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The Japanese American Society hosts a Cultural Festival at the Matthew C. Perry High School cafeteria.



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Logistics heads back to school

Marines and Sailors from the Logistics Department visited the Kawashimo School outside the Station gate, March 24.



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Power lifters pump it out during Far East competition

Marines, Station residents and Japanese weightlifters tested their strength during the Far East Power Lifting Championship at the IronWorks Gym, Saturday.



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Red Lions sling it up in Fuji

1st Lt. SETH GIBSON
HMH-363 Pilot

Air Station residents may have noticed that it was a little quieter around the Station March 16th to the 20th when the Lucky Red Lions of Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 363 sent a detachment to Yokota Air Force Base.

Two CH-53D Sea Stallion helicopters and 23 Marines made the three and half hour flight north to take advantage of training opportunities available at Camp Fuji.

Mount Fuji is one of the most recognizable geographic features of the Japanese landscape. In addition to being the highest peak in a country known for its mountains, it is also the home to one of the few live-fire ranges in mainland Japan. The opportunity for helicopter aircrews to conduct external sling-load operations in a low-level flight regime is exclusive to this scenic mountain.

While at Fuji, the Lucky Red Lions transported cargo externally using a Helicopter Support Team (HST) who attached loads to the external cargo hook. Two Marines from Landing Support Battalion, 3rd Force Service Support Group were assigned to HMH-363 during the exercise to train Squadron HST augmentments in conducting external sling load



1st Lt. Seth Gibson

A CH-53D Sea Stallion conducts external operations during Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 363's training exercise at Mount Fuji.

operations.

"Fuji allowed us to hone our skill set in an environment that permits terrain flight at low altitudes to counter simulated surface to air threats," said Sgt. Christopher Nino, HMH-363 crew chief instructor during the exercise.

In addition to external operations, the Lucky Red Lion aircrews gained experience with high altitude troop insertion using Marines from Headquarters Battalion, 3rd Marine Division.

The most important mission for the squadron is to deliver Marines into a combat zone, which becomes more difficult with the thin air found at high altitudes.

"Although we do similar training back at Iwakuni, the high altitude at Camp Fuji gives pilots an appreciation for the planning considerations and additional power required at high altitudes," said Capt. Chad Bignell, HMH-363 crew chief instructor during the exercise. see **RED LIONS** Page 5

Anheuser-Busch honors troops with heroes salute

PRESS RELEASE

ST. LOUIS — Anheuser-Busch Cos. Inc. announced its "Heroes Salute" to honor the U.S. Armed Services by offering free single-day admission to its SeaWorld and Busch Gardens parks to active duty military, active reservists, U.S. Coast Guard, National Guardsmen and as many as three direct dependents beginning Feb. 7 through Dec. 31.

"In our own small way, we're giving something back to the brave men and women and their families who make sacrifices every day for our country," said August A. Busch IV, president, Anheuser-Busch Inc. "As a salute to America's heroes, we wish to extend a message of thanks and an invitation."

Any active duty, active reserve, ready reserve service member or National Guard is entitled to free admission under the program. He or she need only reg-

ister, either online at www.herosalute.com or in the entrance plaza of participating parks, and show a Department of Defense photo identification. As many as three direct dependents of military personnel also are entitled to free admission.

Dependents may take advantage of the offer without their service member, though an adult must accompany minor dependents.

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Station celebrates International Women's Day with all-day event

MASTER SGT. LESLI J. COAKLEY
Public Affairs Chief

More than 100 station residents and local businesswomen came together to recognize women's struggles for equality around the globe at the all-day International Women's Day event at Club Iwakuni, Tuesday.

"We wanted to host a recognition of women of all cultures and show appreciation of the accomplishments of all women around the globe," said Joe-Anna Green, MCCS counseling services and one of 10 event organizers.

According to Dr. Beth Davis, counseling psychologist, Marine Corps Commu-

nity Services Counseling Services, only 90 people signed up for the event, but over 100 showed up.

"I was especially surprised to see the amount of young men in the audience," added Davis. "I hope they take away a new appreciation of women and their struggles."

The event began with a riveting speech by Cmdr. Rachel Haltner, Iwakuni Branch Health Clinic director.

"Even though this is a small group," Haltner began. "If one person walks away with a flicker of hope, that's fine with me."

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Chaplain's Corner

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MAG-12 Chaplain

"...the people who sit in darkness have seen a great light..." MT 4:16

While at a Marine Corps training exercise at zero dark 30, I carefully made my way along the perimeter of the 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine's training area in the South Korean demilitarized zone. I slipped on my night vision goggles and what an immediate difference in my vision and confidence. In an instant, the goggles with a bright green color, exploded the darkness into midday. I could now see the vivid detail of the world around me. I was no longer alone, for within my field of vision there were 15 Marines in defense of our perimeter. The fear of darkness and the unknown were erased. At that moment I wished to be able to share these goggles with my family and friends back home so they could have the same dramatic experience of overcoming the obstacle of darkness.

Each of us experiences a world of darkness from time to time and I'm not talking about the darkness when the lights are turned off in our barrack's room or homes. In life, on

deployment, or wherever, we are often unsure, insecure and afraid, we worry about our families – then someone hands us a pair of night vision goggles and our life is changed, the darkness no longer has power over us. For us, as believers, that someone who brings us light and vision during our struggles is God. God loves and guides us.

God gives us his light and grace and we need to share it with one another, not allowing it to fade or dissipate. It is something that should shine from us into the lives of others to give them hope and peace. If our life seems to be in a rut, if everything seems to get us down, if we don't seem to be growing spiritually, if the development of our personhood seems to have ceased, it's not that God isn't giving us the light; it's that we are hiding it under the proverbial bushel basket. We are to be that shining city on the mountaintop.

When we need light the most, when the darkness is most frightening, God is there just like the United States Marines to rescue us. God is so real, so present, in such a healing way and God will never abandon us. We belong to him and he belongs to us. God gives us his light not only because he loves us, but also because he wants us to share it with others. He is the light of the world, a light to be loved and passed on to others. Let's hand a fellow Marine or sailor a pair of night vision goggles at zero dark 30 in their life and say "notice the difference."

God bless you! Semper Fi and Go Navy!

Corps proves its value in past, present

STAFF SGT. CINDY FISHER
Headquarters Marine Corps

WASHINGTON — Throughout Marine Corps history, critics have tried to eliminate us, claiming that the Army or the Navy could perform our missions. As such, we've had to defend ourselves against numerous abolishment attempts.

Our adaptability and esprit de corps justified our continued existence to reformers who felt that others could perform our unique missions.

President Andrew Jackson recommended to Congress that the Corps be absorbed into the Army in 1829 – a suggestion that found favor with then Secretary of the Navy John Branch.

About this same time, we were proving our fighting ability during engagements in Quallah Battoo against Malays. Perhaps reports of

our valor influenced Congress, for it passed an act in 1834 that firmly established us as a separate service within the Department of the Navy.

Our right to exist as a service was again questioned in 1908 by President Theodore Roosevelt who felt the Corps should be merged into the Army, remarking to an aide that "no vestige of their organization should be allowed to remain." He issued an executive order that redefined the Corps' mission excluding shipboard duties and emphasizing land-based responsibilities.

Again Congress disagreed and restored our shipboard duties in the Naval Appropriations Act of 1909.

In 1946, Senate bill S. 2044 proposed the unification of the armed forces. The bill would have severely reduced the Corps' effectiveness as a fighting organization.

In his 'No Bended Knee' speech to

the Senate Committee on Naval Affairs May 6, 1946, Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. Alexander Vandegrift spoke vehemently against this bill, citing the Corps contributions in World War II and our role as the "primary force in readiness" as proof of our value to the nation.

After much debate, the Corps again survived.

The National Security Act of 1947, portions of which were authored by senior Marine leaders including Gen. Vandegrift, unified the services under the Department of Defense, but defined us as the "fleet marine forces of combined arms, together with supporting air components, for service with the fleet in the seizure or defense of advanced naval bases, and for the conduct of such land operations as may be essential to the prosecution of a naval campaign."

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CHATTERBOX

"Do you think controlled steroid use should be allowed in professional sports?"



Lance Cpl. Nick Kress
Sacramento, Calif.

"No, if steroids are allowed people will eventually want to take it to the next level, it could lead to much bigger problems."



Sgt. Gregory Blake
Bamberg, S.C.

"No, if you've got talent there's no need for it. Everyone should be on the same playing field to make it fair."



Staff Sgt. Ibn Taylor
Philadelphia

"No, bottom line it's a drug and in today's society all drugs lead to a dead end."



Chief Warrant Officer Leonard J. Tippet
Flint, Mich.

"Yes, it should be like sports car racing where everyone gets the same car, no one has the advantage. It would be even across the board."

Station CO sets sail with Coast Guard

LANCE Cpl. LUKAS J. BLOM
Combat Correspondent

The Commanding Officer, Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Col. Michael A. Dyer, visited the Japanese Coast Guard Iwakuni branch to see first hand how they provide assistance in Station Anti-Terrorism Force Protection, March 24.

Dyer boarded a JCG PC52 boat, one of the vessels that assists in securing the waters around the Station, to the welcoming salutes of a well-trained crew of Japanese coast guardsmen.

In a small ceremony on the bow of the ship, Dyer presented the ship's captain with a framed Letter of Appreciation for the Coast Guard's dedicated alliance with Station forces.

Along with Andrew R. Samuels, Station Anti-Terrorism Force Protection officer, and translators, Dyer was taken on the same patrol route the JCG normally conducts.

"This was a great chance to show

the CO what goes on with Station ATFP and what the (JCG) provides us," said Samuels. "It was a great opportunity for him to understand what goes on with incoming vessels and the JCGs role in providing security. It shows how we are working together as a team in ATFP."

"The JCG helps us secure all water-borne threats and also helps to provide security to all incoming naval vessels and ships," said Samuels.

The PC52 debarked from Iwakuni Port and set its sights on showing the American colonel its capabilities.

The 2-year-old ship cut through the rough seas with speeds up to 28 knots. While the JCG crew was busy operating the ship, Dyer was shown some of the finer points of the ship, from its five high-powered water cannons to how the telescopic video surveillance camera can be controlled from the captain's chair.



Lance Cpl. Lukas J. Blom
Col. Michael A. Dyer sits in the captain's chair of the Japanese Coast Guard PC52 during a visit to the Iwakuni Port, March 24.

Following a brief tour of the control room, the small group was led outside the warm calm room onto the aft deck of the ship. With the PC52 almost at full speed, the powerful wind combined with the enormous wake of the ship put an exhilarated smile on everyone's face, while they try to keep their balance on the rocking ship.

"I really enjoyed the whole trip," said Samuels. "The rough seas don't really bother me as long as we're in a big boat, if we were in a small boat it would probably be a different story."

"I've been on a ship for a total of one year and two months, but this was the first time I've ever been on a Japanese cutter like that," said Staff Sgt. Mike R. Picklo, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron combat camera chief. "All the advanced technology and gadgetry they used was pretty cool, plus they gave me a free hat."

Upon returning to the Iwakuni Port, both the commander of the PC52 as well as Dyer shared appreciation for this unique opportunity with a simple handshake.

"It's a good feeling knowing these guys are out there securing water born threats," said Samuels. "It makes you sleep better at night knowing these guys are out there."

Station goes ICE Fishing for answers

LANCE Cpl. LUKAS J. BLOM
Combat Correspondent

Ever had a question or comment about how the chowhall, housing, American Forces Network, Air and Harbor Operations Division or even the Torii Teller operate?

Station residents are now able to air their questions and concerns, via the Interactive Customer Evaluation program, through broadcasts to Station residents via AFN radio and television.

With the introduction of ICE Fishing April 5, not only will the section manager be able to hear customers' opinions and questions, the general public will also. AFN will also provide a subject matter expert for every topic discussed in order to shed light on the issue.

"ICE Fishing is designed to benefit the community as a whole whether you're a civilian, civilian employee or service member," said Darrell Coleman, Business Performance Office management and program analyst. "We've seen a lot of good data that we can start to make changes with."

The ICE Fishing segments are approximately one minute in length and will run during the 6:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. television newscasts. They will also be seen

throughout the day as commercials. AFN radio will also air segments throughout the day.

Although the ICE system has been available to Station residents since 2002, the introduction of ICE Fishing will be the first time that recurring customer service issues will be brought up in a public forum.

The ICE program is a Department of Defense sponsored program that aims to provide customer service feedback from the customer directly to the manager of a specific section. ICE is a worldwide system in which customers are able to provide their perspective of products or services offered by a specific unit. This process gives the managers of each section a chance to make adjustments to their product or services in order to have the highest customer satisfaction possible.

During the first three years ICE was introduced to the Station, there has been a 75 percent increase in the amount of responses managers received pertaining to questions on customer service, according to Business Performance Office records.

Residents are encouraged to go to <http://ice.disa.mil> in order to fill out a comment card. Residents are also encouraged, but not required, to put identification information on the card to make follow up by the section manager easier.

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The day followed with performances by Eva Nakashima and her 4-year-old daughter, Yuuka, who performed a traditional Mexican dance; Capt. Sandy Parriot, who performed a clogging demonstration; Kuniko Tshuhara, who demonstrated the Japanese traditional art of flower arranging, Ikebana; and a Kimono dressing demonstration.

After a discussion panel and lunch break, the day continued with speeches by Dr. Kanti Ford, a Nepal-native who earned her doc-

torate from the University of California, Los Angeles and is a member of the American Academy of Family Practitioners; and Ms. Mindy Gilder, a MCCA marital and family therapist, who spent time in Burundi and Kenya engaging in conflict prevention and resolution training.

The public celebration of women's history began in the United States in 1978 as "Women's History Week," in California. A joint Congressional resolution proclaimed national "Women's History Week" as the week including

March 8 in 1981 and it was expanded into a month in 1987.

But, International Women's Day has been commemorated by the United Nations for almost 90 years when German socialist Klara Zetkin and Russian revolutionary and feminist, Aleksandra Kollontai, organized the first International Women's Day in 1911 with strikes and marches.

The event marked a celebration of women on all continents, often divided by ethnic, linguistic, cultural and political differences.

NEWS BRIEFS

ROAD TAX

All road tax and recycling fees must be paid in yen. Payments can be made at the Auto Hobby Shop, or the Provost Marshal's Office on designated dates, no payments should be made at City Hall in Iwakuni City. The recycling fee can vary from ¥7,000-¥22,000. For more information, contact Pass and Registration at 253-3161.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Kintai Bridge Festival will be held April 29, and 10 adult volunteers are needed for the Daimyo costume parade. To sign up, contact Yukie Wada at 253-5551.

MOTORCYCLE SAFETY CLASS

For all motorcycle riders and prospective riders, a motorcycle rider awareness presentation will be held April 19 at the Bldg. 1 auditorium from 10-11:30 a.m. Various topics for safe riding will be discussed.

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

UMUC Academic Advisor will visit this site April 13-15 to advise students on degree planning. Appointments are required. Call 253-3494.

Children of Holocaust remembered

STORY AND PHOTOS BY
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Combat Correspondent

During the Holocaust over six million Jews were killed, one and a half million of them were children. The Holocaust Education Center in Fukuyama, Japan is dedicated to those children.

The center was established in June 1995 to educate Japanese citizens about the atrocities surrounding the Holocaust, and to serve as a way to spread the message of peace.

"In 1990, I was sent to Fukuyama as a pastor," said Rev. Makoto Otsuka, Holocaust Education Center director general. "I organized a special Holocaust exhibit here and in five days 2,400 people visited. Teachers brought in their classes and the children were very impressed with the exhibit so the decision was made to establish the first Holocaust Education Center in Japan."

Since the center opened, more than 70,000 people and 700 schools have visited. Otsuka said the child oriented exhibits make it an excellent teaching tool, and the quotes from Jewish children about their experiences during the Holocaust speak deeply to all visitors.

"I thought the center was

very interesting and its something that people should take time to see," said Lance Cpl. Aron K. Harrity, American Forces Network broadcaster, during a recent trip to the center.

The center's exhibits are about the experiences of the children of the Holocaust and all displays are lowered to a child's eye level. The displays depict children of the Holocaust telling their stories to the children visiting.

The exhibit goes through various stages of the Holocaust; Adolf Hitler gaining power in 1933, the movement of Jews to ghettos; concentration camps and finally liberation with peace messages from survivors.

"It's important for children to learn about the Holocaust because it helps create an atmosphere where that kind of thing can't happen again," said Abe Roman, Equal Opportunity Office counselor. "If children are taught tolerance and acceptance at a young age, then when they get older they will see people as people and not vilify or judge them."

Otsuka welcomes all to the center



Statue of a young girl bears the Star of David to identify her as a Jew at the Holocaust Education Center in Fukuyama.



Abe Roman, equal opportunity counselor (left), Master Sgt. Diane E. Rowe, Station EO advisor (back right) and Tanya M. Bell, Station resident (front right), view a display at the Holocaust Education Center in Fukuyama.

in the hope of promoting peace and enlightening those who are unaware of the effect the Holocaust had on children.

"Through the study of the Holocaust, we would like to learn how harmful it is to have prejudice, discrimination and intolerance, and also know how important it is to have the courage and the ability to act, which the righteous had," said Otsuka. "We would like to walk toward peace with the children in Japan, and all over the world with the motto of 'small hands create peace.'"

Anyone interested in visiting the Holocaust Education Center can log onto the Web site at www.urban.ne.jp/home/hecjpn/

Fire hydrant flushing may cause discolored water

CHIEF PETTY OFFICER RICHARD ROBINSON
Station Energy Manager

All fire hydrants on the Station will be tested and flushed between April 4 and 18. While the tests are being completed, it is possible for the water inside the waterlines to become discolored.

What causes this discoloration? It's simple; scale inside the water lines (which is normal) gets shaken loose when the hydrants are opened up for flushing. The water inside the lines will turn a brownish color for a few seconds at each hydrant and then return to a clear color. However, the water further away from the hydrant may become discolored as well, which in turn, may possibly end up in your sinks

and showers. If you turn your water faucets or showers on and you have brownish colored water during the testing period, it is strongly recommended that you let the water run until the water returns to a clear color.

If at all possible, do not wash clothes until later in the evening while the hydrant flushing is being conducted. Even when you use your washer late in the evening, it is recommended that you turn your washer on and check the color of the water inside the washer. The discolored water shouldn't damage colored clothes but it might stain white or light colored clothing. If you need clarification of locations or if you have any questions please contact Chief Petty Officer Robinson at 253-6148.

Schedule for testing all hydrants aboard the Station

Monday, 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m.: Southside area and East side of runway
Tuesday, 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m.: Southside area and East side of runway
Wednesday, 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m.: Southside area and East side of runway
Thursday, 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m.: Southside area and East side of runway
Friday, 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m.: Southside area and East side of runway
11 April 05, 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m.: North side area
12 April 05, 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m.: North side area
13 April 05, 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m.: Monzen and North side area
14 April 05, 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m.: North side area
15 April 05, 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m.: North side area
18 April 05, 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m.: Entire base

Nonjudicial Punishment

- On March 4, a sergeant was found guilty of violating Article 128 (Assault). Specifically, in that the Marine, did, on or about Feb. 9, assault another Marine. Violation of Article 134 (Disorderly conduct, drunkenness). Specifically in that the Marine did on or about Feb. 9, become drunk and disorderly which conduct was of a nature to bring discredit upon the armed forces. The Marine was reduced to corporal, will forfeit half pay for two months and be on restriction for 60 days.
- On March 4, a lance corporal was found guilty of violating Article 92 (Failure to obey order or regulation). Specifically, in that the Marine, did, on or about Feb. 25, fail to obey Squadron Order 1700.211 by consuming alcohol while under the legal drinking age. Violation of Article 92 (Failure to obey order or regulation). Specifically in that the Marine did on or about Feb. 25, fail to obey SqdnO 1050.3, by leaving Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni without signing out in the liberty logbook. Violation of Article 92 (Failure to obey order or regulation). Specifically in that the Marine did on or about Feb. 25, fail to obey SqdnO 1601.1P by consuming alcohol while on duty section. Violation of Article 92 (Failure to obey order or regulation). Specifically in that the Marine did on or about Feb. 25, fail to obey SqdnO 1601.1P by leaving MCAS Iwakuni while on duty section. The Marine was reduced to private first class, will forfeit half pay for two months and be on restriction for 60 days.
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Da Vinci's "Last Supper" comes to life at chapel

STORY AND PHOTOS BY
LANCE CH. LUKAS J. BLOM
Combat Correspondent

A vision taken straight from a 507-year-old painting came to life at the Station Chapel, March 24. The intriguing thing is, it was not just any panting by any artist.

On the back wall of the dining hall at the Dominican Convent of Sta Maria delle Grazie in Milan, Italy, lies one of Leonardo da Vinci's greatest pieces. Completed in 1498, "The Last Supper" is not only one of histories greatest pieces of art, but is also a very important piece to the Christian community.

Many Station residents witnessed this importance during the "Living Dramatization of Leonardo da Vinci's the Last Supper." "The Last Supper" depicts the scene of Jesus' last supper with his 12 apostles before being crucified. The painting was created to capture the moment in which Jesus announces to his apostles that he knows one of them will betray him. The apostles are captured in their sense of astonishment immediately after this announcement.

"In medieval times, this painting is how Christ was presented to millions of people," said Bill Granderson, one of many Station residents to see this performance. "I was really touched by the whole performance."

During the dramatization, each of the 13 performers portraying the 12



ABOVE: Thirteen cast members tirelessly hold their poses for the duration of the performance, March 24. BELOW: Willie Wilson sings his rendition of "Jesus Paid it All" during the "Living Dramatization of Leonardo da Vinci's the Last Supper" play at the Station Chapel.

apostles and Jesus were required to hold their positions, as if a living statue, for the entire performance until it was their time to share the testimonial of the apostle they were representing.

One by one, each apostle broke his silence and was able to move freely for their speech to give a testimonial as to whom they were and their relationship with Jesus. As each one stood to

speak, each gave a reason why it surely wasn't them who would betray Jesus. By the end of each apostle's monologue, each expressed their



doubts about their loyalty, ending their dialogue with the same question, "Is it I? Is it I?"

In between the apostle's testimonials, the large audience were treated to musical acts from solo vocalists and a harp performance.

"The music was beautiful," said Navy Lt. Stephen M. Coates, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron chaplain. "The musical aspect of the performance just made it so much more powerful."

In the closing moments of the dramatization, the actors broke away from their poses and walked to the back of the room while the audience sat in admiration of their discipline and commitment to the performance.

"Bang! Bang! Bang!" The silence was broke when a hammer struck a nail in representation of Jesus being nailed to the cross in the rear of the room, startling many audience members.

"Besides scaring some people with the pounding of the nails, I was very pleased with the show," said Coates. "Most of all, I enjoyed watching the cast members come alive with their characters. They gave some absolutely moving monologues."

Closing the ceremony, a narrator came over the speakers and asked the audience to put themselves in the shoes of the apostles during the last supper. He asked the audience if they too would be so unsure about their faith, and told them to ask themselves one simple question about their faith. "Is it I? Is it I?"

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363 standardization and safety officer.

At the foot of Mount Fuji, Capt. Jade Steward-Campbell, weapons and tactics instructor, led the Red Lions in simultaneous Confined Area Landings, Troop insertion, External Lift Operations and Terrain Flight. Meanwhile on the ground, 1st Lt. Seth Gibson, pilot, established a hasty command center in the landing zone to coordinate the loading of troops and cargo.

Gibson elaborated by saying, "We integrated crew swaps for six pilots, four crew chiefs and helicopter insertion of 70 Marines during the training. The success of this detachment makes us look forward to another opportunity to train here."

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Busch Gardens Williamsburg and SeaWorld San Antonio are seasonal operations that will remain closed until spring 2005. Military personnel interested in visiting those parks should check operating schedules at www.herosalute.com.

The remaining parks, SeaWorld Orlando, Busch Gardens Tampa Bay and SeaWorld San Diego are open year round.

Anheuser-Busch has supported the U.S. armed

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Despite these and other attempts, we have endured – not by resting on past laurels – but by continually improving our ability to respond to the nation's needs.

The willingness of our leaders to train for wars of the future instead of refigting wars of the past and the result of this, America's unswerving belief that we stand ready to serve whenever the nation calls, ensure our continued existence.

We pride ourselves on our ability "to adapt and overcome" and this is an essential ingredient in our success. We look to the future and change our war fighting strategies to better respond to a changing world.

When the nature of combat changes, so do we – we proved that in past conflicts. In the 1920s, we began the transformation into an amphibious fighting force in response to a perceived threat from Japan. As a result,

services for nearly 150 years. In 1921, Adolphus Busch's widow, Lilly, opened the Busch family garden to the public, donating admission fees to disabled veterans. The company also supports veterans' memorials in Washington, the Korean Memorial and the Vietnam Wall. The company also provides scholarship funds for United Service Organizations members and Desert Storm survivors.

Based in St. Louis, Anheuser-Busch Cos. Inc. is the leading U.S. brewer and holds a 50 percent share in Grupo Modelo, Mexico's leading brewer.

we were ready for the World War II island-hopping campaigns of the Pacific and even trained the Army in amphibious doctrine.

In Korea and Vietnam, we embraced new technology like the helicopter and integrated it with our ground capabilities to fight more effectively.

When cities became the common battleground, we learned to fight the "three-block war" and further developed the leadership skills of our junior Marine leaders.

Today, we continue "to adapt and overcome" and this is an essential ingredient in our success. We focus on expeditionary warfare and can now strike far inland from bases at sea.

As the nation's 911 force, we hone our skills in anticipation of new enemies and battlegrounds. Our adaptability ensures Marines will be protecting America for generations to come.

In a survey of 10,000 business leaders and securities analysts, Anheuser-Busch ranked first overall in quality of products and services among nearly 600 companies researched in FORTUNE magazine's 2004 "America's Most Admired Companies" listing.

The company is also one of the largest theme park operators in the United States, is a major manufacturer of aluminum cans and is the world's largest recycler of aluminum beverage containers. For more information, visit www.anheuser-busch.com.

Society joins two cultures with one festival

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The Japanese American Society hosted a Cultural Festival at the Matthew C. Perry High School cafeteria, not only for members of JAS, but for more than 300 Station residents interested in their host country's traditions and culture, March 26.

"Our organization strives to bring Japanese and American communities together through the sharing of food, culture and language," said Brian Hall, JAS

president. "It's also a way the Japanese try to help us feel more at home while we're here. They're so excited to share their culture with us."

The day's events kicked off with a time-honored Japanese Koto performance. The Koto is a stringed instrument made out of Paulownia wood, a hard wood native to Maylasia that gives the instrument it's distinct sound, and is about 180 centimeters in length. Traditionally, the Koto is played by women and remains one of the most iconic forms of traditional Japanese music.

Following the smooth melodies of the Koto, a group of three women took the stage dressed in full kimonos to perform an age-old form of Japanese dance, Nihon Buyou.

"The dancers were great, they moved with such grace," said Nancy Memmott, JAS Cultural Festival patron.

The room buzzed with anticipation for the next performance. Cultural enthusiasts excitedly took their seats waiting to see the Iwakuni Taiko Drummers.

"All the musical instruments were great, but I especially loved the drums," said Tara Memott, festival participant. "The drums were just so exhilarating and powerful."

"We've had a lot of great events, but the drummers simply brought the house down," said Hall.

As well as having numerous performances for the festivalgoers, JAS also provided

many activities for hands on cultural education. Participants were encouraged to take part in a traditional Japanese Tea Ceremony, Origami paper folding, Kitsuke (Kimono dressing) and Ikebana flower arranging. Displays of Hina dolls were also available.

"People are naturally curious about each other," said Hall. "We try to give everyone a taste of something different, something that only a native Japanese or American would know."

Throughout the festival, patrons snacked on free Yakisoba and cotton candy. Due to the high amount of people who showed up to show their support for the organization, the Yakisoba ran out at 1 p.m.

"We had Yakisoba for 300 people," said Hall. "We thought that would be enough, but a lot more people came than expected. We had a great turnout from both Japanese and Americans."

Meeting every second Tuesday of the month at the Atago Community Center in Iwakuni, JAS has been a part of the Station since 1957. Always looking for new members, JAS is open to anyone interested in a cultural exchange between Japanese and Americans.

For more information, contact the JAS office at 253-4771.



Fujimoto Kimitoko spins gracefully during the Nihon Buyou, traditional Japanese dancing, performance at the Japanese American Society Cultural Festival.



LEFT: Adding a little style and color to their already fast paced show, the Iwakuni Taiko Drummers "brought down the house" at the Japanese American Society Cultural Festival, March 26. ABOVE: Akiko Okada demonstrates how to serve tea during a formal Japanese Tea Ceremony. RIGHT: Staff Sgt. Rene Urena, Armory staff noncommissioned officer-in-charge, attempts to fold a piece of Origami artwork with his daughter, Tatiana, showing him the ropes.



Logistics Dept. heads back to school

STORY AND PHOTOS BY
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As the van full of service members pulls away from the building, dozens of tiny faces can be seen staring through the building's windows. Some of the faces are filled with joy and excitement, others are shedding tears, sad their friends had to leave so soon, but most wave to the departing van and anxiously count the days until their friends return.

Marines and sailors from the Logistics Department visited the Kawashimo School outside the Station gate, March 24. Logistics Marines have visited the school's Kindergartners on the last Thursday of the month for the past two years.

"The Logistics Department wanted to do more for the local community, so we visited the school and talked with



Lance Cpl. Perry U. Austin, Logistics passenger travel office clerk, colors with Akari Nakamura, 4, during a visit to the Kawashimo School, March 24.

the teachers about us spending time with the children," said Gunnery Sgt. Oscar I. Osanai, Logistics traffic chief. During the visit, it's not uncommon

to see Marines and sailors serving as the hill during a king of the hill game, or becoming a set of monkey bars. The volunteers play games, read stories and color with the kindergartners.

"The first time I visited the school it was a shock to see how open the kids were with you," said Lance Cpl. Perry U. Austin, Logistics passenger travel office clerk. "It was like playing with my brothers, sisters and little cousins all over again."

Osanai said the experience leaves an everlasting impression on both the children and the military volunteers. Seeing the children's smiling faces is what keeps the volunteers coming back. The children look forward to seeing their new buddy again.

"I like it very much when they visit," said Akari Nakamura, 4,

Kawashimo kindergartner. "I like the games they play with us, when they draw and write in English and hugging them."

During the most recent trip to Kawashimo, graduation certificates were awarded to the soon-to-be first graders and a brand new batch of kindergartners had their first meeting with the unusual American jungle gyms.

"I have a passion for kids," said Austin. "I got to learn a lot about Japanese children and seeing all of their excited, smiling faces gives you a great feeling."

After the last goodbye hug was given, the volunteers climbed into the vans and the children

waved farewell, class resumed and the children took their seats patiently awaiting next month's visit.



Cpl. Shawn R. Minosky, Logistics freight noncommissioned officer-in-charge, helps Shun, a kindergartner, kiss the sky at the school.



Petty Officer 2nd Class Eric H. Hoffman, Logistics store keeper, plays with kindergartners at the Kawashimo School.

OUT THE GATE

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

Yamaguchi Flea Market/Antique Market

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

Tokuyama Zoological Garden Open After Hours

The garden is open until 9 p.m. today through Wednesday for visitors to view cherry blossoms after dark. The gate is closed at 8:30 p.m. for entrance. For details, call 0834-22-8640.

Flower and Wine Festival 2005

There will be a festival at Shunan Sogo Sports Center, April 9, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and April 10, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Samples of Tokuyama Kyoho Wine will be offered. They will also sell flowers and wine. Some events on the stage are scheduled. The ad-

mission is free. Call 0834-22-8372 for more information.

Miyajima Hina Doll Tour

Ancient Hina dolls are displayed at a museum, temple and three residents on Miyajima Island now through April 3. A "passport," admission ticket, sold at Miyajima Ferry terminal, is required to view the dolls. They also display more Hina Dolls at houses and shops other than the above buildings, putting up pink flags outside as signs, on the island where tourists can visit without obtaining passports. Call 0829-44-2011 further for details.

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AUTOMOBILES

Toyota Cavalier, 1997, 2 door, new brakes and rotors, A/C, AM/FM/cassette, P/W, P/S, sun roof, good condition, JCI until Aug. 2007, \$1,200. Call Capt. Rodriguez at 253-6902 dwh or 253-2499 awh.

BMW, 1991, charcoal gray, runs well, new front brakes and belts, recent oil change, JCI until Nov. 2006, \$2,300. Call C. Mosley at 32-3282.

OTHER ITEMS

Misc., 12ft fishing boat, 8 HP Yamaha and trolling motor, \$800; sail board complete, \$200; trampoline, \$80. Call Bill at 253-4264 dwh or 31-8529 awh.

Misc., HP desk jet 970 CSE printer with refills, \$100; 4 gallon fish tank with accessories, \$30; girl's bike, ¥20,000, with training wheels and pads, \$40; mini refrigerator, \$25; recumbent bike, paid \$2,200, \$200; Dell computer, \$50; Marine Corps

golf size umbrella, paid \$110, brand new, \$35; ELS teaching supplies. Call CWO3 Hopley at 253-2852.

Misc., Evenflo brand new convertible car seat, Triumph 5, still in box, front and rear-facing, new born to 40 lbs., \$160; Fisher-price baby swing, hardly used, \$60; stroller, \$20; Winnie the Pooh crib mobile, \$8; Over the sink kitchen shelf, brand new, still in box, \$15, maternity/nursing clothes. Call Irina at 253-2275.

JOB OPENINGS

CHRO
English instructors are needed. For details, call Keiko Hironaka at 253-4344 or send e-mail to hironakajp@iwakuni.usmc.mil.

CHRO (253-6828)

MCCS:
-Substance Abuse Counselor
-Psychologist/Social Worker

Facilities:

-Interdisciplinary Engineer
-Architect

Logistics:

-Supervisory Contract Specialist
Clinic:

-Occupational Health Nurse

Commissary:

-Store Manager (Camp Kure Commissary)
-Store Worker (Intermittent)

AHO:

-Air Traffic Control Specialist (Terminal)

MCCS (253-3030)

(The following jobs are open at MCCS Personnel)

-MCCS Director
-CY&T Program Administrator

-Personnel Assistant
-Automotive Mechanic Leader

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

Pacific Command lands



Commander, U.S. Pacific Command, Adm. William J. Fallon met with Station leaders, March 22. Fallon, the new PACOM, visited Iwakuni as part of a tour to Japan based commands.

MOVIE SCHEDULE

SAKURA THEATER

FRIDAY - 7 p.m. Hide & Seek (R); 10 p.m. The Ring 2 (PG-13)

SATURDAY - 1 p.m. Pooh's Heffalump movie (G); 4 p.m. Robots (PG); 7 p.m.: Boogeyman (PG-13); 10 p.m. Hide & Seek (R)

SUNDAY - 4 p.m. Pooh's Heffalump movie (G); 7 p.m. The Ring 2 (PG-13)

MONDAY - 7 p.m. Assault On Precinct 13 (R)

TUESDAY - 7 p.m. In Good Company (PG-13)

WEDNESDAY - 7 p.m. Boogeyman (PG-13)

THURSDAY - 7 p.m. Coach Carter (PG-13)

This schedule is submitted by the Sakura Theater and is subject to change. For show times call the Sakura Theater at 253-5291.

MCTV CHANNEL 19

FRIDAY - 11 a.m./5 p.m. Radio (PG); 2 p.m./8 p.m. My

Stepmother Is An Alien (PG-13); 11 p.m./5 a.m. Matchstick Men (PG-13); 2 a.m. Van Helsing (PG-13)

SATURDAY - 11 a.m./5 p.m. Orange County (PG-13); 2 p.m./8 p.m. Paparazzi (PG-13); 11 p.m./5 a.m. The Notebook (PG-13); 2 a.m. Texas Chainsaw Massacre (R)

SUNDAY - 11 a.m./5 p.m. Peter Pan (PG); 2 p.m./8 p.m. Crazy/Beautiful (PG-13); 11 p.m./5 a.m. Something's Gotta Give (PG-13); 2 a.m. Spider-Man 2 (PG-13)

MONDAY - 11 a.m./5 p.m. Little Black Book (PG-13); 2 p.m./8 p.m. The Forgotten (PG-13); 11 p.m./5 a.m. A Man Apart (R); 2 a.m. Star Trek: Generations (PG)

TUESDAY - 11 a.m./5 p.m. Good Boy! (PG); 2 p.m./8 p.m. Cellular (PG-13); 11 p.m./5 a.m. Shallow Hal (PG-13); 2 a.m. Walking Tall (PG-13)

WEDNESDAY - 11 a.m./5 p.m. Raising Helen (PG-13); 2 p.m./8 p.m. Dumb And Dumberer (PG-13); 11 p.m./5 a.m. Resident Evil: Apocalypse (R); 2 a.m. Torque (PG-13)

THURSDAY - 11 a.m./5 p.m. Robin Hood: Men In Tights (PG-13); 2 p.m./8 p.m. Four Feathers (PG-13); 11 p.m./5 a.m. The Cookout (PG-13); 2 a.m. Skeletons In The Closet (R)

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

CHRO

CHRO Training

■ **Supervisor's Role in Human Resources Management:** April 11-14, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

■ **Ethics/Privacy Act/POSH:** April 20, 9-11:30 a.m. For more information and nominations, 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

Single Marine Program (253-3585)

■ **Hiroshima Carps Baseball Trip:** Saturday and April 9, 10 a.m. Call to confirm. \$10 transportation. Bring ¥2,000 for admission and extra yen for food.

■ **Committee Meeting:** Wednesday, 10 a.m. Attendance is mandatory for all squadron representatives.

School Age Center (253-4769)

■ **Power Hour Party:** Today, 4-5 p.m. Come party with us and discuss your successes.

Youth & Teen Center (253-6454)

■ **Universal Studios Trip:** April 11, 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sign-up before Wednesday. Admission is ¥5,500 or ¥4,950 if more than 25 children sign-up.

MCX (253-5641)

■ **Month of the Military Child Sale:** Thursday through April 17. Children's clothes, educational toys and bicycles are on sale.

Spring Bazaar

Today through Sunday at the MAC Dome. Shop for furniture, clothes, antiques, plants and more. For further details, call 253-4710.

Month of the Military Child Celebration

April 16, noon to 4 p.m. at the MAC Dome. Rides, games, refreshments, information booths and more await children. Call 253-4803 for more details.

Play Morning

Tuesday and April 12, 8:30-11 a.m., and Thursday and April 14, 10-11:30 a.m. in the Community Room of Building 657. Call 253-6553 to sign-up. Kids enjoy crafts, free play and songs.

Tuesday Night Happy Bookers Club

Tuesday, 7 p.m. in the library multipurpose room. The group is reviewing *My Sister's Keeper* by Jodi Picoult. May's book is *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime* by Mark Haddon. For more details, call 253-3078.

Anger Management Seminar

April 13 through May 4, 1-2 p.m. Call 253-4526 for more information.

Using Credit Wisely

April 8, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call 253-6250 for details.

Financing Your Education for Military Veterans

April 20, 6-8:30 p.m. For details, call 253-6439.

Home Buying Workshop

Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call 253-6250 to reserve a seat. This course is essential for experienced and beginner homebuyers alike, for those who will be purchasing soon and those just starting to think about taking the plunge.

Flea Market & Craft Fair

April 23, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the MAC Dome. U.S. and Japanese currency accepted. Handmade crafts by the Station and Iwakuni residents, goods from small business owners and vendors, used house wares, collectibles and antiques.

Nihongo de...

岩国基地司令が海上保安署員と共に出港

岩国基地司令官、マイケル・A・ダイアー大佐が3月24日、岩国海上保安署を訪れ、保安署が岩国基地の反テロ警備態勢をどのように支援しているかを視察した。ダイアー大佐は岩国基地周辺水域の警備を支援している海上保安庁のPC52に乗船し、熟練の海上保安署員に歓迎の敬礼で迎えられた。

PC52の船首では簡単な式がとりおこなわれ、海上保安署の岩国基地保安に対する献身的な協力に対する感謝状がダイアー大佐から船長に贈呈された。

アンドリュー・R・サミュエルズ反テロ警備担当官と通訳担当者がダイアー大佐に同行し、海上保安署の通常警備ルートをまわった。

「これは、基地が反テロ警備態勢で行っていることや海上保安署が我々を支援してくれることを基地司令に見てもらいたい機会だ。」とサミュエルズ担当官は話す。「今回の訪問は、海上保安署が入港する船をどのように調べるか、また保安業務においてどのような役割を担っているかを基地司令に理解してもらう素晴らしい機会だ。反テロ警備のチームとして、海上保安署と我々がどのように一緒に働いているかを示すことができる。」

海上保安署が岩国基地の反テロ部隊と協力し、チームとして活動を始めて約一年が経つ。「海上保安署の協力のおかげで、水上関係のすべての脅威から安全を確保することができ、入港する海軍の船舶に対して安全を確保できる。」とサミュエルズ担当官。PC52が岩国港を離れると、海上保安署員によるPC52の機能・性能の説明が始まった。

誕生して二年になるPC52はスピードを28ノットまであげ、荒い海を進んだ。海上保安署員がPC52の操縦に忙しんでいる間、ダイアー大佐は5機の高圧放水砲や船長の椅子からどのように望遠監視テレビ装置を操作するかなど、PC52の詳細を案内された。

管制室を見学した後、ダイアー大佐一行は船尾のデッキにある暖かい静かな部屋に案内された。PC52は全速力に近いスピードを出しており、激しい航跡と迫力のある風が一緒になって、みんなの顔に陽気な笑顔がこぼれた。揺れる波にバランスを取りながら、一行はPC52の能力に驚いていた。

「この航海は本当に楽しかった。」とサミュエルズ担当官。「小さな船だと違うだろうが、大きな船に乗っていると荒れた海でもまったく気にならない。海上保安署の方々と楽しい時間を過ごせた。」

「1年2ヶ月の間、船上で過ごしたことがあるが、このような日本の監視船に乗船したのは初めて。」と司令部司令中隊、マイク・R・ピコロ戦闘演習班チーフは話した。「海上保安署が使っている先端技術や機械はすべて素晴らしい。帽子もいただいた。」

岩国港に戻ると、PC52の船長とダイアー大佐はこのまたとない機会を互いに感謝し、握手を交わした。

「海上保安署員のみなさんが水上関係の脅威から安全を守るために働いてくれることを知って、好感を持った。」とサミュエルズ担当官。「署員の皆さんがいてくれることがわかれば、夜ぐっすり眠れるようになる。」

This story is a translation of the top of page 3 text. 本文は3ページ上段の記事の日本語訳です。

Mess Hall Lunch Menus

Week Of April 4-8

Monday – Seafood Newburg, Country Style Steak, Oven Glo Potatoes, Macaroni and Cheese, Hush Puppies, Broccoli Combo, Wax Beans
Tuesday – Lasagna, Roast Pork, Mashed Potatoes, Toasted Garlic Bread, Whole Kernel Corn, Mixed

Vegetables, Chicken Gavy, Cheese Biscuits
Wednesday – Baked Tuna Noodle
Monday – Chicken Sandwich, Garden Salad, Ranch Dressing, Crispy Potato Wedges, Fresh Fruit, Milk
Tuesday – Cheese Pizza, Carrot & Celery Sticks, Ranch Dressing, Chilled Peaches, Rice Krispie Treat, Milk
Wednesday – Chicken Fried Rice with Vegetables, Seasoned

Friday – Chicken Gumbo, Southern Style Fried Catfish, Chicken Cacciatore, German Griddle Cakes, Steamed Rice, Candied Sweet Potatoes, Southern Style Greens



M. C. Perry School Lunch Menus

Week of April 4-8

Monday – Chicken Sandwich, Garden Salad, Ranch Dressing, Crispy Potato Wedges, Fresh Fruit, Milk
Tuesday – Cheese Pizza, Carrot & Celery Sticks, Ranch Dressing, Chilled Peaches, Rice Krispie Treat, Milk
Wednesday – Chicken Fried Rice with Vegetables, Seasoned

Green Beans, Dinner Roll, Orange Quarters, Fortune Cookies, Milk
Thursday – Soft Shell Taco with Cheese, Lettuce & Tomato, Spanish Rice, Chilled Mixed Fruit, Chocolate Cake, Milk
Friday – No School

CHAPEL RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Roman Catholic

Saturday
 4:30 p.m. Confession
 5:30 p.m. Mass
 Sunday
 8:45 a.m. Mass
 10:05 a.m. CCD

Protestant

Sunday
 9 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Fellowships
 Non-Denominational Christian Worship
 10:15 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Fellowships
 10:30 a.m. Gospel Worship Service

Cooperative Chapel Ministries

Wednesday
 6:30 p.m. AWANA Children's Program
 3rd Saturday
 8 a.m. Men's Fellowship Breakfast
 1st Thursday
 6 p.m. Protestant Women of the Chapel

LAY LED RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Jewish

Friday
 6 p.m. Shabbat Service

Seventh-Day Adventist

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

Episcopal

Sunday
 7 p.m. Worship Service

Church of Christ

Sunday
 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Wednesday

7 p.m. Bible Study

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

Weekdays
 6:30 a.m. Seminary
 Sunday
 1 a.m. Priesthood, Relief Society & Sunday School
 3 p.m. Sacrament Meeting

OTHER SERVICES

Islamic

Friday
 12 p.m. Prayer

To confirm current schedule of services at the Marine Memorial Chapel, call 253-3371.

Kinnick slashes Samurai 24-1

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Despite showing improvement in the team's performance, the Matthew C. Perry baseball team lost to Nile C. Kinnick High School 24-1, March 25.

The Samurai kept it a close game for the first two innings, but it quickly became apparent Kinnick was going to have a runaway win.

"I think we did pretty good," said Neil E. Suther, Samurai pitcher and third baseman. "If we wouldn't have made the few errors we did, we would have put up a good fight."

The Samurai looked to rally back several times during the game, but a dropped catch or an overthrown ball would quickly diminish the chance.

"We had some good moments, but our performance could have been better," said Brett Curtis, Samurai head coach. "We need to get into the game mentally; physically we are prepared, but our minds aren't in the game."

The Samurai's only run came in the top of the eighth inning when Jacob Curtis, Samurai pitcher and shortstop, reached first base on a walk and Chris Lupton, first baseman, took a fastball to his left ear. With two men on, Suther doubled to right center bringing Curtis in for the score.

"Seeing Chris take that shot to the ear and then stay in was the highlight of the game," said Suther. "It took a lot of heart for him to stay in the game



A Kinnick player gets caught in a pickle, between third base and homeplate during the baseball game.



ABOVE: Neil E. Suther, Samurai relief pitcher and third baseman, throws a strike during the baseball game against Kinnick, March 25. BELOW: Jacob Curtis, starting pitcher and shortstop, lasted three innings in a 24-1 loss to Nile C. Kinnick High School.

after that hit, and it gave me a lot of motivation."

Sadly, the motivation was quickly replaced with a third out and the Samurai took to the field with only one run on the scoreboard. The last inning was similar to the first seven and the game ended with the Samurai's record dropping to 0-5.

"Even though we don't have that great of a record, I keep playing because the game is all about having fun," said Suther. "It's (baseball) about the joy in seeing your team get a good hit or make a good play, and I know we can beat these guys, but we just made a few mistakes."

The Samurai didn't let the tough loss get to them and they immediately began thinking of ways to improve for the next game and the rest of the season.

"We have a lot of first-year players, and we just need to work on swinging the bat," said Curtis.



"We have a pretty solid defense, but we just have to start swinging the bat and getting hits."

Suther led the Samurai with six strikeouts and one run batted in. Suther said even after the loss, he looks forward to the rest of the season.

"I think for the little while that we have been playing together, we've improved," said Suther. "We have the potential to be a contender."

IWAKUNI SPORTS SCENE

OFFICER SPOUSE CLUB GOLF SCRAMBLE

April 9, 7:30 shotgun start. Free food and prizes are provided. Register teams of two or four at the ProShop. Preferential tee assignment for early registration. Limited to 72 golfers. \$20 registration fee and green fees. \$1 mulligans. Lunch is included. Call ProShop at 253-3402 to sign-up or further details.

FAMILY APPRECIATION BOWLING DAYS

Saturday and April 16, 1-5 p.m. All games cost \$.75. Call 253-4657 for more information.

\$1 SPECIALS FOR CIVILIANS

Torii Pines Golf Course is extending its \$1 promotion to American and Japanese civilians. Every Thursday, American civilians pay only \$1 for the green fee at the golf course. Then after 1 p.m., they can receive a \$1 draft

beer and a \$1 small order of Buffalo Wings at the Eagle's Nest by showing their greens-fee receipt. This offer is available to master labor contractor and indirect hire agreement workers and Japanese dependents on Mondays. Service members of Japan and the United States can take advantage of the offer on Tuesdays. Dollar specials are limited to one per customer and are not valid on U.S. holidays or for organized group outings. Call 253-3402 for further information.

MIKURADAKE HIKE

April 16, 7 a.m. This is a moderate to difficult hike. Sign-up for \$15 at IT&T. For details, call 253-3822.

WATER SAFETY INSTRUCTOR CLASS

Monday through April 15. Must have current lifeguard certification to enroll. Call 253-4966 for more details.

IronWorks hosts Far East Championship

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The bar lowers to the lifters chest and pauses for a moment, then suddenly it rises along with the cheers of the crowd. The lift is completed and the lifter waits to see the judges ruling; the lift is good and the lifter celebrates with his fellow competitors.

Marines, Station residents and Japanese weightlifters tested their strength during the Far East Power Lifting Championship at the IronWorks Gym, Saturday.

Participants competed in three lifting events; the squat, bench press and dead lift. The most weight successfully lifted during the three attempts would count toward scoring.

The competition was divided up so that competitors were competing against people in their same weight class. The male and female competitors who lifted the most total weight in ratio to their size was crowned the male and female overall champions. First through third place trophies were given out in each individual weight class.

Long V. Nguyen, 123-pound weight class, was a first-time competitor and joined hoping to get his name on the Station record board that hangs in the IronWorks Gym weight room, he said. Nguyen shattered all Station records in his weight class and placed first in the competition.

"I think I did a good job," said Nguyen. "I've been training since January. My roommate, Kyle J. Hoelscher, has been my trainer. He's worked out with me everyday and even watched what I ate at the chow hall."

The environment was really positive during the competition, more experienced lifters could be seen giving pointers to newcomers and fellow competitors would cheer one another on.

"I enjoy the crowd and people



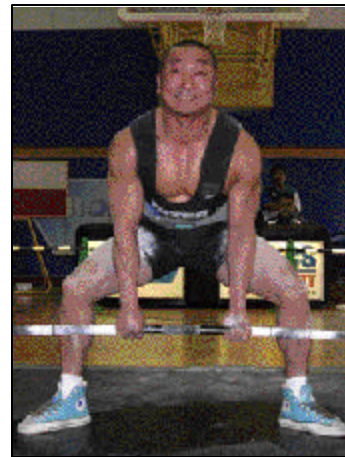
ABOVE: Karl J. Marshall, first place 198-pound weight class, squats 489.5 pounds during the Far East Power Lifting Championship at the IronWorks Gym, Saturday. BELOW: Koichi Iwamoto, first place 165-pound weight class and overall champion, dead lifts 506 pounds.

involved in these competitions," said Karl J. Marshall, first place 198-pound weight class. "It's a lot of fun and everyone that does it is very friendly and helpful, even the guys your competing against cheer you on. You don't see that in many sports."

The competition is held twice a year and those considering joining should come out to a power lifting seminar, which is usually held eight weeks before the competition, and learn the rules and techniques of the competition, said Marshall. The rules are probably the biggest shock to newcomers.

"The competition was different than I thought it would be," said Nguyen. "It's a lot different than lifting in the gym, there is more technique and rules involved, but everyone was very helpful."

The male overall champion trophy and medal were awarded to Koichi



Iwamoto, first place 165-pound weight class. Iwamoto has competed in and won first place in his weight class seven times before, but this was his first overall championship. The female champion was Jamie D. Buning.



Long V. Nguyen, first place 123-pound weight class, bench presses 203.5 pounds during the Far East Power Lifting Championship at the IronWorks Gym. Nguyen set four records in his weight class.

2005 Far East Powerlifting Results

| First Place | Weight Class | Squat | Bench | Dead lift | Total |
|-------------------|--------------------|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| Female | | | | | |
| Jamie D. Buning | 150+ | 159.5 | 110 | 253 | 500.5 |
| Male | | | | | |
| Long V. Nguyen | 123 | 258.5 | 203.5 | 313.5 | 775.5 |
| Hirota Omi | 132 | 319 | 258.5 | 385 | 962.5 |
| Yoshinori Hara | 148 | 396 | 220 | 517 | 1,133 |
| Koichi Iwamoto | 165 | 506 | 396 | 506 | 1,408 |
| Karl J. Marshall | 198 | 489.5 | 313.5 | 517 | 1,320 |
| Russell Fitzwater | 220 | 401.5 | 335.5 | 407 | 1,144 |
| Steven Robinson | 242 | 506 | 401.5 | 572 | 1,479.5 |
| Roy Lamont | Super Heavy Weight | 522.5 | 407 | 506 | 1,435.5 |

