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Runway repaired by joint forces

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Combat Correspondent

CHEONGJU, Republic of Korea—Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 combat engineers and heavy equipment operators joined the Korean Air Force recently, for a Rapid Runway Repair simulation during Exercise Foal Eagle 2005.

The simulation began with a bomb hitting the airfield and service members assessing damage to make the necessary repairs. The exercise gives service members the ability to repair a damaged runway quickly, thereby allowing operations to continue.

"Speed is essential," said Chief Warrant Officer Jeff L. Hare, MWSS-171 engineer detachment commander for Foal Eagle. "In a combat situation, the longer the planes are stationary the longer they remain sitting targets and we lose the ability to provide close air support for the troops."

Assessing the damage is the first step in runway repair. Service members can either assess the damage roughly from a control tower, flight line or helicopter. For a detailed assessment, a facility damage assessment team is sent. The damage assessment team determines the type of damages by checking the pavement. An explosive ordnance disposal team is required to check and make sure there isn't any unexploded



Lance Cpt. Cristin K. Bartter

Marines work with the Korean Air Force to align the folded fiberglass matting over a crater during a Rapid Runway Repair exercise, March 23, while participating in Exercise Foal Eagle 2005.

ordnance remaining in the area.

"There are two stages in Rapid Runway Repair," said Hare. "There is the analysis stage and the actual repairing stage."

Folded fiberglass matting is necessary to patch the crater. A FFM weighs about 3,000 pounds and consists of nine fiberglass panels. To repair the runway, two FFM's are unfolded by two front-end loaders with fork attachments and spliced together so the matting seams

run with the runway.

For the exercise, the Koreans filled and repaired the medium-sized crater, the Marines unfolded the first FFM and the Koreans unfolded the second. Both services worked together to assemble the two.

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Leave conduct pledge policy now in effect

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During the past year, 55 Marines have died in off-duty mishaps. During the Commandant of the Marine Corps' last executive safety board meeting, the decision was passed on a new policy to ensure the safety of Marines on leave.

The Leave Conduct Pledge Policy is the newest

addition to requesting leave and has been implemented in the hope of reducing off-duty mishaps.

"A certain percentage of those deaths could have been avoided had proper planning been involved," said Capt. Ben T. Pipes, Marine Aircraft Group 12 adjutant.

According to Staff Sgt. Brandey L. Catledge, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron administrative chief, the intent of the policy is to raise safety aware-

ness and ensure the safe return of all Marines from leave.

"You're going to make a pledge that you will stay out of trouble, so that you can come back to work healthy," said Catledge.

Catledge says the added policy shouldn't put a damper on Marines taking leave. The pledge process does not take long. If requesting leave through Ma- see **LEAVE** Page 5

Station pitches in for relief society fund drive

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Life can be unpredictable at times, but Marines and sailors can rest assured knowing the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society stands ready to respond to their needs as well as the needs of their loved ones. During its first 100 years, the society assisted nearly four million Marines and sailors, and provided more than \$1 billion in interest-free loans and grants.

Although sponsored by the Department of the Navy, the work of the society is

supported by the annual Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society Active Duty Fund Drive.

During the 2005 fund drive, Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni raised \$35,805 in contributions.

"Every spring, during the active duty fund drive, there is a big push to raise money for the society," said Master Sgt. Micheal Wilder, Station Motor Transport chief. "Contributing to the society is a good idea because you never know when you'll be down and out. Even myself, as a lance corporal, I went to them and they

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A reflection on International Women's Day

Lt. Carla Barry
Station Chaplain

I had the opportunity to participate in the International Women's Day Event held on March 29. The most meaningful aspect of the day was the keynote address by Cmdr. Rachel Haltner. Her words not only enlightened me to the realities of the struggles of women, but also inspired me to help our society and other

women by being a role model. When the keynote speaker was finished addressing the listeners I was proud of whom God created me to be.

Throughout the day I asked myself the question, "Lord, what are you saying to me for my Christian journey through this event?" By the end of the day I received the answer and was lead to the Scripture Galatians 3:28.

"There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is

neither male nor female; for ye all one in Christ."

Therefore, in God's eye there is no ethnic, social or gender distinctions. When I pray to God, He answers me according to His divine will and purpose for my life. I could not imagine praying to a God who would answer me according to my gender or social status. Lastly, I am forever thankful He loves me for who I am because God is Love.

Ask the Inspector

Maj. Matthew D. Razvillas
Station Inspector

Frequently asked questions about MCCA

Over the last couple months, I have received numerous questions about the Marine Corps Community Services Exchange. This will be a two part series, this week and next, of the most commonly asked questions.

1. Why are there not more personnel to help customers in the exchange?

One of the greatest challenges in personnel is the limited U.S. labor pool in Iwakuni. The majority of our U.S. workforce is family members. We encourage anyone interested in supporting the community to join our workforce at the exchange. Based on latest staffing levels at the Exchange, there is a 19 percent vacancy in regular full-time and part-time staff.

2. Why is there so little selection for kids shoes?

At the completion of the renovation project in 2003, we increased the size of the shoe department by over 100 percent. When stocking the new space, allocation is made proportional to customer demand. As it stands now, children and youth shoes represent 15 percent of our volume and 15 percent of the displayed items.

In March, the Exchange received 23 styles in kids Skechers shoes/sandals. It's possible some customers have not seen the display of Skechers sandals. Those items are being relocated to improve visibility. In addition, there are seven more Skechers kids styles to arrive early April, along with a special purchase of Mootsie Tootsie (four styles) and Keds (two styles) that are late arriving.

3. Can we have a "buyers night" where customers can meet and discuss with the buyers what items they would like ordered?

The answer is yes. Our current plans are to hold buyer forums with customers approximately every three months.

4. If so, when?

The first forum was held Feb. 1. The next forums will be scheduled in May, August and November. This allows our buyers and management to respond to the information from the previous forum and make changes before the next scheduled forum.

5. In regard to large items like washers and dryers and vacuum cleaners, is there any way to hire a certified handy man to work on warranted items?

We are challenged with finding repair services in Japan that can source or are willing to source repair parts from the U.S. and are knowledgeable or certified to work on warranty and non-warranty U.S. made products. We currently have one company in Iwakuni who will do warranty work for the washer/dryer brands sold in the MCX. If customers have a problem with a washer or dryer that is under warranty, they should contact the MCX.

Additionally, we now offer full refunds on vacuum cleaners and small appliances, purchased from the Iwakuni Exchange, that become defective during the warranty. It is important for the customer to save their receipts on these items. The receipt serves as proof of purchase and date of purchase.

6. Can you discuss how Marines benefit from MCCA money in regards to their unit.

Under Marine Corps Air Station Order 7010.12A, MCCA provides \$15/Marine/year to the unit's party fund. This money is to support unit functions that are offered to all members of the unit regardless of rank. Examples of authorized purchases are: party supplies, recreational activities (tours), sporting activities, etc.

In addition, MCCA provides unit level activities in intramural sports, Outdoor Recreation activities and Single Marine Program that are free or at minimal cost.

If you have a question please send them to: razvillasmd@iwakuni.usmc.mil or naseerd@iwakuni.usmc.mil. You can also call the action line at 253-3100 and leave your questions. Ask me the question, and I will find the answer.

CHATTERBOX

"If Terry Shaivo was your family member, what would you do?"



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Pfc.
Joseph K.
Dawkins,
Atlanta



Carol M.
Hamilton
Harmony,
Pa.



Pfc.
Robert R.
Garcia
Corpus
Christi,
Texas

"I would go with her wishes and have to go on the assumption that her husband is telling the truth."

"I would leave her on the tube because if it was her time to go, God would have taken her away."

"Feed her! I don't think she needs artificial means of living, but she shouldn't be starved to death."

"Pull the plug. There's no point in letting someone suffer living like that."

Barracks renovated with Whole Room Concept

Lance Cpl. Lukas J. Blom
Combat Correspondent

The Housing Office is currently coordinating several renovations projects throughout Station barracks in order to increase living standards and quality of life for all personnel living in the barracks.

The barracks aboard the Station have just begun their transformation to be in compliance with the Whole Room Concept. Designed by Headquarters Marine Corps, the Whole Room Concept ensures Marines will have adequate and up-to-date furnishings for their rooms.

Scheduled to be completed in all Station barracks by 2008, the Whole Room Concept renovations are projected to cost between \$1 and \$4 million per building.

"It's like night and day," said Sue Kear, Station Housing Office director.

"The quality of life is going to be so much better. All the remodeled buildings are going to have new electrical, communication wiring, sprinkler systems and central heat and air that will be able to be controlled with radio frequency by utilities and facilities. There's going to be new floors, walls and vanities."

There will also be many added amenities for Marines and sailors who fall under the Unit Deployment Program, according to William Salter, Bachelor Housing Division director. Staff non-commissioned officers and officers will be provided with a house keeping service three times per week, towel and linen service, television, VCR, coffee makers, toasters, iron and ironing board.

The additions to each room will surely increase the quality of life for all Marines, and potentially be an effective recruiting tool for the future of the Marine Corps.

"When young people are weighing

out the decision to join the military or go to college, many look at the difference in living standards, and until recently we couldn't compete with most colleges," said Kear. "But, with all the changes we're making we'll be on a much more even playing field with the living quality of many colleges, if not better than most."

At the backbone of the renovations, the feeling of "home" is the driving force behind the Whole Room Concept.

"The overall feeling of everything being new and clean will make it seem



Lance Cpl. Lukas J. Blom
A Military Millennium Vehicle-Skytrak hoists equipment to assist in barracks renovations.

much more homey for the young Marines," said Kear. "We want them to enjoy coming home."

With the numerous renovations, side programs will also become more available to barracks residents. The Self Help program has been a tool that residents of family housing have long been able to enjoy. Self Help will soon be available to single and unaccompanied Marines residing in the barracks, according to Kear. This program will allow them to be able to check out various tools and equipment in order to fix small maintenance issues in their rooms themselves.

"With all these additions, we want people to start feeling responsible for their own rooms," said Kear.

England nominated for Pentagon's No. 2 position

John D. Banusiewicz
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — President George W. Bush has nominated Navy Secretary Gordon R. England to succeed Paul Wolfowitz as deputy secretary of defense.

Wolfowitz was confirmed as the next World Bank president March 31, and his term will begin June 1.

In a written statement, England said he is "honored and humbled" by his selection as Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld's deputy, and added that serving sailors, Marines and their families as Navy secretary has been "a profound honor."

"I also appreciate Secretary Rumsfeld's support and wish my friend and colleague Paul Wolfowitz

the best of luck as he takes on the important work of the World Bank," the statement read.

England has served twice as Navy secretary, interrupted by a nine-month stint in 2003 as deputy secretary of homeland security.

He currently serves in two other DoD capacities. England has been the implementing authority for the Combatant Status Review Tribunal, the vehicle where detainees at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, could have their status as enemy combatants reviewed by a military panel. The Navy secretary has also been the lead official for moving DoD civilians into the new National Security Personnel System.

Previously, England was executive vice president of General Dynamics.

Earlier in his career, he was president of Lockheed Fort Worth and president of General Dynamics Land Systems. He earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Maryland and his master's from the M.J. Neeley School of Business at Texas Christian University. He is a Baltimore native.

The White House also announced March 31 that the president intends to nominate Eric S. Edelman to succeed Douglas J. Feith as undersecretary of defense for policy. Edelman, a career foreign service officer, is U.S. ambassador to Turkey and previously served as principal deputy assistant to the vice president for national security affairs.

Both nominations are subject to Senate conformation.

TRICARE assists grieving families with smile

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Combat Correspondent

TRICARE Dental Program has added a Survivor Benefit for the family of an active duty service member, or active reserve activated for a period of 30 days or more, which will extend coverage to the family for a period of three years from the month following the sponsor's death.

Under the TDP Survivor Benefit program, the government will pay 100 percent of the premiums.

In order for family members to be eligible for this benefit, the sponsor must be enrolled in TDP prior to their death. This requirement is waived in limited circumstances such as if the service member's family was enrolled in TDP, but discontinued the coverage due to a change of duty station.

When a service member dies, his family will be disenrolled from the regular TDP program. Immediately after the disenrollment, the family will automatically be reenrolled in the TDP Survivor Benefits program.

The family will continue to receive full benefits for the three-year contract. When the contract is nearly fulfilled, a representative will contact the family and tell them how much time is left so the family has ample time to make other arrangements for dental coverage.

Some family members may be eligible for the TRICARE Retiree Dental Program once the Survivor Benefits program expires.

NEWS BRIEFS

NEWSPAPER SURVEY

Let the staff of the *Torii Teller* know what you would like to see in the Station newspaper by taking the Torii Teller Survey. Surveys can be found online at www.iwakuni.usmc.mil or at the Public Affairs Office.

NDTA

The Honshu Chapter of the National Defense Transportation Association (NDTA) will award between four and eight scholarships, in amounts of \$250 - \$1,000, to mainland Japan high school seniors graduating in 2005. All DoDDS high school guidance counselors in mainland Japan have the application package. The deadline for submission is May 13. Contact your high school guidance counselor for details.

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 253-5344 or 253-5551.

MOTORCYCLE SAFETY CLASS

A motorcycle awareness presentation will be held April 19 at the Bldg. 1 auditorium from 10-11:30 a.m. The class is for all riders and prospective riders.

Computer program increases kid's safety

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The Internet has brought many benefits to people worldwide, whether a student surfs for information on their next paper or a busy homemaker wishes to save time by purchasing groceries online. Along with countless benefits, the Internet serves as a vessel for cyber predators to target children.

Congress recently approved a motion, and a \$5 million grant, that mandates all Department of Defense Dependant Schools begin teaching the iSafe curriculum. iSafe is a nonprofit organization founded in 1998, focusing on equipping students with critical thinking and decision making skills needed to recognize and avoid dangerous, destructive or illegal online behavior and respond to it appropriately.

"One thing that we have really had a lot of trouble convincing the kids of is the fact that nothing on the Internet is totally private," said Stan Stevens, Matthew C. Perry High School educational technologist. "It takes a



Lance Cpl. Lukas J. Blom

Michael Marschall, a 7th grader at Matthew C. Perry, surfs the net while researching a homework project. The new iSafe program was adopted to ensure the Internet is used constructively and does not serve as a playground for cyber predators.

cyber predator about half an hour to find out a lot about you."

The elementary and high school have already introduced all students to the Internet safety and awareness education program. Students attended numerous classes covering many subjects on Internet safety;

cyber community citizenship, cyber security, personal safety, predator identification, plagiarism and cyber relationships.

"We want everyone to be aware that cyber predators are there, even here in Japan," said Stevens.

Although the five-week course

covers many measures, which can protect possible victims, parents must also stay vigilant for cyber predators on the home computer.

"The biggest threat to a kid is allowing them to have a computer in their room," said Brad Klein, M.C. Perry Elementary educational technologist. "Have the computer in the family room or a place where it's in plain view. If you've got a computer in the house with kids, you need to monitor what's going on."

The iSafe program highly encourages parents, as well as the community, to actively combat the rising threat of cyber predators through outreach programs such as Youth Empowerment Campaign and Community Action Teams.

Students will go through continuing education with the iSafe program every year while enrolled in a DoDDS to combat cyber predators and practice good Internet safety.

"This program teaches kids what they need to know and how to avoid trouble. They just need to apply it," said Klein.

For more information on iSafe, go to www.isafe.org.

Children build lifelong relationship at library

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It's possible to be whisked away to far-off lands, travel through time or fall in love with characters you've never seen while reading a good book. Station children get the opportunity every Thursday and Friday at the Station Library.

The Station Library hosts Library story time as a means to show children the joys of reading and provide an opportunity for children and parents to interact with each other and familiarize themselves with the library.

Every Thursday at 10 a.m., story time is held for the 2-year old and younger age group and Friday at 10 a.m., for the 3 to 5-year old age group.

During story time, the host will read one or two books and then the children will participate in crafts related to the story.

"This is a good opportunity for children to learn that reading is fun," said Joy B. Poynor, Marine Corps Community Services library technician and 3



ABOVE: Children listen attentively as Joy B. Poynor, Marine Corps Community Services library technician, reads 'The Grouchy Ladybug' during children's story time at the Station Library, April 1. RIGHT: Maquela R. Huff, 4, colors a ladybug during the crafts portion of children's story time.

to 5-year old-story time host. "We read a story, then do a fun craft so the children look forward to coming to the library."

According to Poynor, if children enjoy the library at a young age they will continue to come later in life.

"I like story time," said Maquela R. Huff, 4. "Today, we read a story about a ladybug and then we colored a ladybug. It was my favorite part."



According to Poynor, the children really enjoy the crafts because they get to show their creativity and it gives them a chance to come out of their shell.

"My kids like to listen to the story, they enjoy the crafts and they're quite fond of Mrs. Poynor," said Juanita R. Huff, Station resident. "I bring them to become familiarized with books and understand what the library is for."

Aside from learning about the library and building a relationship with books, the class helps children work on social skills and gives parents and children a chance to meet and make new friends.

"Story time gives parents a chance to socialize with each other while the kids interact," said Poynor. "We had two girls who were really shy for the longest time, but now they've opened up and are more talkative."

For more information about story time or other library programs, call 253-3078.

Military children honored for sacrifices

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There are many difficulties in the lifestyles of military families. Whether it is getting stationed in a foreign country, being deployed or a work schedule that doesn't leave much time for home, military families endure many things civilian families don't. However, those are all sacrifices service members made when they signed up to protect their country. Military children were not given the same choice, but they deal with the same hardships and the never ending change of the military lifestyle. For this reason, the "Month of the Military Child," was created.

The Month of the Military Child, celebrated since 1983, is held in April along with Kids Safety Week. The



Students display their artwork at the Club Iwakuni Ballroom.

month is all about teaching kids about safety and honoring the sacrifices they make, said Joyce A. Woolman, Marine Corps Community Services teen and youth program administrator.

Marine Corps Community Services is hosting numerous events throughout the month, ranging from classes on kids' safety, job training and parenting to puppet shows, a theme park trip and the Month of the Military Child Celebration at the MACDome.

"The month is an occasion to honor children for what they do, it's a family activity, it's free and it gives



Matthew C. Perry Elementary School students wait for the winners of the Marine Corps Family Team Building Month of the Military Child Art Contest to be announced at the Club Iwakuni Ballroom, March 23.

parents a chance to build positive memories with their children," said Woolman. "I view it as a month to say that children are important to society so lets embrace them for the contribu-

tions and sacrifices they make for family and community. In the military, I think children make more of a sacrifice."

According to Marine Administrative Message 136/05, the Marine Corps has always understood the importance of shared responsibility and coordinated efforts to build strong, safe communities in which children can thrive.

"The Corps realizes that it's important to build a strong safe community for the kids," said Woolman. "Even for the Marines and sailors without kids, it's all of our job to support the community. I know it's a trite thing to say, but 'the children are our future.'"

Key events for the Month of the Military Child

What	When	Where
Kids Safety Week	April 11-15	Various locations
Puppet Show for Preschoolers	April 12, 9 a.m.	Child Development Center
Choking Emergencies Class and Rescue Breathing Class	April 12	Yujo Hall
Water Whiz, Whales Tales and Basic Safety	April 13	IronWorks Pool
Culture Quest: Grocery Shopping for Kids (Adults only)	April 15, 1:30 p.m.	Unannounced
Lunch, Games, Celebration and Certificate Ceremony	April 15	Building 1100 Parking Lot
Month of the Military Child Celebration	April 16, 12 to 4 p.m.	MAC Dome
Kids Mini Health Fair	April 19, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.	Crossroads
Jesse Owens Track and Field Meet	April 23, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.	Northside Track

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both services were calling out commands in order to get the job done quickly, safely and effectively.

"We overcame the language barrier through our actions and body language," said Lance Cpl. Nathan M. Thomas, MWSS-171 combat engineer. "It made things more difficult, but the Koreans were highly motivated to accomplish the task."

The Koreans enjoyed getting a chance to work with the Marines and accomplish the mission together.

"We have never had the chance to work with the Marines before," said Gunnery Sgt. Hagyoung Kim, Korean Air Force generator operator. "We are getting the chance to know more about the different services."

"Overall the exercise was an extremely successful operation," said Hare. "The Marines and Koreans performed flawlessly."

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were there for me, I've been contributing to the society ever since."

Most junior Marines contributed through allotments and senior Marines contributed a single deposit, but Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12 saw the opportunity to contribute to a good cause and have fun. MALS-12 managed to raise \$2,364

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rine Online, the pledge will appear on the confirmation page for each request. When a Marine clicks "confirm," it will signify a signature of the pledge.

When requesting leave through a leave approval chain, the Marine will meet with the first person in his leave approval chain to read through, agree with and sign the pledge form, which he will keep with him while on leave.

"To me it's (the pledge process) more than just; read through a pledge and sign it," said Pipes. "The pledge program is a way for leaders to conduct a thorough validation

of where the Marine requesting leave is going, how he is getting there and when he is leaving."

The difference between the way requesting leave was and is now, is that the leave pledge ensures that a Marine has a safe plan for leave, said Pipes.

Effective immediately, if a Marine wishes to take leave, he must agree to the pledge and sign the form. Leave cannot be taken without either signing the pledge or confirming it online.

"The new policy is a good thing," said Catledge. "It will help Marines make smart decisions while on leave, and stay out of trouble."

through a creative fund-raiser.

"It's tough and usually ineffective if you come face to face with someone and say 'do you want to donate money?'" said 2nd Lt. Aaron P. Schnetzler, MALS-12 supply response division officer. "So we found a way to build camaraderie, have fun and help out the society."

The MALS-12 avionics division held a pie in the face fund-raiser, in which an auction was held and the

highest bidder tossed a pie at their favorite officer to raise money.

Wilder encourages units to try more creative ways of raising money, like MALS-12, during next year's fund drive.

"The society is a great program, because you can't predict life," said Schnetzler. "If there's an emergency, they are there for you. They do a lot of great things for service members."



Lance Cpl. Mark Fayloga

Kenta Tamayama, Carp's pitcher, throws a strike during the first game of the season against the Fukuoka Soft Bank Hawks at the Hiroshima Toyo Carp Yu Practice Field, March 29.

Carp step up to plate for 2005

LANCE Cpl. LUKAS J. BLUM
Combat Correspondent

What's more American than sitting in the stands of an outdoor stadium, hearing the crack of a bat? Sitting down in the bleachers with a snack, bought from a screaming vendor pacing up and down the aisles unwrapping the foil to enjoy a seventh inning snack of... Sushi? What many Station residents may not realize about baseball is the great American pastime is also arguably the most popular sport in Japan.

For Station residents longing for a major league experience, they need to look no further than Hiroshima's own professional baseball team, the Carp.

The Carp, whose home turf is the Hiroshima Shimin Kyujo (baseball stadium), play in the Central League along with five other teams. The Japanese Baseball League consists of the Pacific and Central leagues, much like the American and National leagues in the U.S.

Although baseball in Japan has many similarities to it's American counterpart, there are many differences in how the actual game is played.

"It's a totally different game than in America," said Carp's farm team pitcher, Tom Davey, from Plymouth, Mich. "They (Japanese players) look at

the game much different than we (American players) do. For example, in the States during spring training, we play games every single day for a month straight. Over here, you play about three games per week and the rest of the time it's practice, practice, practice. The players are much more practice oriented over here."

With the dedication the Japanese players commit to practice, from pitching to batting, the game is noticeably different.

"Here it's more of a controlled game," said Davey, who played professional ball in the States for the Toronto Blue Jays, Seattle Mariners, San Diego Padres and the AAA affiliate of the Boston Red Sox, the Pawtucket Red Sox. "They're going to put the bunts down and they're going to steal bases. Whereas in the U.S., they're swinging for the fences most of the time, a lot more small ball over here."

Contrary to popular belief of American baseball fans in Japan, the strike zone is not lower than in the U.S. due to shorter players. The strike zone in JBL is considerably higher.

"In the States, a fastball down around the knees would usually be called a strike. Over here, it has to be at the belt. They call the high ball for strikes over here."

One of the largest differences may be in how the players approach their at bats.

"The batters in the States are swinging for home runs, they are more power guys so it's easier to strike them out. These guys are very hard to strike out because they are such good bat-control guys, they're just trying to put a bat on the ball. They can follow up just about anything you throw at them."

Although there are many differences in the way the games are played, American and Japanese baseball lovers have one defining quality in common, pure love of the game.

Just as you would see in any American stadium, there are sure to be die-hard fans with paint on their face and thunder sticks in hand, creating a deafening roar with a large crowd.

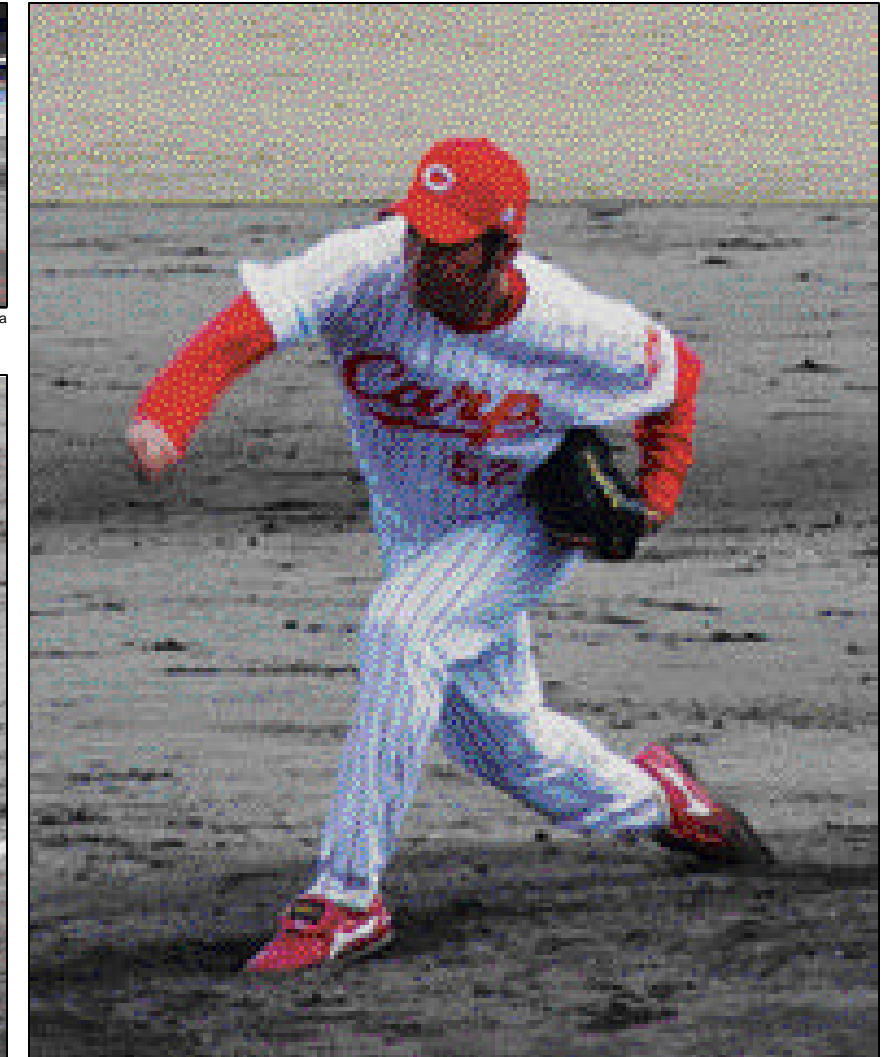
"No matter where you are, baseball is baseball when it comes down to it," said the third-year Carp. The Station Single Marine Program also assists residents with baseball fever by offering two to three trips per month to the Hiroshima Shimin Kyujo (baseball park), where they can watch the Carp take on their next opponent.

"We give you a ride there and back, show you where you can sit and where the food is at," said Jay Stovall, SMP coordinator. "We take all the worry out of it."

For information on the Carp's schedule, go to www.carp.co.jp/schedule/index.html. For information on SMP trips, contact 253-3585.



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LEFT: Uemura Kazahiro, Hiroshima Carp catcher, prepares to touch home plate for one of the Carp's two runs scored in the first inning of the season opener. ABOVE: Kenta Tamayama, Hiroshima Carp pitcher, unleashes a fastball for a strike during the AAA Carp season opener.

Hiroshima Carp ticket sales



Category	Price
1 Box Seats Reserved	¥4,000
2 Mid Level Seats Reserved	¥3,500
3 Base Line Seats Reserved	¥3,200
4 Mezzanine Seats Reserved	¥2,500
5 Outfield Seats Reserved	¥2,000
6 Outfield Seats Non-reserved	Adult ¥2,000 Child ¥800
7 Outfield Seats Non-reserved	Adult ¥1,500 Child ¥700



Lance Cpl. Mark Fayloga

ABOVE: A Carp's player steals a base as the Hawk's pitcher releases a pitch. RIGHT: Takaaki Matsumoto, Hiroshima Carp shortstop, steps in to the pitch of a Fukuoka Soft Bank Hawks pitcher.



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Service members visit orphanage in Korea

STORY AND PHOTOS BY
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Combat Correspondent

CHEONGJU, Republic of Korea—Marines, sailors and airmen of Exercise Foal Eagle 2005 visited The House of Angels Orphanage in Cheong-book, Korea, March 24.

Before going to the orphanage, service members took up a collection in order to buy games, soccer balls and candy for the children.

"They were very open with us visiting them," said Seamen John R. Sullivan, Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 religious program specialist. "They wanted us there and they could use our help to fix some things."

Once the service members arrived at the orphanage, they were served a

Korean meal of kimbop, kimchee, sprouts and rice.

"I thought their food was different," said Lance Cpl. Katie D. Rosenquist, MWSS-171 fiscal clerk. "The taste wasn't bad although the texture was weird."

The visitors spent the next few hours reseeded the soccer field, digging a drainage ditch, hanging blinds for the female quarters and laying rolled sod.

"We didn't have very many tools to spread the seeds so we used our hands and feet instead," said Lance Cpl. Jeremy D. Palmer,

Marine Aircraft Group 12 supply administration. "At one point, Marines were balling up the seeds and pitching them to other Marines who would hit them with a shovel like a baseball bat. We were having fun and helping out these kids."

The cooks then started heating



Marines, sailors and airmen play with kids on a 7-ton truck in front of The House of Angels Orphanage.

their pots and grills to make the children hamburgers, hot dogs, corn and chips.

"We are here to make the kids an American meal and support them," said Staff Sgt. Mark J. Weber, MWSS-171 mess hall manager.

When the kids arrived, all of the service members hard work paid off. The kids played in a 7-ton and humvee as if they were playgrounds, climbing on everything in sight.

"I am having so much fun," said Choi Min-Ji, 16. "I never want this day to end."

After hours of playtime and eating a wholesome American meal, the service members got the chance to see where the children lived. The first floor was for the toddlers, second floor for the males and third floor for the females. Some kids showed their martial arts moves, while others showed computer games and music selections.

With the day ending, the service members and children exchanged e-mail addresses and said their good-byes.

"We do these trips for three reasons: to be representatives of the American people, to allow the Marines, sailors and airmen to give themselves to others and because these trips reinforce our core values of honor, courage and commitment," said Navy Lt. Timothy D. Gault, MWSS-171 squadron chaplain. "It's all a part of winning hearts and minds."



ABOVE: Tae Gon shares his lunch with Lance Cpl. Benjamin L. Murphy, Marine Aircraft Group 12 headquarters maintenance management clerk. RIGHT: Pfc. Beth Cordell throws seeds to spread evenly across the soccer field at The House of Angels Orphanage, March 24.



OUT THE GATE

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

Kintai Bridge Cherry Blossom Festival

This festival will be held Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. around the Kintai Bridge and the Kikko Park. Events scheduled include a bonsai tree display, a pressed and dried flower art display and some entertainment performances. For further details, call 41-1477.

Tsuwano Town Yabusame Shinto Ritual

Yabusame, a ceremony in which archers in medieval warriors' outfit shoot at targets while racing on horseback, will take place at the Washihara Park in Tsuwano Town Sunday, at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. The ceremony will take less than an hour. This event may be cancelled in case of inclement weather. For further information, call 0856-72-0650.

Flower and Wine Festival 2005

There will be a festival at Shunan Sogo Sports Center, Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, 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 admission is free. Call 0834-22-8372 for more information.

Geranium Display

A geranium display is held at the Hiroshima Botanical Garden now through April 21, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The botanical garden is closed Fridays. Approximately 450 geranium plants are displayed according to their categories. Flower arrangements are also displayed using geranium. Call 082-922-3600 for details.

TORII TELLER CLASSIFIED ADS

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

Misc.

Misc., boys' clothes, age 0-12 months; crib; stroller; bassinet; play pen; pregnancy clothes. Call 253-2843.

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

Misc., 14kt. white gold male wedding band, size 10 1/2, 7 diamonds channel setting, 1/2ct., worn

once to try it out, never put to its actual use, \$650 obo. Call Robinson at 253-7780 awb.

Misc., Fisher Price baby swing, hardly used, 5 speed/5 songs, remote control, \$60; wipes warmer, \$5; Over-the-sink-kitchen-shelf, still in box, \$14, maternity/nursing clothes. Call Irina at 253-2275.

Misc., Woodland digital camouflage pants, size M-X-short, near new condition, not faded, \$20 obo. Call 253-2661.

Misc., Gateway Pentium 4 computer, 256MB, 20GB HD, CDRW & DVD ROM drive, 3.5 floppy, 17 inch monitor, color printer, Windows 98 with Word, Excel, Power Point and many extras, \$400 obo. Call Chris at 253-4511 dwh or 253-2494 awb.

Misc., Ross-Simons slate grey small pearls necklace & bracelet, never worn, \$45; counter size Waterfall, never opened, \$30; Princess House, 2 piece crystal jar, deep blue, never used, \$10; Light-

ning roller blades, pink/black, size 5, \$20; full length silver box fur coat, \$2,000; Campbell Hausfeld inflator & mattress, \$20; Homedics electric heated foot massage, \$15; George Foreman grill, \$40; Japan Fodor's new edition, \$18; China Frommer's first edition, \$20; Life "Our Century In Pictures", \$45; Daniel Ost "Leafing Through Flowers", \$30; Christian Riese "The Art of Lassen", \$20. Call Jennifer Hopley at 253-2852.

JOB OPENINGS

Central Texas College
A field representative is needed. High school diploma and general office administration experience are required. For details, call 253-3631 or 263-4538.

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

CHRO (253-6828)
Go to www.iwakuni.usmc.mil/HRO/default.htm for a complete job listing. Contact CHRO, Building 1, room 104 for details.

MCCS (253-3030)
Go to www.mccsiwakuni.com for a complete job listing.

How do you spell that?



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Hikaru Hachiyo uses the graceful art of calligraphy to paint a customer's name in Kanji during the Spring Bazaar at the MAC dome, April 1-3. The Spring Bazaar is an annual event that brings numerous business people onto the Station to offer the residents their unique product or service. Many prizes were given out through drawings during the bazaar. Funnel cakes and refreshments were also available to the droves of deal seekers.

MOVIE SCHEDULE

SAKURA THEATER

FRIDAY - 7 p.m. Hotel Rwanda (PG-13); 10 p.m. Constantine (R)

SATURDAY - 1 p.m. Son Of The Mask (PG); 4 p.m. The Wedding Date (PG-13); 7 p.m. Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous (PG-13); 10 p.m. Constantine (R)

SUNDAY - 4 p.m. Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous (PG-13); 7 p.m. Hotel Rwanda (PG-13)

MONDAY - 2 p.m. Pooh's Heffalump Movie (G); 7 p.m. Tuesdays (R)

TUESDAY - 7 p.m. Are We There Yet? (PG)

WEDNESDAY - 2 p.m. Robots (PG); 7 p.m. Alone In The Dark (R)

THURSDAY - 7 p.m. The Wedding Date (PG-13)

For updates, call the Sakura Theater at 253-5291.

MCTV CHANNEL 19

FRIDAY - 11 a.m./5 p.m. 13 Going On 30 (PG-13); 2 p.m./8

p.m. Bandits (PG-13); 11 p.m./5 a.m. Friday Night Lights (PG-13); 2 a.m. The Craft (R)

SATURDAY - 11 a.m./5 p.m. My Big Fat Greek Wedding (PG); 2 p.m./8 p.m. Sky Captain And The World Of Tomorrow (PG); 11 p.m./5 a.m. The Order (R); 2 a.m. Gentleman's Game (R)

SUNDAY - 11 a.m./5 p.m. 50 First Dates (PG-13); 2 p.m./8 p.m. Runaway Jury (PG-13); 11 p.m./5 a.m. The Ladykillers (R); 2 a.m. I Spy (PG-13)

MONDAY - 11 a.m./5 p.m. Rocky (PG); 2 p.m./8 p.m. Raise Your Voice (PG); 11 p.m./5 a.m. Eternal Sunshine Of The Spotless Mind (R); 2 a.m. Death To Smoochy (R)

TUESDAY - 11 a.m./5 p.m. Connie And Carla (PG-13); 2 p.m./8 p.m. Planet Of The Apes (PG-13); 11 p.m./5 a.m. Casino (R); 2 a.m. A Guy Thing (PG-13)

WEDNESDAY - 11 a.m./5 p.m. Divine Secrets Of The Ya Ya Sisterhood (PG-13); 2 p.m./8 p.m. Pirates Of The Caribbean (PG-13); 11 p.m./5 a.m. IHeartHuckabees (R); 2 a.m. Changing Lanes (R)

THURSDAY - 11 a.m./5 p.m. Anchorman (PG-13); 2 p.m./8 p.m. Catch Me If You Can (PG-13); 11 p.m./5 a.m. Exorcist: The Beginning (R); 2 a.m. The Medallion (PG-13)

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

CHRO

CHRO Training

■ **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

MCX (253-5641)

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

Cultural Quests (253-6165)

■ **Grocery Shopping for Your Child at The Big:** April 15, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Take a trip to The Big (grocery store) near the Station and learn how to recognize and buy snacks and other items for your children to enjoy. Adults only. The group will be led by a cultural specialist.

School Age Center (253-4769)

■ **Spring Break Day Camp:** Today and Monday through April 15, 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Many activities are scheduled.

Kids' Healthy Cooking Class

Wednesday, 6-8 p.m. Class is for children who are at least five years old. Sign up for \$2.50 per child at the IronWorks Gym front desk. Call 253-6359 for details. Parents would benefit from this class as well.

Anger Management Seminar

Wednesdays through May 4, 1-2 p.m. For further details, call 253-4526.

Road Tax Service

All vehicle owners are required to pay their annual Japan Road Tax this month. Visit the Auto Hobby Shop or call 253-5325 for details. For \$5, the shop will take your vehicle, title and tax payment to the Tax Office outside the gate.

Full Service Maintenance Garage On Base

The Service Station offers JCI inspections year-round and electrical and mechanical repairs to all makes and models of cars, vans and trucks. Come in and check it out or call 253-4385.

Lunchtime Parenting Series: How To Take Care Of Your Ill Child

Monday, 12-1 p.m. at the Building 411, room 219. For parents of children ages 0-5 years old. The class will cover what to do with basic childhood illnesses such as cough, cold, fever, ear pain, vomiting, diarrhea and rash. Home treatments as well as when to go to the clinic and when to go to urgent care is discussed. Call 253-6553 for more information.

Printing Your Digital Photographs

Bring your CD or floppy disk to the Photo Studio in Crossroads Mall and have your digital photographs printed for \$.20 each. Passport photographs may be taken everyday and professional appointments are available on Saturdays by appointment. The Photo Studio is open Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. For details, call 253-4703.

Fukuoka Trip with a Mother's Day Discount

May 15. On this IT&T trip, Mom receives a discount bus seat for only \$10 instead of \$33. For further details, call 253-4377.

OTHER

University of Maryland University College
UMUC Academic Advisor will visit this site Wednesday to April 15 to advise students on degree planning. Appointments are required. Call 253-3494 for further information.

Nihongo de...

海兵隊員が米韓合同訓練「フォール・イーグル」に参加

大韓民国、清州（チョンジュ） - 海兵第 171 師団支援中隊 (MWS-171) 所属の戦闘工兵および重機操作員が 3 月 23 日、韓国軍に合流し、米韓合同訓練「フォール・イーグル 2005」の滑走路応急修復シミュレーションに参加した。

このシミュレーションでは、滑走路が爆弾で爆破されて始まり、爆破された滑走路をできるだけ早く修復できる方法を検証した。この訓練で、隊員は破壊された滑走路をすぐに修復し、滑走路運用が継続できるようにする能力を養う。

「スピードが絶対不可欠だ。」と同中隊のフォール・イーグル工兵分遣隊指揮官、ジェフ・L・ヘア三等准尉は語る。「戦闘状態においては、航空機が静止した状態が長ければ長いほど格好の標的になる時間が長くなり、航空部隊に対して近接支援をすることができなくなる。」

滑走路修復においては、損害の程度を判断することが最初の第一歩である。隊員は管制塔、フライトライン、またはヘリコプターからおおよその損害を判断する。詳細な判断については、設備損害評価チームが派遣され、舗道を調べて損害の種類を判断する。爆発物処理班はその周辺を調べて、不発弾が残っていないかを確認する。

「滑走路の応急修復には、二つの段階がある。」とヘア准尉。「分析段階と実際の修復段階である。」

弾痕の修繕にはガラス繊維マット (FFM) が必要となる。ガラス繊維マットは約 3,000 ポンド (約 1,360 キログラム) の重さがあり、9 つのガラス繊維パネルから成っている。滑走路を修復するには、二つのガラス繊維マットをフロントエンドローダ (先端にショベルを持つ積み込み用土木作業機) で広げ、二つのマットの継ぎ目が滑走路に沿うように継ぎ合わせる。

訓練では、最初に韓国軍が標準サイズの弾痕をふさいで修復する。次に海兵隊員と韓国軍がそれぞれ別の FFM を広げる。最後に、米韓の両隊員が二つの FFM をつなぎ合わせる。

訓練中は仕事を早急かつ効果的に行うため、米韓の両隊員は号令で召集される。そのため、韓国軍の通訳要員が必要とされた。

MWS-171 の戦闘工兵、トーマス・M・ナサン兵長は、「行動とボディランゲージを使って、言葉の壁は越えられた。」と話した。「それによって物事が難しくなったこともあるが、韓国軍の隊員はとても意欲的に仕事を成し遂げており、指導するのが楽しかった。」

韓国軍の隊員は海兵隊員と一緒に活動し、任務を成し遂げる機会を得られたことを楽しんでいった。

韓国空軍所属の発電機技師、キム・ハギョン一等軍曹は、「今まで海兵隊員と一緒に働いた経験はなかった。この訓練は、他国の軍について知ることができるよい機会だ。」と話した。

「全体として訓練はとてもうまくいった。」とヘア准尉。「訓練中は、将校、上級下士官、兵員が最適なバランスでうまく調和して、それぞれのリーダーシップを発揮した。海兵隊員も韓国軍隊員も見事に訓練を果たした。」



Lance Cpl. Cristin K. Bartter

This story is a translation of the top of page 1 text. 本文は 1 ページ上段の記事の日本語訳です。

A medium-sized crater is refilled by the Korean Air Force participating in the Rapid Runway Repair exercise, March 23. The exercise is one of many joint excursions between U.S. and Korean forces during Exercise Foal Eagle 2005.

先月 23 日、滑走路応急修復訓練に参加の韓国空軍隊員が弾痕を埋めている。この訓練はフォールイーグル 2005 で米韓両軍が行う共同訓練の一つ。

Mess Hall Lunch Menus

Week Of April 11-15

Monday - Baked Chicken and Rice, Roast Turkey, Lyonnaise Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Peas and Carrots, Chicken Gravy
Tuesday - Chuck Wagon Stew, Cajun Catfish, Potatoes Au Gratin, Glazed Carrots, Broccoli Combo,

Cheese Biscuits
Wednesday - Cream Of Broccoli, Chili Mac, Grilled Cheese, Tempura Fried Fish, Macaroni and Cheese, Oven Glo Potatoes, Broccoli Polonaise, Peas and Mushrooms
Thursday - Apple Glazed Corn Beef, Teriyaki

Chicken, Rissolle Potatoes, Noodles Jefferson, Succotash, Fried Cabbage, Hot Mustard Sauce, Chicken Gravy
Friday - Onion Soup, Crab Cakes, Chicken Vega, Parsley Butter Potatoes, Steam Carrots, Corn on the Cob

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
 10:15 a.m. Non-Denominational Christian Worship
 10:30 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Fellowships
 11:45 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 schedule of services at the Marine Memorial Chapel, call 253-3371.

Service members get own class, SWEAT

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

Many Marines and sailors tend to ease off physical training during the winter months, all to often digging themselves in a hole for the next physical fitness test or weigh in. Whether they say "it's too cold to run" or "I don't have to get into a swimming suit for months," it's an unhealthy habit many service members get into.

IronWorks Gym has unveiled a new program for service members who struggle to fit into their cammies, or bathing suits. It's a class dedicated to those who require a remedial PT program to lose a few pounds or shave off a few minutes from their run time.

The Strength, Wellness Education, and Aerobic Training Class, or SWEAT, a free class for AD service member, kicks off Monday through Friday at 4 p.m. in the aerobics room at the gym.

"It's like having a personal trainer, except in a group setting," said Tracy Morgan, IronWorks fitness coordinator and SWEAT instructor. "We focus on the whole body along with education on how to eat healthy. Our students walk away with the tools and knowledge to live a healthy lifestyle."

When beginning the SWEAT class, many tests are taken such as body fat, bicep strength, back

flexibility and cardiovascular endurance to assess the overall fitness of the prospective student. Once the fitness level is determined, Morgan and the rest of the fitness staff mold a program that fits each individual to maximize results.

"Our primary mission here at IronWorks is to assist military members in staying fit," said Morgan. "We are constantly getting requests from units around the base to hold classes like this, just for the military. We decided to offer this as an ongoing class, to make it more accessible for Marines and their commanders."

That's right, their commanders. Unit commanders can require their Marines and sailors who need remediation in PT to attend this class, five times a week.

The class integrates many different workouts to emphasize whole body fitness; strength training, cardio kickboxing, power pump, weight training, cycling, step aerobics, yoga and the students' favorite, boot camp class.

Not only does the class make service members slimmer and more

muscular, it aims to make them smarter as well. One day every other week, SWEAT students get a break from PT in order to attend a health conscious educational class covering many subjects including how to read labels at the commissary, making healthier decisions at the chow hall and weight management lectures.

"I'm giving you the tools in the classes, but if you don't do it, you won't see results," said Morgan.

"This is a great class," said Jasmine Ables, SWEAT student. "Very motivating and a great way to lose weight. There's always

upbeat music and everyone else is pushing you. The routine always changes, it never gets boring. It's a great way to end the day because it's right after work and it relieves a lot of stress."

To ensure all students are "putting out" 100 percent, Morgan also offers monthly attendance and progress tracking reports to unit commanders so they can assess their Marines and sailors performance.

For more information on the SWEAT Class contact Tracy Morgan at 253-5051.



Jasmine Ables stretches out before the Strength, Wellness Education and Aerobic Training Class, or SWEAT, begins. The class is only available to active service members aboard the Station who would like to lose weight or increase their physical fitness test score.



Sonia Rodriguez, Strength, Wellness Education and Aerobic Training, or SWEAT, instructor leads her class in lunges while carrying weighted bars across their shoulders to increase the exercise's effectiveness.

IWAKUNI SPORTS SCENE

INDOOR CYCLING ORIENTATION

April 23, 9-10:30 a.m. Open to Station residents ages 16 and older. This free class requires no sign up and takes place at the IronWorks Gym Aerobics Room. Wear comfortable work clothes and athletic shoes. Bring a water bottle. For details, call 253-6359.

LIFEGUARD CLASS

April 18-29, 5-9 p.m. Call 253-4966 for more information.

39TH ANNUAL JAPANESE & AMERICAN GOODWILL KINTAI MARATHON

April 24, 10 a.m. The Station residents sign up for \$15 at the IronWorks Gym front desk before Monday. The race is open to the Station and local residents. Three-man and four-man teams may be formed by SOFA status individuals. Air bouncers for children, cotton candy, food and much more are featured as part of the event. Call 253-6359 for details.

SHINZEN SWIM MEET

April 22, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the IronWorks Gym indoor pool. U.S. and JMSDF service members compete. For further information, call 253-4966.

WATER SAFETY INSTRUCTOR CLASS

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

MIKURADAKE HIKE

April 16, 7 a.m. Sign up for \$15 at IT&T. For details, call 253-3822.

ANNUAL MCAS MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

April 16 through May 15. Golfers are bracketed according to handicap. Sign up before Wednesday, 1 p.m. for \$20 at the Pro Shop. Call 253-3402 for details.



Benjamin F. Slater, Samurai pitcher, is caught in a rundown between third base and home plate in a game against the Crew Dawgs, March 28.

Dawgs maul Samurai in season opener

STORY AND PHOTOS BY
LANCE CH. MARK FAYLOGA
Combat Correspondent

In the first game of the Intramural Softball League Season, the Crew Dawgs took a bite out of the Samurai with an 18-6 bashing.

The game appeared to have the potential of a slugfest when the first

inning ended with the teams tied at four, but the Dawgs drove in four more in the second inning and blew the game wide open with six more unanswered runs in the third.

"I think we did alright," said Joseph P. Beall, Dawgs Coach and pitcher. "We had some errors that we need to work on, but we will have a good team."

The Dawgs errors were early in the game and a few overthrown balls and missed grounders cost them four runs in the first inning. The Dawgs quickly adjusted and their

defense became unforgiving in the second and third inning, sending the Samurai back out on the field after back-to-back three and outs.

"We're just out here to have fun," said Kevin C. Crone, Samurai coach. "We don't set our goals too high, we just wanted to enjoy ourselves and make it to the fifth inning."

In the Intramural Softball League the mercy rule is employed if a team is losing by 15 runs in the fourth inning. If they are losing by 10 in the fifth, the game ends.

Not wanting to play a four-inning game, the Samurai struck back. After going hitless in the second and third

innings, they managed to put together a steady string of base hits and scored two runs in the fourth while holding the Dawgs to four runs, postponing the mercy rule.

"Getting five innings in was a highlight for us," said Crone. "We hit really well and our goal was to reach the fifth inning."

At the top of the fifth the score was 18-6, the Samurai needed to score at least three runs and shut out the Dawgs to keep the game going. Unfortunately for the Samurai, the Dawgs' defense forced a quick three outs and gave the Dawgs the first win of the season.

"It was a great first game for us," said Crone. "We've only practiced once before this game and I thought we did great. We came out swinging, scored some runs and had a lot of fun, I'm happy with my team."

"We're a first-year team, but we definitely want to compete and go to the championship," said Beall.

The Dawgs are now 1-0 and the newcomers have a message for the rest of the league.

"We will see you out on the diamond."



LEFT: Ryan McNeil, Samurai shortstop, prepares to catch a pop fly during the first game of the Intramural Softball League season at Penny Lake Field. ABOVE: Russell B. Mower, Dawg's first baseman, hits the ball.