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## Marines celebrate July 4th in Al Asad

COL. C. ALEX HERRON  
Combat Correspondent

**AL ASAD, Iraq**—Following its adoption in July 1776, the Declaration of Independence was read to the public in various American cities. Whenever it was heard, patriots erupted in cheer and celebration.

In 1777, a year after John Hancock signed the Declaration of Independence, Philadelphians remembered the 4th of July with ringing bells, firing guns, lighting candles, and setting off fireworks. When the Revolutionary War ended in 1783, July 4 became a holiday in only certain places around the country. In 1941, Congress declared July 4 a federal holiday.

For Marines serving in Iraq there may not be pomp or parades, but the holiday was celebrated during an Independence Day observance here.

The observance was highlighted by guest speaker, Col. John T. Rahm, the chief of staff for the forward deployed 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing, who spoke on the importance of preserving freedom for everyone in the world.

Rahm began with a brief history of how Thomas Jefferson and the other committee members put together their draft of the Declaration. He then highlighted for those gathered the difference between the rough draft written by Jefferson and the final product we know today.



Lance Cpl. C. Alex Herron

**Gunnery Sgt. Michael Montoya, a trombone player and Sgt. Kristine Streng, a French horn player, both with the forward deployed 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing play during the Al Asad Independence Day observance, July 4.**

"In Thomas Jefferson's original draft of the Declaration of Independence he wrote, 'all men are created equal and independent and from that equal creation they derive in rights inherent and inalienables, among which are the preservation of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness,'" Rahm said. "When the Continental Congress made their changes they took out 'the preservation of...' and just made it simply 'among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.'"

"Well I agree with Jefferson his words were better," Rahm said. "We have preserved life and liberty. We have the right to be here in Iraq, Nicaragua, Grenada, Vietnam and Afghanistan."

Serving in Iraq during this prestigious

holiday is an honor for the service members here.

"When we first celebrated our Independence we were in a struggle to maintain our own freedoms," Brown said. "And now we are doing the same. We are helping the Iraqi people gain and maintain the freedoms we have enjoyed for our entire lives."

The Marines deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom on the Fourth of July are fighting a similar battle to the one fought more than 200 years ago. Although not fighting for their own freedom, service members here are fighting for the ideals Jefferson had intended in 1776; to preserve life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness for all.

## Station residents get new phone call procedures

LANCE COL. LUKAS J. BLOM  
Combat Correspondent

The Station Telephone Office recently implemented a new method of placing phone calls to any telephone aboard the Station.

The method allows callers to dial directly to a landline telephone aboard the Station with out the necessity of utilizing the

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  - TO MAKE A CALL FROM THE U.S. AND ITS TERRITORIES DIAL 011-81-827-79-XXXX
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- \* XXXX = last four digits of base extension

## Got a caffeine buzz? Learn about its harmful effects

MICHELLE PERRY  
Volunteer Correspondent

According to *USATODAY*, statistics show that 90 percent of Americans consume caffeine.

It is considered the most commonly used and accepted drug in the world, and Station residents should be aware of this.

Many people consume caffeine, but

not many understand its effects. Muscle twitching, difficulty breathing, an increase in thirst, and an elevated heart rate are just a few of the symptoms of too much caffeine.

If you experience these symptoms you could be suffering from a caffeine overdose and should make an effort to cut down on your caffeine intake.

Two of the biggest misunderstandings of caffeine are, it provides energy

in the morning, and it will sober an intoxicated person.

"A lot of people who need a caffeine binge in the morning to get them going probably could have avoided the caffeine if they rested well the night before, ate a well balanced diet, and exercised," explained Cmdr. David Lemme, Branch Health Clinic assistant senior medical officer.

For sobering-usage, "Caffeine does

not sober intoxicated individuals. The only thing that sobers people is time," said Lt. Cmdr. Heather Gilchrist, Branch Health Clinic division officer.

Caffeine is a natural occurring substance found in leaves, seeds, fruits, coffee, tea, chocolate, and even some chewing gum.

"It is a chemical compound that causes this physical addiction," ex- see **CAFFEINE** Page 3



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**Chaplain's Corner:**

# Don't worry ... be happy

LT. CMDR. AL CONCHA  
Station Chaplain

Have you ever thought about all the time we spend worrying? Mark Twain said that "Most of the things we worry about never happen." But we go on worrying anyhow.

When we have special plans or a trip to take, we worry about the weather. When we are in a new or different Command, we worry about our appearance or what we will say. If we have good health we worry about becoming ill. If we have poor health we worry about getting well again.

We worry about relationships and about children growing up. We worry about money and about how we spend our time. We worry about PCS orders, and about deployments. We become

anxious about being on time, looking good, being faithful, and ever so many other things. Of course, it is OK to be worried about important things in life but don't let worries run your life.

Yet worrying keeps us from being free, from noticing and enjoying life's goodness. Worrying takes away our vision, our goals and dreams. Worrying takes away our inner peace, and tends to keep us occupied with ourselves instead of with the Lord and His people.

There are many reasons why we do worry about things or what worries us most. Perhaps, a lack of belief in how much the Lord God personally cares for us, or a persistent attitude that says we can do it all by ourselves, without His power at work in us; or simply, it is difficult to accept the reality that not all of

life will be positive.

I invite you to look into your life to see what worries you, what makes you afraid, what keeps you from mobilizing and using your giftedness and from sharing all you are with others.

When you find yourself feeling anxious or troubled or worried, pause to hear the Lord saying to you in the Scriptures. "It is I. Do not be afraid" (John 6:20) "I tell you, do not to worry about your life and what you will eat, or what you will wear" (Luke 12:22). "I am with you always, until the end of time" (Matthew 28:20).

Don't worry ... be happy. Trust in the Lord. He will take care of you. For Chapel services and programs or for chaplains' assistance, please contact our office 253-3371 or stop by to see us.

## Ask the Inspector

MAJ. MATTHEW D. RAZVILLAS  
Station Inspector

The following are questions that pertain to the Summer Hire Program for High School students and are answered by Linda Hayes, Marine Corps Community Services Director.

**1. What is the summer hire program?**

Our current summer hire program is for high school students aboard Iwakuni ages 14-17 who are out of school for the summer.

**2. Can someone who is on college break from the U.S. allowed to work in the program?**

Yes, if you are a dependent of a civilian or military person who lives in the commuting area of Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni and are in Japan under the SOFA agreement. If you are not in Japan under the SOFA, you can only apply for positions that are listed with an eligibility status of all sources or world wide as identified on our Job List. If selected for a position MCCS would process a request through the Pacific Area Counsels Office to hire you and convert you status to SOFA once hired.

## CHATTERBOX

"The 4th of July is a time for celebrating our nations independence. We join together to eat great food, play games and of course watch fireworks. For some people the food is their favorite. For others the fireworks are number one on their list. So we were wondering ..."

**What is your favorite thing about the 4th of July?**



Cpl. Michael Kes  
Jacksonville, Fla.

"There's no work that day. I also like the excitement, noise, and view of the fireworks."



Thao P. Tran  
Stockton, California

"Watching the beautiful fireworks. It reminds me that freedom is precious and is not free."



Lt. Cmdr. Michelle M. Lukehart Richardson, Texas

"For me it is getting together with my family, and celebrating our country's independence. Every year in the states we have a family reunion."



Angel E. Wilder, 11  
Jacksonville, North Carolina

"Fireworks. I like the colors, sounds, and screams of the people."

# JROTC Cadets fall in for boot camp

LANCE Cpl. LUKAS J. BLOM  
Combat Correspondent

**CAMP FUJI, Japan** — Kicking off the summer in true Marine Corps fashion, 13 young Station residents made the 11-hour trek up to Camp Fuji in order to attend a Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps mini-boot camp here, June 18 through 24.

"The purpose of the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps is to help teach leadership in the schools," said Gunnery Sgt. Kevin Crone, retired Marine and Matthew C. Perry Marine JROTC instructor. "A lot of people think that we're here as a recruiting tool, but our real goal in JROTC is to get these kids leadership training that they don't get in any of their other classes."

Cadets from Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni and Sasebo were received at "summer camp" by an extremely sobering sight, 10 Marines with stern faces, mean barks for voices and drill belts around their waists.

"When we first got here it was a little shocking," said Stephanie McBride, 14 year old and the second squad leader. "Right when I got off the bus I got yelled at for not having my sleeves rolled up the proper way."

"At first I thought all the drill instructors were little devils," said Geoffrey Boudreux, a 15-year-old Seaman Cadet and also the platoon guide. "They were all so mean to us. I thought it was going to be a lot easier than this, I didn't know they were going to be jumping down our throats for everything."

Aspiring to be a Marine sniper someday, Boudreux was given the nickname "10 feet" referring to his small stature but giant heart and motivation. When the drill instructors ask him what his name is, Boudreux sharply replies, "I'm 10 feet, I weigh one metric ton and I have a gray Belt."

The JROTC mini-boot camp was designed to condense the three-month Marine Corps boot camp complete with three phases, rifle qualification and a final drill competition.

"Our goal is to break down the three month Marine Corps boot camp into six days," said Lance Cpl. Jonathan Gillespie, Headquarters Battalion heavy equipment mechanic and JROTC mini-boot camp se-



Photos by Lance Cpl. Lukas J. Blom

Geoffrey Boudreux, a 15-year-old Seaman Cadet and also the Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps platoon guide, is given a lesson in marksmanship from Lance Cpl. Jonathan Gillespie, Headquarters Battalion heavy equipment mechanic and JROTC mini-boot camp senior drill instructor.

nior drill instructor. "Every two days we move up a phase. The first two days were basically just a really fast paced, really high stress environment. In the second phase the DI's started to ease off a little in order to take more of a mentor role. The last two days the Cadets should be pretty much running the show."

Although many Cadets became discouraged after the first two days, once they began to learn more and

perform to their drill instructors' expectations, they began to understand the purpose of the highly disciplined camp.

"The first few days of camp I started to reconsider joining the Marines, but now that I've been fully enclosed in the program I think this has just encouraged me to join the Marines more," said 10 Feet.

There was a ceremony for the Cadets af-

ter their final drill competition where Cadets were recognized for being the most motivated, best driller, fastest obstacle course time and best score on the final knowledge test.

"They have all really impressed me throughout the week," said Gillespie. "I would be proud to serve with any of these Cadets in the future."



The 1st squad of the Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps platoon is taking some time to drill during their six day mini-boot camp here.

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plained Gilchrist. "Certain medication that you can buy over the counter such as weight loss supplements, and even some of your cough medicines have caffeine in them as well."

By cutting down on your caffeine intake an individual will begin to notice changes for the better.

"If you are experiencing jitteriness, your heart is racing, or you

seam anxious from drinking too much caffeine then cutting down on your caffeine will help you relieve those symptoms," Proposed Lemme. "Since caffeine is a stimulant, it can interfere with your sleep and your ability to rest well, cutting down on caffeine would help you sleep better at night."

"I would not recommend anyone to drink more than two-three cups of coffee a day," Gilchrist ad-

vised "I would also suggest not giving caffeine to children".

When offered water or soda Lemme suggests Station resident to drink what is best for their body, "When choosing a beverage, steer away from the caffeinated and green tea beverages. A limited amount to give you a perk at times is okay, but having large amounts of caffeine is not necessarily beneficial."

## NEWS BRIEFS

### CENTRAL TEXAS COLLEGE

Registration for Term 1 classes is Aug. 1-12. Classes are from Aug. 15 to Oct. 8. For more information contact Jessica at 253-3631 or stop by at Family Services Building, room 109.

### PAYMENTS FOR OFF BASE TELEPHONE SERVICES

The Station Telephone Office is not accepting payments for off base telephone services as of today.

To make phone payments on base, off base residents may pay their bills at the Community Bank for a small fee. Bills may also be paid at 7-11, Lawson, Family Mart and other stores located off base. For additional information call 253-5555.

### BLOOD DRIVE

The U.S. Pacific Command Armed Services Blood Bank Center in Okinawa will host a Station-wide Blood Drive aboard Iwakuni today at Yujo Hall, Room 207 from 8 to 2 p.m. All blood types are needed. For additional information call 253-6647.

### ALL-MARINE WOMEN SOFTBALL TEAM TRYOUTS

Marine Corps Community Services Semper Fit is seeking resumes for the All-Marine Women Softball Team. Resumes can be downloaded at www.usmc-mccs.org/sports and must be endorsed by the Marine's command. Marines must also submit a resume to Keith Carr, Semper Fit athletic director, no later than July 15. For additional information call 253-4605.



## Motivating field meet builds camaraderie

Lance Cpl. Cristin K. Barter

Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12 pull with all of their might against Electronic Attack Squadron 140 during the tug-of-war event. Marine Aircraft Group 12 hosted a motivating field meet for Marines and sailors to strengthen unit camaraderie at Penny Lake, July 1.

LANCE Cpl. CRISTIN K. BARTER  
Combat Correspondent

Marine Aircraft Group 12 hosted a motivational field meet to start the Independence Day weekend at Penny Lake, July 1.

The objective of the event was for the Marines, sailors, and deployed units to unite together in healthy competition and strengthen the bonding ties between them.

"This event brings out the camaraderie between the units," said Staff Sgt. Leslie Gill, Marine Attack Squadron 311 powerline chief. "We all come here from different shops where everybody tends to hang out with their separate units. When we come to events like this, all of those boundaries disappear and everyone looks over their differences as a unit and we all pull together."

Starting the day off with a squadron run to Penny Lake, the Marines and sailors were ready to get down and dirty with the competition.

The field events everyone could participate in consisted of softball, soccer, the fireman's carry relay, Frisbee football, the dizzy izzy, iron man push ups, casualty drag relay, and of course the main event, the tug-of-war.

As the teams began to gather for their events, the most comical event, the dizzy-izzy relay, was about to begin. Marines had to run 100 yards to a baseball bat, spin around it 10 times and try to make it back to their team.

Spectators were rolling through the grass laughing as they watched fellow service members running sideways, not at all or fall smack on their face.

"When I started running I fell right into the dirt, twice," explained Pfc. Gregory W. Lyles, MAG-12 ground supply clerk and participant of the dizzy-izzy. "I finally got my sight back as the world quit spinning around me and I ran to my team."

As the day came to a close everyone crowded around the single, lone rope laying in the middle of

the field, tug-of-war time. It was the moment of truth for the units. Who would come out the strongest? Match after match the remaining two squadrons, breathing harder than ever were ready to duke it out. Electronic Attack Squadron 140 stood by their side of the rope like a gang protecting its turf, each member easily over 200 lbs.

Their enemy - Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12. Once the sound of the whistle rang through their ears, they pounced up like cats clawing at the rope to get a good grip.

The sound from the crowd was deafening as the two units pulled until their faces turned purple. The red ribbon bobbed between the two cones until it passed the threshold. The winner - MALS-12.

The field meet came to a close and the winner for the MAG-12 field meet was MALS-12 who dominated in most of the events. After safety remarks from Col. Howard F. Barker, MAG-12 commanding officer, the service members were released to enjoy the holiday weekend.

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base access number or operator.

Anyone desiring to place a call to a Station resident will no longer be required to dial 21-4171 and be patched through by the Station operator. Under the new process, callers will be able to contact any Station resident directly by dialing the appropriate number (listed in the cutout on page 1).

"This change is going to make phone calls so much easier for callers,"

said Chief Warrant Officer Robert W. Kurzweil, Station Telephone Office telephone officer. "They'll be able to use their cell phones and call directly to the resident."

Although the new system has already taken effect, the old system of contacting the operator will continue to be operational through September.

"People will start noticing a lot more busy signals when they try to place a call using the old system," said

Kurzweil. "Most of our equipment is being focused on the new access numbers, so when a large number of people continue to use the old system they should prepare to get a busy signal."

The new dialing system comes as a result of the Station switching to a single phone carrier, KDDI. Along with the easier dialing benefits, Station residents can also look forward to 22 percent decrease in international phone rates on calls to the continental United

States, Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, Guam and Saipan in August. The rates on phone calls to Singapore will undergo a 40 percent reduction.

"This base was just too small to try to continue to offer all the long distance providers," said Kurzweil. "So we consolidated all our services to KDDI, and we're receiving a lot of benefits because of it. It's a much easier system, plus it looks like we'll be able to save residents some money too."

## America's Squadron navigates Fuji

LANCE Cpl. LUKAS J. BLOM  
Combat Correspondent

CAMP FUJII, Japan—A Marine rifleman endures a rigorous training regimen for more than three months in order to prepare himself for the challenges he will meet in combat.

Before he even gets a chance to meet those challenges he must leap one more hurdle, get to the action without getting lost.

Marines from Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 air operations company completed a land navigation course at the Golf Training Area here using compasses and laminated maps to navigate themselves through the six square kilometer course, June 21.

"The course that we designed for the Marines was, I guess you could say, the old school way of land nav," said Sgt. Alex Fenno, MWSS-171 maintenance quality control non-commissioned officer. "They need to understand the fundamentals of land nav because if they're just looking at numbers on a computer (global positioning system) screen they're not going to understand what they're doing. They need to know the basics, like how to orient a map, before they move to the high tech stuff."

The air operations Marines kicked off the

training exercise with a class in order to refresh their memories on the land nav techniques taught in boot camp and Marine Combat Training.

The class covered techniques on holding and reading a compass, using a spotter, shooting azimuths, pace counts, navigating different types of terrain and communication skills.

"Land nav is one of those skills that if you don't use it and practice it, you tend to lose it," said Chief Warrant Officer Ron K. Groen, MWSS-171 air operations officer.



Pfc. Roman Vazquez, Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 heavy equipment operator, looks over a laminated map of the training area land navigation course.

of eight digit grid coordinates, which if tracked down properly would place the Marines within 10 meters of their target.

"The terrain was pretty rough, lots of steep hills, swamps and thick vegetation," said Staff Sgt. Christopher A. Bankhead, MWSS-171 fuels operations chief. "We had a lot of Marines sliding down hills, some were repelling off small walls with vines,

walking through creeks. It was extremely motivating seeing some Marines experience that for the first time, seeing things they wouldn't normally see in Iwakuni."

Returning from the depths of the Golf Training Area forest, the Marines shared stories and lessons learned during their hunt for the grid coordinates.

"The Marines realized that we're not just doing our jobs as bulk fuelers or heavy equipment operators anymore, we have to be expected to come outside of our shell and be United States Marines," said Fenno who taught the land nav course along with Bankhead. "We have to know how to use these skills because there will be a time when we will each need it. They realized we're not just workers in our (military occupational specialty), we're United States Marines that's why the motivation was so high, everyone started to feel it."

After the air operation Marines returned to their rifleman background, the mind-set carried over to the rest of their activities throughout the exercise.

"This was great training, we got to go over a valuable combat skill and get a little dirty while doing it," said Greg Markley, MWSS-171 crash crew member. "We found all our points and even took a little boots and utes jog back to camp while singing some cadence."

When the Marines returned to their campsite still high on motivation they continued discussing the training evolution throughout the day.

"I honestly feel that this was one of the best land nav courses I've ever been a part of," said Bankhead. "I did not see or hear one Marine saying that he didn't understand the training. It pumped me up to be honest."



Photos by Lance Cpl. Lukas J. Blom

Pfc. Daniel Spinks, Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 bulk fuel specialist, looks over his compass after finding the proper azimuth in order to see where his team must travel to find their next point on the land navigation course here, June 21.

# Marines protect cargo with force

LANCE CPT. LUKAS J. BLOM  
Combat Correspondent

**CAMP FUJI, Japan** — Marines from Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 motor transport company teamed up with the base Explosive Ordnance Disposal Marines to conduct an exercise, which simulated a convoy maneuvering through a combat zone riddled with enemy combatants and improvised explosive devices here, June 22.

The obstacles for the combat convoy course were designed by the EOD Marines from Camp Fuji in order to give training units aboard the base some of the most realistic training possible. Because IED's and convoy attacks continue to be one of the leading causes of casualties in Iraq, the training evolution focused on executing immediate action drills without hesitation and also getting the Marines used to the sound and shock wave of explosives.

Four explosive charges were set up; two simulated IED's designed to take out the lead and rear vehicle, one antipersonnel and one explosive filled with flour simulating a chemical or biological threat.

"The Marines need to know that their main purpose during a convoy is to deliver supplies or get medical assistance to the Marines

out there in the trenches fighting," said 1st Lt. Rodney K. Mims, MWSS-171 motor transport operations officer. "Their main purpose in life is not for the convoy to stop, but for it to continue. To do that effectively they need to know how to react to certain situations they may encounter while in combat."

**"I don't think you could've gotten any more real aside from having real casualties."**

The seven-vehicle convoy traveled five miles through the dense fog that rolls down from Mount Fuji unknowing of where or when the attack would come. At the same time, more than 15 Marines from MWSS-171 air operations company were anxiously awaiting to attack the convoy from

their concealed positions in the thick roadside vegetation. "This was a basic resupply convoy with friendly forces in the area, but we also received (intelligence) that there was a guerilla force in the area that would attempt to delay the convoy so we wouldn't be able to resupply the ground troops," said Staff Sgt. Charles Berglund, MWSS-171 motor transport chief and convoy commander.

When the convoy reached the 'kill zone' two explosives consisting of coiled detonation cord were detonated. The first IED disabled the rear vehicle in the convoy and the second IED took out the lead vehicle, which boxed the convoy and all Motor Transport Marines for the awaiting aggressors.

"I heard the first IED go off and I just started looking around, nobody knew where it came from," said Lance Cpl. Christopher Oliveri, MWSS-171 quality control representative for motor transport operations. "Then we started to hear gunfire coming from all directions. All the sudden, someone yelled 'contact left!' So my fire team dismounted the 7-ton and ran around the left side of the truck to get our position and then just started firing. It was awesome, plus we got to take a few (Prisoners of War) in the process."

The Marines who played the role of the attacking guerilla force also received valuable ambush and cover and concealment training.

"When the convoy came through and the first IED went off, we charged through and basically killed all of Motor T," said Lance Cpl. Eric Chase, MWSS-171 fuels transporter.

This unique training evolution gave all the Marines participating a little taste of what they may see if ever sent into a combat zone.

"I don't think you could've gotten any more real aside from having real casualties," said Berglund. "I've been in the Marine Corps a while and this was the first time I've heard explosives go off 15 feet from my vehicle. This was a great evolution, it really hit home with me."



TOP: Pfc. Cody Garstang, Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 motor transport operator, drags Pfc. Micheal Palmer, MWSS-171 motor transport mechanic, after Palmer was "wounded" in the simulated combat convoy here, June 24. BOTTOM: Lance Cpl. Heath Owen, Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 crash fire rescuer, takes aim at a passing convoy before he starts firing on the motor transport Marines.

Photos by Lance Cpl. Lukas J. Blom



Photos by Lance Cpl. Lukas J. Blom

The crew chief of the UH-60 Blackhawk, from the U.S. Army 78th Aviation Battalion, watches as bulk fuels Marines from Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 refuel the helo during the Forward Arming Refueling Point exercise here, June 24.

## Gas grunts attack Fuji aboard Blackhawk

LANCE CPT. LUKAS J. BLOM  
Combat Correspondent

**CAMP FUJI, Japan** — Marines from Marine Wing Support Squadron 171, air operations company bulk fuel shop along with the Ninjas of the U.S. Army 78th aviation battalion from Camp Zama conducted a Forward Arming Refueling Point training exercise here, June 24.

When a helicopter is providing close air support during a combat operation, having to stop in order to refuel, resupply or rearm is something which must be done as fast as possible in order for the helo to get back to the fight. Often times the main base is too far and would take the aircraft to much time to refuel and return to the battle.

"Anytime we go to combat, FARP's play a major role in operations," said Chief Warrant Officer Ronald Groen, MWSS-171 air operations officer. "That way the helos can support the grunts with close air support leaving the helos on the front lines for a longer period of time."

A FARP ensures aircraft are fueled and armed by bringing the refueling and rearming equipment to the front lines.

"A FARP is basically like a Nascar pit for helos on the front line," said Cpl. Mario Diaz, MWSS-171 bulk fuel specialist. "The helos come in and refuel,

they get rearmed or if they need chow or supplies for the grunts they get it. As a bulk fuel specialist it's my job to ensure the helos get what they need and get back to the fight as fast as possible."

Located more than 3 miles away from the MWSS-171 base camp, Landing Zone Dove was transformed from a large mud pit to a full service FARP for the incoming UH-60 Blackhawk helicop-

ters of the Ninjas in less than three hours.

The site was set up with an Air Refueling Capable vehicle, which can hold up to 5000 gallons of fuel and contains a filter separator to separate all the different types of fuel without contaminating each other. Connected to the ARC was a two-inch diameter fuel hose, which waited to refuel the incoming Blackhawk.

When the Blackhawk arrived, the bulk fuel Marines hastily ran to the side of the aircraft with the hose in hand and pumped more than 200 gallons of fuel into the aircraft.

"Coming out here to work with the Marines gives us a great opportunity for inter service training," said Chief Warrant Officer Brian Mceonough, 78th Aviation Battalion Blackhawk pilot. "If we end up in the desert there's no telling who we'd get fuel from. It could be an Army FARP or it could be a Marine Corps FARP. By helping out

these Marines with training it also helps us with future operations."

Once the Blackhawk was refueled, the Ninja pilots lifted off the ground and continued to take more than 10 passes of the LZ in order for the Marines to get a chance to use their hand and arm signals which direct incoming pilots while they are landing.

"The hand and arm signals are way to keep communication with the pilots while they are landing or taking off," said Lance Cpl. Ruben Saucedo, MWSS-171 bulk fuel specialist. "If the pilot can't see you or you don't know what you're doing the pilot won't know where to land or direction to take off in."

The Blackhawk was directed to eight safe landings and takeoffs by the bulk fuelers. "The Marines did an awesome job," said Diaz. "Most of them are straight out of school and they remember everything they were taught, but sometimes the school doesn't cover every single thing. So when we are able to set up a FARP like this they're going to take away a few things that they weren't taught in school."

When the FARP was complete they Balckhawk pilots took all the Marines from the air operations company up for a little taste of what the Blackhawk is capable of.

"The Blackhawk ride was absolutely awesome," said Saucedo. "They were going up and down so fast it was like a roller coaster ride only better."

As the last training evolution of the two-week training exercise, many Marines felt it was a suitable end to a successful deployment.

"This was a great way to end the exercise," said Groen. "We got some good training with the FARP and also got to have a little fun with the helo rides. Great way to leave the field."



Pfc. Taurean J. Battle, Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 drafter and surveyor, cheers it up during a courtesy flight aboard a UH-60 Blackhawk, U.S. Army 78th Aviation Battalion, after the Forward Arming Refueling Point exercise here, June 24.

# Residents take first step toward learning Japanese

LANCE CH. LENDUS B. CASEY  
Combat Correspondent

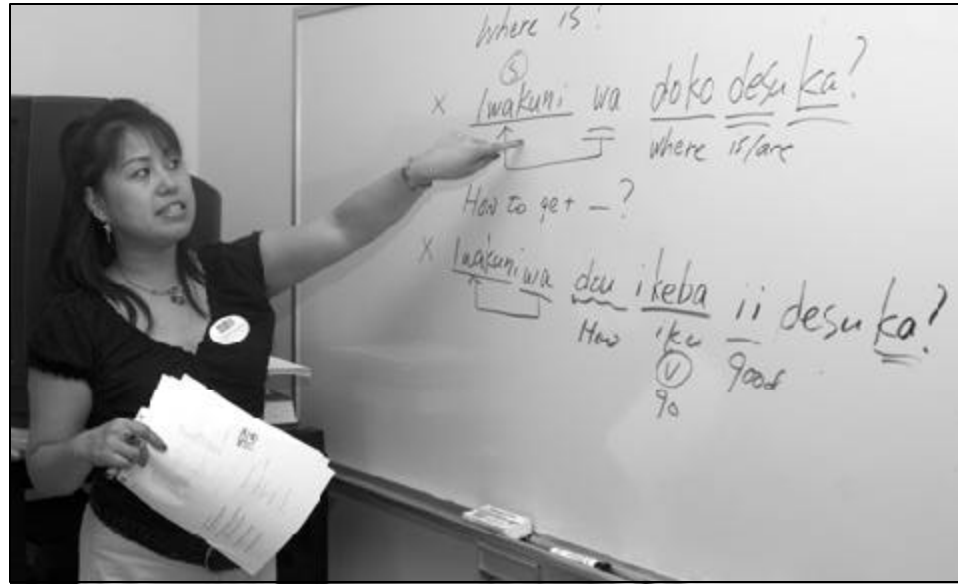
When trying to enjoy the Japanese culture, one of the many problems people face is getting past the language barrier. Learning Japanese can be a tough obstacle for anyone to overcome, and knowing where to start is a question on many peoples minds.

Luckily, Marine Corps Community Services offers a Survival Japanese class in an effort to help get all service members and their families started.

In this five-day course, instructor and cross-cultural specialist Yoshiko Kihara teaches her students everything they need to know to help better their experience during their stay in Japan.

"During the course I begin by teaching students how to write their name and give proper greetings, then we move on to the number system, ordering food from Japanese menus, asking directions and how to ask questions while shopping," said Kihara.

The class helps residents take



Photos by Lance Cpl. Lendus B. Casey

**Yoshiko Kihara, Marine Corps Community Services cross-culture specialist, shows students how to say "Where is Iwakuni" in Japanese. She teaches the five-day Survival Japanese Class to residents so they can better enjoy their experience while stationed in Japan.**

their first steps in learning the Japanese language and makes a good impression on the Japanese people.

"Trying to learn another country's language is a big step toward understanding their culture. Japanese people really appreciate when other countries try to learn their culture even if all they know is konnichiwa," said Kihara.

Students in the class enjoy Yoshiko's teaching and gain more confidence in their ability to speak the Japanese language.

"Yoshiko is very patient while teaching us and I feel less scared to venture out in Japan with the knowledge I received from the class," said Melissa D. Tilelli, Japanese Survival student.

Even residents who have been here awhile can



**Yoshiko Kihara hands out daily homework assignments, as well as, study guides to help her students learn Japanese on their own.**

learn new information from the class.

"The class is easy and you receive a lot of good information along with study guides that can help you learn on your own," said Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Carl E. Smith, Japanese Survival student.

Kihara has the same objective each time the class is held.

"I know how it feels to be in a foreign land and not know how to communicate. I just want to help people enjoy their stay here while learning a different culture," said Kihara.

For more information about the Japanese Survival class please call 253-6165.



**Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Carl E. Smith, Japanese Survival student, practices spelling his name in Japanese during class.**

## OUT THE GATE

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

### Handicraft Display

There is a display of various kind of handicrafts produced by the local residents, such as Japanese painting, doll house, sumie ink painting and bamboo work, at Sinfonia Iwakuni exhibition hall today, Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Admission is free. For further details, call 29-1601.

### Ichidate Festival

Visitors can view a ceremony and Bugaku performance, Japanese dance and music, Sunday 9 a.m. at Itsukushima Shrine on the Miyajima Island.

Admission fee is required to enter the shrine. Call 0829-44-2020 for more information.

### Pop Art Display

A display of Pop Art is held at the Hiroshima City Museum of Contemporary Art now through July 10, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The museum is closed Monday. Admission fee is required. For details, call 082-264-1121.

### Andersen Bicentenary Birthday Exhibition

There is a display of drafts of fairy tales and drawings by Hans Christian Andersen at the Hiroshima Museum Of Art in Hiroshima City now through Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Admission fee is required. Call 082-223-2530 for details.

### Toy & Picture Book Display

A display and sale of European wooden toys and picture books for children at the Iwakuni City Auditorium, exhibition hall Saturday, 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Admission is free. For further information, call 41-1715.

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### AUTOMOBILES

**Toyota Cynos**, 1991, 2 door, JCI until Nov. 2005, \$1,000 obo. Call Jamie at 253-7687.

**Toyota Cresta**, 1991, 4 door sedan, runs great, recycling

fee/road tax paid, includes set of snow tires, JCI until July 2006, \$900. Call Jay Sztuk at 253-4072 dwh or 253-2214 aw.

**Honda Civic**, 1995, compact, clean, nonsmoking, road tax/recycling fee paid, new tires, new battery, new timing belt, minor scratches, excellent condition, JCI until Aug. 2006, \$1,800 obo. Call Tomasz or Ewa at 253-2042.

**Mazda MPV**, 1994, great family mini van, very clean, good tires, recycling fee/road tax paid, JCI until March 2006, \$2,400. Call Jay Sztuk

at 253-4072 dwh or 253-2214 aw.

**A from to Z MISCELLANEOUS**

Misc., free adorable black and white kitten, about 3 months old, litter trained, eats dry or can food, very playful. Call Jim Davis at 253-3705 dwh or 0834-88-2551 aw.

Misc., dining table and 6

chairs, dark wood, \$350. Call Jay Sztuk at 253-4072 dwh or 253-2214 aw.



### JOB OPENINGS

**Softland International** Positions are available in the MCX sound shop area. Call Christina at 253-2555 for details.

**Matthew C. Perry** The following positions are available. Applications may be picked up at the high school or elementary school main office. Call 253-5449 for more information.

- Substitute teachers. Application may take up to 10 weeks to process.

- Special education aide. Experience as a job or employee counselor is encouraged.

- Special education and AVID aide.

- Part-time certified mathematics, science or physical education teacher. Send resume and cover letter to: M.C. Perry High School PSC 561 Box 1874 FPO AP 96310

In addition all applicants for this position must complete an online application at [www.dod.ea.edu](http://www.dod.ea.edu) to be considered.

## A special thank you -



Photo courtesy of Marcia Hashman

**The Boy Scouts of Iwakuni would like to thank Bank of America Military Bank for their generous donation to Troop 77. These funds helped to pay for the cost of this years Boy Scout Camp held in Misawa in June.**

## MCTV CHANNEL 19



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## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### CHRO

**CHRO Training**  
■ **Conflict Across Cultures** July 28-29, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
■ **How To Catch Yourself "Leading Right"**: Aug. 24-26, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information and nominations, call 253-6739 or send e-mail to [tasakay.jp@iwakuni.usmc.mil](mailto:tasakay.jp@iwakuni.usmc.mil). Classes will be held at CHRO training room. Building one, Room 102.

### MCCS

**Special Events (253-3727)**  
■ **AFE Comedy Show**: Tuesday, 8 p.m., show starts at 9 p.m. at the Club Iwakuni Ballroom. Featuring Cash Levy and Kelly Moran. All ranks. Adults only/adult content.  
■ **Comedy Showcase**: Wednesday, 8 p.m., show starts at 9 p.m. at the Club Iwakuni Ballroom. Featuring LaVantor Butler and Joseph Fox. All ranks. Adults only/adult content.

**Single Marine Program (253-3585)**  
■ **Madden Tournament**: Saturday, 6 p.m. \$5 sign-up fee. Bring your own controller and memory card.  
■ **Chichiyasu Water Park** Sunday, \$10 transportation fee. Bus departs the Hornet's Nest at 10 a.m. and returns at 6 p.m. Bring extra yen for lunch and souvenirs. There is a ¥1,500 admission fee.

**School Age Center (253-4769)**  
■ **Summer Camp Adventure 2005**: Registration is open continuously throughout the summer for Camp Adventure 2005, held on the Station.

**Youth & Teen Center (253-6454)**  
■ **B&GCA SMART Girls Meeting**: 10 to 12-year-old females: Wednesday, 3-5 p.m. 13 to 18-year-old females: Saturday, 3-5 p.m. The club is open to all S.M.A.R.T. Girl members and females guests ages 10-18.  
■ **Teen Keystone Meeting**: Every Friday, 7-9 p.m. Interested teens are welcome to join a committee to make the Teen Program better than ever.

**Marine and Family Services**  
■ **Pre-Separation/Transition Assistance Program (TAP) Seminar**: Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Attendance satisfies the pre-separation counseling mandatory for service members who are within 12 months of anticipated separation from the military. Spouses are encouraged to attend. Call 253-6439 for details.  
■ **Teaching English Tips**: Thursday, 1-2:30 p.m. Learn local procedures and restrictions. For more details, call 253-6439.  
■ **Local Employment Overview**: Tuesday, 10-11 a.m. This workshop explains Iwakuni's local job market and the various civilian and federal application procedures. For further details, call 253-6439.

### OTHER

■ **Navy-Marine Corps Relief**: The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society is in need of volunteer caseworkers, receptionists, and knitters/crocheter for layette packages. NMCRS will provide free training and also reimburses childcare fees. The Office hours are from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Monday through Friday and are located in the Chapel Bldg. 1100, Room. 148. For more information call 252-5311.  
■ **Spouse Meet and Greet**: A spouse meet and greet recipe exchange will be held at the Sgt. Major's house Building 1388, First Floor at 6:30 p.m., July 22. Bring your favorite dish with copies of your recipe to share with others and make some new friends. For more information call 253-2181 or 253-2778.  
■ **Santa Bucks**: Receive \$1 Santa Buck for every \$10 single purchase during the month of July. Redeem your Santa Bucks November 25 through December 24.  
■ **Back to School**: Save on back to school supplies, clothes and more during a Back to School Sale July 21-31.  
■ **Culture Quest**: Mazda Motor Company Museum will host a tour from 9:45 a.m. through 3 p.m., July 8. MCCS Bus service will be provided from building 411 to Iwakuni Station. Please bring yen for transportation and lunch.  
■ **Kids in touch with kids**: Kids in Touch and Teens in Touch are currently recruiting children ages 6-18 to be sponsors for other children moving to Iwakuni. Ages and interests will be matched as closely as possible and parental consent is required. Please call 253-3311 for more information.

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

## Nihongo de...

基地内に新しい通話方式が導入される

岩国基地電話局は、先日、基地内の全ての電話に対して、新しい方式を導入した。新しい方式では、基地の代表番号や電話交換手（オペレータ）を過ぎずに、基地外から基地内の有線電話に直接ダイヤルすることができるようになる。基地内に電話をする場合に、21-4171をダイヤルする必要はなくなり、基地の電話交換手（オペレータ）につないでもらう必要はなくなった。

新しいシステムでは、適切な番号をダイヤルすると基地外から基地住人に直接電話をかけることができる（新しい番号は下記の囲み参照）。

「今回の変更によって、基地外から基地内に今までより簡単に電話をかけられるようになる。」と、岩国基地、電話隊長、ロバート・W・カーズヴェイル准尉は話す。「携帯電話を使って電話したり、基地内住人に直接電話できるようになる。」

新しい電話のシステムは既に有効になっているが、電話交換手（オペレータ）に繋がる古いシステムも今年9月までは使用できる。

「古いシステムの番号を使って電話をしようとすると、話中信号である場合が多いだろう。」とカーズヴェイル准尉。「電話局の設備はほとんど新しいシステムの電話番号に集中している。そのため、多くの人が古いシステムを使用続けると、話中信号になることを覚悟してほしい。」

岩国基地は国際電話会社を KDDI のみに統合したが、その結果、この新しいダイヤル方式が変わった。これは、ダイヤルが簡単であるという利益だけでなく、岩国基地住人はアメリカ本国、アラスカ、ハワイ、プエルトリコ、グアム、サイパンへの国際電話料金を 22%節約することもできる（今年8月から）、シンガポールへの国際電話は 40%まで値下げされる。

「岩国基地は、すべての長距離国際電話会社のサービスを提供しつづけるには、規模が小さすぎる。」とカーズヴェイル准尉。「そのため、我々電話局は全ての長距離電話サービスを KDDI に統合した。これによる利益がたくさんある。システムが簡単であり、基地住人のお金の節約にもなる。」

### 岩国基地への新しい電話の掛け方

岩国市内からの岩国基地への電話

79-XXXX

日本国内（岩国市外）からの岩国基地への電話

0827-79-XXXX

米国および米国領土からの岩国基地への電話

011-81-827-79-XXXX

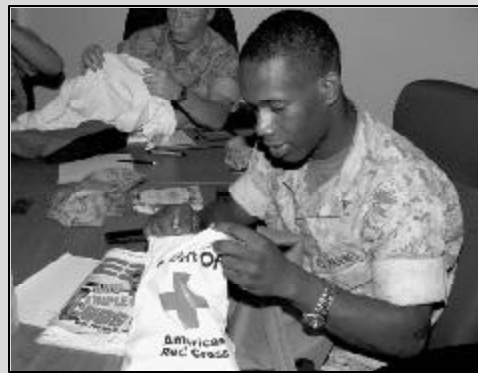
その他の国からの岩国基地への電話

(国際電話用の番号) - 81-827-79-XXXX

XXXX=岩国基地の4桁の内線番号

## Community says "thank you" -

Lance Cpl. Ralph C. Morrison, Combat Service Support Detachment 36 traffic management specialist, digs through a care package provided by the Single Marine Program, Red Cross, and Semper Fit, June 30. He and 12 of his fellow Marines were deployed to Operation Iraqi Freedom in support of II Marine Expeditionary Force, Friday.



Lance Cpl. Cristin K. Barter

## Mess Hall Lunch Menu

Week Of July 11-15

**Monday** - Cream Of Mushroom Soup, Creole Soup, Sauerbraten,

Hot And Spicy Chicken, Fried Rice, Oven Glo Potatoes, Fried Zucchini, Pinto Beans, Hot Dinner Rolls

**Tuesday** - Cream Of Potatoes Soup, Chicken Noodle Soup, Baked

Halibut Fish, BBQ Beef Cube, Wild Rice, Buttered Pasta, Lima

Beans, Creole Squash, Garlic Bread

**Wednesday** - Cream Of Broccoli Soup, Vegetable Soup, Breaded

Pork Chops, Pepper Steak, Steamed Rice, Oven Glo Potatoes, Glazed Carrots, Brown Gravy, Garlic Bread, Club Spinach

**Thursday** - Minestrone Soup, Cream Of Chicken Soup, Creole Macaroni, Crab Cakes, Fettuccini With Alfredo Sauce, Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Tempura Vegetables, Peas And Carrots

**Friday** - Clam Chowder Soup, Minestrone Soup, Braised Beef And Noodles, Baked Fish, Mashed Potatoes, Fried Cabbage, Mixed

Vegetables, Chicken Gravy

## CHAPEL RELIGIOUS SERVICES

### Roman Catholic

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

### Protestant

Sunday  
9 a.m./10:30 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Fellowships  
10:15 a.m. Non-Denominational Christian Worship  
11:45 a.m. Gospel Worship Service

### Cooperative Chapel Ministries

3rd Saturday  
8 a.m. Men's Fellowship Breakfast

## LAY LED RELIGIOUS SERVICES

### Jewish

Friday  
6 p.m. Shabbat Service

### Seventh-Day Adventist

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

### Episcopal

Sunday  
7 p.m. Worship Service

### Church of Christ

Sunday  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Wednesday  
7 p.m. Bible Study

### The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

Weekdays  
6:30 a.m. Seminary

Sunday  
1 a.m. Priesthood, Relief Society & Sunday School  
3 p.m. Sacrament Meeting

## OTHER SERVICES

### Islamic

Friday  
12 p.m. Prayer

### Nichiren Buddhist

Call Chapel for POC information.

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

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The Vacation Bible School for preschoolers through sixth graders will be held at the Station Chapel Aug. 1-5, from 6-8 p.m. Children can register at the foyer of the Chapel. For more information, call Carol Nash at 253-4323 during working hours or 21-8043 after working hours.



Photos by Lance Cpl. Lendus B. Casey

Alger Calderon, Homies forward, attempts to steal the ball from Top Secret defender, Gerardo Rivas. RIGHT: Dustan R. Brenneman, Top Secret right defenseman, struggles with Tyler G. Curtis, Homies mid-fielder, during the championship soccer game.



# Top Secret defeats Homies, 6-2

LANCE Cpl. JOHN S. RAFOSS  
Combat Correspondent

Top Secret topped off a near perfect season after defeating the Homies during the Intramural six-man Soccer League regular season championship game at Penny Lake Field, June 29.

"Both teams went into the game feeling confident and good. However, the better team won," simply put by Andrew Porche, Sports Coordinator. "Top secret was just the better of the two."

The game was intense during the beginning of the match as both teams raced back and forth scrambling for the ball. A quarter of the way in to the first half Dustan R. Brenneman, Top Secret center, hammered the first goal of the game.

The gut wrenching play was made when Mike D. Schwegman, Top Secret defender, threw the ball in

from the sidelines during a free throw and Brenneman headed it in. Playing off that motivation Jose B. Don Juan, Top Secret forward, maneuvered through multiple opponents and scored making it 2-0.

The Homies realized they needed to start picking it up a bit more and Alger A. Calderon, Homies forward, crashed in a goal making it 2-1. With Adrenaline rushing Rivas took a page out of Brenneman's book and headed in Top Secret's third goal just in time for the half time buzzer.

The score was 3-1 at half time. "Top Secret had more hustle and a better offense in the first half," said Porche

Tensions ran high in the second half of the game. The Homies tried to come back and scored one more goal in vain. Don Juan crushed their hopes of victory and scored two more goals for Top

Secret later in the second half. Making it clear that Top Secret was on top of things. With nothing to lose Monique K. Delapinia, Top Secret Forward, scored the last goal of the night when she stole the ball from her opponent and crashed it into the cage.

The Final score of the game was 6-2. All the players on Top Secret were ecstatic when they knew they had won the championship. It was no secret one of the best characteristics Top Secret had in the game was their great teamwork.

"We went into the game with good communication," said Gerry Rivas, Top Secret coach and defender. "As a team we have great communication and awesome chemistry."

Rivas's teammates agreed. "It was a good game," said Brenneman. "We worked really well together as a team. Great skill and teamwork set us apart," he added.

## IWAKUNI SPORTS SCENE

### Summer Softball

Season begins Wednesday. Games are held each week on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 6-8 p.m. Call 253-3067 for more information.

### Running Club

This incentive program is a way for runners to earn prizes for the miles they run. For further information, call 253-6359.

### Mount Fuji Hike

Pack your backpack and break in your hiking boots because it is time to hike Mount Fuji. This is rated a medium to difficult hike due to the high altitude, so be prepared. Attendees must complete the Mount Fuji safety brief before departing on the trip.

This trip is open to all SOFA status personnel 14 years of age or older. Patrons under 17 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. There is a \$170 fee which includes

transportation from MCAS Iwakuni to Mount Fuji and Tokyo and back. Call Tours & Travel at 253-4377 for details. Trips are scheduled for July 30 through Aug. 3 and Aug. 25-29.

### Japanese And American Goodwill The 18th Annual Sprint Triathlon

This triathlon consists of a 1.2K open water swim, 36K bike ride and a 10K run. Applications are available at the IronWorks Gym front desk.

Registration ends Wednesday for all Japanese off base entries, and Aug. 5 for SOFA, master labor contractor, indirect hire agreement workers and JMSDF applicants. For details, call 253-6359.

**Free Camping, Recreational Gear**  
Outdoor Recreation in the IronWorks Gym lends the Station residents camping, picnic and recreational gear for three days, free of charge. The gear includes tents, sleep-

ing bags, coolers, water jugs, propane stoves, propane lanterns, electric lanterns, backpacks, ISO mats, tables, chairs, canoes and kayaks for rivers, lakes, and dams and much more. All items are available year-round. Ocean kayaks, jet skis and a pontoon party boat can be rented at the Marina. Call 253-3822 for details.

### PT Bowling

Wednesdays and Fridays, 1-4:30 p.m., groups of 10 or more service members bowl for 50 cents per game. Free shoe rental. Call 253-4657 for more information.

### Passport To Health

Gym patrons receive incentives for accumulating 100 workouts. For further information, call 253-6359.

**SWEAT Program (Strength, Wellness Education & Aerobics Training)**  
This new program at the IronWorks Gym

is designed to help active duty remedial personnel who need to increase their physical fitness test scores and become healthier. The program includes a MicroFit Assessment, weekly weigh-ins (by request), monthly body fat testing, weight management lectures, President's Challenge entry and attendance and progress tracking reports. Call 253-6359 for details.

### Latin Dance Classes

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

### Birthday Parties

If you are interested in having a bowling birthday party, stop by the Bowling Center for details or call 253-4657.



## Station long ball king crowned

LANCE CH., MARK FAYLOGA  
*Operations Chief*

As I sit there, atop my wooden perch, a breeze cools me off from the bright and shining sun overhead. I listen to the wind pass through the trees and suddenly I'm hit with more force than I've ever felt in my life. I soar quickly, like a bullet through the air, I rise higher and higher like a balloon some child lost grip of. The view is amazing, I can see the whole Station from here, and just as suddenly as I took flight I begin my descent. I hit the ground running and manage to roll a good 35 yards before coming to rest. The official measurement is made and I register in at 285 yards. I am the farthest driven golf ball in the competition.

Station golfers gathered to put on their best "Happy Gilmore" impression during the first ever Torii Pines Long Drive Competition at the golf course driving range, June 29.

"Long drive competitions are a very popular event amongst golfers," said Gary Groff, Torii Pines manager. "Everyone likes to see who is the biggest and the best and this was a great recreational activity for golfers to come out and have some fun, while earning bragging rights."

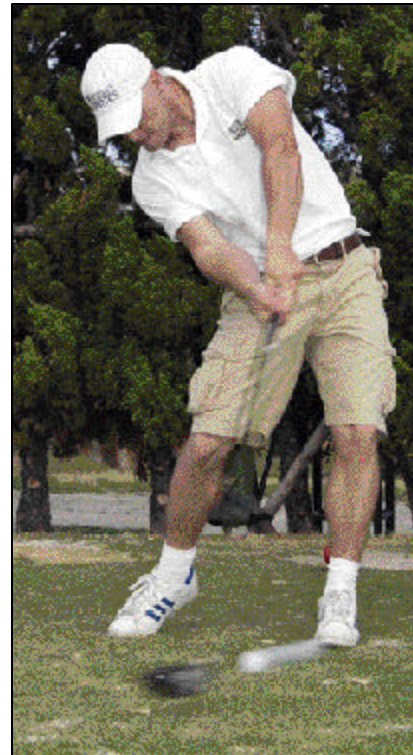
Competitors were divided into four categories; men, ladies, senior and junior divisions. During the competition players could purchase three balls for \$5 and were only allowed 12 attempts. In order for a drive to count toward scoring it had to stay in bounds. Only range balls were permitted for the competition and participants could only hit three balls in succession.

The skies were clear and the sun was shining during the competition. A beautiful day for golf, had it not been for the vicious overhead wind blowing drives down short of their full potential. However, one would be Tiger Woods refused to let the wind ruin his golf game and out drove all competitors.



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**LEFT:** A participant is silhouetted by the sun after slamming a ball downrange during the first ever Torii Pines Long Drive Competition, June 29. **ABOVE:** A golf ball is captured exploding off the tee during the competition. **BELOW:** Landon J. Wallace, men's division champion, crushes the ball along with the competition, during his winning 285-yard drive.



"I've always been a long ball hitter, so I thought I had a pretty big chance at taking the competition," said Landon J. Wallace, men's division champion. "I wasn't too concerned about the wind because everyone had to deal with it, but I knew how to punch the ball through it and put some draw spin on it to get more roll. On my third drive I connected really well with it, and the drive stood as the longest for the rest of the day."

The event was enjoyed by all participants, regardless of their unsuccessful attempts at taking the crown from Wallace.

"The competition was very well received and we plan on holding future competitions," said Groff.

The men's division champion was Landon Wallace, 285-yard drive. The ladies division champion was Kendra N. Kimble, 236-yard drive. The senior's division champion was John Tolentino, 253-yard drive. The junior's division champion was Ashley Clark, 100-yard drive.