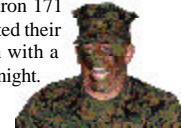


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Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 demonstrated their motivation with a field mess night.



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Hundreds gather to prove their faith by walking over hot coals during a Fire Walking Ceremony at Miyajima Island.



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Rockies, D'Backs battle it out

The two little league teams kept their fans at the edge of their seats during a game Friday.



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Crusaders locate missing vessel

1st Lt. PAUL HOLST
VMFA-122

WEST FAYOU ATOLL, Guam—At 4 a.m. April 14 in the West Fayou Atoll, 350 nautical miles south of Guam, a small Japanese fishing vessel named the Shuho Maru Number 1 struck a reef and started taking on water. When her sister ship, the Houtoku Maru, lost radio communications, they contacted Sector Guam, the local Coast Guard unit, and requested assistance. The Coast Guard contacted the nearest vessel, the Federated States of Micronesia Ship (FSS Micronesia), which was 160 nautical miles away and could not reach the distressed Shuho Maru for eight to 10 hours.

In order to ascertain the status of the sinking ship and her crew, the Coast Guard contacted Andersen Air Force Base where a detachment of Marine Corps F/A-18 Hornets from Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 122, based at Marine Corps Air Station, Iwakuni, as part of the Unit Deployment Program, were conducting operations.

The Marines of VMFA-122 eagerly offered their support and turned their attention to preparing two aircraft for a real world search and rescue mission. While the pilots were gathering as much information as possible, the Marines

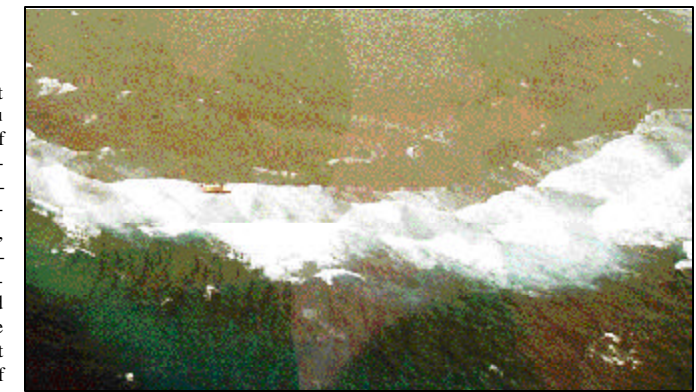


Photo courtesy of VMFA-122

The Japanese fishing vessel, Shuho Maru, was spotted near the West Fayu Atoll, Guam by pilots from Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 122.

reconfigured the aircraft for the long transit and maximum loitering time required for the search and rescue mission.

The two aircraft launched at 11:20 a.m. and flew 400 nautical miles to the West Fayu Atoll. Upon arriving, Maj. Sean DeWolfe, of Daytona, Fla., dropped in altitude to investigate while the second F/A-18; piloted by 1stLt. Paul Holst, of Villa Roca, Ga., remained high overhead to relay information to the FSS Micronesia and the Coast Guard. As DeWolfe descended, he found the stricken vessel aground on

the Eastern edge of the reef, 1.5 miles from the island in the center of the atoll. Spotting no one on the vessel or in the water, DeWolfe then flew over the island where he counted all seven crewmen. After loitering as long as their fuel supply permitted, the pilots relayed the status of the Shuho Maru to the FSS Micronesia and to Sector Guam prior to returning to Andersen AFB. During the night, the FSS Micronesia rescued the sailors and returned them to their sister ship.

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New campaign medals recognize Iraq, Afghanistan service

AMERICAN FORCES PRESS SERVICE
News Release

WASHINGTON — Two new campaign medals were announced recently to recognize service members for their contributions in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The Defense Department announced the Afghanistan Campaign Medal and Iraq Campaign Medal for military members who directly support Operation Enduring Freedom between Oct. 24, 2001, and a date to be determined in the future or Operation Iraqi Freedom

between March 19, 2003, and a future date.

The new campaign medals were established by presidential order for service members who have been assigned, attached or mobilized to units operating in these areas, officials said.

Until now, service members deployed to Afghanistan and Iraq during the designated time frames were awarded the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal.

"By awarding separate medals, we will recognize the specific contribution that our servicemen and

women have made in Afghanistan and Iraq," said Bill Carr, Department of Defense's principal director of military personnel policy. "It's appropriate that we present them with an award that truly honors their heroic service in these operations."

Service members with the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal remain qualified for it, but officials said they may apply for the appropriate new campaign medal as well.

Military personnel may receive both of the new
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NATIONAL MILITARY FAMILY ASSOCIATION
News Release

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — The National Military Family Association (NMFA) and Sears, Roebuck and Co. recently announced the sites for the 2005 Operation Purple Summer Camps. The camps provide unique experiences to more than 2,000 children whose parents are deployed with the U.S. Armed Forces.

The 22 Operation Purple Camps provide children from U.S. military families

with fun and memorable opportunities to learn new skills for coping with deployment-related stress. The camps are funded through the Sears American Dream Campaign, a \$100 million commitment to strengthen families, homes and communities.

Operation Purple is the only summer camp program that focuses on helping kids deal with deployment-related issues and is open to children of personnel from all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces ("purple" is a military term representing

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Chasing what? The allure of diversion

Navy Lt. Stephen M. Coates
Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron Chaplain

My son loves NASCAR. To him, racing is a way of life. If we are going to walk to the car, why not race to see who can touch it first?

He is not alone. Adults enjoy the chase as well. You would not make a deer hunter happy by giving him a buck and a doe on the opening day of deer season. "Here you are. Now you can stay at home."

Similarly, gambling attracts many people. It is the chase of chance that is addictive. If you were to offer an addict a sum of money up front to stay at home, the individual would not be satisfied.

When Carson and I watch NASCAR, we watch all 500 laps or miles. We do not simply want to know who won by watching the final lap. We want to watch the race itself.

In our world, we have many who are exhausted from constantly chasing something. What is it they are

chasing? Or, what is it that is chasing them? Many people are not actually chasing happiness. They have given up on that. Nevertheless, they are running desperately to get away from the harsh realities of life that will not let them rest.

Imagine an individual talking to me in my office. They have not come because they are weak. They have come because they are dealing with major issues in life - relationships, rejection, suffering, death. These are not made-up issues. The pain is real. It is at least as real as their sleep and food.

When such persons consider what they ought to do to deal with their stress, the overwhelming first response is to shrug and ask, "Keep busy?"

Diversion is perhaps the most highly refined coping skill of our day. Continue running hard to avoid confronting the unbearable loneliness of reality. We have raised leisure to an expensive art form and have elevated the diversion of entertainment to a way of life. There is certainly nothing wrong with relaxation and entertain-

ment. I enjoy them both. I think there is a problem with always using these means as a diversion from grappling with undeniable realities.

How do you explain the sharp rise in philosophical wondering in the wake of tragedies such as the recent tsunami? Was death not a problem the day before?

I am not suggesting that life would be better if everyone were continually as somber and reflective as they are at funerals. I am suggesting that diversion is not the answer to life's dilemmas. The answer to the tsunami is not to eliminate all media so we don't hear of such occurrences. Similarly, the answer to suffering and death is not to watch another movie or play another game so you don't have to think about it. The answer to a troubled marriage hardly lies in perfecting another sport or adopting another hobby.

Have you been running hard? If so, take a moment to examine where you are running and why. Diversions are interesting, but racing is more fun when you stay on the track.

Ask the Inspector

Maj. Matthew D. Razvillas
Station Inspector

This week's column is commonly asked questions at the Provost Marshal's Office. The questions are answered by Maj. Christopher M. Bushek, Station provost marshal.

1. What are the biggest problems you see with moving violations on base?

Speeding (29 in the last six months) both on the installation and off the installation has been a big problem lately. Since we are going into the rainy season people should really watch the speed they are traveling for the conditions they are traveling in. Running stop signs (54 in the last six months) has also been a big concern. Speed too fast for conditions and not paying attention to traffic control devices are the major causes of accidents. We are all considered professional drivers in Japan, and it is our responsibility to pay attention to how we are driving.

2. If convicted of a Driving Under the Influence or Driving While Intoxicated, how long will I lose my license?

All personnel suspected of DUI or DWI on the installation or off the installation will have their license seized by PMO. The license will be forwarded to Traffic Court pending adjudication. If you are found guilty or refuse to submit a breath or blood sample while stationed here, you will lose your license until you make a permanent change of station. If it happens off the installation in the United States, it will be for the duration of the sentencing of the adjudicating authority. All DUI/DWI's, as well as all other offense reporting, is entered into the Consolidated Law Enforcement Operations Center tracking system (CLEOC), which all installations have access.

3. If pulled over, do I have to turn my car off? If yes, what about when it is extremely hot or cold?

Yes, you do. After the military policeman approaches your car, you may then be asked to restart the engine. If you are then instructed not to restart your engine, you must comply.

4. How many guests can you sign in at one time? What
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CHATTERBOX

"What is the next service you would like to see on the Station?"



Lance Cpl. Krista R. Underwood
Fayetteville, N.C.

"Batting cages because it would be a lot of fun and we need some more extracurricular activities."



Sgt. Antwan M. Evans
Washington

"A restaurant where you can get a home cooked type of breakfast because I get tired of what's on Station and the Japanese don't really do breakfast like in the States."



Petty Officer 2nd Class Athena A. Ybarra
Oxnard, Calif.

"Starbucks, because they make great coffee and we need one."



Lance Cpl. Kirsten Y. Porter
Houston

"A nice restaurant where you can sit down and enjoy a meal, maybe an Applebees or Chili's, something to break the monotony of what's here."

U.S. Criminal Justice System travels overseas

Lance Cpl. Lukas J. Blom
Combat Correspondent

The Deputy Secretary of Defense recently approved the implementation of the Military Extraterritorial Jurisdiction Act for all Department of Defense installations outside of the United States.

The MEJA extends U.S. criminal jurisdiction over civilian employees and dependents serving with or accompanying the military overseas. Under the statute, civilians who commit a felony offense overseas may be ordered back to the U.S. to face criminal changes in a Federal district court.

Prior to this statute, civilians were only accountable under the laws of the host nation. Now, they are accountable for both the laws of the host nation as well as the laws of the U.S.

"Congress identified a problem with U.S. civilians serving with the military overseas. They were essentially immune

from U.S. criminal law," said Maj. George Cadwalader, deputy Station judge advocate.

Unlike service members, civilians are not subject to the Uniform Code of Military Justice. The UCMJ has worldwide application, so jurisdiction over service members is never a problem. However, before the MEJA, U.S. civilian criminal law only applied in the U.S. and civilians did not have to obey those laws when they were outside the country.

A loophole arose when American civilians committed crimes overseas and the host nation elected not to exercise their criminal jurisdiction. Because they were not under the jurisdiction of the U.S. criminal

justice system, suspects would escape punishment for their crimes. This was particularly true in cases where both the suspect and victim were Americans. More often than not, local authorities chose not to prosecute when the victim was not a citizen of the host nation.

This situation left commanders of overseas installations with a unique problem. They had no authority to punish civilians who had engaged in criminal misconduct. Their only remedy was to take away command sponsorship and send them back to the U.S., where they also could not receive punishment for their crimes.

For this reason, Congress passed the MEJA in 2000 in an effort to close

this loophole. It wasn't until March 3 that the DoD issued DoD Instruction 5525.11 explaining how the statute would be implemented.

Now, when DoD civilian employees, contractors, subcontractors or dependents are suspected of committing a felony-level crime, they can be arrested and temporarily detained by military authorities. A Federal Magistrate judge can order the suspect be returned to the U.S. to face criminal trial. The trial will ordinarily occur in the Federal district court with jurisdiction over the suspect's last known residence in the U.S.

"For 99.9 percent of Station residents, this will have absolutely no impact on their lives because they don't commit felonies," said Cadwalader. "But, for the civilians who do decide to commit these crimes, I feel this will be very effective. It is another arrow in the quiver to help commanders ensure good order and discipline aboard their installations."

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deputy Station judge advocate.

Station cracks down on delinquent customers

Lance Cpl. Cristin K. Barter
Combat Correspondent

From April 1998 to this month, the Station Phone Office has had more than \$165,000 worth of unpaid phone bills, an average of nearly \$2,000 a month.

Due to the delinquent phone bills, the Station Phone Office is now cracking down with new measures to guarantee every customer who is late on their monthly payment suffers the necessary consequences.

All phone bill fees are due by the fifth day of every month, unless it is the weekend or holiday, then it is the next working day. Technically, the customer has until the 20th to pay the bill, a 15-day grace period. After the 20th, if the bill is still left unpaid, the services are shut off and a final bill is sent out, leaving the customer five more days to pay the bill. At this point, there are two routes that can be followed. The bill is paid and the customer will have to go through everything required for new phone services again, or the statement is not paid and at the end of the fifth day the Station Phone Office takes the money out of the customer's pay.

A customer with revoked services must first get a letter signed by their commanding officer who will decide if they deserve a phone. The commanding officer will also make the decision to limit the phone to a Station phone only.

With the new system, the phone company can now keep record of how many times a person is delinquent.

"There are 150 to 200 people who don't pay their phone bill every month," said Michael K. Gingles, assistant telephone officer.

With the new system, if a bill is not paid once, it will see it as a mishap and allow the phone services to continue. If the bill is not paid the second month, the delinquent customer will receive a counseling sheet. Overlooking the phone bill a third time will result in a Page 11 entry or nonjudicial punishment and a discontinuation of phone services.

"There are some people who are delinquent six or seven times," said Gingles. "It is imperative that residents who have phones pay their phone bill because in the end, they are only harming themselves and the community."

The Station Phone Office pays the off-base phone vendor for the Station phone bill up-front, every month. Then the Phone Office waits for the Station residents to pay their bills. When bills aren't paid, the phone company takes funds from their own budget to pay the bill.

"They are taking money from the Phone Office's budget every time a phone bill is unpaid," said Gingles. "It is preventing the Phone Office from buying better and newer phones in the work area, cables in the ground, infrastructure and the technology needed for every phone. The best thing to do is, do it like I do, as soon as I get the bill, I pay it. Don't wait till the last minute."

A commanding presence

Vice Adm. Keiji Akahoshi made his way to the Station April 12 for his first visit with Iwakuni Japanese Maritime Self Defense Force squadrons after taking over as the Fleet Air Force (Atsugi) commander.

Akahoshi performed squadron and building inspections, while meeting with Japanese service members during his visit here.



Photo courtesy of JMSDF Public Affairs

NEWS BRIEFS

FREEDOM BRIDGE CLOSURE

The bridge will be closed to traffic in order to conduct a bridge inspection April 30, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For further information, call Sallie Donahue at 253-5328.

WOMEN'S TEA & FASHION SHOW

This event will take place at the Station Chapel May 7 at 1 p.m. Bring your favorite tea cup and saucer. Call Carol Nash at 253-4323 for further details.

PERRY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'S CAREER DAY

The Career Day will be held April 29, 8:15 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The elementary school is looking for volunteers to give several 25-minute presentations on his or her career choice, the duties and responsibilities of the job and the education necessary for the career field. Call Barbara Owen at 253-3327 for details.

CORRECTION

In the April 15th edition of the *Torii Teller*, the article entitled "Grey Wolves homeward bound," reported that Electronic Attack Squadron 142 is returning to Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, Ala. The Grey Wolves are in fact returning to Whidbey Island, Washington.

Residents dial one for story-time fun

LANCE CH. MARK FAYLOGA
Combat Correspondent

Station residents will have to clear a space on their speed dial for the library's new Dial-a-Story program.

The Dial-a-Story program is designed for children ages 5 and under and can be used any time of the day seven days a week. To use the program, simply dial 253-6607 and a recording by a professional reader recites a story, which is usually two to three minutes in length. A new story is put on the line every Monday and will run for one week.

"There are times when you don't have time for a bedtime story or maybe

you want to try something different and you can call in," said Belinda J. Pugh, Marine Corps Community Services supervisory librarian.

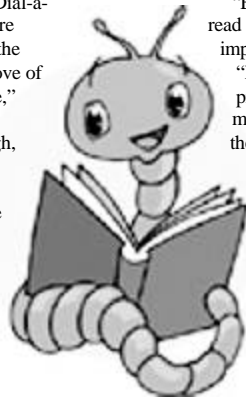
According to Pugh, the program is used at other libraries and the Iwakuni residents deserve that type of service from their Station Library. The library currently has 52 stories and will match the story with the theme of the week and the season. For example, in November there are stories about Thanksgiving.

"I think it is a very nice program and it's something different for the kids to encourage them to read," said JoeAnna Green, Station resident.

"When you read a story to your

child or you use the Dial-a-Story program, you are implanting a love of the written word and a love of the English language," said Pugh.

According to Pugh, children are the libraries most important patrons because if they become interested in libraries and reading at a young age, then they are more likely to succeed in school and become library supporters.



"Encouraging children to read while young is very important," said Green.

"Reading is crucial to a proper education and the more a child enjoys reading the better he will do in school.

Starting a love of reading while young will only increase your child's chances of success in school."

The Library welcomes any response or recommendations regarding the Dial-a-Story or other Library programs.

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time do they need to leave the base by?

One active duty person/civilian government employee that is SOFA status or an adult family member of an active duty service member/civilian government employee that is SOFA status stationed here may sign in and escort up to 10 people from the U.S. or Japan. Unless they receive an overnight pass (emergencies only) or extended visitation permit, all guests must exit the Station a half hour after the club closes. Third country nationals must be screened to see if they are on the designated

country list or any of the watch lists. If they are from a country on the designated country list, they must have a background check completed by NCIS before the CO will grant them access to the installation.

5. What are the procedures for signing a guest in for an extended period of time?

The Sponsor must bring the guest's full name, state/country of origin, SSN/passport, date of birth, relationship to sponsor, beginning date and ending date of their stay and the location they will be staying, into the PMO Administrative section (located on the second deck) and fill out the form 48

hours in advance for extended visitation. If they require a logistical support letter, take the same information to SJA. When the logistical support letter is completed, SJA will forward it to PMO and you will receive the completed package from us. SJA may authorize up to 46 days, the base housing director must approve anything longer. Third country nationals must be screened to see if they are on the designated country list or any of the watch lists. If they are from a country on the designated country list, they must have a background check completed by NCIS before the CO will grant them access to the installation.

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campaign medals if they meet the requirement for both awards. However, officials said the qualifying period of service for one award can't be used to justify eligibility for the other. Just one award of each of the new medals is authorized, as no service stars are prescribed.

No service member is entitled to wear all three medals for the same act, achievement or period of service. The area of eligibility for the Afghanistan Campaign Medal includes all the country's land and air spaces. The Iraq Campaign Medal applies for service in Iraq, its waters out to 12 nautical miles, and the airspace over Iraq and its 12-mile water area.

To qualify for the awards, service members must have served in the appropriate region for 30 consecutive days or 60 nonconsecutive days, officials said.

Service members also qualify for the



Official DoD Photo

The Afghanistan and Iraq Campaign Medals have been approved for military members who directly supported operations from Oct. 24, 2001, and a date to be determined.

medals if they have been engaged in combat during an armed engagement, regardless of the time spent in the area of eligibility, or were wounded or injured and required medical evacuation from the area of eligibility while participating in an operation or on official duties.

Regularly assigned aircrew members flying sorties into, out of, within, or over the area of eligibility in direct support of military operations also qualify, with each day of operations counting as one day of eligibility.

On the uniform, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal will be positioned below the Kosovo Campaign Medal and above the Iraq Campaign Medal. The Iraq Campaign Medal will be positioned below the Afghanistan Campaign Medal and above the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal.

Each military department will serve as the awarding authority for the new campaign medals and issue regulations for processing, awarding and wearing them, officials said.

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inclusion of all branches). Applications for the camps will be available now through May 15 on the NMFA Web site at www.nmfa.org/. Sears, Roebuck's funding enables children to attend the camps at no charge.

NMFA developed Operation Purple camps last year in response to the need for increased support services benefiting children of men and women serving in the armed forces, especially those whose parents are or will be deployed. With funding from Sears, Roebuck in 2004, NMFA conducted 12 camps reaching nearly 1,000 young people. This year, the program has expanded to host more than 2,000 kids. NMFA estimates that more than 135,000 children are experiencing the absence of a parent due to a deployment to Iraq or Afghanistan. This statistic does not include children who have parents deployed elsewhere around the world.

"Operation Purple Summer Camps fulfill a critical need in the military community," says Candace Wheeler, Chief Executive Officer of NMFA. "We have been overwhelmed by the messages of support and gratitude we've received from children, parents, the Department of Defense, the National Guard Bureau and members of Congress."

One in four American children will grow up to serve in the military or marry a service member, according to the Defense Manpower Data Center, making an investment in today's military kids important for positively affecting tomorrow's military community.

The camps, which last from five to seven days, give kids ages 8 to 18 an exciting and memorable camp experience, providing tools to help them deal with the stress resulting from a parent's deployment. Each camp is joint, including the National Guard and Reserve, and is offered free-of-charge to all participants.

Interested children from military families are encouraged to apply for the camp located nearest to their home. More than 30 weeks of Operation Purple camps are offered in 18 states (Alaska, California, Colorado, Florida, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Louisiana, Montana, New Hampshire, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Texas and Utah), three international locations (Germany, Italy and Japan) and one unincorporated U.S. territory (Guam). A list of camp dates, sites and other information is now available on NMFA's Web site.

Engineers build on warrior spirit

STORY AND PHOTOS BY
LANCE CH. MARK FAYLOGA
Combat Correspondent

A young Marine reports to the board of senior Marines and assumes the position of attention. He never loses his bearing, but a bead of sweat runs down his forehead as the heinous crimes he has committed are listed. As the senior Marines confer to find a suitable punishment, the young Marine wonders if he will be forced to make a trip to the "grog" or sing karaoke.

No, this wasn't a strange nonjudicial punishment hearing, but rather Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 engineer's company's field mess night at Penny Lake, April 12.

"As an annual tradition we try to do some type of get-together," said Gunnery Sgt. Scott E. Cooper, MWSS-171 engineer's company first sergeant and mess night president. "This year, we decided to change up the theme

and had a warriors' night that was completely organized by the sergeants of engineers' company."

According to Sgt. Darien E. McCarthy, MWSS-171 maintenance integrated management system noncommissioned officer-in-charge, the entire event from conception to completion was a result of the sergeants' work.

"We put the sergeants completely in charge of the mess night because we have sergeants who are pretty new and haven't worked together much," said Cooper. "They did an outstanding job with the whole event. I'm extremely appreciative of the sergeants of engineers' company."

The field mess environment added to the sense of warrior spirit throughout the night, with all the Marines camouflaged with face paint and an attitude to match the look.

"The night was a lot of fun, and I think it was because being out in the field environment was less restricting," said Pvt. Elizabeth L. Fleming, MWSS-171 basic hygiene equipment operator. "It brought the Marines back to their roots."

The event started with a social hour and followed with the president of the mess ensuring that the meat was fit for human consumption. After tasting the wasabi slathered roast beef, the president of the mess and the head table filled their plates and the other Marines followed suit. As soon as the last Marine was seated, the



ABOVE: Sgt. Dmitriy Redka, Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 heavy equipment floor chief, entertains the head table with a karaoke performance at the engineer's company field mess. BELOW: Gunnery Sgt. Scott E. Cooper, MWSS-171 engineer's company first sergeant and mess night president, reacts to the taste of wasabi drenched roast beef.



ABOVE: Cpl. Antonia Campbell Jr., MWSS-171 basic electrician, applies camouflage paint before the start of the mess night. BELOW: Engineer's Platoon staff noncommissioned officers perform "Summer Loving" as a fine for their behavior during the mess night.



floor was open for fines.

The fines were notably the most enjoyed portion of the evening.

Marines were punished for such devious acts as bringing in outside food, leaving the tent before the head table, the inability to drill and unruly behavior. As punishment, the Marines would either be forced to entertain the head table with a karaoke performance or drink from the grog. The under-21 grog was a mixture of tomato juice, green tea, soy sauce, hot sauce and an assortment of other appetizing liquids. The 21 and over grog was a jambalaya of alcoholic beverages.

"The staff NCOs wanted to do something different with the fines so Capt. Greg W. Lewis came up with the idea of karaoke as punishment, and we also had the grog as a secondary punishment," said McCarthy.

The final fine given was by the guest of honor Sgt. Maj. Danny D. Duvall, Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 212 sergeant major, for the crime of leading such a rowdy crowd of Marines. The staff NCOs were forced to sing a rendition of "Summer Loving."

"The 'Summer Loving' rendition definitely caught me off guard, but it was the funniest part of the night," said McCarthy.

Following the fines, Duvall



roamed the room as he gave a speech that all Marines present could tell was from the heart. His speech was based around the traditions of the Corps, small unit leadership and the importance of the engineer's field, as well as his time as a combat engineer.

"I have been invited to many mess nights and many dining ins, but this is the first time I've been invited by combat engineers," said Duvall. "This is a homecoming for me, and there isn't any better way to embrace who we truly are than by celebrating camouflaged with an emphasis on combat."

According to Fleming, Duvall was a perfect choice for guest of honor and having someone experienced in the field giving a speech was greatly appreciated.

"After Duvall's words I saw Marines who had never shown much motivation, lifted up and feel pride in their jobs," said McCarthy. "He showed them why their job is important and you could tell his words came from the heart."

The night reached a closing with a series of toasts and ended with the singing of the Marine Corps hymn.



ABOVE: A monk from the Daishoin Temple throws a handful of prayers into the inferno during the Fire Walking Ceremony at Miyajima Island. RIGHT: After monks from the Daishoin Temple crossed the blistering path, those with strong enough faith were allowed to make the heated journey across the smoldering ashes.



ABOVE: Monks from the Daishoin Temple string wooden beads around a pile of prayers, written on small pieces of wood, during the Fire Walking Ceremony at Miyajima Island, April 15. RIGHT: A monk from the Daishoin Temple takes his first steps onto the red-hot coals during the ceremony. The practice of fire walking itself dates back more than 3,000 years and is practiced throughout Japan.



A monk turns away from the fire after throwing prayers written on small pieces of wood into the blaze.

BELIEVERS WALK FIERY PATH

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

A legendary Buddhist tradition, which is frequently misunderstood by outsiders, was held at Miyajima Island, April 15. Defying the laws of nature, dozens of people walked across a trail of red-hot coals without hesitating and unbelievably found themselves at the other side, unscathed.

People from around the region gathered at the Daishoin Temple, which sits in the foothills of the island, to take part in an annual Fire Walking Ceremony hosted by the resident monks of the temple.

"Everyone wrote down their wishes and prayers onto the pieces of wood and then gave them to the monks to bless," said Michael

Katayama, fire walking participant and Seattle native. "They were then burned to symbolize the letting go of their earthly desires and possessions."

The practice of fire walking itself is quite ancient with the oldest references dating back more than 3,000 years when ascetics in India walked on embers to test and purify themselves.

Fire walking has a long history in Japan as well. Tens of thousands of people gather for several fire walking rituals around the country each year, usually in the beginning weeks of spring.

According to Katayama, who holds a college degree in Japanese studies, the tradition was first held in Japan more than 1,300 years ago by "yamabushi," mystics who mixed Buddhist beliefs with the nature-worship of Japan's native Shinto religion.

The ceremonies throughout the country draws thousands of spectators each year, many who walk the path after the mystics finish.

Each ceremony is ignited with a monk shooting an arrow into a woodpile to start the blaze. Once the fire is blazing, the monks bless each hand written prayer before tossing it into the inferno. With the crowd chanting prayers and drums pounding, the atmosphere thrives with energy.

"The great thing about ceremonies like this, is it shows the connection to the folk roots of the religion," said Katayama. "It's a great event for the whole community to come together and share in an ancient tradition."

When the fire begins to die down, the coals are raked into a narrow path, and blessed by the monks by throwing salt on them and saying a prayer.

The monks were the first ones to cross the blistering coals. The crowd looked on in amazement as they reached the other side without as much as a scratch. Once the monks crossed, the invitation was open to anyone who had a strong enough faith to take the challenge.

"The line was really long, so by the time it was our turn to go there was such a niche carved out in the center, it was pretty much like walking on ashes," said Katayama.

Although many may not have felt the heat the monks did, it was still an unforgettable experience.

"The Buddhist culture has always been really mysterious to me, but coming here and experiencing it first hand and meeting the people will be very memorable," said Andres Oram, fire walker and Seattle native.



LEFT: Music was a large part of the Fire Walking Ceremony. Monks from the Daishoin Temple performed with large seashells and drums. ABOVE: For many attending the Fire Walking Ceremony, the experience was a deeply spiritual event and they felt cleansed after traversing the smoldering path.

Archbishop confirms Catholics to faith

STORY AND PHOTOS BY
LANCE CH. CRISTIN K. BARTTER
Combat Correspondent

Archbishop Edwin F. O'Brien, head of the Catholic Archdiocese for the military services, visited the Station Chapel Monday, to conduct a confirmation mass for eight Station Catholics.

The Sacrament of Confirmation, a laying on the hands to bestow the Holy Spirit, is Christianity's basic teaching of an initiation into the Christian life.

"The principal reason I came to Iwakuni was to confirm some of the people here who have decided to be more fully involved with the Catholic Church," said O'Brien. "My visit was a great chance to meet parish leadership and the rest of the community as well."



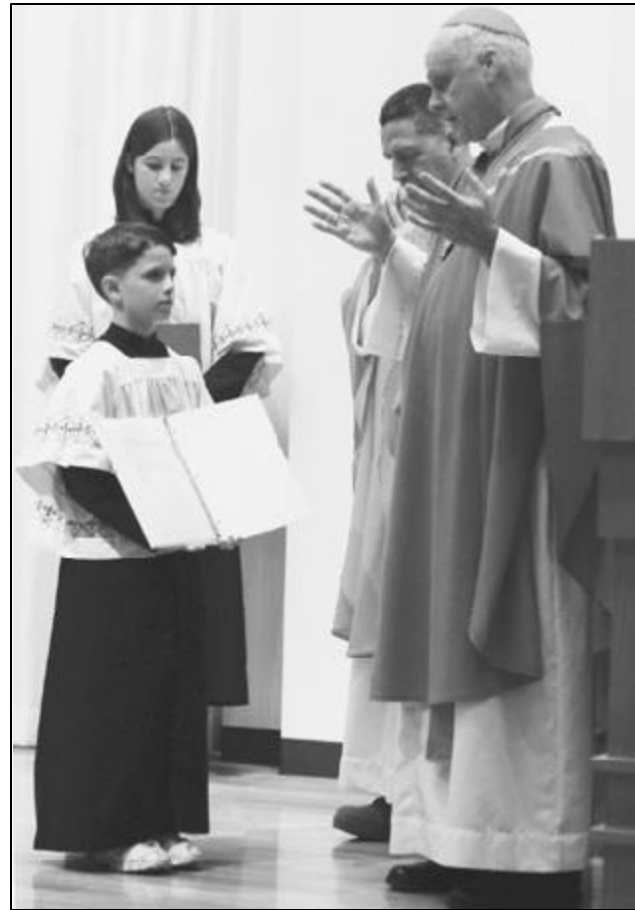
There are only four rite archbishops providing their Catholic services to the armed forces, and they are the only personnel with the privileges to perform a confirmation mass.

"I think it was really important that he came over here because there are so many people here who want and need to know that they can be a part of the Catholic faith no matter where they are in the world and that it is still important," said Luis Pena Jr., one of the eight individuals who were confirmed.

The confirmation consisted of the candidates standing in front of the archbishop to renew their baptismal promises. Then the candidates knelt for the laying on of the hands. Lastly, the anointing with Chrism, a mixture of oil, olives and balsam that is blessed by a bishop and used in the certain sacraments, occurs where the candidates approached the bishop with their sponsor.

"I thought the confirmation was really special with the archbishop being here to take our level of Catholicism up a notch as adults within the Catholic community," said Pena.

The confirmation mass was a ceremony with different purposes, to welcome people into the Catholic faith and to remind others who may be



LEFT: Archbishop Edwin F. O'Brien, head of the Catholic Archdiocese for the military services, waves a censor filled with incense. The smoke released signifies the prayers of the believers going to heaven. ABOVE: O'Brien reads from the Sacramentary, a book containing the order of worship for confirmation and other special ceremonies.

spiritually lost about the importance of living the Christian life.

"A ceremony like this is a reminder that God is ready to help us if we open our hearts to him," said O'Brien. "I hope the people who attended the confirmation had their own sense of

faith enlightened and that they realize that we can all do more and be better. I think that seeing the eight people confirmed was a good reminder to the rest of us here that we have responsibilities to live a fuller Christian life that maybe, we're not quite living up to."

For further details, call 31-9866 or 43-4300.

Yanai Tenjin Spring Festival

This festival will be held Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Yanai Tenmangu Shrine and along the street in front of JR Yanai Train Station. Daimyo parade is scheduled 1-4 p.m. Visitors can enjoy a bazaar, tea ceremony, stage performances and rice-cake demonstrations. Yanai "Parasol Shop" flea market is scheduled at the same time. This festival may be cancelled in case of inclement weather. For more information, call 0820-22-2111.

Washi Paper Art Display

There will be a display of approximately 60 pictures, created by pasting torn-off washi paper, at the Iwakuni City Auditorium Saturday and Sunday, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Monday, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free. Call 31-4821 for more details.

Ink Painting Display

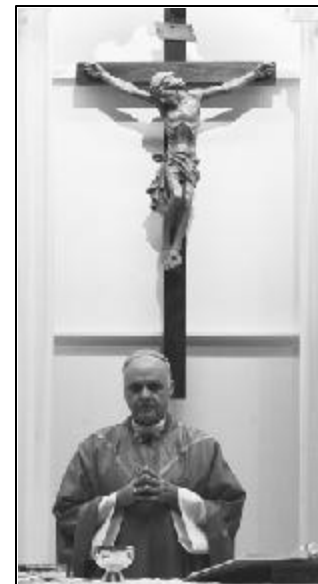
Visitors can view Japanese ink paintings, called Suibokuga, a type of monochrome India ink painting, at the Sinfonia Iwakuni today and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free.

OUT THE GATE

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

Kintai Bridge Festival

A festival will take place around the Kintai Bridge April 29. A religious service starts at 8:30 a.m., followed by various events including a drum performance, flea market, brass band performance, tea ceremony, karate demonstration, old kimono parade and more. Call 253-5344 for more details.



Archbishop Edwin O'Brien stands before the holy cross and takes a moment to pray at the sacrament of confirmation ceremony.



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AUTOMOBILES

Mazda Capella Wagon, 1995, 7 passenger, roof rack, sun/moon roof, new tires, JCI Nov. 2007, \$2,000 obo. Call Hiroyo Sagi or MSgt. Sagi at 253-2830, 253-3398 or 090-4105-6991.

Toyota Hilux Surf, 1993, 4x4 truck, roof and ski racks, new BFG AT/TA tires/muffler, rebuilt engine with new head, 4WD, 82,500km, JCI until Jan. 2006, \$3,500 obo. Call Hiroyo Sagi or MSgt. Sagi

at 253-2830, 253-3398 or 090-4105-6991.

Mazda MPV, 1994, 6 cyl/3.0L, regular oil changes, properly maintained, seat up to 8, dark blue, after market wheels (\$1,500), parked at base sales lot across from auto hobby shop, excellent condition, JCI until Aug. 2006. Call 253-2762.

Toyota Liteace, 1988, 8 passenger van, JCI until Feb. 2006, \$900 obo. Call SSgt. Malone at 253-3659 dwh or 253-2475 aw.

Yamaha TTR250 Enduro, 1996, 250cc, new tires/brakes/mirrors, JCI until July 2005, \$1,500. Call Mike Gingles at 253-5999 dwh or 253-2112 aw.

OTHER ITEMS

Misc., 3 twin box springs, new in box, military stripe cover, free. Call TSgt. Valgardson at 253-6234.

Misc., one piece light solid oak entertainment center, 3 shelves with additional storage under TV, fits up to 32" TV, doors

close to hide TV, \$400. Call Jana Manning at 253-2272.

Misc., Pi tower audiophile speakers, \$250. Call Mark Parsons at 253-5487 dwh or 08032748282.

Misc., Even Flo deluxe high chair, adjustable heights, easy foldaway, \$50; Fisher Price baby swing, hardly used, 5 speeds/5 songs, remote control, \$50; over-the-sink kitchen shelf, fits midrise kitchen well, color white, \$14; maternity/nursing clothes. Call Irina at 253-2275.

WANTED

Pet carrier, needed for 60 lb. Rottweiler for travel. Call Sgt. Bustamante at 253-6975 dwh or 253-2942 aw.

Babysitter, wanted for 2 little girls in North side housing area. Call the Stocker family at 253-2275.

Bass guitar player, needed for a rock band. Call Michael at 21-7978.

JOB OPENINGS

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.

Mani's, pedi's, hair cuts, oh my!



Lance Cpl. Cristin K. Bartter

Felicia Williams was the first pedicure customer at the "world class" Head to Toe Beauty Salon's grand opening, Monday. The new salon, located at the Crossroads Mall next to the GNC, is open to all station residents, male and female. "This new salon is breathtaking. I think it's state of the art," said Williams. "There is a lot more room and it is much more comfortable than the previous place."

MOVIE SCHEDULE

SAKURA THEATER

FRIDAY - 7 p.m. Diary Of A Mad Black Woman (PG-13); 10 p.m. Constantine (R)

SATURDAY - 1 p.m. Robots (PG); 4 p.m. Man Of The House (PG-13); 7 p.m. Sahara (PG-13); 10 p.m. Hide And Seek (R)

SUNDAY - 4 p.m. Man Of The House (PG-13); 7 p.m. Diary Of A Mad Black Woman (PG-13)

MONDAY - 7 p.m. The Ring 2 (PG-13)

TUESDAY - 7 p.m. Million Dollar Baby (PG-13)

WEDNESDAY - 7 p.m. Miss Congeniality 2 (PG-13)

THURSDAY - 7 p.m. Sahara (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. Garfield (PG); 2 p.m./8 p.m.

White Chicks (PG-13); 11 p.m./5 a.m. Underworld (R); 2 a.m. Phone Booth (R)

SATURDAY - 11 a.m./5 p.m. Johnson Family Vacation (PG); 2 p.m./8 p.m. Something's Gotta Give (PG-13); 11 p.m./5 a.m. Suspect Zero (R); 2 a.m. The Rundown (PG-13)

SUNDAY - 11 a.m./5 p.m. Shrek 2 (PG); 2 p.m./8 p.m. Enter The Dragon (PG-13); 11 p.m./5 a.m. Police Academy (R); 2 a.m. "O" (R)

MONDAY - 11 a.m./5 p.m. National Security (PG-13); 2 p.m./8 p.m. Wicker Park (PG-13); 11 p.m./5 a.m. Wishful Thinking (R); 2 a.m. Training Day (R)

TUESDAY - 11 a.m./5 p.m. Mona Lisa Smile (PG-13); 2 p.m./8 p.m. Malibu's Most Wanted (PG-13); 11 p.m./5 a.m. Starsky And Hutch (PG-13); 2 a.m. The Cookout (PG-13)

WEDNESDAY - 11 a.m./5 p.m. View From The Top (PG-13); 2 p.m./8 p.m. The Village (PG-13); 11 p.m./5 a.m. The Score (R); 2 a.m. Trapped (R)

THURSDAY - 11 a.m./5 p.m. Mr. Deeds (PG-13); 2 p.m./8 p.m. U.S. Marshals (PG-13); 11 p.m./5 a.m. Gangs Of New York (R); 2 a.m. Serving Sara (R)

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

CHRO

CHRO Training

■ **Civilian Career Mentoring Training**: Thursday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

■ **Acculturation Program Training**: May 10, 8 a.m. to 1 p.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)

■ **Mother's Day Sale**: Thursday through May 8. Discount apparel, purses, Victoria's Secret gift sets and more.

Single Marine Program (253-3585)

■ **Yanai Go Carts Trip**: May 8, noon to 6 p.m. Enjoy the afternoon racing against your buddies or just cruise the track. \$10 transportation. ¥2,000 for seven laps. Sign up at the Hornet's Nest.

School Age Center (253-4769)

■ **Monthly Birthday Party**: Tuesday, 4-5 p.m. Celebrate your birthday this month with cake, games and friends.

■ **Cultural Exchange Home Visits in Shunan City**: May 14, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. The Cultural Exchange Program is looking for 20 youths to visit Japanese families in Shunan City on this day trip. Youths must be in the first grade or older to participate. Parents are welcome to join their children. Sign up before May 4 at Building 411, room 107. Register early due to space availability.

Youth & Teen Center (253-6454)

■ **Monthly Birthday Party**: Saturday, 3-5 p.m. Celebrate your birthday with cake and ice cream for everyone as we honor our members born this month.

■ **Passport to Manhood Meeting**: Sunday, 3-5 p.m. Males ages 13-18 are invited to the Teen Center for plenty of free food and an afternoon of fun.

MCFTB (253-3754)

■ **Key Volunteer Coordinator Luncheon**: Monday, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Flea Market & Craft Fair

Saturday, 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 housewares, collectibles and antiques.

King Lear Theatrical Performance

May 22, 1:30 p.m. at the Sakura Theater. Advance tickets on sale May 9-21, cost \$15 for students and \$20 for adults. Tickets at the door on May 22 cost \$25. Call 253-3727 for more information.

Free Camping And Recreational Gear

Outdoor Recreation in the IronWorks Gym lends the Station residents camping, picnic and recreational gear for three days, free of charge. The gear includes tents, sleeping bags, coolers, water jugs, propane stoves, propane lanterns, electric lanterns, backpacks, ISO mats, tables, chairs, canoes and kayaks. All items are available year-round. Call 253-3822 for further details.

Workshop On Early Literacy

Today, 10 a.m. This Early Literacy Workshop is designed to give parents some helpful skills to prepare their children to be ready to learn to read. The workshop shows parents six pre-reading skills that they can use everyday. It also includes a video, some handouts and refreshments. Call 253-3078 for details.

OTHER

Commissary Hours During Friendship Day

Commissary will be open May 2, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and will be closed on May 5.

Nihongo de...

岩国基地所属の海兵隊員が遭難した漁船を発見

米軍、グアム西ファム環礁 (4月19日 岩国基地発表) - 4月14日、午前4時、グアムの860海里 (約640キロメートル) 間に位置する西ファム環礁で日本の漁船「第1秀宝丸」が遭難し、浸水し始めていた。第1秀宝丸が姉妹船である「生徳丸」との無線通信を絶ったため、グアム区域沿岸警備隊と連絡が取れ救助を要請した。同沿岸警備隊は一番近くにいたミクロネシア連邦政府の地元船船と連絡をとったが、この船船も第1秀宝丸から160海里 (約248キロメートル) ほど離れており、遭難した第1秀宝丸にたどり着くには0100時間はかかると思われた。

沈没しかけた第1秀宝丸とその乗組員の安全確認のため、同沿岸警備隊はアンダーソン空軍基地と連絡をとった。当時、アンダーソン空軍基地では、(海兵隊)部隊交代計画の一環で岩国基地に配備されている海兵第122戦闘攻撃中隊 (VMFA-122) から海兵隊のF/A-18ホーネット戦闘機の分遣隊が運用を実行していた。

VMFA-122の隊員は喜んで救助支援を申し出、航空機2機を準備し実際の救難救助任務に注意を向けた。パイロットはできる限りの情報を集め、その間、他の海兵隊員は、救難救助の任務に必要な長時間の運行と最長の捜索時間に耐えられるよう航空機 (の整備) を編成しなもした。

2機の航空機が午前11時20分発進し、西ファム環礁に向けて400海里 (約740キロメートル) 飛行した。環礁に到着すると、フロリダ州デイトナ市出身のショーン・デウォルフ少佐は調査のために航空機の高度を降下させ、その間、ジョージア州ウィラホカ市出身のポール・ホルスト中尉は機体の2機目のF/A-18ははるかに上空に留まり、ミクロネシア連邦政府の地元船船と沿岸警備隊に情報を伝えた。デウォルフ少佐が航空機を降下させると、第1秀宝丸は西ファム環礁の中心にある島から1.5マイル (約2.4キロメートル) の位置にある砂洲の東端に座礁していた。船の中や水中に誰もいないことを確認の後デウォルフ少佐は島上空を飛行し、ここで7人の乗組員全員を確認した。搭載燃料の許す限り、パイロット2人はその場に留まり、第1秀宝丸の状況をミクロネシア連邦政府の地元船船とグアム区域沿岸警備隊に伝えた後、アンダーソン空軍基地へ帰還した。その後、ミクロネシア連邦政府の地元船船は乗組員を救助し、遭難船に引き返した。

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Courtesy of VMFA-122

海兵第122戦闘攻撃中隊は座礁した日本の釣り船を救助するため、グアム・アンダーソン空軍基地での訓練を一時的に中止した。

Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 122 halted their training exercise at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam to offer their assistance to a Japanese fishing vessel, which had struck a reef and was taking on water.

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

Deep 6 spare no remorse for Local Motion

STORY AND PHOTOS BY
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Combat Correspondent

Deep 6 dominated Local Motion by 121 pins during the Winter Recreational League Roll Off at the Station Bowling Alley, Tuesday.

Only the top eight ranked teams during the Winter Recreational League competed in the double elimination three-man tournament, which started April 4. During the tournament teams would play three games and the team with the most total pins won.

The defending champions, Deep 6, barely made it into the tournament by grabbing last minute wins in the regular season to reach eighth place. Once in the tournament, Deep 6 lay waste to all their opponents and made it to the finals undefeated. Local Motion made it to the finals, but after having already lost once to Deep 6 by a mere 19 pins. In order to claim the championship, Local Motion needed to get back-to-back wins against Deep 6.

"We only lost by 19 pins when we first played earlier in the tournament, so we were expecting a close game," said Bill A. Stintzman, Local Motion team captain.

Although Deep 6 had made it to the finals undefeated, they were still wary of the talent in Local Motion.

"Coming into the finals we knew we needed to



ABOVE: A bowling ball massacres the pins during the Winter Recreational League Roll Off at the Station Bowling Alley, Tuesday. During the tournament the two teams bowled a combined 43 strikes. RIGHT: Eric Krievs, Deep 6 team captain, bowls one of his 11 strikes during the Winter Recreational League Roll Off. Krievs led his team with an average of 162.

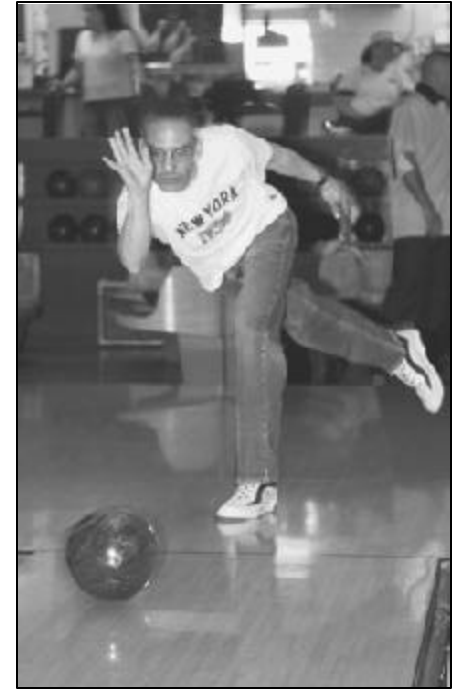
have our game on," said Eric Krievs, Deep 6 team captain. "If Local Motion would have bowled at or above their average we would have had to all play top notch because they are a tough team."

Local Motion came out swinging in the first game starting the tournament with a strike, but Deep 6 bowled a solid game and Chad H. LaSuer, Deep 6 bowler, managed to rack up three strikes and three spares giving him a total score of 156, 35 pins over his average. After the first game, Deep 6 led Local Motion 569 pins to 554.

Aside from LaSuer, the majority of players bowled below their average in the first game and it was chalked up to the alley conditions.

"The oil pattern wasn't set right and it affected everyone who wasn't a straight baller," said Stintzman. "The fact that we took a week off of the tournament before bowling again also hurt us, but we're not making any excuses. All six bowlers had bad games and it was all about who could capitalize."

During the second game Local Motion bowler Domanik L. Rosa scrapped together six strikes and two spares and led his team with 187 pins. Local Motion barely lost the second game by two pins, 543 to 545.



Down by 17 pins going into the final game, Local Motion knew they needed to step up their game if they wanted to win. The three Local Motion bowlers managed to nab three strikes in the first frame but not to be outdone Deep 6 bagged two spares and a strike in the first frame, letting Local Motion know they had no intentions of losing. "They've (Deep 6) got a great team," said Stintzman. "They were the team to beat in the tournament."

Unfortunately, Local Motion was unable to beat them and Deep 6 massacred their opponents by 104 pins in the final game. Local Motion players, realizing the win was out of reach, could be heard congratulating Deep 6 on their win during the 6th frame. Adding insult to injury, Krievs closed out the tenth frame with a turkey, giving Deep 6 a total score of 1,684 pins to Local Motion's 1,563.

"LaSuer was the star today," said Krievs. "He came in today and carried the team to the win by bowling over his average every game."



Deep 6 and Local Motion battled it out for the privilege of keeping the championship trophy at their work section, as well as engraving their names as the 2005 Winter Recreational League champions.

IWAKUNI SPORTS SCENE

VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT DOUBLE ELIMINATION FORMAT

April 30, 9 a.m. in the IronWorks Gym. Call Andrew Porche at 253-3067 for details.

LATIN DANCE CLASSES

Classes are held at the IronWorks Gym every Wednesday, 7:30-8:30 p.m. and cost \$32 per month or \$8 for each class. Come learn the Salsa, Merengue, Mexican Folk Dance and Bachata. Call 253-3696 for details.

VARSITY BASKETBALL

Players and coaches meet May 2 and 9, 9:30 a.m. in the IronWorks Gym Wellness Room. Call 253-5051 for more information.

OVER 30 GROUP SWIM LESSONS

Monday through April 29, 6-6:45 p.m. For further details, call 253-4966.

INDOOR CYCLING ORIENTATION

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

JESSE OWENS TRACK & FIELD MEET

Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the North side Track. For youths ages 4-15. Events include shot put, javelin, long jump, discus, and softball throw. Participants may sign up on the day of the event. Call 253-3239 for details.

MOONLIGHT BOWLING

The Jackpot is \$500-\$1,150 every Saturday, beginning at 6 p.m. Reserve your lane and time during normal operating hours. Call 253-4657 for details.

Mess Hall Lunch Menus

Week Of April 25-29

Monday - Manhattan Clam Chowder, Sauerbraten, Caribbean Catfish, Oven Browned Potatoes, Red Beans, Calico Cabbage, Brown Gravy
Tuesday - Spicy Baked Fish, Szechwan Chicken, O'Brien Potatoes, Noodles Jefferson, French Fried

Cauliflower, Broccoli Parmesan, Brown Gravy, Cheese Biscuit
Wednesday - El Rancho Stew, Caribbean Chicken, Noodle Jefferson, Brussel Sprouts, Simmer Corn, Corn Bread
Thursday - Pineapple Chicken, Liver and Onions,

Candied Sweet Potatoes, Okra and Tomato Gumbo, Green Bean Southern Style, Chicken Gravy
Friday - Beef Barley, Lemon Baked Fish, Beef Stroganoff, Potatoes Au Gratin, Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Cauliflower Combo, Black Eyed Peas, Chicken Gravy



M. C. Perry School Lunch Menus

Week Of April 25-29

Monday - Soft Shell Taco with Cheese, Lettuce & Tomato, Spanish Rice, Chilled Peaches, Chocolate Cake, Milk
Tuesday - Hamburger on a Bun, Lettuce, Tomato & Pickles, Curly Fries, Awesome Applesauce, Rice Krispie Treat, Milk
Wednesday - Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Garlic Bread,

Seasoned Green Beans, Chilled Pears, Cookie, Milk (Elementary school early release)
Thursday - Chicken Sandwich, Carrot & Celery Sticks, Ranch Dressing, Crispy Potato Wedges, Baked Beans, Fresh Fruit, Milk
Friday - Chicken Burrito, Lettuce & Tomato, Spanish Rice, Assorted Fruit Juice, Brownie, Milk

Rockies win with late-game heroics



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Jacob Paulk, Diamondbacks coach. "Our pitching kept us in the game, but our defense let us down."

The Rockies were consistent and unrelenting, staying even or ahead of the D'Backs the entire game. In the bottom of the second inning, the D'Backs first baseman, Bennie Parker, hit a pop fly that hovered long enough for Rockies pitcher Travis Smoak, squinting from the blinding sun, to catch and shoot it to second base for a double play.

Grayvold kept his team close by keeping the Rockies hitters at bay with well-placed fastballs. In the fourth inning and the D'Backs down 5-3, Grayvold struck out the side, turning the momentum to the D'Backs side.

"I struck out nine of their players the whole game," Grayvold said with pride.

With the pressure mounting, the D'Backs took their last at bats in the top of the fifth inning. With two outs and two on, D'Backs third baseman, Matt Forti, hit a hard liner up the middle, tying the game at five. The Rockies got the last out and the stage was set for Miller's dramatics.

"Overall they all performed very well. They were really focused and cheered each other on. It was a good show of sportsmanship," said Willie Timms, Rockies coach. "As long as we all have fun it doesn't really matter how we do."

Gripping their bats and digging their cleats into the red clay, the Rockies and Diamondbacks kept little league fans at the edge of their seats, as they battled it out at Monzen Field, Friday.

Tied 5-5 in the bottom of the final inning with two outs and two on base, the Rockies top hitter, Hayden Miller, stepped up to the plate. Diamondbacks pitcher, John Grayvold, fighting the noise of the crowd, threw a belt-high fastball, which Miller crushed for a game-winning double.

"I feel great!" said Miller after the winning hit. "This was our first win of the season and it definitely won't be the last."

The D'Backs and Rockies were equally matched up with each team striking for two runs in the first inning. "We started off really strong," said



TOP LEFT: Diamondbacks pitcher, John Grayvold struck out nine Rockies' players with his belt-high fastball, but it wasn't enough to win the game. ABOVE: One, two, three, Rockies! Nothing but smiles were on the Rockies' faces after they proudly defeated the Diamondbacks 6-5 at the Monzen Field, Friday.



ABOVE RIGHT: Rockies third baseman, Matthew Smith (left), tags Jamarlon Latham, center fielder, in the fourth inning for the second out. ABOVE: D'Backs right fielder, Kiyoshi Sato, focuses on the ball and takes a swing. In the end, they couldn't get enough runs to win the game.