

## U.S., Republic of Korea reach agreement

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News Release

The Department of Defense announced today that after several months of close consultations, the United States and the Republic of Korea have reached final agreement regarding the June 2004 U.S. proposal to redeploy 12,500 U.S. troops from Korea.

Throughout these consultations, the United States has made clear that it remains committed to the defense of the Republic of Korea, to the security and stability of the region and to a strengthened Republic of Korea-U.S. Alliance. The future of the alliance is strong and will be adaptive to change and responsive to the needs of the Korean people.

During these consultations, the United States and South Korea fully considered the combined requirement to maintain a robust deterrent and defense capability while increasing combat capacity. Additionally, consultations considered the Korean public's perceptions regarding a potential security gap.

Specifically, the United States and the Republic of Korea agreed to the

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## Prowling Banshees snatch 3rd award

CH. ANTHONY D. PIKE  
Combat Correspondent

As a truly elite Prowler squadron, the Banshees have recently won the honor of Marine Electronic Warfare Squadron of the year, for the third year in a row.

Marine Electronic Warfare Squadron 1, deployed to Iwakuni from Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, N.C., just won the Royal N. Moore award and squadron personnel point to several factors in their success.

"The level in day to day intensity is a lot higher than in other units I have been in," said Capt. Chris Usrey, administrative officer and pilot. "The reason that I see us standing out is our attention to detail. The things that are not mission essential to us still remain a high priority for us."

Those 'things' are the basic skills of every Marine, according to the training noncommissioned officer in charge.

"I take care of all the basic skills training and make sure it gets done in time," said Cpl. Kevin Jones, training NCOIC and operations chief. "This includes physical fitness tests, marksmanship and swimming quals are all done on time."

Although it's the officers of the squadron who perform the missions in the air, it is the enlisted Marines on the ground that keep the jets flying.

"We all work side by side to make sure the jets are ready," said Jones, a Lake of the Ozarks, Mo., native. "We make sure



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all the pieces fit together."

The relationship between the officers and enlisted men of the Banshees forms the bond that makes up this elite squadron.

"The Prowler community is a tight community," said Usrey, a native of Jasper, Ala. "The (Banshees) are an exceptionally tight community. We know that we have people who will take care of us. As a result we can focus on our jobs, that is how we end up as three time winners."

"If something happens I know I can turn to somebody here in the squadron," echoed Jones.

"There are so many people I have that I can turn to for any issue."

Winning the award has been a source of pride in having the squadron's accomplishments recognized and reflects on the squadron's leadership.

"I can't be happier," said Maj. Thomas Bruno, executive officer of the squadron. "Lt. Col. Robert Loynd, VMAQ-1 commanding officer, has kept us focused on our mission. Being out here in Iwakuni we have been staying ready for deployments and continue to train. We have kept our focus and have not rested on our laurels. That is a testament to the men of this unit."

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Partly Cloudy  
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Partly Cloudy  
High: 71

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## Insurance agents head to Iwakuni, offer various life insurance policies

CH. DAVE BONI  
Combat Correspondent

Insurance agents will soon be making their first appearance to the Station in an effort to provide service members with additional life insurance policies.

The agents, representing the Military Benefit Association and Trans World Assurance Company will be in attendance at Marine Corps Community Services sponsored events beginning in December to answer questions and make appointments.

According to insurance agent Brian McIntee, there will be various types of insurance policies to choose from.

"All of the policies we will be offering are tailored for the military," said McIntee. "Some policies are cheaper

now, but cost more when you get older while others will accumulate more growth on your investment. With all of the policies, there is no war zone clause."

McIntee explained some insurance companies have failed to pay claims due to deaths in combat, but the policies he offers pays in those circumstances.

"There are some insurance companies out there that ruin it for everyone else," said McIntee. "We have strict rules and guidelines to follow in order to conduct business. We are just trying to provide a valuable service to our military."

With all legally binding contracts, Station officials recommend that service members seek assistance before signing their name to any dotted line.

"We want the Marines and Sailors to make an informed and educated decision on whether or not they need life insurance," said Capt. Jeff Munoz, Staff Judge Advocate trial counselor. "Those looking to obtain insurance can bring the contract to legal or financial services at MCCS before signing to ensure they understand the complexities of the agreement. It is a commitment like any contract and you should know exactly what you're getting into."

To further aid potential insurance buyers, Munoz said Department of Defense Directive 1344.7 and Station Order 1740.2M gives clear instructions on what insurance agents can and cannot do.

For more information or questions, call legal at 253-5591.



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## Does the dress code discriminate?

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Letter to the Editor

I have been approached numerous times regarding the way I dress. Like many other Black and Latin Marines here aboard the Station, the dress code does not seem fair and is flooded with gray areas.

After reading the Station Order over and over, I noticed the phrases "excessively baggy" and "excessively oversized" mentioned more than a few times. Not once did the order say anything about wearing excessively tight clothing.

All of us have seen the Marines with the snug Wranglers on, a can of tobacco in they're back pocket, and a cowboy hat on their head. Although this clearly does not reflect the service 'C' uniform in anyway, no one says anything to that Marine. I read where the cowboy hats can be waived on certain nights like Western nights, but even when Marines try to go out on Hip Hop night and Latino nights, we are constantly hounded to the point of wanting

to go somewhere off base just to be comfortable.

Urban clothing is a big part of America's culture just as much as rodeo wear. I know there are many older Marines who will counter that we don't have to be in civilian attire at all, and that being in civilian attire is a privilege. They would be right and at the same time they would not be helping to fix the problem, only ignore the problem.

So does the dress code discriminate? To many Marines and myself here aboard the Station, when we look into our wall lockers or closets, half of what's there cannot be worn without getting some form of reprisal. But to the few Marines who choose to express their cultural background by wearing the dress of a lone cowboy from the brush, that style is perfectly accepted without any reprimand.

When I'm asked if the dress code discriminates, I reply that it does. In my baggy jeans I'm still a Marine, just like the Marine in his Wranglers

So why does the dress code point out my clothing style as some form of negative?

## Can we wear comfortable clothing on our off time?

COL. ANTHONY D. PIKE  
Combat Correspondent

We received an opinion piece (see above story) a couple of weeks ago regarding proper civilian dress attire and its current value in today's Marine Corps. The idea that the dress code is discriminatory in nature is expressed.

Does the Marine Corps order on proper civilian attire discriminate against Marines? No.

Nowhere in the order does it say that Marines of a certain ethnicity are subject to stricter rules or guidelines.

The order states under both shirts and pants guidelines that "excessively oversized" clothing does not reflect a neat appearance. Marines can wear comfortable clothing in a relaxed manner that does not look like a young child wearing their older

siblings clothes. We as Marines are a force in readiness, not style and trend setting.

I do believe however, that this is an issue that we as noncommissioned officers can positively affect through the right means.

By continuing to push the limits on acceptable and unacceptable standards we are doing nothing to show we are ready to make a change or increase responsibility.

We only continue to show an

immature perspective.

We should use the next NCO symposium to address the matter. The dress code will not change overnight, but it is the appropriate first step.



## MAN ON THE STREET

### How do you feel about the liberty dress code policy?



"I don't think the dress code needs to be reviewed and updated as much as it needs to be completely reevaluated."

Cpl. Ryan Peters  
MAG-12  
special intelligence  
communicator



"If the civilian dress code should follow the service 'C' uniform, than cowboy jeans with the tobacco ring in the back pocket should not be allowed either."

Cpl. Mark Bautista  
H&HS  
Separations chief



"Everybody's dress taste represents an individual and their culture and the culture they came from before joining the Marine Corps."

Sgt. Dwayne Yow  
H&HS  
Air Terminal

## Suspicious package keeps Marines on their toes

COL. DAVID REVERE  
Combat Correspondent

Some residents passed a nervous afternoon Oct. 7 as the Station bomb squad, military police officers and Iwakuni fire fighters responded to a call of a suspicious package in a housing area.

"I walked past the atrium and looked down and saw there was a briefcase there," said Staff Sgt. Lindsey Willis, Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 ground safety manager. "I looked around and nobody else was around."

Willis said he went to his residence and when he returned a few minutes later, the briefcase was still there. Seeing there was still no one around, he made a call to the Provost Marshal's Office.

Tension mounted as the bomb squad arrived, suited up, and destroyed the package. Fortunately, the suitcase turned out to contain a set of hand tools belonging to a moving company worker.

Regardless, making the call was the right move,



Cpl. Robert Wynkoop

**A suspicious looking suitcase found in the housing area was safely destroyed by Explosive Ordnance Disposal Marines, Oct. 7.**

according to Sgt. Bryce Jones, PMO third platoon watch commander, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron.

"The people who live here know a lot better than we do what's out of place and what's not," said Bryce.

"It was a good call. I appreciate it, PMO appreciates it, and I'm sure the residents of Iwakuni do as well."

"I have friends and family in this building," said Willis. "To save one of them or most likely all of them would have been the best thing I've ever accomplished in life."

The importance of operational security cannot be underestimated even in false-alarm situations, according to Bryce.

"The hardest part when dealing with a situation like this, especially in a housing area, is getting the perimeter set up and getting people out," he said. "Our primary job is to preserve life. We want to get everyone out of the way so the people who do this, such as (Explosive Ordnance Disposal), can do their jobs."

With that in mind, inconvenience pales in comparison to the safety of Station residents.

"Be vigilant," said Andrew Samuels, Station anti-terrorism force protection officer. "If you see anything suspicious, call (the provost marshal's office). That will give us the opportunity to look into it further, and validate those concerns."

PMO encourages residents to report any suspicious objects or activities by calling 119.

## Changes in policy help noncitizen service members

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Combat Correspondent

**CAMP FOSTER, OKINAWA, Japan** — Twenty-two Okinawa-based Marines are hopeful they will be sworn in as U.S. citizens at the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo later this month due to an Oct. 1 change in the naturalization policy.

Immigration officers from the Immigration and Naturalization Service interviewed the Marines at the installation personnel and administrative center here Sept. 28.

The policy change allows service members who want to become U.S. citizens to file for naturalization while overseas and it brings them one step closer to the goal of becoming an American citizen, a goal that might have been impossible to achieve even a few months ago.

The U.S. Congress recently modified the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952, allowing service members to complete the entire naturalization process without a processing fee or leaving their assigned duty station, explained Jose R. Olivares, the Department of Homeland Security's officer in charge of citizenship and immigration for the U.S. Embassies in South Korea and Japan.

Service members desiring to become U.S. citizens can start the naturalization process by going to their respective personnel administration centers with their green cards, explained Joseph Jackson, passport and naturalization coordinator for the installation personnel administration center here.

Service members will then need to fill out the N-400 citizenship application, N-426 certificate of military or naval service and G-325B biographical information form.

The processing fee for these forms before Oct. 1,

when the act was modified, was about \$300 and took nearly a year to process, Jackson explained.

An applicant must demonstrate good moral character and knowledge of the English language, the U.S. government and its history to become a citizen. Applicants must also take an oath of allegiance to the U.S. Constitution as a demonstration of loyalty.

Service members' paperwork is processed considerably faster than paperwork for civilians, Jackson explained. Service members have priority over civilians in the naturalization process as outlined in executive order 13269, which was signed July 3, 2002, by the president.

Military service has made the naturalization process much faster for the Medellin, Colombia native Lance Cpl. Catalina Clements, a supply clerk for Combat Assault Battalion, 3rd Marine Division.

"It could've taken more than one year to get all the paperwork through the system if I would have applied for citizenship (as a nonservice member). The naturalization process only took a matter of months because I'm in the military,"

Clements said.

The Marine Corps gave me the additional tools I needed to become a U.S. citizen, explained Cpl. Jalil Baouni, a food service specialist for Headquarters and Service Company, 3rd Marine Division.

"Being a Marine is a dream I've had since I was a small child living in Rabat, Morocco," said Baouni, who immigrated to the United States at age 20. "I remember walking by the American Embassy and seeing Marines standing guard outside. The way their uniforms looked and the respect they demanded was an awesome sight. From then on, I wanted to be a Marine, and now I'm about to become a U.S. citizen, which just makes being a Marine that much better."



Lance Cpl. Martin R. Harris

**Cpl. Jalil Baouni writes his signature on the photo that will be attached to his application to become a U.S. citizen at the installation personnel administrative center Sept. 28.**

## NEWS BRIEFS

### BASE-WIDE CHILD DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENINGS

Educational and Developmental Intervention Services and Matthew C. Perry Elementary School, will be providing a free screening for children from age 4 months to 5 years Nov. 2-3, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the school. We will evaluate motor, language, problem solving, and social/behavior skills and provide an opportunity for parents to ask questions about their children's development. Call Tonya at 253-4562 to make an appointment.

### NAVY BIRTHDAY LUNCH

The U.S. Navy's 229th Birthday luncheon will be served today, 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in mess hall 222 and mess hall 1562. The food of grilled steak and lobster will cost \$5.40, \$4.60 for dependents of E-4. Correct amounts of money would be appreciated. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### CORRECTION

In the Oct. 8th edition of the *Torii Teller* the article "October is 'Domestic Violence Awareness Month'" stated the article was provided by a Marine Corps Community Service press release. The article was actually written by Miki Kaplan, Marine & Family Services Counseling Victim Advocate.

# Cryogenics gears up on supplies

STORY AND PHOTOS BY  
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Nitrogen and oxygen in both liquid and gas forms play vital roles in the mission of the Station. Without it, aircraft would not be able to take off or land and pilots would not have air to breathe.

So when technicians at the Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron Logistics Department Cryogenic Division realize they are running low, they know it's time to make more.

Operating two mobile generating plants that create temperatures far below 150 degrees below zero Fahrenheit, these Sailors store up to 2,000 gallons of liquid nitrogen and 3,000 gallons of liquid oxygen.

"We're in production usually twice each quarter, but we're also equipped to receive both cryogenic liquids from off-base facilities for storage and redistribution," said Petty officer 1st Class Csaba Hutoczek, Cryogenic technician. "We liquefy the elements in order to store them. In liquid form, they're hundreds of times more dense than in gaseous form. If we vaporized one gallon of liquid nitrogen, it would fill up a whole room and you wouldn't be able to breath."

Hutoczek said the process is broken down in three phases: purification, refrigeration and separation. During the purification stage any impurities are removed from the processed air by three main filters. The next step is the refrigeration process where the air is cooled as it passes through heat exchangers and expansion valves, creating sudden pressure drops and partially liquefying the gas.

"After the gas is partially liquefied, we are able to separate the two components, oxygen and nitrogen through a process called fractional distillation. The end result is a 99.5 percent purity rating," said Hutoczek, a native of Hungary.

Once the separation is complete, the technicians store the individual components in both liquid and gas forms, which are ready for the various units to pick up for their own supply.

"People may not know this, but the air in the tires on the planes is gaseous nitrogen, a very dry gas," said Hutoczek. "If you were to use regular air, the tires would crack or explode when the outside temperatures got to cold due to the freezing of the moisture in the air. Without liquid nitrogen and liquid oxygen, the Station would not be able to meet their mission."

In order to maintain the utmost standards for the Cryogenic Division, Hutoczek and his fellow technicians take samples from the tanks to ensure they are safe and functioning properly.

"We take the samples every 45 days and we are extremely careful with what we do," said Petty Officer 2nd



**Cryogenic technician's Petty Officer 1st Class Csaba Hutoczek (on right) and Petty Officer 2nd Class Jimmy Machell oversee a liquid nitrogen transfer.**

Class Russell Jacob, Cryogenic technician. "One spark near a tank of liquid oxygen is enough to cause an explosion, and one coin exposed to liquid nitrogen will shatter like glass if dropped."

For Hutoczek, the dangers are real, but he said if you follow procedures precisely you shouldn't have any problems.

"It goes with the responsibility of having a crucial job," he said. "But everyone here works hard and



**Petty Officer 2nd Class Astor Mojica, cryogenic technician, operates a generating plant that takes the impurities out of the processed air.**

maintains the equipment to the best of their ability."

# Military retirement plan secures future

**CH. DAVID REVERE**  
*Combat Correspondent*

Service members preparing for future financial security are in good hands.

The Thrift Savings Plan is a retirement savings and investment plan for Federal employees. The purpose of the TSP is to provide retirement income. It offers Federal employees, including members of the uniformed services, the same types of savings and tax benefits that many private-sector corporations offer their employees under 401(k) plans.

"The Thrift Savings Plan is great for military members of all ages because it is flexible and can be customized to fit a variety of goals and needs," said Stephanie Sutton, Personal Readiness and Community Support branch manager.

Sutton said there is not a minimum amount of money required to open a retirement account. Service members can choose to contribute any

amount from one to nine percent of their basic pay. There is also an option to contribute bonus, special and incentive pay.

Thrift Savings Plan contributions are taken out of pay before taxes are computed, so less tax is paid. Federal taxes are deferred until withdrawal of money.

Sutton said TSP benefits can significantly increase retirement income, but starting early is important. Contributing to the account early will increase the compound interest over time.

According to Sutton, service members can choose from five different funds to invest their money. Funds range from no risk of losing money to higher risk funds. The option is left up to service members to transfer money and change funds at any time without penalty.

If a service member separates from the military, there are options on how the money will be handled. It can be left in the TSP, transferred to an employer's 401(K), or transferred into a traditional IRA. All of

these options are penalty free.

"This plan is a great way to save for retirement without having to do a lot of research or have a background in financial planning," Sutton said. "Service members can get started online through their 'My Pay' account. There is a link that will allow personnel to select the amount they want to contribute and to monitor the account."

Sutton said service members can enroll upon entering the Marine Corps or during open season. Open seasons are held annually from April 15 through June 30 and October 15 through December 31.

With specific questions about the TSP, service members can contact their command financial specialist or the personal Financial Management Program located at the Marine and Family Services office in Building 411. Additional information can be found at the Thrift Savings Plan website [www.tsp.gov](http://www.tsp.gov).

# Station honors Hispanic service members

STORY AND PHOTOS BY  
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Station residents of varied ethnicities came together, Oct. 7, to enjoy a Club Iwakuni luncheon celebrating the contributions of Latinos in the Armed Forces as part of this year's Hispanic Heritage Month.

Residents enjoyed enchiladas while watching a Latin dance exhibition and remarks from guest speaker Lt. Col. Yori R. Escalante, Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 commanding officer.

"Service by Hispanics during war is nothing new," said Escalante, noting that 39 Hispanics have been awarded the Medal of Honor, the highest award for military service in the United States. "Hispanics are a hard working and proud community. We know what the rewards are for perseverance, and we relish the opportunity to lead and serve."

According to Escalante, whose Hispanic heritage comes from his father's side, Latino contributions are still on the rise.

"As time continues, this rich history will only continue to grow," he said.

With approximately 200,000 Hispanic Americans serving in the Armed Forces today, Latinos have already achieved significant influence.

"The warmth and the vitality of the

Hispanic culture are great gifts to America and are a part of the unique fabric of our country," said Navy Lt. Joseph D. Reardon, Marine Aircraft Group 12 chaplain. "Their hard work, values, and devotion to community have set a positive example for all Americans."

Staff Sgt. Javier Figueroa, a first generation Mexican American, serves as the quality assurance chief for Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 212.

"I think one of the unique things I give to the military is the perspective of where I'm from," said Figueroa. "Feeling that perspective gives a lot of input into the big picture. We are all proud to be Americans, but each background adds something unique."

Figueroa said he was proud to see his children perform a Mexican Folklorico dance as part of the celebration.

"With our culture, our music, our dance, we can have a positive impact," he said.

Considering the enormous contributions of the Hispanic community, it's not easy to overestimate it's impact.

"Their untiring devotion to the United States Armed Forces has made us the premier fighting force in the world today," said Lt. Col. John M. Puskar, Station executive officer.



**Cpl. Jackie Cortez, supply clerk, Marine Aircraft Group 12, and Staff Sgt. Nathaniel J. Blacksmith, fiscal clerk, MAG-12, captivate the audience with salsa dancing during the Hispanic Heritage Month luncheon, October 7.**



**Staff Sgt. Javier Figueroa, Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 212 quality assurance chief, enjoys the Hispanic Heritage Month luncheon with his family, October 7.**

"I hope all of us have taken some time this month to learn more about the

**Vibrant static displays of traditional Hispanic culture infused the atmosphere at the Hispanic Heritage Month luncheon, Oct. 7.**

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Some may think that winning the award three years in a row would put pressure on a unit to perform harder to keep the title. These Marines don't see it that way.

"Nobody here thinks about winning," said Usrey. "That's not why we do what we do. We take care of our Marines and our jobs. The accolades will come later. It is not our mission focus to win trophies."

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redeployment of 12,500 U.S. troops in three phases that will last until 2008. Inclusive in this redeployment is the 2nd Brigade Combat Team that was sent to Iraq in August.

The first phase will be conducted in 2004 and include the 2nd Brigade Combat Team and associated units. The redeployment in 2004 will total about 5,000 troops.

This agreement also includes the transfer of certain missions from U.S. forces to Korean forces, such as South Korean forces taking over security at the joint security area in the demilitarized zone, and the transfer of responsibility for rear area chemical decontamination to a special South Korean unit.

During the second phase, 2005-2006, the United States will redeploy a total of 5,000 troops (3,000 in 2005, 2,000 in 2006), comprising combat units, combat support and combat service

support units, units associated with mission transfer areas, and other support personnel.

In the third and final phase, 2007-2008, the United States will redeploy 2,500 troops consisting primarily of support units and personnel.

As part of the agreement, the United States will maintain a multiple launch rocket system battalion and associated counter-fire assets on the peninsula, and initiate a review of U.S. Forces Korea pre-positioned equipment and make adjustments as appropriate.

The United States will continue the \$11 billion investment in enhancing U.S. capabilities on the peninsula and in the region to strengthen its mutual deterrent with South Korea. Additionally, the transformation of U.S. Army units in Korea will continue and will lead to a significant overall increase in combat capability.

# Iwakuni celebrates German festival

STORY AND PHOTOS BY  
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Station residents experienced a bit of German culture here, Oct. 9, as Marine Corps Community Services organized and brought Oktoberfest to the Mac Dome.

Oktoberfest is a German festival that is traced to a German prince's wedding day in 1810. As a gift to his subjects, the prince provided a horse race and free ale to his people to help celebrate. The first ever Oktoberfest drew nearly 40,000 people.

Although the beer wasn't free at the Mac Dome Saturday night, the purpose was the same; to come together and celebrate. Beer, bratwurst and authentic Bavarian

entertainment helped make sure Station residents were in a festive mood.

A balloon shaping clown, inflatable jumpers and obstacle courses entertained children during the family portion of Oktoberfest. Later in the night, the adults participated in an arm wrestling competition and a nail driving competition.

"I think it's very interesting to see the Japanese people celebrate Oktoberfest," said Valerie Velasquez, 11, of San Bernardino, Calif.

For the adults in attendance during the family portion of Oktoberfest, the children's entertainment was welcomed.

"I am enjoying all of it," said Consuelo Sanchez of San Antonio. "I think all of the

activities are wonderful and safe for the kids to all play together. There is definitely plenty to keep them busy. The food is my favorite part- the hot dogs are really good."

On hand to help Iwakuni residents celebrate Oktoberfest was Michael Pfeffer from Munich, Germany, who emceed the event.

"It's great to be out here to celebrate with the service members," said Pfeffer. "The celebration is no different here than it is any where else I have been for the event. I am just glad to be able to come and spend a couple of days with the Marines."

Marine Corps Community Services arranged for Pfeffer to emceed the event and brought him out from Michigan, where he now resides.



Ana Erhart prepares to enter the inflatable obstacle course for kids at the family portion of the Oktoberfest at the Mac Dome.



Male and female participants competed in a nail-driving portion of Oktoberfest. Winning times were awarded gift certificates from Marine Corps Community Services.



Morgan Jones of Tabuse, Japan, participates in the nail-driving competition during the adult portion of Oktoberfest.



Isamu Naka makes a balloon crown for Valerie Velasquez, 11, during the family portion of Oktoberfest.



Shaunna Velasquez, left, and Consuelo Sanchez play patty-cake while waiting in line for the balloon creations with their children.



Traditional German food like bratwurst and sauerkraut were available for hungry guests.

# Matching blood types with personalities

**GUNNERYSGT. M. A. ZEID**  
*Combat Correspondent*

It may be hard to believe, but during a romantic Japanese dinner one the first questions a new date asks is "What is your blood type?"

Just what does this person have in mind – probably marriage and at the very least a long-term relationship.

Many Japanese believe that one's "ketsueki kata," or blood type, determines how well a person does in business, marriage and life. Many job applications in Japan ask for blood types, and some major politicians list their blood types when campaigning.

The interest in blood types is said to have begun when some Japanese doctors made a report stating that people with type A blood were generally mild-tempered and those with type B were the opposite. Later, a famous educator, Takeji Furukawa, made a similar claim in the 1920's based on his experience with his students.

Sometimes this obsession can lead to humorous results. There was once a Japanese sitcom about the misadventures of a businessman called "I Am Type O." Another time a Japanese

soft drink company decided to market their products by blood types. It was suppose to be a "fun" marketing gimmick, but the company sold more than 1.4 million cases of soft drinks in a two-year period.

As for romance, the general philosophy is type O's are considered

too needy, type A's are too boring, and type B's are sweet but unable to commit. In theory, type AB's are the best since they are interesting and very kind.

While there is no



real evidence to support the belief that a person's blood type has an affect on a person's personality, many people do take it seriously, especially in Japan.

## When AB met O positive

### Type A

**Positive traits:** Orderly, law-biding, soft-spoken, calm and fashionable.

**Negative traits:** Picky, selfish, secretive, pessimistic, stubborn and reckless when drunk.

**Recommended Jobs:** Accountant, librarian, economist, novelist, computer programmer or gossip columnist.

### Type B

**Positive traits:** Independent, flexible, candid, sensitive, passionate and persuasive.

**Negative traits:** Unpredictable, indiscreet, lazy, impatient, overbearing and can't wake up.

**Recommended jobs:** Cook, hairdresser, military leader, talk show host or journalist.

### Type AB

**Positive traits:** Rational, strong leadership skills, calculating, honest, diplomatic, organized and has strong ESP.

**Negative traits:** Unforgiving, playboy, easily offended, too conservative, picky and aloof. Recommended jobs: Bartender, attorney, teacher, sales representative, social worker or witch.

### Type O

**Positive traits:** Healthy, idealistic, goal-oriented, clear-sighted, good at sports and sexy.

**Negative traits:** Status-seeking, jealous, greedy, unreliable, obsessive lover and talkative.

**Recommended jobs:** banker, politician, gambler, minister, investment broker or baseball player.



## OUT THE GATE

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

### Chrysanthemum Festival

Visitors can enjoy a ceremony and Bugaku music performance at the Itsukushima Shrine, Miyajima Island today, 5-8 p.m. Admission fee is required. Call 0829-44-2020 for more information.

### Iwakuni City Bus Tour

There will be a bus tour visiting

Joel 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.

### Yanai Flea Market

A flea market is scheduled to be held at Yanai City Hall Sunday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. In case of inclement weather, it will be cancelled. For further information, call 0820-26-6666.

### Otake Festival

A festival is scheduled in Otake

City Sunday. A parade of sacred palanquins and floats is leaving at JR Otake station at 12 p.m. for the Oojisha Shrine, taking approximately three hours. It may be cancelled in case of inclement weather. For more details, call 52-4878.

### Miyajima Osunayaki Festival

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

### 48th Annual Iwakuni Festival

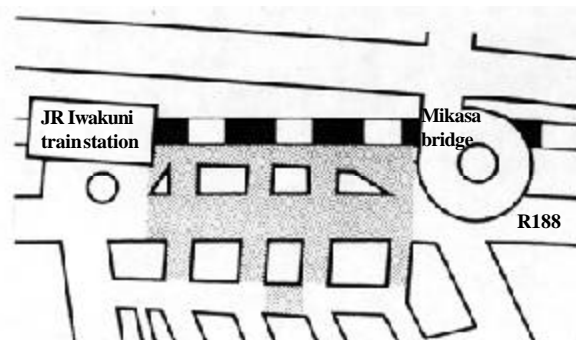
The 48th annual Iwakuni Festival will be Saturday and Sunday in downtown Iwakuni.

Due to the many activities schedule in the downtown area, traffic will be restricted Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Since there will be a large number of vehicles in the area, Station residents are encouraged to use public transportation, walk or ride a bike.

Station officials remind residents they are required to wear proper civilian attire.

A variety of parades and dances will take place on Route 188 between JR Iwakuni train station and Mikasa bridge from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday. Call the Commerce & Industry Division at 29-5110 or the Iwakuni Chamber of Commerce & Industry at 21-4201 for details.

## Iwakuni Festival traffic advisory



No vehicles 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

## 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

**Mitsubishi Mirage**, 1997, 2 door, P/W, P/D, remote door locks, AM/FM/CD, extra speaker, excellent tires plus 4 extra new tires, sport wheels plus 4 extra sport wheel covers, JCI until Jan. 2005, \$2,000. Call MSgt. Gerry Williams at 253-6902 dwh or 080-3053-9863.

**Toyota Carib Sprinter**, 1994, 5 door, automatic, very clean, power everything, good A/C and heater, AM/FM radio, cassette player, JCI until Aug. 2005, \$1,900. Call CWO3 Stocker at 253-3304 dwh or 253-2275 awh.

**Toyota Lite Ace**, 1991, 7-8 passenger, JCI until March 2006, \$1,500. Call

CWO2 Hunt at 253-3793 dwh or 253-2760 awh.

**Nissan Gloria**, 1992, black with black interior, V6 turbo, automatic, A/C, CD player, power everything, Hicas, rough looking in Dec. 2003, PCSing Oct. 25, must sell, JCI until Dec. 2005, \$4,500 obo. Call Sgt. Anderson at 253-4623 dwh or 22-6676 awh.

**BMW 320i**, 1989, 4 door, power everything, cold A/C, Pioneer CD, JCI until July 2006, \$3,000 obo. Call Lt. Hayes at 253-2202 or e-mail andymhayes@yahoo.com

**Nissan Largo**, 1989, 8 passenger van, maroon, A/C, AM/cassette, power sunroof, electric cool box,

JCI until July 2006, \$1,900. Call Lt. Hayes at 253-2202 or e-mail andymhayes@yahoo.com

**Kawasaki ZX9R**, 1994, spare wind screens, extra set of wheels, rough looking, experienced bike, JCI until Oct. 2005, \$3,000. Call Maj. Braund at 253-4584 dwh or 253-5705 awh.

**Honda CB1000**, 1995, 1,000cc, after market exhaust, carbs, shocks, classic/retro look, JCI until June 2006, \$5,000 obo. Call Maj. Braund at 253-4584 dwh or 253-5705 awh.

### OTHER ITEMS

**Misc.**, a 3-month-old very friendly kitten free to a good home, all shots com-

pleted. Call Tina Lavarou at 253-6329 dwh or 253-2293 awh.

**Misc.**, baby items: swing, \$60; crib, \$10; toddler bed, \$10; mattress, \$10; travel play yard, \$15; infant boy clothes; Whirlpool dryer, 3 years old, \$100 obo. Call Heather at 253-2844.

**Misc.**, brand new Japanese refrigerator, purchased from DeoDeo in March 2004 for \$800, \$500 obo, brand new Japanese A/C with remote, purchased from DeoDeo in May 2004 for \$700, \$500; must sell, PCSing Oct. 25. Call Sgt. Anderson at 253-4623 dwh or 22-6676 awh.

**Misc.**, GT i-drive 3.0 mountain bike, new in the

box, \$900; Pi tower Hi-Fi speakers, \$250; Grado SR-225 headphones, \$150; carver receiver, \$150; Denon DCM-350 5 disc CD player, \$60. Call Mark Parsons at 253-5487 dwh or 09052662270.

**Misc.**, Kenwood audio/video surround sound receiver VR-517, 2 fwd speakers, 2 rear speakers, 1 sub woofer, 1 center speaker, 4 speaker stands, remote, \$300. Call CWO2 Hunt at 253-3793 dwh or 253-2760 awh.

### WANTED

**Day Nanny**  
 Nanny wanted for flexible schedule, 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. for two toddlers. Call Sarah Raby at 253-3330 dwh or 253-2989 awh.

### JOB OPENINGS

**Chaplains Office (253-6460)**  
 -Gospel Choir Director  
 -Non-Denominational

Music Director  
**CHRO (253-6828)**  
**MCCS:**  
 -Supervisory Education Services Specialist  
**Logistics:**  
 -Supply Management Officer  
 -Transportation Clerk

**Facilities:**  
 -Interdisciplinary Engineer  
**S-6:**  
 -Information Technology Specialist  
 -Electronic Technician  
**Clinic:**  
 -Occupational Health Nurse  
**DECA:**  
 -Secretary

**MCCS (253-3030)**  
 (The following jobs are open at MCCS Personnel)  
**MCCS Job Listing:**  
 -Program Assistant  
 -Senior Sales Associate/Cashier  
 -Desk Clerk Leader  
 -School Lunch Supervisor  
 -Operations Assistant

# SAKURA THEATER



## SUPERBABIES: BABY GENIUSES 2

The baby geniuses find themselves at the center of a nefarious scheme led by powerful media mogul Bill Biscane. Joining the babies in their battle against evil is a legendary baby named Kahuna. Part ultra-cool spy, part superhero, Kahuna joins babies in a race against time to stop Biscane from using his state-of-the-art satellite system to control the minds of the world's population. (90 minutes)



## SHARK TALE

Oscar is a little fish who dreams big. But his big dreams land him in hot water when a white lie turns him into an unlikely hero. His fellow fish swallow Oscar's story hook, line and sinker and he is showered with fame and fortune. It's all going along swimmingly, until it starts to become clear that Oscar's tale about being the defender of the Reef is all wet. Oscar finds out that being a hero comes at a Market Price when his lie threatens to make him the Catch of the Day. (90 minutes)



## SUSPECT ZERO

FBI Agent Thomas Mackelway gets called into investigate a strange murder. When the trail leads him to the suspect, he realizes that he has been drawn into a psychological labyrinth that turns what is expected upside down. (99 minutes)

FRIDAY
7 p.m. Anacondas: The Hunt For The Blood Orchid (PG-13)
10 p.m. Suspect Zero (R)
SATURDAY
1 p.m. Superbabies: Baby Geniuses 2 (PG)
4 p.m. Shark Tale (PG)
7 p.m. Anacondas: The Hunt For The Blood Orchid (PG-13)
10 p.m. Suspect Zero (R)
SUNDAY
4 p.m. Shark Tale (PG)
7 p.m. Without A Paddle (PG-13)
MONDAY
7 p.m. Suspect Zero (R)
TUESDAY
7 p.m. Ladder 49 (PG-13)
WEDNESDAY
7 p.m. Shark Tale (PG)
THURSDAY
7 p.m. Open Water (R)

# COMMUNITY BRIEFS

## EDUCATION

**Test Schedule**  
**Tuesdays/Fridays** - CLEP, DSST  
**October 20** -DLAB  
**October 21** -DLPT  
**October 27** -ASVAB  
**October 28** -EDPT  
**November 22** -SAT  
**November 29** -ACT  
 For more information call 253-3855.

## HEALTHCARE

**Breast Cancer Mini Health Fair**  
 Tuesday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Crossroads Mall. Call 253-6359 for details.

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

## CHRO

**CHRO Training**  
 ■ **Family Member Local Employment Orientation:** Nov. 10, 8-9 a.m.  
 ■ **RESUMIX:** Nov. 10, 9:30-10:30 a.m.  
 ■ **Outbound Family Member Priority Placement Program:** Nov. 10, 11 a.m. to 12 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)**  
 ■ **Teaching English Tips:** Thursday, 1-2:30 p.m.  
 ■ **Ten Steps To Federal Employment:** Oct. 26, 1-3 p.m.

## Club Iwakuni

■ **Band Ki: Theory:** Saturday 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 details.  
 ■ **HALO Tournament:** Sunday, 6 p.m. at the Homet's Nest. Free entry with great prizes for first, second, and third place winners. For single and unaccompanied service members.  
 ■ **Band SR71 & Plunge** Rock band SR71 & Plunge performs Oct. 23 at the Club Iwakuni Ballroom. Free for the Station residents and their guests. Doors open at 8 p.m. Show starts at 9 p.m. For details, call 253-3727.

## MCX (253-5641)

■ **Fall Savings Sale:** Now through Oct. 24. Purchase discount hooded jackets, Nautica jeans and more.

## Single Marine Program (253-3585)

■ **Kudamatsu Kenko Ice Skating:** Saturday, 10 a.m. \$10 transportation. Bring extra yen for lunch and skate rental.  
 ■ **Dinner Night Out Yakimiku:** Oct. 30, 6 p.m. \$10 transportation. Bring plenty of yen for food.

## 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(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 Chaplain office is also offering training Wednesday through Oct. 22 for anyone who is interested in facilitating a PREP workshop.

## University Of Maryland

Term II registration is now 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.

## Discipline: When Time-outs Don't Work

Oct. 27, 12-1 p.m. Sandwiches and drinks will be provided. Call 253-6553 to sign-up in advance.

## PCS With Success Workshop

Oct. 29, 1-4 p.m. The Station departments provide tips to help you prepare for your return to the United States or transfer to your next duty station. For details, call 253-3311.

## COMMUNITY

### Harvest Festival

This festival is scheduled to be

held Oct. 31, 4-7 p.m. at Penny Lake. There will be hot dogs, hamburgers, fun games and a lot of treats. Dress in fun costumes but not scary. Call Carol Nash at 253-5218 for further information.

## 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.



Cpl. Anthony D. Pike

### Navy and Marines celebrate birthday

Sailors and Marines of Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron participate in a formation run to celebrate the Navy birthday.

# Muscles inflate during Cardio Pump



Dixie Cook, aerobics instructor, demonstrates the proper way to do dips during the Cardio Pump class every Tuesday and Friday at 9 a.m.



Students perform push ups during their Cardio Pump class recently. Participants are urged to exercise safely and at their own pace during the class.

STORY AND PHOTOS BY  
 CHL. DAVE BONI  
 Combat Correspondent

For those on Station looking for a change from their regular cardiovascular workout need to look no further than Cardio Pump.

The hour-long class offered Tuesdays and Fridays at the IronWorks Gym provides students a different approach to their daily workout.

"The Cardio Pump class is designed to sculpt the entire body," said Dixie Cook, aerobics instructor. "We emphasize on weight training to strengthen muscles, which is different than a regular cardio class."

Music sets the mood at the start of each class as students follow their instructor through stretches and warm-ups. Once everyone is ready to go, Cook said it's up to the students to get the most out of the class.

"I push my students to try their best, but it's up to them to give it all they can," she said. "The entire class is self-paced and safe, you workout at your level and we all have a lot of fun."

Despite only recently joining the class, Michelle Estrada said she enjoys the strength training and credits the instructor for part of her enthusiasm.

"She (Cook) is a great instructor and the class ranks up there with all the others I



Stacy Ventura performs leg raises while using the exercise ball to increase the difficulty of the move.

have taken at gyms," Estrada said. Nikki Flick added, "The class is challenging and there is always a new thing to learn."

That is exactly the way Cook likes it, but says the class is for anyone who wants a good workout.

"We are always looking for more students. Everyone is welcome to come out and try," she said.

For more information call the Health Promotions office at 253-6359.



Kathy Pavey stretches at the end of her workout as part of the cool down process.

## IWAKUNI SPORTS SCENE

### GLADIATORS ULTIMATE PT CHALLENGE

Today at the IronWorks Gym Indoor Pool and Penny Lake Field.

### FAMILY APPRECIATION BOWLING

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

### TAIKU NO HI SINGLE RACQUETBALL TOURNAMENT

Saturday, 9 a.m. at the IronWorks Gym. Call 253-5777 for more information.

### INTRAMURAL WRESTLING

Coaches meet Oct. 26, 10 a.m. in the IronWorks Gym Wellness Room. Weigh-ins are Oct. 29, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. for the Oct. 30 competition. Call 253-5777 to sign-up.

### ENERGY AWARENESS WEEK

#### OCTOBER 27 ADULT 5-KILOMETER RUN

Check in at 11:30 a.m. for the race starting at 12 p.m. at the IronWorks Gym. No registration is necessary. Just show up and be ready to run. Men and women compete separately, in one of four age groups. For details, call Chief Petty Officer Robinson at 253-6148 or e-mail robinsonr@iwakuni.usmc.mil.

#### OCTOBER 30 BIKE RACE FOR ALL AGES

Children race for five kilometers and adults for 38 kilometers. The race begins at the Crossroads Mall Amphitheater. No registration required. Entry is free. Children must be at least 7-years-old and check in at 7:30 a.m. for the 8 a.m. race. Adults check in at 8:30 a.m. for the 9 a.m. race. Males and females compete separately, in one of seven age groups. For details, call Chief Robinson at 253-6148 or e-mail robinsonr@iwakuni.usmc.mil.

## 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.

# All-Marines wrestle with new prospects

STORY AND PHOTOS BY  
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Two Marines from the All-Marine wrestling team visited Iwakuni looking for hopefully join the team next year.

Dan Hicks and James Shillow hit the Station mats in their first stop in a trip that will take them to several Marine bases in which they offer clinics and get to look at Marines who may be on the team next year.

"We are here to find new talent," said Shillow, an Atlanta native. "When we don't have a full team we start looking around."

The coach of the All-Marine wrestling team, Hicks, sees this as an opportunity to learn about the Marines who will be trying out for the team next year.

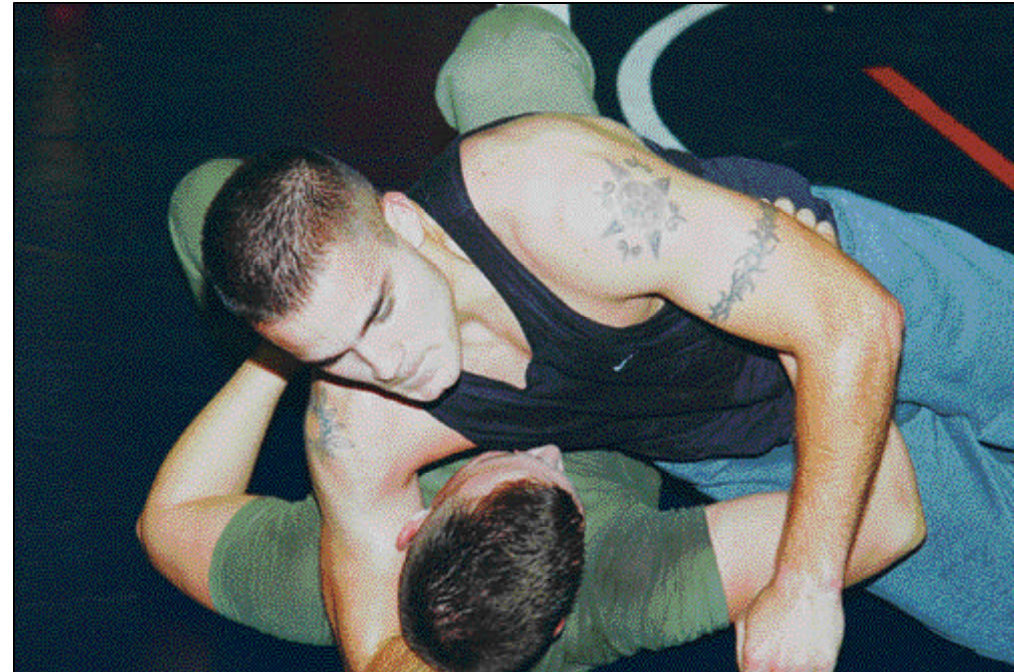
"Part of it is to familiarize Marines with the Marine Corps wrestling team," said coach Hicks, a wrestler with over 20 years experience. "We have plenty of qualified Marines out there; we're trying to get them to camp in February. This will help me when I am going over applications."

These two Marines know how to find a Marine who can benefit next year's team. Both Hicks and Shillow have all the tools needed in wrestling; experience, skill and talent necessary to land them both as alternates to the Olympic games in Greece.

For the Station Marines in attendance at the clinic, this not only offers them a chance to get back on the mats, it also gives them an opportunity to make a name for themselves with the coaches.

"I wrestled all through high school," said Nate Powell, communications local control center chief for Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron. "I'd like to get back into wrestling and would like to get an invitation to tryouts. This lets you know if your up to the test."

Marines who make it onto the All-Marine wrestling team are extremely skilled wrestlers and often thrive in competition. Currently there are four



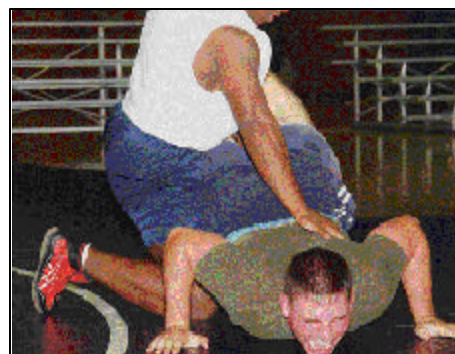
Joshua Williams, a heavy equipment mechanic with Combat Service Support Detachment 36, has Benjamin Wynkoop, Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12, on the ground after flipping him over.

All-Marine wrestlers on the United States National team. The last Marine to appear in the Olympics was in 1992. The coaches of the team are aware of the talent they have and are grateful to be on the team.

"I am fortunate to do something I love to do," said Hicks. "Because the Marine Corps allows me to do this I know I better be pretty good at it."



Sheena Dowd, Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12, helps James Shillow, All Marine wrestling team staff non commissioned officer in charge, demonstrate a move during the clinic.



A painful hold has Aaron Helms, Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 212, in anguish during Tuesdays wrestling clinic.



Kelli Parady, left, Marine Aircraft Group 12, and Sheena Dowd, Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12, attempt to take each other to the mat.