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America's Squadron gets expeditionary

LANCE CPL. CRISTIN K. BARTTER
Combat Correspondent

Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 aircraft recovery expeditionary airfield services exercised the use of the Minimum Operating Strip Lighting System, Feb. 16, on the Southside airfield.

The MOSLS is an expeditionary lighting system made up of individual lights that are battery operated and capable of deploying anywhere in need of an airfield.

"The purpose of this is if an existing airfield, for instance in Iraq, suffers bomb damage that takes out the power of the base or lighting system, we could come in with this system and light the airfield," said Chief Warrant Officer Lance L. Morgan, MWSS-171, Station recovery officer.

Also, if an airfield suffered damage, a recovery team could position a Minimum Operating Strip. They would take a section of the airstrip, as small as 4,000 feet, light it and use it as an airfield on which aircraft can land.

For the exercise, Marines wore their flak jacket, kevlar, green digital camouflage utility uniform, 782 gear and some



Lance Cpl. Cristin K. Bartter

Chief Warrant Officer Lance L. Morgan, Marine Wing Support Squadron 171, recovery officer, shows his Marines how to correctly set up and use night vision goggles for the exercise on Staff Sgt. Lonnie P. Boyd, MWSS-171, runway supervisor.

They also painted themselves to get into the spirit. After each Marine had completed a stealthy look, Morgan then gave an NVG class before they began the exercise.

At 11p.m., MWSS-171's recovery team was given a reference point and orders to make a 4,000 ft. MOS. The command 'move out' was given and the exercise began. With the clock ticking, they had 60 minutes to complete the construction of a lighting system in complete darkness.

"We're pumped up and ready to go!" said Lance Cpl. Nathan J. Smirch, MWSS-171, aircraft recovery expedition airfield services.

During the exercise there were slight cable length problems that caused a delay. But in the end, the mission was accomplished.

"They broke up into teams, maintained good communication and the whole operation was a success," said Staff Sgt. Donald P. Bourg, MWSS-171, quality assurance

chief. "The entire MOS was set up in under one hour."

MWSS-171 will be emplacing MOSLS as a war simulation exercise quarterly because of its importance, he said.

On two occasions in the past year the lighting system that is maintained by recovery suffered illumination problems in some portion of the airfield and backup lighting systems were needed, said Morgan. This training gives Marines the experience necessary for MOSLS in combat.

Seabees cause buzz, make improvements around Station

PHOTO BY MARK FAYLOGA
Combat Correspondent

Navy Mobile Construction Battalion 40 completed two construction projects aboard the Station, Feb. 18.

The Seabees completed enclosing the Southside Post Office loading dock and placed a pre-engineered

building behind the Station Recycling Center.

"Prior to us (the Seabees) enclosing the loading dock, they (the post office staff) couldn't store any mail equipment outside of the loading docks," said Petty Officer 3rd Class Marybel Bailey, NMCB-40 builder. "Now, they have an area for storage and they get to be indoors when handling mail shipments."

"The extra storage space will definitely benefit the post office," said Master Gunnery Sgt. Crawford Wheeler, Station postal chief. "The room will provide shelter from inclement weather for postal Marines and protect mail containers from wear and tear that results from storing them outside."

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Families now allowed to greet service members at terminal gates

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Recently, the Transportation Security Administration issued a security directive pertaining to military passengers allowing the airlines to issue a special access pass to family members who are accompanying the service member through the airport security check points or to meet them at the arrival gates.

According to TSA Security Directive 1544-01-10W (Access to Sterile Concourse for Non-traveling Individuals), military passenger family members may be given a pass to escort the military passenger to the gate or to meet a military passenger's inbound arrival at the gate.

Family members who want to escort the service member to the departure gate need to process through the ticket line when the service member checks in. The airline will issue the special access passes and the group will need to proceed

through the security station at the same time, said a TSA spokesman.

Those who want to meet their service member at the arrival gate should first check to see if the airport has a United Service Organizations. The USO is working with TSA and the airlines to secure the special access passes. If the airport does not have a USO, family members should go to the ticket counter of the airline that the military member is flying on and request the passes. Family members will need to present the pass and photo identification to get through the security checkpoint.

The TSA spokesperson said that not all airports and airlines are able to issue the special access passes to meet returning service members at the gate due to local security situations. One way to make this process easier, is for the traveling service member to inform the ticket agent at check in that family members will be contacting the ticket office at the arrival destination to request the special passes.



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Chaplain's corner: Building lasting bridges

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Chaplain's corner

Bridges are wonderful things, making our lives much simpler when we travel across tough terrain filled with rivers, deep valleys and hard to reach places.

People who build bridges have specific skills that are required to erect a lasting bridge. I wouldn't want to cross one that was put together hastily, just so a river had a crossing place. What if it collapsed due to poor construction, and caused me to fall into the river?

It would be even harder to be a bridge. People would always want to walk on you, if only to get to where they want to go.

Someone once said the problem with being a peacemaker, a bridge between two parties, is that people in conflict have to step all over you in order to come together.

There are a lot of people who need reconciliation, whether with neighbors and loved ones, or with God. Acting

as a peacemaker, an agent of reconciliation is an important calling. When in this position, you can consider Jesus' words in the Sermon on the Mount, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God" [Matthew 5:9.]

There is a risk that comes in getting caught between two parties in conflict, and getting hurt in spite of good intentions. Still, we need to be ready to offer to act as bridges when the need is presented.

If you wish to avoid collapsing, like the hastily constructed bridge I mentioned a few lines above, then you need to ask a few questions of yourself.

The first is, am I part of the solution, or part of the problem? There are some boundaries in life that need to be respected, and you are not called on to solve everyone's problems.

The second question is, does the problem need solving right now, by you? Maybe the people in conflict simply need a safe place to go work out their problems?

All you may need to do is provide them with the time and a place so they feel safe enough to talk out their differences.

The third question is, have I enough understanding of the problem at hand? Sometimes you can go into a situation that requires intervention, but end up making matters worse by confusing every one.

A good bridge is built on a solid foundation that is not swept away by fast, strong, unpredictable currents.

Do you understand the underlying issues of the people you are trying to help?

Finally, are you at peace with the ultimate reconciler? The Apostle Paul wrote of God in the second chapter of Ephesians, "He came and preached peace to you who were far away, and peace to those who were near."

If you are not at peace with God, having crossed his bridge, you will not be an effective peacemaker for others, helping them cross the bridge of reconciliation.

Ask the Inspector

MAJ. MATTHEW D. RAZVILLAS
Station Inspector

The following are questions pertaining to early withdrawal of students from DoDDS institutions.

1. We are changing duty stations this summer. What is the earliest we can withdraw our children from school and get full credit for the year?

The earliest a student can withdraw and still receive credit is May 19. Students must attend school through May 18. In order to request accelerated credit, the sponsor must bring a copy of their orders. Requesting for accelerated credit should be the last resort and the servicemember should first ask their command for an extension.

2. We would like to go on vacation the first week of June, can we have our children finish the school year early and get credit? No, the purpose of the accelerated credit, is for families who are moving to have their children be able to complete a school year and receive credit, not vacation or leave.

3. What will our children miss the last two weeks of school? Students miss a lot of school when they are out,

especially for more than a one-week period. Missing school at the end of the term is even more critical due to review of materials and preparation for final exams. Final exams weigh heavily on a student's final grade, and the review teachers provide prior to the final exam is critical.

4. What if we move in May prior to the early withdraw date? Students who withdraw prior to May 18 will receive withdraw grades. A withdraw grade informs the new school the grades the child is currently receiving in each class they were enrolled. A withdraw grade does not give credit for completing the school year.

5. How does an accelerated early withdraw affect my child's grades? Adding the enormous burden of several weeks' worth of class and homework, coupled with preparing for final exams, multiplied by seven classes are overwhelming for students. Most students drop at least one letter grade. Many students are simply too overwhelmed at the amount of work required to finish a semester early. They do shoddy or poor quality work to just get finished. Once again, requesting early withdraw should be a last resort. Please work with your command to request an extension to finish the semester.

6. When should I let the school know I have no alternative and need to request accelerated credit? As soon as possible. The sooner the school knows the better.

CHATTERBOX

Question: "How do you celebrate black history month?"



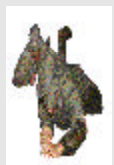
Lance Cpl.
Jose J.
Tapia
Chicago, Ill.

"I call all of my friends and wish them a happy Black History month."



Lance Cpl.
Brian P.
Haymes
Austin, Texas

"I am going to throw a barbecue on the last Sunday of the month."



Sgt.
Brian L.
Ganber
Meridian, Miss.

"I am going to watch the movie 'Ray.'"



Lance Cpl.
Alain J.
Alenandre
Brooklyn, N.Y.

"I am going to watch movies like 'Soul Food' and read black history books."

Students brush up on good dental health habits

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Combat Correspondent

Matthew C. Perry Elementary School students in kindergarten through fourth grade received lessons from dentists and dental technicians, Feb. 15.

The students learned the importance of maintaining good dental health, the cause of cavities and how to properly take care of their teeth and gums. The classes are part of National Children's Dental Health Month.

"Every February, dental clinics try to get involved with the community and reach out to schools to talk about dental health and poor dental health prevention," said Lt. Cmdr. Willie S. Chao, 11th Dental Company general dentist.

The American Dental Association held the first national observance of Children's Dental Health Day in 1949. In February 1981, the program was extended to a month-long event.

Younger students are taught the

basics of dental hygiene with the help of cartoons, puppets and other types of entertainment, said Chao. Older students receive more in-depth education on dental health by learning about plaque, gingivitis and how to prevent bad dental habits, he added.

"I enjoy teaching the classes because of the interaction with the kids," said Petty Officer 2nd Class Paul Settle, 11th Dental Company dental assistant. "It's great to get out of the clinic and see how energetic the kids are. The students always have fun and give very entertaining answers to the questions."

"It was fun. My favorite part was when I got to answer questions and get prizes," said Rickii T. Alexander, 3rd grade student.

Reaching children at a young age and teaching them the proper techniques is essential to get them in the



Pfc. Mark Fayloga

Julianne Hackler, 8, holds the mouth model as Austin Grayvold, 9, practices the proper flossing technique while their classmates look on during a dental health class at Matthew C. Perry Elementary School, Feb. 15.

habit of practicing good health care for the rest of their lives, said Chao.

Learning the proper way to brush is one of the most important aspects of good dental health, said Chao.

"We teach the kids the proper way to brush and floss because too often

kids are taught the wrong way to brush their teeth. They either brush too fast, too hard or in the wrong direction," said Settle. "Most of the time, flossing isn't even taught to children, so it's a good thing we come out and teach them."

"I learned that you should always brush your teeth even if you don't want to, so you won't get cavities or plaque," said Alexander. "I'm going to brush every day."

Students enjoy having members of the dental clinic come out and teach because it's exciting for them to have someone new in the classroom, said Rosie Pena, M.C. Perry Elementary School teacher.

"Our teachers (Chao and Settle) were really nice," said Alexander. "They should work at my dentist's."

The 11th Dental Company Staff taught dental health classes throughout February. The final class was given Thursday.

Changing world inspires structural adjustments

2ND LT. CLINTON GEBKE
Combat Correspondent

MARINE CORPS COMBAT DEVELOPMENT COMMAND, MCB QUANTICO, Va. — In March 2004, representatives from Marine Corps combat, support and acquisitions elements came together to form the Force Structural Review Group. The purpose: To take a hard, detailed look at the Marine Corps' force structure and adapt it to meet the unified combatant commander's evolving needs in the global war on terrorism.

The 30-day conference took into account many factors, focusing on lessons learned from recent conflicts, including Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, and developed 60 initiatives to help the Marine Corps adjust to an ever-changing world environment. These initiatives will create, disestablish and realign units throughout the occupational specialties affecting several thousand active duty and reserve Marines.

"We made some hard decisions," said Gen. Mike Hagee, commandant of the Marine Corps. "We are going to realign some force structure in order to increase our flexibility, adaptability and agility to respond to contingencies and the global war on terrorism."

High priority changes will include, but are not limited to,

the addition of active duty elements such as two infantry battalions, three light armored reconnaissance companies, three reconnaissance companies, two force reconnaissance platoons, and one air and naval gunfire liaison company. Additions to the Marine Corps Reserve will include one antiterrorism battalion, two light armored reconnaissance companies and one intelligence support battalion.

In addition to the units mentioned above, the Corps is also looking to increase the number of linguists, explosive ordnance disposal specialists, counter intelligence/human intelligence specialists, civil affairs specialists, satellite communications specialists and mortuary affairs specialists. The Corps is also looking to develop 28 psychological operational specialists to fill a unique and completely new military operational specialty.

The FSRG initiatives will involve approximately 6,000 Marines. These billets will be filled by the result of military-to-civilian conversions, increased efforts in recruiting over the next two years and the reduction and realigning of approximately 5,600 Marines from various areas of the force structure. Active duty components affected by the disestablishment and restructuring include Small Craft Company, low altitude air

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Nonjudicial Punishment

Week of Feb. 14-18, 2005

Rank: Lance Corporal
Violation: Underage drinking, liberty buddy violation, liberty card violation
Punishment: Reduction to Pfc., forfeiture of half month's pay for two months, 45 days restriction, 45 days extra prescribed duties.

Rank: Lance Corporal
Violation: Underage drinking, liquor in the barracks
Punishment: Reduction to Pfc., Forfeiture of half month's pay for two months, 45 days restriction, 45 days EPD.

Rank: Lance Corporal
Violation: Underage drinking
Punishment: Reduction to Pfc., forfeiture of half month's pay for two months, 45 days restriction, 45 days EPD.

Rank: Private First Class
Violation: Underage drinking, liberty buddy violation, liberty card violation
Punishment: Reduction to Private, forfeiture of half month's pay for two months, 45 days restriction, 45 days EPD.

NEWS BRIEFS

U.S. PASSPORT FEE RAISED

U.S. regular passport fees will be raised as of March 8. New fees are \$97 for the first-time applicant, adult over 16 years old; \$92 for the minor applicant, under 16 years old; \$67 for renewal passport of adult whose passport was issued over 16 years old and less than 15 years ago. This excludes no-fee blue passport and official passports. Call 253-5594 for any further questions.

URBAN DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

There will be an Urban Development Workshop hosted by Iwakuni City on Wednesday 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. For more information or for those interested in signing up, please contact Master Sgt. Lesli Coakley at 253-5551.

FRIENDSHIP DAY POSTER DEADLINE

This year's theme is "Across the Sea and Sky." The contest is open to all, age 18 and older. No copyrighted images may be used. Submissions are due to MCCC today at 4:30 p.m. Call 253-6373.

Station celebrates Black History Month

STORY AND PHOTOS BY
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Station residents celebrated Black History Month with a ceremony held at the Sakura Theater followed by a special Black History Month lunch menu at the mess halls, Feb. 18.

The event was a way to educate Station residents on the Niagara Movement and other historical events that contributed to African American history.

On the Canadian side of Niagara Falls, July 11-14, 1905, 29 men formed a group they called the Niagara Movement. The name was established because of the location and the "mighty current" of protests they were about to begin.

The Niagara Movement forsake Booker T. Washington's adjustment policies set forth in his "Atlanta Compromise" speech 10 years earlier.

The Niagara Movement's proposal was, in the words of W.E.B. Du Bois, the black influential of well-educated professionals, "We want full manhood suffrage and we want it now.... We are men! We want to be treated as men. And we shall win."

The event at the Station Theater started with the national anthem sung by Master Gunnery Sgt. Richard G. Redick, Marine Aircraft Group 12, calibration chief. Chaplain Joseph D.

Reardon followed with the invocation.

The guest speaker, Lt. Col. James C. Stewart, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, commanding officer, went into intricate detail about the Niagara Movement and African American History.

After Stewart's moving speech, awards were given to Black History Month essay contest winners of M.C. Perry School. The awards were provided by Marine Corps Community Service and Genesis Lodge #89.

Next, the Station Gospel Choir took the stage and performed two songs for everyone to enjoy. The first song performed was "Lord I Believe," and the second song was "Jesus I Love You."

"After the performance, people from the crowd would walk up to us and explain how much our praising voices touched them," said Simone A. Chambers, Gospel Choir member. "It was very emotional and happy at the same time. There were tears



Betty L. McDaniel, Gospel Choir member, moves the crowd at the Black History Month ceremony with her praising voice as she sings her solo in "Jesus I Love You."



Sgt. Joseph M. Navara, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, chief cook at the Northside mess hall, stirs his concoction of seafood and seasonings to make Louisiana gumbo in celebration of Black History Month.

falling for some."

Through such events honoring a certain type of culture, certain attendees will experience emotions and attain knowledge in a different light, said Chambers.

"As African Americans, this month we can share our heritage with other cultures," said Chambers. "I think it is very important they have these events so they can see what the African American Society is all about."

The event ended with closing remarks from Sgt. Maj. Devell Durham, Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12, squadron sergeant major, followed

by the benediction.

"My father of 41 years told me to look for character first, then accept the rest," said Durham. "Neither race, color nor creed has a monopoly on God's men."

Lancers return from month long deployment in Kadena

PRG LUKAS J. BLOM
Combat Correspondent

Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 212, the Lancers, returned to the Station from a 34-day deployment to Kadena Air Base in Okinawa, Feb. 16.

"The Squadron deployed to Kadena Air Base in order to conduct dissimilar air combat training with the resident F-15 squadrons," said Maj. John Rabine, VMFA-212 executive officer. "This training provided us the ability to certify two pilots as air combat tactics instructors; qualify one pilot as a division leader, and two pilots as section leaders."

The deployment to Kadena also gave the Squadron a chance to employ some new technology.

"This was the first time the Squadron was able to fully implement and utilize its new multifunctional information distribution system and digital communication system," said Rabine. "Both systems are relatively new to the F/A-18 and provide the aircraft with the ability to network with other aircraft, ships and ground-based systems to enhance the pilot's situation awareness."

The Squadron sergeant major, Sgt. Maj. Danny D. Duvall, also conducted a Battle of Okinawa period of military instruction that included a tour of various



Official USMC photo

Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 212 returned to the Station from a 34 day deployment at Kadena Air Base, Feb. 16.

battlefield sites including an underground cave complex.

"One of the most interesting things we got to do was go to the tunnels the Japanese forces used in World War II," said Cpl. Allan S. Snow, VMFA-212 avionics technician. "When the Americans invaded Okinawa, the Japanese people made a massive set of tunnels for their army. The tunnels weren't very big. But you could still see the scratches in the walls from when they were built. It was similar to seeing Hiroshima for the first time, it gave me a better realization of everything."

Upon completing their mission in Okinawa, the

Marines of VMFA-212 loaded up their gear and prepared for their flight home.

"This deployment was extremely successful," said Rabine. "The squadron not only completed its training goals, but did so with a 99 percent sortie completion rate. This is a testament to the professionalism, abilities and can-do attitude of our Marines, who worked six days a week during this deployment. Our Marines take pride in seeing our aircraft fly and many times came in during their one day off a week or during off-duty hours to ensure mission success during the deployment."

The Lancers returned to Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni to find anxious family members awaiting their arrival.

"I'm ecstatic," said Donna Timms, wife of Chief Warrant Officer Willie J. Timms, VMFA-212 maintenance materiel control officer. "No matter how long or short the deployment is, he is always greatly missed."

While the Marines were off-loading from the aircraft and picking up their seabags outside the terminal, many discussed the deployment and what they had accomplished.

"The highlight of the deployment was definitely the end result," said Cpl. Russell D. Bills, VMFA-212 plane captain. "We accomplished everything we set out to. 'Readiness at all times.' This deployment just made us able to live up to that more effectively."

Translation of the text above is provided for the benefit of the reader.

Cyclers live to ride, ride to live

STORY AND PHOTOS BY
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Like a pack of wolves, they stick together. One can hear their growl from miles away. They move as one, never leaving anyone behind. Together they share one passion, one distinct love – motorcycles.

The Iwakuni Motorcycle Club a clan comprised of 50 riders, unleash their bikes and explore the roads of Japan as often as the weather permits or a fellow rider accepts an offer to go.

All that is needed to join the club is a motorcycle of any type and flexibility since most of their cruises happen spur of the moment.

The skill level of the rider required for the club is determined by taking the necessary procedures to qualify on the station as a motorcyclist. Other than that, the club is open to any motorcycle enthusiast affiliated with the Station.

"The whole reason the club was put together was to help foster the Japanese/American relationship," said Gunnery Sgt. Anaiz Stinson, Station infor-



"Live to ride, ride to live" is the slogan that Harley-Davidson riders live by in the Iwakuni Motorcycle club.

mation assurance manager. "It is just another way to strengthen that bond between each other."

It is that friendship that is seen among riders as they journey down the streets of Japan. With simple waves and nods to a motorcycle passerby, they show their bond between each other.

For die-hard riders, they breathe the fumes with a smile on their face. Their blood circulates gasoline as their bikes coast on the open road. It is a passion that isn't easy to get out of one's system.

"Once you get it (motorcycle riding) in your blood, it's hard to get it out," said Chief Warrant Officer Len J. Tippett, Mobile Calibration Complex One, calibration officer.

"It's a way to free your mind, free your body and free your soul." "Just the motorcycle riding itself relaxes, soothes and clears my mind," added Stinson. "Also riding in a group is another added aspect to motorcycle riding. You've got this big group of motorcyclists who other people can see and definitely hear; it's thrilling."

One of the characteristics of motorcycle riders is the devotion they share with one another. No

matter where a rider may be or what kind of assistance they may need, the loyalty shared between this clan is unbreakable.

"When you buy a motorcycle, you buy into a family," said Stinson.

For information about the club, contact Tippett at 253-6585.



The "growing pack of wolves" stay tight as the Iwakuni Motorcycle Club coasts down the streets of Japan.



Jack "Gump" Smith (far left), motorcycle club member, has been a die-hard Harley lover for years. His attire consisted of a leather vest with patches covering it, leather chaps and his tinted shades.

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The post office project began Dec. 13. The Seabees started by laying down a concrete foundation around the loading dock. After laying the foundation, the Seabees erected panels, built forms for the walls and poured the concrete.

Final steps on the loading dock included installing roller doors, a pedestrian door, painting the walls and putting on the finishing touches, said Bailey.

"The Seabees have been great," said Wheeler. "They have cooperated 110 percent, and never hindered our operation."

The Seabees also constructed a PEB behind the recycling center.

"The building will serve as additional storage for the recycling center," said Chief Petty Officer 3rd Class Joshua D. Ott, NMCB-40 crew leader.



Pic. Mark Fayloga

Petty Officer 3rd Class Steven W. Connelly, Navy Mobile Construction Battalion 40 steel worker, drives a crowbar into place at the Southside Post Office, Feb. 18.

The recycling center project began Dec. 13 and the Seabees started by surveying the site and deciding the best place to position the building, said Ott. A PEB comes semi-assembled, which makes production go faster for the Seabees.

After settling on the proper area to place the building, the Seabees cut the asphalt and erected batter boards to keep the shape of the layout completed and putting on the finishing touches, said Ott.

The Seabees then placed rebar, poured concrete, built floating forms and placed the walls and roof of the building, said Ott. During the final day, the Seabees finished the final steps and cleaned out the area.

"My favorite part of being a Seabee is seeing the final product," said Ott. "It's great to look back on all the hard work we put in and know that you did a good job for a fellow service member."

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defense units and fabric repairman billets. Reserve components affected include two artillery battalion headquarters elements, four artillery batteries, one tank battalion headquarters, two tank companies, two air delivery platoons, regimental tube-launched, optically-tracked, wire-guided (TOW) units, low altitude air defense units, and food service specialists.

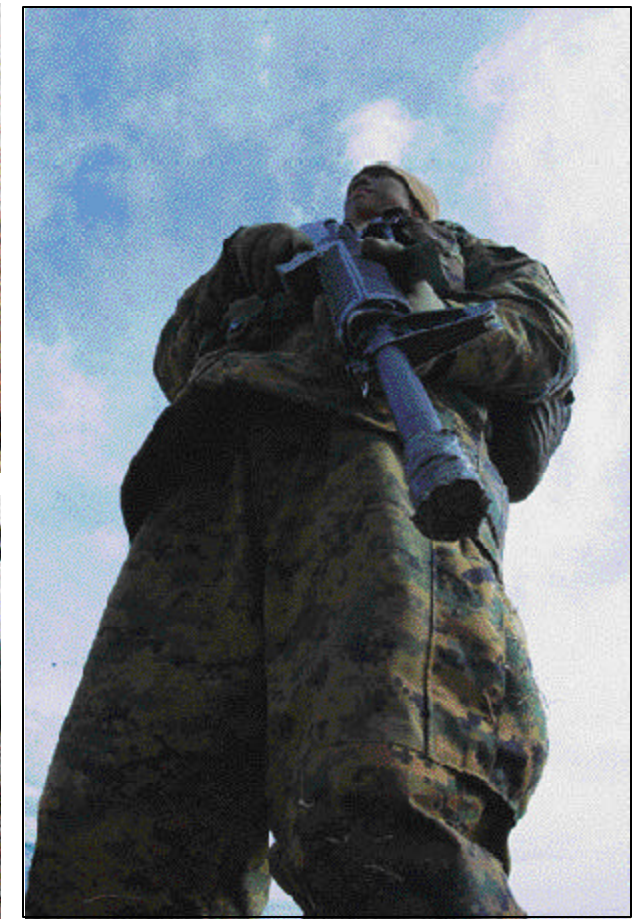
The initiatives will cost a total of \$1.3 billion over the Future Years Defense Programs. Supplemental funding of \$692 million was requested for fiscal year 2005 to assist with the associated cost. If supplemental funding is not provided, the FSRG initiatives will continue and the Corps will seek other funding sources.

These initiatives are anticipated to be phased in during fiscal years 2005 and 2006 with most implementations completed by 2008. Some FSRG changes will continue through 2012. This will allow for the additional training of Marines moving to new occupational specialties.

According to a written statement released by Headquarters Marine Corps, "the near-term priority of the Corps is to maintain a high state of readiness and to provide capable forces that meet the demanding needs of the unified combatant commanders to include the global war on terrorism. This restructuring and rebalancing of forces will allow the Corps to better meet its operational and support requirements against the backdrop of the global war on terrorism and asymmetrical warfare."



Working as a team to load a casualty on a stretcher, Combat Lifesaver Course students learn how to evaluate, treat and transport casualties during the five day course.



Marines Up!

Corpsmen train Marines in lifesaving techniques

STORY AND PHOTOS BY
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Four Marines run through a field carrying a casualty on a stretcher, with their weapons at the ready in anticipation of the enemy. "Incoming!" The Marines hit the deck and cover their casualty from incoming fire. The combat lifesaver students have just saved the life of one of their fellow Marines on a simulated battlefield during the Combat Lifesavers Course, Feb. 14-18.

"The purpose of this course is to bridge the gap between the corpsman and his Marines," said Petty Officer 3rd Class David Buyes, Combat Service Support Detachment 36 hospital corpsman. "As a corpsman, I am usually responsible for about 35 Marines in the field, I can't be everywhere at one time. If the Marines can get to a fellow Devil Dog

to provide more advanced life saving skills, I'll know that they've been taken care of until I can get to them."

During the first three days of the course, the seven Combat Lifesaver Course students spent most of their time in the classroom learning about medical equipment and techniques for providing treatment. The classes covered everything from individual preventative medicine, mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, treatment of head injuries, open chest wounds, spinal injuries, burns and transportation of casualties.

"The classes were much more in depth than any other medical training I have received in the Marine Corps," said Pfc. Michael Mizner, CSSD-36 supply clerk. "It's important for us to know how to handle medical emergencies in the field. If there is no corpsman around you when you get hurt, your going to have to rely on the Marines with you to save your life."

Once the Marines completed the classroom portion of the course, they went to the field to encounter real life situations. Their first test was the night operation at Penny Lake Field and the Station Paintball Course.

During the night operation, the Marines were subjected to high levels of stress and sleep deprivation. The students went on patrols and simulated taking casualties. They then treated and evacuated the wounded until 3:30 a.m.

"They broke us down and made us tired but we went on," said Mizner. "By putting us in that mental position it prepared us to handle a real world emergency situation."

The day operation was the next hurdle for the Marines to overcome.

"It was pretty tough carrying a casualty through the obstacle course while still maintaining security," said Mizner.

After passing the written exam

Feb. 18, CSSD-36 welcomed seven new combat lifesavers to their detachment.

"I feel like a more important asset to my unit now," said Mizner. "As a combat lifesaver I can take any emergency casualty, treat them, and take them from the point of injury to proper medical treatment."

The corpsman of CSSD-36 plan on conducting the Combat Lifesavers Course quarterly. They have a goal of having one combat lifesaver for every five Marines in the detachment.

This is the first time that the Combat Lifesaver Course has incorporated real combat simulations. I and II Marine Expeditionary Forces currently have a Combat Lifesaver Course, but unlike the course designed by the corpsman of CSSD-36, it focuses on classroom education.

For more information on the Combat Lifesavers Course, contact HM3 Buyes at 253-5402.



TOP LEFT: Pfc. Melissa Warthen simulates a casualty while another Combat Lifesaver Course student assesses and treats her injuries during the day portion of the course, Feb. 17. TOP RIGHT: Lance Cpl. Doan T. La Stands with his M-16A2 service rifle and prepares to render medical assistance to a simulated casualty during the Combat Lifesaver Course day operation at Penny Lake Field. BOTTOM RIGHT: Lance Cpl. Daniel Boscksnick provides security for the rest of the Combat Lifesaver Course students as they transport a casualty across an obstacle course. BOTTOM LEFT: The Combat Lifesaver Course, Feb. 14-18, challenged students with long hours, cold wet weather, sleep deprivation and numerous class hours throughout the five day course. MIDDLE LEFT: Lance Cpl. Doan La provides medical assistance to a simulated casualty with a chest and leg injury during the Combat Lifesaver Course.



Noritake dishes: From clay to porcelain

STORY AND PHOTOS BY
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The clay is cut into chunks and formed into dish figures by machinery. The engines roar and hiss as they and metamorphosed the slabs of clay into porcelain dishes. Workers take each piece, dip them in glaze and smooth their edges with sponges. They then look them over, ensuring they are not flawed in any way. Next, they are branded with the Noritake emblem and transferred to the painting section where artists intricately color each dish. The final step is the last inspection where flawed dishes are disposed and the rest are purchased.

Station residents were taken to the Noritake Factory in Wakamiya, Monday, where they browsed the wide selection of dishes and observed the process of their creation.

Upon arriving at the factory, they were taken on an optional tour of the Noritake Factory. During the tour, they were informed on each step taken when making the popular dishes.

"I thought it was all interesting, especially how they make them (the dishes)," said Jana Manning, Child Development Center, caregiver. "It (the tour) was amazing; from start to finish. The tour was definitely worth coming for."

Once the dishes undergo their last inspection, they are brought out to the shop where buyers browse the numerous designs and choose their favorite set for personal use or housing decorations.

"The reason we come is for the good selection and the prices; you just can't beat 30 percent off," said Staff Sgt. Brian L. Kuhn, Marine Wing Support Squadron 171, intelligence chief. "It doesn't matter if you are looking for fine china or something for everyday use, there is a pattern here for everybody and at reasonable prices."

Shoppers can even bring their own purchased set of china and the Noritake Factory will work with them to see if they have anything that resembles it. Other ways to enhance a personal set is to visit their Web site at www.replacements.com, and put in the china dish code and then it shows what else can be purchased and shipped.

The Marine Corps Community Service Information Tours and Travel trips out to the Noritake factory are an annual event and occasionally Noritake employees will visit the Station and bring



The dishes move along the table, each getting inspected for flaws and cracks, ensuring perfection for customers.

with them sets for Station residents to view and purchase. They also bring along brochures in case shoppers prefer different dish designs.

It was during the ITT trip that Station residents got to explore the Noritake dishes and experience the Japanese culture in another way.

"The ITT trips are beneficial in the fact that, even if you are a single Marine who just got here or a couple who have been here for two or three years, the trips are cheap," said Kuhn. "You get to see parts of the country that you, by yourself, may not have even known existed. That is what ITT does for us; it puts it all together, no matter what your interests are, you have someplace to go at a reasonable price."



Little stickers with the Noritake emblem are placed on every dish produced at the factory.

uled Sunday, 12:30-1:30 p.m. and 4-5 p.m. The admission is free. For more information, call 082-222-1133.

Ikenobo Flower Arrangement Exhibition

An exhibition will take place today and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday and Monday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Iwakuni City Auditorium. The admission is free. For more information, call 38-0263.

Tsuwano Agansai Festival

The festival will be held at the Civic Center in Tsuwano town, Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.,

to introduce its local products. Samples of local food and drink, such as Japanese dishes, sweets and sake will be offered. The admission is free. It will not be cancelled if it rains. Call 0856-72-1771 for more information.

Plum Blossoms Festival

There will be a festival at Kanmuriyama Sogo Park in Hikari City Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. A flea market, a Japanese instrument performance and more are scheduled. It will be cancelled in case of inclement weather. Call 0833-72-1400 for details.



OUT THE GATE

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

Food Fiesta Hiroshima 2005

This event will be held at the Hiroshima Prefectural Sports Center (Green Arena) Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will be more than 50 booths to sell local products including some processed food from Hiroshima prefecture. A Kagura performance, a Japanese sacred music and dance, is sched-

TORII TELLER CLASSIFIED ADS

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

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

AUTOMOBILES

Isuzu Mu 4x4, 1991, 2,800cc, 37,000 km, diesel engine, great running truck, good for off-roading fun, JCI until Aug. 2005, \$2,800 obo. Call George Jacoby at 090-3175-7317 or 0829-32-6677 aw.

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

Nissan Rasheen, 1995, 4 cylinder, new spare tire,

sunroof, JCI until Nov. 2006, \$3,500. Call George Jacoby at 090-3175-7317 or 0829-32-6677 aw.

Harley Davidson Ultra Glide Classic, 1988, many extras, JCI until April 2005, \$7,500 obo. Call Sean or Jolyn at 253-5549 dwh or 253-2291 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; 2 month old cell phone with charger, cost \$60 new, will take best offer ASAP. Call Lt. Cmdr. McFarland at 253-4624 dwh or 253-7288 aw.

Misc., 2 month old blue eyed huskies looking for mature, loving homes. Call Flora O'Toole at 253-2973.

Misc., Gateway Pentium 4 with Windows 98, 20 GB hard drive, recordable/re-writable CDRW, DVD-Rom drive, 3.5 floppy drive, 17 inch monitor,

Epson 880 color printer, like new, great computer for home or school, \$450 obo. Call Chris Sigars at 253-4511 dwh or 253-2494 aw.

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. For details, call Keiko Hironaka at 253-4344 or send e-mail to hironakakjp@iwakuni.usmc.mil.

JAS

The Japanese American Society needs a part time administrative bilingual office manager. 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)

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.

Oodles of Udon noodles



Pfc. Mark Fayloga

Chief Petty Officer Masahiro Anabuki, Japanese Maritime Self Defense Force public relations officer, makes Udon Noodles at the Minato Club Feb. 18. Udon noodles are white and relatively thick (4mm-6mm), and are made by a special method of kneading purpose-grown wheat flour, salt and water.

MOVIE SCHEDULE

SAKURA

FRIDAY - 7 p.m. White Noise (PG-13); 10 p.m. The Life Aquatic With Steve Zissou (R)
SATURDAY - 1 p.m. The Flight Of The Phoenix (PG-13); 4 p.m. Spanglish (PG-13); 7 p.m.: Beyond The Sea (PG-13); 10 p.m. White Noise (PG-13)
SUNDAY - 4 p.m. Meet The Fockers (PG-13); 7 p.m. Spanglish (PG-13)
MONDAY - 7 p.m. Beyond The Sea (PG-13)
TUESDAY - 7 p.m. Spanglish (PG-13)
WEDNESDAY - 7 p.m. The Life Aquatic With Steve Zissou (R)
THURSDAY - 7 p.m. White Noise (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. Adventures Of Pluto Nash (PG-

13); 2 p.m./8 p.m. Alien vs. Predator (PG-13); 11 p.m./5 a.m. Laws Of Attraction (PG-13); 2 a.m. Friday After Next (R)

SATURDAY - 11 a.m./5 p.m. Mean Girls (PG); 2 p.m./8 p.m. Garden State (PG-13); 11 p.m./5 a.m. Mystic River (R); 2 a.m. Golden Eye (R)

SUNDAY - 11 a.m./5 p.m. Miracle (PG); 2 p.m./8 p.m. Superbabies: Baby Geniuses 2 (PG); 11 p.m./5 a.m. Proof Of Life (R); 2 a.m. Murder By Numbers (R)

MONDAY - 11 a.m./5 p.m. The Alamo (PG-13); 2 p.m./8 p.m. Robin Hood: Prince Of Thieves (PG-13); 11 p.m./5 a.m. Terminator 3 (R); 2 a.m. Road To Perdition (R)

TUESDAY - 11 a.m./5 p.m. Kingdom Come (PG); 2 p.m./8 p.m. Anacondas: Hunt For The Blood (PG-13); 11 p.m./5 a.m. The Manchurian Candidate (R); 2 a.m. Boyz 'N The Hood (R)

WEDNESDAY - 11 a.m./5 p.m. Envy (PG-13); 2 p.m./8 p.m. First Daughter (PG); 11 p.m./5 a.m. Harold And Kumar Go To White Castle (R); 2 a.m. Lara Croft 2 (PG-13)

THURSDAY - 11 a.m./5 p.m. Barbershop 2 (PG-13); 2 p.m./8 p.m. Taxi (PG-13); 11 p.m./5 a.m. The Hulk (PG-13); 2 a.m. Phone Booth (R)

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

CHRO

CHRO Training

■ **Family Member Local Employment Orientation** March 9, 8-9 a.m.
■ **RESUMIX**: March 9, 9:30-10:30 a.m.
■ **Outbound Family Member Priority Placement Program Brief**: March 9, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
■ **Supervisor's Role in Human Resources Management**: April 11-14, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
For more information and nominations, call 253-6828 or send email to shiomuram.jp@iwakuni.usmc.mil. Classes will be held at CHRO training room. Building one, Room 102.

MCCS

Club Iwakuni

■ **All Ranks Lunch Buffets**: Starting in March, all ranks lunch buffets will be served Monday through Friday in the Ballroom, with Wednesdays and Thursdays featuring all ranks Grand Luncheon Buffets. Guests can select from a la carte menus for lunch in all dining rooms on weekdays. Call 253-5416 for further details.
■ **Band "Yamama'nym"**: Thursday, 9 p.m. in the Ballroom. Free and for adults only. For more information, call 253-3727.

Single Marine Program (253-3585)

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

Youth & Teen Center (253-6454)

■ **Youth & Teen Town Hall/Parent Advisory Board Meeting**: Thursday, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Sanrio Store Grand Opening

Thursday, the designer of Hello Kitty and Little Twin Star will open a special store at the MCX. The first 75 customers to make \$20 or more in individual purchases will receive a gift from the second floor main cashier. Call 253-5641 for more information.

Vegetarian Healthy Cooking Class

March, 6-8 p.m. in the IronWorks Gym Wellness Room. Sign-up for \$5 at the front desk. Call 253-3696 for more details.

When Time-Outs Don't Work

Monday, 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Lunch will be provided. Call 253-6553 to sign-up.

Hiroshima Andersen Bakery Factory Tour and Diamond City Shopping

Monday, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. This English tour is free except for transportation fees. The trip includes a 15-minute factory video show, factory tour, free tasting of bread and drinks, and a chance to ask questions about the factory. Call 253-6165 to sign up.

Sponsorship Training

Thursday, 10-11 a.m. Do you enjoy helping others? Find out if you have what it takes to sponsor a family moving to MCAS Iwakuni. Call 253-3311 for further information.

OTHER

Kintai Tour & Hike

The Japanese American Society invites all community members to enjoy touring the Kintai Bridge area Saturday. Transportation, refreshments, raffle prizes and awards will be available. To sign up for more details, call 253-4771 or stop by the JAS office.

Annual Sale

Ten percent off all items at Finders Keepers Antiques Saturday and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Call 253-5725 for details.

Celtics hoop it up in Fukuoka

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With an undefeated record of 8-0, the 13-15 year-old Celtics basketball team took their game to Fukuoka Sunday, to try to find some worthy competition, and they did.

The young ballers hit the road for their four-hour journey to Fukuoka at 6 a.m., where the players sat on the bus in anticipation of what they would encounter throughout the three games scheduled for the day.

During the first game against Meinohama Horizon, the Celtics came out of the gate firing, taking an early lead of 6-0.

"We came out real aggressive," said John Ayers, Celtics head coach. "Then you could tell the boys started to get a little winded."

After the Celtics took the early lead, the Horizon was just starting to be seen. Going on a 12-3 scoring drive, the Horizon finished the first quarter strong, leading the Celtics by three points. From that point on, the Horizon controlled the game's tempo, due to sloppy passing and turnovers by the Celtics.

The Horizon won the first game convincingly with a score of 77-31.

During the first two quarters of the second game against Fukuoka Haruyoshi, the Celtics fell short going into the half trailing 35-18. In spite of the first game loss, the Celtics were determined to not be defeated in the second.

"We've got to slow the game down if we want a chance in this next game," said Ayers during halftime. "Make them play your style of basketball."

With newfound motivation and determination, the Celtics took the court with one thing



The Celtic's hoop spits out a ball during their pregame warm up. The Celtics finished the day with a record of 1-2 against the Fukuoka teams.

on their mind - victory.

The Celtics stormed the court with accurate passes and shots and aggressive defense.

Celtics' guard, Adam Krieves, terrorized the Haruyoshi offense with eight blocked shots while Dajon Daniel, Celtics' forward, dominated the offensive end of the court with 26 points in the second half.

"We stepped it up in the second half," said Krieves. "Our offense started playing more aggressive and our defense got tighter."

With the Celtics fans going wild, they went on to overcome Haruyoshi's halftime lead and win the game in an incredible comeback, 58-45.

"Once they got their confidence back, it was over," said Ayers.

The Celtics had an hour break before they took the court for their third, and most challenging game of the day. The Celtics were up against the Fukuoka Raging Waves, the number one 13-15 year-old basketball team in Japan.

"We need a prayer for this one," said Ayers.

In the first two minutes, of the game the Celtics kept it competitive only trailing the Raging Waves 9-6. That was the closest the Celtics got to the Raging Waves during the game.

"The only thing we ask is hustle, these boys are good," said Ayers during the Celtics first time-out.

Performing like seasoned, well-trained athletes, the Raging Waves ended the four-quarter beating with a convincing score of 126-21.

"Ooh man," said Krieves with a chuckle. "They're the number one team in Japan and we scored 20 points, so I guess that's pretty good."

Despite the heavy loss in the third game, the Celtics kept the spirits high and enjoyed some time shopping and a bite



Trandon Cole, Celtics' forward, steps up and sinks a jump shot during the second game of the day against Fukuoka Haruyoshi, Feb. 20.

to eat at the Hawks Town Mall before boarding the bus for their four-hour journey back to the Station.

"I'm not glad that my boys lost, but at least they saw some real competition and learned something," said Ayers.



Players from the Celtics and Meinohama Horizon prepare to snatch a rebound from a shot put up by Adam Krieves, number 23, Celtics' guard. The Celtics went on to loose their first game 31-77.



"We've got to slow the game down if we want a chance in this next game," said John Ayers, Celtics' head coach during half time of the second game of the day against Fukuoka Haruyoshi. "Make them play your style of basketball."