

## Increase in school lunch costs

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Combat Correspondent

Students and parents of the Matthew C. Perry schools will soon be seeing something they haven't in years, an increase in the price of student lunches.

The new meal prices for elementary students will be \$2.05, and for high school students the meals will increase to \$2.20. The change of price will not effect meal prices for students on reduced priced and free meals.

The change in price was the first time the Army and Air Force Exchange Service has increased their price since 1995, according to Robert Mynhier, food court general manager. Although the Perry schools here do not fall under AAFES pricing guidelines, the school has followed suit for several years.

"We do follow the research and serve the same meals as AAFES," said Mynhier. "We don't have our own dietician to decide meals and write menus who can make healthy choices for the whole year."

Following the AAFES menu is only one benefit to the community; the other is savings.

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## Pilot makes emergency landing

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A Marine All-weather Fighter Attack Squadron 225 F/A-18D pilot performed an emergency, arrested landing on the flight line here, Aug. 27, at approximately 5 p.m. The pilot, along with his weapons and sensors operator, experienced a landing-gear malfunction and was forced to land the aircraft without the right-side landing gear.

Using a stationary arresting device that slows down landing aircraft with the use of a cable stretched across the runway, the pilot was able to safely land the \$28 million aircraft.

According to VMFA(AW)-225 Executive Officer Maj. Steve Wilson, only minor damage was done to the right external fuel tank. The tank is replaceable and not considered part of the aircraft body.

The two pilots were alerted of the malfunction about 15 minutes prior to landing and notified flight line first responders of the situation.

A dozen Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting Marines manned two P-19



Lance Cpl. Ruben D. Calderon

**Marines from Marine All-Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 225 recover their F/A-18D after it performed an arrested landing on two wheels here, Aug. 27. The pilot's superior skills allowed him to land the aircraft without injuries to the crew or damage to the aircraft body.**

fire trucks and one rescue vehicle in preparation for the emergency landing, said Sgt. Darryl Dickerson, ARFF, assistant section leader.

"They're out here training and this is where it pays off," Gunnery Sgt. Danny Ortiz, ARFF crash chief said about the Marines given the real world situation.

Once the pilots were safely out of the aircraft, VMFA(AW)-225 maintenance crews lifted the aircraft with a crane and manually opened the landing gear. The aircraft was later towed back to the squadron's hangar.




The cause of the incident is currently under investigation.

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### IWAKUNI WEATHER

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|  | Today<br>Partly Cloudy<br>High: 90    |
|  | Saturday<br>Partly Cloudy<br>High: 89 |
|  | Sunday<br>T-Storms<br>High: 88        |

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## Typhoon Chaba hits Iwakuni City

CHL. ANTHONY D PIKE  
Typhoon conditions

Typhoon Chaba sent Station residents to find shelter Monday as the Station reached Tropical Cyclone Condition of Readiness I Caution for the first time in this year's cyclone season.

Tropical cyclone season begins annually, June 1, and lasts until November 30; during these dates the Station remains in TCCOR IV. This level of readiness does not affect most Station residents.

With Typhoon Chaba, the Station was at TCCOR I Caution from 12:30 until 11 p.m. and then was placed in TCCOR I Recovery. During both conditions Station personnel are required to remain indoors unless otherwise authorized.

The typhoon passed the Station without leaving too big of a mark, but still had the power to do damage.

"The typhoon had sustained winds of 34 [nautical miles per hour]," said Sgt. Christopher Butler, weather forecaster, weather service division. "It also reached gusts up to 49 knots. This is the first time the Station has reached that level this year."

The Station Destructive Weather Bill outlines each condi-

tion of readiness and appropriate action to be taken at each level. Here is a brief overview of each condition.

### TCCOR IV

This condition is annually set during the time frame which typhoons are most likely to occur; June 1 to November 30. Commanding officers, officers-in-charge and department heads should review the Destructive Weather Bill and prepare to make a smooth transition into higher levels of readiness should they occur.

### TCCOR III

Leave and liberty for Marines will be suspended as necessary for safety. All lightweight items that must be stored in the open are to be properly tied down. Any thing that can be damaged by water should be elevated in case of flooding.

### TCCOR II

Once TCCOR II has been established, off-Station residents will be allowed to move into shelters aboard the Station. Level II also prohibits the sale of alcohol on the Station and flying is restricted.

### TCCOR I

At this level the Matthew C. Perry schools are closed

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# The Stability of Your Life

CHAPLAIN CARLA BARRY  
Station Chaplain

Oftentimes in our lives we face changes in many respects. We may feel God is very distant from us or unconcerned about what is going on in the world. On many occasions, God seems to not be "on time."

We pray and ask God for something, but nothing seems to happen. We pray for deliverance from our short tempers, but we still get angry; and the list goes on. No matter what goes on, remember God is the same yesterday, today and forever (Hebrews 13:5) and although circumstances and relationships may change, He never changes nor forsakes you.

This is evident in Isaiah 33:6: "He shall be the stability of your times." Isn't it comforting to know truths that confirm his faithfulness to us, and then in addition, to realize that He is our stability!

The word stability means the strength to stand or

endure; firmness; the property of a body that causes it, when disturbed from a condition of equilibrium, to develop forces that restore the original condition.

What a promise! When we feel shaken, He is firm and stands and endures for us! He is that which will always restore us to a condition of equilibrium, no matter what.

If you are now in a situation in which changing circum-

stances are a factor, then rest on this promise and embrace this truth. You can claim God's mighty Scriptures to see you through difficult times. Even though your stability is shaken in the present, He promises that He will always be the same - never wavering.

Changes become a factor in all of our lives. If you have not experienced a change today, then

surely tomorrow or the next day you will experience one. Isn't it wonderful to know that when changes come, you can rest on God's Word to find the strength to see you through another situation because He is the stability of your life.

**Even though your stability is shaken in the present, He promises that He will always be the same, never wavering.**

Chaplain Carla Barry  
Station Chaplain

## Marines sweep for enemy mortarmen in Kharma

SGT. JOSE E. GUILLEN  
Combat Correspondent

**KHARMA, Iraq (Aug. 29, 2004)** — Enemy mortarmen in the rural areas around Fallujah may soon find themselves face-to-face with the blunt end of a Marine's M-16.

Bristling with rifles and ammunition, and the sun on their backs, Company K, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, has gone on the hunt for enemy mortarmen here recently.

"One of our duties is mortar mitigation," explained Sgt. James Eldridge, 24, and a team leader with the company. "We need to keep them from firing at us, so we're basically just getting out there on foot and searching for enemy positions."

Although anti-coalition forces have learned to keep their distance from the Marines, mortar-sweeps also serve as presence patrols, according to Eldridge.

"These type of missions just reminds them that we're here hoping we actually run into them, or at least close enough to kill them," said Eldridge, from Lynn, Mass.

Despite the 'shoot-and-hide' tactics of the enemy mortarmen and the 120-degree temperatures, the Marines are holding up well and are committed to keeping on the enemy's trail, according to one squad leader in the company.



Sgt. Jose E. Guillen

**Sgt. John P. Wodkowski, a squad leader with Company K, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, keeps a steady hand on his M-16A4 service rifle during a sweep for suspected enemy mortar positions in East Kharma, Iraq. The Marines patrol the Al Anbar Province.**

"The terrain can be challenging, but my Marines are doing very well and are eager to get these bad guys - and we will," said Sgt. Fernando Rafael, 26. "I expect us to continue doing more sweeps because of (the operation's) success and effectiveness."

It helps to have some combat veterans too, according to Eldridge.

"We have a strong and salty squad because some of us were here last year," said Eldridge, who's currently serving a second tour in Iraq and will receive a Purple Heart Medal

for wounds received from enemy action.

One tool that has helped out the Marines of Kilo Company is the minesweeper. The combat engineers have used the gadget to uncover many weapons caches, draining the enemy's combat power.

"I think (the enemy is) just stretched out thin, but it would help to have more minesweepers with us," said Rafael, of Pomona, Calif. "The combat engineers are very effective and we have seized a lot of weapons because of them."

## Station celebrates 84th anniversary of 19th Amendment

LANCE CPL. LYDIA DAVEY  
Combat Correspondent

More than 80 Station residents gathered at the Club Iwakuni ballroom, Aug. 26, to celebrate the 84th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution.

The anniversary of the amendment that allowed women to vote in all elections was celebrated with comments from Station Commanding Officer Col. Michael A. Dyer, Command Chaplain Cmdr. Donald Fix, Officer-in-Charge of the Branch Medical Clinic, Cmdr. Rachel Haltner, and Equal Employment Opportunity representative Kelly Johnson.

Original orations by early suffragists were presented by Deputy Comptroller Helen Marques, Innovation and Improvement Office Strategic Facilitator/Trainer Jackie Allen, and Finance Officer 1st Lt. Elizabeth Vasquez.

"Susan B. Anthony is one of my



Lance Cpl. Lydia Davey

**Grace Tate receives a certificate of appreciation for her participation in the Aug. 26th Women's Day celebration. From left to right are Kelly Johnson, Master Sgt. Diana Rowe, Sgt. Rebekah Raner and Col. Michael Dyer, the Station commanding officer.**

heroes," said Allen, who was nominated to perform a piece by the suffragist. "She had great intuition in dealing with

people, and she was very passionate about her work.

"I think we share a similar mind-set

when it comes to getting things done - it doesn't matter what it takes, just do it! Her friendship with other women involved in the movement is also very inspiring; she was a woman of action who affected change through her energy and belief in the cause."

Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron Voting Assistance Officer Sgt. Rebekah Raner noted, "People may be hesitant to vote because they think their vote doesn't count, but I think this last election really showed us how important each vote is."

"It's important for everyone to vote - not just women," added Vasquez. "Men also fought for this right."

According to www2.worldbook.com, "A woman suffrage amendment was first introduced in Congress in 1878. It failed to pass but was reintroduced in every session of Congress for

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## Marines dedicate Al Taqaddum airfield to fallen aviator

SGT. NATHAN K. LAFORTE  
Combat Correspondent

**AL TAQADDUM (GREENE FIELD), Iraq (Aug. 22, 2004)** — A group of Marines recently gathered on the flight-line of Al Taqaddum, Iraq, to pay tribute to their fallen brother.

In the late afternoon sun, Aug. 22, they dedicated the airfield at TQ to Lt. Col. David S. Greene, a reserve Marine AH-1W Super Cobra pilot with Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 775, Marine Aircraft Group 16, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, killed in action July 28.

Greene was flying a mission in support of I Marine Expeditionary Force when he was killed by small arms fire. However, news of the event didn't reach most of the squadron immediately, claimed Cpl. Jacob S. Dahlin, flight line mechanic, HMLA-775.

"I was testing aircraft and we got a call that said we had an aircraft that had taken battle damage," said the 21-year-old Marine from Clinton, N.Y. "The other pilot came up to us and said that he had been hit."

Some Marines did not take the news well, claimed Sgt. Eric G. Frank, avionics technician, HMLA-775. "That afternoon I woke and came to work," the 30-year-old Bristol, Conn., native said. "On the way there, someone said that one of the pilots had gotten killed. I got angry and was in denial at first. When I got to work they were cleaning and fixing the aircraft."

The loss to the squadron did not just equate to a lost pilot, Marine or an officer, noted Lt. Col. Bruce S. Omer, HMLA-775 commanding officer. Greene's passing impacted the squadron much more heavily than that.

"We lost a quality maintenance officer and a highly experienced and respected pilot," the California State University graduate continued, "but for many of us, we lost a good friend."

From his leaders to his Marines, all the Marines



Sgt. Nathan K. LaForte

**Pfc. Jorge D. Gomez, airframes mechanic, Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 775, Marine Aircraft Group 16, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, takes a quiet moment to reflect, Aug. 22, while looking at the memorial to Lt. Col. David S. Greene. The memorial was a symbol the Marines of the 'Coyotes' created that dedicated the airfield at Al Taqaddum, Iraq, to Greene, an AH-1W Super Cobra pilot from the squadron who was killed in action July 28.**

have mourned the loss, added Dahlin.

"We lost an amazing person, leader and family man," he said. "He cared about everything he did. He had a genuine love for everything he did and the people he worked with."

"Lt. Col. Greene led us in a way that we would want to impress him and inspired us to work for him," Dahlin remembered about the squadron aviation maintenance officer. "He spent countless hours motivating us to get the aircraft up to defend those guys on the ground. Because of that, he probably saved countless lives. He was an amazing person and a hell of a Marine."

It was his selflessness which shined through to the Marines and anyone who met him, claimed Staff Sgt. Brian A. Sanchez, quality assurance chief, HMLA-775.

"His whole goal was to make sure everything was

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### SEPTEMBER 11TH MEMORIAL

A September 11 Memorial luncheon will be held at the Southside Chowhall at 12 p.m., Sept. 10. For more information, contact the Station Chapel at 253-3371.

### MATTHEW C. PERRY OPEN HOUSE

Beginning Sept. 7, the Matthew C. Perry Elementary School will be conducting an open house beginning with the 6th grade. The high school open house will be held on Sept. 23. For more information, contact the school offices at 253-3447 or 253-5448.

### TIME FOR SMILES GIVEAWAY

Nov. 29, 12-4:30 p.m. (or until toys run out). Santa will give away 800 toys to the Station children up to 12 years old near the Crossroads Amphitheater. Santa asks children to save their Boys & Girls Club Time For Smiles gifts to open on Christmas Day. Toys are a courtesy of Toys 'R' Us. For details, contact Eugene Clark at 253-4803.

### THE DRIVERS IMPROVEMENT COURSE

The course will be moved from Dec. 2 to Dec. 23. Call the Station Safety Center at 253-6384 for more information.

# Power-line proves worthy down under

CPL. DAVE BONI  
Combat Correspondent

**ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE BASE TINDAL, Australia** — Like a pit crew for a NASCAR racing team, power line Marines of Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 212 and Marine All-Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 533 keep their speedster, the F/A-18 Hornet, in top performing condition.

The Marines, currently deployed here for Southern Frontier, may not get the plane back on the runway in under 60 seconds, but their performance is just as efficient.

"Our job is to make sure the aircraft are operational and the pilots are ready to fly," said Pfc. Ronnie Ketch, VMFA-212, power plants and related systems mechanic. "We handle the engines, fuel systems, taxiing of the aircraft and changing of the tires."

This type of authority is not given to a power-line Marine fresh out military occupational school, but one who has proven his knowledge and capabilities.

"I am a plane captain, and with that job title I am given the authority to do the final checks on jets,"



Sgt. David Morrow, a power line Marine with Marine All-Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 533, signals to the pilot of an F/A-18 Hornet ensuring the jet is in good condition to depart the flight line, Aug. 19, during Southern Frontier.

Cpl. Dave Boni

said Lance Cpl. Josh Parson, VMFA-212. "Only the commanding officer of the squadron can appoint plane captains, and this is after we pass a board to prove our knowledge of the aircraft."

Parson said it usually takes a Marine about three to six months with the squadron to get qualified as a plane captain. After a Marine becomes a plane

captain he is responsible for the safety of the pilots and the aircraft.

"I think the plane captain - officer relationship is better than any other enlisted officer relationship," said Parson, a Baltimore, Md., native. "We are the people who relay information to them on the status of their aircraft and they trust us on whether or not their plane is good to go."

For VMFA(AW)-533 pilot Capt. Sean Elward, the relationship between the plane captain and pilot is strictly built on trust.

"They are responsible for the overall integrity of the aircraft. They hand the planes over to us when they are safe to fly and we put our trust into them and their judgment," said Elward.

To make these vital assessments on the status of the jets, Parson and the rest of the power line Marines perform detailed inspections on the planes daily, as well as before and after each flight.

"We are the planes pit crews. It's our job to make sure they are capable of performing to their limit, just like a NASCAR race car," said Parson.

## Workshop welcomes foreign-born spouses

LANCE Cpl. LYDIA DAVEY  
Combat Correspondent

Phrases such as "What's up?" and "How's it going?" are used by many Americans with such frequency that the grammatical confusion doesn't even phase us. But military spouse and Japanese national Rumi Ceradsky sometimes finds herself wondering exactly what such expressions mean.

However, Ceradsky is determined to master the English language and as many uniquely American phrases as she can. Wednesday's lunch break finds her, along with several other military spouses, sitting comfortably in a classroom at the Community Services Building.

Family Member Employment Specialist Jane Iwane speaks easily with the group, encouraging them to engage in casual conversation.

"I try to keep things comfortable to encourage interaction," said Iwane. "We use a curriculum, but I've found that if the setting is informal, discussions and questions flow a little more freely."

The weekly "Hello USA Workshop," focuses on helping foreign-born military spouses improve pronunciation of English words, understand American holidays, customs and phrases, and adapt to the military lifestyle.

"We've had LINKS come in to talk about the military lifestyle," Iwane said. "We've also had education, counseling and financial services representatives come to speak. We want foreign born spouses to know of the services available here and in the states."

Rumi Ceradsky, who graduated from a Japanese language school with a teaching certification, looks forward to life in the United States.

"I want to study psychology at the University," stated the Kobe native. "I also want to teach Japanese."

Ceradsky said that the biggest challenge she anticipates while adapting to an American lifestyle is pronunciation.

"I study English every day," she said. "I have a good grasp of grammar, but if I can't pronounce it, nobody can understand me."

Ceradsky, who has been attending the workshops for almost one year, enjoys learning about American holidays and games, she said.

For Isabel Castilleja, a native of Mexico, "conversing and writing are most important."

Castilleja lived in San Diego for four years before moving to Japan with her husband, but hopes the class will give her an even better understanding of American culture.

"I love the United States," she said. "It's very nice. I'm looking forward to going to school, working, shopping, going to the beach and seeing friends and family."

"I understand how to speak [English]," noted Castilleja. "But my writing is not so good."

Castilleja hopes the class will help her master the language, but realizes that hope is not enough.

With the help of her husband, Castilleja studies the free materials provided to new members.

Ceradsky and Castilleja are brave, said Iwane. "A lot of times, spouses don't come to the class because they are timid," noted the teacher. "But the class is ongoing. We have spouses here at all levels and abilities."

"We're here to serve and provide information to military spouses," she added. "I encourage all foreign born spouses to come to the class."

"Yes, let's study together," chimed in Ceradsky.

Interested spouses should call 253-3143. Child care vouchers are available.

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the next 40 years."

Women's contributions during the First World War's war effort increased support for the suffrage amendment, notes the Web site.

"In 1918, the House of Representatives held another vote on the issue. Spectators packed the galleries, and several congressmen came to vote despite illness. One congressman was brought in on a stretcher. Representative Frederick C. Hicks of New York left his wife's deathbed—at her request—to vote for the amendment. The House approved the amendment, but the Senate defeated it," states the site.

It wasn't until 1919 that the Senate passed the amendment and sent it to the states for approval. But by late August 1920, the required number of states had ratified the amendment, according to the Web site.

The amendment, which became law Aug. 26, 1920, says, "The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex."

Today women hold office in the government at all levels.

"It's inspiring to see women really moving into government ranks and making sure that our voice is heard," said Allen.

# Local Girl Scout troop wins Bronze Award

LANCE Cpl. LYDIA DAVEY  
Combat Correspondent

Local Girl Scout Troop 91 was recently awarded the Junior Girl Scouts' highest honor — the Bronze Award.

"It was really exciting to earn the award," said troop member Devon Mastria, 11. "This is the first troop from Iwakuni to ever receive it."

According to the Girl Scouts' official Web site, www.girlscouts.org, a Junior Girl Scout must complete four requirements before earning her award.

The requirements include earning badges relating to the Bronze award project, completing a Girl Scout Sign from the 'Junior Girl Scout Handbook,' earning the Junior Aide Award and finally, "completing a Girl Scout Bronze Award project that demonstrates the leadership skills she has learned as a Junior Girl Scout and a commitment to her community," stated the Web site.

To fulfill the requirements for the award, Troop 91 participated in a community service project that involved gathering clothes to send to a Korean orphanage.

"We painted the drop-boxes and collected clothes," noted Mastria. "The biggest thing I've learned as a Junior Girl Scout is that if you have a goal, you can reach it through hard work."

Award requirements mandate that each project



Photo Courtesy of Candee Siaw

Local girls participate in the Girl Scout program aboard the Air Station.

take about 15 hours to complete, states the Web site.

"In the past year about 60 girls at every age level here have been involved with Scouting," said Candee Siaw, who co-chairs Station Girl Scouts with Melissa Young.

"Being involved with the Girl Scouts can be a very important thing in a girl's life. The program gives the girls chances to build self-esteem and an opportunity to shine," said Siaw.

According to the Web site, "Girl Scouts are divided into Daisy Girl Scouts (ages 5-6), Brownie Girl Scouts (ages 6-8), Junior Girl Scouts (ages 8-11), and STUDIO 2B for girls ages 11-17."

in 1912 in Savannah, Ga., by Juliette Fordon Low. Low wanted to create, "something for all the girls," of the United States.

Although the original troop began with only 18 girls, the Girl Scouts were soon holding national conventions and expanding their troops to meet the diverse needs of the nation. In 1917, the first troop for disabled girls met in New York City and the first black troop began, noted the Web site.

Today, the Girl Scouts continue to teach young girls the importance of patriotism, service and teamwork.

## Court Martial

Lance Cpl., Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron Violation of Article 121 of the UCMJ, with two specifications; wrongful appropriation and larceny. Sentenced to confinement for 45 days, forfeitures of \$795 pay per month for four months, reduction in grade and a Bad Conduct Discharge.

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"[Marine Corps Community Services] and the whole Iwakuni community are saving money by following the AFFES guidelines," said Mynhier. "We do not have to pay for our own dietician and the research that has already been performed to serve healthy meals to the students."

Another concept that the Perry school system follows is the breakeven pricing, according to Ashleigh Price, MCCC Marketing Officer.

"We don't make money on the lunches," said Mynhier. "For Station residents this is a good deal. Public schools back in the states are seeing lunch prices increase by up to \$1."

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along with the Child Development Center and Pre-school. Military and civilian personnel may be selectively released if necessary.

**TCCOR I Caution**

All nonessential travel is suspended and non-essential personnel will remain indoors.

**TCCOR I Emergency**

All traffic aboard the Station will cease and all personnel will remain indoors. Emergency vehicles are allowed to respond to life-threatening situations. Dining facilities and gates to the Station are to be secured; the main gate will remain open.

**TCCOR I Recovery**

All personnel will remain indoors. Emergency personnel will make sure the roadways are clear of debris and power lines. Provost Marshal Office will

attempt to locate unaccounted for off-base residents.

**All Clear**

Once the "All Clear" is given, normal operations are to begin as soon as possible.

For a complete copy of the Destructive Weather Bill, log on to the Station's intranet Web site and go to the Adjutant section, Station orders, Destructive Weather Bill.

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fine here and to fly and provide support for evacuation or escort," the 31-year-old from Pittsburgh said. "He never thought of himself and held very high morals."

It is for this reason that the airfield was dedicated to the man who dedicated his life to the Marines around him, claimed Orner.

"He would take the time to find out about his Marines," he said. "It wasn't fake, he has a genuine concern. This is an opportunity for the Marines to see that he'll be remembered even when we leave."

"It's also an opportunity for us to pay tribute and pass on his memory to other people," he added.

On hand for the tribute was Brig. Gen. Harold J. Fruchtmicht, 4th MAW commanding general, who said he was honored to be there for the dedication to the fallen reserve officer.

The squadron has since carried on with what they think Greene's wishes would be in his absence, Orner said.

"I think he'd want us to carry on like we always have," he said. "We were asked if we needed any (operational tempo) relief but we declined. We wanted to stay focused and stay on the job. I think that's what he would've wanted."

Dahlin, who was one of Greene's Marines, agreed with his commanding officer. Supporting the Marines is what they should continue doing, he claimed.

"Lt. Col. Greene was very particular about maintenance," he noted. "He believed in what we do. He knew the sacrifices and would want us to continue to get up aircraft and finish the battle."

So the "Coyotes" of HMLA-775 have decided to carry on without him while in Iraq, but none will ever forget him as they walk onto his airfield, Orner said.



Defending best-trick Champion Jon Hipolito, advanced skater, did not compete in this year's competition but showed his support and showed his talents for his fellow skaters.



Brandon Fung, advanced skater, took 1st place out of more than 15 skaters from both on and off the Station, at the Invitational Skate Competition.



Mike Ryley, skater in the advanced category, performs a kick-flip into a caveman and into a board switch during one of his runs.



Tsubasa Yuasa, local skater, grinds off a rail during one of his runs at the Invitational Skate Competition. Yuasa won 3rd place for the advanced category.



Nick Forti, 1st place winner of the beginners category, ollies off the ground and pulls onto a rail during one of his one-minute runs at the competition.

# Iwakuni youths skate

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Station residents found their way to the Station's skate park, Aug. 28, to watch more than 15 skaters battle it out for the Invitational Skate Competition.

The Marine Corps Community Services and Take 4 skating company-sponsored event was open both to residents from on and off the Station.

"It's great to get people from off the Station to participate in the event," said Alex Perkins, MCCS special events coordinator.

"Events like this are very important in building good community relations. The skaters have a common ground; a common love. There is no language barrier in skating. All the kids could relate and communicate with each other," he said.

The competition was divided into two categories: beginners and

advanced categories, and comprised of competitors aged 9 to 20 years old.

The gala kicked off at 1 p.m. with a skating demonstration from Shuji Umeki and Kyouoske Fuji, professional skaters from Hiroshima's World Tribe (a skating company).

Once the demonstration concluded, the battle commenced with a three-minute run.

The beginners started first. After every competitor had a three-minute run, they continued with a second one-minute run.

A brief intermission, during which the judges calculated scores, the advanced category commenced with their runs.

Again, the skaters each performed one three-minute run followed by a one-minute run.

According to Perkins, the skaters displayed a lot of creativity. The skaters utilized the many ramps and railings that the park is equipped with.

After all the runs were done, the

crowd cheered for the effort that was put forth by all the competitors.

The winners of the beginners category was Bennie Parker; 3rd place winner, Dean Matria; 2nd place winner, and Nick Forti; 1st place winner.

The winners of the advanced category were Tsubasa Yuasa; 3rd place winner, Yoshei Fujimoto; 2nd place winner, and Brandon Fung; 1st place winner.

The winners were awarded with skate decks, trunks, wheels and other skating products. The awards were given by Take 4.

Jon Hipolito, winner of last year's best-skate trick contest joined in on this year's festivities as a spectator and lover of the sport.

"It's great that everyone from the community can come together and celebrate this sport. I hope one day more people can come and join," said Hipolito.



Masayuki Kawamura, local skater, effortlessly grinds off a rail during one of his runs at the competition.

# Asa Zoo offers convenient, affordable fun

STORY AND PHOTOS BY  
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Combat Correspondent

Baboon Mountain rests stolidly beyond the main entrance to Hiroshima's Asa Zoological Park. The baboons seem to sense that they're in a place of honor, and take special pleasure in grooming, holding, biting, pushing and hitting each other in the presence of visitors.

For less than the cost of a fast food meal, a visitor to the zoo can spend all day observing baboon interaction, watching tigers pace the length of their cages or tapirs taking a swim.

Approximately 1,500 animals and 5,000 fish reside in Asa Zoo's clean, well-kept facilities. Observational platforms, a recreational area, a petting zoo, and a children's play area also grace the conveniently sized park.

Easy-to-follow English maps and clearly marked trails lead past the cages of elephants, mandrills, water buffalos, otters and other creatures.

"It was easy to get around," said Lance Cpl. Ruthy Cutright, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, flight clearance dispatcher. "On a scale of one to 10, I'd give it an eight."

The zoo, which opened in 1971,

affords visitors the opportunity to see animals up close. Steep, dry moats surround many of the enclosures - ensuring the visitors' safety while allowing them to get a good look at each of the zoo's 160 species.

"My favorite animals were the porcupines - they looked like little dogs," noted Cutright.

Strategically placed rest areas and souvenir shops abound, while vending machines offer beverages at nearly every turn.

Restaurants are located throughout the zoo for those who need more than a light snack.

However, subtle advertising does nothing to detract from the park's beauty.

Observation posts offer stunning views of hazy hills covered with lush green vegetation, and the sound of



**A black bear sniffs the breeze from his home at the Asa Zoo. The bear is just one of more than 150 other animal species living at the zoo.**

**Hungry baboons eagerly watch a zookeeper distribute their lunch - a mixture of fresh fruit, vitamin pellets and bread.**

roaring tigers mingles with that of the tapir's high pitched whine.

"The animals seemed well cared

for," said Cutright. "It was really exciting to see them up so close.

Cutright recommends the zoo not only to families with small children, but also to other Marines.

"The zoo was a nice place to get away to," noted the West Virginia native. "I had a great time and I would

definitely go again."

According to [www.asazoo.jp](http://www.asazoo.jp), the admission fee for adults (18 and older) is 500 Yen, and the cost for children is 170 Yen. Group discounts - for groups of 30 or more are available, and fee reductions or exemptions are available for elementary school, junior high school and

foreign students on field trips. A minimal parking fee is also charged for personal vehicles.

Guides to the park are available by advance appointment, and coin lockers, strollers and umbrellas are available for rent.

The zoo is open from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily, but is closed Thursdays and some holidays.

For more information, please contact zoo staff at (082)838-1111 or access the zoo's Web site: <http://www.asazoo.jp/>.

## How to get to Asa Zoo



### By public transit:

Take the Asahigaoka-bound bus from JR Hiroshima station (No. 9 gate of B.home) to Asa Zoological Park station (about a 60-minute trip).

Take the Chorakuji or Koikikoen-bound Astram Line rapid transit from Astram Hondori Station to Kamiyasu Station. From there, take the Dobutsu-Koen Asahigaoka-bound bus (about a 40-minute trip).

### By car:

From Hiroshima, take Gion-Shindo highway along the Astram Line for about 40 minutes to Kamiyasu Station. From Hiroshima-Kita Interchange, Hiroshima Interchange, and Itsukaichi Interchange, it is about a 20-minute drive.



**As his mother looks on, an African Elephant calf sprays himself with dust in an effort to ward off biting insects during a hot afternoon at the Asa Zoo.**

## OUT THE GATE

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

### Hiroshima Botanical Garden Open After Hours

The garden opens until 9 p.m. Sept. 11 and 12. Visitors can view flowers, which bloom only during night time. 2,000 candles will light up the garden. There also will be musical performances in front of the greenhouse. The gate will be closed at 8:30 p.m. to enter. Admission is

free. Candles' lighting and the concerts may be cancelled in case of inclement weather. Call 082-922-3600 for details.

### Stretch Knitting Display

Nearly 500 pieces of Stretch Knitting, a unique method of knitting, will be displayed at the exhibition room in Synfonia Iwakuni today, 1-5 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, call 23-0370.

### Yamaguchi Flea Market/Antique Market

There will be a flea market and an antique market at the Kameyama Park, located in front of the Prefectural Museum in Yamaguchi City, Sunday, 5 a.m. to 3 p.m. It may be cancelled in case of inclement weather. Call 083-927-5599 for more details.

### Van Gogh, Millet And The Barbizon Artists' Exhibition

This exhibition, displaying nearly 100 pieces of art, is held now through Oct. 17, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Hiroshima Museum Of Art. An admission fee is required. For more information, call 082-223-2530.

## 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

**Subaru Impreza**, 1994, 4 door, silver, automatic, P/W, P/D, AM/FM/radio/CD player, cold A/C, great condition, JCI until Sept. 2005, \$2,500 obo. Call SSgt. Potter at 253-6776 dwh or 253-2553 aw.

**Mazda, Sentia**, 1991, 4 door, sedan, new battery, good condition, JCI until June 2005, \$1,000 obo. Call Cpl. Reicha at 253-3003 dwh or 253-2545 aw. Leave a message if not home.

**Mazda, Demio**, 1997, 119,000km, sport package, JCI until Feb. 2006, \$2,550. Call Monte Craven at 253-4787 dwh or 253-2031 aw.

### OTHER ITEMS

**Misc.**, carpet, wall to wall, cream, good condition, fits three bedroom town house, must sell, \$2,000 obo. Call Melanie Nader at 253-4545.

**Misc.**, crib mattress, \$25; Evenflo Exersaucer, \$30; blue sofa, good condition, \$25; Big Mans reclining/rocking leather Navy blue chair, \$200 obo; Sony 1 disc DVD player with remote, excellent condition, \$30. Call Cpl. Reicha at 253-3003 dwh or 253-2545 aw. Leave a message if not home.

**Misc.**, 1 year old Whirlpool washer and dryer, \$675 obo; Kelty backpack/stroller, \$125 obo;

Eddie Bauer infant car seat, \$40 obo; Kelty infant front carrier, \$30 obo. Call Monte Craven at 253-4787 dwh or 253-2031 aw.

### WANTED

**Wanted**  
Kids play pen/pack & play. Call Heidi at 253-2202.

**Wanted**  
Baby furniture. Call Mindy or Nathan Gelder at 24-5295.

**Wanted**  
An instructor to take over an beginning English class, Oct 1 through Feb. 17, 2-3 Thursdays per month, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Iwakuni City Hall, teaching from textbook with bi-

lingual instructor. ¥5,000 per class. Call Rianne at 253-2430 for more information.

### JOB OPENINGS

#### MCCS (253-3030)

(The following jobs are open at the Marine Memorial Chapel)

- Catholic Director of Religious Education
- Catholic Organist
- Protestant Director of Religious Education
- Gospel Keyboardist
- Non-Denominational Christian Worship Service Music Director
- Non-Denominational Christian Worship Service Organist

#### CHRO (253-6828)

MCCS:

- Financial Fitness Counselor
- Logistics:**
- Supply Management Officer

**Facilities:**

- Interdisciplinary Engineer

#### S-6:

- Information Technology Specialist
- Safety:**
- Safety & Occupational Health Specialist

#### DECA:

- Customer Service Manager
- Sales Store Checker (Intermittent)
- Store Worker (Part-time)

#### MCCS (253-3030)

(The following jobs are open at MCCS Personnel)

- MCCS Job Listing:**
- Inventory Control Specialist, Executive Administration Office
- Deputy Director Business Operations, Business Operations Administration
- Head Of Retail, Main Complex

- Retail Operations Assistant, Main 7 Day Store
- Desk Clerk, TLF
- Library Technician, civilian only

-Recreation Attendant, Athletics, civilian only

- Equipment Inventory Assistant, Maintenance, civilian only
- Accounting Technician, Accounting, civilian only

-Employee Development Specialist, training

-Duty Manager, Bachelor Housing

#### Continuously Open Jobs

#### Retail Branch:

- Laborer
- Sales Clerk
- Store Worker
- Food Service Worker

#### Food & Hospitality:

- ID Checker
- Waiter/Waitress
- Food Service Worker

#### Services Branch:

- Car Rental/Service Station Attendant
- Car/Washer/Laborer
- Recreation Attendant

#### Library Branch:

- Library Aid

# SAKURA THEATER



### A CINDERELLA STORY

High school senior Sam Montgomery lives at the beck and call of her self-obsessed stepmother Fiona and her sinfully wicked stepisters, who treat her more like a servant than a member of the family. With her sights set on attending Princeton, Sam finds her less-than-sparkling social life wonderfully complicated when she meets her Prince Charming online. (96 minutes)



### THE NOTEBOOK

As a man reads from a faded notebook to the woman he regularly visits, his words bring to life the story of a couple who are separated by World War II, then passionately reunited seven years later, after they have taken different paths. Though her memory has faded, his words give her the chance to relive her turbulent youth and the unforgettable love they shared. (121 minutes)



### BOURNE SUPREMACY

Expert assassin Jason Bourne continues to find himself plagued by splintered nightmares from his former life. The stakes are now even higher for the agent as he maneuvers through the dangerous waters of international espionage - replete with CIA plots, turncoat agents and ever-shifting covert alliances - all the while hoping to find the truth behind his haunted memories and answers to his own fragmented past. (108 minutes)

### FRIDAY

- 7 p.m. I, Robot (PG-13)
- 10 p.m. White Chicks (PG-13)

### SATURDAY

- 1 p.m. A Cinderella Story (PG)
- 4 p.m. The Notebook (PG-13)
- 7 p.m. King Arthur (PG-13)
- 10 p.m. Alien vs. Predator (PG-13)

### SUNDAY

- 4 p.m. The Stepford Wives (PG-13)
- 7 p.m. Collateral (R)

### MONDAY

- 4 p.m. Bourne Supremacy (PG-13)
- 7 p.m. Manchurian Candidate (R)

### TUESDAY

- 7 p.m. The Notebook (PG-13)

### WEDNESDAY

- 7 p.m. The Stepford Wives (PG-13)

### THURSDAY

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

# COMMUNITY BRIEFS

## EDUCATION

### Test Schedule

Tuesdays/Fridays - CLEP, DSST  
 Wednesday - SAT  
 Thursday - ACT  
 September 15 - DLAB  
 September 16 - DLPT  
 September 22 - ASVAB  
 September 23 - EDPT

For more information call 253-3855.

## CHRO

### CHRO Training

■ **New Employees Orientation:** Sept. 15, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

■ **EEO Update For EEO Counselors:** Sept. 28-29, 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. Classes will

be held at Building one, Room 102.

## MCCS

### Club Iwakuni (253-5416)

■ **Leadership Night:** Tuesday, 5-7 p.m. in the Landing Zone Lounge. E-5 and below invite your leaders. Uniform of the day required. Enjoy free hors d'oeuvres.

■ **Comedy Showcase:** Wednesday. All ranks in the Ballroom. Free. Doors open at 8 p.m. Show starts at 9 p.m.

### MCX (253-5641)

■ **Home & Electronics Sale:** Now through Sept. 12. T-Fal Cookware, JVC Digital Video Camcorder, Canon Digital Camera and more on sale.

■ **Navy Ball Hair & Nail Apointments:** The beauty salon is accepting hair and nail ap-

pointments for the Oct. 15 Navy Birthday Ball. Call 253-4708 Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. to make an appointment.

### School Age Center (253-4769)

■ **Cultural Exchange Program BBQ:** Sept. 11, 10:45 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Enjoy yakitori, hot dogs, pizza, arts and crafts and recreational activities with Japanese friends. Limited to 20 youth. Sign-up before Wednesday at the Youth Center or Building 411 room 101.

■ **Hachigamine Trip:** Sept. 18, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. We dare those brave at heart to try the roller slide, ride a mini steam locomotive, tackle an obstacle course and visit a petting zoo. Roller slide rides, steam locomotive rides, and the obstacle course cost ¥200 each. Pack a lunch and bring the entire family. Sign-up before Sept. 15. Only 25 seats are available.

### Teen Center (253-6454)

■ **Osaka Universal Studios:** Sept. 11, 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. Enjoy thrill rides mirrored off American movies.

■ **Cultural Exchange Trip to Labo International Awareness Club:** Sept. 26, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Teen Center is looking for 25 youth to visit the Japanese Awareness Club in Hiroshima.

Sign-up before Sept. 20 at the Teen Center. Seats are limited.

### Single Marine Program (253-3891)

■ **Universal Studios Japan:** Saturday, 5 a.m. \$20 transportation. ¥5,000 admission. Bring plenty of yen for food.

■ **Hamada Beach & Aquarium:** Sunday, 10 a.m. \$20 transportation. Bring extra yen for the admission and lunch.

■ **Miyajima Sight-seeing:** Sept. 11, 10 a.m. \$10 transportation. Bring extra yen for the island ferry and lunch.

### National Hispanic Heritage Month at Bookstore

Join us at the bookstore in Crossroads Mall and see our selection of new books. Enter to win a \$25 bookstore coupon. Call 253-5849 for details.

### Sponsorship Training

Thursday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Do you enjoy helping others? Find out if you have what it takes to sponsor a family moving to MCAS Iwakuni. Call 253-3311 for more information.

### Intercultural Couples Group

This group is open to all intercultural couples and is intended to be a fun, positive atmosphere in which to explore cultural differences and/or challenges in relationships and learn how to turn these challenges into possibilities for creative change and communication. We will be meeting every

other Tuesday, 6-8 p.m. A Japanese translator is available upon request. For more information, call 253-4526.

## 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 1 p.m., Wednesdays from 5-7 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.

# Team Tsunami splashes to victory

STORY AND PHOTOS BY  
 LANCE C.E. DAVID REVERE  
 Combat Correspondent

It was a wet and wild night for Station residents at the Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni Main Outside Pool, Aug. 27, as fifteen athletes from the youth swim team, Team Tsunami, competed against 80 Sasebo challengers.

With staggering odds against them, the team swam its heart out and came up the victor in a breathless effort not unlike David's battle with Goliath.

"It was a full-blown swim meet," said Amber Craven, Team Tsunami coach. "The kids competed in the free-style, backstroke, breaststroke, butterfly and individual medley."

With age division races in each event, the athletes swam far into the night.

"We swam our hardest," said Dean Mastria, 10, Team Tsunami co-captain. "This makes it more fun to watch the Olympics. It's so much fun to cheer your teammates on."

According to Mastria, hard swimming equals big-time fun.

"The coaches make it fun for you," he said. "And a lot of us did our best times tonight."

The huge Sasebo turnout didn't dampen this team's spirit. "It doesn't really matter how many people come, as long as we're having fun," said Kathleen Ashley Perry, 12, Team Tsunami swimmer.



Samantha Dignazio, 13, takes a final breath before her 100-meter butterfly victory.

Coach Craven agrees.

"I want my kids to have fun and tap into their talents," she said. "All of them have improved a lot. I'm always proud of them. Every time we have a swim meet the kids amaze me by how well they swim."

Among the highlights of Friday's meet was eight-year-old Michael Gannon's dazzling performance for Team Tsunami. Competing in the male 50-meter breast stroke, 50-meter back stroke, and 50-meter free style, Gannon swept up first place in all three events.

Cassandra Dahl, 12, took first in the 200-meter individual medley, dropping five seconds off her personal best, while Kaala Haynes, 11, dominated the 50-meter breast stroke.

"For the past year we've become a lot more competitive as opposed to just playing in the pool," said Craven.

The team, which practices three times a week, looks forward to competition throughout



Michael Gannon, 8, dives into the 50-meter breast stroke. Gannon went on to win the race, along with two others; the back stroke and free style.

Japan. Already seasoned travelers, the team competes at such distant locations as Yanai, Hikari, Sasebo, Tabuse and others.

"We travel a lot," said Craven. "These kids are dedicated to their sport."



Nicole Perry, 9, launches into the back stroke.

## CHAPEL SERVICES

### Roman Catholic

|          |            |            |
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| 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                       |

### Cooperative Chapel Ministries

|              |        |                            |
|--------------|--------|----------------------------|
| 3rd Saturday | 8 a.m. | Men's Fellowship Breakfast |
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## 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     |

### Seventh-Day Adventist

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

|                    |           |         |
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| Every other Friday | 6:30 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.



Cpl. Dave Boni

## Marines pound metal in Southern Frontier

Australian Cpl. Alan Thwaitte, Ground Maintenance Engineer equipment fitter, teaches Sgt. Steve Hamilton, Aircraft Recovery Assistant Maintenance Chief and embark noncommissioned officer in charge, along with Lance Cpl. Jacob Forston, Aircraft Recovery crew member, how to fuse metal together during Southern Frontier at Royal Australian Air Force Base Tindal, Australia.

# Headquarters rounds up for meet

LANCE Cpl. RUBEN D. CALDERON  
Combat Correspondent

Marines and Sailors from Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron met at Penny Lake Field, Aug. 27, for the squadron's annual field meet.

The celebration of the squadron and its Marines represented a higher level of unit cohesion.

The meet was designed to "foster morale and esprit de corps among the Marines and Sailors of H&HS," said Lt. Col. James C. Stewart, commanding officer for H&HS.

"The field meet is a summer event meant to establish camaraderie," said Master Gunnery Sgt. William H. Scott, acting sergeant major for H&HS. "It gives the chance for different work sections in H&HS to meet and not be so divided."

Scott compared the style of the field meet to an actual field combat area.

"Whenever you go to the field, (Marines) develop a level of closeness that can only be known through those conditions," said Scott. "The field meet won't give them exactly that, but it will bring them closer."

Other Marine leaders agreed, but also appreciated the benefits of a day out of the office.

"The Marines are allowed to wear rainbow-colored physical training gear (non uniform), which should make it a more relaxed environment," said



Photos by Lance Cpl. David Revere

**Marines duked it out in the pit at the Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron Field Meet, Aug. 27. The meet was comprised of unit activities, including softball games and pit grappling.**

Master Sgt. B. Reggans, motor transport chief. "The field meet gives everyone the opportunity to get out of our own 'little holes' and exist with other Marines."

Another reason the event took place was also to establish new leadership from the change of command.

"Because of the change of command, the whole squadron goes through a turnover. Events like these are another reason to build stronger relationships with each other," Scott said.

The day was filled with laughs and loads of physical training under a Japanese summer sun. The event began at 9 a.m. with softball games. It ended with a mass of Marines and Sailors battling it out in the grappling competition.

The climax of the field meet was when Lance Cpl. Jose P. Martinez, Station operations training clerk, was awarded the gold liberty card. It made him the first lance corporal from H&HS to receive one.

"It was a total surprise. It was a good surprise - especially receiving it at the field meet," said Martinez. "I think it's motivating."

Martinez received the gold liberty card for winning the meritorious corporal board.



**Lt. Col. James C. Stewart, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron commanding officer, congratulates Lance Cpl. Jose P. Martinez, Station operations training clerk, upon receiving his gold card for winning the meritorious corporal board.**



**Marines grilled it up at the Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron Field Meet, Aug. 27.**