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## Two Cultures - One Friendship Day

LANCE CPT. MARK FAYLOGA  
*Combat Correspondent*

Approximately 225,000 guests enjoyed themselves at the Station's 32nd annual Friendship Day, May 5. During the event, patrons were treated to displays of military aircraft and equipment, air shows, parachute demonstrations by the E-Team Sky Divers and a variety of American food and entertainment.

"Outside of the gate is Japan, and inside is America, so Friendship Day is a chance to remove the barriers and celebrate as one. It gives us the chance to show off American culture," said John A. Pace, MCCA Productions special events manager.

The masses were able to enjoy the display thanks to the hard-work, dedication and countless hours of work contributed by volunteers.

"Volunteers at all levels are critical," said Pace. "The unit, family member and MCCA volunteers all worked really hard to make Friendship Day happen. Without them there is no air-show."



Lance Cpt. Cristin K. Bartter  
**Thousands of visitors gather around the Japanese C-1 as they watch the air show performers fly through the sunny sky above at the 32nd annual Friendship.**

To the majority of people involved in Friendship Day, it's a single-day event, which is very enjoyable and a break from the regular Station schedule. But according to Pace, Friendship Day is actually a 13-month long process, which consists of brainstorming, contracting and a lot of preparation by MCCA special services, Station Operations and various other organizations. "Friendship Day is not a Marine

Corps Community Services event. It is a Station event and we all have something to contribute," said Pace.

However, one month before the event is when things start kicking into high gear, and it is the help of volunteers all around the Station that make the event possible.

"We (volunteers) worked really hard," said Lance Cpt. Valerie J. Edwards, Head-see FRIENDSHIP Page 4

## JMSDF to the rescue



Tadahiro Ozako

**Petty Officer 1st Class Sachiko Nagao and Petty Officer 3rd Class Natsuki Yamauchi, Air Training Support Squadron 81 tug operators from the Japanese Military Self Defense Force relocate an Air Force KC-10A Extender which miscalculated a turn May 2 and had been stuck on the runway for two days. The Station lacked the equipment to move an aircraft that size. Luckily the JMSDF came in during their holiday week and assisted in moving the aircraft.**

## New procedure for importing animals

LANCE CPT. CRISTIN K. BARTTER  
*Combat Correspondent*

Japan is changing the requirements for importing animals into its borders, particularly cats and dogs. These changes are due to take effect as of June 6.

"Japan is a rabies free country and the new procedure prevents the possibility of the virus from crossing onto these borders," said Naoko Oguri, an official at the Japan District Veterinary Command at Camp Zama. "The old procedure was too loose. It may be strict now, but it works."


First, the animal must have an International Organization for Standardization 11784 or 11758 microchip prior to arriving in Japan. The microchip identification number must be on the Rabies Certificate, the Health Certificate, and on the rabies serology test results sheet. If the animal already has another brand

of microchip, the owner must bring in its reader.

Along with microchip implantation, the animal must receive two inactivated rabies vaccinations. The most recent shot should be given no less than 30 days prior to arrival. It is important for the owner to keep the most recent vaccination form along with the pets' health certificate, which should include vaccination expiration dates.

It is also important that the animal get a Fluorescent Antibody Viral Neutralization blood test to make sure the rabies shots provided enough antibodies in the animal's blood stream to be effective. The FAVN blood test can be ordered through Kansas State University Rabies Laboratory or the Department of Defense Veterinary Food Analysis and Diagnostic Laboratory in Fort Sam, Houston, Texas.

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To Friendship Day 2005 Participants,

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to everyone who participated in this year's Friendship Day for the countless hours and Herculean efforts you devoted. American and Japanese military personnel and civilian employees, local Japanese officials and our professional counterparts, air show participants, private organizations, and vending booth sales personnel all contributed immensely to the successful and safe execution of the event.

Your teamwork, dedication, and commitment to excellence were key to the success of this year's event. I truly believe that the visitors to Friendship Day 2005 departed with an enjoyable experience not soon to be forgotten. The day reflected a pleasant atmosphere of "Friendship" truly indicative of its name. It established and maintained an element of trust with the local community thereby expressing how much we value the Japanese-American relationship - one of the Air Station's priorities. The exhibited cooperation made me very proud to be affiliated with our Iwakuni community, and I would like to personally thank each and every one of you for a job well done.

As we reflect upon this year's Friendship Day, I am already excited and looking forward, not only to Friendship Day 2006, but also to other similar events. Keep up the outstanding work. Semper Fidelis.

**MICHAELA DYER**  
Colonel, U. S. Marine Corps  
Commanding

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## Ask the Inspector

**MAJ. MATTHEW D. RAZVILLAS**  
Station Inspector

The following questions were answered by Bruce Gorst, Family Housing Director.

1. When is your effective date to get on the housing list when you execute a Permanent Change of Station move?

Your Housing Control Date (effective date) is the date that you detach from your last permanent duty station. Normally, you can send an advanced housing application to your next duty Station and get on the list. The advanced application is used by the gaining housing office for planning and projection purposes. You will not be offered housing or be allowed to enter the "freeze zone" (top 10 percent of the waiting list) until you actually sign into your new unit and report to the Family Housing Office to verify your application and housing control date.

2. Where can someone get the breakdown for housing assignments based on rank and whether they are military or civilian?

This information is available in the housing office. The assignments of military and Department of Defense civilians to Military Family Housing is based on the station requirements and population. In accordance with DoD

Instructions, "U.S. overseas and foreign areas where U.S. citizen civilian employees recruited from the U.S. cannot enjoy the facilities of the civilian community without restriction, or when appropriate and adequate community services and support facilities do not exist or are substandard, Military Family Housing will be allocated to provide reasonable and equitable treatment to both eligible military personnel and eligible civilian employees." The DoD minimum family housing standards are not normally met in community housing, therefore, all community housing is considered substandard which requires military family housing be allocated to DoD civilian employees recruited from the U.S. When a home becomes available on station that is designated to a certain grade, i.e., field grade officer and there are no field grade officers on the waiting list, the home then is offered to a field grade officer equivalent civilian. Should there be no civilians on the waiting list, the home is offered to company grade officers and then their civilian equivalents. When a civilian home is available and there are no civilians on the waiting list, the opposite is the course of action.

3. If something breaks in your house who should you contact?

The resident should contact the trouble desk at 253-3131. If something breaks that is the resident's responsibility, they should contact their housing inspector for their

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## CHATTERBOX

### "What did you get your mother for Mother's Day?"



*Pfc. David A. Bradberry  
Alexandria La.*

"A pearl necklace that I bought at the Spring Bazaar."



*Cpl. Jonathon V. Munoz  
Kissimmee Fla.*

"Te amo mucho, Mama! I'm going to send her this paper."



*Lance Cpl. Jennifer L. Beulla  
Millington, Mich.*

"Gift certificates to her favorite restaurant, chocolate, incense with a burner, statues and a cheesy card that made her laugh."



*Lance Cpl. Joseph M. Derringer  
Buffalo, N.Y.*

"I wrote my Mom a poem."

# Commuters: Protect possessions from theft

**LANCE Cpl. CRISTIN K. BARTTER**  
Combat Correspondent

Enduring the chaos of airports can be overwhelming when permanently changing stations. Service members need to be especially careful from being victims of theft when commuting commercially. Airports such as the Narita Airport in Japan have suffered from a rise of incidents involving larceny of suitcases, bags, and valuables.

There have been over 150 thefts in the airports arrival and departure lobbies since 2004. Service members need to be particularly careful with important papers, visas, passports and identification cards along with cash, digital cameras and wristwatches. In one week alone there were five U.S. passports reported stolen.

Travelers must be aware of preventative measures to decrease their odds of being a victim of theft.

The Narita officials suggest that individuals commuting at the airport need to make sure that any bags containing cash or valuables are carried at all times. People need to place their suitcases in front of them while keeping any bags firmly between both feet to prevent them from getting stolen.

"Never leave bags unattended and be aware of your surroundings," said Staff Sgt. Brian O'Toole, Provost Marshals Office training chief. "Try not to do anything that

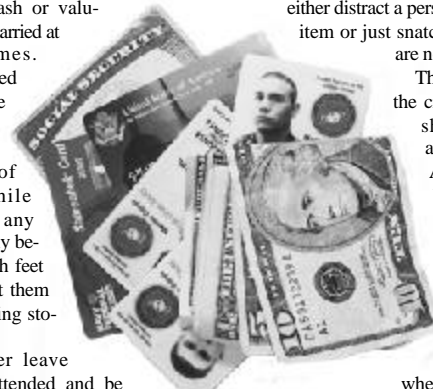
would bring attention to yourself." No violence has been reported with either distract a person and take the item or just snatch it when they are not looking.

Those committing the crimes have not shown any biases to only Americans; if a bag or valuable is left unattended it has a possibility of getting swiped. In a situation where traveler belongings are stolen, the victim needs to take the necessary actions to get their items back.

"If someone's possessions are stolen out in town, they will need to report it to the Japanese police immediately," said Master Sgt. Eric Drummond, PMO operations chief. For items concerning important information such as military identification cards, visas or important paperwork, PMO will need to be notified immediately. Thieves can use the ID card to get onto any military installation or they can make copies of the ID card for others.

"We will get all of the information necessary and send a report out to other Provost Marshals Offices," said Andrew R. Samuels, Station Anti-Terrorism and Force Protection officer. "If the ID card is ever used, we will be waiting for them."

The intent is to prevent all commuting personnel from being victims of theft and to catch those committing the crime. With the correct preventative knowledge, service members can travel safely.



## Yuma Tomcats pounce on Station

**LANCE Cpl. CRISTIN K. BARTTER**  
Combat Correspondent

A detachment of Marine Attack Squadron 311 arrived aboard the Station May 6 and will reside in the Asian Pacific as part of the Unit Deployment Program.

The Tomcats, here from Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Ariz., are on a regular deployment led by Maj. John H. Cane, detachment officer in charge.

"The Harrier is a unique war fighting asset, especially for the way the Marine Corps fights in this modern day," said Capt. Luke Jacobs, VMA-311 information officer. "The Harrier is capable of carrying the latest smart bomb technology and is capable of expeditionary airfield operations. We are closer to the fight, which means more support for our ground troops."

The Tomcats are deployed in support of the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit. This is a time for them to train away from the normality and comfort area of Arizona and keep the pilots trained to the peak of their abilities. For many of the Marines, this is their first time on Japanese grounds.

"I haven't gotten the chance to see much of Japan but what I have seen I am pleased with," said Cpl. Jeffrey Dangel, VMA-311 aircraft mechanic. I have to say that this is one of the nicest Marine Corps bases that I have ever been on."

In 2001 to 2002 the unit was deployed to Afghanistan for Operation Enduring Freedom.

"Continuing the Tomcat's tradition of excellence, on November 3, 2001, VMA-311 Harriers attached to the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit embarked aboard the USS Peleliu and became the first Harriers to fly combat missions in Afghanistan during Operation



Lance Cpl. Cristin K. Bartter

**Sgt. Isaac D. Werbel, Marine Attack Squadron 311 powerline mechanic, inspects the riser assemblies on the ejection seat for abnormal wear and tear.**

during Freedom," said Jacobs.

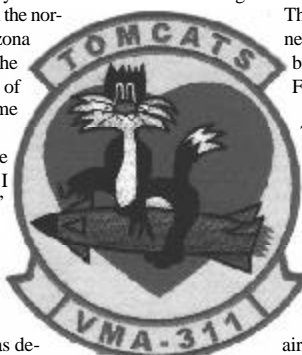
The unit then responded to the nation's need and deployed to the Northern Arabian Gulf in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in January 2003.

"During the war, the Tomcats dropped 77 tons of precision ordnance, destroying or neutralizing 132 Iraqi targets," said Jacobs.

Successful on other deployments, the Tomcats see means of accomplishing the mission here no different - train hard and maintain combat readiness.

"The teamwork and dedication of our maintenance team ensures that our aircraft our ready to support the mission," said Jacobs. "The pilots who employ this weapon

system are true professionals who are dedicated to the mission of ground support. Finally, the history of the squadron is a daily reminder of the success, and self-sacrifice that our squadron has made over the years."



## NEWS BRIEFS

### POWER OUTAGE

There is a scheduled Station wide power outage, Saturday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Additionally, there is another power outage scheduled May 21, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The reason for these outages is so necessary repairs and maintenance can be performed on the Station's Main Power Substation.

### CAREER MANAGEMENT SYMPOSIUM

Navy Personnel Command's Center for Career Development is going to be in Iwakuni Monday. There will be briefs for Navy personnel throughout the day. Contacts for this are Senior Chiefs John Andoh, 253-6793 and Rollie Jara, 253-5221.

### CASE LOT SALE

There will be a case lot sale Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, stop by the Commissary, call 253-5586 or log onto www.commissaries.com.

### MOTORCYCLE SAFETY STAND-DOWN

There will be a mandatory Motorcycle Safety Stand-Down May 23, 10-11:30 a.m. at the Bldg. 1, auditorium. This will be the last opportunity for SOFA licensed motorcycle riders to receive this training. Call Mark Parsons at 253-5487 for details.

# Holocaust victims remembered on Station

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Over six million innocent people were persecuted and murdered by the Nazis under their genocidal policy of ethnic cleansing during the Holocaust. Jews, from babies to grandparents, were slaughtered during the Holocaust—murdered in gas chambers, starved to death or put into concentration camps because their race was deemed inferior by the Nazis.

On April 27th the Station hosted "The Holocaust—Days of Remembrance: From Liberation to the Pursuit of Justice," a ceremony to commemo-

rate the Jewish struggle.

The ceremony commenced with an invocation offered by Lt. Cmdr. Alfonso Concha, Station Chaplain, followed by opening remarks by Lt. Col. John Puskar, Station executive officer.

"We are here today to make sure, in some small way, the innocent victims killed by the Nazis are not forgotten and that anything of that nature will never happen again," Puskar said.

It is estimated that over one million children were either murdered or died

from lack of food, clothing, or shelter during the Holocaust. One of these children was Anne Frank, immortalized by the diary she kept whose only surviving family member from the Holocaust was her father, Otto Frank.

In 1971, Otto Frank, then living in a small town in Israel, approached a choir group and asked if any of them had ever read his daughter's book. One of the choir members, now the Reverend Makoto

Otsuka, General of the Holocaust Education Center in Hiroshima, was so moved after meeting Otto Frank, that he devoted his life to informing others about the innocent people persecuted during the Holocaust.

Reverend Otsuka maintained a relationship with Otto Frank over the next twenty years, and as a guest speaker at the ceremony said, "In Otto Frank's last days he sent me a letter that expressed how he didn't want people to just focus on sympathizing with the Jews and his daughter. He wanted them to do something about it. It is important for us to think about ways to create peace. People who create peace are called children of God." One such child of God is Abe

times that his family had to suffer," said Sgt. Rebekah Raner, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron administration clerk and volunteer violinist for the ceremony.

Tissues, soaked with salty tears, were clenched as volunteers from the station rose to tell the heartbreaking stories of victims, as young as three years old, dying in the Holocaust. It was the culmination to the somber service.

Following the close of the ceremony, audience members rose slowly with solemn expressions on their faces. Each expressed meaningful appreciation to the guest speakers, whose purpose apparently sank to the core of all who attended.



Sgt. Rebekah Raner, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron administration clerk, played music from the motion picture "Schindler's List" on her violin at the Holocaust remembrance ceremony, April 27.



Abe Roman, Station Equal Employment Opportunity counselor, helps his daughter light one of six candles at the remembrance ceremony. Each candle represented one million people who died in the Holocaust.

## Nonjudicial Punishment

A sergeant was found guilty during NJP proceedings for violating Article 92, Squadron Order 5530.1. On or about April 5, the Marine engaged in sexual activity within the barracks. The Marine was also found guilty of a second violation of Article 92, SqdnO 5530.1, for having a Marine of the opposite sex in his room with the door closed. The sergeant was reduced to corporal, forfeited \$938.00 pay per month for two months and put on restriction for 60 days.

A lance corporal was found guilty during NJP proceedings of violating Article 92, III MEF Commanding General Policy Memorandum 1-98. On or about April 16, the Marine consumed alcoholic beverages while under the legal drinking age. The lance corporal was reduced to private first class, forfeited \$692.00 of pay for two months and put on restriction and extra duty to run concurrently for 45 days.

A private first class was found guilty during NJP proceedings of violating Article 86, SqdnO 5530.1. On or about April 5, the Marine did, without

authority, fail to report to a formation, which was her appointed place of duty. The Marine was also found guilty of engaging in sexual activity within the barracks, failure to obey the same order for being in a Marine of the opposite sex's room with the hatch closed and in engaging in sexual intercourse with a married man who was not her husband. The private first class was reduced to private, forfeited \$617.00 of her pay per month for two months and put on restriction and extra duty to run concurrently for 45 days.

A lance corporal was found guilty during NJP proceedings of violating Article 91, Article 95 and Article 134. On or about April 2, the Marine was disrespectful toward a senior noncommissioned officer, who the Marine knew to be a senior NCO. The Marine also resisted apprehension by a military policeman and was drunk and disorderly. The lance corporal was reduced to private first class, forfeited \$692.00 pay per month for two months and put on restriction and extra duty to run concurrently for 45 days.

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uled, the pet owner must send a formal notification to the Government of Japan informing the pets' movement. The form is on the Japan District Veterinary Command Web site, [www.usarj.army.mil/organization/vet/](http://www.usarj.army.mil/organization/vet/) and can be downloaded and printed from there.

A health certificate, verifying the animal is free of rabies, must be approved by the national government and completed 10 days before arrival. Health certificates are valid for only 10 days.

Upon arrival in Japan, an animal owner must present all forms, including the acknowledgment of advance notification and the import quarantine application

forms, to officials at the airport.

"With all necessary documents and the readable microchip, the animal should be cleared at the airport and can be taken home that day without going through quarantine," said Oguri.

If any paperwork is missing, however, the animal will be kept in quarantine for as long as deemed necessary. Kennel rates run around \$30-35 a day.

Japan will make no exceptions with any pets. If specifics are not adhered to, the animal will be quarantined until all-important requirements are met.

### FRIENDSHIP from Page 1

quarters and Headquarters Squadron videographer. "I spent three weeks away from my normal job, working a lot of really long days setting up for Friendship Day."

"The Station works two ways," said Pace. "For 364 days a year we all work normally and take care of our jobs and then there is the work we do on Friendship Day. On Friendship Day you can see Doctors cleaning and sanitizing, officers working booths and high ranking officials flipping burgers all for the good of the event."

All of the man-hours, money and energy that is see FRIENDSHIP Page 5

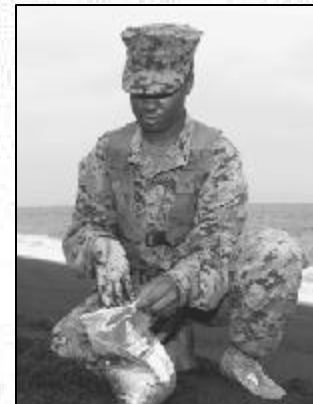
# Marines visit legendary battle site

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Forty-four bodies stand in awe as the waves of the Pacific Ocean crash on the black shores 554 feet below them. The cling and clang of thousands of dog tags draped over The Marine Memorial play melodically with the sound of the tropical breeze. Everyone present is filled with an esprit de corps never felt before, as they attempt to fathom what the Marines of the past accomplished to give them the legacy they carry with them today.

Marines and sailors from Combat Service Support Detachment 36 participated in a battle site professional military education at Iwo Jima, April 28-30.

"We brought our Marines here because Iwo Jima and the outcome of the battle is a vital part of Marine Corps' history. It was a



Lance Cpl. Melissa J. Warthen, Combat Service Support Detachment 36 fiscal clerk, collects sand from the beach.

"This trip had a huge impact on all the Marines, but especially those who didn't know much about Iwo Jima," said Cpl. Thomas A. Lanier, CSSD-36



Cpl. John A. Knowles, CSSD-36 Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Defense noncommissioned officer-in-charge, contributes his dog tags to the Marine Memorial, on top of Mt. Suribachi.

monumental battle where we displayed our bravery, valor and willingness to win," said Staff Sgt.

Sherrina A. Thomas, CSSD-36 logistics chief and PME organizer. "This trip allowed us to show our Marines how Marines from the past made us what we are today."

During the trip, Marines were given five classes all in relation to Iwo Jima, explaining events leading up to the battle, Japanese and American strategies

embarkation specialist and PME instructor.

The Marines also received time to explore the island in squads and walk in the steps of their forefathers.

"In order to understand who we are as a Corps, we have to understand our history," said Lanier. "There is no textbook, history book or movie that can do justice to what took place on this island, but to come and see the island first hand and be able to see where the legendary battle took place is inspiring."

The first hand experience of climbing Mount Suribachi, to see the spot of the flag raising, walking on the same shore that so many Marines before them had shed blood on, exploring a small portion of the 16 miles of underground caves and seeing the Japanese defenses filled the Marines with admiration at the valor, courage and heroism the Marines demonstrated when taking over the island.

"This trip has left me amazed," said Lance Cpl. Joshua K. Hesselstine, CSSD-36 Marine integrated maintenance management specialist noncommissioned officer-in-charge. "Being on the beach where the Marines landed and seeing how small the area was and seeing the Japanese defense system and the fact that we were able to take it over has allowed me to see what we did and why we are the greatest fighting force in the world."



Lt. Col. James M. Gannon, CSSD-36 commanding officer, talks to his Marines on an Iwo Jima beach after returning from a hike to Mt. Suribachi.

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spent on Friendship Day, is done so wholeheartedly because the volunteers all understand that we are guests in Japan and it is an obligation to welcome our hosts.

"Preparation for Friendship Day was hectic, but it was all worth it," said Edwards. "I got the chance to work with Marines I normally wouldn't. Together we set up a great event to show our Japanese neighbors what we are like. We helped make Friendship Day happen."

### INSPECTOR from Page 2

housing area. For Monzen Housing, buildings 589 and 658, Mr. Takata is the inspector. He can be reached at 253-6850. Mr. Tayamoto is the inspector for buildings 655, 656, 657 and the North side. He can be reached

at 253-6881. Mr. Tanimoto is the inspector for the field grade officer quarters and senior officer quarters, buildings 1112, 1113, 501, 504, 640, 642, 644, 646, 648, and 650. He can be reached at 253-6919.

4. What determines an emergency on off-duty hours? Emergency maintenance is work to correct a problem of a life and/or property threatening nature (e.g., broken water lines, leaking water heaters, etc.) and work that cannot reasonably wait until the next working day. Work will continue until the emergency has been secured, however, the completion of the repair may be delayed until the next work day. Stopped up toilets are not considered an emergency when more than one toilet is available within the home. A refrigerator that quits working is considered an emergency, a broken

dishwasher is not.

5. If anyone has further questions who would they contact? Anyone can contact the Family Housing Director, Mr. Bruce L. Gorst, at 253-6817. For routine questions regarding on-base housing issues, you can contact Anita Shimada at 253-5542. If you have questions concerning living off base, you may call Hideki Fujioka or Kazuko Matsuda at 253-5772 and 253-6820.

6. Would the housing department consider having a meeting with residents to discuss the moving procedures and timelines for the renovations?

On Dec. 24, 2004, a letter was sent to all residents who were to be relocated due to the Northside Air Conditioning project. This letter contained time tables, the affected quarters, and the moving and pro-

jected renovation schedule. Ms. Anita Shimada either has, or will be personally coordinating each move with the sponsor which should result in as little inconvenience as possible to the families. Anita will also be setting up all the moving arrangements. Wherever possible, our goal is to relocate each family to similar quarters with the goal of keeping the local neighborhoods intact. Additionally, the overwhelming majority of residents affected were briefed at the time of assignment to their quarters. We are presently working on a detailed briefing to be delivered to all residents in a mini-town hall meeting to be held on May 16th in mid-rise community room at building 1209 at 6:00 p.m. All affected residents can call Anita at 253-5542 or myself, Mr. Bruce Gorst 253-6817, at anytime concerning the move.

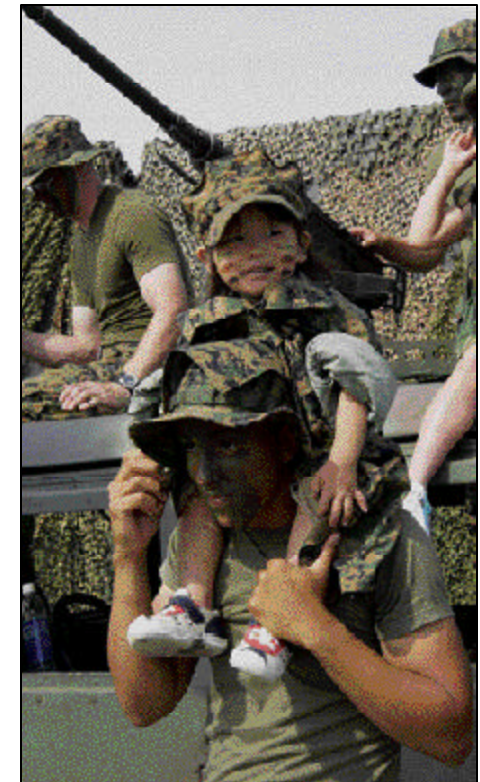


Lance Cpl. Cristin K. Barter

ABOVE: Hideo Hiraoka (Left), local elected member of the Japanese House of Representatives, Col. Michael A. Dyer (Center), Station commanding officer and Rear Admiral Kodo Iwata, Japan Maritime Self Defence Force commander of Fleet Air Wing 31, cut the ribbon symbolizing the start of Friendship Day, May 5. RIGHT: Visitors gather around the CH-53 Sea Stallion along with other static displays present at Friendship Day. Many Japanese visitors experienced new sights and sounds throughout the day.



Lance Cpl. Cristin K. Barter



Lance Cpl. Mark Fayloga

A young visitor poses on the shoulders of Lance Cpl. Rene L. Munoz, Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 basic hygiene equipment operator, at the 171 photo booth during Friendship Day.



Lance Cpl. Cristin K. Barter

ABOVE: Steve Vaughn (top) and Paul McCowan, E-Team sky divers, soar above thousands of visitors with the American and Japanese flags attached to them at Friendship Day, May 5. Each sky diver has over 7,500 jumps. RIGHT: Riders from all over Japan got the chance to show off their bikes and cruise on the flightline together as one in the Rolling Thunder event at Friendship Day.



Lance Cpl. Cristin K. Barter



Lance Cpl. Mark Fayloga

Japanese children pose with an M203 40mm Grenade Launcher at the Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 photo booth during Friendship Day 2005.

# Americans dress for Kintai Bridge Festival

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Thousands of visitors congregated at the 28th annual Kintai Bridge Festival, to soak up the sun and Japanese culture while they watched the Daimyo and Young Warriors Procession Parade, April 29.

The significance of the festival is to pray for the communities' safety and the development of the city.

"The festival is a way to promote Iwakuni City by getting a lot of tourists to come," said Yoshiko Kihara, Station cultural specialist.

Over the past 20 years Americans have volunteered to be a part of the parade. This year, ten Station volunteers participated in the festival, getting the opportunity to walk with the locals in traditional Japanese costume as part of the parade. The women volunteers were clothed as

maids in kimonos and headdresses while the men were dressed as samurai guards, a dignitary and a caretaker. Their costumes consisted of garments, weaponry and covers that were worn in the 17th century.

While a group of local Japanese volunteers, dressed as Samurais, shot at targets enacting olden times, the parade moved across the 210-meter long Kintai bridge.

"I am dressed as a caretaker for the parade," said Cpl. Daniel M. Gray, Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 212 air framer. "The garments are very tight around the waist, especially where they put the samurai swords."

Everyone clapped, cheered and took pictures as the Americans, in step with the Japanese, walked across the bridge, decked in the same fashion.

"They look like actual samurais," said Lance Cpl. Casey Palka, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron aviation specialist. "The locals here can't seem to get enough of the Americans in the Japanese traditional attire. There isn't a person out here who isn't encouraging them."

"Everyone kept stopping us to take our picture," said Sgt. Roger D. Pratt, H&HS diary chief and

dignitary for the parade. "I think they all enjoyed our presence and I know that I had a blast."

As the flashes from thousands of cameras flickered in their eyes, volunteers for the festival were reminded of the reasons why they chose to participate in a culture event such as this.

"I came out here because I wanted to get involved with the local community," Pratt said. "To be a part of Japanese traditions and customs is a privilege that I think all Marines should partake in. This is our way of letting the locals here know that we

Americans are interested in their way of life."

"It's important for Americans and Japanese to keep that close relationship," Gray added. "Events like these not only strengthen that bond but it also enlightens each society to a different culture."



ABOVE: The Daimyo and Young Warriors Procession Parade walked across the Kintai Bridge during the annual festival, April 29. BELOW: Lesli J. Coakley (left) and Cheryl Hunt, volunteers for the festival, pose at the end of the Kintai bridge as locals gaze upon them fully dressed in traditional Japanese garments.



Japanese volunteers move with pride while they walk across the Kintai Bridge as infantry gunmen of Iwakuni.

## OUT THE GATE

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

### European Embroidery Display

There will be a display of nearly 100 pieces of European embroideries at the Iwakuni City Auditorium exhibition room Saturday and Sunday, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free. For details, call 32-7006.

### Yanai Flea Market

A flea market will be held at Yanai City Hall Sunday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. In

case of heavy rain, it will be cancelled. Call 0820-26-6666 for further details.

### Nishiki River Houseboat Tour

This tour, going down the Nishiki river around the Kintai Bridge by houseboat, is held now through Sunday at 11 a.m.. It may be cancelled in case of inclement weather. Reservation and admission fee are required. Call 41-0470 to reserve or for more information.

### Japanese Calligraphy and Ink Painting Display

A display of approximately 50

pieces of Japanese calligraphy and ink painting is scheduled at Sinfonia Iwakuni exhibition hall today, noon to 5 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free. Call 31-4340 for more information.

### Tropical Orchid Display

There will be a display of various type of tropical orchid in the greenhouse at the Hiroshima Botanical Garden Saturday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The admission fee is required. For details, call 082-922-3600.

## 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

**Nissan Skyline**, 1991, 2 door, turbo charged, new parts, JCI until Aug. 2006, \$3,000. Call Dave at 253-5551 dwh or 253-7694 awh.

**Acura Legend**, 1993, 4 door sedan, clean, A/C, CD player/AM/FM, road tax/recycling fee included, smooth ride, JCI until June 2006, \$1,900. Call SSgt. Jones at 253-6770 dwh or 253-7015 awh.

**Mitsubishi Delica, Sport**, 1995, 4x4, keyless entry, new tires/battery, premier camping van in Japan, JCI until April 2006, \$3,500. Call Capt. Grayvold at 253-4207 dwh or 253-2648 awh.

**Toyota Cynos**, 1993, compact, runs great, automatic, A/C, CD/stereo, 49,000 miles, taxes/recycle fees paid, JCI until March 2007, \$2,000 obo. Call Mary at 253-6203 or 253-2012.

**Honda Innova**, 1992, new battery/brakes/tires, dependable and properly maintained, JCI until 2007, \$2,000. Call HM1 Walsh at 253-2043.

**Mazda Sentia**, 1995, V-6, 4 door, good condition, JCI until Sept. 2006, \$850 obo. Call Maj. Steve Braund at 253-4343 dwh or 253-5705 awh.

**Nissan Skyline**, 1993,

great condition, low km, well maintained, recycle fees/road tax paid for the year, JCI until 2006, \$1,800. Call Sean or Jolyn at 253-4729 dwh or 253-2291 awh.

**Mazda NX6**, 1994, 2 door, good condition, new battery/brakes/belts/filter/clutch, JCI until Feb. 2007, \$3,000. Call Natalie Reyna at 253-2189 dwh or 090-9465-7094.

**Harley Ultra Glide**, 1988, low km, road tax paid, well maintained, JCI till 2006, \$7,500. Call Sean or Jolyn at 253-4729 dwh or 253-2291 awh.

### OTHER ITEMS

**Misc.**, free twin-size bunk beds, can be separated, no mattress. Call MSgt. Coakley at 253-5301 dwh or 253-2795 awh.

**Misc.**, free guinea pig, brown and white, with a cage; two free Japanese fighting fish. Call Maj. Steve Braund at 253-4343 dwh or 253-5705 awh.

**Misc.**, Groovy 70's vintage solid teak, Danish modern dining table, 4 chairs and leaf, needs refinishing, \$225. Call Sally at 253-4249 dwh or 253-2539 awh.

**Misc.**, 2 kerosene heaters, buy 2 get one free, great for off-base housing; sat-

ellite dish for off-base viewing on-base channels. Call SSgt. Jasper at 090-5379-1111 or 32-6657 awh.

**Misc.**, set of four brass finish lamps, like new, \$35; Graco infant swing, 6 speeds, music, very clean, seat reclines, \$35. Call Tina Corbeil at 253-8758 dwh or 253-2498 awh.

**Misc.**, pet carrier, collapsible, holds up to 26 lbs., 12.4"x21.7"x14.3", \$50; pet carriers, collapsible, holds up to 44 lbs., 15.9"x27"x18.8", \$70. Call Kris or Scott at 253-2814.

**Misc.**, digital camera, Nikon N90S, DCS 420 body, \$450 obo. Call Dave at 253-3428 dwh or 21-7957 awh.

**Misc.**, Fisher Price baby swing, \$50; Evenflo, deluxe high chair, \$50; kick & play bouncy chair, \$20; maternity belt, \$10; postpartum support belt, \$20; maternity/nursing clothes; infant travel bed, \$40; matching sheets, \$2 each; changing table foam mattress, \$18; matching sheets, \$3 each. Call Irina at 253-2275.

**Misc.**, 13ft. trampoline, 6ft. safety enclosure, still in box, \$300; Game Cube, good condition, all attachments, memory stick, 2 controllers, 12 games, \$200. Call John at 253-6904

dwh or 253-7365 awh.

**Misc.**, multifamily PCS sale will be held at Building 657, community room, Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Misc.**, artificial tree, 6 foot, \$30; girl's bike, training wheels, pads, helmet, \$40; baby/child car seat up to 20 lbs., \$40; men's hair cutting razor, \$5; In Step Jogger stroller, 3 wheels, \$45; Little Tikes pink/white story book cottage toddler bed, \$130; George Foreman grill, 5 canisters, \$40; Apex Scuba wet suit men's SL, \$30; Vornado electric fan, \$40; all obo. Call 253-2852.

**Misc.**, convertible crib, mattress, \$125 obo; toddler bed, white frame, mattress, \$100 obo; double stroller with infant car seat and base, all matching, \$150 obo. Call Samantha at 253-2081 and leave message.

**Misc.**, black full and twin metal bunk bed, mattresses included, \$125. Call Thao at 253-4288 dwh or 253-2726 awh.

### JOB OPENINGS

#### Torii Tunes

Part time position and management position are open. Pick up application or drop off resume at MCX Soundshop. Call 253-2555 for more details.

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### CHRO

#### CHRO Training

- **Effective Communications Skills:** Monday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- **Managing Diversity:** Tuesday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- **ADR for Supervisors:** Wednesday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

For more information and nominations, call 253-6828 or send e-mail to shiomuram.jp@iwakuni.usmc.mil. Classes will be held at CHRO training room. Building one, Room 102.

### MCCS

#### Club Iwakuni

- **Leader's Night:** Tuesday, 5-7 p.m. at the Landing Zone Lounge. Uniform of the day required. Call 253-5416 for more details.

#### Single Marine Program (253-3585)

- **Hiroshima Carp Baseball Trip:** May 21, 10 a.m. \$10 transportation. Stadium seats cost ¥1,500-¥2,000. Bring extra yen for food.

#### School Age Center (253-4769)

- **Camp Adventure 2005:** Registration is open continuously throughout the summer for Camp Adventure 2005. The camp, on the Station, is open to children ages five, who are enrolling in kindergarten next school year, to 12-years-old. The cost is based on your total family income. Provide your LES upon registering. The camp operates from June 20 to Aug. 19.

#### Youth & Teen Center (253-6454)

- **Teen Keystone Meeting:** Every Friday, 5-7 p.m. Interested teenagers are invited to join a committee to plan events for the Teen Program.

#### MCFTB (253-3754)

- **L.I.N.K.S. Session:** May 14, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Yujo Hall.

#### King Lear Theatrical Performance

May 22, 1:30 p.m. at the Sakura Theater. Advance tickets, on sale now through May 21, cost \$15 for students and \$20 for adults. Tickets at the door on May 22 cost \$25. For further details, call 253-3727.

#### Physical Fitness Month Mini Health Fair

Tuesday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Crossroads Mall. Call 253-6359 for details.

#### Japanese Flower Arrangement Class

This free class is held today, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Building 411, room 115. Students can receive flowers for free. Call 253-6165 for more information.

#### Cooking Class

A cooking class, showing how to prepare Yakisoba and green powdered tea pudding, will be held at Hoken Center May 23, 9:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Admission fee costs ¥500. Transportation will be provided. Call 253-6165 for details.

#### Hiroshima Andersen Bakery Factory Tour

This tour is held May 20, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and is free except for transportation fees. To sign up, call 253-6165.

#### MCX Tent Sale

This sale is scheduled Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the parking lot between the Exchange and the Commissary.

### OTHER

#### University of Maryland University College

Registration for term V, 2004-2005 is now through May 27. Students must take a placement test prior to registering for Math and English. Course offerings include History, Speech, English and Math. Stop by Community Services Building, room 110 or call 253-3494 for more information.

## MOVIE SCHEDULE

### SAKURA THEATER

**FRIDAY** - 7 p.m. Hostage (R); 10 p.m. Cursed (PG-13)  
**SATURDAY** - 1 p.m. No Movie (Station wide power outage); 4 p.m. No Movie (Station wide power outage); 7 p.m.; Be Cool (PG-13); 10 p.m. Hostage (R)  
**SUNDAY** - 4 p.m. The Pacifier (PG); 7 p.m. Million Dollar Baby (PG-13)  
**MONDAY** - 7 p.m. Man of the House (PG-13)  
**TUESDAY** - 7 p.m. Miss Congeniality 2 (PG-13)  
**WEDNESDAY** - 7 p.m. Cursed (PG-13)  
**THURSDAY** - 7 p.m. Diary of a Mad Black Woman (PG-13)  
 This schedule is submitted by the Sakura Theater and is subject to change. For show times call the Sakura Theater at 253-5291.

### MCTV CHANNEL 19

**FRIDAY** - 11 a.m./5 p.m. King Arthur (PG-13); 2 p.m./8 p.m. Jackie Chan's First Strike (PG-13); 11 p.m./5 a.m.

History Of The World: Part 1 (R); 2 a.m. Love Actually (R)

**SATURDAY** - 11 a.m./5 p.m. Mean Girls (PG-13); 2 p.m./8 p.m. Finding Neverland (PG); 11 p.m./5 a.m. Eternal Sunshine Of Spotless Minds (R); 2 a.m. Man On Fire (R)

**SUNDAY** - 11 a.m./5 p.m. 2 Fast 2 Furious (PG-13); 2 p.m./8 p.m. Fat Albert (PG); 11 p.m./5 a.m. The Girl Next Door (R); 2 a.m. Nurse Betty (R)

**MONDAY** - 11 a.m./5 p.m. Juwanna Mann (PG-13); 2 p.m./8 p.m. Flight Of The Phoenix (PG-13); 11 p.m./5 a.m. Blue Steel (R); 2 a.m. The Missing (R)

**TUESDAY** - 11 a.m./5 p.m. Hero (PG-13); 2 p.m./8 p.m. National Treasure (PG-13); 11 p.m./5 a.m. Sideways (R); 2 a.m. The Heist (R)

**WEDNESDAY** - 11 a.m./5 p.m. Arachnophobia (PG-13); 2 p.m./8 p.m. Dodgeball (PG-13); 11 p.m./5 a.m. Platoon (R); 2 a.m. Ace Ventura: Pet Detective (PG-13)

**THURSDAY** - 11 a.m./5 p.m. Harry Potter: Prisoner Of Azkaban (PG); 2 p.m./8 p.m. Anchorman (PG-13); 11 p.m./5 a.m. Blade: Trinity (R); 2 a.m. Dude, Where's My Car (PG-13)

# Nihongo de...



2005 日米親善デーに参加して下さった皆さんへ

今年の日米親善デーに参加して下さった皆さんが、親善デーのために費やして下さった数え切れないほどの時間と大変な努力に対し、心から感謝の意を表します。米軍人、自衛隊員、基地に勤務する日米民間人、地元自治体、地元の民間組織、航空ショー参加者、民間団体、模擬店出店者の皆さんは全員、親善デーを安全かつ成功に終わらせるために多大な貢献をして下さいました。

皆さんのチームワーク、献身、優秀さが今年の親善デーの成功に繋がりました。今年の親善デーに訪れた方々は、すぐには忘れがたい楽しい経験をして帰られたと確信しています。この日はその名が示す通り、“親善”の楽しい雰囲気と空気を反映した日となりました。日米親善デーでは、地域社会との信頼を確立、維持することができ、結果として我々が日米関係をいかに尊重しているかを示すことができました。これは岩国基地の優先事項の一つでもあります。この親善デーに多くの方が協力して下さいましたことは、我々が岩国の地域社会の一部であることを大変誇りに思わせてくれます。また、皆さん一人一人が立派な仕事をして下さいましたことに対し、個人的にお礼を述べたいと思います。

今年の親善デーを振り返ると、来年の親善デーやその他のイベントも既に心待ちにしています。今後も優れた仕事を続けてください。永遠なる忠誠を。

岩国基地司令官  
マイケル・A・ダイアー大佐

This story is a translation of the top of page 2 text. 本文は2ページ三段の記事の日本語訳です。



Lance Cpl. Cristin K. Barter

5月5日の日米親善デーに訪れた225,000人の観客の前でアクロバット飛行を披露する航空自衛隊、ゾルメイノブルスのF-4アクロバット飛行隊。

The Japanese Blue Impulse T-4 air demonstration team perform their flight show on Friendship Day, May 5.

## Mess Hall Lunch Menus

### Week Of May 16-20

**Monday** – Cream of Mushroom Soup, Creole Soup, Sauerbraten, Hot and Spicy Chicken, Fried Rice, Oven Glo Potatoes, Fried Zucchini, Pinto Beans  
**Tuesday** – Cream of Potatoes Soup, Chicken Noodle Soup, Baked Halibut Fish, BBQ Beef Cube, Wild

Rice, Buttered Pasta, Lima Beans, Creole Squash  
**Wednesday** – Cream of Broccoli Soup, Vegetable Soup, Breaded Pork Chops, Pepper Steak, Steamed Rice, Oven Glo Potatoes, Glazed Carrots, Brown Gravy, 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, Braised Beef and Noodles, Baked Fish, Mashed Potatoes, Fried Cabbage, Mixed Vegetables, Chicken Gravy



## M. C. Perry School Lunch Menus

### Week Of May 16-20

**Monday** – Chicken Sandwich, Carrot & Celery Sticks, Ranch Dressing, Crispy Potato Wedges, Baked Beans, Fresh Fruit, Milk  
**Tuesday** – Cheese Pizza, Carrot & Celery Sticks, Ranch Dressing, Chilled Peaches, Rice Krispy Treats, Milk

**Wednesday** – Chicken Fried Rice with Vegetables, Dinner Roll, Orange Quarters, Cookie, Milk  
**Thursday** – Soft Shell Taco with Cheese, Lettuce & Tomato, Spanish Rice, Chilled Mixed Fruit, Chocolate Cake, Milk  
**Friday** – Spaghetti with Meatsauce, Garlic Bread, Seasoned Green Peas, Chilled Pears, Cookie, Milk

## CHAPEL RELIGIOUS SERVICES

### Roman Catholic

Saturday  
4:30 p.m. Confession  
5:30 p.m. Mass  
Sunday  
8:45 a.m. Mass  
10:05 a.m. CCD

### Protestant

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

### Cooperative Chapel Ministries

Wednesday  
6:30 p.m. AWANA Children's Program  
3rd Saturday  
8 a.m. Men's Fellowship Breakfast

## LAY LED RELIGIOUS SERVICES

### Jewish

Friday  
6 p.m. Shabbat Service

### Seventh-Day Adventist

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

### Episcopal

Sunday  
7 p.m. Worship Service

### Church of Christ

Sunday  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
Wednesday  
7 p.m. Bible Study

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

Weekdays  
6:30 a.m. Seminary  
Sunday  
1 a.m. Priesthood, Relief Society & Sunday School  
3 p.m. Sacrament Meeting

## OTHER SERVICES

### Islamic

Friday  
12 p.m. Prayer

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

# Golf pro chips in on USO tour

STORY AND PHOTOS BY  
LANCE CPT. MARK FAYLOGA  
Combat Correspondent

Professional Golfing Association golfer Bobby Lopez treated Iwakuni golfers to golf clinics, a tournament, a trick shot comedy show and many smiles as part of a United Service Organizations tour here Monday and Tuesday.

"I'm just here to let you all know that there are a lot of people back home that support you and I'm one of them," said Lopez.

Lopez, who played on the PGA European Tour, has been teaching golf for over 33 years and currently hosts the ESPN radio show, "The Cahoon Plantation Golf Hour with Scottie and the Man," he was nominated for Golf Magazine's list of Top 100 Golf Instructors.

But it was his charm and smile that won over Iwakuni golfers. Lopez, who is a big fan of Marines as evident by his drill instructor driver cover, could be seen joking around with fellow golfers and thanking everyone he met.

"I thought he was a really great guy," said Louis C. Del Prete, golf newcomer. Del Prete won a Torii Pines drawing and was one of four service members to golf nine holes with Lopez. "He was a lot of fun and he had this really awesome personality that made him really easy to talk to. I didn't feel intimidated by him at all and he took a lot of time out to



Louis C. Del Prete, (Left) golf newcomer, and Bobby Lopez, PGA pro, joke around on the 2nd hole during a 9-hole game between Lopez and four lucky service members at Torii Pines golf course, Monday.

show me how to improve my golf game."

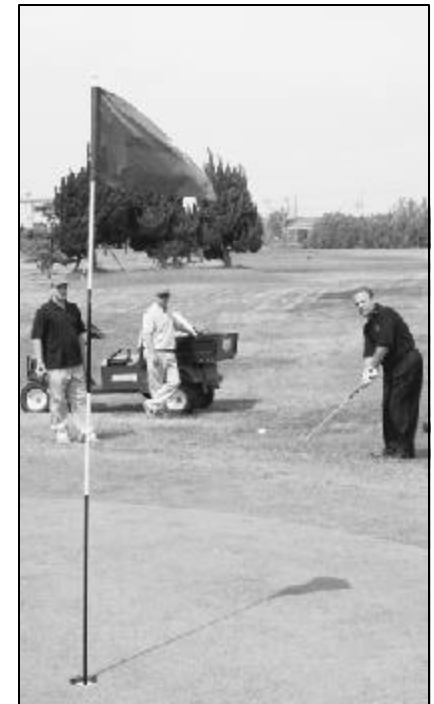
Lopez spent a lot of one on one time with golfers helping them improve their swing and also videotaped them so he could perform slow-motion video analysis with the new V1 software he brought along with him. According to Lopez, the video analysis has been the favorite on the tour so far, because it allows the golfer to see what he is doing wrong rather than just be told what he is doing wrong.

"Golfing with him was really great because I was just expecting to come out here and play 9 holes and get blown out by a pro," said Del Prete. "But, he took the time to coach us and even videotaped my swing. Getting to see my own swing while he pointed out what I was doing wrong really helped."

As much as the golfers appreciated the help from Lopez, he refused to accept any thanks. Saying only, "Don't thank me. I'm here to thank you guys for what you do by showing you what I know. As far as I'm concerned everything we do back home should be for our military. We're an all volunteer military and it's the greatest military in the world."



Staff Sgt. Devil Dog, golf club cover, makes sure everyone stays quiet while Bobby Lopez tees off on the 8th hole, during a game between Lopez and service members, Monday.



ABOVE: Bobby Lopez, PGA pro, chips a shot on the green while service members watch the proper execution of a chip, Monday. BELOW: Iwakuni golfers gather round as Bobby Lopez shows them the mistakes they made while swinging their clubs during a golf clinic at Torii Pines, Monday.



# IWAKUNI SPORTS SCENE

## OUTDOOR POOLS OPEN

Both all ranks outdoor pools open May 28. The Main Pool hours of operation that weekend, including Memorial Day, are noon to 6 p.m. The hours for the all ranks pool at Club Iwakuni that weekend, including Memorial Day, are 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

## SPRING SCRAMBLE

May 21, 7 a.m. Open to all golfers with handicaps at Torii Pines Golf Course. Form your own four-player team. Enter for \$10 per person before Thursday, 1 p.m. at the Pro Shop. Net scoring applies. Call 253-3402 for details.

## ALL MARINE GOLF

Athletics is accepting resumes for the All Marine Golf team. The trial will be held in June. Resumes must be submitted no later than June 1.

## MEMORIAL DAY 5-KILOMETER FUN RUN

May 27, 11 a.m. The race on the seawall kicks off at the Iron Works Gym and is open to all Station residents. Winners for the Men's and Women's Open, Men's 35+, and Women's 35+ Race receive trophies. Trophies are also awarded to the first and second place units, who will receive \$100 and \$75 for their party fund. All participating units receive 20 points towards the President's Challenge. Sign up before May 20 at the Iron Works front desk. For details, call 253-5051.

## OSHIMA ISLAND HIKING

May 28, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Enjoy this very scenic hike on Monjuyama Ridge with a spectacular view of the inland sea of Japan and surrounding islands. Bring a sack lunch and water. Alcohol is not allowed on the trip. Open to the first 24 patrons to sign up at IT&T. The hike is appropriate for beginners and average hikers. For details, call 253-3822.

# Samurais slay Dragons, 24-14

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

The Matthew C. Perry High School faculty Samurais slew the Combat Service Support Detachment 36 Dragons, 24-14, at Penny Lake field, May 4. Behind by 7 in the bottom of the final inning, the



Samurais had to rake in the runs for a chance to win the game.

The score 7-14 in the fifth and final inning, the Samurais stepped up to the plate and turned the tables in their favor; fans could sense a notable shift in the games tempo. The Dragons let their guard

down allowing the stealthy Samurai to sneak in for the kill. Like an assembly line the Samurais were on a nonstop rampage of base hit after base hit, evening the score. It was their chance to get ahead, with two on and two outs, Shawn Ryan, Samurais left fielder, stepped up to the plate knowing that if he was struck out, the Dragons could pull ahead for the win in their grace inning. Lance Cpl. Christopher Hand, pitcher for the Dragons, tossed a belt-high pitch that Ryan shot deep into left field, reaching the fence. The hit gave Ryan and team members enough time to sprint to each plate as if it was their ticket to survival. The tempo was set; the Samurais knew there was no stopping them now.

"In the earlier innings, we were trying to make the big plays like getting home runs and no one on the team has the arm for that so I told everyone to start focusing on getting the base hits instead," said Kevin C. Crone, coach of the Samurai. "That is how we ended up getting 17 runs in one inning. We were far behind but we kept our heads up and beat them."

Hand knew exactly what went



## 2005 INTRAMURAL SOFTBALL STANDINGS As of May 9, 2005

TEAMS	WINS	LOSS
1. Guatemalan Circus Midgets	11	0
2. Crew Dawgs	9	2
3. Hitmen	9	1
4. VAQ209	3	1
5. Destroyers-171	8	4
6. Lethal Weapon	4	4
7. Dragons CSSD-36	3	9
8. Lancers -212	3	7
9. Samurai	2	8
10. MCCS	1	6
11. Airframes	0	7
<b>Total games played</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>49</b>

wrong for his team at the turning point of the game. "Our team just started to fall apart. Some of the players noticeably got cocky and lazy. We thought that we were far enough ahead to shut them out and win the game. Then they started to get base hits and we couldn't stop them. It surprised us all. Our defense wasn't up to par tonight."

"The game just shifted in our favor. We knew that we had to get ahead and we did. Our sticks rocked!" said Gail Lupton, Samurais first baseman. "It was a close game until we creamed them in the last inning with 17 runs. You can now call us Dragon Slayers."

Unable to shrug off the loss, the Dragons congratulated the other team and left the field shocked at the turnout of the game.

"We have a young team that has a lot of talent," Hand said. "We have been progressing through the season, but we just need to keep the same momentum throughout the whole game."

"We don't talk trash very often, but as educators all I can say right now is, well, we schooled them," Crone said.

**TOP LEFT:** Ben Slater, Samurais pitcher, strikes out the Dragons, May 4. His strong pitches left the opposing team swinging nothing but wind. **LEFT:** Shawn Ryan, Samurais left fielder, hits the ball deep into left field for a home run against the Dragons. "I took my teammates and coaches advice and kept my eye on the ball and prayed," said Ryan. **ABOVE:** The Samurais, Matthew C. Perry faculty, gather at home plate for one last cheer after winning 24-14 against the Combat Service Support Detachment 36 Dragons.

