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The aftermath of Typhoon Nabi's fury left Japanese and Station officials with a recovery effort that took more than six hours from planning to execution to recover a local fuel truck out of the mouth of the Monzen river.

## Nabi floats like butterfly, stings like bee

MASTER SGT. LESLI J. COAKLEY  
Public Affairs Chief

Typhoon Nabi stormed through Iwakuni Tuesday night causing little damage to the Air Station and its personnel.

The Air Station reached maximum sustained winds at 41 knots around 9:39 p.m. and gusts reported at 53 knots, according

to Lance Cpl. Nicholas Wosko, Station weather office.

Nabi, meaning butterfly in Korean, put Iwakuni into Tropical Cyclone Condition of Readiness 1 Emergency at 9:50 p.m. The all clear was sounded 8 a.m. Wednesday.

"There was a lot of debris washed up from the high sea levels," said Lt. j.g.

Adam Kushner, facilities maintenance officer. "Fortunately, we were able to open the flood gates at the Dixon Pond to relieve some of the flooding on the Northside. When we first arrived there around 6 p.m. (Tuesday) the roads were flooded, but by opening the gates we

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## America's Squadron gets crew served at Camp Fuji

LANCE Cpl. JOHN S. RAFOSS  
Combat Correspondent

Marines from Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 deployed to Camp Fuji for Exercise Eagle Warrior sharpened their crew-served weapon skills at Combat Range One Aug. 31.

The range is designed for crew-served weapons that include the .50 caliber machine gun, MK-19 gre-

nade launcher and M-240 Gulf machine gun.

"Each time we come to camp Fuji, we always want to get some type of live-fire training," said Staff Sgt. Timothy Hunter, primary weapons instructor. "In today's training, the Marines were able to shoot the .50 cal and the MK-19. You can be in any military occupational specialty, but one day a Marine could be pulled out and will have to operate them in a combat situation."

Several Marines on the range have shot heavy weapons in the past, but for most, this was the first time they were able to aim in downrange with such power.

"Shooting the MK-19, sends chills down my spine, it is like throwing five hand grenades across five football fields at one time," said Lance Cpl. Thomas Holtberg, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron

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## Make difference from half world away, Katrina victims need your help today

LANCE Cpl. LUKAS J. BLOM  
Combat Correspondent

As Hurricane Katrina moved north from the Gulf of Mexico, she left a torn, tattered and waterlogged metropolis of New Orleans, once a bustling city full of eclectic life, in her wake.

Americans across the country have begun to flood the Deep South with

anything they can offer to aid the victims of Katrina who most need it.

The Marine Corps has sent hundreds of America's finest to the stricken region, with Special Purpose Marine Air/Ground Task Force Katrina based at Naval Air Station Belle Chasse, La., 10 miles southeast of New Orleans most Station residents do not have the opportunity to contribute in such a hands-

on fashion. But, there are many other ways Station residents can help the victims of Katrina.

With organizations like the Red Cross, who is currently sheltering more than 145,000 evacuees in 500 shelters and has collected more than \$409.2 million for the relief effort, and the Salvation Army spearheading the relief, there is a light at the end of the tunnel for the

former residents of New Orleans.

"The best way for Station residents to help is donating money," said Lynne Hammonds, Red Cross station manager, in a matter of fact tone. "The Red Cross has contracts set up with providers of food, clothing, water and other basic supplies. They are right there in the heart of things right now and any

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## Chaplain's Corner: Out-of-the-box thinking?

LT. CMDR. ALFONSO J. CONCHA  
Station Chaplain

Ed Bernacki is an international consultant, speaker and author on innovation. His new book entitled "Wow! That's a great idea!" is a hands-on guide for creating your own idea factory for growing revenues.

"Thinking inside of the box," Bernacki said, "means accepting the status quo." For example, Charles H. Duell, Director of the U.S. Patent Office, said, "Everything that can be invented has been invented." That was in 1899. Clearly, he was in the box. In-the-box thinkers find difficult to recognize the quality of an idea. An idea is an idea. A solution is a solution.

Thinking outside of the box requires different attributes, Bernacki continues. It may include willingness to take new perspectives to day-to-day work. Open-

ness to do different things and to do things differently. Focusing on the value of finding new ideas and acting on them. Striving to create value in new ways. Listening to others. Supporting and respecting others when they come up with new ideas.

No matter how long you have been in Iwakuni, you may know by now if you are an in-the-box or out-of-the-box individual. Since you arrived, have you had the chance to explore 'new ways' to work, to relax, to enjoy friends? Have you given yourself permission (opportunity) to develop new skills, abilities never used before? For example, if you have never been a cook before, have you tried to be a cook for the first time? Perhaps you grew up in a place where there was no religious practice or understanding of any faith. Have you seriously considered searching for a meaning in your personal spiritual life?

Iwakuni is a treasure place where you can find a lot of opportunities for personal growth. I would like to offer you some food for thought. It comes from the Hebrew Scripture in the story of Creation where it says that "God looked at everything he had made and he found it very good" Gen 1:31. Can you look at things out-of-the-box and see the way the Lord sees them? Can you see everything created by God and find it very good?

Think for a moment about yourself. All of us are away from families and friends. Some of us may have our immediate families here. Can you find this a far-away place from our own home or can you look beyond this moment and see this place as an excellent opportunity "to discover and enjoy its beauty."

Out-of-the-box thinking requires openness to new ways of seeing the

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## Ask the Inspector

MASTERSGT. DIANE E. ROWE  
Equal Opportunity Advisor

As the Equal Opportunity Advisor for Marine Corps Air Station, Iwakuni, my primary job is to assist the Base Commander, Col. Michael A. Dyer, in executing his Equal Opportunity Program. We must all remember that discrimination, to include sexual harassment, undermines morale, reduces combat readiness, and prevents maximum utilization and development of the Marine Corps' most vital asset, its people. We must ensure every Marine, regardless of rank, is appreciated for their individual worth, and that each Marine is afforded full opportunity for professional achievement.

### 1. Who's responsible for Equal Opportunity?

Equal Opportunity is everyone's responsibility. Anyone who witnesses an act of discrimination or inappropriate behavior should report the incident to the chain of command.

### 2. How do I address inappropriate behavior?

There are two methods to address inappropriate behavior, informal and formal.

### 3. What steps do I take when I want to address behavior using the informal method?

The Informal Resolution System is a way to resolve interpersonal conflict at the lowest possible level. It was developed to help with conflict resulting from any form of discrimi-

nation to include sexual harassment or other inappropriate behavior. IRS is comprised of three sections red, yellow and green.

### 4. What does each color (red, yellow and green) represent?

Red- Always unacceptable. Seeking sexual favors in return for favorable evaluation.

Yellow- Inappropriate behavior. Racial/sexual slurs, comments, jokes, sexually suggestive touching. If repeated, especially after being told of its offensiveness, turns to red and becomes definitely unacceptable.

Green- Acceptable. Normal social interaction, polite compliment and friendly conversation.

### 5. What are some other methods that fall under the Informal Resolution method?

The Direct approach which is when a recipient attempts to resolve conflict directly with offending person. This is the preferred method of resolving conflict.

The Third Party Informal approach is when the person enlists the informal assistance of some other person to help resolve conflict.

The Training Information Resources approach, which is done by the Equal Opportunity Advisor. The EO office also has books, video tapes and other information that will help a command be proactive.

Any information or concerns, please contact the Equal Opportunity Advisor, Master Sgt. Rowe 253-4186.

## CHATTERBOX

"In the wake of the devastating aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, Iwakuni residents batted down the hatches of their own homes in an effort to prevent such a catastrophe in the land of the rising sun. So the Torii Teller hits the streets of the Station again to ask..."  
What did you do to prepare for Typhoon Nabi?



Pfc. Allan Cooper, Cleveland

"I stocked up on lots of Gatorade and chips and salsa. Then I sat in my room playing video games and watched about eight movies."



Staff Sgt. Todd Johnson, New Orleans

"I made sure my troops were taken care of in the barracks. Right when I got on Station, I got everything on the Typhoon checklist just in case. So, I was pretty well prepared for it. I made sure to watch a lot of T.V. to listen for any new word on conditions."



Wendy Kwasny, Gilbert, Ariz.

"A few days before the storm hit, I went to the commissary and stocked up on water, canned goods, perishables. I made sure to get all my supplies before anyone else to ensure I would get everything I needed and avoid the last-minute crowds. We also washed the dog so he could come inside."



Petty Officer 2nd Class Kenneth Byam, Brooklyn N.Y.

"We stocked up on plenty of water, flashlights and plenty of food. We also made sure we had everything secured and a bunch of good movies to watch while we waited for it to pass."

## Club card gets new look this fall

BRYAN DRIVER  
Public Affairs Specialist,  
Headquarters Marine Corps

MCB QUANTICO, Va. — The Marine Corps Club Membership Card will be getting a new look this Fall. As a result of the merger between current card issuer Bank One and J.P. Morgan Chase, the cards are being reissued with a new look that captures the heritage of the Marine Corps.

Along with the great new look, the new cards will have the same great benefits, and an enhanced *Military Free Cash Rewards* program.

This enhanced rewards program offers 2 percent cash back and merchandise rewards for purchases at MCCS activities like Exchanges and clubs, and at Commissaries. Marine Corps club card members also receive 1 percent cash back and merchandise rewards for off-installation purchases. Redemption

of rewards points start as low as 2,500 and it is easy to get cash back or gift cards under this program. Merchandise Gift cards are available from Home Depot, Target, Borders Books, Best Buy and Olive Garden.

The Marine Corps Club Membership Card has been used for membership identification, club dues billing, and as a personal credit card since 2002. The interest rates and fees on the Marine Corps Club Membership Cards are controlled by contract and are among the lowest offered today. Individuals who apply for membership before Nov. 30, 2005 will enjoy an introductory annual percentage rate of zero percent for 12 months on all purchases and balance transfers, after that the APR on the accounts will be prime plus 4.99 percent.

These individuals will also receive double *Military Free Cash Rewards* on all purchases made between Jan. 1 and Mar. 31, 2006. There is no annual fee

for the rewards program and cardholders who currently are not enrolled in the rewards program can have it added to their account by calling member services at 800-759-0294.

For cardholders who prefer an airline mileage reward program, the Marine Corps Club Membership MasterCard offers a mileage program that is good on any U.S. carrier and has no blackout dates. There is a special discounted \$29 annual fee for this program.

In addition to exceptional reward programs, Chase also offers cardholders a unique "Blue Star" benefit that provides a refund of all interest



paid for up to one year for individuals deployed to combat areas. This allows the deployed member's family to continue to use the card interest free while the member is serving in harm's way.

If you already have a Marine Corps Club Membership card, watch for your new card in the mail, it should be arriving soon. If you don't already have a card apply today at [www.OneCorpsClub.com](http://www.OneCorpsClub.com).



Lance Cpl. Lendus B. Casey

Ms. Cynthia Whitney's sixth grade class listens attentively as they go through the first day of school. The kids were excited to make new friends and reunite with their old ones.

## Samurais welcomed back to school

PAMELA F. ANTHONY  
1st Grade Teacher,  
Matthew C. Perry Elementary School

The first week of school is always filled with excitement and anticipation and last week at Matthew C. Perry was no different.

Students had an opportunity to meet their new teacher on Monday afternoon and by Tuesday morning they had found their new classes and had begun lining up for the start of a new year. With new backpacks, folders and pencils, the '05-'06 school year rocketed off to a great start.

Student Leonard Sapitanan said, "I was nervous about the first day of school, but now I am happy. I have a good teacher."

New friends are being made and old friends have reunited. This was evident at the start of a second day filled with laughter and camaraderie. Students and teachers alike are getting to know one another. As the week progressed, everyone began settling into a new routine.

"It has been fun. We are learning about states and capitals. We switch classes. That is new for me," fourth grader Brandon Hawn explained.

All in all the students at M.C. Perry Elementary School are excited to begin another year of learning and discovery.

"The first week of school has gone exceptionally well," Principal Vicky Taylor observed.

This is certain to be the trend for the remainder of the year.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### 2005 POW/MIA LUNCHEON

The 2005 POW/MIA Recognition Day will be observed with a luncheon at the Club Iwakuni Ballroom, Sept. 16, 11:30 a.m. All Station personnel and their guests are invited. The standard Friday buffet service is available for those attending, special seating will be set aside near the stage. Special guest will be Mr. Shigeaki Mori, creator of the memorial to the American POWs. For more information, e-mail or call Tech. Sgt. Chris Valgardson at 253-6234.

### MEN'S FELLOWSHIP DAY RETREAT

The Iwakuni Men's Fellowship is hosting a day retreat to Three Peaks Sept. 24. This trip is a chance for the men of Iwakuni to get away for a time of spiritual reflection and enjoy some fellowship, food and nature. Transportation and food will be provided at no charge, but is limited to the first 40 to sign up. The trip is scheduled to depart the Chapel at 10 a.m., and return at 8 p.m. For more information or to sign up, stop by or call the Station Chapel at 253-3371.

### CASE LOT SALE

The Commissary will be holding the 2nd Annual Mega Case Lot and Produce Road Show Sale Sept. 17-18, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### FINGERPRINTING HOURS

The Provost Marshal's Office, Community Resource Section will conduct fingerprinting for background checks, security clearances, visa applications, etc. Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., Wednesdays, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Fridays, 1-3 p.m. For further information, contact Investigator Lopez at 253-4929.

### COLA ADJUSTMENT

Military members with dependents aboard the Air Station who have departed (and returned), are currently away, or plan to depart for reasons other than disbarment for a period longer than 30 consecutive days need to contact the Installation Personnel Administrative Center immediately.

This will allow IPAC to adjust the members' Cost of Living Allowance according to the Joint Forces Travel Regulations. Sponsors are asked to come to Bldg. 1, 2nd floor, room 227 to provide their dependents' passport, so IPAC can accurately verify day of departure and return. For more information, contact IPAC Pay and Maintenance at 253-3254 or 253-5375.

### CORRECTION IN TORII TELLER

In the Sept. 2 photo outline on page 12, Iwakuni All Stars pitcher Justice Lasyone was incorrectly identified. The Torii Teller is committed to correcting errors that appear in the newspaper. To report errors requiring correction or clarification, call or e-mail the Torii Teller. The phone number is 253-5551; the e-mail address is [paosmb@iwakuni.usmc.mil](mailto:paosmb@iwakuni.usmc.mil).



## Marines hurl grenades, upgrade skills

LANCE CPT. JOHN S. RAFOSS  
Combat Correspondent

A Marine goes into a grenade bunker, anxiously holding on to his or her grenade moments before it is thrown. The pit non-commissioned officer patiently takes the grenade out of the Marine's hand and waits for the call from the range safety officer. The call is given, and the pit NCO gives the commands 'thumb clip', 'twist pull pin', 'prepare to throw', 'throw grenade'.

The grenade is thrown awkwardly into the air and lands in the grenade explosive area. And the final process takes place, boom!

Marine Wing Support Squadron-

171 Marines deployed to Camp Fuji for Exercise Eagle Warrior practiced their combat grenade throwing skills at the Camp's Grenade Range, Aug. 29.

"The Marines trained with M-67 fragmentation grenades so they could become more familiar with them," said Capt. Trevor M. Hublin, acting Air Operations Company commander. "We throw grenades once a year when we come to Fuji, because there are no grenade ranges in Iwakuni."

**"In the movies, there is a huge explosion, fire and all the people survive. In real life, the explosion is not as big, but if you get caught in the blast you are a closed casket."**

-Lance Cpl. Joshua J. Parker, H&HS military police

Before the Marines could throw live grenades, it was mandatory that they practice first by using practice grenades. The practice grenades do not blow up and are similar to a cap gun and emit smoke.



Photos by Lance Cpl. John S. Rafoss

**Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 Marines watch through a small window behind a bunker as grenades shake the earth during the exercise. BELOW: Sgt. Maj. Fred Tarazon, MWSS-171 sergeant major, shows how it's done, as he prepares to throw a M-67 fragmentation.**

"The practice grenades helped the Marines learn how to throw the real grenades properly," said Pfc. Bradley E. Zearfoss, MWSS-171 administration clerk. "Its good to learn from practice, so you don't hurt yourself or

your fellow Marines."

After the Marines trained with practice grenades, they kicked it up a notch and spiced up the evolution with live M-67 fragmentation grenades.

"I was one of the first Marines to throw the live fragmentation grenade," said Lance Cpl. Joshua J. Parker, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron military police. "When I was holding the grenade I was a little nervous, but I just thought about throwing a baseball, and I hurled it."

"In the movies, there is a huge explosion, fire and all the people survive," said Parker. "In real life, the explosion is not as big, but if you get caught in the blast you are a closed casket."

Marines trained with the grenades to refresh and hone in on their throwing skill.

"Throwing the grenades and hearing the blast brought back memories from (Marine combat training) MCT," said Sgt. Gregory T. Knill, MWSS-171 radio operator. "The Marines have got to understand when they are throwing the grenades, that one day they might be throwing it at the enemy, rather than a dust pile."



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avoided any major flooding."

"The command was confident that if something serious had happened we would have been able to handle it," said Major Stewart Upton, Station public affairs officer.

Local residents, however, fared much worse according to an Iwakuni City press release.

Early Wednesday morning, a little more than 700 people had evacuated from their homes with many returning throughout the day. Approximately 800 households suffered some type of water damage with some houses being completely destroyed. Two people were found dead, and one is still missing after a landslide swept through the Hataki section of Iwakuni. Several major roads

were closed due to flooding and nearly 4,000 households suffered power outages.

Ironworks Gym provided shelter for four Station personnel and all Marine Corps Community Service activities were open by noon Wednesday, except for the Eagle's Nest which opened at 5 p.m. The commissary opened 10 a.m. Wednesday for normal working

hours.

A local Japanese fuel truck was submerged in debris in the mouth of the Monzen River and base officials worked with local Japanese Coast Guard in a six-hour recovery effort. Elsewhere, support beams from the Kintai Bridge washed ashore at the new Air Station pier and local city officials were working on recovering those.

## Iwakuni Marines poised for quickness

LANCE CPT. JOHN S. RAFOSS  
Combat Correspondent

With no warning they hear the harsh voice over the radio "We have two wounded and need assistance, now!" Out of pure reaction, the Marines cram into their vehicle as fast as lightning and proceed to the threat.

Marine Wing Support Squadron 171's Quick Reaction Force trained in a simulated medical evacuation situation with combat engineers during Exercise Eagle Warrior, Aug. 28.

"The MWSS-171 QRF's mission is to provide the squadron with a response force capable of rapidly deploying to a special threat and providing special security when deemed necessary," said 2nd Lt. Christopher J. Tafaro, MWSS-171 base defense operations center commander.

The QRF consists of Marines from all types of military occupational specialties including military police, administration, motor transport, combat engineers, and crash fire rescue. The combination of Marines in the QRF are trained in field maneuvers and exercises testing their capability of responding to threats such as: convoy ambushes, improvised explosive devices or IED threats, medical evacuations, perimeter breaches, establishing forward arming refuel points and personnel security.

"The Marines train in different types of scenarios in order to prepare for hostile situations wherever they may arise," said Staff Sgt. Earl D. Lopez, MWSS-171 administration chief.

In this evolution, they partook in the medical evacuation of two wounded combat engineers. The simulation consisted of combat engineers, patrolling the area, set up a security perimeter at landing zone Gander. They took fire from an opposing threat, suffering two Marine casualties. The combat engineer platoon commander immediately called QRF for support.

"The scenario didn't have the same type of emotion that would be in a real combat situation, but everyone made it as real as possible," said Petty Officer 3rd Class Thomas J. Alford, MWSS-171 corpsman. "During the patrol, I had two wounded Marines. I quickly rendered them emergency aid



Lance Cpl. John S. Rafoss

**Pfc. Zachary L. Davis and Pfc. Sean L. Chase, Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 combat engineers, defend the perimeter against attack during a training exercise. The exercise had the combat engineers call in support from the quick reaction team.**

until QRF support came."

The QRF responded quickly to the LZ, provided additional security and pulled out the two wounded Marines who were moved to the medical vehicle. The scenario was over after the corpsman checked out the wounded Marines.

"The scenario started out slow," said Seaman Apprentice William N. Howell, MWSS-171 QRF member. "But once the training evolution started to pick up, we began working as team, and everything went into place."

"We learned a lot about moving together as a

squad," said Lance Cpl. Michael A. Orozco, MWSS-171 QRF squad leader. The whole medical evacuation scenario taught me personally what to do in case my squad ever encountered a situation in which we had to rescue wounded Marines."

The scenario, which had been one of QRF's first training evolutions, was deemed a success for all of the Marines and sailors involved.

"The evolution went exceptionally well," said Tafaro. "The Marines reacted accordingly and recovered the casualties while establishing a good perimeter and defense to prevent counter attacks."

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Marines trained with the military police, familiar with the unac-customized weapon systems.

"I had a hard time feeding the grenade belt in the MK-19," said Lance Cpl. Michael A. Orozco, H&HS military police. "It would occasionally get dirty and sometimes jam and we would have to stop and reload it."

But once the Marines got the hang

of it, they blasted the .50 cal and the MK-19 simultaneously, making it feel like a war zone on the firing line.

"One of the best aspects I saw on the range today was to see Marines, at first timid of firing the weapons, to gaining more confidence in their abilities and hitting the target every time," said Hunter.

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world and a willingness to explore. Out-of-the-box thinkers know that new ideas need nurturing and support. They also know that having an idea is good but acting on it is more important. Results are what count. By the way, latest Typhoon or hurricanes remind us to pray and support people everywhere.

Get out-of-the-box and enjoy God's blessings in Iwakuni. Of course, take the chance to explore the Lord's plans in your life. Feel free to join us on the weekend chapel services.

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contribution would be greatly appreciated."

"A \$100 donation to The Salvation Army will feed a family of four for two days, provide two cases of drinking water and one household clean-up kit, containing brooms, mops, buckets, and cleaning supplies," according to the Salvation Army web-site.

When donating, it is imperative that the donation goes to a reputable organization, according to Donna Timms, Red Cross office coordinator.

For a list of organizations approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Marine Corps, visit [www.marines.mil/marinelink/mcn2000.nsf/HurricaneRelief](http://www.marines.mil/marinelink/mcn2000.nsf/HurricaneRelief).

Service members searching for family members in the devastated area also have an exceptional outlet to find their

loved ones through [www.militaryone.com](http://www.militaryone.com).

"We should all know something like this could happen to us, and we as Americans want to believe that because we help everyone else, someone will step up to the plate and help us in a time of need," said Hammonds. "People are starting to understand that we must help each other right now and start planning for situations like this. Disaster preparedness is something everyone needs to be focused on."

The Station Red Cross office accepts any monetary donations, but prefers check or credit. All donations are tax deductible.

Online donations are also available at [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org). Donations of shares and frequent flyer miles are also accepted. For more information contact the Station Red Cross office at 253-4525.





# Military dogs take bite out of crime

LANCE CPT. LENDUS B. CASEY  
 Combat Correspondent

Some people believe the best friend a man can have is his dog, so who better to work with than a best friend?

Marines from the K-9 unit here work with dogs every day to make sure they are always ready for any kind of situation, whether it's chasing down criminals or finding harmful materials.

The most common assignment Military Working Dogs play a part in today is U.S. customs' searches. The dogs are trained to help military police by using their increased sense of smell to help detect narcotics or explosives.

"All Military Working Dogs are certified patrol dogs and will also be certified as either narcotics or explosive, but never both," said Cpl. Alfred C. Nieto Jr., Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron military working dog handler.

"The reason for this is because if a dog sits, you don't want to be guessing whether he's sitting on top of drugs or explosives," said Nieto.

Once a scent is found, the dog will then sit, a common sign to inform his handler he has found what he is looking for.

The most universal type of Military Working Dog is the German Shepard due to their ability to retain more knowledge than other dogs, according to Nieto. Although the German Shepard has been used as a Military Working Dog since World War I, he might not be the most

commonly used Military Working Dog for long. "The Marine Corps is planning to switch to Belgium Malinois because they have a higher drive and longer life expectancy than the German Shepard," said Nieto.

When training a Military Working Dog, the dog must learn the five steps of aggression.

The five steps of aggression are the interview, interview into the bite (suspect takes off, dog bites), search and re-attack (suspect attacks officer during search, dog bites), escort (dog escorts suspect to vehicle), and the most important step of all, the stand off.

-Cpl. Alfred C. Nieto Jr.,  
 H&HS military working dog handler

"The stand off basically teaches the dog to stop halfway through the bite because if we lose sight of a suspect we cannot allow the dog to keep pursuing," said Cpl. Tyler J. Corwin, H&HS military working dog handler/trainer.

The long



training hours Marine dog handlers spend with the Military Working Dogs makes them ready for almost any situation.

Training them day and night to make sure their skills are always at their peak can be a tough responsibility.

"Our main purpose as handlers is to make the dogs proficient at their job," said Corwin.

Working with dogs gives the K-9 Marines a chance to build a friendship a lot of people never experience.

"There is not a day that goes by I'm not with that dog," said Nieto. "Humans can turn on you at any time, or hesitate to act in a situation, but I know my dog would protect me no matter what."



Photos by Lance Cpl. Lendus B. Casey

TOP: Corporals Alfred C. Nieto Jr., and Cpl. Tyler J. Corwin, military working dog handler and handler/trainer respectively, practice aggression techniques with Ronnie, their military working dog. FAR RIGHT: Ronnie shows aggression while Corwin holds him back with the leash. CENTER: Corwin pulls Ronnie away from Nieto to train him on his bite. BOTTOM RIGHT: Corwin and Ronnie stand still as they practice their field interview training, one of the five steps in Ronnie's aggression training. BOTTOM LEFT: Cpl. Stephen J. Dewitt, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron military police officer uses his military working dog to check the baggage of new incomers outside the terminal.







Photos by Lance Cpl. Lendus B. Casey

## A local Japanese youth shoots down terrorists in one of the many games offered to amuse the fans at the Keizu Arcade near Fuji Grand in Iwakuni. Gamers explore virtual world at local arcade

LANCE Cpl. LENDUS B. CASEY  
Combat Correspondent

The doors open, the silence quickly turns to a flurry of noises, undecipherable to the human ear, with buttons mashing, music blaring and guns firing. A dream come true to any serious game adoring person.

Japan offers a wide range of arcades, from the typical single floor building with the normal fighting, shooting, and the most recent musician games to the more advanced arcades with six floors ranging from karaoke games to real life simulations of soccer and basketball. A variety so huge it would take forever to play all of them.

Most people play video games for entertainment and even some see it as a stress reliever, taking out anger on virtual monsters and bad guys. But, for some people it is just a way to kill time and stay out of trouble until they are old enough to explore other horizons.

"There isn't much for me to do at my age and this is the next best thing for fun, plus being in the arcade reminds me of back home," said Lance Cpl. Paul W. Coleman, a 19 year-old Petersburg, Va. native.

Although the arcade can be quite appealing to the adolescent eye, they aren't the only ones drawn to its splendor. Even adults play video games as a way to relax and help them enjoy life.

"I love playing video games. They allow you a

chance to escape the confines of reality and allow you to be whoever you want to be and do whatever you want to do," said Sgt. Joseph C. Terrell IV, a 24 year-old Bessemer, Ala. native.

But Americans aren't the only people who play video games. Many Japanese swarm the arcades after a hard day of work or school. Some even feel better about themselves as they improve their skills each day.

"I come to the arcade because I don't have

games at home and I love to play the musician games like the drums. As I practice, I get faster and better and it just makes me feel good," said Mazsaki Sunasaki, 25 year-old advent gamer.

There are still many reasons for people to visit arcades, one of these reasons is to meet new people. Gamers are always looking for people just like them with an unquenchable thirst for competition

"I'm a very competitive person. It's exciting for me to test the skills

of other players to see who is better. I play video games all the time and I am always up for some competition," said Coleman.

While some people play games early in their life and slowly drift away to the more seriousness of life, others remain. No matter how hectic their lives get, they will always make time for the one thing which brings them happiness in times of sorrow.

"I will continue playing video games until the day I die, or I eventually go blind," said Terrell.



Legs move in a flurry of motion while playing "Dance Dance Revolution," which brings exercise and fun to the video game community.

## OUT THE GATE

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

### JMSDF Iwakuni Air Station Festival

This festival will be held at the Japanese Marine Self-Defense Force Iwakuni Air Defense Force Iwakuni Air Station Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be aircraft static displays, flight simulator, refreshment booths, uniform fashion show, play equipment for children and more. The event schedule is subject to change without notice de-

pending on weather conditions. For further details, call 22-3181, extension 6232.

### Iwakuni City Art Exhibition

There will be a display of approximately 100 pieces of Japanese calligraphy and photographs by the local citizens in the exhibition hall at the Iwakuni City Auditorium now through Sunday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission is free. For further details, call 29-5211.

### Unknown Story Of Modern Art Belgrade

A display of 123 paintings by Renoir, Degas, Monet, Picasso, Utrillo, Pissarro, Matisse, Redon and more at Hiroshima Museum Of Art in Hiroshima City now through

Nov. 6, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The museum closes at 7 p.m. only on Fridays. Admission fee is required. For more information, call 082-223-2530.

### Hiroshima Botanical Garden Stays Open After Hours

The Hiroshima Botanical Garden in Hiroshima City stays open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. (enter by 8:30 p.m.), Saturday. Visitors can observe royal water lilies and other plants, which bloom during night. There will be a giant flower bed decorated with candles, a music performance, refreshment booths and more. Call 082-922-3600 for further information.

## 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 Largo**, 1993, van, with air conditioning, diesel, very clean, parked at used lot on Northside, JCI until Feb. 2007, \$1,699 obo. Call Brian at 32-3382.

**Nissan Skyline 2.5GT**, 1994, 2-door, excellent, 78,000km, manual, with upgrades, shiny burgundy, JCI until Sept. 2007, \$3,000 obo. Call Julian Jeechev at 253-3610 dwh or 31-8617 awb.

**Toyota Town Ace**, 1991, 4-door van, great for transporting the family of five around the Station, JCI until Oct. 2007, \$2,100. Call 253-2082.

## A from to Z

### MISCELLANEOUS

Free blue wall-to-wall carpet for entire stairs and hall in Northside townhouse unit A or C. Call 253-2082.

Kerosene heater, excellent condition, digital, \$90. Call Mark Nedzbala at 253-5353 dwh or 253-2217 awb.



### JOB OPENINGS

**Chapel Logistics** is accepting appli-

cations for the following contracts:

- Protestant Organist
- Protestant Pianist
- Protestant Director of Religious Education
- Catholic Organist
- Catholic Choir Director
- Catholic Director of Religious Education

For details or to make an application, call Ms. Yamaguchi at Logistics, 253-4233.

**M.C. Perry High School** Special education aide is needed. Experience as a job or employee counselor is encouraged. Applications may be picked up by calling 253-5449 or visiting the main office.

### CHRO (253-6828)

- MCCS:**
- Transition Program Counselor
- Facilities:**
- Electrical Engineer
  - Supervisory Interdisciplinary Engineer
  - Construction Inspector
  - Office Automation Clerk

**Commissary:**

- Store Worker
  - Sales Store Checker
- Logistics:**
- Supervisory Contract Specialist
  - Transportation Assistant
  - Motor Vehicle Operator
  - Supply Technician
  - Office Automation Clerk
  - Forklift Operator

**IPAC:**

- Supervisory Resources Management Specialist

**AHO:**

- Air Traffic Control Specialist

**ROICC:**

- Supervisory Contract Specialist

**S-1:**

- Manpower Clerk

### MCCS (253-3030)

Military spouse preference will be given to eligible spouses of active duty service members who have been reassigned to MCAS Iwakuni. To get more information about MSP, contact 253-5019. Visit [www.mccsiwakuni.com](http://www.mccsiwakuni.com) for a complete job listing.

## Dental Corps celebrates B-Day

The Branch Health Clinic celebrated the Dental Corps' 93rd birthday Aug 26. "This is a time for everyone to recognize the importance of the Dental Corps," said Lt. Cmdr. Willie Chao, Dental Clinic assistant officer-in-charge. "We are here to take care of our Marines and sailors so they are 'dental ready' in times of deployment. We want them to focus on their mission without having to worry about toothaches."



Lance Cpl. Cristin K. Bartter

## MCTV CHANNEL 19

**FRIDAY** - 11 a.m./5 p.m. Big Fat Liar (PG); 2 p.m./8 p.m. Life Or Something Like It (PG); 11 p.m./5 a.m. Wild Things (R); 2 a.m. Vanity Fair (PG-13)

**SATURDAY** - 11 a.m./5 p.m. Beverly Hillsbillies (PG); 2 p.m./8 p.m. You Got Served (PG-13); 11 p.m./5 a.m. Pretty Woman (R); 2 a.m. Rambo: 1st Blood (R)

**SUNDAY** - 11 a.m./5 p.m. Cannonball Run 2 (PG); 2 p.m./8 p.m. The Recruit (PG-13); 11 p.m./5 a.m. Roadhouse (R); 2 a.m. Navy Seals (R)

**MONDAY** - 11 a.m./5 p.m. Crocodile Hunter (PG); 2 p.m./8 p.m. Billy Madison (PG-13); 11 p.m./5 a.m. Phone Booth (R); 2 a.m. All About The Benjamins (R)

**TUESDAY** - 11 a.m./5 p.m. Elektra (PG); 2 p.m./8 p.m. Torque (PG-13); 11 p.m./5 a.m. Love Actually (R); 2 a.m. Analyze That (R)

**WEDNESDAY** - 11 a.m./5 p.m. Envy (PG); 2 p.m./8 p.m. The Transporter (PG-13); 11 p.m./5 a.m. Sorority Boys (R); 2 a.m. Batman Forever (PG-13)

**THURSDAY** - 11 a.m./5 p.m. Fat Albert (PG); 2 p.m./8 p.m. Unbreakable (PG-13); 11 p.m./5 a.m. The Life Aquatic (R); 2 a.m. Bad Boys 2 (R)



## SAKURA THEATER

**FRIDAY** - 7 p.m. Bad News Bears (PG-13); 10 p.m. Dark Water (PG-13); 1 a.m. Wedding Crashers (R)

**SATURDAY** - 1 p.m. Rebound (PG); 4 p.m. Bad News Bears (PG-13); 7 p.m.; Wedding Crashers (R); 10 p.m. Dark Water (PG-13)

**SUNDAY** - 4 p.m. Wedding Crashers (R); 7 p.m. Dark Water (PG-13)

**MONDAY** - 7 p.m. The Island (PG-13)

**TUESDAY** - 7 p.m. Land Of The Dead (R)

**WEDNESDAY** - 7 p.m. Dukes Of Hazzard (PG-13)

**THURSDAY** - 7 p.m. Rebound (PG)

This schedule is submitted by the Sakura Theater and is subject to change. For show times call the Sakura Theater at 253-5291.



## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### MCCS

#### Special Events

**Information Fiesta:** Saturday at the Club Iwakuni Ballroom, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Come and learn about all of the facilities and programs offered aboard the Station. There will be performances and prizes, to include a Kodak LS 755 5.0 mp Easyshare digital camera and docking printer and one round trip ticket to the U.S., good for one year. Call 253-5416 for details.

**Comedy Showcase:** Starring Ray Barnett and Martin Walsh, Wednesday at the Club Iwakuni Ballroom. The event is free and for all ranks. Adults only. Doors open at 8 p.m., show starts at 9 p.m. For more details, call 253-3727.

**New Orleans Crawfish Boil:** Sept. 24, 5-7 p.m. at the Club Iwakuni. Menu is "All You Can Eat Crawfish," Cajun potato salad or cole slaw, boiled potatoes, corn on the cob, Polish sausage for \$7.95. This event will be on the veranda and will feature New Orleans style music.

#### MCX (253-5641)

**Anniversary Sale:** Now through Sept. 18. Come and save on all of your household goods during this sale.

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

**Miyajima Island Sightseeing Trip:** Saturday. Things to do include a visit to the Itsukushima Shrine, a hike around the island, shopping and lunch at various restaurants. Bring at least ¥3,000 for the ferry ride and lunch. \$10 transportation fee due when you sign up. Bus departs the Hornet's Nest at 10 a.m. and returns at 6 p.m.

**Pizza Night:** Tuesday, free pizza, snacks and sodas. Ping pong, foosball and air hockey tournaments will also be held. Starts at 6 p.m., open to all single and unaccompanied service members.

#### MCFB (253-3754)

**Key Volunteer Training:** Now available online. You can complete the training at your convenience.

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

**SMART Girls Meeting:** 10 to 12-year-old girls meet today, 3-5 p.m. Teenage girls meet Sept. 18, 4-6 p.m. Come on over for free food and fun.

**Samurai Keystone Meeting:** Every Friday, 7-9 p.m. Interested teenagers 13-18 are invited to join a committee to plan events for the Teen Program.

**Torch Club Meeting:** Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Open to kids 10-12. Come and make our program better than ever.

#### Marine and Family Services

**Savings And Investing:** Today, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. This course aims at equipping you with skills to save and invest for your future. For details, call 253-6250.

**Thrift Savings Plan:** Thursday, 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. Learn why it's beneficial to invest in the Thrift Savings Plan. Call 253-6250 for more information.

**Pre-Separation/Transition Assistance Program (TAP) Seminar:** Monday through 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. For details, call 253-6439.

**Stress Management Seminar:** Wednesday, 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Learn about your reactions to stress and several ways to increase relaxation in your life by joining us. Call 253-4526 for more details.

**Veterans' Affairs Representative:** Now through mid-May a Department of Veterans' Affairs Representative is present at MCAS Iwakuni in the Career Resource Management Center. He will be available for briefings and to provide information and assistance to active duty and local retirees concerning disability compensation, the Montgomery GI Bill, VA Home Loan Guarantee Program, Veteran's Group Life Insurance, and many other veterans' affairs programs and benefits. Call 253-6439 to schedule an appointment.

**Children's Story Time:** At the library. Children up to 2-years-old meet Thursdays, 10-10:45 a.m. Children ages 3-5 meet Fridays, 10-10:45 a.m. Call 253-3078 to confirm. Children listen to stories and enjoy activities. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

#### OTHER

**YIEA Fall Japanese Language Course:** The Yamaguchi International Exchange Association is offering 40 seats for MCAS Iwakuni residents for Oct. 4 - Dec. 20 Fall Japanese Language Class. The class is every Tuesday, 7-9 p.m. at Iwakuni Civic Hall. Sign-up is first-come-first-serve basis and accepted until Sept. 23. For more information, call the Public Affairs Office at 253-5551.

This story is a translation of the top of page 1 text. 本文は1ページ上表の記事の日本語訳です。

# Nihongo de...

## ナビは蝶のように漂い、蜂のように刺す

1・スリー・J・コー・クリー・増兵  
報道チーム

台風ナビが火曜日の夕刻岩国を襲ったが、基地の施設と住人にはほとんど被害がなかった。

基地気象課のニコラス・ワスコ兵長によると、基地では午後9時39分頃最大風速41ノットに達し、53ノットの突風を記録した。

韓国語で蝶の意味を持つナビ接近のため、午後9時50分に岩国はTCCOR 1イマージェンシーになった。台風コンディション解除は、水曜日の午前8時に発せられた。「沢山のがれきが高潮面から洪に打ち上げられた。ディクソン池の水門を開いたので、幸運にも北側の洪水を軽減することができた。火曜日の午後6時頃水門に着いたとき、道路は水で溢れていたが、門を開いて大洪水を免れた。」と、施設部維持課課長のアダム・クッシュナー海軍中尉は語る。

「深刻な事態になって、基地当局にはちゃんと対処する自信があった。」と、基地報道部長のスチュアート・アップトン少佐は言う。

しかし岩国市の報道発表によると、地元住民側の事態はかなり悪かった。水曜日の朝早く700人余りが家屋から避難し、多くの人はその日のうちに自宅にもどった。およそ800世帯が何らかの形で被害を被った。それらの中には完全に崩壊したものもある。岩国市の甘木を襲った地滑りで2人が命を落とし、一人が行方不明になった。洪水のため主要道路も何本か通行止めになり、約4,000世帯が停電に見舞われた。

アイアンワークスジムはシェルターとして4人の基地住人を受け入れ、MCCSの課は、午後5時に開いたイーグルズ・ネストを除いて、水曜日の正午までに全て再開した。カミサリーは、通常の業務時間と同じく水曜日の午前10時に開店した。

日本の給油車が、門前川河口のがれきの合間で、水中に沈んでいた。基地関係者が、日本の海上保安署と共に6時間かけて回収作業を行った。他に錦帯橋支柱の角材が基地の新しい桟橋の岸へ打ち寄せられ、市の関係者が回収にあたった。

## Mess Hall Lunch Menu

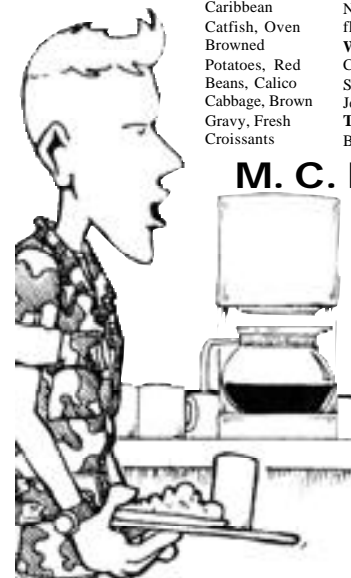
Week of September 12-16

**Monday** - Manhattan Clam Chowder, Chicken And Rice Soup, Sauerbraten, Caribbean Catfish, Oven Browned Potatoes, Red Beans, Calico Cabbage, Brown Gravy, Fresh Croissants

**Tuesday** - Beef Noodle Soup, Chicken And Mushroom Soup, Spicy Baked Fish, Szechwan Chicken, O'Brien Potatoes, Noodles Jefferson, French Fried Cauliflower, Broccoli Parmesan, Brown Gravy  
**Wednesday** - Tomato Noodle Soup, Chicken And Mushroom Soup, El Rancho Stew, Caribbean Chicken, Noodles Jefferson, Brussel Sprouts, Simmer Corn  
**Thursday** - Minestrone Soup, Cream Of Broccoli Soup, Pineapple Chicken, Liver

And Onions, Steamed Rice, Candied Sweet Potatoes, Okra And Tomato Gumbo, Green Bean Southern Style, Chicken Gravy  
**Friday** - Beef Barley, Spanish Soup, Lemon Baked Fish, Beef Stroganoff, Steamed Rice, Potatoes Au Gratin, Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Cauliflower Combo, Black Eyed Peas, Chicken Gravy, Hot Dinner Rolls

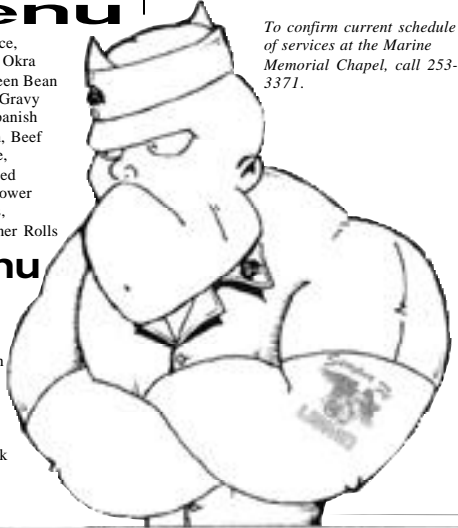
To confirm current schedule of services at the Marine Memorial Chapel, call 253-3371.



## M. C. Perry School Lunch Menu

Week of September 12-16

**Monday** - Corn Dogs, Baked Beans, Cheddar Crackers, Fresh Fruit, Potato Wedge, White Milk  
**Tuesday** - Ravioli With Meatsauce, Tossed Garden Salad, Ranch Dressing, Garlic Bread, Chilled Peaches, Cookie, White Milk  
**Wednesday** - Yakisoba, Crispy Potato Wedges, Garden Salad, Ranch Dressing, Awesome Applesauce, White Milk  
**Thursday** - Hamburger On A Bun, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Curly Fries, Sweetened Applesauce, Rice Krispie Bar, White Milk  
**Friday** - Lasagna, Garlic Bread, Tossed Garden Salad, Ranch Dressing, Chilled Peaches, Cookies, White Milk



# Judo throws Station youth into shape

AARON ROMAN  
Volunteer Correspondent

Judo, a commonly known martial art, has been around for centuries. This sport is all about the use of strength, agility and technique all at the same time

to throw the opponent to the ground. Judo is an Olympic sport making it not only popular in Japan but all over the world. In fact, Judo is even taught here on base.

Children's Judo classes are held every Wednesday and Friday from 5 to 6 p.m. at the MCCS

IronWorks Gym. The class is taught by five-time Judo Champion Tshura Narumasa, who will sadly be retiring at the end of this year after 42 years of teaching Judo.

"I've always been interested in Judo," says Narumasa "and I've found that the most important thing in Judo is manners."

During each class Tshura teaches the children new tricks and techniques to get opponents down to the mat swifter and easier. The children do many exercises such as somersaults, push-ups, sit-

ups, wheel barrel, and pulling themselves across the ground.

After exercising and stretching, the students practice pinning each other in different holds for two minutes each. Then the children practice using their techniques with other adults.

Next they put their skills to the final test by competing in tournaments. Hundreds of Japanese children compete at each tournament, which are held all over Japan at least seven times a year. Although only four will place, there are plenty of prizes to win such as the "guts" and the "fighting spirit" award.

"Judo keeps the children active all year, and it teaches them discipline and respect," says Barbara Roman, parent of two Judo students.

Judo is about respect and discipline. Judo isn't about fighting; it's about self-defense and learning to think quick enough to know what to do at the right time.

Judo is an enjoyable sport for all ages. The classes are available to all ages for only \$28 a month. Who knows, in a year's time you, a family member or a friend could be an Olympic champion. For more information call the Iron works gym at 253-6578.



Photos by Lance Cpl. Lukas J. Blom

LEFT: Anthony Garcia, an avid Judo student, throws Tomoko Muranaka, fellow Judo student, to the mat using a technique he learned in the children's Judo class. TOP RIGHT: Dina Roman, Judo student, along with her Judo class peers, stretches out before a pummeling session.

## IWAKUNI SPORTS SCENE

- Strength And Endurance Unit PT Challenge**  
Open to active-duty members only, today, 1 p.m. Teams of four people will combine their scores consisting of max amount of pull-ups, dips, sit-ups and push-ups. (Women do assisted pull-ups and dips with half their body weight and female style push-ups.) 20 points will be available for the Presidents Challenge teams. 1st place team will receive a trophy and \$100 to their unit party fund. Second place team will receive a trophy and \$75 to their unit party fund. Call 253-5051 for details.
- Latin Dance Classes**  
Beginning Salsa 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. Intermediate-advance classes are Tuesday, 7:30-8:30 p.m. and cost \$10 per class or \$40 per month. Private lessons are \$45 per couple. For details, call 253-3696.
- Youth Incentive Program "Have A Blast With Youth Sports"**  
Youth ages 4-15 participating in sports can earn points to receive numerous prizes, such as MCX gift certificates, beach balls, frisbees and more.
- Passport To Health & Fitness**  
Gym patrons receive incentives for every 25 workouts, up to 125 workouts. For more information, call 253-6359.
- SWEAT Program (Strength, Wellness Education & Aerobics Training)**  
This program is designed to help active duty remedial personnel. 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 more information.
- Running Club**  
This incentive program is a way for runners to earn prizes for the miles they run. For details, call 253-6359.
- Gear Issue**  
Outdoor Recreation lends gear for camping, sporting and picnics for all seasons at no cost for three days. The gear includes tents, sleeping 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. Outdoor Recreation is open during the weekdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and weekends 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Check out their tents and supplies.
- Moonlight Bowling**  
Every Saturday, 6 p.m. The event features three lights out games, three strike shots for cash prizes and one double cross super progressive jackpot ranging from \$500-\$1,150. Reserve your lane today. \$10 includes the fee for all three games. Call 253-4657 for details.
- Lifeguard Instructor Class**  
Must be a certified American Red Cross Lifeguard to attend. The class is Tuesday through Sept. 23, Monday through Friday, 5-9 p.m. Call 253-4966 for details.
- 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament**  
Sunday in Hiroshima. Get your teams together and compete against local teams. For more details, call 253-3067.
- Nike Demo Night**  
Thursday, 4-6 p.m. at the Driving Range. Golfers have your ball flight measured and receive a copy of a personalized club fitting. Call 253-3402 for further information.

## The Scoreboard

### INTRAMURAL SOFTBALL STANDINGS

Aug. 31

- Guatemalan Circus Midgets 2 (88%)
- Crew Dawgs 4 (73%)
- ATC 6 (65%)
- La Judicial 6 (65%)
- S-6 6 (63%)
- VAQ 140 7 (50%)
- Lethal Weapon 10 (41%)
- Recovery H&HS 11 (31%)
- Bad Crew H&HS 17 (0%)
- Knuckle Busters-171 0 (0%)
- Gladiators-171 0 (0%)
- Heavy Junk-171 0 (0%)





Photos by Lance Cpl. Mark Fayloga

Brandon S. Lopera, salsa student, looks longingly into Seiko Yamada's eyes while practicing moves learned during the Salsa Class offered at the Marine Corps Community Services IronWorks Gym every Wednesday night from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. The class is open to everyone.

# Dancers find Salsa **MUY CALIENTE**

LANCE Cpl. JOHN S. RAFOSS  
Combat Correspondent

With salsa music blasting and colorful lights blazing, a male and female couple passionately salsa dance on the dance floor. A crowd soon circles as the couple attempts to perform some of the hardest salsa moves. The crowd roars as the couple finishes with the female spinning and dropping back as the male effortlessly catches her head.

The Marine Corps Community Services IronWorks Gym offers Salsa Classes every Wednesday night from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., for people who can't help but shake their hips. The class is designed for everyone, especially beginners who have a craving to learn salsa.

The class begins with warm-ups, stretches, basic dance movements

(without a dance partner), and mirroring Hitomi and husband Nelson Lisboa Rodriguez, salsa dance instructors.

"Salsa is not that hard. If you can walk, you can salsa," said Hitomi.

"You don't need to be a musician. All the dancer has to know is how to count the music beat and dance to it," said Nelson. "As soon as you get the basic idea and movements down, you will want to learn more and get better at it."

Some people go to the class to exercise, some go to learn the dance and others go to have fun and meet new people.

"I like the way the teaching is conducted," said Sergio G. Hernandez, salsa student. "The atmosphere is great because you are working with different skill levels."

Once the students can "shake it"

on their own, they partner up and practice the dance movements together as a pair. About every few minutes everyone switches partners, so the dancers can practice with different dance styles and body sizes.

"It is important to have a smile and get a good connection with your dance partner by feeling comfortable and having fun," said Hitomi.

Near the end of the class, all of the dancers are still partnered, but the music is turned up and everything learned comes together.

"The end is like a review of what you have learned in the class. When you put it all together you are dancing salsa already," said Hitomi.



TOP: (From left to right) Hitomi Rodriguez, salsa instructor, helps Saori Chatani, salsa student, practice one of the new moves the students learned during the class. LEFT: Two students dance together during the class.

