

DoD officials urge generosity in giving

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WASHINGTON – Defense Department employees donated \$13 million in the 2003 Combined Federal Campaign, and officials here hope to top that number this year.

At a campaign kickoff event in the Pentagon, DoD's Director of Administration and Management Raymond F. DuBois spoke about this year's campaign theme: Superheroes. "All of us can be supermen and superwomen when it comes to helping those of our families and friends and neighbors who need our help," DuBois said.

The Combined Federal Campaign is the federal government's only authorized workplace solicitation of donations. Military and civilian employees choose which charity or charities they elect to support and can make straight donations or set up payroll deductions.

In 2003, DoD raised \$13 million for the campaign—\$1.5 million more than the agency's goal. This year officials set a goal of \$12.1 million, and Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz said he believes the de-

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Stricter safety regs for two-wheeled traffic

MASTER SGT. LESLI J. COAKLEY
Public Affairs Chief

Like runners and joggers during the hours of darkness, bicycle riders must also pay heed to the same regulations, especially when it comes to reflective gear.

"I'm not going to wait until someone gets injured before we start getting smart," said Col. Michael A. Dyer, commanding officer. "What we are doing here is to prevent people from getting injured."

"During the day, riders should wear brightly colored clothing," said Master Sgt. Eric Drummond, operations chief, Station Provost Marshal's Office. "During the night, individuals need to wear a reflective garment, either a belt or a vest, that is visible from the front and back."

The hours of darkness are 30 minutes before sunrise and 30 minutes after sunset.

Every bicycle, when in use at nighttime, should be equipped with a light on the front emitting a white light visible from 500 feet. The rear of the bicycle should have a red reflector or red light which is visible from 100 to 600 feet so that the bicycle is visible to oncoming traffic.

Riders who do not follow the safety guidelines will receive a minor offense report through their sponsor's chain of command, according to Drummond.

"If the incident is repeated, more drastic measures will be taken, such as impounding the bicycle. We realize we could be taking away a person's only mode of transportation by



Cpl. Anthony D. Pike

Lance Cpl. Everett Caldwell of the Staff Judge Advocate's office demonstrates appropriate reflective gear for night time bike riding. Riders are only required to wear a reflective belt.

sonnel must also present the bicycle being registered and an approved safety helmet and locking device. Approved safety helmets American National Standards Institute (ANSI) or Memorial Foundation (SNELL). Look for these symbols when purchasing a helmet.

Once a bicycle is registered, it can only be de-registered through a bill of sale or proper disposal through the Station recycling center. Personnel will not be allowed to check out of the Pass and Registration office without these documents.

Other important safety tips for Station bicycle riders are riding in single file and riding with the direction of traffic in the appropriate bicycle lane.

doing this, so we urge everyone to comply so that it will not have to come to that," added Drummond.

Upon arrival at the Station or upon purchase of a bicycle, residents are required to register their bicycle with the Vehicle Registration Office. Required documents to register a bicycle are receipt/bill of sale or shipping document. A signed affidavit can substitute these documents and can be obtained from the Vehicle Registration Office. Along with the required documents, per-

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Area park entertains all ages

Hachigamine park offers activities and attractions for the young and the young at heart. *Page 4*

Friendly competition unites

Japanese and American forces square off at Penny Lake in friendly softball game. *Page 11*

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Long distance rates drop for Station residents

COL. DAVID REVERE
Combat Correspondent

As of Oct. 1, Kokusai Denshin Denwa International became the only long distance telephone carrier available to Station residents.

The global telephone service was recently awarded an exclusive contract here, making them the sole provider for international and domestic long distance services aboard the Station.

In accordance with the new contract, the rate for long distance calls to the United States has been reduced from six to five Yen per minute. The rates for calls to cellular phones have been reduced from 17 to 13 Yen per minute.

All access to Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Communications trunks have been blocked.

"The immediate benefit for Air Station residents is reduced rates for international and domestic long distance

calls," said Chief Warrant Officer Chad H. La Suer, Station telephone officer. "Advantages that will be coming in the near future include a new format for unofficial bills, improved quality on calls to cellular phones, a new method of direct inward dialing and a decrease in the time it takes us to produce an accurate bill after disconnecting a telephone."

Some Station residents see the change as beneficial.

"I think it's a good thing as long as they are making a good deal for us," said Staff Sgt. Anthony R. Watts, freight staff noncommissioned officer in charge, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron. "They're giving us a rate that is competitive to whatever is out there on the market."

La Suer said the decision to consolidate to one long distance carrier came after years of trying out other options.

"Years ago, the Air Station decided to give Japanese carriers the opportu-

nity to conduct business aboard (Marine Corps Air Station) Iwakuni," he said. "The intent was that the competition between the companies would lower rates for our residents. This competition drove the rates down so far that it started to become unprofitable for the carriers to operate."

La Suer said the small size of the Station made it impractical to support so many carriers.

"The only option that wouldn't cost the Air Station a significant amount of money was to select a single carrier," he said.

Although the arrangement has undercut competition, KDDI will continue to offer residents a rate comparable to any other major long distance plan.

"One of our high priorities being stationed overseas is calling home," said Watts. "They are offering a reasonable

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Enjoy new experiences

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Erma Bombeck told this very interesting story, "In church the other Sunday, I was intent on a small child who was turning around smiling at everyone. He wasn't gurgling, spitting, humming, kicking, tearing the hymnals or rummaging through his mother's handbag. He was just smiling. Finally, his mother jerked him about and in a stage whisper that could be heard in a little theater off Broadway said, "Stop grinning! You're in a church!" With that, she gave him a belt on his hind side and as the tears rolled down his cheeks added, "that's better," and returned to her prayers.

I wanted to grab this child with the tear-stained face close to me and tell him about my God. The happy God, the smiling God, the God who had to have a sense of humor to have created the likes of us."

I think of this story when I reflect upon life in general and life here on base. Sometimes it seems as we hurry about from meeting to meeting, from picking up children to running through the aisles of the commissary so

intent on our task at hand that we forget to enjoy the experience.

I'm not saying that it is a cake walk to do all the activities that work, family life, even social engagements present, but in a way we are in God's church - his open air church every moment of our life and he has to be saying, "lighten up a bit!"

I'm writing this article first and foremost for myself since I'm the greatest offender. I am at ease and enjoying life only when I think it is permitted and usually that is during my free time and even then I'm directed by my own schedule. I'm still

trying to find the secret of living life, as I know God wants me to.

St. Irenaeus, who lived in the second century A.D. said, "The glory of God is man fully alive". That is one of my favorite quotes since it reflects not only what God wants but also the goal of our life. It is interesting to note that St. Irenaeus suffered a martyr's death but with a philosophy like his he must have gone down rejoicing. I know that I need to remind myself each day to embrace what is before me with great joy and when I forget I will only display to others that MCAS IS NO PLACE FOR JOY!



SEMPERTOONS BY STAFFSGT. CHARLES WOLE, JR.

MAN ON THE STREET

What do you do to relax?



"I hang out with my friends, play pool or video games and watch television to relax."

Sgt. Ronald Bushue
Mobile Calibration Complex 1
Microwave Supervisor



"I like to go home and spend a nice afternoon with my family. Nothing relaxes me more."

Staff Sgt. Charles Fisher
Headquarters and Headquarters
Squadron
S-4 Chief



"I go somewhere to be by myself with a cup of coffee in my hands."

Rianne Graves-Lock
Dependant

October is 'Domestic Violence Awareness Month'

MARINE CORPS COMMUNITY SERVICES
Press Release

Domestic Violence Awareness Month was started by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence. The first Domestic Violence Awareness Month was observed in October 1987 with the purpose of raising awareness and empowering battered women and their children and to eliminate violence in their lives.

Domestic violence is a national problem with far-reaching effects in our communities, work places, and schools. Within the military community, everyone shares in the responsibility of helping to make a safer, violence-free environment for our families. Although October is the month we highlight the issue of domestic violence, we must continue our efforts to minimize and eliminate it throughout the year. We also urge those currently experiencing violence within their families to immediately seek

appropriate intervention and treatment services.

Domestic Violence is an offense under U.S. law, U.S. state law and under the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ). In the Marine Corps, it is defined as "the use, attempted use, or threatened use of force or violence against a person of the opposite sex, or the violation of a lawful order issued for the protection of a person of the opposite sex, who is: a current or former spouse, a person with whom the abuser shares a child in common, or a current or former intimate partner with whom the abuser shares or has shared a common domicile."

Domestic violence can be physical, sexual, or psychological in nature. It can also include intentional damage to another person's property.

Types of abuse include:

Physical: Use of physical force to intimidate, control, or force a person to do something against his or her will.

Pushing, slapping, choking, punching, hair pulling, kicking, biting, and hitting with objects or using knives, firearms, or other weapons are examples of physical violence.

Sexual: Forcing someone to engage in any sexual activity through the use of physical violence, intimidation, the explicit or implicit threat of future violence or abuse if the offender's advances are refused is sexual violence.

Property Violence: Property damage can be used as a means to scare or intimidate. It includes breaking or damaging cherished possessions, putting a fist or foot through a wall or door, throwing food, breaking dishes, damaging automobiles, and etc.

Psychological or Emotional Violence: This involves explicit or implicit threats of violence; extreme controlling behaviors; extreme jealousy; name calling; isolating behavior; and threats to children, family, or pets. This definition is not intended to cover the occasional

individual acts of emotional abuse common in many marriages. Rather, it covers extreme emotional abuse that causes trauma and risk to the victim that prevents the victim from adequately caring for self and children.

Marine and Family Counseling Services is constantly striving to prevent all forms of domestic violence here in Iwakuni. During Domestic Violence Awareness Month, we focus our efforts to increase community awareness toward the prevention of domestic violence through the following events:

Domestic Violence Awareness Month Information Table: Come and learn what you can do to prevent domestic violence. Marine and Family Counseling Services staff will have informational handouts, books, and videos available on display regarding domestic violence. Every Wednesday, from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Food Court/

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Enlisted Griffins receive combat aircrew insignia

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CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. — As the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable) headed toward the United States aboard the amphibious assault ships of the WASP Expeditionary Strike Group, most of the unit's Marines and Sailors were looking ahead to their long-awaited reunions with family and friends.

However, the MEU's aviation combat element, Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 266 (Reinforced), took the time also to look back on their combat service in Afghanistan.

In a ceremony in the WASP's hanger bay, 52 Marines and Sailors were awarded the Combat Aircrew Insignia (CAI).

Anti-coalition militia learned first hand how sharp the claws of the Fighting Griffins were during the 3,600 hours of combat flight time HMM-266 amassed during their tour in Afghanistan.

Stars on the combat air crewman wings designate how many flight hours or sorties the Marine has flown. For the Griffins to earn their stars, each crewman had to fly 15 hours of combat flight hours or conduct

11 combat sorties per star. Marines can wear up to three stars on their wings, though if the Marine earns more, the stars are kept in his record.

Their time in the air has only made them more prepared for whatever mission the Griffins have ahead of them.

"It's really good experience for me because being in the Navy and being a corpsman, I really wasn't into the flying thing," said Petty Officer 3rd Class Christopher White, of Indianapolis, Ind., one of several corps-

men who earned their CAI. "It's an experience a lot of corpsmen don't get to have."

Whether flying to drop Marines off in search of anti-coalition militia or picking up supplies in support of activities in Task Force Linebacker's area of operations, HMM-266 (Rein) aircraft were continually in danger of small arms fire and rocket-propelled grenades (RPGs).

The crew chiefs, aerial observers and corpsmen of the squadron had to remain on their toes whenever they went "wheels up."

"Every day we flew, there was something new," said Sgt. Kenneth Mathews, a CH-53E Super Stallion aerial observer form Parksley, Va., who personally accrued 120 hours of combat flight time. "We were always on high alert."

The Griffins flew over 2,800 combat sorties in Afghanistan, performing troop and cargo transportation as well as providing escort and air cover for Marines on the ground.

Among the CAI recipients were two search-and-rescue corpsmen attached to the MEU Command Element. For a complete list of those awarded the CAI, visit <http://www.usmc.mil/22ndmeu/Profiles-of-Courage.htm>.

In addition to HMM-266 and the MEU Command Element, the 22nd MEU Battalion Landing Team 1st Battalion, 6th Marines and MEU Service Support Group 22.

For more information on the 22nd MEU, visit the unit's web site at <http://www.22meu.usmc.mil>.



Sgt. Matt Preston

An enlisted fight crewman from Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 266 (Reinforced) receives a badge denoting the awarding of the Combat Aircrew Insignia for his service with the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable) during combat operations in Afghanistan, April to July 2004.

NEWS BRIEFS

POST OFFICE CLOSURE

Due to the Columbus Day holiday, Post Office hours for the weekend will be as follows; Saturday open from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. for parcel pick up only, closed Sunday and Monday, and resuming normal operations Tuesday.

MALS-12 HAUNTED HOUSE

Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12 is hosting its annual haunted house from Oct. 28-31, at the old MAG/Headquarters building.

MARINE CORPS BALL

Tickets for the Nov. 4-6 Marine Corps Balls are on sale at the Staff NCO cash cage. The Ball will be held at the IronWorks Gym and will feature a dinner. Marines are reminded to get their uniforms altered early, alterations take 10 days and no rush orders will be accepted.

MAMMO VAN VISIT

A mobile test facility for mammograms will be aboard the Station Oct. 20-23. Women more than 40 are encouraged to have an annual mammogram. Patient appointments will start at 9 a.m. Oct. 21 and 22. Oct. 23 will be used for follow up appointments. To schedule an appointment, contact Branch Medical Clinic at 253-5571.

Local children's park offers activities for young and old alike

STORY AND PHOTOS BY
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A short drive from the Air Station and up the side of a mountain, residents can find a breathtaking view of the local area and a serene setting to enjoy some family fun time.

Hachigamine park is located on a hilltop about 20 minutes away from MCAS Iwakuni along route 2.

Getting to the park is reminiscent of driving through the Colorado Rockies with its steep drives and winding curves. But, the climb is worth the view and the attractions offered at Hachigamine.

The main ticket area is located next



This dinosaur rules over the several prehistoric creatures on display at Hachigamine park.

to several cages featuring cockatiels, monkeys, rabbits and peacocks. The rabbit cage allows youngsters the opportunity to get hands on with the furry creatures. There is a picnic area next to an ice cream stand and coin-operated riding cars for the very young.

To the right of the main office is a tram that takes potential sliders on a short ride for a windy slide down the mountainside. There is no physical ticket for this ride, but each slider must get a cardboard "seat" for the slide and, working on the honor system, each seat is good for three rides. Each seat costs 300 yen. This slide is not like any children's slide found in the States. This slide is made entirely of rollers, similar to what airports use to convey luggage. The rider controls the speed of the slide and at times can get some good wind.

From the slide, park visitors can stroll past the fish pond to an obstacle course which winds its way back up



This youngster comes to a sliding halt after scooting down the mountain side.



One of the obstacles at Hachigamine is a rope climb up the side of the mountain.

the hill side and down again. There are roughly twenty obstacles that can be negotiated with picture displays telling the challenger how to accomplish them. This course is similar to a Marine Corps obstacle course, but with many more obstacles. Challengers must be at least 8 years old and it is highly recommended that an adult accompany them.

Across the street from the slide and obstacle course, are



These kids climb out of one of the obstacles at Hachigamine.

the dinosaur park, train station and ferris wheel. Dinosaur park has a variety of prehistoric creatures that children can climb on or in. Be careful, these dinosaurs sometimes talk.

Towering high above the dinosaurs and perched on a clearing is the ferris wheel. This slow-moving wheel takes riders up in the air for another stunning view of the Iwakuni and surrounding areas for 300 yen per person. Another opportunity to soak up the surrounding water views is the train ride, which takes approximately five minutes, and is located near the dinosaur park.

Located slightly downhill from dinosaur park are camping sites and barbecue pits. These sites can be rented over night or for a daytime picnic. There are many other activities at Hachigamine, such as a playground, tire and rope climbing and a horse stable. For directions, visit MCCS.

Ramadan: a month of religious dedication

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October comes and Americans start to think of Halloween and the upcoming holidays. For more than one billion Muslims worldwide, including eight million in North America, it is a time of fasting, prayer and reflection as they celebrate the holy month of Ramadan.

Since Islam uses a lunar calendar, the exact dates of Ramadan change each year. This year, it begins on Oct. 16, in North America.

Ramadan commemorates Allah revealing the first verses of the Qur'an, the holy book of Islam, to the prophet Muhammad. (Allah is what Muslims call God, which is the same one Christians and Jewish people worship.)

Consequently, at many mosques during this month, about one-thirtieth of the Qur'an is recited each night along with the evening prayers.

The most important part of Ramadan is fasting from dawn to dusk and is mandatory for all adult Muslims who are healthy and sane. During daylight hours, Muslims cannot eat, drink or smoke. The sick, pregnant women and children are not required to fast. Also during daylight hours, Muslims must abstain from sexual activity.

The day starts with a meal eaten before the sun rises. After sunset and evening prayers, the fast is broken with another meal. The evening meal usually begins with dates and fruit juice for quick energy.

The relevance of fasting is reflecting on one's life and devotion to Islam. The idea is that refusing food and water gives people sympathy for those who are poor and cannot afford food. It also gives people a reason to appreciate what Allah gave them.

Attitude and actions during the fast are just as important as abstaining from food and drink. People are to fast with the idea of self-reflection and improvement of themselves and dedication to their

faith. Lying or fasting for the wrong reasons invalidates the Ramadan observance.

Furthermore, during this time, many Muslims focus on the five pillars of Islam: profession of faith, prayer, giving to charity, fasting during Ramadan and a pilgrimage to Mecca. Therefore, most Muslims tend to give more to charity than usual during Ramadan. Many believe they have a special obligation to share their good fortune with the poor and make contributions to mosques.

Ramadan ends with the feast of Eid al-Fitr, one of the two most important Islamic celebrations. The other one is the Haji, a pilgrimage to Mecca. This year Eid al-Fitr, which literally means "the festival of breaking the fast" is on Nov 14th. For this festival, people dress in their finest clothes, decorate their homes and give children treats as well as visiting friends.

This article was compiled from various sources and information from the Internet.

'Vipers' employ 'BRITE Star' in Iraq

STORY AND PHOTOS BY
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AL ASAD, Iraq — Marines here with Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 169, Marine Aircraft Group 16, are flying some of their Vietnam-era aircraft with state-of-the-art technology.

Designed to be mounted on a variety of aircraft, the high-performance BRITE Star thermal imaging and laser designator system is giving the 'Vipers' another weapon for their arsenal.



Mounted just under the nose of a Huey helicopter at Al Asad, Iraq, the BRITE Star thermal imaging and laser designation system allows the UH-1N to support a variety of imaging and targeting missions, particularly laser designating for Hellfire missiles.

A next-generation airborne laser targeting system, the BRITE Star platform was designed by its creators to surpass the abilities of its predecessor, the Star small-arms fire system.

"The BRITE Star is basically an upgraded Star SAFIRE (Forward Looking Infrared) system with laser designating and range finder capability," said Chief Warrant Officer 2 Michael W. Reed, maintenance officer, HMLA-169. "It has a larger field of view and is remotely operated from inside the cockpit."

Unlike the UH-1N Huey's gunship weapons mounted to the sides of the helicopter, the BRITE Star's turret FLIR unit sits more inconspicuously under the nose of the Huey. Reed, a Marine of 19 years from Murrietta, Calif., said unlike the Star SAFIRE, BRITE Star has a regular camera screen image and a main bore sight module that automatically aligns the thermal imager and TV sensors to the laser, whether in flight or on the ground.

"The laser designator and range



Chief Warrant Officer 2 Michael W. Reed, maintenance officer, Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 169, shows off the remote control for the BRITE Star thermal imaging and laser designation system aboard one of the squadron's UH-1N Huey helicopters at Al Asad, Iraq.

finder is fully compatible with different codes and will designate for a variety of (aircraft)," said Reed. "In range finder mode the eye-safe laser is capable of providing accurate range-to-target information."

Since arriving in Iraq in August, the 'Vipers' have fitted four UH-1Ns with BRITE Star.

Technicians with FLIR Systems, Inc., makers of Star SAFIRE and BRITE Star, helped HMLA-169 with the installation of the units and have

worked in coordination with the Marines to resolve any maintenance issues.

Relatively new to the Iraq area of operations, BRITE Star's true potential has yet to be achieved, though it has provided the Marines with added resources.

"The biggest advantage of the BRITE Star is its capability to laser designate for Hellfire missiles which greatly helps us accomplish our mission," said Reed.

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rate to make that possible. They are making it affordable to use their service. Their concern with our well-being is to the customer's best interest."

Contact the telephone office at 253-5555 for a complete list of rates to all countries.

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partment will again exceed its goal.

In a short speech at today's kickoff ceremony, Wolfowitz likened donating to CFC to the work American service members are doing overseas. Both, he said, are forms of selfless service.

"(Service members and civil servants) are helping people today, par-

ticularly in Afghanistan and Iraq, on a truly heroic scale," Wolfowitz said. "While our armed forces serve us so faithfully, the charities of the Combined Federal Campaign give gifts of education, nutrition and other life-giving support to those who need it most."

The deputy secretary said it's important to note that most of the charities that responded to the tragedies of

Sept. 11, 2001, are part of the Combined Federal Campaign. Likewise, he said, so are the charities that are providing humanitarian relief in hurricane-damaged sections of the southeastern United States.

"CFC organizations are once again making a huge difference in helping people put their lives back together," he said.

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Crossroads Mall Hallway.

Purple Ribbon Campaign

Show your active support for the prevention of domestic violence by receiving the Purple Ribbon, the symbol for Domestic Violence Awareness. Ribbons will be passed out around the community all month.

Violence and Teen Dating Class

If you are a teen, you can learn how and why abusive relationships can happen to any teen. Don't be one of them! Come and join us on Tuesday, October

19 from 5 p.m. at the Teen Center.

Display Table at the Library

Visit the station library to learn what informational resources are available. We will have a domestic violence prevention display table set up at the library during the month of October.

"What's love got to do with it?"

A movie based on the life of Tina Turner shows how this superstar survived a violent, abusive relationship and overcame it. She shares her triumph to give hope for others who still suffer. Watch this movie on the "big screen" in 5.1 channel surround sound and

stay for the discussion afterward with us on October 15 and 29 from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. in Building 411, Classroom 217.

The purple ribbon is the symbol for domestic violence awareness and prevention. You may obtain a ribbon at the Marine and Family Counseling Services Office, Building 411, Room 210 or at the Information Table every Wednesday in October. This year's MCHQ theme is *Healthy Home Peace of Mind*. Let's all show our support for *Healthy Home Peace of Mind*. Please call 253-4526 for details on the above events.



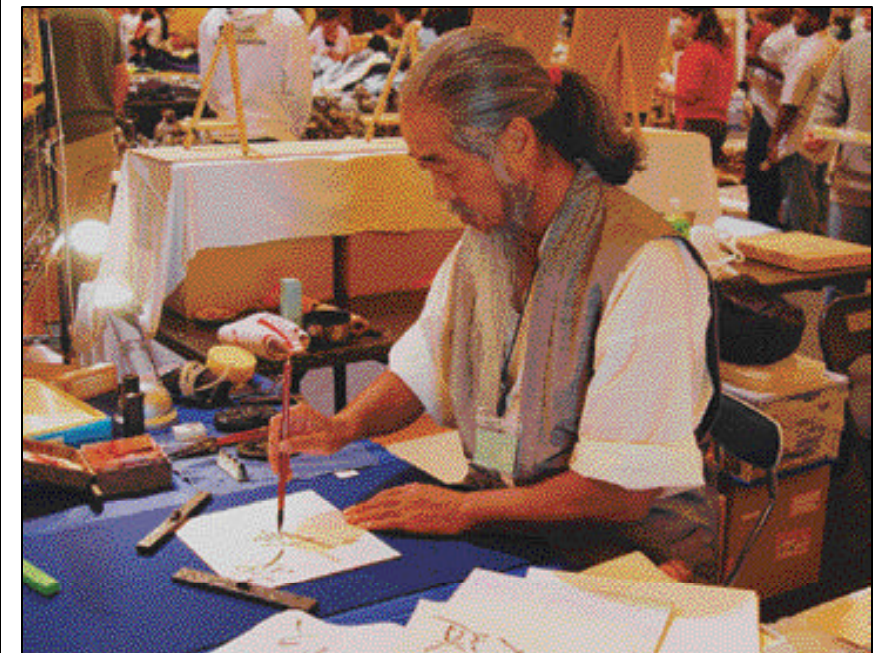
Petty Officer 1st Class Charles Dukes, VFA 97, aviation ordnanceman, checks out sake sets at the bazaar.



Figurines and furniture from around the orient were all at the bazaar for shoppers to chose from.



Cpl. Precious Fair and Sgt. Dwayne Dow, both of the air terminal, shop at the Mac Dome trying to find the right gift.



Hikaru Hachiyo makes personalized kanji signs for the bazaar goers.



Cynthia O'Donnell helps pack up a new gift as a volunteer working at the Mac Dome.

Buying gifts at the Fall Bazaar

STORY AND PHOTOS BY
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Combat Correspondent

Merchants from all over the Far East gathered here for the spring and fall annual bazaar Oct. 1-3, offering Station residents a chance to buy furniture, carpets and souvenirs all under one roof.

In addition to all the vendors that Marine Corps Community Services brought to the Station, weary shoppers had a place to fill their appetite with a food stand set up by MCCS.

Marine Corps Community Services gathered vendors from around the Pacific for Station residents to have an opportunity to purchase gifts for friends and family, according to Pete Bengtson, MCCS, services officer. The vendors chosen are selected based on how well shoppers enjoyed the items offered from former bazaars, new vendors are also given the chance to display their items to Iwakuni

shoppers, and to be invited back to future bazaars.

The bazaar was once again held in the Mac Dome, allowing for all the vendors to set up and display their best products to the Iwakuni community.

"I love it," said Matthew C. Perry teacher Heather Kunath. "It's so nice to see a cultivation of everything here. It has been my first chance to see the different cultures and genres. It's great they can do this here."

Along with make shopping convenient, the Fall Bazaar also saves Station residents the time of running around to all the different locations.

"Imagine what it would cost to travel around the states to shop for this," said Kunath. "There are a lot of good gifts. The (kanji) drawing is just a perk."

The kanji drawing is a personalized Kanji design and is made while shoppers continue looking for the perfect gift. A quick stop at the Kanji artist booth featuring Hikaru Hachiyo, and shoppers have a unique and customized gift for their house or as gifts.

Other shoppers agreed about the convenience of having everything in one place.

"This is great and its saving me from running all over," said Petty Officer 1st Class Lori Summers, Navy Fighter Attack Squadron 97, store keeper. "It's very eclectic with the collection of everything all right here."

Station residents volunteered their time to make the event a success, and the shoppers noticed their effort. "Everybody in there is great," said Summers. "They are working with us and making it enjoyable. This has probably been the best stop on our deployment."

All the money made from the bazaar is returned to the Station residents, according to Bengtson.

"It all goes back to the Station," said Bengtson. "Every dollar goes to take care of events here like the free concerts that we offer. We also use the money to maintain what we already have and to purchase new items such as basketballs for the gym."



Hundreds of shoppers packed the Mac Dome over the weekend to find the perfect gift.

Station residents venture into town to ... Step up to the mic with Karaoke

STORY AND PHOTOS BY
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Many things come with being stationed in Japan; for some this means seeing a new culture, tasting new foods and trying out local customs.

One thing that most nightclubs around the Station offer is karaoke, singing the words to your favorite songs.

Karaoke began in Japan about 30 years ago, and many point to Kobe as the birth place. The word karaoke itself is the combination of two Japanese words of "karappo" and "okesutura," which means empty orchestra.

Karaoke began as a way for Japanese businessmen to relax after a long day at work. Over the years the popularity has spread to women and children, and to many other nations including the United States.



Karaoke is as popular with women as it is with men here in Japan.

Many Station residents have started to karaoke and enjoy the thrill of singing.

"It's fun," said Lance Cpl. Ricky Henson, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, postal clerk. "It's something to do to pass the time while you are out here, I enjoy it a lot."

Singing karaoke is not only fun to do, it also allows some to live out their dreams of stardom, if only for one song at a time. "I always wanted to be a singer," Henson said. "It allows me to live my dream, it doesn't mean I am good though. I get to make a fool of myself while I am doing it."

The new joy of karaoke



Two Marines from the Station laugh as they walk off the stage after singing Karaoke.

singing has left him wanting to take this custom back home with him, or at least back on Station.

"You can't find karaoke bars anywhere back home," said Henson. "It would be nice if we had one on base, it could save us money and time spent traveling out in town to find a karaoke bar."



Lance Cpl. Ricky Henson, H&HS, postal clerk, sings Heaven by Brian Adams at one of the Karaoke bars off base.



Knowing the words to the songs are not important at Karaoke bars. TVs display the words and highlight them at the right time.



OUT THE GATE

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

Kusunoki Firework Festival

A festival will be held Sunday, starting at 12 p.m. at Kusunoki Hiroba Field. A flea market, a miniature steam locomotive run, performances by a brass band and Japanese drums, a magic show and more are scheduled. Fireworks display starts at 7:30 p.m. The festival may be postponed to the following day in

case of inclement weather. Call 43-4338 for more details.

Miyajima Osunayaki Festival

This festival will be held around JR Miyajimaguchi train station Oct. 17, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be booths, games, tea ceremonies, concerts, and more. The local elementary school students, who study English, will stand by in order to help English speaking visitors. Call 0829-55-3111 for more information.

Iwakuni City Bus Tour

There will be a bus tour visiting Joie Temple and Furukuma Shrine

in Yamaguchi City, and Tokusa for apple picking Nov. 14, 8 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. An admission is required. Call Public Affairs Office, Yukie Wada at 253-5344 for more information.

Japanese Classical Music Performance

Visitors can enjoy the performance at Seifukan building, Shukkeien Park in Hiroshima Sunday, starting at 10:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. The park opens 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission is required. It is not cancelled in case of rain. For further information, call 082-221-3620.

TORII TELLER CLASSIFIED ADS

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

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

AUTOMOBILES

Mazda Cappella, 1996, 4 door, midsize, P/S, P/B, P/W, cold A/C, runs great, blue, JCI until 2006, \$1,700. Call Ruben at 253-3009 dwh or 090-7506-7978.

Nissan Skyline, 1991, 2 door, black, automatic, sports exhaust, HKS blow off valve, Apexi air intake air filter, engine mount bar, Hicas 4 wheel steering, Momo sports steering wheel, A/C, P/W, engine timer, Kenwood CD/stereo, JCI until July 2006, \$2,800 obo. Call Leroy at 253-5509 dwh or 090-6438-0685.

Mazda Senita, 1991, full size sedan, good condi-

tion, radio/CD player, JCI until June 2005, \$1,1400. Call LCpl. Murphy at 253-4510 dwh or 253-7233 awb or 090-6012-9606.

OTHER ITEMS

Misc., Beauty Rest twin mattress with box spring, 1 year old, \$100; large natural wood microwave cart, \$75. Call evenings at 253-2355.

Misc., Nikon N90S camera body, \$460 obo. Call Dave at 253-3428 dwh or 21-7957.

Misc., Spalding Alliance golf club set, golf bag and golf cart, \$50. Call Jim Davis at 253-3705 dwh or 0834-88-2551 awb.

WANTED

Bike Trailer
Bike trailer for two children, good condition. Call Samantha Hauser at 253-3363 dwh or 253-2081 awb.

JOB OPENINGS

Chaplains Office (253-6460)
(The following jobs are open at the Marine Memorial Chapel)
-Gospel Choir Director
-Non-Denominational Music Director

CHRO (253-6828)
Human Resources Office is currently accepting applications for the following positions. For additional information and appropriate forms, con-

tact CHRO, Building 1 Room 104.

MCCS:
-Supervisory Education Services Specialist

Logistics:
-Supply Management Officer

Facilities:
-Interdisciplinary Engineer

S-6:
-Information Technology Specialist

Clinic:
-Electronic Technician

DECA:
-Sales Store Checker (Intermittent)

-Store Worker (Part-time)
-Teller

MCCS (253-3030)

(The following jobs are open at MCCS Personnel)
MCCS Job Listing:

-Sales Associate/Cashier, (Main Complex)

-Senior Sales Associate/Cashier, (Main Complex)

-Senior Sales Associate, Sound Shop

-Procurement Assistant (Merchandising)

-Retail Area Supervisor, civilian only (Main Complex)

-School Lunch Supervisor, all sources (School Cafeteria)

-Recreation Assistant (Outdoor Recreation), (Health Promotion)

-Operations Assistant, all sources (SMP)

Continuously Open Jobs (FT, PT, FLX)

Business Operations Division

Retail Branch:

-Laborer

-Sales Clerk

-Store Worker

-Food Service Worker, (Auto Mini Mart)

Food & Hospitality:
-ID Checker

-Waiter/Waitress
-Food Service Worker
Services Branch:

-Car Rental/Service Station Attendant

-Car/Washer/Laborer

-Recreation Attendant

Marine and Family Service Division

Library Branch:

-Library Aid

-Library Technician

Child Development Center/School Age Care Branch:

-Program Assistant

-Operations Assistant

Youth/Teen Center Branch:

-Recreation Attendant

-Operations Assistant

Semper Fit Division

Athletics Branch:
-Recreation Attendant

-Lifeguard

SMP, Sakura Theater Branch:

-Recreation Attendant

Health Promotions Branch:
-Recreation Attendant

Go to www.mccs.wakuni.com for a complete job listing.

SAKURA THEATER



OPEN WATER

A couple goes on a scuba diving expedition when on vacation, but they accidentally get left behind to fend for themselves in shark-infested waters (79 minutes)



WITHOUT A PADDLE

Three young guys go into the Oregon wilderness in search of lost treasure. They take a canoe up river and everything that can go wrong does go wrong. Hunted by two backwoods farmers, they encounter death-defying rapids, tree-hugging hippie chicks and a crazy old mountain man played by Burt Reynolds. (95 minutes)



LADDER 49

Trapped in a fire that looks likely to kill him, a fireman takes the opportunity to look back over his life, career and marriage, while he waits for his company, Ladder 49, to rescue him, if they can. (115 minutes)

FRIDAY

7 p.m. Exorcist: The Beginning (R)
10 p.m. Open Water (R)

SATURDAY

1 p.m. Yu-Gi-Oh (PG)
4 p.m. Without A Paddle (PG-13)
7 p.m. Exorcist: The Beginning (R)
10 p.m. Open Water (R)

SUNDAY

4 p.m. Ladder 49 (PG-13)
7 p.m. Exorcist: The Beginning (R)

MONDAY

7 p.m. Ladder 49 (PG-13)

TUESDAY

7 p.m. Without A Paddle (PG-13)

WEDNESDAY

7 p.m. Open Water (R)

THURSDAY

7 p.m. Little Black Book (PG-13)

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

EDUCATION

Test Schedule
Tuesdays/Fridays - CLEP, DSSST
Wednesday -SAT
Thursday -ACT
October 20 -DLAB
October 21 -DLPT
October 27 -ASVAB
October 28 -EDPT
 For more information call 253-3855.

HEALTHCARE

Anger Management Seminar
 Every Tuesday, 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. until Oct. 26. Call 253-4526 to sign-up.

Stress Management Seminar
 Wednesday, 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Class is in Building 411 room 217. Call 253-4526 to sign-up.

MCCS

CRMC Classes (253-6439)
Ten Steps To Federal Employment: Wednesday, 9-11 a.m.
Basic Resume Writing: Thursday, 1-3 p.m.
Teaching English Tips: Thursday, 1-2:30 p.m.

Club Iwakuni
Band Ki: Theory: Oct. 16 in the Club Iwakuni Ballroom. Free for all the Station residents and their guests. Doors open at 8 p.m. Show starts at 9 p.m. Call 253-3727 for more details.

MCX (253-5641)
Fall Savings Sale: Tuesday through Oct. 24. Purchase discount hooded jackets, Nautica jeans and more.

Single Marine Program
 (253-3585)

Sasebo Trip: Saturday, 7 a.m. \$20 transportation. Bring extra yen for snacks and extra cash for shopping.
Kudamatsu Kenko Ice Skating: Oct. 16, 10 a.m. \$10 transportation. Bring extra yen for lunch and skate rental.

School Age Center (253-4769)
Power Hour Party: Today, 4-5 p.m. Come party with us and discuss your successes.
Torch Club Meeting & Registration: Wednesday, 4-5 p.m. Open to all youth age 9 to 12. Let's gather ideas and make our youth program better than ever. This meeting takes place at the Youth & Teen Center.

Youth & Teen Center (253-6454)
Samurai Keystone Meeting: Every Friday, 5-7 p.m. Interested teenagers are invited to join a committee to plan events for the Teen Program.

MCFTB (253-3754)
Prevention Relationship Enrichment Program: Oct. 27-28, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Open to engaged and married Station residents, and their fiancé(e)s. The free workshop is a designated alternate workplace for military and MCCS employees, led by trained PREP instructors. To reserve seats, call the Chaplain office at 253-5218. The Chap-

lains office is also offering training Oct. 20-22 for anyone who is interested in facilitating a PREP workshop.

Troops/Spouse To Teachers Briefing

A general brief about teaching opportunities will be given at the Sakura Theater today, 8:30 a.m. An afternoon session devoted to meetings with the representatives will be given today, 1 p.m. in the Marine & Family Services Building. All SOFA status individuals are invited. Call 253-3855 for details or to sign-up.

University Of Maryland

Term II registration begins Tuesday through Oct. 22. Students must take a placement exam prior to registering for math and English. Course offerings include Speech, Economics, Statistics and Psychology. For a complete schedule stop by Community Services Building 411 or call 253-3494 for more information.

Latin Dance Classes

Every Monday, 7:15-8:15 p.m. Learn the salsa and other popular dances. Classes cost \$8 and are held at the IronWorks Gym Aerobics Room. Open to the Station residents age 16 and older. Call 253-6359 for details.

Teen Reading Month

Teens are invited to read mystery books from library's collection or ones that they own. Everyone who reads will receive a

certificate, and each book read earns one chance in a drawing for a statue of Dracula, Frankenstein, or the Wolfman. Drawing will take place on Oct. 29 at the Station library. Call 253-3078 for more information.

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.



Hikaru Tatebe cracks one into left field during Saturday's softball game between Marines and the Japanese Ground Self Defense Force.

Marines slug it out with Japanese

STORY AND PHOTOS BY
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Combat Correspondent

Bats cracked and dirt flew as Marines from Combat Service Support Detachment 36 and the Provost Marshal's Office met members of the Japanese Ground Self Defense Force in softball action Saturday afternoon. But was anyone keeping score?

"Nah," said Cpl. Stan Smith, PMO senior customs inspector, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron. "It was all for fun. We know they beat our tails fair and square."

Despite the unofficial route, the Japanese expressed the utmost enthusiasm for their Marine associates.

"Our relationship began four years ago," said Capt. Teru Katayama, JGSDF 46th infantry regiment commander. "We have done training together, so this is a process of understanding each other."

Katayama said he would like to



Steven Coates charges towards home base during an early rally.

continue to hold sporting events like this, giving the rest of the 46th a chance to stomp the Marines.

"We hope in the future we can do something like this again," affirmed Capt. Michael F. Mastria, CSSD-36 executive officer. "We would like to



Teru Katayama congratulates the Marines at the end of Saturday's softball game.

involve our families as well. This is just an initial icebreaker to build some camaraderie. I hope these relationships will last."

Mastria and team stuck to a solid formula for building those relationships: baseball.

"We do bilateral training, so it's good to meet each other socially and know each other in something other than a military setting," said Lt. Col.

James Gannon, CSSD-36 commanding officer. "We have some fun, and it's good team building."

Though competition and team building occurred, fun was the bottom line, according to Gannon.

"It's just some fun Saturday afternoon softball," he said.

"It's all about the camaraderie between the JGSDF and the United States Marines stationed in Iwakuni," Smith echoed.

"These guys are going to go home and tell everyone how they stomped the Marines in softball."

But does the score really matter in a game where prizes were awarded for the team clowns?

Smith, who exchanged competitive banter with the Japanese throughout the game, was chosen as the funniest American player.

"It was a good time had by all," summed Smith.

"I really look forward to doing something like this again."

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.



Cpl. Anthony D. Pike

Going defensive with Marine Corps Martial Arts Program

Cpl. Adam Lozano, black belt instructor, demonstrates making two points of contact to counter a strike in his grey belt Marine Corps Martial Arts Class.

IWAKUNI SPORTS SCENE

WRESTLING CLINIC

A wrestling clinic will be held Tuesday and Wednesday, 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the IronWorks Gym sports court 2. Call 253-6035 for details.

GYMNASTIC CLASSES

An updated schedule of Kinderygym, Youth Gymnastics, Intermediate Gymnastics, Advanced Gymnastics, and Mommy/Daddy & Me (for parents with 2 to 4-year-old children) classes are available at the IronWorks Gym. Call Karen Francis at 253-3696 or visit the gym.

YOUTH CHEERLEADING & FLAG FOOTBALL

Registration for both events is open now through Oct. 24 for \$30 at the IronWorks Gym front desk. Late registrants must contact Jamie Buning at the Youth Sports office and sign-up for \$40. Coaches for the events meet Oct. 25-26, 5 p.m. in the Wellness Room. Opening cer-

emonies are Nov. 13 at Penny Lake Field 2. Evaluations for 10 to 12-year-olds are TBA.

COLUMBUS DAY BOWLING SPECIAL

Monday, 1-9 p.m. \$1 games at the Bowling Center. Call 253-4657 for further information.

CHILI SLIP-N-SLIDE SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

Sample some great chili and enjoy a softball tournament. Ball and chili fans compete, Nov. 6, at Penny Lake Field. Participants in the chili contest need not play ball to enter. Both contests are open to the Station residents and family members. Softball players must be at least 16-years-old; those younger than 18-years-old need written parental consent. Softball coaches meet Oct. 19, 9 a.m. in the IronWorks Gym. Call 253-5777 to sign-up.

Going fore par

STORY AND PHOTOS BY
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Combat Correspondent



Jesús Portillo, VMAQ-1, tees off at the 17th hole at Torii Pines Golf Course.

With gentle breezes and overcast skies, Iwakuni's quietest athletes drove, chipped and putted for a chance to be crowned this year's fall individual stroke champion at Torii Pines golf course.

The tournament consisted of four rounds played during the last two weekends and finished Sunday morning. It featured 42 golfers in three brackets was narrowed down one winner per category.

The categories were flight "B," featuring golfers with handicaps 15 and over, flight "A," with a handicap of 10 to 14, and the championship flight of golfers with no handicap.

For their efforts, each winner won a golf bag, a gift certificate and a small trophy. Each golfer who finished the tournament was eligible for a raffle drawing, and each walked away with an invitation to play in the next tournament.

The winners in the tournament were Rod Coryer who shot six under par for flight "B," Chad George shot nine under par winning flight "A," and Isamu Nakagawa won the championship flight shooting 16 over.

"We wanted 60 golfers," said

Gary Groff, golf course manager and resident professional. "We understand that a lot of people are on deployment though."

Of the golfers present for the tournament was Isamu Nakagawa, the winner of the spring match play tournament.

"The defending champion is leading after three rounds," said Groff, while the fourth round was still underway.

Even with the defending champ holding strong, the other golfers were still able to enjoy the tournament.

"I didn't do as well as I wanted," said Jesús Portillo, Marine Electronic Warfare Squadron 1.

"But I still enjoyed playing in the tournament and being able to play under pressure of competition."

With the competition of the tournament, came the chance to meet other Iwakuni golfers.

"It's also good because you get to meet new people and talk with some of the local golfers," said Portillo.

The golf course features nine fairways that offer two tees and two greens giving it a unique approach to playing 18 holes.

"I like the course," said Portillo. "It's not typical and it presents different challenges to us."



Ryan McNeill finishes off the tournament with a short putt.



Mark Johnson watches his putt on the final hole of the tournament.