think things would go a little slow.

The two days prior to me canceling my JENS account, I connected at 4k per minute. It took an hour for my home page to load. You have got to be kidding me. When I called

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# Assignment of choice: Is winning everything?

**CHAPLAIN STEPHEN COATES**  
*The second in a series of 10 articles  
on character*

It’s fourth and 15; time is running out. A first down will put you in field goal range – enough to win the game. Your wide receiver dives for the 23-yard pass and rolls over with the ball held high in celebration. The referee rules it a completion and your team goes on to win.

The truth of the matter – he dropped the ball and only pretended to catch it. Was he right to lie?

As we look at different grids people use to make choices and determine what is right, the obvious place to begin is with the system known as “Whatever I happen to want.”

“Now, come on chaplain. You want me to believe that one method of ethical reasoning is nothing other than selfishness?” Yes.

Every Wednesday evening, I watch kids play games. They are fun games and most of the kids play fair. There are no great rewards for winning

and certainly no harsh punishments for losing. Nevertheless, some kids cheat every week. They would rather win than lose. Wouldn’t we all? But at what price?

What do kids’ games have to do with us? Let’s go back to the football game and see who agrees he was right to deceive.

Receiver – Do you think, as a boy, this player dreamed of winning a game in the final moments by dropping a pass? Of course not! He dreamed of making the catch. To avoid losing, he throws that dream away.

Teammates, coaches, fans – If the receiver played for your favorite team, would you want him to be honest and admit he failed to make the catch? Not many would. His fellow players might crush him for such a move. They want to win; it is their desire that determines what he ought to do.

Announcers – Even those who have no personal stake in which team wins chime in for the receiver’s deception. In his book “Integrity,” Stephen Carter reflects on a similar situation in which the broadcaster

said, “What a heads-up play!” Meaning: “Wow, what a great liar this kid is! Well done!”

For some people, the only measure of right and wrong is what they want. If they want money, they will justify any behavior to get it.

If they want to win, they will break any rule if they can do so without getting caught. If they want to violate another person for their own satisfaction, they will gladly deal with any residual guilt rather than deny themselves a fleeting moment of pleasure.

Others will not even experience guilt. Why? Because they are simply living in logical consistency with their moral framework – to get what they want.

If the only issue is a football game out at Penny Lake, maybe we will survive. But if individuals follow this same ethic in matters of relationships, business and life in the Marine Corps, we are in trouble. Next time, we will look at the first of several more plausible methods for determining good choices.

# Marines, Koreans combine forces in runway repair

STORY AND PHOTOS BY  
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Combat Correspondent

**Yechon Air Force Base, Korea**—Combat engineers teamed up with Korean airmen March 29 for exercise Foal Eagle's combined Rapid Runway Repair, also known as triple R, exercise.

"It was a great opportunity to exchange ideas about triple R," said 2nd Lt. James Lagasca, Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 construction platoon commanding officer. "It also gave the Marines a chance to train in a real-life scenario."

With base commanding officer, Brig. Gen. Yeongoon Oh, overseeing, Korean airmen commenced filling a crater 50 feet in diameter puncturing a practice runway.

Using a variety of heavy equipment, including excavators, sweepers and dump trucks, the hole was filled and compacted in an hour and a half.

Meanwhile, Marines barreled onto the runway with skytracks pulling a 30-foot folding fiberglass mat (FFM). Using a combination of machine strength and human maneuverability, the engineers swiftly unfolded the mat and attached straps to pull it over the top of the crater.

"It's a matter of timing when it comes to installing the FFM," Lagasca said. "The Marines had to plan the movement, staging, and unfolding of the mat in conjunction with the (Korean's) scheme of maneuver. This was a very important process because the Koreans had a lot of moving vehicles working in a small restricted area."

"The language barrier made coordination a challenge," said Sgt. Adam Lauritzen, construction platoon sergeant. "But everyone knew their job pretty much. We had to watch them and figure out what we should do next. Then we just had to work around their gear without being in the way."

Practice is critical to successful triple R, and the Marines had plenty of opportunity to train with the Koreans before the exercise.

"Once we got the hang of it, we started picking up speed," said Lauritzen. "The experience of working with allies was invaluable. I think the (Koreans) were pretty proficient and able to adapt quickly. Overall, we did well, but we can always get better."

The exercise was the first combined training experience for Lance Cpl. William P. McMahon, MWSS-171 combat engineer.

"You get really into the work," explained McMahon. "You're not thinking about much except doing it as quick as possible."

McMahon also assisted in demonstrating the process of laying out the



Lance Cpl. William P. McMahon (right), and Cpl. Alberto Perez, Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 combat engineers, receive assistance from Korean airmen in positioning the folding fiberglass mat March 29.

FFM for the Koreans.

"I felt like we contributed to another country because we taught them something valuable," he said. "It created a stronger bond too because we were out there working with each other and having fun."

## A fly can spread disease; keep it zipped

PTC. LYDIA DAVEY  
Combat Correspondent

For many, the thought of a disease infecting populations at epidemic levels may bring to mind the suffering of millions in third-world countries. But suffering and pain are increasingly common fare in America, where the number of people infected with a sexually transmitted disease rises daily.

Marines and Sailors here are not exempt from the dangerous trend. In fact, the 2003 Station chlamydia infection rate was three times higher than the average rates experienced by the rest of the Navy and Marine Corps, said Navy Lt. Gene Garland, environmental health officer at the Station Branch Medical Clinic.

Diseases such as human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), chlamydia, gonorrhea, genital herpes, hepatitis b and syphilis are often uncomfortable, sometimes painful, may cause sterility, and, if left untreated, could be life threatening.

"[Marines and Sailors] need to be aware of the dangers," said Garland. "I can't emphasize enough the importance of condom use. [Condoms] don't provide 100 percent protection, but wearing them significantly reduces the risks."

However, a recent survey by the Navy Environmental Health Center showed that among unmarried active duty service members, less than 50% wore condoms during their last sexual encounter.

The BMC's preventive medicine office provides a variety of resources to service members here, said Petty Officer 3rd Class Jeffrey Bush, preventive medicine technician. In addition to the required annual training provided to units, the office also supplies free

condoms and educational materials, he added.

According to Garland, Preventive Medicine is currently working on strategies with the local Japanese Public Health Department to reduce the number of STDs present among service members.

Many Marines and Sailors are afraid to visit the office for fear that confidentiality will be violated, noted Garland. "That shouldn't even be an issue," he said. According to the Erie, Pa., native, medical personnel must uphold rules established by federal law, which dictates standards of privacy of individuals' health information.

"The information we receive is used only for medical purposes," said Garland. "We don't take punitive action. Our goal is to treat and counsel the individual."

"Our door is always open," added Bush. "We provide very private counseling and education."

When Marines and Sailors use condoms or choose to abstain from having sex, they benefit not only themselves, but the military as well. Identifying and treating STDs costs the Station thousands of dollars a year, said Garland. Also, the debilitating effects of some STDs can affect mission readiness.

The average condom costs a quarter, said Garland, and its use may save a service member from discomfort, sterility, unplanned pregnancy or deadly diseases.

"Weigh the risks," Garland said. "Educate and protect yourself."

What it really comes down to, he said, is personal responsibility.

"We will do everything we can, but preventing STDs and ensuring sexual health is ultimately the responsibility of the individual service member," Garland concluded.

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their help desk they told me it was a problem with my computer and to contact my manufacturer. I thought that was funny since I had just purchased a new computer, from the exchange.

Do not get me wrong, I am not

saying that I think JENS should go away. There is such a thing as supply and demand.

The fact is, JENS should supply a quality service for the inflated prices they demand.

I say demand because unless you go out in town and get a wireless Internet connection, they

pretty much have the market cornered aboard the Station. There are no other alternatives.

I don't know if it is a military tradition to negotiate a contract with the lowest bidder that will charge the highest prices with the worst service, but that's what it seems like.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### CLUB ISSUES

The first Wednesday of every month, the Enlisted club and SNCO club advisory board committees meet to discuss issues and to vote on new initiatives for club activities. Each command is asked to provide a primary and alternate representative in writing. Contact your sergeant major and request to be appointed to your respective advisory board to make a difference in your club. Meetings are open to all service members. In order to have a vote, you have to be an appointed member.

### SLEEVES UP

The optional period for wearing sleeves up on the utility uniform ends on the first Monday in May. Sleeves must be worn up beginning on the first Monday in May.

### FLOWERS FOR RESIDENTS

Family Housing Self-Help will have flowers available for residents beginning Tuesday. Self-Help is open Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Building 1285.

### AUTOMATED TIME/TEMPERATURE ANNOUNCEMENT SYSTEM

Dial 112 to hear the current time and temperature in English, and dial 115 to hear them in Japanese. Call the Telephone Office at 253-5555 if you have any questions.

# Field chow motivates troops

STORY AND PHOTOS BY  
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**Yechon Air Force Base, Korea**— Meals Ready to Eat may be nutritious, but there's nothing like hot chow to boost a hard-working warrior's spirit. The cooks and mess men of Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 devote every day to that mission as part of exercise Foal Eagle's forward operating base.

During the March deployment, their task was to provide a fully functional chow hall serving two hot meals a day to more than 600 service members.

"There's the logistics of where to set up, how many people we have to feed, how to coordinate with ongoing operations, and what kind of food to prepare," said Cpl. Damerice Jason Pierre, the exercise's chief mess man.

Overseeing the daily operation of the mess hall, Pierre had to constantly adapt to the unpredictable field environment.

"Being outside is one of the biggest challenges we face," said Pierre. "We're out in the open and dust is flying all around. Every night we have to stay an extra hour just cleaning."

The hours may have been long and the work less-than-glamorous, but there was something special about these mess men who made it all happen.

"They're different from the regular cooks," said



**Sgt. Gregory A. Ashton-Kenny, Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 galley captain, serves up chicken for evening chow during Exercise Foal Eagle.**

Pierre. "They come from all different work sections. We've got everything from a calibrator here to a cable installer. They're here to handle everything from cleaning the decks, to wiping off tables, to serving the chow we prepare, to dumping the trash."

"It's a lot more work involved than I expected," said Lance Cpl. Ebony C. Davis, a basic electrician from Marine Air Control Squadron 4. "But the Marines have been very appreciative. When they come in and say we've done a good job, I feel like

that many people, you know you must be doing something good."

Though recipe cards are still followed, the cooks have also had to learn to adapt to using a minimal amount of cooking instruments.

"Out here, you don't have a lot of the things that you have in the galley," said Pvt. Clarissa Autumn Rowley, food service specialist. "I enjoyed being able to start a product and then go by my taste buds."

Rowley said the experience has taught her many things, in addition to giving her more appreciation for her job.

"Being out here with all the cooks and working in such a small space - it brought me a lot closer with every one of them," said Rowley.

The mess men also found a new appreciation for the role of food service Marines.

"I can tell you this: because of the work we've done here, I have a much better appreciation of the people who work back at the regular chow hall," said Davis.

"For me, this is what the Corps is all about," said Pierre. "Getting out there, getting dirty - it's motivation, and I see it in my Marines' faces."



**A typical line for dinner at the Yechon chow hall. The facility, dubbed "The Boar's Nest," welcomed service members twice a day with hot, nutritious chow.**

## Banshees 'shock' Station with arrival

CPL. DAVE BONI  
Combat Correspondent

Marine Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron 1 arrived on Station April 16 as part of the Unit Deployment Program.

The Banshee's hale from Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, N.C. and bring to the Station their EA-6B Prowler aircraft, which will be buzzing around the Pacific Region skies.

VMAQ-1's mission while here will be to provide electronic attack with combat-ready aircrew and fully mission-capable aircraft. The focus of this squadron is centered on warfighting, with all accomplishments

being based on how it would affect warfighting capabilities.

While the Banshees make their home here, they will deploy throughout the Pacific Region for various training exercises, which does not disappoint some of the members of VMAQ-1.

"I'm most looking forward to sending our jets to different places and detaching to

different countries. I don't know where we will go but going anywhere will be exciting," said Pfc. Marcus G.

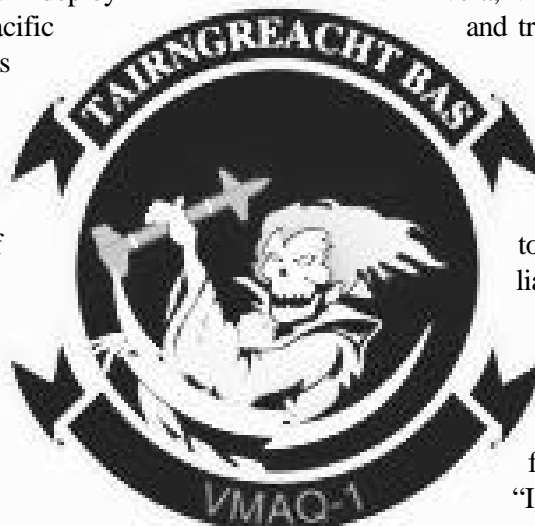
Rivera, VMAQ-1 operations and training clerk.

Fellow clerk, Lance Cpl. Chad R. Wambold stated he's just looking forward to going to Australia, but both Marines agreed on their feelings toward being in Japan for the first time. "I'm excited about

being here," said Rivera. "Japan is a place I've always wanted to see, but never thought I'd have the chance to. Being in Japan as a Marine representing the United States brings a new level of excitement to the table.

Iwakuni is the most well facilitated base I've been on so far. There are a lot of things for Marines to do here. I've heard great things about Iwo Jima and Hiroshima. I would like to see Tokyo and Osaka if possible and other Japanese sites."

"I think it's good that I get to see the world. I have wanted to go to Japan for a long time," added Wambold. "I would like to see the Kintai Bridge and some pagodas."



# Military policemen secure friendship

STORY AND PHOTOS BY  
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**Yechon Air Force Base, Korea—** Military police accomplished more than just airfield security during their deployment with Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 in March.

Bonds of friendship developed as the guards stood daily posts with Korean Air Force MPs in support of Exercise Foal Eagle.

"The Marines stood gates for eight-hour shifts alongside Korean MPs," said Gunnery Sgt. David A. Walker, Foal Eagle Korea security chief. "The working relationship with the Koreans was great. They actually looked forward to standing duty with them."

The extended exposure between the two services brought unexpected opportunities for the Marines.

"I got a chance to learn how to speak and write Korean," said Lance Cpl. William Dean Coleman Jr., Headquarters & Headquarters Squadron military policeman. "I helped to explain some English to them too."

According to Lance Cpl. Hank E.

Guilfoyle, H & HS military policeman, the MPs also exchanged gifts, including military items, throughout the deployment.

"They've been really nice," Guilfoyle said.

"They share food, family pictures – all kinds of gear like MP armbands and (physical training) outfits. They don't have much personal stuff, but they give it."

Guilfoyle said that experiencing the Korean's generosity and positive attitude affected him as well.

"They never complain, even though they have rough hours," he said. "They motivate you because you become more thankful for what you have."



**Lance Cpl. William Dean Coleman Jr., Headquarters & Headquarters Squadron military policeman, stands an eight-hour shift alongside Airman Min Ho Kim, Korean Air Force MP, during Exercise Foal Eagle at Yechon Air Force Base, Korea.**

"Anyone who complains about working too hard needs to look at these guys," affirmed Lance Cpl. Phil Mckaughan, H & HS military policeman. "They go four hours on, four hours off, nonstop for six weeks before they get a three-day vacation."

According to Mckaughan, the gates weren't the only place the law enforcers met. The basketball court and soccer field provided further opportunity for interaction.

"Just hanging out with

these guys has built good relationships," Mckaughan said. "They don't speak fluent English, but we have a translator that we use a lot."

The language issue didn't stop the fun. According to Mckaughan, the Marines enjoyed an occasional practical joke and assigned each of their Korean counterparts American names.

Such was the fate of Staff Sgt. Jaewoo Jung, Korean Air Force military policeman, otherwise known as "Bob." Jung was pelted with a Vienna sausage during a food bombing one afternoon.

"I think that working together has been very funny," Jung said. "I want our friendship to be forever."



**Lance Cpl. Phil Mckaughan, Headquarters & Headquarters Squadron military policeman, greets a driver leaving Yechon Air Base, Korea, beside Staff Sgt. Jaewoo Jung, Korean Air Force MP.**

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tenance recovery aircraft and crew departed from the Station with parts to repair the helicopter.

In a matter of 30 minutes, the recovery crew fixed the malfunction.

According Cpl. Seth Budimlija, HMH-463 airframes technician, "This type of malfunction is very rare." The last time Budimlija remembers a hydraulic malfunction like this was more than two years ago.

Japanese media and locals looked on with amazement behind the embankment of the river at the sight of the CH-53D helicopters. "The rural town is not accustomed to seeing such things," said Hayashi.

The CH-53D, along with the recovery aircraft, returned here at 4:45 p.m.

No injuries to either the crew of the helicopter or Togo locals occurred.

The helicopter is designed to transport personnel, equipment and supplies. It has been part of the Marine Corps inventory since 1964.

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and renovations at recreational facilities on the Station. Since the partnership, MCCA and ARMP have been able to update and expand many audio and video recreation services available to base personnel and family members.

ARMP has already provided a new touch tune digital satellite jukebox for Club Iwakuni's Landing Zone, with two more on the way for the Officers' Club and Staff NCO Club. The jukeboxes feature a database of more than 50,000 songs that can be downloaded by satellite and played at any time. The jukeboxes can also be programmed to play music of specific genres, such as country, hip-hop, or pop, for theme nights. New Mega Touch Trivia Game machines are also on the way for each Club Iwakuni lounge.

ARMP has also acquired four new arcade games and worked with MCCA to create the new Arcade Room in the Crossroads Food Court. The partnership with ARMP allows MCCA to provide newer games and to rotate the games more frequently. Furthermore, the ar-

cade was renovated using materials already on hand. This means the renovation came at no cost to the customers.

Finally, MCCA and ARMP are working to bring brand new full-size pool tables to Club Iwakuni, the Marine Lounge, and the Hornet's Nest. A fee of 75¢ per game will be charged for pool games at these locations, starting in mid-April, to support MCCA improvements such as the recent Landing Zone and Marine Lounge renovations. The revenue will also directly support the Single Marine Program Hornet's Nest renovation scheduled for this fall. Approval for conversion to ARMP contract, including the pay-for-play tables, was made by the local MCCA Board of Directors last fall. This board, which oversees the MCCA budget, is comprised of commanding officers from each MCAS Iwakuni tenant unit.

It is hoped that by working together with the Army Recreation Machine Program, MCCA can introduce new games more frequently, maintain the equipment, and minimize down time for customers' continued satisfaction and enjoyment.



Lance Cpl. Phillip Blandin, Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 electrical equipment repair specialist, provides perimeter security while Korean airmen subdue an aggressor for an exercise March 23 during Exercise Foal Eagle.



Lance Cpl. Kevin A. Booth, Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 team drills March 23 as part of Exercise Foal Eagle.

# Marines, Koreans engage in air base ground defense

STORY AND PHOTOS BY  
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**Yechon Air Force Base, Korea**—Side-by-side with the Republic of Korea Air Force 16th Fighter Wing, Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 engaged in air base ground defense (ABGD) exercises during Exercise Foal Eagle, March 23-25.

The exercises were conducted both to train Marines to provide effective rear security in a forward operating environment as well as to determine how the squadron would handle a combat environment with Korean allies.

“All three nights we actually had combined reaction force drills,” said Maj. Sean C. Killeen, MWSS-171 operations officer in charge. “We worked to negate predetermined terrorist scenarios with small teams interdicting and our reactionary force responding to suppress the threat. Essentially, we want to determine how we would deploy in a combined environment.”

During the night, ROKAF special forces were inserted outside the fence and attempted to penetrate sites throughout the base. Using standard issue weapons and hardback humvees with mounted weapon systems, the squadron’s react team responded to suppress the threat.

“We carry six crew-served weapons,” said Gunnery Sgt. Kenneth Tensley, MWSS-171 react

team commander. “We’re able to respond very quickly with a whole lot of firepower if we are called upon.”

The team responded jointly with the ROKAF react team to suppress attacks and establish perimeters around affected sites.

Tensley said that combining minds with the ROKAF react team created a unique opportunity.

“We’ve spent the last two weeks figuring out the best way we can do ABGD together,” said Tensley. “I think it’s instilled a long-term relationship. We know that we can fight side-by-side and be on the same sheet of music, and it’s also a great asset to the United States of America.”

Communication, a challenge even under normal conditions, became a critical issue in the execution of the ABGD exercises with the Koreans.

“One of our goals was to learn how to effectively link between the 16th Fighter Wing’s ground operations center and our base defense operations center in order to develop a common operational picture,” said Killeen. “We worked to negate a common threat by working as a team, essentially.”

“There were some communication problems at first, but with practice everything was worked out,” said 1st Lt. Mark R. Budzyn, Base Defense Operations Center officer in charge.

Budzyn oversaw the relay of information between operation centers regarding security instruction and enemy position.

“The practice is important because when combat comes, we’ll be able to know each other’s tendencies,” Budzyn said. “The (Koreans) actually exceeded my expectations. They were very disciplined and quick to react.”

In addition to the terrorist threat provided by ROKAF special forces, dozens of Marine aggressors attempted to penetrate various sites throughout the base. Those caught became prime opportunities for Marines to practice enemy prisoner of war techniques.

Lance Cpl. Brian P. Stewart, MWSS-171 embarkation support specialist, found himself in just such a situation after lobbing a (Meals Ready to Eat) bomb at a few perimeter guards.

“They actually didn’t use any excessive force,” said Stewart. “You could tell they knew what they were doing. They controlled me pretty well the whole time.”

According to Stewart, the greatest highlight of the training was the opportunity to combine forces with the Koreans.

“I think that it builds a lot of trust when we train together,” he said.

“The exercise was a tremendous success,” said Killeen. “This is the force that we’re going to go to combat with should it become necessary. The opportunity to learn how they do business and for them to learn how we do business has been invaluable.”



A 171 combat engineer, takes a dive amidst simulated fire during reaction force drills on Air Force Base, Korea.



Lance Cpl. Brian P. Stewart, Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 embarkation support specialist, experiences weakness leaving his body during his capture as a prisoner of war March 24 for Exercise Foad Eagle 2003.



Soldiers experience translation challenges during a weapon systems brief in preparation for combined reaction force drills during Exercise Foad Eagle.



A MRK-19 aims in on a gate as a Korean reaction squad prepares to rush during combined react team practice for Exercise Foad Eagle at Yechon Air Force Base, Korea.



A soldier hits the dirt in practice for the evening's reaction force exercise during Exercise Foad Eagle at Yechon Air Force Base, Korea.

# Iwakuni museum offers glimpse of storied history

**CPL. DAVE BONI**  
*Combat Correspondent*

Residents of Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni interested in learning a little Japanese history need to look no further than the Iwakuni Museum of History and Art.

Located just past the Kintai Bridge and adjacent to the rope way station leading up to the Iwakuni castle, the museum displays pieces as old as the 14th century to include various items dating back to warrior period of the samurai.

Only 800 yen for adults and 200 yen for children, onlookers can marvel at the history of such items such as full samurai battle dresses, swords, bow and arrows, spears, guns, cannons and folding screens depicting battles to be taught to future generations.

"The samurai culture was dominant all the way from 12th to the 19th century," said Yoko Seo, Marine Corps Community Services cultural specialist. "The museum showcases quite a few antiques dating back to the samurai period, and samurai armors and swords are forms of Japanese traditional art."

While foreigners may find reading the posted scriptures difficult, Seo said it should only take a little imagination to picture how weapons were used or how the battle dresses were worn.

"Bushido means the way of the samurai. Their code was simple; confronted with death, they should die readily, and while alive they should live every minute to the fullest. Samurai had to serve his lord and his country at the risk of his life. People believe this is the virtue of Japanese traditions. This spirit is still alive in the business world. For loyalty to business organizations and total involvement in work are highly valued," said Seo.

The spirit of the Samurai and of the Japanese past is enshrined at many museums throughout Japan and makes for a great visit by service members and their families.

"Americans should go to these museums to enjoy Japanese traditional arts and our history," stated Seo. "The Japanese culture is totally different from the United States



Photos by Lance Cpl. Giovanni Lobello

**In the Iwakuni Art Museum, located near the Kintai Bridge, a weapons display shows what Japanese soldiers used during battles from wars dating back numerous centuries ago.**

or Europe, so people can come to understand some of the unique behaviors of Japanese by knowing how people lived in the history."

For more information on museums contact the Information Referral & Relocation Office at 253-6165.



**A Japanese folding screen depicts a famous battle, which can be told to future generations. The art museum had numerous pieces representing a time of war.**



**At the art museum, a display explains how Samurai used a wide a range of weapons such as bows, arrows and spears; but their symbolic choice was the samurai sword.**

## OUT THE GATE

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

### Yanai Tenjin Spring Festival

There will be a festival held around the white-walled streets and Tenmangu shrine in Yanai on Saturday, 1 p.m. until evening and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lantern parade, Daimyo Costume parade, tea ceremony, dance performance and other events are scheduled. In case of rain, some of the events may be

cancelled. Call 0820-22-3731 for more information.

### Chigirie Art Exhibition

An exhibition of approximately 70 of Chigirie (torn washi paper collage) art will be held Saturday through Monday, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Exhibition room in the Iwakuni City Auditorium. It closes at 4 p.m. on Monday. Admission is free. Call 31-4821 for details.

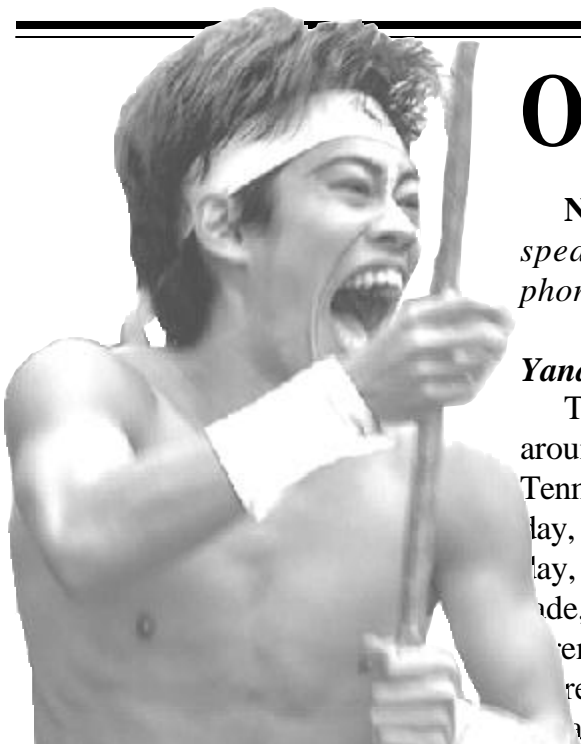
### Exhibition Of Art From Paris

An exhibition called "Paris 1900 - Brilliance Of The Belle Epoque" takes place at Hiroshima Museum

of Art until June 13, 9 a.. to 5 p.m. Approximately 150 of paintings, sculptures, crafts and ornaments, introducing art and culture in Paris from 100 years ago, are displayed. Admission fee is required. Call 082-223-2530 for details.

### Otake Sunday Market

This market is scheduled Sunday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Harumi Daiichi Park, next to You Me Town Otake. Booths will be set up to sell fresh vegetables, fish, and more. The market will not be cancelled in case of rain. Call 53-7175 for more information.





# 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

**Mazda 500**, 1993, navy blue, well maintained, all maintenance records for last four years, annual tune-up, oil change, new battery/tires, JCI until Aug. 2005, \$1,800. Call Connie at 253-5301 dwh or 253-6556 awh.

**Mazda Bongo Limited** 1989, 2nd owner, well maintained, less than 50,000K, JCI until July 2005, \$3,000. Call Kurt or Connie Hudson at 253-2729.

**Nissan 300ZX Twin Turbo**, 1990, silver, t-tops, CD player, P/D, P/W, A/C, cruise, racing suspension, new brakes/tires on 18" vock racing rims, JCI

until Feb. 2006, \$2,400 obo. Call SSgt. Vazquez at 253-6442 dwh or 253-2873 awh.

**Mazda Sentia**, 1992, 4 door, new stereo CD, all electric, 4 wheel steering, new tires, JCI until Nov. 2005, \$1,500. Call Mike at 253-6356.

**Mazda Capella**, 1994, needs body work, have estimate of cost for repairs, runs great, JCI until Sept. 2004, \$200 obo. Call Rose at 253-2168 awh.

**Honda Ascot Sedan**, 1990, 4 door, P/W, radio/cassette, comfortable, JCI until Sept. 2005, \$1,350. Call J. Sweeney at 253-3501 dwh or 31-8951 awh.

**Mazda Eunos (Miata)**,

1990, 2 door, convertible, JCI until Dec. 2005, \$3,000. Call 253-2441.

**Mazda Delica**, 1993, 4WD, van, roof racks, snow chains, JCI until April 2006, \$2,500. Call 253-2441.

**Toyota Land Cruiser**, 1991, 4WD, JCI until April 2006, \$3,500 obo.

**Toyota Surf**, 1992, excellent condition, road tax paid, extra set of off road tires, well maintained, JCI until March 2006, \$3,500. Call Sean at 253-5549 dwh or 253-2291 awh.

**Nissan Cedric**, 1992, excellent condition, road tax paid, JCI until April 2006, \$2,000. Call Sean at 253-5549 dwh or 253-2291 awh.

**Honda Inspire**, 1992, 2 door, JCI until Dec. 2005, \$1,500. Call Bob or Stacey at 253-2374.

**Toyota**, runs excellent, needs A/C compressor replaced, available in June, JCI until Dec. 2004, \$300 obo. Call Frank Orthmeyer at 253-6081 dwh or 253-2668 awh.

**Harley Davidson Tour Glide Classic**, 1988, mint condition, road tax paid, well maintained, ready to ride this summer, JCI until March 2006, \$8,500. Call Sean at 253-5549 dwh or 253-2291 awh.

## OTHER ITEMS

**Misc.**, free female cat, declawed, spaded, up to

date with shots; free female dog, spaded, house broken, up to date with shots. Call 253-2327.

**Misc.**, three free small turtles together or separately, includes tank. Call Frank Orthmeyer at 253-6081 dwh or 253-2268 awh.

**Misc.**, free six tropical fish. Call Keith Aubert at 253-3469 dwh or 253-7451 awh.

**Misc.**, black metal frame, sofa/bunk bed, large, \$150; 2 book shelf head board with frame for single bed, \$50 each; 2 kids bikes, \$30 each. Call Tim Wheeler at 253-6565 dwh or 253-2096 awh. Leave a message if no answer.

**Misc.**, couch and oversized chair, down stuffed, nail head style, good condition, \$175; Nafco drapes, fits town home, 6 sets, \$8 each, Princess House Fantasia dinnerware, 18 pieces, \$35. Call

Stacey at 253-2374.

## JOB OPENINGS

**CHRO (253-6828)**

**Clinic:**

-Social Worker

**MCCS:**

-Financial Fitness Counselor

**DECA:**

-Materials Handler (Intermittent)


-Sales Store Checker (Intermittent)

**MCCS (253-3030)**

Go to <http://www.mccs-iwakuni.com> for a complete job listing.

**CRMC (253-6439)**

Native American Management Services is seeking a part time Career Transition Trainer to facilitate four three day Transition Workshops per quarter at the Career Resource Management Center. For more information, stop by the Community Services building 411, Room 201, CRMC or call 253-6439.



## MOVIE SCHEDULE

**FRIDAY**

11 a.m./5 p.m. Uptown Girls (PG-13)  
 2 p.m./8 p.m. Catch Me If You Can (PG-13)  
 11 p.m./5 a.m. Memento (R)  
 2 a.m. Time Cop (R)

**SATURDAY**

11 a.m./5 p.m. The Wedding Planner (PG-13)  
 2 p.m./8 p.m. Matchstick Men (PG-13)  
 11 p.m./5 a.m. Star Wars: Attack of the Clones (PG)  
 2 a.m. Crimson Tide (R)

**SUNDAY**

11 a.m./5 p.m. Men In Black 2 (PG-13)  
 2 p.m./8 p.m. Keeping The Faith (PG-13)  
 11 p.m./5 a.m. Phone Booth (R)  
 2 a.m. Gladiator (R)

**MONDAY**

11 a.m./5 p.m. Secondhand Lions (PG)  
 2 p.m./8 p.m. The Italian Job (PG-13)  
 11 p.m./5 a.m. The Skulls (PG-13)  
 2 a.m. 13 Ghosts (R)

**TUESDAY**

11 a.m./5 p.m. Summer Catch (PG-13)  
 2 p.m./8 p.m. Dickie Robers (PG-13)  
 11 p.m./5 a.m. Play It To The Bone (R)  
 2 a.m. The Quiet American (R)

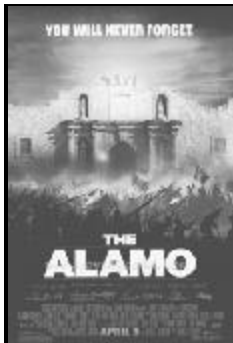
**WEDNESDAY**

11 a.m./5 p.m. Save The Last Dance (PG-13)  
 2 p.m./8 p.m. What's The Worst That Can Happen (PG-13)  
 11 p.m./5 a.m. Jeepers Creepers 2 (R)  
 2 a.m. Liberty Heights (R)

**THURSDAY**


11 a.m./5 p.m. Dumb And Dumberer (PG-13)  
 2 p.m./8 p.m. Rollerball (PG-13)  
 11 p.m./5 a.m. Road To Perdition (R)  
 2 a.m. Joy Ride (R)

# SAKURA THEATER




**THE ALAMO**

The roads cross at San Antonio de Bexar at a small, ruined mission called The Alamo—a place where myth meets history and legend meets reality. In the spring of 1836 nearly 200 Texans held the fort for thirteen days under siege by General Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna. Led by three men the Texans and their deeds at the Alamo would pass into history as General Sam Houston's rallying cry for Texas independence. (137 minutes)



**TWISTED**

A female police officer, whose father was a serial killer, and is now investigating a murder finds herself the center of her own investigation when her past lovers start dying at a furious pace. (107 minutes)



**EUROTRIP**

When the German pen pal that a high school student, Scott Thomas, has been using to help him get an "A" in German by translating his homework over the Internet for years, suggests that they meet. When he discovers that his pen pal is actually a cute fraulein, he and his best friend, Cooper, fly to Europe after graduation to meet her, in an exciting and sometimes wacky trip across Europe, headed for Berlin. (92 minutes)

**FRIDAY**

7 p.m. The Alamo (PG-13)  
 10 p.m. Twisted (R)

**SATURDAY**

1 p.m. Confessions Of A Teenage Drama Queen (PG)  
 4 p.m. Scooby Doo 2 (PG)  
 7 p.m. Against The Ropes (PG-13)  
 10 p.m. Eurotrip (R)

**SUNDAY**

4 p.m. Win A Date With Tad Hamilton (PG-13)  
 7 p.m. The Alamo (PG-13)

**MONDAY**

4 p.m. Foreign Awards Ceremony  
 7 p.m. The Passion Of The Christ (R)

**TUESDAY**

7 p.m. The Perfect Score (PG-13)

**WEDNESDAY**

3 p.m. You Got Served (PG-13)  
 7 p.m. Barbershop 2 (PG-13)

**THURSDAY**

7 p.m. Win A Date With Tad Hamilton (PG-13)

This schedule is submitted by the Sakura Theater and is subject to change. For show times call the Sakura Theater at 253-5291.

# COMMUNITY BRIEFS

## EDUCATION

### Test Schedule

**Tuesdays/Fridays** - CLEP, DSST

**Wednesday** - DLPT

**Thursday** - DLAB

For more information, call 253-3855.

## HEALTHCARE

### "Healthy Eating On A Budget" Parent Education Seminar

Wednesday, 12-1 p.m. at the Child Development Center. Call 253-4876 for more information.

**Anger Management Seminar**  
Tuesday, 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Learn ways to identify points of anger, communicate more effectively. Call 253-4526 for details.

## CHRO

### CHRO Training

■ **Prevention of Sexual Harassment Training:** Monday through Wednesday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information and nomination, call 253-6828 or send e-mail to shiomuram.jp@iwakuni.usmc.mil. Class will be held at Building one, Room 102.

## MCCS

**Career Resource Management Center (253-6439)**

■ **Employment Overview:** Tuesday, 9-10:30 a.m.

■ **DoD Federal Employment:** Thursday, 1-3:30 p.m.

■ **Monthly Transition Assistance Seminar:** Monday through April 30, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### Club Iwakuni (253-3727)

■ **All Ranks Hip-Hop and Rhythm & Blues Dance Party:** Today, 8 p.m. in the Club Iwakuni Ballroom.

■ **All Ranks Latin Party:** Saturday, 8 p.m. in the Club Iwakuni Ballroom.

■ **All Ranks Country Western Party:** Saturday, 8 p.m. in the club Iwakuni Ballroom.

### IT&T (253-4377)

■ **Nishiki River Tram Ride:** May 8. Enjoy a scenic nature trip along the Nishiki river, a tram ride to Sozokyo Valley, hiking and a picnic by the water.

### Single Marine Program (253-4656)

■ **Space World Amusement Park,** Saturday, 8 a.m. \$20 transportation fee. Bring at least 5,000 yen for admission, lunch and souvenirs.

■ **Yanai Go Carts,** Sunday, 12 p.m. \$10 transportation and 2,000 yen for each series of laps. Long pants and long sleeve shirt are required.

### Youth Center (253-4769)

■ **Monthly Birthday Party:** Tuesday, 4-5 p.m. Help us cel-

brate members born this month with cake and games. Birthday boys and girls receive a coupon redeemable at Iwakuni's Route 2 McDonald's.

■ **Japanese Home Visit in Shunan:** May 15, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. 20 youths may visit Japanese families in Shunan City on this day-trip. Sign-up before May 3. Nonmembers may register.

### Teen Center (253-6454)

■ **Monthly Birthday Party:** Saturday, 3-5 p.m. Help us celebrate members born this month with cake and games.

■ **Passport to Manhood Meeting:** Sunday, 3-5 p.m.

### Thrift Savings Brief

Wednesday and May 12, 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. Discover the many benefits of investing in the Thrift Savings Plan. This is a lunch time class. So feel free to bring your lunch. For more information, call the Financial Fitness Office at 253-6352.

### Antique Market at Kintai Bridge

Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. See Japanese antiques and learn how to use the local bus. You do not have to be a newcomer to take this class. Call 253-6165 for details.

### Clogging Dance Classes

Classes are now every Monday, 7:15-8:15 p.m. in the Iron-Works Gym Aerobics Room, and cost \$5. Great for weight loss, relieving stress and improving coordination and lung capacity. For more information, call 253-6359.

### Marine Corps Family Team Building L.I.N.K.S. Session

Saturday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Yujo Hall. Call 253-3754 for details.

### PCS With Success Workshop

April 30, 1-4 p.m. Call 253-3311 for details.

## COMMUNITY

### 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 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

Sunday	8 a.m.	Non-Denominational Christian Worship
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School/Adult Bible

### Fellowships

	11 a.m.	Gospel Worship Service
1st Sunday of the Month	7 p.m.	Liturgical Divine Worship

### Cooperative Chapel Ministries

Wednesday	6:30 p.m.	Awana Children's Program
3rd Saturday	8 a.m.	Men's Fellowship Breakfast

## LAY LED SERVICES

### Church of Christ

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
Wednesday	7 p.m.	Bible Study

### Jesus Christ Apostolic

Sunday	12:30 p.m.	Worship Service
Thursday	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study

### Seventh-Day Adventist

2nd & 4th Saturdays	9:30 a.m.	Sabbath School/Worship
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### Jewish

Friday	6 p.m.	Shabbat
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### Latter Day Saints

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

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

### Sidewalk Sale Showcases Fun, Useful Goods

Marine Corps Community Services' employees Miku Orthmeyer, 18, of San Diego, and Amanda Ciszewski, 22, of Chicago, organize sidewalk-sale merchandise Saturday outside of the Marine Corps Exchange. The sale was held April 16 through Saturday.

# Splish, splash your way to summer fun

STORY AND PHOTOS BY

PFC. LYDIA DAVEY

Combat Correspondent

The hot sun shines out of a cloudless sky, warming black inner tubes until they are almost too hot to touch. Colorful beach balls bounce in a leisurely fashion back and forth between happily sunburned people.

Summer will soon be here, bringing with it a legion of new recreational opportunities. And among the options available to Station residents are aquatics.

The IronWorks Gym hosts a variety of water-based sports and fun activities, said Kari Hemund, Station aquatics director.

The Station has one indoor and

two outdoor pools, and boasts year-round swimming lessons, lifeguard and instructor certification classes and open water scuba diving classes from May to October, Hemund said.

Additionally, during the summer, the gym will host Camp Adventure. During the camp, a series of two-week group swim lessons for residents of all ages will be available.

"Camp Adventure usually generates a very high interest level," said Hemund, who recommends signing up early for the course. "Last year, we had as many as 184 students in one session, and I want to break that number this year."

Lifeguard training courses are held once a month. Once an individual completes the class, he or she will be

proficient in basic first aid, oxygen administration, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, use of the automated external defibrillator and will receive a Basic Lifeguard Certification, Hemund said.

"Training to become a lifeguard is difficult, but rewarding," said the Elkhart, Ind., native. "We're always looking for people to teach."

Ryan Fuesting, air traffic control communication technician here, works as a lifeguard and swim instructor during his time off. Fuesting, 25, completed his lifeguard training December 2002. He believes lifeguarding is serious work.

"It's a great responsibility," he said. "Your job is to protect those people, and to go in and save their lives, if necessary."



Executing an active-victim rescue, lifeguard trainee Katrina Newman pulls Josh Harvey from the water during a lifeguarding class at the IronWorks Gym April 12.

The opportunity to scuba dive adds special variety to standard aquatics courses such as swimming, lifeguard and swim instructor classes, said Hemund.

Marines, Sailors and family members may advance through different levels of scuba diving – beginning with a basic certification and ending with rescue divers.

Swimming laps and taking advantage of free-swim time are also popular fitness choices, said Hemund. Swimming provides a full body workout, and improves cardiovascular endurance.

Young people who desire an extra challenge may join the Youth Swim Team, which competes with local Japanese teams and teams from military bases throughout Japan.

At any time during the year, Station residents may also reserve a pool for personal or unit use, Hemund added.



Lifeguard trainees Randal Navarro and Romania Tripichio work together to execute a passive-victim water extraction.

## UPCOMING AQUATIC EVENTS!

WHAT: Lifeguard Training Class

WHEN: May 3-8

WHERE: IronWorks Gym\*

COST: \$40

WHAT: Water Safety Instructor Course

WHEN: May 10-14

WHERE: IronWorks Gym\*

COST: \$100

WHAT: Summer Group Swim Lessons (new class begins every two weeks)

WHEN: June 14 – August 20

WHERE: IronWorks Gym\*

COST: \$30

WHAT: Scuba Diving

WHEN: May – October

WHERE: Open water – call Ron Holback at 253-6058 for more information.

COST: Varies according to class.

\*For more information, call the Station aquatics office at 253-4966.

## IWAKUNI SPORTS SCENE

### SCUBA LOCKER REOPENS

The Scuba Locker is now open Monday, Thursday and Friday, 5-9 p.m. except holidays, and during the day by appointment. Check out our open water certification classes, advance level training and the latest information on the Sea of Japan dive trips. Call 253-6058 for details.

### WINTER RECREATIONAL BOWLING LEAGUE ROLL-OFFS

Now through April 30. Awards Ceremony May 7. Call 253-3490 for more information.

### SHINZEN SWIM MEET

Today, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the IronWorks Gym Indoor Pool. U.S. military and JMSDF units compete in teams of six. Public pool hours will be suspended during the meet and will resume at 3:30 p.m. Call 253-4966 for more information.

### 38TH ANNUAL GOODWILL KINTAI MARATHON

Sunday, 10 a.m. The Station residents and local Japanese residents compete in two races of 21 kilometers or 42 kilometers. Call 253-5654 for details.

### MARINA OPENS

Beginning May 1, the Marina will be open for the summer. Sailboats and jet skis are available for rent. Shuttle bus service is available from the IronWorks Gym. Call 253-3822 for more information.

### PRE-MOTHER'S DAY OSHIMA ISLAND MONJUYAMA RIDGE HIKE

May 8, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Enjoy a very scenic hike with spectacular views of the inland Sea of Japan and surrounds islands. Sign up costs \$15 at IT&T. Hikers 17-years-old and younger must be accompanied by an adult. Call 253-3822 for details.

# Softball games begin in full swing

STORY AND PHOTOS BY  
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*Combat Correspondent*

The Station's 2004 Intramural Softball Spring Game Tournament began April 7 and already teams are in full swing.

The Crash Fire Rescue's team Crew squared off against the Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 at the main softball field April 16.

Both teams looked eager to start the softball game, according to Jeff Lograsso, MWSS-171 head coach.

It was the first game for MWSS-171, but their anticipation to play reflected their almost immaculate

season from last year of 29 wins and 1 loss.

Within the first inning, both sides were on the scoreboard. By the third inning, the score was 10 to 2 in favor of MWSS-171.

In the fourth inning, MWSS-171's Kenny Hendrix belted a line drive to left centerfield, hitting the ball over the fence and scoring two runners.

The scoring wasn't over. Randy Summer, MWSS-171 team player, belted a ball to center field and was able to get a base hit.

By the end of the fifth, the score was 11-3.

At the top of the sixth inning, Crew's Jack Dickson hit a two-run homer scoring in himself and another player on base.

At the bottom of the sixth inning, Hendrix came back with another home run making the score 13-3. At the top of the seventh, Crew still had a couple of runs still in them scoring in two.

By the third out, the game was over and it concluded MWSS-171's first game of the season. The score was MWSS-171, 13, Crew 5.

"It looks like another promising year," said Lograsso. "Even though we have a new roster, everyone is shining. But every player from last year's season is gone. We just need to continue practicing and playing like we did today and we'll be all right."

On Monday at Penny Lake Athletic Field, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron Hitmen will go up against the Matthew C. Perry Samurai; 6 p.m., MWSS-171 Fuels



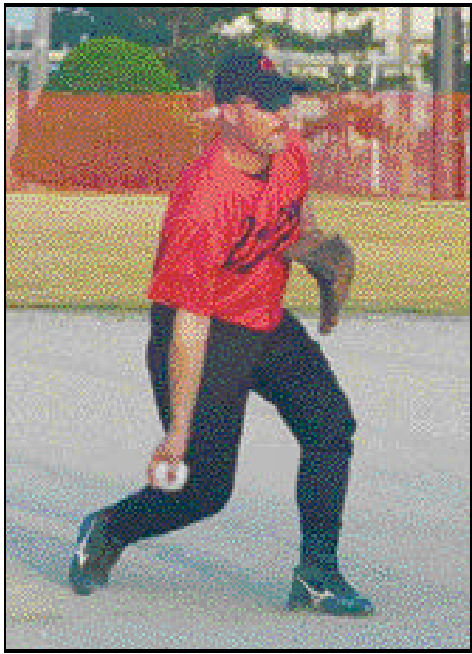
**Brian L. Kuhn, Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 player, hurdles to third base from second to beat Daniel F. Wagner, Crew player.**

against Marine Corps Community Services First Pitch; 7 p.m., and MWSS-171's Off N-D Woods versus H&HS Recovery team; 8 p.m.

On Wednesday at the Main Field, Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12 Shockers will battle it out against Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 251; 6 p.m., MCCA First Pitch versus Off N-D Woods; 7 p.m., the Raiders will go up against MALS-12 Bud; 8 p.m.



**Alberto Luzbert-Perez, Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 team player, cranks a hit into center field.**



**Joseph P. Beall, Crew's head coach, leads his team as a pitcher against Marine Wing Support Squadron 171, April 16.**



**Kenny Hendrix, Marine Wing Support Squadron 171, rounds third and runs to home base to score against Crew during the second inning.**