

Clothing sales spread thin during war

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In recent price and availability restraints, service members aboard Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni may be wondering what is happening to their military clothing section at the Marine Corps Exchange.

The most common questions concern the availability of particular sizes, and how prices compare at other exchanges.

"Operation Iraqi Freedom is the main reason for the delay in uniform shipments to Iwakuni," said Chief Warrant Officer Vincent Endresen, Marine Corps Community Services interim head of retail. "Units deployed to Operation Iraqi Freedom receive first priority for uniform shipments. In addition, a change in the uniform vendor has also slowed down shipments."

"In 2003, the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Defense Supply Center in Philadelphia was given the re-

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Engineers awarded for heroism

CPL. ROBERT W. WYNKOOP
Combat Correspondent

Two Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 combat engineers were awarded for their actions during Operation Iraqi Freedom during a ceremony on the parade field, June 9.

Sgts. Adam Lauritzen and Mauricio Guevara received the Bronze Star Medal with combat distinguishing device for their selfless service and devotion to duty in a combat environment while serving with 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, 1st Combat Engineer Battalion in Baghdad.

According to MWSS-171 engineer company first sergeant, Gunnery Sgt. Scott Cooper, Guevara and Lauritzen are two of the best sergeants he has ever worked with.

"(What sets them apart is) maturity. They have a no non-sense approach to training Marines. They know how to adapt and overcome to complete the mission," Cooper said.

Cooper's opinion of the duo comes not only from his role as first sergeant here, but as their company gunnery sergeant with 1st CEB in Iraq.

"We were all right on the outskirts of Baghdad. (Lauritzen and Guevara) were among some of the first to go in. Since they've been here, they are sharing that experience with the inexperienced. They let their Marines know what is expected in combat," Cooper explained.

The two 23 year olds said that although they are proud to be recognized for their actions, receiving the awards is bitter-sweet.

"These awards are not just ours. It was a squad effort," said the Reno, Nev. native Lauritzen, about his actions described in the award's citation, which occurred in another location around the same time as Guevara's. "The squad ... we're a family. We had to get through (an area full of mines). I knew if that mine went off, I was going to take the (impact of the explosion). I was in a better position to observe what was happening."

Guevara shares the same feelings about his ordeal, noting that there were others fighting with him some of whom returned to Iraq a second time and lost their lives.

"It's great to be here and help out the wing, but the CEB (1st combat engineer battalion) is where I feel like I should return to. They came home and were rede-

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Illustration by Cpl. Dave Boni

Sgts. Adam Lauritzen and Mauricio Guevara, Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 combat engineers, received the Bronze Star Medal for actions during Operation Iraqi Freedom during a ceremony here, June 9.

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Runway Relocation Project saves land

LANCE CPL. GIOVANNI LOBELLO
Combat Correspondent

A recent adjustment to the master plans involving the Iwakuni Runway Relocation Program has given approximately 150 acres back to the Station.

The Iwakuni Runway Project (IRRP) is a Government of Japan initiative to relocate the Station runway 1,000 meters eastward onto land reclaimed from the Seto Inland Sea. The project has been ongoing since 1997 and is currently estimated to cost about \$2.4 billion.

The new plans involve several changes for some of the facilities original destinations.

"Originally, we planned on having (Marine Aircraft Group 12) located on the North Side and ordnance was going to be on the South Side of the Station," said Cmdr. David Sasek, Facilities officer. "Now, MAG-12 will be located on the

South Side and ordnance on the North Side of the Station."

The change came after a request from the Japanese government to take another look into the plans for the IRRP.

"After approximately six to eight months, engineers were able to come up with a new design for ordnance and MAG-12," said Sasek. "By reworking the master plan, we will be able to save 150 acres on the Station. These 150 acres are just land that has been recovered and can be used for construction."

In addition to the added land change to the runway relocation master plans, Sasek said other advantages will be available.

"The ordnance compound before was going to be far away from the port, allowing a possibility for danger," said Sasek. "The new ordnance compound will be located in front of the new Explosives Ordnance Disposal port, minimiz-

ing the time ordnance is on the road. It will also provide more hangers for MAG-12."

A new air traffic control tower will be built sooner, allowing for a smoother transition when the runway is complete, added Sasek. Taller construction of the tower will also be available, providing a better view of planes. The runway design is changing as well.

"The smoke stacks near the original location would have been a problem for the pilots," said Sasek. "They would have to make a hard right turn as soon as they lift off, which would put the jet engines blast noise over Iwakuni City."

"The new plans are a win-win situation for everyone," said Sasek. "The changes made to the plans will not be costing the Japanese any additional money. Meanwhile, we are properly taking full advantage of the land that the Japanese government has provided us."



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Doing right things for right reasons

CHAPLAIN STEVE COATES

Letter to the Editor

In the movie, "Extreme Measures," Gene Hackman portrays a doctor who kidnaps street people to use them in research to cure spinal injuries and paralysis. His argument for doing so is the system of ethics we explored in the last article – result-based ethics. He simply asked the question, "What produces the greatest good for the greatest number of people?" As we discussed, this system is widely used and has some good elements.

What do you think? Is it right to sacrifice human lives against their knowledge and will in order to attain a greater good for a greater number in the future? On the grounds of utility alone, the doctor had a point. How would you argue against it?

Immanuel Kant lived in the 1700's and saw the weaknesses of making decisions based on consequences alone. He knew that it would be impossible to separate such decisions from the self-centered motives of rewards and punishments. Besides, consequences are hard to predict.

Kant reasoned that ethics should have a higher grounding than just results. He posited the existence of moral absolutes – principles that determine whether an action is right or wrong, regardless of the conse-

quences. These moral absolutes would always be true for all persons at all times and in all situations. They may not produce the result you want but that is not the issue.

So how do we determine what these moral absolutes are? Kant had a few suggestions.

First of all, only act on those principles that should be followed by everyone in every situation. In other words, is this the best course of action for this particular situation or is it simply the right thing to do? The doctor wanted to make a medical breakthrough that would revolutionize the industry.

However, the doctor had a vested interest in researching paralysis and spinal injuries. Would not another doctor be equally justified to sacrifice paralytics for the sake of research in another area?

Second, always treat others with dignity and respect. People should never be treated as a means, but as an end. Bottom line – don't use people in an effort to simply get what you want. In the case of "Extreme Measures", the homeless were being used as a means to find a solution for spinal injuries.

Finally, ask yourself, "If everyone in the world followed the rule I am following, would that create the greatest worth of character?" If not,

check your motives.

The nice thing about having a solid list of rules that always apply is that they create clear boundaries for making decisions. They are not manipulated by situations or selfish inclinations.

Adm. James Stockdale liked rule-based ethics. He said, "The obligation to do our duty is unconditional. That is, we must do it for the sake of duty, because it is the right thing to do, not because it will profit us psychologically, or economically, not because if we don't do it and get caught we'll be punished. The only true moral act is done from a pure sense of duty."

What will you do while you are in Iwakuni? Why? What will you do on deployment? Are not results or consequences usually based on knowledge? If no one knows, the consequences disappear. However, if an action is wrong regardless of the consequences, if all people are to be respected and treated with dignity, then our actions will take a different course.

In the assignment of choice, the uniform you wear stands for more than avoiding punishments and receiving rewards. Do the right thing for the right reason. Although we call it choice, it is still your duty. Whether or not you uphold it is your choice. Will you?

Adults required for new liberty card policy

GUNNERY SGT. DONALD A. QUINN

Letter to the Editor

What is the age that defines being an adult? Many feel that 21 years old is the beginning of adulthood, only because it is the legal drinking age.

Others feel that 18 years of age is the start of being an adult. This is the age in which you are allowed to vote, legally buy cigarettes and in some states, drive.

This may be true in the civilian world, but it is not true for those of us who serve in the United States Marine Corps.

While as a sergeant assigned to Marine Security Guard Detachment Havana, Cuba, I was talking with my detachment commander one day. He was an older gunnery sergeant with close to 20 years in the Corps. We were discussing life as a Marine and he said to me, "You are not seen as an adult in the Marine Corps until you are promoted to the rank of staff sergeant."

Needless to say I was very irate. How could that be? I am serving my country voluntarily, yet I am not seen as an adult? My reply was simple "I have been an adult ever since the day I raised my hand to serve this country Gunny!" After a brief moment of stammering the gunny wanted to go no further with that conversation.

The new liberty card policy that is being put in place is really nothing new. Marines have always had some type of

liberty policy. Marines have also have had those few who try to circumvent these policies.

Although this time we will see the new policies get tighter the more we try to get over on them. So if you are one of those Marines who feel rules are made to be broken, quick tip "Grow Up!" It is time to except our responsibilities and honor this new liberty policy.

Time to decide, do you want to be an adult? Do you want to be seen as an adult, treated as an adult? Do you want to stop being called a kid?

As a gunnery sergeant, I am tired of hearing Marines of any age being called a kid. Just because you are a private first class, lance corporal, or corporal does not mean you are kids. This isn't about rank or age.

This is about the fact that we all signed a contract voluntarily to serve our country. That decision was the biggest choice that any of us probably ever had to make. Once we signed that

contract we all became adults.

We serve this country proudly and voluntarily, knowing many other Americans will never know what the true cost of freedom really is. So no matter what the rank is, we are all adults. We can lead from any rank and any age.

Take responsibility of your fellow Marines, your friends and be accountable for your actions.

Are you adult enough to accept that responsibility?

"We were discussing life as a Marine and he said to me, "You are not seen as an adult in the Marine Corps until you are promoted to the rank of staff sergeant."

Gunnery Sgt. Donald A. Quinn
Letter to the Editor

Reagan's inauguration set tone for change

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WASHINGTON — It really was like "Morning in America," as some of Ronald Reagan's campaign commercials suggested. Jan. 20, 1981, was a cold, gray morning here, but the atmosphere was exciting. Hundreds of thousands of people gathered on the west side of the U.S. Capitol — a first — for Reagan's inauguration.

In addition to the Republican Party faithful who flocked to the ceremony, hundreds of thousands of Washingtonians came too. This was the "Hollywood" event for a movie-star president.

Rumors flew fast and furious on that cold morning about "the hostages" — the 52 Americans captured on Nov. 4, 1979, when Iranian students broke into the U.S. Embassy in Tehran. They were beaten, starved and mistreated with the collusion of the fundamentalist Muslim

government of the Ayatollah Khomeini.

For 444 days, the cloud of the hostage situation in Iran loomed over the administration of President Jimmy Carter. In April 1980, five American service members were killed and seven wounded in the botched "Desert One" rescue attempt. The American eagle seemed powerless.

But between the election on Nov. 4, 1980, and Inauguration Day, there was a flurry of negotiations with the Iranians for the release of the hostages. News outlets were expecting the release at any moment, and people in the crowd overhearing others speak of the situation would



Internet Photo

President Ronald Reagan salutes a cadet at the U.S. Air Force Academy commencement in Colorado Springs, Colo., May 30, 1984.

ask, "Anything new?"

But noon came with no word from Tehran, and power shifted from President Carter to President Reagan.

The future president grew to be 6

feet, 1 inch tall and served as a lifeguard at Lowell Park. He was credited with saving 77 lives in the seven summers he worked there.

Reagan went to Eureka (Ill.) College and majored in economics and sociology. While there, he became interested in drama. He was elected student body president at the school and graduated in 1932. The year was the height of the Great Depression. Millions of Americans were out of work, but this handsome, if nearsighted, young man set the goal of getting into pictures.

In 1937, Reagan left for California and signed as an actor with Warner Brothers. His most famous role was that of George Gipp, the Notre Dame football star in "Knut Rockne — All American," made in 1940. He also starred in the 1942 film "Kings Row." In 1937, Reagan joined the Army National Guard and was soon

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Seabees accomplish Iwakuni mission

STORY AND PHOTOS BY
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The Seabees of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 5 Detail Iwakuni will return to their home port, Construction Battalion Center Port Hueneme, Calif., this month.

While deployed to Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, the detail was tasked to complete five construction projects. These projects included construction of a communications security wall, six barracks entrance canopies, 12 sidewalk ramps, installation of an airfield transformer and removal of four existing airfield transformers. The detail was comprised of 26 Seabees deployed to Iwakuni for a period of six months.

"The Seabees of NMCB-5 have maintained a constant presence on the base and have enjoyed working with the many Station activities and departments," said Navy Lt. Kenneth Culbreath, NMCB-5 Detail Iwakuni officer in charge. "Detail Iwakuni managed a rigorous work schedule, starting most days no later than (6 a.m.) and often working late beyond evening colors."

According to Culbreath, the Seabees have demonstrated a "can do" spirit throughout their deployment.

"The Seabees of NMCB-5 leaving MCAS Iwakuni should know that they have lived up to their battalion's moniker, 'The Professionals,'" Culbreath said. "Their hard work and sweat resulted in the Station saving \$460,000 in labor costs. Had it not been for the cooperation and support received from Col. Dave Darrah and his staff, Cmdr. Dave Sasek, and the entire Facilities division, the Seabees would not have had such a successful deployment."



Leaders of the entrance canopy construction project for the bachelor enlisted quarters gathered in front of Barracks 1358 June 8 to cut the ribbon in celebration of the project's completion.

Culbreath said there were several logistical, material, and transportation challenges the detail overcame by maintaining communications and sharing the common goal of mission accomplishment.

"The relationships established over the past six months will benefit both Seabees and Marines who may likely work together again in their military careers," said Culbreath.

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 5 has turned over the Iwakuni Detail site to NMCB-133, the "Runnin' Roo."

While deployed to Iwakuni, NMCB-133 from Gulfport, Miss. will be tasked with six projects. These include construction

of four barracks entrance canopies, one steel canopy, two picnic pavilions, a post office loading dock enclosure and sidewalk ramps.



Petty Officer 3rd Class Ian Ferdinand, Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 5 laborer, places concrete for a canopy with a local contractor.

NEWS BRIEFS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR COMMUNITY RELATIONS PROJECT

TSUZU BEACH

-Station residents are needed to be good neighbors, and help clean Tsuzu Beach July 13. The community relations project will begin at 9:30 a.m. and last for two hours. Call 253-5344/5551 for more information or to sign-up.

NISHIKI RIVER

-Volunteers are needed for the annual Nishiki River Community Clean Up July 10. The clean up will begin at 7 a.m. and last until 10 a.m. Once again, this is a great opportunity for Station residents to be good ambassadors to their host country. For more information or to sign-up, call Wada at 253-5551/5344.

TRAFFIC COMING SOON

- ◆ One-lane traffic is scheduled 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Agan Road behind the Memorial Center to the Contractor's Gate, now through Aug. 31.
- ◆ One-lane traffic is scheduled 24 hours between Building 935 and Building 960 on Monzen Housing area, Tuesday through Aug. 31.

Landscapers beautify Station

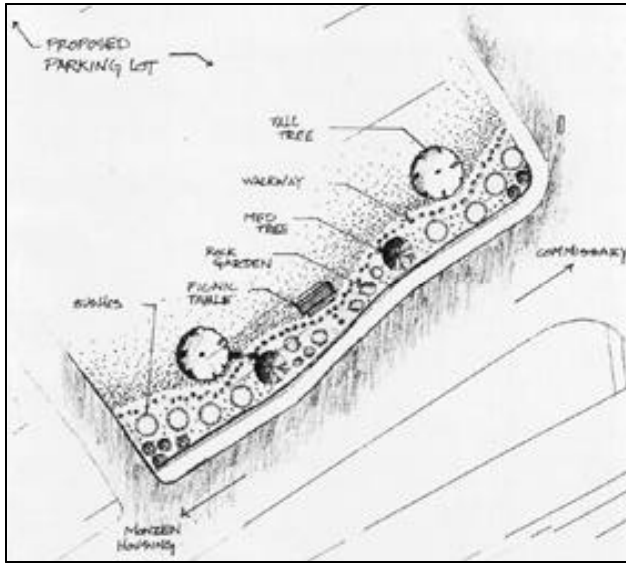
LANCE CPL. DAVID REVERE
Combat Correspondent

Pale, plain, look-a-like buildings provide the aesthetic motif for most military bases. Practical as it may be, drab isn't always easy on the eyes.

At Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Facilities engineering department works to enhance the living atmosphere with colorful, bright landscaping.

Patricia Hensley, Facilities architectural branch manager, has overseen the beautification of numerous sites around the Station. From parks to parking lots, every resident has likely seen her work.

"When we receive a work request, we start sketching and decide what looks nice," said Hensley. "We come up with a design and then get a cost estimate. Once it gets approved for



Map courtesy of Facilities

The Armed Forces Network parking lot enjoys this beautiful park based on the original sketch by Patricia Hensley, Facilities architectural branch manager.

funding, we go out to a local nursery and pick out plants."

According to Hensley, the plants selected are usually indigenous to Japan and are low maintenance.

Hensley said that good landscaping is important for those who call the Station home.



Lance Cpl. David Revere

"It gives the base a more residential feel," she said.

"Not only does good landscaping make the place look more attractive, it also helps people take better care of it," added J. Sztuk, Facilities engineering director. "If something is well-kept, people are more likely to pick up

garbage or not throw it there in the first place."

Sztuk said cost was a big issue in designing landscapes. The amount of time, people and equipment that goes into keeping shrubs and trees kept up is vast.

According to Sztuk, one creative way to deal with a limited budget is transplanting.

"We try to reutilize trees and bushes," he said. "For example, a

lot of trees and bushes in the (Marine Corps Community Services) Used Car Lot are transplants from Gunn Park."

Hensley said Station residents should be on the lookout for more landscaping projects this summer as these designers work to give residents a home away from home.

Gunn Park becomes first casualty of runway project

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As part of Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni's Runway Relocation Project, Gunn Park will soon be permanently closed.

The Iwakuni Runway Project (IRR) is a Government of Japan initiative to relocate the Station runway 1,000 meters eastward onto land reclaimed from the Seto Inland Sea. The project has been ongoing since 1997 and is currently estimated to cost about \$2.4 billion.

"That area will no longer be usable because of the significant construction taking place," said IRRP lead planner Jack Whittle. "The existing Gunn Park will be overlaid with a weapons and ammunition storage area for Explosive Ordnance Disposal."

The park, with its healthy green grass and abundance of trees, created an ideal place for

family picnics and general recreation. However, its removal doesn't mean it won't appear again somewhere else.

"It's in the way of the overall project," said Whittle. "But its closing doesn't mean it won't be relocated somewhere again in the future. Also, a major recreation area will be going up at the new port area."

The multipurpose recreation area will be large enough for two, full-sized baseball fields and feature picnic and event-hosting facilities. The project is slated to be completed in 2009.



Lance Cpl. David Revere

Gunn Park, pictured above, will soon be the home of the weapons and ammunition storage area for Explosive Ordnance Disposal. A new park will be located at the new port area with a multipurpose recreational area, large enough for two baseball fields, picnics and events.

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sponsibility to supply Marine Corps combat utility uniforms and combat boots to all installations. This change was expected to cause a temporary shortage," said Endresen.

While units deployed to Operation Iraqi Freedom receive first priority for desert cammies, recruit depots, officer candidate schools, and field medical schools are given first priority for jungle cammies. According to Endresen, the MCX military clothing sales at MCAS Iwakuni, as well as several other Marine Corps locations, have had uniform orders quickly filled as soon as possible after priority command orders have been fulfilled.

In the meantime, Claudio advised service members who are unable to find uniforms and boots of their size to contact the Navy-Marine Corps Uniform Support Center at uscustomerservice@nexnet.navy.mil to inquire if they have what they need.

If the merchandise is in stock, orders may be placed by calling 1-800-368-4688. Service members are only allowed to order one set of desert and jungle cammies. Payment by VISA, MasterCard, Discover, American Express, and retail Military Star cards is accepted.

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ployed. I feel like I should be there with them," the Long Island, N.Y., native explained.

Other attendees of the ceremony said meeting the two sergeants and seeing them receive their awards was a very motivating experience.

"These are some - no kidding - heroes. You don't see people get the bronze star every day. I'm truly honored to shake their hands," said Sgt. Maj. David Allison, Station sergeant major.

The Marine, who pinned the awards on Guevara and Lauritzen, Col. Stephen Fenstermacher, Marine Wing Support Group 17 commanding officer, told the assembled formation of MWSS-171 Marines, "I can't tell you how proud I am of the things you've accomplished.

"More heroes stand on the field before me," Fenstermacher said, addressing the three platoons assembled on the parade deck. "You're just waiting for the opportunity to show it."

Nearing the conclusion of the ceremony, the two awardees along with Lt. Col. Scot Seitz, former MWSS-171 commanding officer, who was also awarded in the ceremony with a Navy Commendation Medal, joined Fenstermacher for a pass in review of the assembled Marines.

Marines keep squadron sky-high

STORY AND PHOTOS BY
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EIELSON AIR FORCE BASE, Alaska – What does it take to keep a squadron of F/A-18D's flying? – Pilots, parts and maintenance people.

The maintenance Marines of Marine All-Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 225, here for Northern Edge 2004, have a clear understanding of their mission.

The squadron arrived here May 31 to participate in NE04. Northern Edge is Alaska's annual joint-training exercise designed to enhance

interoperability among the services by sharpening and honing joint-service techniques and procedures. It helps provide a ready force capable of protecting America's interests at home and abroad.

"Our job is to keep our jets alive - to maintain aircraft readiness in the squadron," said Sgt. Bruce Cervelli, maintenance controller with VMFA(AW)-225.

It's a responsibility the Marines take seriously, said Cervelli. Fourteen shops, whose maintenance skills range from repairing seats to controlling corrosion, keep the squadron's aircraft flying.

"It's a challenging job – especially on deployments," noted Cervelli.

"We run into shortages every day, but through luck and some improvisation, we're able to keep the aircraft up."

"We're a self-supporting squadron," noted Lance Cpl. Rhiannon Bramer, aircraft electrical systems technician. "I think it's neat that we can pick up our gear and work anywhere."

Gear shortages aren't the only challenge the maintenance workers face. Deployments mean more flight hours logged. The



Lance Cpl. Josh M. Kepp, ordinance technician for Marine All-Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 225, conducts maintenance on an F/A-18D here prior to its participation in Northern Edge 2004.

hours logged means more wear-and-tear on the aircraft, and that means more work for the shops.

"In school we had a set training schedule," said Bramer, who recently completed military occupational school. "Here, we work until the job is done."

Cervelli agrees that the schedule is something to be reckoned with.

"As a squadron, we're constantly training and constantly moving," he said. "For me, the most difficult thing to deal with is the changing schedules."

Regardless of the challenges, the squadron is performing well.

"The Marines are doing a great job," said Maj. Michael Rodriguez, maintenance officer for VMFA(AW)-

225. "The maintenance crews have been working long hours to ensure the exercise is successful."

"Our squadron is performing very well," agreed Cervelli. "We have a good unit filled with good people."

Contributing to the success of the unit is the Air Force, whose hospitality has been outstanding, said Rodriguez.

"We're working very closely with the Air Force," said Cervelli. "They've provided us with vehicles, fuel, general aircraft support and communication capabilities."

More than 9,000 Airmen, Sailors, Marines, Soldiers and Coast Guardsmen from active duty, reserve and National Guard units are participating in this year's NE04 exercise.



Cpl. Randy Saulsberry, Marine All-Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 225, works to repair an F/A-18D radar. The squadron lent its assets to Northern Edge 2004, May 31.

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made a cavalry second lieutenant. The cavalry back then still rode horses.

He married his costar in the film "Brother Rat" – Jane Wyman – in 1940. With America's entry into World War II, Reagan was called to active duty. He was assigned to the 1st Motion Picture Unit in Culver City, Calif. Reagan made more than 400 training films with the unit, and was discharged as a captain in 1945.

All in all, Reagan made 53 feature films in his Hollywood career. In 1949, his marriage to Wyman ended in divorce and in 1952 he married Nancy Davis. From 1947 to 1952 and again from 1959 to 1960, Reagan was the president of the Screen Actors Guild.

Politically, Reagan started as a member of the Democratic Party. But even in the 1950s he was beginning to lean toward the Republican Party. He campaigned in 1952 and 1956 as a "Democrat for Eisenhower," and in 1960 campaigned for Richard Nixon. In 1962 he officially changed his party affiliation.

In 1966, he ran for governor of California and beat incumbent Edmund G. Brown in a landslide. He was reelected in 1970.

In 1976, Reagan challenged President Gerald R.

Ford for the Republican nomination. He lost, and Ford lost to Carter. In 1980, he received the nomination, and with his running mate, George H.W. Bush, received 51 percent of the popular vote to 41 percent for Carter.

The world of 1981 was far different from today. The Soviet Union was still communist. Leonid Brezhnev was the undisputed ruler of what Reagan came to call "the Evil Empire." The Soviets occupied Afghanistan and subjugated all of Eastern and most of Central Europe. The Warsaw Pact confronted NATO along the Iron Curtain.

A total of 350,000 American service members were based in Europe to counter the Soviet menace. But the American military was not a very effective force. Thousands of mid-level enlisted people and officers – exactly the people needed to make the military function – were voting with their feet. The all-volunteer force, then less than 10 years old, could not offer the pay and benefits to attract or keep good people.

Reagan, said Americans "have every right to dream heroic dreams." He said that in the search for heroes, Americans had only to look to one another.

"You can see heroes every day going in and out of factory gates," he said. "Others, a handful in number,

produce enough food to feed all of us and then the world beyond.

"You meet heroes across a counter, and they're on both sides of that counter. There are entrepreneurs with faith in themselves and faith in an idea who create new jobs, new wealth and opportunity. They are individuals and families whose taxes support the government and whose voluntary gifts support church, charity, culture, art and education. Their patriotism is quiet, but deep. Their values sustain our national life."

Reagan also said America would fight for what it believes in. "As for the enemies of freedom, those who are potential adversaries, they will be reminded that peace is the highest aspiration of the American people," he said. "We will negotiate for it, sacrifice for it; we will not surrender for it, now or ever."

During his term in office he went on to accomplish many things. He rebuilt the U.S. military. He played a part in Middle East peace. He called on Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev to tear down the Berlin Wall. He negotiated the Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces treaty with the Soviets.

He did many things, but his first day in office set the tone for his presidency. That day, he inspired Americans to dream again.

New skippers take charge of

Houck stands down as leader of Dragons

LANCECPL GIOVANNI LOBELLO
Combat Correspondent

Capt. Michael F. Mastria took over as the temporary commanding officer from Lt. Col. Dale Houck of Combat Service Support Group 36, June 10.

Houck was commissioned in the



Lance Cpl. Giovanni Lobello

Lt. Col. Dale Houck hands over the Combat Service Support Detachment 36 flag to the new temporary commanding officer, Capt. Michael F. Mastria.

Marine Corps through the platoon leaders course May 1983. Houck earned a Bachelor of Science degree in data processing from Shippensburg State College, Pa along with a Master of Science in Information Technology Management from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey College.

After the completion of The Basic School, Houck was assigned the duties of a Staff Platoon commander for The Basic School located in Quantico, Va.

After Quantico came his first assignment with the 1st Marine Division where he was the motor transport platoon commander, operations officer at truck company and as the motor transport officer for 3rd Assault Amphibious Battalion.

In 1987 Houck was assigned as the motor transportation officer for the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade in Okinawa. After a year, Houck was sent back to the United States, where he was responsible for a variety of billets to include integrated logistics support directorate and commanding officer, company "B", Headquarters Battalion.

After being transferred from 2nd Force Service Support Group, Houck reported as the Operations officer for



Lance Cpl. Giovanni Lobello

The 3rd Marine Expeditionary Force Band performs at the CSSD-36 change of command introducing the new commanding officer.

MEU Service Support Group 22, 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit. While with the 22nd MEU, he participated in Operations Provide Promise, Deny Fight and Continue Flight.

After graduating from the Combined Logistics Officers Advanced Course in Ft. Lee, Va., he began his second tour with 1st Marine Division where he served until June 1997. Upon leaving the division he transferred to Naval Postgraduate School, where he completed his master's degree in Information Technology Management.

His next destination was Quantico to serve as the chief information officer until being transferred to 3rd FSSG, assuming the duties of Combat



Official Command Photo

Lt. Col. Dale Houck finished serving a successful two year tour as CSSD-36's commanding officer.

Service Supports Group 36 commanding officer.

Lt. Col. James Gannon will be replacing Mastria as CSSD-36's new CO in late July.

Houck and his wife Stacey are proud parents of their two, sons Logan and Nathan.

Houck's awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal with gold star, Marine Corps Achievement Medal with gold star and the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal.

Marauders welcome Johnson, part ways with VanEtten

LANCECPL RUBEN D. CALDERON
Combat Correspondent

Lieutenant Col. Harold Dale Johnson took on the role of commanding officer for Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12, replacing Lt. Col. James P. VanEtten in a change of command ceremony, June 11.

Johnson graduated from Marshall University May 1981 and enlisted in the Marine Corps October 1982. He reported to Parris Island, S.C. January 1983 and graduated from boot camp in April. In October 1985, following nearly three years of enlisted service as an administrative clerk, the then sergeant, Johnson reported to Officer Candidate's School in Quantico, Va. and was commissioned a second lieutenant in December.

After completing The Basic School in Quantico June 1985, he reported to Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 261 at Marine Corps Air Station New River, N.C., for duties as the maintenance material control officer. While there he participated in deployments with each of the three east coast Marine Expeditionary Units. He was then promoted to captain August 1990.

In August 1991, Johnson reported to the Amphibious Warfare School in Quantico. Upon



Official Command Photos

Taking on the job of commanding officer, (left) Lt. Col. Harold D. Johnson will now lead Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12. (Right) Lt. Col. James P. VanEtten was relieved of his duties as commanding officer of MALS-12 in a change of command ceremony, June 11.

completion of formal school in June 1992, Johnson reported for duty at the Naval Aviation Depot, MCAS Cherry Point, N.C., for assignment as the engine program officer. He was then transferred to MCAS Yuma, Ariz. July 1995 for duties as the assistant aircraft maintenance officer for MALS-13.

He was promoted to major in August 1996 and

was assigned duties consecutively as the operations officer and executive officer. In July 1998 he reported for duty as a student at the College of Naval Command and Staff in Newport, R.I., where he graduated with distinction in June of 1999 and earned a Masters of Arts degree in National Security and Strategic Studies.

He was then subsequently transferred to joint duty at the U.S. Southern Command in Miami, Fla. He was assigned to the Operations directorate and executed duties as an action officer for coordination of Theater Security Cooperation for international exercises and joint training.

He later assumed duties in the Counter Drug Operations Directorate and finished his tour as the executive officer for the Director of Operations. He was promoted to lieutenant colonel in September 2001 and reported to MALS-12 as the executive officer in August 2002.

Johnson's personal decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal and the Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal. He is married to the former Kelly Richey of Morehead City, N.C. and they are proud parents of their daughter, Jennifer.

ation units during ceremonies

New commander to lead America's Squadron

LANCECPL. DAVID REVERE
Combat Correspondent

Lieutenant Col. Yori R. Escalante assumed command of Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 from Lt. Col. Scot S. Seitz in a change of command ceremony, June 11.

Escalante graduated from Texas Architectural and Mechanical University in December, 1986 with a Bachelor of Science degree in building construction. Upon graduation, he was commissioned a second lieutenant.

After completion of The Basic School and the Basic Combat Engineer Officer Course in 1987, Escalante was assigned to 7th Engineer Support Battalion in 29 Palms, Calif. There he served as a platoon commander, company executive officer, and operations training officer.

In 1991, Escalante was transferred to Bakersfield, Calif., to serve as the inspector instructor for 5th Bulk Fuel Company, 6th Engineer Support Battalion.

Escalante attended the United States Army Engineer Officer Advanced Course from July 1993 to

February 1994, where he was selected as a distinguished graduate. Upon completion of school, he was transferred to Marine Wing Support Squadron 273 in Beaufort, S.C..

There he served as the logistics, embark and operations officer and deployed to Aviano, Italy in support of Operation Joint Endeavor.

In May 1997, Escalante was assigned to the Marine Corps Operational Test and Evaluation Activity in Quantico, Va., and served as an operational test project officer.

In July 2000, he was transferred to Headquarters Marine Corps, serving in the Plans, Policies and Operations Department and as aide-de-camp for the deputy commandant for Programs and Resources.

Escalante was transferred to 1st Force Service Support Group in July 2002 where he served as the G3 Plans officer. During his assignment, he was deployed twice to Iraq. Along with his bachelors degree, Escalante holds a Master of Arts degree in management from Webster University.

His decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal with Gold Star, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with Gold Star, the Navy Achievement Medal, the Presidential Unit Citation and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Medal.

Escalante is married to the former Melissa Ann Beaty. They have a daughter, Emily, and a son, Robby.

Seitz, who has served as MWSS-171's commanding officer since June 2002, will assume command of the Field Supply and Maintenance Analysis Office in Camp Lejeune, N.C.



Lance Cpl. David Revere

Lt. Col. Scot S. Seitz passes the squadron colors to oncoming commander, Lt. Col. Yori R. Escalante, during Marine Wing Support Squadron 171's change of command ceremony, June 11.



Official Command Photo

Lt. Col. Yori Escalante assumed command of Marine Wing Support Squadron 171, June 11.

Bright departs, Hall assumes command of Lancers

LANCECPL. DAVID REVERE
Combat Correspondent

Lt. Col. Mark E. Hall assumed command of Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 212 from Lt. Col. Bruce Bright in a change of command ceremony, June 10.

Hall was commissioned as a second lieutenant upon graduation from Texas Agricultural and Mechanical University in August 1984. After completion of The Basic School, he was ordered to attend flight training at Naval Air Station Pensacola, Fla. and received his wings as a naval flight officer in October 1986.

Hall's first assignment was at Cherry Point, N.C. as the assistant powerline officer and airframes and

corrosion control officer. The squadron deployed to the Mediterranean aboard the USS John F. Kennedy from 1987-89, and supported Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm in 1990.

In 1991, Hall was selected for pilot transition training and was winged a naval aviator in February 1993. Upon completion of F/A-18 transition training, he was assigned to Marine All-Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 332 from 1994-97.

During this period, he assisted in the initial stand up of the squadron and served as the Logistics, Department of Safety and Standardization and operations officer. While with the squadron, he participated in two deployments to Aviano, Italy in support of Operations Deny Flight/Provide Promise and Decisive Edge/Joint Endeavor.

In 1998, Hall attended Marine Corps Command and Staff College. Upon completion, he was assigned as the executive officer of Marine Aviation Training Support Group at Naval Air Station Cecil Field, Fla. and at NAS Oceana, Va. During this period, he also served as an instructor pilot with Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 106. From 2000-



Official Command Photo

Lt. Col. Mark E. Hall assumed command of the Lancers, June 10.

2001, he served as the assistant deputy chief of staff for G-5 Plans at United States Marine Corps Forces Korea in Yongsan Army Base, Seoul, Korea.

From January 2002 until May 2004, Hall assumed the duties of executive officer for Marine Aircraft Group 31. During this period, he deployed as a senior watch officer in support of Marine Aircraft Group 11 and an augment pilot with Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 251 during Operations Southern Watch and Iraqi Freedom.

Hall has more than 3000 flight hours and decorations include two Individual Air Medals with

Combat Five, the Strike Flight Air Medal with Numeral Eight, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with Combat Five, and two Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals as well as campaign and service awards.

He is happily married to the former Lucia Ann Spradlin of Meridian, Miss.

Bright, who has served as VMFA-212's commanding officer since January 2003, will go on to attend the Air War College at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.



Lance Cpl. David Revere

Lt. Col. Bruce Bright offers parting sentiments as he relinquishes command of Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 212, June 10.

Engyoji Temple purifies body, spirit

STORY AND PHOTOS BY
LANCE CPL. GIOVANNI LOBELLO
Combat Correspondent

A ride on a gondola several hundred feet in the air to the rim of Shosha Mountain begins one of Japan's most unique cultural experiences.

Engyoji Temple, located just three hours away from the Station in Himeji City, stands on top of Shosha Mountain and was built approximately 1,000 years ago.

According to information provided by the Engyoji Temple, Shoku, a holy Buddhist priest who received spiritual enlightenment from intellect, Monju and the God of wisdom founded the temple.

Monju informed Shoku that whoever climbed the mountain would be purified in body and spirit, stated the temple information source.

Miniature shrines can be found around the entire mountain.

"It was very interesting walking throughout the trail and seeing so many different little statues," said Joan Parriott, a temple visitor.

Besides the miniature shrines, several temples inhabited the mountain.

"Two buildings that had a thatch roof were one of the things that caught my attention the most," said Bob Parriott, a temple visitor. "These roofs are similar to the roofs that are used in England. They



Shannon Ayers, Christina Hay and Cheryl Hunt stand in front of Niomon Gate in route to the rest of the temples and tombs that can be found at the Shosha Mountain.



Temples Daikodo, Jikido and Jogyodo were all built by different popes during their reign. Despite the different founders of the temples, they were all training sites for priests to sharpen their skills.

take a lot of work to maintain and must be constantly replaced."

In addition to a rare style of craftsmanship, famous temples can be found while hiking the mountain.

Temples Daikodo, Jikido and Jogyodo are some of the more famous temples because of their recent appearances in the movie, "The Last Samurai."

"The construction of these temples was really amazing," said Shannon Ayers, Johnston, Pa., native. "The architecture of these buildings is unreal and how they have been standing up this long is just incredible."

"I was interested in this mountain when I found out there had recently been a movie shot in the area," said Parriott.

"These experiences are great. It's good to get out and enjoy Japan," said Ayers. "I recommend that other Station residents climb this mountain. Most of the time, people just stay on base and complain



Visitors take a break for lunch in front of the Jogyodo Temple. Jogyodo is a training hall remodeled in 1965.

about not having any activities to be a part of. These are good opportunities to get out of the Station and do something fun."

OUT THE GATE

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

Blue Bird Arts and Crafts Bazaar

There will be a sale and exhibit of handcrafted items today, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the exhibition room in Sinfonia Iwakuni. The bazaar will showcase items such as glasswork, dried-out flowers arrangement, lacework, woodwork, bamboo charcoal and more. The admission is free.

For details, call 53-2565.

Hydrangea Festival

There will be a festival at Hikari City Mitsui Sports Park, Sunday, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Approximately 15,000 hydrangea trees are viewed in the park. A market, selling potteries, and a tea ceremony are scheduled. 300 plants of hydrangea will be given away free. First come, first serve. For details, call 0833-72-1400.

Yasaka Lake Sports Festival

A festival will be held at Yasaka Lake, and participants are invited to join in on the fun. Fireworks and

music stage are scheduled July 24, 5-10 p.m. Regatta race (knucle four, dragon boat and canoeing), golf, tennis and more sports event are held July 25, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call Wada at 253-5344/5551.

Iwakuni Ceramic Dolls Display

This display takes place at the Iwakuni City Central Library until July 13. Nearly 10 sets of Hina dolls and Kabuto, Japanese helmet, produced in Iwakuni, are shown. The library is closed Mondays. The admission is free. Call 31-0046 for details.



TORII TELLER CLASSIFIED ADS

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

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

AUTOMOBILES

Toyota Windom, 1994, 4 door, 5 passenger, radio/cassette, P/W, P/D, excellent condition, JCI until Aug. 2005, \$3,000. Call Anna or Mark at 253-2676.

Isuzu Mu Amigo, 1995, 2 door, SUV, 98,000 km, runs great, well maintained, A/C, P/W, P/L, CD, 4x4, JCI until June 2006, \$2,800. Call Nate Brown 253-4528 dwh or 090-6432-0752.

Nissan Primera, 1994, 4 door, midsize sedan, A/C, P/D, P/W, radio/cassette, runs great, JCI until May 2005, \$1,000. Call GySgt. Allen at 253-6096 dwh or 253-2228 awl.

Mitsubishi Diamante,

1994, 4 door, runs great, 92,000 km, very clean, sun roof, V6, CD player, A/C, blue, JCI until Oct. 2005, \$2,000 obo. Call 253-4528 dwh or 080-3052-4919.

Toyota Surf, 1992, CD player, custom rims/tires, well maintained, SUV, JCI until March 2006, \$3,500 obo. Call Sean or Jolyn at 253-5549 dwh or 253-2291 awl.

Nissan Cedric, 1992, JCI until June 2006, \$2,500 obo. Call Sean or Jolyn at 253-5549 dwh or 253-2291 awl.

Honda Saber, 1995, AM/FM/CD, A/C, new tires, must sell, PCS in Aug, excellent condition, JCI until Nov. 2004, \$3,500. Call

Capt. Mariott at 253-2436.

Harley Davidson, Tour Glide Classic, 1988, mint condition, well maintained, JCI until March 2006, \$8,500 obo. Call Sean or Jolyn at 253-5549 dwh or 253-2291 awl.

OTHER ITEMS

Misc., free cats with scratch post & litter box; dryer, 2-months-old, \$150; Big Mans navy blue leather reclining chair, 1-year-old, \$250 obo. Call Andrea Reicha at 253-2545.

Misc., carpets, \$50 each; Sony compact Hi-Fi stereo system, \$150; computer desk and chair, \$50; JVC DVD, \$100; 2 Na-

tional electric heaters, \$50 each; Toyotomi electric heater, \$50; fan oscillation 18", \$20; fan oscillation 18" table top, \$15; gas stove, \$40; National heater kerosene, \$75; Japanese antique cabinet, \$25; Japanese table, \$50; Toshiba microwave, \$150; shelves, \$25; sofa, love seat with coffee table and end table, \$300; Sony CD/radio/cassette-recorder, \$40; vacuum cleaner, \$100; Hitachi VHS, \$75; Victor 28" flat screen TV & VHS with stand, \$300. Call Bob at 090-1186-6311.

Misc., bench craft recliner, \$150 obo; Ashley furniture set, couch/love seat, \$800 obo. Call Sean or Jolyn at 253-5549 dwh or 253-2291 awl.

Misc., 3-in-1 stroller, \$35; wooden high chair with cushions, \$20; elliptical machine, needs one bolt, make offer; toddler bed-rail, free; boppy nursing pillow, free. Call Heather at 253-2844 and leave message.

Misc., 21 feet sailboat, complete with 3 sails, 6 life vests, portable john, 9 hose power engine, closed cabin can sleep up to 4 people, \$2,000 obo. Call Lt. Bleile at 253-3331 dwh or 31-8404 awl.

Misc., entertainment center, \$100; oak coffee table, \$75; futon, \$100; crib, \$30; prowler bike trailer, \$50; Johnny jumper, \$20; 5 piece couch and tables, less than 4 months old, \$1,600; classic Pooh baby - hamper, \$10; wall hangings, \$50; lamp, \$50; comforter and fitted sheet, \$25; valance, \$20; sold together or separate. Call Capt. Mariott at 253-2436.

WANTED


Volunteers
Adventurous adults and seniors with a heart for kids for Vacation Bible School, cruising the Amazon Aug. 2-6, 6-8 p.m. Sign-up at the Station Chapel.

JOB OPENINGS

Central Texas College
Need an instructor for a course in Public Speaking/Business Writing. Call Jennifer Walker at 253-3631 or e-mail Iwakuni-fa@ctc-japan.com.

Commissary
Full/part time Commissary Deli employees are needed. \$6.50/hour. Japanese nationals welcome to apply. Applications may be picked up at the deli.

MCCS (253-3030)
Go to www.mccsiwakuni.com for a complete job listing.



MOVIE SCHEDULE

FRIDAY

11 a.m./5 p.m. Norma Rae (PG)
2 p.m./8 p.m. Down To Earth (PG-13)
11 p.m./5 a.m. Seven (R)
2 a.m. Cold Mountain (R)

SATURDAY

11 a.m./5 p.m. Cannonball Run (PG)
2 p.m./8 p.m. Barbershop 2 (PG-13)
11 p.m./5 a.m. Deep Rising (R)
2 a.m. Ghost Ship (R)

SUNDAY

11 a.m./5 p.m. Peter Pan (PG)
2 p.m./8 p.m. Honey (PG-13)
11 p.m./5 a.m. Interview With The Vampire (R)
2 a.m. Along Came A Spider (R)

MONDAY

11 a.m./5 p.m. Cheaper By The Dozen (PG)
2 p.m./8 p.m. Against The Ropes (PG-13)
11 p.m./5 a.m. Eurotrip (R)
2 a.m. Confessions Of A Dangerous Mind (R)

TUESDAY

11 a.m./5 p.m. Finding Nemo (PG)
2 p.m./8 p.m. Torque (PG)
11 p.m./5 a.m. Down And Out Beverly Hills (R)
2 a.m. Kill Bill: Volume 1 (R)


WEDNESDAY

11 a.m./5 p.m. City Heat (PG)
2 p.m./8 p.m. The Rundown (PG-13)
11 p.m./5 a.m. Boyz 'N The Hood (R)
2 a.m. Gothika (R)

THURSDAY


11 a.m./5 p.m. Disney's Teacher's Pet (PG)
2 p.m./8 p.m. Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon (PG-13)
11 p.m./5 a.m. Lethal Weapon 2 (R)
2 a.m. Love Actually (R)

SAKURA THEATER




JOHNSON FAMILY VACATION

Even the onboard navigation system has a meltdown on Nate Johnson and his family's cross-country trek to their annual family reunion/grudge match. Reluctantly along for the ride are Nate's wife, who's only in it for the kids; their rapper-wannabe son; their teenage daughter who's fashioned herself as the next Lolita; and their youngest, whose imaginary dog Nate just can't seem to keep track of. (96 minutes)



THE GIRL NEXT DOOR

An ambitious high school senior, Matthew, with dreams of a career in politics is overjoyed to discover that his new neighbor, 19-year-old Danielle, is absolutely beautiful, and they fall in love quickly, head over heels. Their relationship is put to the test, however when he discovers that she used to be a... porn star. (109 minutes)



SHREK 2

Shrek and Fiona return to her homeland to tell her parents the good news. Not everyone is happy to find her married to an ogre, with the most irate in this group being Prince Charming, who was supposed to be the one who lifted Fiona's curse. (105 minutes)

FRIDAY

2 p.m. Home On The Range (PG)
7 p.m. Johnson Family Vacation (PG-13)
10 p.m. The Girl Next Door (R)

SATURDAY

1 p.m. Shrek 2 (PG)
4 p.m. Hellboy (PG-13)
7 p.m. Johnson Family Vacation (PG-13)
10 p.m. The Girl Next Door (R)

SUNDAY

4 p.m. Shrek 2 (PG)
7 p.m. Johnson Family Vacation (PG-13)

MONDAY

12 p.m. Snow White (Not Rated)
3 p.m. Spaceballs (PG)
7 p.m. Van Helsing (PG-13)

TUESDAY

7 p.m. Troy (R)

WEDNESDAY

12 p.m. Shrek (PG)
3 p.m. Home On The Range (PG)
7 p.m. Shrek 2 (PG)

THURSDAY

7 p.m. The Girl Next Door (R)

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
Thursday - AFCT
June 28 - EDPT
July 7 - DLPT
July 8 - DLAB
July 14 - ACT
July 15 - SAT

For more information, call 253-3855.

CHRO

CHRO Training

■ **Effective Communication Skills:** Monday through Wednesday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

■ **Privacy Act:** June 29, 1-2 p.m.

■ **Human Resources 101:** July 6-9, 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.

MCCS

Career Resource Management Center (253-6439)

■ **Local Employment Overview:** June 29, 9-10:30 a.m.
 ■ **Teaching English Tips:** July 1, 1-2:30 p.m.

Club Iwakuni

■ **Father's Day:** Sunday, bring Dad to the Big Breakfast of Sunday Brunch. Call 253-5416 for details.

■ **Hometown News Live In Concert (Country Western):** Thursday, free and all ranks in the Ballroom. Doors open at 8 p.m. Show starts at 9 p.m. Visit <http://www.hometownnews.info> for more information about the band.

Single Marine Program (253-3891)

■ **Pool & Chess Tournament,** Saturday, 6 p.m. Prizes for first, second and third place winners.
 ■ **Kudamatsu Kenko Park,** Sunday, 10 a.m. \$10 transportation. Bring extra yen for admission, lunch and shopping.

Youth Center (253-4769)

■ **Oshima Nagisa Aquarium Trip:** June 26, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is ¥100 for children and ¥210 for adults. Register before Wednesday. The aquarium features a petting fish pool.

Teen Center (253-6454)

■ **Parent Advisory Board Meeting:** Today, 4-5:30 p.m. Discuss summer programs and register teens for 7 Habits for Teens class on July 7.

■ **Father's Day Fishing At Yasaka Dam:** Saturday, 8 a.m.

to 5 p.m. Poles, bait and drinks are provided. Bring bag lunches. Sign-up at the Iron-Works Gym for \$5.

MCX Furniture Sale

Saturday through June 27, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the MAC Dome.

Children's Craft Classes

Children's Japanese Doll Making, Tole Painting and Washi Craft classes are now available at the Arts & Crafts Store on the first floor of Crossroads Mall. Visit the store or call 253-6621 for details.

9-Ball Tournament

Saturday, 5 p.m. all MCCS patrons age 18 and older may sign-up for \$5 for tournament at the Marine Lounge. Prizes include each cash prizes, a pool cue and sun visors. Call 253-5368 for more information.

Explore New Worlds Summer Reading Program

The program begins Monday for all children up to 17-years-old. Register today for coupons and special gifts. For details, call 253-3078.

Grocery Shopping Tour

Friday, 1-3 p.m. Call 253-6165 for more information.

COMMUNITY

Christian Conference

This conference, "Harvesting a Life of Godliness" is scheduled June 25-26. For more information,

call the Station Chapel at 253-3371.

Vacation Bible School

This will be held Aug. 2-6, 6-8 p.m. for ages 3 to 18-years-old. Call 253-5218 for details.

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 Service
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowships
 11 a.m. Gospel Worship Service
 7 p.m. Liturgical Divine Worship (1st Sunday of the Month)

Cooperative Chapel Ministries

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

Jewish

Every other Friday
 6 p.m. Shabbat

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.



Lance Cpl. Ruben D. Calderon

Arts and Crafts for Station Residents

Station residents are invited to attend daily classes at the Arts and Crafts Store. The store includes more than 10 authentic arts and crafts classes, which teach Japanese influenced art. The classes run daily except for Sundays. For more information, read the June 25th edition of the "Torii Teller."

Get hot, drink a lot

Hydration key to safe summer activities

STORY AND PHOTOS BY
LANCE CPL. DAVID REVERE
Combat Correspondent

With the summer season descending quickly on Japan, a host of outdoor activities becomes available to Station residents. With the fun in the sun comes the ever-present threat of becoming a victim of a heat-related illness or injury.

Temperatures can reach above 90 degrees during the peak summer months in Iwakuni, and with that comes the possibility of heat-related injuries such as heat exhaustion and heat stroke.

"Heat exhaustion is caused by the loss of body fluids and important salts due to overexposure to high temperatures and humidity," said Navy Lt. Eugene Garland, Branch Medical Clinic environmental health officer. "Usually you are exposed to heat for a prolonged amount of time, and you become dehydrated."

Garland said some of the symptoms include headaches, nausea, dizziness, cool skin and dilated pupils.

For treatment, Garland suggested finding a shaded area, increasing fluids, applying wet towels or ice, using a fan, elevating legs above the heart, loosening clothing, and not

consuming any liquids containing alcohol or caffeine.

"If your condition worsens, seek medical attention immediately," said Garland. "If left untreated, heat exhaustion can lead to heat stroke."

Heat stroke, according to Garland, is a medical emergency and a life-threatening condition. It is caused by the failure of the heat-regulating mechanisms in the body due to high heat and humidity.

The symptoms of heat stroke, in addition to those described for heat exhaustion, can include red, dry and hot skin, a strong and rapid pulse, small pupils, and a high fever. Garland said the patient may be disoriented, lose consciousness and possibly have convulsions.

"The underlying cause of heat stroke is connected to the sudden inability to dissipate body heat through perspiration," said Garland. "This accounts for the excessive rise in body temperature. It's the high fever that can cause permanent damage to internal organs and can lead to death. When someone passes out from heat stroke, his or her brain is being cooked just as the colorless part of an egg turns white when it hits the griddle."



Zarina Wilson sips water on a hot day at the Main Outside Pool, June 12.

Garland recommended the following actions for individuals suffering from heat stroke: head to a cooler location, loosen clothing, immerse in cool water, wrap in wet sheets, and place cold compresses on the head, neck and groin.

"Seek medical attention immediately," said Garland. "Do not give medication to lower the fever. Do not use an alcohol rub."

There are several warning signs for both heat exhaustion and heat stroke.

"First, your muscles are affected," said Garland. "As your temperature rises, they feel like a hot poker is pressing against them. As your temperature rises further, the air you breathe feels like it is coming from a furnace and no matter how hard you try, you can't get enough air. Stop exercising, take a break and drink fluids."

The bottom line, according to Garland, is to be smart when exercising. Everyone should know their limits and drink plenty of fluids.



A platoon enjoys early morning motivation by the sea wall. Hydrating well in advance of any workout is key to safety and fitness.

IWAKUNI SPORTS SCENE

UNIT POKER 5-KILOMETER RUN

U.S. military and Japan Maritime Self Defense Force compete today on the seawall behind the IronWorks Gym. Call 253-5654.

FAMILY APPRECIATION DAYS

Saturday, 1-5 p.m. All games are half price at the Bowling Center. Call 253-4657 for more information.

FATHER'S DAY

Sunday, fathers bowl for free when accompanied by their son or daughter at the Bowling Center.

SECOND SEASON OF SOFTBALL

Coaches meet June 29, 10 a.m. in the IronWorks Gym Wellness Room. Season begins July 5. For details, call 253-5777.

SEAHORSE SOCCER CAMP

Registration is open through Monday at the IronWorks Gym for boys and girls 5 to 18-years-old. The camp is at Penny Lake Field, June 29 to July 2. Sign-up for \$30. This is a ministry based soccer camp led by former professional players and college students from California.

SUMMER SLAM POWER & ENDURANCE BENCH PRESS

June 26, 8:15 a.m. check-in, 9 a.m. commencement. Open to the Station residents, JMSDF, master labor contractor and indirect hire agreement workers 16-years-old and older. Sign-up for \$10 at the IronWorks Gym front desk. For more information, call 253-5051.

FIRECRACKER OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT

July 3. Close-to-pin, Long Drive and Gorilla contests. Enter for \$10. Awards for the top net finishers. Call 253-3402 for details.

Outdoor fun available in Japan

Unique campsites offer a relaxing getaway for Station residents to enjoy

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Japan is host to many islands and wilderness locations packed with recreational activities.

There are several beautiful camping sites available for Station residents to enjoy in the summer time, said Takeda Taka, Information Tours and Travel tour guide.

“Two of Japan’s most famous camping places are Iwami Sea Side Park and Oshima Island,” added Taka.

Iwami Sea Side Park is located approximately three hours away from the Station by car. The park has cabins, tennis courts and parks for additional recreational activities. Cabins are available with prices ranging from ¥3,190 to ¥5,760. Auto campgrounds are also available, but a reservation is required.

“The Iwami park has a very nice beach and offers a chance to be in the middle of a beautiful natural environment,” said Taka.

In addition to the Iwami Sea Side Park, Japan offers Oshima Island for camping.

Just 40-minutes away, Oshima Island is the closest camping site to the Station. Katazoe and Zushigahama Beach and camping locations are available on Oshima Island. The prices for camping sites vary from ¥2,500 to ¥25,830 for a cabin that can fit up to six people. Auto camping for day time use is ¥2,500 and the night fare jumps to ¥5,000.

“Oshima Island is kind of a resort location,” said Taka. “Nearby, a hot springs bathing house is available for anyone camping. The camping sites on location are also very clean with beautiful beaches available.”

For those interested in camping in the traditional mountainside terrain, Seven Falls and Yasaka are available.

“Seven Falls is a very beautiful location that offers, like its name says, seven different water falls,” explained Taka. “Yasaka is also located in a mountainous location around two to three hours away from the Station by car.”

Seven Falls offers more of a nature experience since it is in the mountains, added Taka. The beach is open now and will close from November until April.

Yasaka Camping Grounds also has auto camping sites available. On location is a river for paddleboating and canoe riding as well.

“Yasaka is more for people that do not mind being on a mountain with a river instead of a beach,” said Taka.

To avoid unnecessary costs,



Photo courtesy of Lance Cpl. Martin Waltman Jr.

Sgt. Will Villanueva and Lance Cpls. Cory Cox, Shane Hall, Martin Waltman, enjoy the scenery of one of the biggest waterfalls that can be found in the Three Falls camping grounds.

Marine Corps Community Service’s outdoor recreations at the Iron-works Gym provides gear for camping.

“We offer almost everything that is needed to go camping,” said Damon S. Rauh, outdoor recreations manager. “We can also help provide directions, maps along with reservations and directions. There are also trips available to go canoeing and kayaking.”

“Since reaching the campsites can be complicated, directions can be provided to any of them, added Taka. We have maps available with directions to help reach your destination.”

For more information or directions on how to reach camping locations around Japan, contact ITT at 253-4377.



Internet Photo

Although camping can be fun for the whole family, regulations on camp fires must be followed in order to ensure safe excursions out into Japan’s wilderness.

Camping equipment information

- All outdoor recreational gear offered is completely free to Station personnel.
- Propane, propane stove, lantern, sleeping bag, tents, fishing poles, ice chests, water jugs, cots, tables and chairs are offered on a first come first serve basis.
- Kayaks are available, however a license is required prior to check out.
- For some camping sites Japanese laws require reservations in order to have a camp fire.
- The outdoor recreation can help state all rules and regulations and other information.