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## American, Japanese units unite for goodwill exchange

**Plc. MARK FAYLOGA**  
Combat Correspondent

Two Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni aircraft units came together recently for a goodwill exchange at Penny Lake Field.

Marine Aircraft Group 12's Electronic Attack Squadron 142 and Japanese Maritime Self Defense Force's Fixed Wing Electronic Flying Squadron 91 realized many similarities between the two cultures, Monday.

Although VC-91 regularly participates in exchanges with units aboard Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, this is the first with VAQ-142, said Lt. Seth G. Carlone-Hanson, VAQ-142 communications navigation officer.

"Other VAQ squadrons who have come through Iwakuni have done an exchange with VC-91 and this is something that we wanted to be a part of," said Carlone-Hanson.

The exchange is a great chance for VAQ-142 to get a better understanding of the Japanese capabilities and how they function in their squadron. It also



**Members of Electronic Attack Squadron 142 learn about Japanese aircraft during a goodwill exchange, Monday.**

Plc. Mark Fayloga

serves as an excellent opportunity to bring together two different cultures to better understand each other and have a good time together, said Lt. Cary D. Mittelmark, VAQ-142.

The exchange began with VAQ-142 taking a tour of VC-91's hangar. The tour kicked off with opening remarks by Capt. Toshiro Kawakami, VC-91 commander. Kawakami welcomed VAQ-142 into their squadron and said he looked forward to

their time in Japan.

A brief was given after Kawakami's opening remarks explaining the equipment then VAQ-142 took a tour of VC-91's squadron.

"The brief was great, I learned a lot about their capabilities," said Mittelmark. "Their office seemed very professional and polite. I was amazed at how much in common our facilities are. It was remarkably similar."

After the tour of VC-91's facilities, VAQ-142 examined VC-91's aircraft and equipment.

"My favorite part of the tour at VC-91's squadron was seeing their aircraft," said Mittelmark. "They keep their aircraft and equipment in immaculate condition, it's a testament to their professionalism."

After viewing VC-91's aircraft, the two squadrons bused over to VAQ-142's squadron. When they arrived at VAQ-

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These photos of the event were taken by Plc. Mark Fayloga.

## Marines share experiences during Warrior Appreciation Dinner

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Combat Correspondent

Service members returning from deployments across the globe were treated to a Warrior Appreciation Dinner in the Club Iwakuni Ballroom, Saturday.

The event was organized by the Branch Health Clinic, Marine Corps Community Services' Marine and Family Counseling Services, Marine Corps Family Team

Building, the Station Chapel and Personal Readiness and Community Support.

"The dinner was put together as a positive event to show Marines returning from deployment that they are appreciated and also as a way to let them know who we (the organizations sponsoring the event) are," said Stephanie C. Sutton, MCCC community support manager.

The dinner provided the opportunity for people

returning from deployment to get together with their peers who have also had to deal with deployments, said Sutton.

The evening began with social time to allow Marines to meet and share stories with others who are returning from deployment.

Following social time, Col. Michael A. Dyer, Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni commanding officer, see DINNER Page 5

## Station sweethearts cut a rug to celebrate Valentine's Day

**Plc. LUKAS J. BLOM**  
Combat Correspondent

As the ballroom filled with couples, a romantic slow song came over the speakers. All of the gentlemen in the room, as if given the same order, took the hand of their sweetheart and escorted them onto the dance floor for a tender slow dance.

The Genesis Lodge 89 aboard the Station held their 4th annual Valentine's Sweetheart Dance at the Club Iwakuni Ballroom, Saturday. The event was open for couples of all ages to don suits and gowns and come out to enjoy a romantic evening together.

"We don't get very many chances to get dressed up like this so it's a pretty unique event," said Staff Sgt. Larry D. McClain, Marine Aircraft Group 12, and president of Genesis Lodge 89. "Everything was laid out so well. We were able to just have a good time. Oh yeah, the ladies are looking beautiful tonight."

The dance, which included a buffet-style dinner for all guests, cost \$10 for men and was free for the women, kicked off at 8 p.m. All proceeds from the night's event were donated to the winner of the African American Society essay contest.

Genesis Lodge 89 is a branch of the worldwide Mason's fraternity, the oldest fraternity in the world.

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## A Marine's first duty station

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A Marine's first duty station is something in the back of his mind from the moment he steps onto those legendary yellow footprints. I was no different, I often asked myself, "I wonder where I'll be in a year? What will I be doing?"

Many scenarios ran through my mind, most of which paralleled the character of Joker from the movie "Full Metal Jacket." I pictured myself being a grunt with a camera and a pen, telling the stories of true American war heroes. I pictured myself writing stories and taking photos of Marines fighting the bad guys so that everyone else could see the courage and sacrifice made by Marines on a daily basis. The one thing I never foresaw was being sent to an air station.

I never thought I would end up at an air station because, as a naive private, I figured "I've got an expert

rifle score, a high personal fitness test score, I'm a motivated Marine and most of all I want to go to Iraq." I thought it would be a no-brainer for the Marine Corps to give me a weapon and send me to Iraq. So, as you can imagine, I was a little surprised to get orders to Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni.

When I first got here I didn't really know what to expect, except for what I'd been told about the air wing side of the Corps being a little more relaxed than the ground side. But, I kept an open mind.

As soon as I completed the Joint Reception Center Program, I was placed with the Public Affairs Office to write for the *Torii Teller*.

The first thing I asked my master sergeant was, "When can I deploy?" Being a good leader, she took the time to explain to me how Marine Expeditionary Forces and Area of Responsibilities work. Basically, I was told that a tour in Iraq would not be possible at

this time and that my mission was to tell the story of MCAS Iwakuni and its Marines. I hadn't prepared myself for that.

I remember thinking, "What story? Who wants to hear about this place when history is being made in the Middle East? I didn't join the Marine Corps to write sports stories or articles on base programs."

My mission here was never quite clear to me until a couple of days ago when North Korea admitted to having a nuclear weapons program. I started to contemplate, "This is huge. If anything happens with North Korea, we are America's front line." When I came to this realization of the immediacy of this situation, my thought process began to shift somewhat.

Sure, I would still rather be in the dirt with my fellow Marines fighting terrorists, just as most Marines would, but I also see the importance of this air station and our mission here.

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## Chaplain's corner: Journey of faith

CDR. DONALD P. FIX  
*Chaplain's Corner*

There is the story of a man who said, "I have a bad temper. I suppose that is my cross." A friend replied, "No, that is your wife's cross."

For Christians, the cross has become a symbol of belief and conviction. It was just a year ago that "The Passion of the Christ" took the country by storm and people crowded the theaters around America and even in Iwakuni to see and reflect upon this powerful and graphic event in the life of Christ. There were even news stories of people whose lives were radically changed after seeing this movie and they repented for crimes they committed years ago. The true test of any change in life is the test of time - what are the lasting effects?

When conversion is only a fad or when someone isn't committed to the long haul then there is a tendency to fall

back into old patterns and look at our faults, as did the man in the story - as unchangeable. Hopefully the seed that is planted by significant events in our life will be nurtured and cultivated so that the process of growth will be firmly rooted and thrive; otherwise, we become that reed in the wind that Scriptures speaks of that sways in the direction of every powerful wind that blows.

It is important that our leaders in faith also be firmly rooted in knowing where God wants them to lead and by giving others solid direction. Rev. Billy Graham spoke of this direction when he said these words; "We in the church are making a great mistake by trying to make Christianity popular and pleasant. We have taken the cross away and substituted cushions." This year we take another good look at our life and its direction and pray that God will line our path with signs that will show us the way to walk and allow us to experience a freshness that will come from a well climbed journey of faith.

### CHATTERBOX

**Question: "What does the word 'accountability' mean to you, and how important is it to the Marine Corps?"**



"Accountability applied to leadership is vital. If you're not accountable for your Marines, the mission will fail."

Sgt. Nicholas Stewart  
Americus, Ga.



"Accountability is everything. In boot camp we learned never to leave a Marine behind - accountability for your Marines is paramount."

Lance Cpl. Allen Elisara  
Honolulu, Hawaii



"Accountability means knowing where your people are and what they're doing at all times."

SSgt. Brandey Catledge  
Bradenton, Fla.



"Accountability means showing up on time, and having your Marines at the correct place at the correct time."

Cpl. Micheal E. Haggerty  
Baltimore, Md.

## First graders attack Red Lions

LANCE CPT. BRANDON L. PRINCE  
*HMH-363 Operations Clerk*

Twenty-one first graders from M.C. Perry Elementary School visited the Red Lions of Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 363 on Feb. 11, brightening the work spaces of deployed Marines.

Led by Pamela Anthony, first grade teacher, and accompanied by several chaperones, the children formed a long procession as they made the journey from their classroom to the flight-line home of the Red Lions.

After meeting the commanding officer, the children toured the CH-53D Sea Stallion helicopter, tried on flight gear, and experienced the magic of night-vision goggles in an impromptu night lab.

"The students simply could not contain their enthusiasm as they explored the more interesting parts of the squadron, even the radios were alive with children's laughter," said Maj. Ted Press, Red Lions operations officer.

While with the squadron, the children enjoyed bag lunches, drew pictures, received Red Lion tattoos (tem-



Photo courtesy of Lance Cpl. Brandon L. Prince  
**Marines from Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 363 pose with first graders from M.C. Perry Elementary School during a visit to the squadron, Feb. 11.**

porary), and were amazed by the card tricks of Lance Cpl. Neil Seip, HMH-363 flight equipment technician. 1st Lt. Daniel Fritz coordinated the event in an ef-

fort to help the local community connect with the Hawaii-based squadron during their unit deployment program.

"We wanted to give something back to the children of families who have sacrificed in the service of their country" said Lt. Col. Paul Fortunato, Red Lions commanding officer. "It's easy to forget that deploying to foreign countries affects more than just the Marine and Sailor - it affects the whole family. My hope is families will be able to look back on deployed time as both educational and enlightening. That is what we are trying to accomplish here today."

Although faced with a demanding operational tempo, Staff Sgt. Dwayne Carpenter shared his time with the visiting students and reflected, "The value of this event for both the community and the Marines is evident from the many smiles we received during their stay."

## Customer Service Desk ready to serve Sailors

Pfc. LUKAS J. BLOM  
*Combat Correspondent*

The Navy Customer Service Desk aboard the Station stands ready to provide all Navy personnel and family members full customer service and support.

Supporting 225 Sailors and 218 family members, the CSD is to the Navy what the Installation Personnel Administration Center is to the Marine Corps.

"Our mission is to provide consolidated pay and personnel services to Department of Defense personnel and their families," said Petty Officer 1st Class Michael P. Roxas, CSD personnelman. "We want all the Sailors on the Station to know what we can do and show them how we can support them."

The CSD aboard the Station provides numerous services to include: identification card application, applications for the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System, permanent change of station transfers, reenlistments, extensions, retirements, educational services, and other military pay services and special

overseas station allowances.

The CSD aboard Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni is a detachment of Personnel Support Activity Pacific which is located at Yokosuka, Japan.

"We verify all our Navy customer commands travel claims (PCS/Temporary Assignment of Duty) before sending it to our mother detachment because we don't have any fiscal capability," said Roxas.

Utilizing two main computer programs, Uniform Microcomputer Disbursing System and Naval System Integrated Pay System, CSD updates pay and personnel record information.

"We want people to know that we exist," said Roxas. "Since we have moved from building 236, a lot of people are not sure where we are located. We're here for the Sailors and their families."

The CSD is located in Building One, room 111, and is open Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursdays.

For more information on the CSD, contact Petty Officer 1st Class Roxas at 253-3526.

## Nonjudicial Punishment

**Week of Jan. 24-28, 2005**

Rank: Corporal  
Unit: Marine Wing Support Squadron 171  
Violation: Kicked another Marine in face  
Punishment: Reduced to Lance Corporal (suspended three months); seven days restriction

Rank: Lance Corporal  
Unit: Marine Wing Support Squadron 171  
Violation: Liberty buddy violation  
Punishment: Forfeiture of seven days pay; 14 days restriction; 14 days extra prescribed duties

Rank: Lance Corporal  
Unit: Marine Wing Support Squadron 171  
Violation: Underage drinking  
Punishment: Reduced to Private First Class. Forfeiture of half pay for two months; 45 days restriction; 45 days EPD.

Rank: Private First Class  
Unit: Marine Wing Support Squadron 171  
Violation: Liberty buddy violation, Drinking on duty  
Punishment: Forfeiture of seven days pay; 30 days restriction; 30 days EPD

## NEWS BRIEFS

### URBAN DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

There will be an Urban Development Workshop hosted by Iwakuni City on March 2 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Everyone is invited to walk the Kawashimo area with 15 students from Hiroshima University, Hiroshima Women's University and Hiroshima Industrial University to make suggestions about area development. The city is seeking U.S. volunteers to hear suggestions from different cultures and lifestyles. Lunch and event insurance will be provided. For more information or for those interested in signing up, please contact Master Sgt. Lesli Coakley at 253-5551.

### PRIVATE ORGANIZATION DEADLINE

Marine Corps Community Services has set the deadline for private organizations to order items on March 1. For more information, call Mr. Niedzwiecki at 253-5641.

### COLA SURVEY DEADLINE

The deadline for filling out a Living Pattern Survey is March 11. All service members with command-sponsored dependents who live on the local economy or in Station quarters are eligible to take the survey. The survey can be found online at [www.iwakuni.usmc.mil](http://www.iwakuni.usmc.mil).

# Marine Corps reading program revamped

SGT. LA TOYA T. GRADY  
Combat Correspondent

**MARINE CORPS BASE QUANTICO, Va.** — Time after time, battle after battle, Marines have been supporting and defending our nation since Nov. 10, 1775. Leathernecks accomplish those goals by enhancing combat training, maintaining weapons and equipment, and promoting physical fitness. These practices physically prepare Marines for war. How can Marines mentally prepare themselves for war?

In the late 1980s, the 29th commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen. Alfred Gray, had a vision for Marines and their professional development. He established the Corps' professional reading program, designed to enhance every Marine's understanding of the art and science of war.

Today's global war on terrorism dictates the importance of physical and mental sharpness, according to Gen. Michael W. Hagee, current commandant of the Marine Corps. "... Warfighting excellence demands that

our Marines not only maintain physical endurance and technical proficiency, but, just as importantly, they also continue to develop intellectual adaptability along with effective problem-solving skills," said Hagee.

All Marine Message 007/05, released Wednesday, announced the revision of the Marine Corps Professional Reading Program. Revising the reading program is the first step to reinvigorate a key element of Marine professional military education, according to Hagee.

The commandant also stated, "The revised professional reading program does not supplant the intent of the 29th commandant, Gen. Alfred Gray, whose initiative sought to promote the pursuit of lifelong learning. Rather, this represents the logical next step in the evolution of our program to perpetuate warfighting excellence into an increasingly uncertain future."

The revised program, based on history, will have an emphasis on warfighting and is designed to instill wisdom and judgment in military leaders.

Last November, a panel of retired and active duty service members came together to vet the Marine Corps Professional Reading Program's required reading list. Formally known as the Commandant's Reading List, it is a large component of the program.

The reading list is tied to PME and shared across the ranks. Using Gray's original list as a starting point, the small working group deleted several books that were added over the past decade. Books that were not in print or reasonably available were also removed from the list.

"There are 112 separate books on the required reading list; 45 books on the enlisted reading list and 83 books on the officer reading list," said Col. Jeffery Bearor, Training and Education Command's chief of staff. "There are 16 books shared between the enlisted and officer lists."

Having shared books offers commanders the opportunity for enlisted Marines and officers to share PME based on the reading list.

"Dialogue and discussion groups can facilitate the critical thinking skills

that are necessary for the professional growth and creativity of Marines, regardless of rank or (military occupation specialty) background," said retired Maj. Gen. Donald R. Gardner, the president of Marine Corps University.

According to a statement reprinted in the recently released ALMAR, Gray stated that "success in battle depends on many things, some of which we will not fully control. However, the state of preparedness of our Marines (physical, intellectual, psychological, and operational) is in our hands. The study of our profession through selected readings will assist each Marine's efforts to achieve operational competence and to better understand the nature of our "calling" as leaders of Marines."

Marine Corps University will continue to support all Marine schools' efforts in utilizing the program. Visit MCU's Web site: [www.mcu.usmc.mil](http://www.mcu.usmc.mil) for more information on the Marine Professional Reading Program and updated reading list.

# Teaching English class offers new career paths

CHL. DAVE BONI  
Combat Correspondent

Those wishing to share their English language skills and possibly make a little money on the side need to look no further than teaching English to eager Japanese students.

But before a future linguist starts surprising students with pop quizzes and tests, the Teaching English Tips class offered at the Marine and Family Services Center is a good place to learn the dos and don'ts of teaching a foreign language.

The class is held once a month and is taught by Marine Corps Community Services Family Member Employment Assistant Program specialist Jane Iwane. The hour and a half class delves into agendas commonly affecting those looking to teach.

"In today's class, we will go over qualifications and legal issues, types of teaching positions and students, payments, getting started, lesson plans

and resources," said Iwane during her class Feb. 10.

Throughout the class, Iwane discussed the pros and cons of teaching English in Japan, and stressed that most students will only be available for class late morning or late evening.

"Do not expect a typical 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. job," Iwane said.

One of the more important areas for the students was the payment method and Iwane explained the average fee is 1,500 to 5,000 yen per hour for an individual student and 1,000 to 2,000 yen per hour for group lessons. The amount is also dependant upon the level of English the student is teaching.

"If your teaching basic English then you are going to charge less than what you would charge for teaching a more advanced course," said Iwane.

The class wrapped up with Iwane discussing the requirements for a Japanese resume and interviewing techniques. She added, "Good luck and have fun."

"I really enjoyed the class," said Chief Warrant

Officer Len Tippett, Mobile Calibration Complex 1, officer-in-charge. "I love the Japanese culture and I want to teach English because I want to learn how to speak Japanese and there is no better way of learning it then interacting with a Japanese person. Making a little extra money is nice as well."

Exchanging English lessons for Japanese lessons is a common agreement, but Iwane warns her students not to speak Japanese if they are accepting money in their classes because the students are there to learn English.

"The Japanese students will try and speak Japanese if you allow them to do so and it will make it harder for them to learn how to speak English. You do not need to know how to speak Japanese to give English lessons," she said. "The most important thing is to stay open-minded and learn from your students."

For those interested in attending the next Teaching English class, call MCCS Marine and Family Services at 253-6439.

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"Our purpose is to take good men and make them better," said McClain. "We're also here to contribute and provide to the community."

Following dinner, the affectionate couples took to the dance floor to "get down" with their Valentine.

"Events like this are great because we are able to share something with our loved ones. It makes everyone feel special for a night," said Gunnery Sgt. Keith Chambers, Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12, supply accounting chief. "I'm proud to be here with my wife (Kimberly) of 13 years;



Pfc. Lukas J. Blom

**Gunnery Sgt. Keith Chambers, Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12 kisses his wife at the Valentine's Sweetheart dance, Saturday.**

they've been easy days."

Members of the Yokoska and

Yokota chapters of the Mason's also came to the dance to show support for the events that the Genesis Lodge holds for the community throughout the year.

"We are doing great things, and not only in events like this. We're doing big things across the base," said Chief Warrant Officer Marlon T. Porche, Marine Wing Support Squadron 171, maintenance management officer. "We've always done big things for Black History Month and Valentine's Day."

At the end of the night, elegant participants kicked off high heels and took off jackets to focus on having a good time with their spouses and friends.

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Now as I approach my one year anniversary in the Marine Corps, I feel with each world event that happens, whether a devastating tsunami or an enemy of the United States declaring a nuclear weapons program, my understanding of the Marine Corps and air station missions are continually growing. With my evolving understanding of the Corps' mission, my personal mission at MCAS Iwakuni becomes much clearer, to tell the Corps about the Station's own heroes, and most of all be ready for any situation if we are called upon.

# Sergeant major enthused on life

LANCE CHL. CRISTIN K. BARTTER  
Combat Correspondent

His hands were large and over worked. Never-the-less, they were his tools, just as baseball players have their bats, he had his hands. Known as a "migrant worker," wherever he could put his hands to the plow, he was there. This man, who always managed to put food in his children's bellies was also the role model and father to Sgt. Maj. Devell Durham, Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12, squadron sergeant major.

"I grew up in an environment where you always had to be heard, because there were so many children. At one point, there were 15 of us kids in one apartment," said Durham. "You couldn't be silent or passive in my house, or else you would never get your point across."

Being heard is something that Durham is known for in the MALS-12 community. His reputation precedes him.

"He's loud! No, he's really loud! Stand outside the MALS-12 headquarters building sometime and you will hear what I mean," said Gunnery Sgt. Paul E. Moreno, squadron gunnery sergeant, MALS-12. "I have joked with him about it from time to time, but it's all pure motivation through and through."

Durham was born in Florida, but because of the nature of his father's work, he grew up throughout the country. He never spent more than two years in any one state. At one point, during the third grade, Durham attended three different schools in three different states.

"My upbringing made me diverse," said Durham. "I wasn't brought up in a vacuum where I only saw one kind or one type of color."

When Durham graduated high school as a young adult he never knew he was going to be a



Courtesy of Sgt. Maj. Devell Durham

**TOP: Sgt. Maj. Devell Durham, Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12, squadron sergeant major, motivates his Marines during physical training. BOTTOM: Durham gives a speech to the graduating Corporals Course Class as the guest speaker.**

Marine. In fact, he had signed up for the Army. On his way out of the Army recruiter's office he spotted a Marine in his dress blues. It was that sight which brought Durham into a new, larger family - the Marine Corps.

Twenty-five years later, a sergeant major, Durham loves nothing more than to be a leader of young men and women in the Corps.

"It is a privilege to be a sergeant major in today's Marine Corps while Marines are at war," said Durham. "To be able to affect the lives of young men and women is a blessing."



Lance Cpl. Cristin K. Bartter

Durham said his primary passions lie with his family, the Marine Corps, young Marines and spiritually to seek God and wisdom through Him. That wisdom is seen through his guidance to young Marines of all races.

Durham offers words to young black Marines. "As you travel in this life as a young black man or woman your focus should be to create your character of a good report," he said. "Character will sustain you; not the color of your skin. Your struggles are mine, and it falls on me to smooth your way. You must always remember it is your mind that controls your destiny. Never let, neither man nor woman, control your destiny. There is only one path and it's the straight and narrow."

With his passions come an intensity that Durham brings just by his presence that is seen and emulated by young and old service members of every service.

"Sergeant Major Durham's best traits are his intensity, commitment and convictions. I attribute Sergeant Major Durham's intensity to his commitment to doing the best job he can for his commander and his Marines and Sailors," said Master Gunnery Sgt. Kelvin B. Mosley, aircraft maintenance chief, Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12. "His intense commitment to his responsibilities is possible because he has the courage of his personal and professional convictions."

With traits of a natural born leader, Durham is a role model for anyone in any service.

"In my billet as squadron gunnery sergeant I know him both as my mentor and my boss," said Moreno. "If someone out there is looking for a good role model or someone to emulate, look no further than Sergeant Major Durham. He is definitely one of a kind and the Marines and Sailors of MALS-12 are proud of the fact that he is our sergeant major."

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gave opening remarks. During Dyer's speech he thanked all who were returning from deployments and also thanked the families of those deployed Marines and Sailors.

"I want to say thank you to all the families of the deployed Marines," said Dyer. "We wouldn't be who we are without our families."

After Dyer's remarks Lt. Cmdr. Brent D. Johnson, Marine Aircraft Group 12 group chaplain, led in the evening's prayers and blessed the food. After the prayer, guests helped themselves to a buffet. Dinner was followed by recognition of service.

The recognition of service consisted of a slide show of service members on deployment followed by a roll call of those who had deployed. During the roll call, the deployed service member would rise when his name was called off along with his unit and deployment.

"The recognition of service was my favorite part of the evening," said Sgt. Derek L. Wright, Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 combat engineer. "It was good seeing different Marines doing different things across the globe."

Following the recognition of service, two guest speakers gave words of encouragement. Sgt. Maj. Robert G. VanOostrom, MWSS-171

squadron sergeant major, was the first guest speaker and spoke about his experiences while deployed and how difficult it was leaving his family behind. He then thanked all who had been on deployment.

"Tonight is about honoring you, the warriors, who answered the call. The service members who added to our long war-fighting history," said VanOostrom. "Tonight I am among heroes and I am honored to be in your presence."

The second guest speaker was Lt. Col. Yori R. Escalante, MWSS-171 commanding officer. Escalante talked about his time in Iraq and about his homecoming.

"Experiencing the homecoming is exactly what this dinner is all about," said Escalante. "We're happy that all of you are home. We're happy that you've served well, we're proud of you and want to show that pride and respect for you."

The words of encouragement were the final event of the evening.

"I thought the event was very motivational. It was good to see different Marines that have 'been there and done that' just like me and got to come back to their family," said Wright.

The Warrior Appreciation Dinner is held quarterly and is free to all Marines returning from deployment, said Sutton.

"We want people returning from deployment to come out and be recognized," said Sutton.

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142's squadron, VC-91 was given a brief regarding VAQ-142's equipment, aircraft capabilities and mission.

Following the brief, VC-91 was given a tour of VAQ-142's squadron and aircraft and VC-91 personnel got to experience what flying one of VAQ-142's aircraft was like by using a simulator.

"It was very, very fun to get to see the differences and similarities between our two squadrons. My favorite part was the simulator; it was a lot of fun to get to fly a different aircraft," said Ensign Yuki Yasutomi, VC-91 assistant operations officer. "The squadron was very kind and we got along well. This demonstration is good for communication between the (United States) and Japan."

Once the tour of VAQ-142's squadron was complete, the two squadrons went to Penny Lake for a gift exchange, barbecue, martial arts demonstration, canine demonstration and to play baseball and soccer together.

"I thought the whole thing was a nice cultural exchange," said Petty Officer 3rd Class Alike M. Prado, VAQ-142 culinary specialist. "I liked the martial arts demonstration. It was cool to get to see it up close, but my favorite part was watching them (VAQ-142 and VC-91) play softball together."

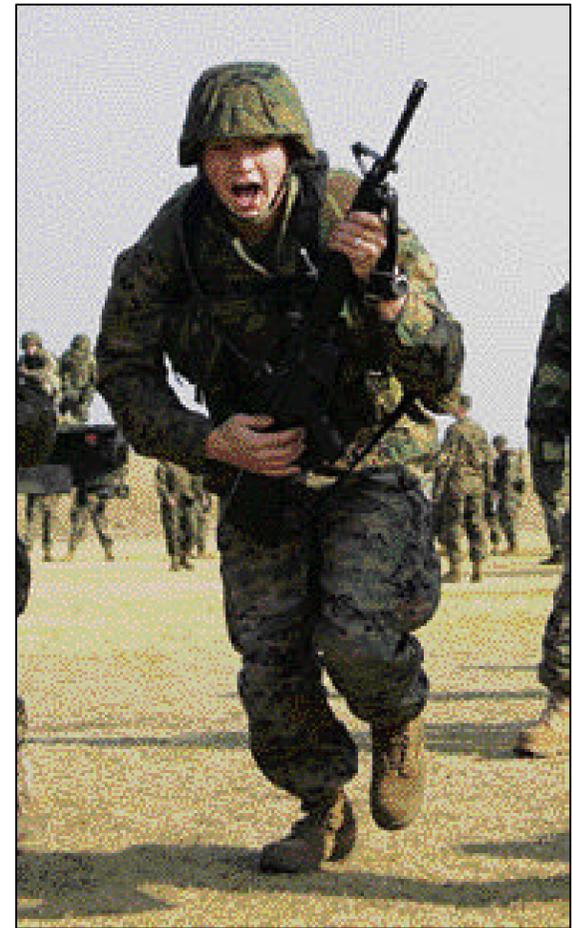
"The whole exchange was very enjoyable," said Yasutomi. "The whole time we were with VAQ-142 it seemed very familiar to me, it turns out that we are a lot like each other."



ABOVE: Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12 Marines sight in as they practice convoy operations on a 7-ton vehicle, Saturday, at the Northside pavilion. BELOW: Sgt. Jack B. Reagan, MALS-12, hydraulics technician, practices patrolling over danger crossing areas while reviewing other basic skills in order to survive combat.



Marines and Sailors shouted with motivation as they charged simulated enemy ambushers with full force during convoy operation classes.



A MALS-12 Marine charges across the field during a convoy operations class, Saturday, at the Northside Pavilion.



## Back to basics in training

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Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12 practiced combat training procedures, Saturday, at the Northside Pavilion, to provide squadron Marines and Sailors with the basic skills in order to survive combat.

The Squadron simulated ambushes of convoys while Marines were transported on 7-ton vehicles. Marines and Sailors practiced, and in some cases, learned how to form defensive positions and launch an offensive from their vehicles.

A squad-sized element of service members imitated being attacked while in the vehicle.

The commands contact left and contact right triggered the Marines and Sailors to exit the 7-ton, while the remaining service members provided security from the vehicle.

The service members then ran to

the side of the vehicle and sighted in toward the direction of the enemy fire.

"For the Marines, this is to take them back to basics of why they are here," said Master Sgt. Thomas C. Poston Jr, MALS-12, operations chief.

"Many of them have forgotten the true meaning of their call here. Some have worked in a particular (military occupational specialty) for such a long time, they lost their basic skills the Corps has taught them," he added.

"We practiced exiting out of a 7-ton, simulating it getting hit by enemy fire and incapacitating it," said Lance Cpl. Andrew B. Phelps, MALS-12, hydraulics technician. "We also practiced patrolling over danger crossing areas."

"We essentially reviewed the basics. It was very effective," he added.

The imitation of war was not only to dust off the memories on what to do in a dangerous situation, for some

service members it was a time to get out of the mode of everyday work.

In response to the increase of the operational tempo throughout the Marine Corps, MALS-12 plans to hold convoy operations classes quarterly.

"It was definitely successful," said Poston. "This gives the Marines the opportunity to get back in touch with their basic warrior skills along with allowing the Sailors in MALS-12 to train. Most of them have never even touched the M-16A2 before."

The event gave MALS-12 Marines and Sailors the opportunity to train utilizing real-world scenarios they may face after their tour in Iwakuni or in the case they become an augment to deployed units.

"My priority is to train MALS-12 Marines and Sailors so if they become that an augment in Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring Freedom they will carry the basic knowledge of a war fighter," said Poston.



A Kevlar, flak jacket, M-16A2 and camouflage utilities were the uniform of the day for MALS-12 while imitating convoy operations.

# Garlic house serves dishes of culture

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The modest second-story restaurant's atmosphere is romantic and known as a little escape from the surrounding world. This small eatery is more than just a hole in the wall - it's the spot 12 Station residents chose for a Valentine's dinner, Sunday.

Ninnikuya, commonly referred to as "the garlic house" by Station residents, is one of the more popular restaurants local Marines and Sailors explore.

The garlic house is located in the depths of Hiroshima, near the Peace Park. The little one-room restaurant has existed in Hiroshima for many years, and has been advertised by

word of mouth and the Marine Corps Community Services' Information, Tours and Travel office.

At the top of a small staircase, the restaurant's main seating area resembles a small coastal getaway on a tropical ocean. The chairs are all painted in bright colors and the walls show wispy clouds sailing in a soft shade of blue. The couples' tables glow in the room, which is softly lit by candlelight. Braids of garlic hang from the ceiling, emitting a pleasant aroma.

With two large cylindrical loaves of bread, the chef piles on ingredients such as garlic, butter and honey, then heats up the delicacy, which is one of the most popular dishes.

Patrons are instructed by the staff to take chopsticks and literally "shove the garlic into the center of the bread," so one can get the full effect of the satisfying garlicky taste.

"The garlic bread was undoubtedly one of my favorite dishes," said Pfc. Laura K. Mellinger, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron Crash Fire Rescue. "Just the smell of it makes my mouth water. I couldn't get enough of it."

Other dishes enjoyed were the crab swimming in spaghetti, broccoli and squid, and the tower of ice cream.

"The food was excellent,"

said Rodney D. Henk, supervisor, Arts and Crafts Shop. "We (Henk and his wife) had a great time."

"We ate too much," added Janet A. Nell, kindergarten teacher at M.C. Perry Elementary school and Henk's wife of three years.

"The portions were really big and we thought that they would be normal Japanese-sized portions. We were a little surprised."

Because of the culinary delights served, the garlic house will remain

popular amongst the people of Hiroshima and Station residents. Thus, reservations are preferred. For directions and contact information, call the ITT office at 253-4377.



Pfc. Laura K. Mellinger, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron Crash Fire Rescue, takes a bite of the delectable squid and broccoli dish doused in garlic sauce.



Garlic bulbs hang from the ceiling as decorations in the garlic house.



Takahiro Kutsuma, the main chef at Ninnikuya, prepares a dish for patrons to enjoy. He has been a chef at the garlic house for 10 years.

## OUT THE GATE

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

### Yanai Flea Market

A flea market is scheduled to be held at Yanai City Hall Sunday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. In case of heavy rain, it will be cancelled. Call 0820-26-6666 for more information.

### Koubouichi Market

There will be a market at the Nishikata Jinguji Temple on Oshima

Island, Oshima Town Monday starting around 10 a.m. It will not be cancelled in case of rain. For more information, call 0820-78-1003.

### Hina Dolls Display

Visitors can view Hina dolls display at 22 houses along the White Wall Street and the Retro Street, Yanai City now through March 31. Call 0820-22-8077 for more information.

### Burning The Hills of Akiyoshidai Plateau

This event will take place Sunday in Shuho town. Visitors can

watch the burning around the observatory on the plateau. They will light the old twigs around 9:30 a.m. and finish the event around 12 p.m. In case of inclement weather, it will be postponed to Feb. 26. For details, call 0837-62-0304.

### Rohdea Japonica Display

This display, showing approximately 200 pots of Rohdea Japonica, is scheduled at the Hiroshima Botanical Garden, Saturday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission fee is required to enter the garden. Call 082-922-3600 for further details.

## TORII TELLER CLASSIFIED ADS

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

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### AUTOMOBILES

**Toyota Celica**, 1994, JCI until July 2006, \$2,000 obo. Call Gene Garland at 253-3419 dwh or 253-2132 aw.

**Toyota Hilux Surf**, 1990, SUV, 4 door, 4WD, snowboard/ski racks, JCI until Oct. 2005, \$1,800 obo. Call Stephanie Conniff at 253-4022 dwh

or 253-7207 aw.

**Mitsubishi Delica**, 1993, 4WD van, includes roof racks, ski racks, chains, excellent condition, JCI until March 2006, \$1,250 obo. Call Gary Gilmour at 253-4256 dwh or 253-2579 aw.

**Toyota Town Ace**, 1994, good condition, clean,

nonsmoker, 8 passenger van, JCI until Nov. 2005, \$1,900 obo. Call Ken at 253-4823 dwh or 090-1330-5489.

**Honda Mini Van**, 1990, JCI until July 2006, \$1,900. Call Cynthia O'Donnell at 253-2778.

**Nissan Serena**, 1991, dual sunroof, P/S, P/B, P/

L, climate control (front and rear), runs well, JCI until May 2006, \$2,400 obo. Call Jose Santiago at 253-4622 dwh or 253-2437 aw.

### OTHER ITEMS

**Misc.**, blue 27" bike, barely used, brand new in October, light, basket, U-lock, helmet, reflective belt, available March 10, \$100 obo. Call Lt. Cmdr. McFarland at 253-4624 dwh or 253-7288 aw.

**Misc.**, multifamily garage sale at Building 1200, Community Room, Feb. 20, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., quality products at reasonable prices. Call Sean at 253-2291 or Gary at 253-2579 for more information.

**Misc.**, loveseat and couch, 1 year old, great deal, \$700; Japanese antique wooden Tansus, great shape. Call Cynthia O'Donnell at 253-2778.

### JOB OPENINGS

**CHRO**  
English instructors for Japanese employees are needed. Current USCS and NAFI will not be considered. For details, call Keiko Hironaka at 253-4344 or send e-mail to hironakakjp@iwakuni.usmc.mil.

**Torii Tunes (253-2555)**  
Part time position is available at Torii Tunes. Pick up application at Soundshop in MCX.

**JAS**  
The Japanese American Society is seeking an administrative bilingual office manager for a part time position. Interested applicants need to work well with both Japanese and Americans, have experience in an admin environment and a positive attitude. Call 253-4771 or 253-2144 for more details.

### CHRO (253-6828)

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-Materials Handler, Warehouse  
-Sports Specialist, Athletics  
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## MOVIE SCHEDULE

### SAKURA

**FRIDAY**  
7 p.m. The Life Aquatic With Steve Zissou (R)

10 p.m. Million Dollar Baby (PG-13)

**SATURDAY**  
1 p.m. Shark Tale (PG)  
4 p.m. The Flight Of The Phoenix (PG-13)  
7 p.m. The Life Aquatic With Steve Zissou (R)  
10 p.m. Spanglish (PG-13)

**SUNDAY**  
4 p.m. Million Dollar Baby (PG-13)  
7 p.m. Phantom Of The Opera (PG-13)

**MONDAY**  
7 p.m. Blade Trinity (R)

**TUESDAY**  
7 p.m. Ocean's Twelve (PG-13)

### WEDNESDAY

7 p.m. The Life Aquatic With Steve Zissou (R)

### THURSDAY

7 p.m. Meet The Fockers (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.



### FRIDAY

11 a.m./5 p.m. Shrek 2 (PG)  
2 p.m./8 p.m. The Little Black Book (PG-13)  
11 p.m./5 a.m. King Arthur (PG-13)  
2 a.m. Cradle 2 The Grave (R)

### SATURDAY

11 a.m./5 p.m. I, Robot (PG-13)  
2 p.m./8 p.m. Without A Paddle (PG-13)  
11 p.m./5 a.m. The Ladykillers (R)  
2 a.m. Mad Max: Beyond Thunderdome (PG-13)

### SUNDAY

11 a.m./5 p.m. Orange County (PG-13)  
2 p.m./8 p.m. Princess Diaries 2 (G)  
11 p.m./5 a.m. Legends Of The Fall (R)  
2 a.m. The Tailor Of Panama (R)

### MONDAY

11 a.m./5 p.m. Teacher's Pet (PG)  
2 p.m./8 p.m. Wicker Park (PG-13)  
11 p.m./5 a.m. Garden State (R)  
2 a.m. Porky's (R)

### TUESDAY

11 a.m./5 p.m. Johnny English (PG)  
2 p.m./8 p.m. Hero (PG-13)

11 p.m./5 a.m. Ed Gein (R)  
2 a.m. Lucky Numbers (R)

### WEDNESDAY

11 a.m./5 p.m. Elf (PG)  
2 p.m./8 p.m. Wimbledon (PG-13)  
11 p.m./5 a.m. Confidence (R)  
2 a.m. Thirteen Ghosts (R)

### THURSDAY

11 a.m./5 p.m. Love Don't Cost A Thing (PG-13)  
2 p.m./8 p.m. Shark Tale (PG)  
11 p.m./5 a.m. Eurotrip (R)  
2 a.m. White Men Can't Jump (R)





# GOAT nibbles out Destroyers

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The Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron team, Greatest of All Time, secured its first place standing in the Intramural Basketball League with a 55-48 victory against Marine Wing Support Squadron 171, Destroyers, during a regular season game at the IronWorks Gym, Feb. 9.

From the opening tip-off, H&HS dominated the court with their teamwork and intensity. H&HS controlled the game with ball movement and all H&HS players scored at least one basket during the first half.

Gabriel Maldonado, H&HS coach and shooting guard, had the most impressive first half performance, causing turnovers, motivating his players and leading his team with eight points, the most notable was a deep 3-pointer.

The Destroyers played sluggishly and were off their game in the first half, said Mark A. Grant, Destroyers coach. The Destroyers missed out on the chance of going into the half with a closer score because multiple fouls by the team gave H&HS plenty of points from the charity line. The game went into halftime with H&HS leading by almost double, 30-18.

"We played as a team," said Lee A. Woodbridge, H&HS small forward. "Coming into the game we said we were going to play as one unit instead of a bunch of individuals. Our concept is team first."

When the second half began, the Destroyers came out and played with a newfound fire. The Destroyers started the second half by out hustling their opponent, which resulted in multiple turnovers and the majority of rebounds.

The Destroyers quickly began to close the gap in the score with the help of four 3-pointers by Jeremy D. Chadwell. It was too little too late for the Destroyers and as the clock began to wither away, the Destroyers realized the win was just out of reach.

The Destroyers caused more fouls than usual during the second half, said Grant. The majority of the last 10 minutes of play was one trip to the free-throw line after another.

The Destroyers outscored H&HS 30-25, in the second half. But in the end, it was the big lead going into the half, the intensity and the many trips to the free-throw line which gave H&HS another check mark in the win column.

"These were the two best teams in the league out there on the court tonight," said Maldonado. "I'm really proud of all my players and everyone who came out to support us. Regardless of whether we win or lose, we come out and play the whole game with intensity and take it to the other team."

Both teams had been looking forward to the game all season, said Woodbridge. The two teams usually play a pickup game together on Sundays and boast about who is the better team.

H&HS won a previous game earlier in the season and the Destroyers were looking forward to redeeming themselves, said Grant.

"We knew we were the better team coming into this game, but in the first half there was definitely a lack of hustle and we just got outplayed," said Grant. "I'm proud of my team because we played from behind and closed out the game strong. I wish they would have played the game the way they



Gabriel Maldonado, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, right, leaps off of defenders to complete a pass to an open teammate during an Intramural League regular season game at IronWorks Gym, Feb. 9.



Lee A. Woodbridge, H&HS, center, takes a shot from the free-throw line during an Intramural League regular season game at IronWorks Gym, Feb. 9. Woodbridge went 3 for 5 from the free-throw line during the game helping his team take first place.



ABOVE: Jeremy Chadwell, Marine Wing Support Squadron 171, right, takes a shot from downtown while being covered by two H&HS defenders. Chadwell scored four 3-pointers in the second half of an Intramural League regular season game at IronWorks Gym, Feb. 9.

played in the second half, all game."

The two teams are in the same division and have a high probability of meeting again in the playoffs. Both teams have two regular season games left until they begin the double elimination playoffs, said Maldonado.

H&HS's record is now 14-1. The Destroyers' record now stands at 12-3.

Maldonado has a message for any teams planning on taking the Intramural League Championship.

"No one can beat us, plain and simple. If all our players are on the court, no team can compete with us," said Maldonado. "They don't call us the 'Greatest of All Time' for nothing."

