

Female cammies to arrive in January

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MARINE CORPS SYSTEMS COMMAND, Quantico, VA — With the scheduled fielding of additional sizes of combat utility uniforms in Jan. 2005, female Marines will be able to buy uniforms specifically designed with the woman warrior in mind.

The Marine Corps has adopted six female-specific sized blouses and seven specific sized trousers. It's expected that the new sizes will improve uniform fit and function for about 90 percent of the female Marine population who now wear the X-Small, X-Short; X-Small Short; Small Short; Small Regular; Medium X-Short; and Medium Short (Trousers only).

"The female cammies will appear identical to those in the existing inventory, and new sizes will be offered in addition to those already available," said Dee Townes, combat uniform project officer, MCSC. While female Marines considering buying additional uniforms may want to wait until the new sizes are available, this

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Remembering 9 - 11

Station community gathers to reflect

CPL. ANTHONY PIKE
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Station Marines, sailors, airmen and family members gathered at the Southside Chowhall, Sept. 10, to remember the tragic events of Sept. 11, 2001.

The Station joined together to pray, sing and heal as a community on the third anniversary of the day that America was attacked on its home soil.

"As human beings we can draw from any example to show how easy it is to forget, and to forget quickly," said Navy Lt. Stephan Coates, Station chaplain. "I can speak for myself rather than from a sociological stand point to say that I have to take time to remember not only the events of that day, but what followed from that."

As a community, Coates said, that we must remember the consequences of the attacks of 9/11 as well as the lives of those lost that day.

"The feelings we have, the actions that we took as people, the decisions we made," said the Springfield, Ill., native. "We must review those constantly in order to keep our perspective for the challenges that lie before us."

Along with having an opportunity to pray together, the community was reminded of the military's mission as the front line of defense.

"We have to honor those who have died as well as those



Cpl. Anthony Pike

A quartet of singers from all branches of military services led the service and songs during the ceremony.

who have saved so many, many lives," said Col. Howard F. Barker, Marine Aircraft Group 12, commanding officer. "As military personnel and service employees, we have an obligation to learn from these experiences and where possible, to never allow them to occur again."

He left the gathering with a few words to remember in regard to service members forward deployed around the world in the War on Terror.

"Remember those who have gone before as well as each and every one of you in the quest for victory and ultimately peace."

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Scattered T-Storms
High: 85

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Isolated T-Storms
High: 85

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Scattered T-Storms
High: 84

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Vikings bid farewell to Iwakuni

LANCE CPL. LYDIA DAVEY
Combat Correspondent

Marine All Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 225 departed Iwakuni Tuesday. The squadron, which arrived here in March, was participating in a six-month unit deployment program.

"Our number-one focus was to accomplish our mission by training our pilots and personnel, and to bring each of our Marines home safely," said Staff Sgt. Mark Shores, VMFA(AW)-225, maintenance administrative chief. "During our time here we participated in three main deployments: one in Thailand, one in Alaska and one in Okinawa [Japan]."

Shores called the deployment a success.

"Our Marines did a spectacular job," he said. "They worked long, hard hours keeping the aircraft operational so our

pilots could continue to train."

Lance Cpl. Brady Lewis, VMFA(AW)-225, ejection seat technician, agreed that the deployment went smoothly.

"We were always on a deadline and always meeting it," said the Lawrenceburg, Ind., native.

However, the deployment wasn't all work and no play, noted Lewis.

"My favorite part of this UDP was getting to travel to Alaska — I especially enjoyed Denali National Park," he said.

And, although the Marines enjoyed their time interacting with the culture and people of Japan, they 'counted down the days' until they could return home, said Shores.

"I am looking forward to getting home to my wife," stated Lewis.

According to the squadron's Web site, www.3maw.usmc.mil, "Marine Fighting Squadron 225 was commis-

sioned Jan. 1, 1943, and designated as VMF-225."

June 17, 1952 found the squadron redesignated VMA-225, states the Web site.

During May 1971, VMA(AW)-225 was deactivated, and remained so until July 1, 1991, when it was reactivated and redesignated as Marine All Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 225.

During its history, the squadron has participated in such conflicts as the Cuban Missile crisis, the Vietnam War and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

In September of 1993, VMFA(AW)-225 deployed to MCAS Iwakuni for the first time as a participant in the Marine Corps' Unit Deployment Program.

Since their 1993 deployment, VMFA(AW)-225 has returned four times and, according to Shores, "We'll be back again in Sept. 2005."



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Not just for combat vets

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"We all want to kill the recruits," says the doc to the exasperated Marine drill instructor at Naval Hospital Beaufort, S.C.

Hyper-warrior that he is, small wonder the DI pleads, "Just send me back to Iraq. I didn't have any trouble with Iraq."

Dr. Pamela Grim relates this, and other poignant exchanges, in her commentary, "Semper Fi," from the July edition of *The New England Journal of Medicine* (at <http://content.nejm.org/content/vol351/issue1/index.shtml>). Also in that volume is a study entitled "Combat Duty in Iraq and Afghanistan, Mental Health Problems, and Barriers to Care," conducted by members of the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research. Even though it looks like an Army study, researchers thankfully studied what counts most: Marine combat duty!

Yes, "The Few, The Proud" are warriors par excellence. That's the way it's been since November 10th, 1775. And, God willing, that's the way it'll be for eternity. But that study drives home a point: war takes a toll on even the most weathered of warriors. So, as Marines return from combat, people are doing all sorts of things to welcome them home. Some folks are even brushing up on their knowledge of combat-induced Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

Now, I'm not the sharpest knife in the drawer, but even I'm surprised at what I'm learning about PTSD. For instance, not only combat but humanitarian missions, too, can spawn PTSD. And while I presumed that civilians are susceptible to PTSD — given the terrorist attacks of 9/11, shootings at Columbine, and other incidents of violence in the community — I was reminded that natural disasters (e.g., hurricanes, typhoons) might spark

NCOs - Time to step up to plate

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Last year, bored with the ease of college life, I joined the Marine Corps. I expected to be surrounded by purposeful, professional and motivated people.

Although that expectation has been met for the most part, it's also been my misfortune to run into a portion of the "ten percent." For one reason or another, they no longer care about succeeding during their tenure with the Corps.

Because that group tends to be characterized by slackers, they're often disliked. However, there is a group of Marines that concerns me, as a new Marine, even more. This group is not willfully disobedient. They don't show up late, blame shift or argue.

In fact, aside from their jobs, these Marines don't do anything at all. Their mediocrity won't affect anyone until they are placed in positions of leadership. But when that happens,

the disorder. Even traffic accidents can induce PTSD!

Now it's a wide, wonderful world out there. Yet, sometimes, life is apt to have its way with us. Ideally, we find refuge in the safety and comfort of our homes. Sadly, though, PTSD can be an insidious consequence of neglect or abuse within what should be our safest haven.

Some resilient individuals seem able to keep PTSD at bay. Still, if someone near us is suffering with PTSD even the most robust person can feel the effects. That's one reason why it's important for all of us to know about PTSD.

PTSD is complex. It looks different in different people (e.g., the young and very young) and can look different over time. It's not something that affects just combat veterans. The good news is that it's treatable. And, it seems, a vibrant

spiritual life can help the healing process (see "Spirituality and Trauma Treatment: Suggestions for Including Spirituality as a Coping Resource" by Drescher and Foy at <http://www.ncptsd.org/publications/cq/v5/n1/drescher.html>).

There's a beautiful, ancient prayer from the Eastern Christian tradition that begins with the words, "Divine grace heals all infirmities and supplies for all defects." I don't know about you, but the notion there's enough divine grace to heal all my infirmities and supply for all my defects certainly gives me hope! And when it comes to healing PTSD Drescher and Foy write: "The ultimate goal for the individual... is the recovery of a sense of hope." My hope, my prayer is that all suffering from PTSD — or from any infirmity — find healing, peace, and hope. And for anyone buffeted by anything that causes PTSD let us pray: "Grant them refuge, O Lord, beneath the shelter of your wings!" (Cf. Ps. 36:8). Amen.

For more information, contact your health care provider, chaplain, counseling center, or visit the National Center for PTSD website at <http://www.ncptsd.org/index.html>.

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Chaplain S. S. Brown
MAG-12 Chaplain

junior Marines may begin to experience feelings of confusion and uncertainty. I'd like to clarify the fact that I'm not on a witch-hunt — out to try and hang bad NCOs. However, I do want to emphasize the necessity of non-commissioned officers who are active participants in the welfare of their Marines.

There are reasons why the Marine Corps doesn't promote a Private directly to Master Gunnery Sergeant; lack of experience is an obvious one. But another reason is that young Marines need the leadership and communication link a good NCO can and will provide.

For example: Every day, Marines are tasked with a variety of orders and demands. Inexperience can cause a young Marine to become confused, and less effective than he would be with a clear goal in mind. An active and vigilant NCO might provide some much needed informal counseling on prioritizing.

For obvious reasons I, along with

most of my peers, would much rather be assisted and corrected by a Corporal than by a Gunnery Sergeant.

I imagine there are many excuses an NCO could make for not stepping up to the plate. Perhaps he's newly promoted and isn't sure of the extent of his power or responsibilities. Perhaps he's buddies with the Marines he should be leading and doesn't want to compromise his friendships. Maybe he doesn't want the weight of leadership on his shoulders. Or, perhaps he just doesn't understand how much he's needed.

But good NCOs are needed. Simple actions such as passing along applicable knowledge or providing sound advice on personal matters can make the difference between junior Marines doing their jobs, and junior Marines doing their jobs well. So, to all the NCOs who, for whatever reason, aren't actively leading, know that we newer Marines do in fact need your help and experience.

Please share it.

Hiroshima law students simulate trial

LANCE CPL. DAVID REVERE
Combat Correspondent

The Station courtroom enjoyed a full house, Friday morning, as law interns from Hiroshima filed in to witness and take part of a mock special court martial organized by the Staff Judge Advocate's office.

"We hope today is productive for you all and that you learn a little bit about our military justice system," said Lt. Col. Charles W. Stubbs, SJA officer in charge.

"Lt. Col. Stubbs extended the invitation to Hiroshima Prefecture legal interns about one year ago and we have been working with them ever since," said Capt. Jeffrey V. Munoz, trial counsel officer.

Stubbs went on to overview the proceedings, emphasizing that a military convening authority is a unique aspect of military justice.



Lance Cpl. David Revere

1st. Lt. Adam J. Workman, legal assistance officer, swears in a mock jury composed of Hiroshima law interns visiting the SJA courtroom to observe a simulated special court martial Friday.

"The convening authority actually determines if the defendant will be prosecuted," said Stubbs, noting Non Judicial Punishment, summary, special, and general court martials as options.

"Each level has jurisdictional maxi-

mums as to the type of punishment they can award," he said. "NJP and summary courts martial stay only with the service member's military record, while a conviction at a special or general court martial is a federal offense and will follow that person for the rest of their life."

The morning's mock trial represented an ideal case for a special court martial. "We have created a scenario involving unauthorized absence and drug use," said Stubbs.

So began the case of the United States vs. Pfc. Michael C. Brown.

Brown pleaded guilty to the charges of 212 days of unauthorized absence and of cocaine use.

"This case is about a Marine who ran away from his unit and ran away from his duty as a Marine," said 1st Lt. Adam J. Workman, legal assistance officer and prosecuting attorney for the

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Cowboys revisit hallowed ground

LT. COL. SCOTT PETERSON
VMFA-112

Iwo Jima is eight square miles of volcanic ash, pumice, and deep black sand. It is the hallowed ground of the bloodiest battle in Marine Corps history, and the site of a chance photograph that still stirs the imagination and captures the valor of the Marines who fought six excruciating weeks to wrest the island from a determined Japanese army. Iwo Jima is forever etched into the storied history of the United States Marines, where 6,821 were killed, 19,217 were wounded, and one-fourth of all World War II Medals of Honor were earned. After the battle, U.S. Pacific Fleet Commander Admiral Chester Nimitz remarked, "Among the Americans serving on Iwo island, uncommon valor was a common virtue."

Recently several pilots from the Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 112 (VMFA-112) Cowboys flew to Iwo Jima, where they had the opportunity to reflect on the significance of the island, and what it meant to visit such hallowed ground.

There are three reasons in particular that make the visit of VMFA-112 aircraft to Iwo Jima significant. These include the role of Iwo Jima in the psyche of every Marine, the history that the squadron made there in World War II, and the history-making deployment of the squadron today.

VMF-112's action at Iwo Jima was historic because it marked the first time that carrier based Marine aircraft flew in support of Marines attacking on the ground. On February 20, 1945, 24 hours after the first Marine landings on Iwo Jima, eight Corsairs from VMF-112 attacked Japanese pillboxes and mortar gun emplacements near Iwo's Number 2 airfield as Marines on the ground closed in to capture the airfield. The next day VMF-112's Corsairs pounded Japanese gun emplacements with 5-inch rockets, helping clear a path for Marines to advance further up the island. The air coordinators on the ground radioed a "well done" as the squadron returned to the *Bennington* after the attack. On the third day, the squadron's pilots once



Lt. Col. S. M. Roepke

An F/A 18A rests on Iwo Jima's flight line during VMFA-112's recent historic visit.

again pounded Japanese positions, this time on the northwest coast of Iwo Jima. They also escorted bombers providing close air support to Marines on Iwo Jima.

Iwo Jima today is garrisoned by a small contingent from the Japanese Navy. They are very generous to visiting Americans, taking time to swap stories and give tours of the island. All of the Cowboys who visited the island expressed gratitude of Captain Kenji Uwatoko, the commanding officer, for his hospitality.

A common refrain among the pilots who visited the island is surprise at its tiny size. An island only two miles wide and four miles long congested with almost 100,000 warriors engaged in a life-or-death struggle simply staggers the imagination.

"What I will never forget about the island is the sulphur smell" Maj. Dave Pohlman remarked. "It was everywhere, penetrating and unpleasant."

Iwo Jima translates to "sulphur island" in English. The smell of sulphur and death was one of the enduring and hellish memories of the veterans of Iwo Jima. Maj. Jon Sherrell recalls the sense of awe felt when standing on the invasion beach, seeing first hand the commanding position Mount Suribachi has overlooking the beach, and feeling how difficult it is to walk in the deep volcanic sand, up the steep slope of the

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NEWS BRIEFS

NAVY BALL

The Navy Ball will be held Oct. 15. The special guest speakers will be Rudy, retired Navy Seal and reality television star, along with Brig. Gen. Frank Panter, Commanding General, 3d FSSG, Okinawa. The tickets are on sale now. Call Petty Officer 1st Class Wimbush at 253-3371 for more information.

SEALED BID SALE

Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office Iwakuni's next local sealed bid sale will start Monday. Property on sale can and should be inspected at DRMO, Monday through Wednesday. Make sure to inspect the property prior to bidding. Bid must be received no later than Thursday, 8 a.m. Property on sale includes furniture, ADP equipment, military clothing, exercise equipment, photo equipment, and scrap. Call 253-3982 or 253-4089 for details.

KOTO CONCERT

The Officers' And Spouses' Club will be hosting a free Koto concert at the Station Chapel Oct. 1, 7 p.m. The concert is open to all, and a door prize will be awarded. For details, contact OSC President Jean Himelspach at 253-2683.

Local troop scouts out new skills

STORY AND PHOTOS BY
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Combat Correspondent

Tomahawk throwing, boating safety, archery and leather working were among the activities introduced during a recent Cub Scout summer camp here.

More than 18 children, grades one through five, participated in the three-day camp, said Chief Warrant Officer 4 Leonard Tippet, 1st Marine Air Wing, Mobile Calibration Complex 1, calibrations officer.

"The camp served as both a recruitment tool and a great opportunity for boys already involved in the program," noted Tippet.

"I want to be a Boy Scout," said 5-year-old Sam Percy. "Throwing those tiny little axes (tomahawks) was so fun! That's my first time ever holding a real axe with a wooden



Pfc. Ryan Haymes, Marine Aircraft Group 12, shares some safety tips with a group of eager youngsters during day two of the three-day camp.



Three adventurers practice boating safety during a qualification event at the IronWorks Gym pool. Camp participants had the opportunity to complete swim qualification training, a boating safety course, archery and tomahawk throwing.

handle and a real blade.

"That was the funniest day of my entire life – throwing those axes!"

"The kids wouldn't stop with the tomahawks," noted volunteer Lance Cpl. Jason Windisch, Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12. "The camp gave them great opportunities to experience different events and have fun at the same time."

Volunteers for the camp included Eagle Scouts and interested Marines.

"I'm here because I like kids, the camp is fun, and when I was here last year I had a blast," said volunteer and former Boy Scout Lance Cpl. Benjamin Murphy, Marine Aircraft



Nick Forti, 9, removes one of his accurate tomahawks from the target during the Station's Scouting Summer Camp. Forti, along with nearly 20 other young people, participated in the three-day event.

Group 12, inventory manager.

Murphy, a 15-year veteran of Boy Scouting, said that the camp participants – including some girls, especially enjoyed the archery.

"They did really well," he noted.

Participating in the camp was a rewarding experience, added former Eagle Scout Lance Cpl. Arthur Pavlovsky, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, aviation ordnance technician.

"When the kids succeed at something, their faces just light up," he said.

"Many of these guys have older brothers in the Scouts who get to leave for a week-long Scouting trip – this is a great opportunity for the younger ones to have fun and earn some belt-loops," Pavlovsky added.

According to Pavlovsky, Cub Scouts use medal belt-loops imprinted with the image of skills learned to signify achievement in fields such as swimming, leatherworking, archery and boating safety.

Scouting has long been a source of responsible fun and adventure for young people, states the Scouts' official Web site, www.scouting.org.

"In the future, Scouting will continue to instill in young people lifetime values and develop in them ethical character as expressed in the Scout Oath and Law," notes the site. "It will also train young people in citizenship, service and leadership."

The Scout Law insists that scouts practice the core values of trustworthiness, loyalty, helpfulness, friendliness, courtesy, kindness, obedience, cheerfulness, thriftiness, bravery, cleanliness and reverence.

"[Cub Scouting] is a great thing for young people to be involved in," noted Tippet. "We're always looking for new members, and we certainly welcome volunteers who are willing to help with events like the summer camp."

Typhoon damage may be reimbursable

1ST LT. ADAM J. WORKMAN
Legal Assistance Officer

All military personnel and certain federal employees who suffered property damage by typhoon Songda may be eligible for repair or replacement compensation. The Military Personnel and Civilian Employees' Claims Act is intended to maintain morale by compensating service members and other Federal employees for personal property which is lost, damaged, or destroyed incident to service. Most people become familiar with this Act when their household goods are damaged during a PCS move, but the Act may also apply to any damage you incur incident to military service.

The personnel Claims Act only covers damage to personal property. In other words, damage to land, buildings, and permanent fixtures is not covered. The personal property must have been damaged incident to military service or employment.

Not only must the loss have occurred incident to service, but the use or possession must have been

When filing a claim you will need the following:

1. DD Form 1842 (Claims for loss of or damage to personal property incident to service)
2. DD Form 1844 (List of property and claims analysis chart)
3. Electronic funds transfer form
4. Photos
5. Estimates of repair (for repairable items)
6. Verification of replacement price (original receipts, form from BX, catalog or internet prices, etc.)
7. Title, military registration and insurance paperwork (for all vehicle claims)

reasonable, useful, or proper under the circumstances. Although the Act was intended to apply broadly, it was not intended to insure all property against any and all risk. A claim will probably be denied if the property's use or possession is unreasonable. For example, it is reasonable to store a radio in your wall locker; however, storing a \$5,000.00 stereo system in the locker is probably not. Whether the use or possession was reasonable, useful, or proper is a judgment call that will be made

by the adjudicating official. Some factors to be considered are the claimant's living conditions, reasons for possessing or using the property, efforts to safeguard the property, and the foreseeability of the loss or damage that occurred.

Certain claims may be denied. If the property damage occurred, in whole or in part because of the claimant's negligence, the claim will be denied. For example, if items that would easily blow away were not properly secured prior to the storm, then such contributory negligence would result in denial of a claim.

The amount of money recoverable will be based on repair estimates, or replacement minus depreciation if the item is not repairable. If the property can be repaired, the owner will have to get an estimate of the cost, or bring in the receipt if the repair has already been made. Deductions may be made for any preexisting damage. If a repair is not economically feasible, the cost of the item will be reimbursed, minus depreciation.

Filing a claim for damage is relatively easy.

Please contact SSGT. Thomas at the Office of the Station Judge Advocate, 253-5591/5592/3905 for further assistance.

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simulation. "This case is about a Marine who dishonored himself and the Marine Corps by using a dangerous and illegal narcotic, cocaine."

Workman recommended that the accused be confined for 10 months, reduced to the rank of private, forfeit two thirds of his pay for 10 months, and awarded a bad conduct discharge.

1st Lt. Iain Pedden, defense counsel officer and defense attorney for Brown, made a case for Brown's

character reformation.

"He comes before you today openly admitting what he did was wrong, and asks that you consider all the circumstances involved when determining his sentence," said Pedden. "He has a lot more to offer to the Marine Corps, and he is a wiser Marine for his experience. Please give him another chance."

Ultimately, Brown was reduced to the rank of private and sentenced to 10 months of confinement for the violations in the scenario.

"A special court-martial is designed to adjudicate less serious offenses," explained Munoz. "The key difference between a special court martial and a general court martial is the maximum punishment that can be imposed."

Munoz noted that in this case, Brown was let off easier than he would have been in a general court martial.

"For these same offenses, at a general court martial the punishment is as follows: a dishonorable discharge, confinement for six and a half years,

forfeiture of all pay and allowances due during the period of confinement, and, if appropriate, a fine."

Stubbs said he hoped the opportunity was informative to the Japanese guests, who have expressed interest in eventually incorporating some aspects of the process into their own judicial system.

"The mock trial served to expand the cultural bridge between Japanese lawyers and their legal system, and American lawyers and our legal system," said Munoz.

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beach, and imagining how terrifying it would have been under constant fire from unseen Japanese positions.

A climb up Mount Suribachi is a meaningful experience in a trip to Iwo Jima. It was atop this volcanic mountain that Joe Rosenthal snapped his famous photograph, random and unposed, that has meant so much to Marines in the decades since. Maj. Dave Bergman, Operations Officer of VMFA-112, noted that standing on Mount Suribachi is "a very moving experience, which every Marine serving in this theater should be afforded the opportunity to have."

During the battle, the fighting destroyed all vegetation on the island, and the opposing forces were fighting over a barren and rocky landscape. American pilots at the time reported seeing tens of thousands of Marines scurrying over the cratered and barren black rocks, against an enemy unseen in his caves and tunnels. Today, Maj. Matt Spicer recalls how the island is covered with vivid green plants over black rocks and sand, and how surreal and bright the colors seemed in contrast to the landscape as photographed and described during the battle.

Unexploded ordnance and destroyed vehicles still inhabit the beaches, testimony to the struggle of the Marines to move ashore. Much of the island is just as the Marines left it after the war, and thousands of Japanese soldiers are entombed within the miles of tunnels and caves. Many of the caves are just as they were when sealed by the Marines, with Japanese supply boxes of food and ammunition still

lying about. It is a very humbling experience to walk into the caves and tunnels. With oppressive heat, stagnant air, and no lights, few visitors venture more than a few hundred feet.

Nearly all the Cowboys who visited Iwo Jima expressed difficulty in finding words to express the emotions that spring forth there. Iwo Jima is a deadly but glorious history, and it is drummed into the psyche of every Marine, whether at basic training or Officers Candidates School. Drill instructors continuously measure each new Marine, and every Marine continuously measures himself, wondering if he or she has what it takes to assault the beach of Iwo Jima, take Mount Suribachi, and attack the miles of pitch black caves and tunnels like the heroes of Iwo Jima. It is this legacy as Marines, and the legacy of VMF-112 in combat, that today's Cowboys must measure themselves against.

VMFA-112 today flies F/A-18A Hornets from the Naval Air Station/Joint Reserve Base, Fort Worth, Texas. From June through September, VMFA-112 deployed to Okinawa, Guam, and Australia, participating in exercises such as Jungle Shield in Guam and Southern Frontier in Australia. The squadron also sent a contingent of officers to exercise Ulchi Focus Lens in Korea.

This deployment marks the first overseas deployment of a Marine Reserve fighter squadron since World War II. With visits to the hallowed ground of Okinawa and Iwo Jima, the squadron has maintained continuity with its proud heritage and the bravery of its first pilots.

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announcement does not change the requirement that all Marines own one set of woodland and one set of desert digital cammies by Oct. 1.

According to Townes, Marine Corps Military Clothing Sales Stores will carry the new uniform when it becomes available. The care and cleaning label inside the chest and hip pockets will list the body measurements to predict the new size.

"Better fitting cammies for female Marines will definitely reduce the amount of excess material, especially for those with smaller figures," said Cpl. Cavel Wallen, legal chief, for Headquarters and Service Battalion here. According to Wallen, who participated in surveys and testing, new cammies will be made a big difference when wearing field equipment such as the flak jacket, when extra material tends to bunch up.

Additional information about female sizes will appear in Marine Corps publications and on Web sites about 30 days prior to their availability in stores. For more information regarding female-specific sized camouflage utilities, contact Dee Townes at tatwnesd@mcsc.usmc.mil.

Delivery service takes load off traveling

GUNNERY SGT. M.A. ZEID
Combat Correspondent

One curious thing about traveling is it seems like luggage shrinks while the amount of things carried continues to grow.

Fortunately, the Japanese have a solution to this problem of extra baggage and packages – "takkyubin."

Takkyubin is a delivery service found throughout Japan. For a modest fee, ranging from 700 to 4,000 yen, packages up to 25 kilograms (roughly 50 pounds) can be shipped anywhere in Japan.

According to information supplied by one of the takkyubin companies, packages must have a total height, width and length measuring between 60 – 160 centimeters.

However, suitcases can also be shipped. Many travelers ship their suitcases directly to their homes from the airport instead of lugging them on and off of trains. Takkyubin companies have service counters at all major airports and many hotels.

The service can take two or three days, but the next day delivery is the norm. However, for people who are still traveling, the company can hold the package or suitcase for a few days before delivery.

What makes this service so convenient is that there are several delivery companies with drop-off centers located all over Japan. Many neighborhood shops such as drug stores, grocery stores and liquor stores offer takkyubin service. Outside these shops are banners with pictures of animals such as a black cat, a pelican, a kangaroo or an elephant to advertise that packages can be sent through takkyubin from their shop.

Many department stores and large hotels also offer the service. Pickup service from offices and homes is available as well.

Two important things to remember when using this service are to ensure the address is in Japanese (no FPO or AP post office boxes) and that the recall phone number is correct.

Whether the address is written in "kanji" or "romanji" is not important. It is important that the

address for the base read "Yamaguchi Ken, Iwakuni Shi, Misumi Cho, MCAS." This is so the people bringing the package can locate the air station geographically.

Since the company will call if there is any problem, it is very important that the phone number be an accurate one where the person can be reached during the day.

While home delivery is the norm in Japan, delivery companies are not allowed to come on station to make deliveries. According to Lance Cpl. Bryan L. Ledford, (age 23, hometown Canton, Georgia) military police desk sergeant, the carrier should go to the North Gate, where the carrier will then call the person to come and pick up the package.

If the person is not going to be on station when the package arrives, that person should ensure someone else can pick up the package, and that person's phone number is on the address label.

So now there is an easy way to buy everything in sight and ship it home. So go out and enjoy traveling and quit worrying about the luggage.

Japanese open house honors military aviation

STORY AND PHOTOS BY
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Combat Correspondent

In celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Japanese Defense Agency, Japanese Maritime Self Defense Force hosted an open house at the JMSDF flight line, Sunday.

Thousands turned out for the event, which included aircraft static displays, JMSDF drill and color guard performances, flight simulators, music performances and more.

"I came because I love airplanes," said Uemera Sato, an Iwakuni resident and amateur photographer. "This is a very great opportunity for me."

Among the attractions were aircraft static displays from Navy Electronic Attack Squadron 1 and Marine All Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 533.

"Everyone wants to get a picture," said Capt. Chris Usrey, EA-6B Prowler pilot, VMAQ-1. "And kids love it. You see their faces light up when you

pull down a ladder. It's something really simple, but it's special to them."

Usrey said the event afforded the Japanese an opportunity to see Americans in a different light.

"This gives them a chance to come out and realize we're just people too," he said. "It gives them a different aspect other than the big noises of taking off and landing they hear every day. Here, they get to see the people that are doing it."

Capt. Daniel Schnick, F/A-18D Hornet Weapons and Sensors officer, VMFA(AW)-533, affirmed the sentiment, noting that opening up the installation gave the public a better appreciation for the U.S. forces here.

"It gives them an idea of what they're paying for," said Schnick. "They're paying with time and effort, and maybe even money, to allow us to come over here and participate in Western Pacific deployments."

Another significant event at the open house was the opportunity for Japanese and American aviators to

meet and greet one another. Navy and Marine pilots put faces with pilots from the Japanese Ground Self Defense Force and the JMSDF whose formations they see in the sky on an almost daily basis.

"We get to see who it is that we're over here to help support," said Usrey. "There's no national boundary line when it comes to loving air planes. I think our pride and professionalism is across the board."

"You can see that passion comes to light in their eyes — both the civilians and the pilots," Schnick concurred. "You can see they love aviation."

Whether pilots, photographers, or just observers, aviation lovers of all kinds enjoyed a special day of tribute to the crucial aircraft and service members in military aviation.

"We take a lot of pride in our job," said Usrey. "People who strap on an aircraft for a living are serious about what they do."



A Japanese Ground Self Defense Force UH-1H Huey is displayed for open house participants. This chopper has a wide variety of uses ranging from medical evacuation to gunship.



A member of the Iwakuni Drum Team awaits his cue during a rousing performance at Sunday's open house.



A U-36A Learjet is exhibited at Sunday's open house. The small aircraft is used by the Japanese Maritime Self Defense Force for air training support.



The Japanese Maritime Self Defense Force Ozuki aviation cadet training school drill team marches with precision during their performance at Sunday's open house.



Marines get up close to bomb's destruction

CHL. DAVE BONI
Combat Correspondent

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE BASE TINDAL, Australia — Marines deployed to Southern Frontier received a rare invitation recently to witness firsthand, the destruction caused by their hard work.

Twenty-two Marines boarded a bus for a trip over to the Delamere Range Facility, where their aircraft were dropping ordnance during the exercise. The day's itinerary had Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 212's pilots dropping four 2,000-pound bombs and firing 16 rockets.

After the Marines received a safety brief by RAAF Sgt. Adam Griffiths, Delamere Range Facility officer in charge, they were taken out to a viewing tower for the show.

"The range has four targets to aim for, and the targets are only large mounds of dirt that can be seen easily from the air," said Griffiths. "From this distance the Marines will have a nice show, while also being safe from flying debris."

As the visitors climbed the tower and got their cameras ready, Griffiths announced a five second countdown before each bomb and rocket was fired. Bombs soared through the air, thundering with noise after impacting the targets and proceeding with a dirt mushroom cloud peering into the sky, much to the delight of the picture-taking Marines. Rockets came next followed by a few close flybys by the pilots, impressing the cheering onlookers.

"This was my first time at a bombing range and it was awesome," said Cpl. Brandon Coleman, Marine All-Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 533 administrative clerk. "I have always wondered what the impact of our bombs would be like and it was amazing. It was better than I imagined."

After the bombing display was



Cpl. Amber N. Castro

Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 212 and Marine All Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 533 drop live ordnance Sept. 9, 2004 while in support of Southern Frontier. Southern Frontier is a Marine Aircraft Group 12 deployment of Marines, aircraft, and associated support to Australia.

over, the Marines ate lunch and were given a tour of the scoring tower where the RAAF personnel keep score of the ordnance dropped. Two cameras set out at different angles display the bombing area and let the pilots know if they have hit their target.

"They explained the whole scoring system to us and the use of the camera system," said Lance Cpl. Jeremy Turnipseed, Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 tactical data network specialist. "I was surprised how accurate they score it, it must be very helpful to the pilots to know how close they came to their targets."

According to Griffiths, this is the first time he had given a tour to the Marines and he enjoyed their enthusiasm.

"Having the Marines over is always interesting and since we see this stuff everyday, it's nice to see the excitement again."



Cpl. Amber N. Castro

Marines with Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 212 and Marine All Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 533 speak with members of the Royal Australian Air Force regarding the scoring system of live ordnance being dropped.

people in Yukata (summer kimono) with lanterns around the Kintai Bridge Sept. 25, 6-8 p.m. It costs ¥1,000 to participate unless bringing a lantern. Call 41-2776 to sign-up. It will be cancelled in case of rain.

Animal Protection Fiesta Yamaguchi 2004

The Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Center in Yamaguchi City is holding the event Thursday. There will be a petting zoo from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., reception for adopting animals, 9:30-10 a.m. and K-9 demonstration at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Admission is free. It may be cancelled in case of inclement weather.

Flower Arrangement Display

Visitors can view flower arrangements in the exhibition hall and the multi-purpose room in Sinfonia Iwakuni now thorough Monday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission is free. Call 0832-32-3330 for more information.

There will be a festival around the Kintai Bridge, Monday, 9:30 to 6 p.m. Japanese drum performances, and sacred music and dance are scheduled. Call 23-1177 for details.

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OUT THE GATE

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

Flea Market

A flea market is scheduled to be held at Asa zoo Sunday and Monday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. An admission is required in order to enter the zoo. It will be cancelled in case of rain. Call 082-838-1111 for more details.

Yukata Festival

Visitors can view a parade of

TORII TELLER CLASSIFIED ADS

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

AUTOMOBILES

Honda Accord, 1988, 4 door, runs great, automatic, 127,000k, CD player, JCI until July 2005, \$1,000 obo. Call SSgt. Woods at 253-3805 dwh or 253-7470 aw.

Toyota Carib Sprinter, 1994, 5 door, automatic, on demand 4WD, 5 passenger station wagon, very clean, cold A/C, power everything, AM/FM/radio/cassette player, great condition, excellent vehicle for small family, JCI until Aug. 2005, \$2,200 obo. Call CW03 Stocker at 253-3404 dwh or 253-2275 aw.

Mazda Sentia, 1991, 4 door, sedan, will take pay-

ments, JCI until June 2005, \$1,000 obo. Call Cpl. Reicha at 253-3003 dwh or 253-2545 aw. Leave message if not home.

Toyota Townace, 1995, van, JCI until March 2006, \$2,500. Call Sgt. Lock at 253-3775 dwh or 253-2437 aw.

OTHER ITEMS

Misc., blue sofa, good condition, \$25; Big Man's reclining/rocking chair, leather, navy blue, \$200; Sony 1 disk DVD player with remote, excellent condition, \$30. Call Cpl. Reicha at 253-3003 dwh or 253-2545 aw.

Misc., Japanese archery display in wood and glass

case, \$125 obo; antique Japanese futon tansu, big, beautiful piece with cast iron fixtures, \$1,500 obo; 4 piece dining set from Nafco, table, 2 chairs, bench seat, \$270 obo; Office Depot desk chair, black, nicely upholstered, on wheels, adjustable height, \$25 obo; Char Broil gas grill, 6 months old, most deluxe model from MCX, used handful of times, \$225 obo; white wooden crib, frame only, \$40 obo; womens (size 6-10), boys (2T-4T), and infant (6-24 months) winter jackets, clothes, accessories (hats, scarves, gloves, etc.) only used one season, perfect condition, GAP, Banana Republic, Old Navy and more, \$3-\$25 obo; emer-

gency move warrants quick sale. Call James or Rianne at 253-2430.

JOB OPENINGS

Chaplains Office (253-6460)

(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
- Supervisory Education Services Specialist

Logistics:

- Supply Management Officer

Facilities:

- Interdisciplinary Engineer
- Information Technology Specialist
- Customer Service Manager
- Sales Store Checker (Intermittent)
- Store Worker (Part-time)
- Materials Handler Leader

MCCS (253-3030)

(The following jobs are open at MCCS Personnel)

MCCS Job Listing:

- Duty Manager, Bachelor Housing
- Inventory Control Specialist, Executive Admin Office
- Deputy Director Business Operations, Business Operations Administration

-Head Of Retail, Main Complex

-Retail Operations Assistant, Main 7 Day Store

-Recreation Attendant, Athletics, civilian only

-Recreation Assistant, Outdoor Recreation, Health Promotion

-Safety/Environmental Specialist, Support

-Accounting Technician, Accounting, civilian only

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
- Go to www.mccsiwakuni.com for a complete job listing.

SAKURA THEATER



THUNDERBIRDS

When dangerous situations exceed the limitations of ordinary military and international security forces, the world calls upon the high-tech assistance of International Rescue - a mysterious band of fearless adventurers and their fleet of awesome, imaginatively engineered vehicles known as: Thunderbirds! This is a live-action feature film based on the hit British television series of the 1960s. (87 minutes)



A CINDERELLA STORY

High school senior Sam Montgomery lives at the beck and call of her self-obsessed step-mother Fiona and her sinfully wicked step-sisters, 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)



COLLATERAL

Max is a failed comedy writer living in Los Angeles who makes a living as a cab driver. This movie focuses on one very tumultuous day for Max, as he figures out that the fare he's been driving around all day is a contract killer, committing a series of hits. Now, it's up to him to somehow stop the killer from executing the last witness as well as himself. (116 minutes)

FRIDAY

- 7 p.m. King Arthur (PG-13)
- 10 p.m. Bourne Supremacy (PG-13)

SATURDAY

- 1 p.m. Thunderbirds (PG)
- 4 p.m. A Cinderella Story (PG)
- 7 p.m. Alien vs. Predator (PG-13)
- 10 p.m. Harold And Kumar Go To White Castle (R)

SUNDAY

- 4 p.m. Thunderbirds (PG)
- 7 p.m. King Arthur (PG-13)

MONDAY

- 7 p.m. Harold And Kumar Go To White Castle (R)

TUESDAY

- 7 p.m. Thunderbirds (PG)

WEDNESDAY

- 7 p.m. Collateral (R)

THURSDAY

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

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

EDUCATION

Test Schedule
Tuesdays/Fridays - CLEP, DSST
Wednesday - AFCT
Thursday - EDPT
October 13 - SAT
October 14 - ACT
October 20 - DLAB
October 21 - DLPT
 For more information call 253-3855.

CHRO

CHRO Training
■ New Employees Orientation: Tuesday, 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 CHRO training room,

Building one, Room 102.

MCCS

CRMC Classes (253-6439)
■ Local Employment Overview: Tuesday, 9-10:30 a.m.
■ Hello USA: Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
■ 10 Steps To Federal Employment: Thursday, 1-3 p.m.

MCX (253-5641)

■ Alterations for Navy & Marine Corps Birthday Balls: Get your uniforms and formal wear altered now for the Navy and Marine Corps Birthday Balls. Drop them off at the Starch & Stripes tailor shop located at the Marine Corps Exchange. The shop requires at least ten days to complete alterations. No rush orders can be taken. The shop is open 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and can be reached at 253-

4742, extension 218.

School Age Center

■ Cultural Exchange Program Home Visit In Iwakuni: Oct. 30, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. If you want to meet a Japanese family and spend time with them, here is the chance. Space is limited. Call 253-5900 to sign-up.

Teen Center (253-6454)

■ SMART Girls Meeting: 10 to 12-year-old girls meet every Monday, 3-5 p.m. 13 to 18-year-old girls meet every Wednesday, 3-5 p.m. Come on over for free food and fun.
■ 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 Monday at the Teen Center. Seats are limited.
■ Sasebo Trip: Oct. 2, 7 a.m. - 10 p.m. Sign-up before Sept. 29. Open to all members age 10 to 18-years-old. The Teen Center will travel to the Sasebo Teen Center to check it out and meet new friends. Bring money for food and shopping.

Single Marine Program (253-3891)

■ Shuhodo Caves and Yakiniku: Saturday, 8 a.m. \$20 transportation. Bring plenty of

yen for admission, souvenirs and dinner.

■ Dinner at the Chicken Shack: Sunday, 6 p.m. \$10 transportation. Bring at least ¥3,000 for dinner.

■ Hiroshima Baseball Versus Swallows: Sept. 25, 10 a.m. \$10 transportation. Bring at least ¥2,000 for admission.

■ Yanai Go Carts: Sept. 26, 12 p.m. \$10 transportation. Seven laps cost ¥2,100.

Big Carpet Sale

Now through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Finders Keepers Antiques. Call 253-5725 for more information.

Fall Bazaar

Oct. 1, 4-7 p.m., Oct. 2, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Oct. 3, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the MAC Dome. Vendors from the Pacific basin gather to bring Japanese and Chinese furniture, antiques and more. Enjoy cash prize drawings and carnival food.

Survival Japanese

Sept. 27 through Oct. 1, 11:40 a.m. to 12:40 p.m. For more information, call 253-6165.

National Hispanic Heritage Month at Bookstore

Visit the Crossroads Mall bookstore now through Oct. 15 to see its selection of books centered on Hispanic Heritage Month. Enter to win a \$25 bookstore coupon.

PCS With Success Workshop

September 24, 1-3 p.m. The Sta-

tion departments provide tips to help you prepare for your return to the United States or transfer to your next duty station. Call 253-3311 for details.

COMMUNITY

Crime Stoppers

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

Thrift Store

The Thrift Store is open Mondays from 10 a.m. to 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.

Ice, sweat and peer leadership: Long Island youths experience boot camp hockey

CHL. BETH ZIMMERMAN
 New York Public Affairs

LAKE PLACID, N.Y. (September 10, 2004) — In the cool, early-morning moments before the small town of Lake Placid, N.Y., awakened, U.S. Marine Corps cadence rippled across Mirror Lake and into the Adirondack Mountains. In unison, one platoon slapped their feet to the pavement in the rhythm known to so many Marines as a formation run. However, the young men running weren't Marines out for an early physical training session — they were teenagers from Long Island, N.Y., running three miles as part of their week-long training regime, "Boot Camp Hockey."

"It's pretty much hockey and Marine Corps training, put together," said 15-year-old Sal Praino of the training program. He and 15 other teammates from the Nassau County Lions Hockey Team spent seven days in Lake Placid for Boot Camp Hockey, an intense hockey camp infused with Marine Corps values and training techniques.

"If one person does something, we all do it," said Praino of the Corps' tried-and-true technique for building unity. So, the Lions did everything as a team. They woke up for 0630 reveille together. They ran up and down hills throughout Lake Placid together. They ate "chow" together. They ran to and from the Olympic Training Center together. They skated together. And that was just on the first day...

According to the program's director, unit cohesion and intense training days were not the only things that set Boot Camp Hockey apart from any other training camp.

"We don't just teach hockey," said

Dave Andersen, who is the Boot Camp Hockey Founder and an active-duty Marine Officer. "We teach values, ethics, and morals," he said. "Leadership is a big thing."

Between on-ice sessions to develop their ice hockey skills, the Lions learned about the Marine Corps values of honor, courage and commitment. The team moved as a platoon, with members of the team serving in rotating leadership billets such as Platoon Sergeant, Squad Leaders and Fire Team Leaders.

The midget-minor classified ice hockey team is made up of boys aged 14 to 16 years. For many of them, Boot Camp Hockey gave them the first chance they've ever had to lead their peers. They found it was a learning process.

"The hardest thing about leading my peers was being responsible for everyone else," said 16-year-old Chris McCutchan, who served as a Fire Team Leader. "Just keeping track of people — making sure everyone is where they're supposed to be — can be a challenge."

"I learned really fast you have to respect others," said 15-year-old Rich Comferto, who also served as a Fire Team Leader. "You have to give respect to get it."

The billet holders weren't the only ones to benefit. The program tried to instill the basics of Marine Corps leadership in every kid. "I'm concentrating on the Marine Corps leadership



Cpl. Beth Zimmerman
Boot Camp Hockey platoon member Mike Scancarello takes a shot at the goal during afternoon practice.

principles and leadership traits," said Andersen. "We handle that up front and take everything from there."

He explained each of the 14 leadership traits to the boys so that they could relate each of them to hockey and "real life." Each of the kids chose one trait that was most important to them.

"No matter what anyone says, you have to do the right thing and set the example as a leader," said Platoon Sergeant Nick Puzzi, who said courage is the most important trait any leader should have. Bearing is important to McCutchan, who said, "to be a leader, you have to keep your cool, because other people will look to your example."

"To be a successful team, you have to be able to depend on your teammates," said 15-year-old Mike Hatton of dependability. "If you don't have knowledge," said Praino, "you won't know what you're doing out

there. That goes for life and on the ice."

Though Lake Placid is not Marine Corps Recruit Depot Island, Boot Camp Hockey took place in a setting worthy of its own prestige. The Lions spent the week living in dorms at the Olympic Training Center; they refined their hockey skills in the 1980 rink at the Olympic Center, which was the site of the historic United States' Gold Medal victory over the Russian hockey team during the 1980 Olympic Games. According to their on-ice coach, the prominent

setting only added to the team's intensity.

"They're definitely focused," said Rob Miller, Boot Camp Hockey's Skating Coach and a professional hockey player with the Knoxville Ice Bears. "Each day they build on everything we worked on the day before," he said. "If they keep it up, their potential as a hockey team is incredible."

The players have noticed the difference in each other as well. "Before we came up here we were all separate people," said McCutchan. "When we go home we'll be a team."

The ultimate goal of Boot Camp Hockey is to give the teenagers something to carry into adulthood. "My main goal is to make them better people when they leave here," said Andersen.

"It's only seven days, but it's seven intense days based on Marine Corps training."

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

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

Seventh-Day Adventist

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

Jewish

Every other Friday
 6:30 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.

Music Fest Rocks Iwakuni



Lance Cpl. Lydia Davey

Joe Kirk from "Just As Nice" entertains spectators at the MAC Dome during the Summer Music Festival. More than 300 onlookers enjoyed free food and presentations by groups Trace County (Country/Western), La Orquesta Encencia (Latin), Just As Nice (Jazz/R&B), and Back Deck Band (Rock/Pop) on Sept. 11.

IWAKUNI SPORTS SCENE

FAMILY APPRECIATION DAYS

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

TWO-MAN VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

Coaches meet Wednesday, 10 a.m. in the IronWorks Gym Wellness Room. The tournament is Sept. 25. For more information, call 253-5777.

2004 MCAS STROKE PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

Sept. 25-26, and Oct. 2-3. Active duty, retired military, the Station personnel, family members, JMSDF, master labor contractor and indirect hire agreement workers sign-up before Monday for \$20. Users' fees are not included in the sign-up. Tee times start at 7 a.m. each day. Flights are established according to participation in this point tournament.

Championship Flight is determined by gross score only. Call 253-3402 for more details.

SINGLE RACQUETBALL TOURNAMENT

Oct. 2, 9 a.m. Call 253-5777 to sign-up.

FALL VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

Coaches meet Oct. 5, 10 a.m. in the IronWorks Gym Wellness Room. Season begins Oct. 11. For more details, call Athletics department at 253-5777.

TAIKU NO HI SINGLE RACQUETBALL TOURNAMENT

Coaches meet Oct. 12, 10 a.m. in the IronWorks Gym Wellness Room. The tournament is on Oct. 16. Call 253-5777 for more information.

Air Station Youth Soccer season kicks off

STORY AND PHOTOS BY
MASTER SGT. LESLI J. COAKLEY
Public Affairs Chief

The Ironworks gym was filled to overflowing Saturday morning as almost every school-age parent flocked to the opening ceremonies of Iwakuni's Youth Soccer League.

After team introductions and an a cappella performance of the National Anthem by Pamela Anthony and Jamie Buning, the Japanese dance troupe, Yamakodou, performed to the delight of the assembled crowd.

Youths between the ages of 5 to 15 sat for the first time with their teammates watching the energetic dance show and anxiously awaiting to showcase their talents on the soccer green.

Among the teammates waiting for their chance, and a first this year for Air Station teams, was the integration of Japanese youngsters into the Air Station's league.

"This is the first year that Japanese children have participated in our leagues," said Jamie Buning, Youth Sports Coordinator. "It was more of a cultural exchange opportunity. Previously, our teams played Japanese teams, but this year we put them on our teams. There are about 50 Japanese kids playing on our teams and they are spread out in each age division."

The approach was twofold. This allows more interaction with Japanese and American youth as well as their parents and it allows the Air Station to field more teams.

"Last year we had a very low participation rate, either because kids didn't want to play or they didn't know about it," according to Buning. "This year we have more teams to play, more of a season, so that the kids aren't playing the same teams over and over."

After the introductions, festivities and heralds by the many parents in attendance, it was off to the



The Mighty Mikans challenged the Blue Dragons on opening day. The 5 and 6-year-old teams put forth their best effort and not surprisingly, the game ended in a tie.

games. Though dark storm clouds swirled ominously overhead releasing a few wet threats, the day belonged to soccer and eventually the clouds dissipated. Every team played a game on Saturday and will continue to play every Saturday until the season closes in October.

For more information on the Youth Sports Program, please contact Jamie Buning at 253-3239.



Lucas Christian, 6, takes control of the soccer ball during the first soccer game of the season at Penny Lake.



Japanese and American youths sit side-by-side watching the opening festivities for the Youth Soccer League.