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Military gets free paper, news channel

CPL. DAVE BONI
Press Chief

In a recent announcement by the Department of Defense, service members can now enjoy the Stars and Stripes newspaper online and the Pentagon Channel, which is now aired on all military installations.

The two military information sources are being made available to the military in an effort to support the National Military Appreciation Month.

"The launch of the Pentagon Channel and the free Stars and Stripes electronic newspaper during Military Appreciation Month strengthens the Department's commitment to keeping America's active duty armed forces, National Guard and reserve force service members the best-informed military in the world," said a release from Stars and Stripes officials.

An electronic version of the "Stars and Stripes" newspaper was made available for downloading at no cost May 1, while the Pentagon Channel, the department's news and information television service, became available May 14.

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Liberty cards to be issued

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CAMP COURTNEY, OKINAWA, Japan — Marines, Sailors and other military personnel assigned to Marine Corps Bases Japan and III Marine Expeditionary Force will be issued liberty cards June 11 to proactively curb off-base liberty infractions on Okinawa and mainland Japan.

Per Marine Corps Bases Japan Order 1050.6, every service member will be issued either a red or gold card indicating their liberty privileges. Gold cardholders maintain full liberty privileges, while red cardholders are only authorized on-base liberty from midnight to 5 a.m. The E-3s and below will be issued red liberty cards, while E-4s and E-5s may initially receive red liberty cards. However, commanders may grant gold liberty cards to NCOs who, in the commander's judgment, have demonstrated "Core Values" and exceptional performance. The E-6s and above will normally be issued gold liberty cards.

"This is a complex problem and there are no simple solutions," III MEF Commanding General Lt. Gen. Robert R. Blackman said. "In connection with the Liberty Campaign Plan, Liberty Buddy Order and Liberty Risk Program, this is just one more tool that will control and reduce the number of incidents we have."

With off-base incidents on the rise over the past few years, this new policy aims to regulate Marines during peak incident periods, according to Blackman.

"It is not a form of punishment or a form of restricting

liberty," Blackman said. "We are in a unique position because we live in our area of operation, and that gives us special responsibilities."

As ambassadors and contributing members of the community, it is everyone's duty to leave a positive impression with the local citizens, Blackman explained. What individuals do on their liberty time has the potential to affect opinions about service members abroad.

To enforce the new policy, service members are required to present their cards upon entering and exiting base gates between midnight and 5 a.m.

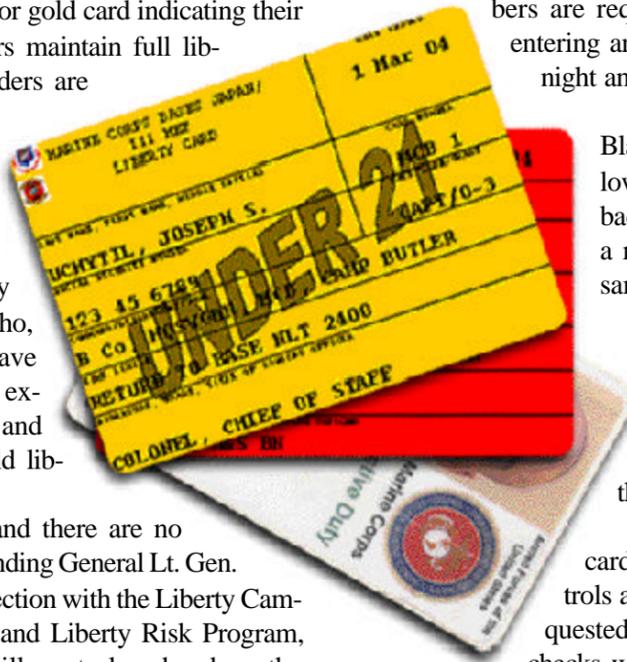
"Everyone gets a liberty card," Blackman said. "The program will allow Marines who live off-base to get back and forth to work, but if they are a red cardholder they will follow the same rules as if they lived on-base."

Per Marine Corps Bases Japan Order 1050.6 service members issued a red liberty card may enter and exit the installation between the hours of midnight and 5 a.m. in the performance of official duties.

Service members must present their cards while on liberty to courtesy patrols and senior military leaders, when requested, to verify their liberty status. These checks will be conducted randomly.

To educate service members, a mandatory, one-time weekend liberty stand down will be implemented from 4:30 p.m. June 11 to 5 a.m. June 14. The purpose of the stand down is to

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Today
Partly Cloudy
High: 80



Saturday
Partly Cloudy
High: 80



Sunday
T-Storms
High: 79

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Typhoon season storming to Japan

CPL. DAVE BONI
Press Chief

Due to the upcoming typhoon season, a seasonal tropical cyclone condition four has been instituted aboard the Station and will last until Nov. 30.

This tropical condition notifies residents of a possible tropical cyclone within 72 hours of the Station.

"The Station stays in TCCOR four because of Iwakuni's location in Japan," said Chief Warrant Officer David Fulton, Station weather officer. "Storms can develop at anytime and staying in this seasonal condition allows us to be better prepared if a storm does brew up."

According to recent studies, an average of 27.8 typhoons form each year, of which, 2.8 pass across Japanese land. As these typhoons approach Japan, typhoons tend to lose their strength due to the change from tropical to cooler waters.

Although these storms may weaken slightly before they hit land, typhoons are capable of causing large amounts of damage and should be taken serious.

Due to the potential of danger typhoons bring, the Station conducted its annual United States Forces Japan Typhoon Ready Exercise, which tests the base's destructive weather plan.

"Throughout the exercise we simulate a real typhoon and we go through all of the tropical cyclone conditions," said Fulton.

Fulton also stated since it was just an exercise, the rest of the Station was not affected in any of the events.

The role residents do play is to actively take certain precautions needed in order to safely maneuver any storms that might head this way.

Supplies such as three days worth of water (one gallon per person), non-perishable food supplies and can opener,

sanitary supplies, battery operated radio, flashlights, extra batteries, clothing and a first aid kit, all need to be stocked in homes.

"The homes aboard the Station are very-well built. If anything is going to cause any damage it will be loose objects outside flying into houses. People need to walk around their property and ensure anything that might be able to cause damage is secured," said Fulton. "Something as simple as a child's bicycle or a barbecue could be dangerous."

According to Richard Perry, Station safety officer and typhoon coordinator for the Station, residents need to be attentive to the conditions and act appropriately.

"Residents can tune into American Forces Network radio at AM 1575, AFN television channel 10 and the Station's

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Time for operational security

Station information sources give too many secrets away

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Letter to the Editor

Several months ago, while having lunch at a local McDonalds, I saw a large stack of the "Preview" magazine. Let it be known that I brought them back to base. Why was this an issue?

Look at how much information about base activities are published within the "Preview"; times, dates and locations of everything we do. Then there was the article in the "Torii Teller" dated Jan. 30.

The article that I'm addressing in this edition was titled "Bengals blare out of Iwakuni." When a new squadron is arriving or departing Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, does it make the news article any more powerful by letting the world know exactly how many aircraft the squadron arrived or departed with?

The only thing I see is that we are

showing our hand of cards.

I understand the requirements this base has to report number of personnel and aircraft to the Japanese government. It is the same requirement that I must submit when assisting MAG-12 and the squadrons on deployments to other nations throughout the Pacific Theater.

What is not a requirement is publishing this in news articles in the "Torii Teller." These articles then end up in "Stars and Stripes." Once everyone finishes reading the paper, the majority place it in the trash can, which now becomes free information to anyone.

When I questioned the Public Affairs Office on the operational security of their articles, their response was that's the way it has always been done. Wrong answer. As Marines, Sailors, and civilians, it is our responsibility to find new ways to

maintain the security of our bases and our nation and to put these ideas in action.

Armed Forces Network airs several operational security commercials with Marines of Iwakuni playing their parts. Were these commercials made to make it look like we are being proactive?

This issue goes far beyond the Public Affairs Office and the rest of the media coverage. Operational security measures should be in place at each level, from the base commander to the private, as well as the spouses to the children.

Personnel should be paying attention to what is thrown in the trash cans, phone conversations, e-mails and so on.

One thing to talk the talk, but it is another to walk the walk. It shouldn't only be thought as operational security, but as family security. Have you done your part?

Safely telling Marine Corps' story

Through clear guidelines, Public Affairs releases information to inform both Station personnel and families regarding issues here

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Torii Teller Staff

First of all, let us thank you for taking the time to voice your concerns. We understand your fears regarding operational security and as you know, our opinions do not differ all that much on the topic.

Our mission at the "Torii Teller" is to provide timely news and information to the Station community. We believe we can successfully accomplish our mission without compromising operational security.

We have many Marines set eyes on our paper before we send it to press and anything we feel is even questionable, we remove. There have been times when we realized seemingly harmless information would have been better off unsaid.

Just like all residents of the Station, we try to always be aware of operational security. I think the area where we differ is what information is acceptable. The "Torii Teller" article you referenced was written about the successful unit deployment of Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 224. After six months here, the Bengals returned to Beaufort, S.C.

Our story appeared in the newspaper four days after the unit left. It mentioned their accomplishments and highlights of their deployment.

The story also mentioned how many Marines and the number of aircraft the unit had when they left. I know you believe this information should not have been published, but we did not say how many aircraft they are departing with, we said how many aircraft departed – past tense.

The unit was already home by the time our story hit the streets. This information is newsworthy and at the same time does not in any way compromise the unit. It is also naïve of you to think the departure of 12 jets and more than

180 Marines would go unnoticed by the base and surrounding community.

In your letter, you say you questioned the Public Affairs Office and were simply told "that's the way it has always been done." Wrong answer and libelous. In actuality, no one ever said that. What was said was, we are complying with the orders that govern the flow of information. I know you then said we should have the order changed, but let's take a look at just one order that deals with principles of information.

Department of Defense Directive 5122.5 states, "It is DoD policy to make available timely and accurate information so that the public, the Congress, and the news media may assess and understand the facts about national security and defense strategy."

The order then goes on to explain how to provide direction on accomplishing that mission. "Information shall be made fully and readily available ... unless its release is precluded by national security constraints or valid statutory mandates or exceptions."

Reports of a concluded deployment or even reports from a deployment currently underway do not compromise national security and are in keeping with the order's policy that "open and independent reporting shall be the principal means of coverage of U.S. military operations."

Not only do we have an obligation to inform the public, we need to inform those that live here and support the operation of the Station.

The order states, "A free flow of general and military information shall be made available, without censorship or propaganda, to the men and women of the armed forces and their dependents."

Welcoming a squadron to our community, paying tribute to the accomplishments of a unit recently departed or highlighting the training opportunities our Marines and Sailors receive by way of deployments throughout the Pacific Theater is how we tell the Marine Corps story.

Any information that might adversely affect national security, threaten the safety or privacy of our personnel or their families has, and will continue to be stricken with red ink from the editor's pen to the best of our ability.

Joint Weather team aids Cobra Gold

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UDORN THANI, Thailand — Multinational, multiservice weather forecasters here put their skills together in predicting curveballs Mother Nature may throw at Cobra Gold 04 participants.

Airmen from the 353rd Special Operations Group at Kadena Air Base, Japan, joined forces with U.S. Marine and Thai weather forecasters providing timely and accurate weather pictures for crews aboard MC-130s, F/A-18s, KC-135 Stratotankers and C-12s. With more than 30 U.S. aircraft deployed here, the weather team's input helps keep the planes safe.

There have been challenges, but "overall our forecasts have been about 95 percent accurate," said Tech. Sgt. Greg Espinosa of the 353rd Operations

Support Squadron.

Isolated thunderstorms are a daily occurrence as northeast Thailand transitions from its hot season to rainy season. The storms are a moving target, and the weather team monitors them constantly.

The joint nature of the weather office here is a welcome change, said Marine Corps Sgt. Ryan Cunningham of Marine Wing Support Squadron 171

from Iwakuni, Japan.

"The Air Force has different equipment and more robust capability," he said. "Combine that with the local expe-

rience of the Thai forecasters and we've got a pretty good handle on our forecasts."

On his third consecutive Cobra Gold, Espinosa said this year's weather patterns have varied significantly from 2003. He said the team creates a joint forecast tailored to the customer's needs.

"The MC-130 crews require slightly different information than the F/A-18s," he said. "The different altitudes, profiles and

duration of their missions have a big impact on what specific information they need. The KC-135s crews call for yet a different set of data."

Chinese weather satellite imagery is

also in operation for the first time in Thailand. Air Force officials contracted the satellite receiver and have made great strides in improving its accuracy.

"The best resolution on images is one km [0.62 miles] by one km," said Staff Sgt. Michael Rudd. "We've worked very closely with the (software designer). The system is where we expected it to be."

It uses a high-resolution receiving system. Combined with standard weather radar, the forecasters said they are prepared for the worst.

"Our objective isn't to provide [a] clear (sky) and calm winds," Espinosa said. "Rather, it's to let our crews know where the hazards are."

Cobra Gold is an exercise designed to improve U.S., Thai, Singaporean, Mongolian and Filipino combined readiness and interoperability, enhance security relationships and demonstrate U.S. resolve in the region.

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Tech. Sgt. Greg Espinosa
353rd Operations Support Squadron

Vikings get new skipper onboard

CPL. DAVE BONI
Press Chief

Lieutenant Col. William T. "Billyboy" Van Atten took the reigns of Marine (All-Weather) Fighter Attack Squadron 225 from Lt. Col. John "Pappy" Rupp in a change of command ceremony May 27.

Van Atten, born Oct. 6, 1965, graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and was commissioned through the Reserve Officer Training Course. Van Atten was designated a Naval Flight Officer in Feb. 1989.

After reporting to his second duty Station at Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, N.C., Van Atten deployed to Sheik Isa Airfield, Bahrain in support of Operation Desert Storm. There he flew 16 combat missions.

Van Atten also volunteered to serve as the air officer for the Joint Task Force in Mogadishu, Somalia from Oct. 1993 to April 1994.

Van Atten has also served with VMFA-101, VT-86



Photos by Cpl. Robert W. Wynkoop

Lt. Col. William T. Van Atten, VMFA(AW)-225 commanding officer, returns the organizational colors to Sgt. Maj. Curtis Anderson, squadron sergeant major, during the squadron's change of command ceremony on the flight line, May 27.

while establishing themselves as one of the premier fighter attack squadrons in the wing.

and Air Test and Evaluation Squadron 5 before returning back to the Vikings for the second time.

His personal decorations include Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal with numeral one, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy Commendation Medal with Combat V and three Navy Achievement Medals.

Van Atten is married to Jarilyn Van Atten and they are the proud parents of one son, William. They reside in Rancho Bernardo, Calif.

Rupp, who has served as VMFA(AW)-225's commanding officer since June 27, 2003, will now be reporting to United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., for duty.

During Rupp's command, the Vikings enjoyed 2,800 mishap-free flight hours,

NEWS BRIEFS

ANNUAL NAVAL INTELLIGENCE ESSAY CONTEST

This contest is open to anyone. The winning essay is published in the February issue of "Proceedings" magazine. Essays should not exceed 3,500 words and may pertain to any subject relating to naval intelligence or intelligence support to naval or maritime forces. Direct entries to: Naval Intelligence Essay Contest, Naval Intelligence Professionals, P.O. Box 9324, McLean, VA 22102-0324. Entries submitted electronically should be sent to <mailto:navintproessays@aol.com>. The first prize is \$1,000. The deadline for the essay contest is Aug. 1.

CHILDREN'S SUMMER READING PROGRAM

This program is held June 21 to July 21. The age categories are 0 to 5, 6 to 12 and 13 to 17-years-old. Entries will be based on the amount of reading accomplished for each age category. At the end of the program, there will be a drawing for prizes. The top three readers in each category will also receive certificates. Call the library at 253-3078 for details.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Adventurous adult and senior volunteers with a heart for kids are needed for Vacation Bible School, "Cruising the Amazon," Aug. 2-6, 6-8 p.m. Sign-up at the Station Chapel.



Marine (All-Weather) Fighter Attack Squadron 225's second platoon stands at parade rest prior to the change of command ceremony here, May 27.

Seat belts save lives, avoid tickets

LANCE CPL GIOVANNI LOBELLO
Combat Correspondent

The military police aboard the Station have been keeping an eye on passengers and drivers not wearing their seat belts.

The Click It or Ticket Campaign, which began May 24, is done two times a year; in the spring and again during the winter. More than 13,000 law enforcement agencies and approximately \$30 million are spent in support of the program nationwide.

According to National Highway Traffic Safety Administration the strategy used in the campaign is called "high-visibility enforcement."

"We publicize what we are doing and then back it up," said Sgt. Ryan Wilkinson, Provost Marshal's Office accident investigators division chief. "For the two weeks of the campaign we will be targeting people not wearing seat belts. Usually it depends on the military policeman if he wants to give a ticket or just a warning. But now it will be an automatic ticket if you are not wearing a seat belt."

Checkpoints will be set-up around

Police locking in on speeders

LANCE CPL GIOVANNI LOBELLO
Combat Correspondent

Experienced or not, everyone is occasionally tempted to drive too fast.

According to Cpl. Nicholas Perez, Provost Marshal's Office military policeman, MPs will now be cracking down on the speeding problem aboard the Station.

"In the past we were not very strict with speeding, but now that we have our radars back, we intend to be more active," said Perez. "Before, we relied on catching speeders while tracking behind them."

Before radars can be used, Perez said MPs must receive specific training.

"You have to be certified in reading, setting up and disassembling the radar gun," explained Perez. "Drivers, unfortunately are misguided and think it's their right to see the radar. But it's not, it's at the officers discretion whether or not he wants to show the radar to the driver."

Points on license should be a reason to follow the given speed limit, explained Perez. "If caught speeding and given a ticket, you will get points on your license," added Perez. "If you already have points and get another

ticket, it's possible that your license can be suspended. A driver is allowed 12 points in 12 months and 18 point in 24 months."

Those given a speeding ticket for 17 km over the speed limit will receive three points on their license. Speeding violations of 18-24 km will result in four points and 25-34 km will result in five points given on a license.

For those driving 35 km over the speed limit, an automatic license suspension will be imposed and possible apprehension.

The fact that speed limits are not posted throughout the Station is not a good reason to drive fast, said Perez.

"The speed limit everywhere on the Station is 25 km per hour unless posted," added Perez.

Sgt. Ryan Wilkinson, PMO accident investigator division chief, said, "Speeding in school zones is a big problem. We will be heavily enforcing the schools with hand radars to make sure speed limits are being followed."

Speeding is a problem that can be avoided with a little patience and keeping the safety of others in mind, said Perez. It is not necessary to drive fast especially on this Station because it is so small.

not strap up," said Wilkinson. "The whole intent of it is if they see other people getting tickets, then it'll make others want to strap up."

Drivers and front passengers usually are good about wearing their seat belts, added Wilkinson.

"We have a bigger problem with the passengers in the back seats," said Wilkinson. "I have seen kids running around. If a car is stopped for the driver and passengers not wearing their seat belt, it is important that the driver knows he will be the one held responsible."

According to the NHTSA, since the "Click It or Ticket It" campaign started in 1997, seat belt usage has risen 33 percent.

Last year, the national "Click It or Ticket" campaign

the Station to emphasize the seriousness, said Wilkinson.

"We will be profiling unbelted drivers in areas where it is common to

increased seat belt usage four percent to 79 percent.

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Making the electronic "Stars and Stripes" available worldwide allows service members to view exact replica copies of the newspaper's European, Pacific and Mideast editions, providing timely Pacific Theater news and information for and about deployed forces. For the first time, service members in the United States have access to this online newspaper, where the hard copy newspaper is not printed.

According to the newspaper officials, the airing of the Pentagon Channel provides the capability for defense officials

and military leaders to talk directly to service members at stateside and overseas military locations.

The release also stated the Pentagon Channel will also be distributed 24-hours a day, seven days a week, to military installations in all 50 states via a domestic satellite. DoD is also offering the Pentagon Channel to all cable and satellite providers.

Information on how to receive the Pentagon Channel via satellite, cable or the World Wide Web can be found at <http://pentagonchannel.mil>. The electronic version of the newspaper is available online at <http://estripes.osd.mil>.

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increase awareness of the proper conduct and behavior required while on liberty, according to MCBJO 1050.6. Leaders will focus on those issues throughout the workday June 11. For the rest of the weekend, all III MEF and MCBJ service members will be required to be on base or in their off-base residences from midnight to 5 a.m.

Marine Corps Community Services will be providing many discounted activities to entertain service members and their families to accommodate the stand down weekend. Although this new policy is aimed at lowering the incident rate in our host foreign country, Blackman said the incident rate here is much lower when compared to military communities in the United States.

"It wasn't one incident, but a general trend that needs reversing. We owe it to the Okinawan community [and mainland Japan] to be sincerely helpful and productive members (of the community), and this is a tangible way for us to be serious," he said.

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weather channel six for updates on conditions and weather updates," said Perry.

Perry also stated residents should not cover-up anything outside because plastic wrap or tarps could get lodged in sewer drains if blown away from the home.

The Station also prohibits the consumption of alcohol during a typhoon.

Here are the rest of the Tropical Cyclone Conditions:

- ♦ **Tropical Cyclone Condition IV** - The trend indicates a possible threat of tropical cyclone within 72 hours.
- ♦ **Tropical Cyclone Condition III** - Destructive winds of 50 knots or greater are possible within 48 hours.
- ♦ **Tropical Cyclone Condition II** - Destructive winds of 50 knots or greater are anticipated within 24 hours.
- ♦ **Tropical Cyclone Condition I** - Destructive winds of 50 knots or greater are anticipated within 12 hours.
- ♦ **Tropical Cyclone Condition I** - Caution Winds of 34 to 49 knots are occurring on Station.
- ♦ **Tropical Cyclone Condition IE (Emergency)** - Destructive winds of 50 knots or greater are occurring on Station.
- ♦ **Tropical Cyclone Condition IR (Recovery)** - Destructive winds of 50 knots or greater are no longer occurring. Emergency crews and safety facilities personnel assess air station readiness for normal operations.
- ♦ **Tropical Cyclone Condition Storm Watch** - Although the destructive winds have subsided or are currently no longer forecast to occur, there is still a possibility of danger due the proximity of the storm and due to the unforecast changes in storm track and/or strength.
- ♦ **Tropical Cyclone Condition All Clear** - All tropical cyclone imminent dangers have passed. Return to Condition IV.

More than a one-hour photo

Combat Visual Information Center provides Station with photography needs

CPL. ROBERT W. WYNKOOP
Combat Correspondent

The shutter falls at the push of a button — instantly a moment in time is captured forever. From the “tip of the spear” in forward deployed locations to garrison commands here and stateside, combat photographers strive to provide lasting images of the Marine Corps as well as full-service audiovisual assistance to military units here.

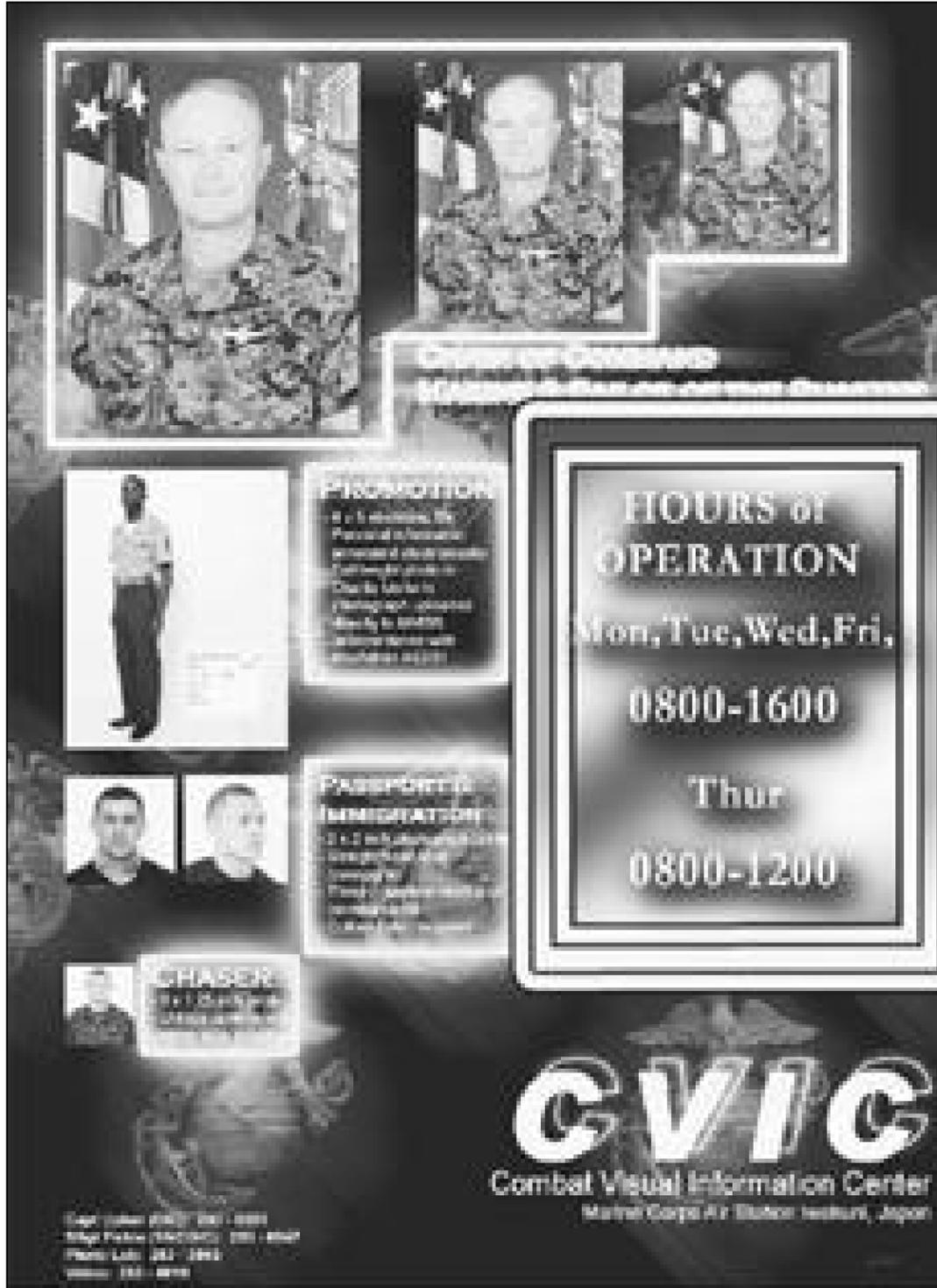
Located in Building One, room 115, the Combat Visual Information Center can assist local service members and commands in a variety of ways, according to Sgt. Anthony J. Adamson, CIVIC combat photographer.

“Our shop is here to support others with on-site photo shoots, where a photographer goes to your location and takes group pictures or documents an event, as well as studio photography, where service members come here and take individual photos for military use,” Adamson said.

CVIC’s services can range from staff noncommissioned officer selection board photos, command board images and brig chaser photos to no-fee passport photos and the United Through Reading Program videotaped storytelling for deployed parents and more, he said.

The center operates with four Marine combat photographers and one Japanese civilian studio photographer, who work hard to ensure each photograph taken is of the highest quality, but Adamson explains even the photo subjects have to put in effort of their own — ensuring that they are responsible for a neat and professional military appearance in the photo shoot.

“We recommend when taking a selection board



Poster courtesy of Combat Visual Information Center

photo, that you bring a ‘buddy’ to look over your uniform before you take the picture. You should check and recheck the placement of ribbons and devices as well. The photographers may adjust the subject’s uniform if they notice a discrepancy, but

graphic services should be filled out one week prior to the event or desired project start date. The center generally utilizes a five-day turnaround time for services. The CVIC photo studio is open Mondays through Fridays from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.

it’s only a courtesy. The subject is ultimately responsible for his appearance.”

For passport photos, subjects must wear a dark colored, collared shirt and chaser card photos are taken in the uniform of the day.

The United Through Reading Program is another service offered by the center. The program allows deployed family members to record themselves reading a book to loved ones back in the States. The service is free and open to anyone and the only requirement according to Lance Cpl. Brian Henner, CVIC combat photographer, is parents must bring their own VHS videocassette to record to.

“They may call or come in and let us know they want to sit down and read to their children. We have a new, private reading area with a comfortable chair and lamp that is used for the program. Most people bring their own books to read, but we do have some books available for use.

“We set up the video camera and press record and let the parents read to their children and send a special message,” Henner said. “We try to have the tape duplicated for use within the same day depending on work load, but the latest a tape will be ready is one business day.”

Requests for other photo-



Photos by Lance Cpl. Giovanni Lobello

Lance Cpl. Brian Henner, CVIC combat photographer, sets up the camera in the room dedicated to the United Through Reading program.



Cpl. Amber Castro, Combat Visual Information Center combat photographer, takes a promotion style photo in the CVIC studio.

Venomous spiders m

LANCE CPL. DAVID REVERE
Combat Correspondent

Not every Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni resident works for the government.

Western Black Widow spiders have attempted to make a home here since 1997. Additionally, efforts to eradicate the pests have revealed a small number of two of their cousins: the Brown Widow and the Red Back.

The Brown Widow and the Red Back have been identified in other Japanese port cities, but the Black Widow has only been found on the Station, making containment and eradication crucial.

The population of all three spiders has decreased 60-70 percent from 2001 due to the efforts of Facilities Pest Control Department, yet an educated awareness of these uninvited guests remains important to possess.

“Our pest control team conducts spider inspections every day of the workweek,” said Lt. j.g. Fred Kelly, Facilities maintenance officer. “They are diligent in searching the places we know the spiders live.”

While no spiders have been found along the fence line, construction of a 20-inch tall spider fence is slated to begin in the near future along the boundary between the Station and the city.

“The Spider population is contained to the Station,” said Kelly. “None have been found off Station and none have been found near the fence line.”

Annually, the Station brings an entomologist aboard to survey the current state of the spider population and review the discover and eradication methods employed by the Station.

According to the Washington State University Web site, mature, female, black widow spiders have a diameter of approximately one-and-a-half inches. Adult spiders are distinctively shiny and dark colored. The most commonly recognized feature of female black widows is the presence of a red or red-orange hourglass pattern on the underside of the abdomen.

Male widow spiders are much smaller (about 1/4 size) than the females and are not capable of biting humans.



Internet Photos

The dangerous black widow spider is disarmingly small, only about one-and-a-half inches in diameter.



The Black Widow Spider is easily distinguished by the red, hourglass symbol on the underside of it's abdomen.

camp in Iwakuni

Black spiders are distinguished from widows by a telltale red stripe on the back. Native to the Pacific Northwest, these spiders were first identified in Japan in 1995.

Black widow spiders vary from dark brown or almost black to a variable markings of black, red, orange, or brown on the abdomen. Unlike the black widow, the hourglass on the black widow's abdomen is orange to red in color.

Black widow spiders were first identified in Japan in 1995, and in Iwakuni Station in July, 2001.

According to the Washington State University Web site, this spider family is found on plants, in loose stones, or in the corners of garages or outbuildings.

From one of these spiders, a victim felt immediate pain and was stung at first.

"Black widow bites are rare," said Dr. Gene Garland, Branch Chief of environmental health. "The type of spider will roll into a ball and drop to

the ground when confronted. Bites are usually the result of someone putting their foot into a shoe that has been left outside or climbing into bedding while camping."

According to the Washington State University Web site, slight swelling and reddening at the bite site are early signs, followed by intense muscular pain, rigidity of the abdomen and legs, difficulty in breathing, and nausea.

"If you think you've been bitten and are unable to identify the type of bite, closely observe the bite for several days and be sensitive to any symptoms that may develop," said Dr. Garland. "If symptoms develop, seek medical assistance immediately."

According to Garland, Station residents should always have situational awareness regarding spiders.

"I also suggest being observant when working in infrequently disturbed areas such as gardens, crawl spaces, and outbuildings," said Dr. Garland.

For more information, call 253-4374.



The Red Back is so-named for the red, vertical stripe along its back.

If you think you've been bitten...

- Try to identify the spider. Save it, if possible.
- Clean the affected area well with soap and water.
- Apply a cool compress over the bite location and elevate the affected limb to heart level.
- Aspirin or acetaminophen may be used to relieve minor symptoms in adults. Do not give Aspirin to children – only acetaminophen.
- Place a snug bandage above the bite to slow or halt the venom from spreading. The bandage should be tight enough to slow the flow of blood at skin level, while maintaining circulation in the limb.
- Most importantly, seek immediate medical attention. This is particularly important for Black Widow bites.



The Brown Widow is identified by its yellow and brown spotted back.

If you identify a venomous spider...

- Do not attempt to capture it
- Contact Facilities help desk immediately (253-3131)
- If possible, don't kill the spider so that a positive identification can be made.

Service members make special visit

STORY AND PHOTOS BY
LANCE CPL RUBEN D. CALDERON
Combat Correspondent

UDONTHANI, Thailand — A group of Marines and Sailors, participating in Exercise Cobra Gold '04 here, traveled to a small village to pay a special visit to special children, May 20.

Navy Lt. Shaun Brown, Marine Aircraft Group 12 chaplain, and Petty Officer 1st Class Delores M. Davis-Stewart, MAG-12 religious program specialist, invited seven Marines and Sailors to travel to the remote village of Donwai, located approximately one mile away from the border of Laos, to the Sarnelli House, a home for orphans who are HIV positive.

The orphanage gives a home to 54 HIV positive children. Their ages range from 4 months to 15 years old.

"The Sarnelli House was opened in 1999 for children who tested positive for HIV or AIDS. The children living here receive anti-retroviral AIDS drugs, food, clothing and most importantly, love," said Father Michael J. Shea, Catholic priest and supervisor of the orphanage.

Shea, who has been stationed in Thailand for 38 years, has worked with orphans and widows his entire stay here.

"Here, in the northeast of Thailand, is the only place where HIV infected children come. The children are orphans because their parents died of AIDS and they have no one else to take care of them. Their families don't seem to want anything to do with them, so they bring them here. Here we happily take them in," added Shea.

Funding for the orphanage comes from various organizations in the United States and in Germany, and some from the Thai government.

The Thai government allows the children to attend public schools. Although the children must attend in anonymity, for fear of the students' parents.

"If people were to find out that their children are attending school with children who are HIV positive,

who knows what could happen," stated Shea. "We want the children to try to have a normal life."

The children are happy and comfortable as much as they can possibly be, considering the circumstances. They are also responding well to the medicine they receive, added Shea.

The children jumped with excitement to see the service members arrive. The Marines and Sailors brought along clothes, toys and candy to give to the orphanage.

"It's very humbling to see these beautiful children and knowing that they have a disease, said Davis-Stewart. "I have two children in the same age group as the orphans here, and it just makes me think how unfortunate it is for them."

"I didn't know that all the children were HIV positive. It just makes me

feel more appreciative of all the things I have. Experiencing this and seeing these children made me think of my daughter back home," said Staff Sgt. Jabari A. McDonald, Marine (All-Weather) Fighter Attack Squadron 225 communication navigation technician.

"The orphans live in solitude and in isolation," said Shea. "They are outcast to their own country and even to the world. Yet their ignorance to the world and their disease, being that they are so young, make them far more precious. All they have in the world is me, the orphanage staff of 16 and each other."

Donations can be sent to Reverend Patrick O'Brien at the Sarnelli House, C.Ss.R. Redemptorist Mission Office, P.O. Box 6, Glenview, Illinois 60025-0006.

For more information, contact Chaplain Brown at 253-3971.



Staff Sgt. Jabari A. McDonald, Marine (All-Weather) Fighter Attack Squadron 225 communication navigation technician, hands out candy to eager children from the Sarnelli House.



Petty Officer 1st Class Delores M. Davis-Stewart, Marine Aircraft Group 12 religious program specialist, holds one of the many children at the Sarnelli House, an orphanage for children with HIV or AIDS.

OUT THE GATE

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

Calamus Tea Ceremony

A tea ceremony is scheduled at two buildings in Shukkeien Park in Hiroshima Sunday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The park is open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission fee is required in order to enter the park and attend the tea ceremony. It is not cancelled in case of rain. Call 082-221-3620 for more information.

Herb Ritts' Photograph Exhibition

This exhibition is held at Shunan City Museum of Art and History, today through July 25, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The museum closes July 20 and Mondays except July 19. Admission fee is required. Call 0834-22-8880 for details.

Calamus Festival

A festival is held around Kikko Park, near the Kintai Bridge, until June 13. Calamus blossoms can be viewed in this area. There will be a tea ceremony at the Kinunkaku building Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission fee is re-

quired. Nearly 60 pieces of flower arrangement are displayed at Chokokan, Kikkawa Museum and Iwakuni Museum until June 13. The admission is free. Call 41-1477 for more information.

Botanical Displays

Displays are scheduled at the Hiroshima Botanical Garden. Botanical art, accurate drawing of plants, will be displayed now through June 17 and herbs will be displayed now through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The garden is closed on Fridays. Admission fee is required. For more information, 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

Toyota Land Cruiser, 1991, 7 passenger, 6 pack CD player, snow package, locking rear differential, 4 new tires, 2 new batteries, roof rack, JCI until May 2006. Call MSgt. Darby at 253-4120 dwh or 253-2180 awb or 090-2809-3834.

Honda Ascot, 1990, sun roof, radio/cassette, 4 door, comfortable, JCI until Sept. 2005, \$1,100 obo. Call J. Sweeney at 253-3501 dwh or e-mail jsweeneycz@hotmail.com.

Honda Street, 1991, 5 passenger van, CD player, JCI until Sept. 2004, \$800. Call 253-6058 to leave a message.

Bongo Brawny, 1990, JCI until Sept. 2005, \$400. Call 253-6058 to leave a message.

Nissan Primera, 1994, 4 door, A/C, P/D, P/W, radio/cassette, JCI until May 2005. Call GySgt. Allen at 253-6096 dwh or 253-2228 awb.

Toyota Vista, 1990, 4 door, JCI until April 2005, \$400 obo. Call 253-4453 dwh or 253-7157 awb.

Suzuki Escudo, 1991, 4 passenger, new set of tires and rims, JCI until Sept. 2004, \$1,000 obo. Call Thomas at 253-4133 dwh or 253-2384 awb.

Nissan Vanette Exclusive, 1989, 7 passenger,

JCI until Dec. 2004, \$1,500 obo. Call Thomas at 253-4133 dwh or 253-2384 awb.

VW Golf GLI, 1996, 2 door, automatic, A/C, CD player, midnight blue, JCI until July 2005, \$1,500. Call Therese Fitzgerald at 253-4383 dwh.

1200 XL Custom 100th Anniversary, 2003, added chrome, custom grips/mirrors, \$10,500 obo. Call George Jacoby at 253-5255 dwh or 090-9414-6595.

OTHER ITEMS

Misc., 2 new in cabin pet kennels, \$25 each; new under cabin pet kennel, \$30. All kennels are FAA approved and meet TMO

size requirements. Call SSgt. Wenner at 253-5230 dwh or 253-2871 awb.

Misc., 4 free kittens, have been to vet. Call Jim Davis at 253-4794 dwh or 0834-88-2551 awb.

Misc., Japanese style bicycle, like new, \$50. Call 253-4453 dwh or 253-7157 awb.

Misc., hard plastic cabinets, 113cm wide, 8 drawers size 26cm x 32.5cm deep; hard plastic cabinets, 103cm wide, 10 drawers size 30cm x 40cm; hard plastic cabinets, 104.5cm wide, 10 drawers size 43cm x 33cm; nick-nacks; Japanese dolls. Call Tony Ramos at 253-4108 dwh or 253-2022 awb or 090-7595-9324.

Misc., three kerosene heaters with cans and gates, \$250; JVC 27" color TV with stand, mint condition, \$150. Call 38-0289.

JOB OPENINGS

CHRO (253-6828)

Clinic:

-Social Worker

AHO:

-Air Traffic Control Specialist (Terminal)

Facilities:

-Working Aid

DECA:

-Sales Store Checker (Intermittent)

-Sales Store Checker

-Store Worker (Intermittent)

MCCS (253-3030)

(The following jobs are open at MCCS Personnel)

MCCS Job Listing:

-Retail Area Supervisor, civilian only, Main Complex

-Catering Manager, Club Iwakuni

-Duty Manager, Bachelor Housing

-Recreation Assistant, Divemaster

-Office Automation Clerk, civilian only, Executive Office

-Materials Handler, civilian only, Warehouse

-Senior Sales Associate, civilian only, Main Complex

-Sales Associate, civilian only, Main Complex

-Beautician, Beauty Shop

-Receptionist, Beauty Shop

-Supervisory Vending Specialist, civilian only, Services Branch

-Food Service Worker, civilian only, School Cafeteria

-Library Technician, Library

-Library Aid, Library

-Recreation Attendant, civilian only, Athletics

-Recreation Assistant, civilian only, Health Promotions

-Recreation Attendant, Outdoor Recreation

Go to www.mccsiwakuni.com for a complete job listing.



MOVIE SCHEDULE

FRIDAY

11 a.m./5 p.m. Freaky Friday (PG)
 2 p.m./8 p.m. Something's Gotta Give (PG-13)
 11 p.m./5 a.m. The Human Stain (R)
 2 a.m. American Wedding (R)

SATURDAY

11 a.m./5 p.m. Brother Bear (G)
 2 p.m./8 p.m. Along Came Polly (PG)
 11 p.m./5 a.m. Knockaround Guys (R)
 2 a.m. Hart's War (R)

SUNDAY

11 a.m./5 p.m. Daddy Day Care (PG)
 2 p.m./8 p.m. Mona Lisa Smile (PG-13)
 11 p.m./5 a.m. Memento (R)
 2 a.m. The Forsaken (R)

MONDAY

11 a.m./5 p.m. Catch That Kid (PG)
 2 p.m./8 p.m. The Cat In The Hat (PG)
 11 p.m./5 a.m. All About The Benjamins (R)
 2 a.m. BAT 21 (R)

TUESDAY

11 a.m./5 p.m. Chasing Liberty (PG-13)
 2 p.m./8 p.m. Big Fish (PG-13)
 11 p.m./5 a.m. Blow (R)
 2 a.m. The Contender (R)

WEDNESDAY

11 a.m./5 p.m. Johnny English (PG)
 2 p.m./8 p.m. Happy Gilmore (PG-13)
 11 p.m./5 a.m. Blow (R)
 2 a.m. Fargo (R)

THURSDAY

11 a.m./5 p.m. Legally Blonde 2 (PG-13)
 2 p.m./8 p.m. Daredevil (PG-13)
 11 p.m./5 a.m. Lara Croft 2 (PG-13)
 2 a.m. Exit Wounds (R)

SAKURA THEATER



WALKING TALL

Chris Vaughn, a retired soldier who returns to his hometown to make a new life for himself, only to discover his wealthy high school rival, Jay Hamilton, has closed the once-prosperous lumber mill and turned the town's resources towards his own criminal gains. The place Chris grew up is now overrun with crime, drugs, and violence. Enlisting the help of his old pal Ray Templeton, Chris gets elected sheriff and vows to shut down Hamilton's operations. (87 minutes)



VAN HELSING

Set in the late 19th century, monster hunter Dr. Gabriel Van Helsing is summoned to a mysterious land in East Europe to vanquish evil forces ... evil forces with names like Count Dracula, the Wolf Man, and Frankenstein's Monster. Assisting him once he gets there is Anna, the heir of a long-running family committed to hunting down and destroying Dracula. (145 minutes)



HELLBOY

When a Nazi mystical experiment goes awry in 1944, the target of a wizard's spell, the child of Satan, Hellboy, is wrenched from his home, and adopted by the U.S. agents who intercept his arrival. Raised as a force of good, Hellboy grows up to be a full-fledged demon in the form of a man. Now, the adult Hellboy is sent on a mission that brings him back in touch with the evil genius that started it all. (112 minutes)

FRIDAY

7 p.m. Walking Tall (PG-13)
 10 p.m. The Ladykillers (R)

SATURDAY

4 p.m. Van Helsing (PG-13)
 7 p.m. Hellboy (PG-13)
 10 p.m. The Whole Ten Yards (PG-13)

SUNDAY

4 p.m. Walking Tall (PG-13)
 7 p.m. Troy (R)

MONDAY

7 p.m. The Prince And Me (PG)

TUESDAY

7 p.m. Van Helsing (PG-13)

WEDNESDAY

7 p.m. Jersey Girl (PG-13)

THURSDAY

1 p.m. Home On The Range (PG)
 7 p.m. The Whole Ten Yards (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.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

EDUCATION

Test Schedule

Tuesdays/Fridays - CLEP, DSST

Monday - DLAB

Wednesday - DLPT

June 16 - ACT

June 17 - SAT

June 24 - AFCT

June 28 - EDPT

For more information, call 253-3855.

CHRO

CHRO Training

■ **Effective Communication Skills:** June 21-23, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

■ **Privacy Act:** June 24, 1-2 p.m.

■ **Human Resources 101:** July 6-9, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information and nomination, call 253-6828 or send e-mail to shiomuram.jp@iwakuni.usmc.mil. Classes will be held at Building one, Room 102.

MCCS

Career Resource Management Center (253-6439)

■ **Ten Steps To Federal Employment:** Tuesday, 9-11 a.m.

■ **Teaching English For Profit Tips:** Thursday, 1-2:30 p.m.

■ **Transition Assistance Program Seminar:** Monday through June 11, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Club Iwakuni (253-3727)

■ **Prime Rib Night:** Saturday, 6:30-9 p.m. ballroom. All you can eat delicious Slow-Roasted Prime Rib of Beef for \$15.95.

■ **Bosses' Night:** Tuesday, 5-7 p.m. in the Staff NCO Club. Uniform of the day required.

■ **Comedy Showcase:** Featuring Nate Timmel and Black Prince. All ranks and free, Wednesday, in the ballroom. Doors open at 8 p.m. Show starts at 9 p.m.

MCX (253-5641)

■ **Techno Expo:** Today and Saturday. Discount items include portable DVD players, televisions and portable MD players.

Single Marine Program (253-3891)

■ **Sasebo Trip,** June 12, 7 a.m. \$20 transportation. Bring yen for shopping and lunch.

■ **Shuhodo Caves,** June 13, 10 a.m. \$20 transportation. Bring yen for admission and dinner.

■ **Pool & Chess Tournament,** June 19, 6 p.m. Prizes for first, second and third place winners.

Youth Center (253-4769)

■ **Oshima Nagisa Aquarium:** June 26, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is ¥100 for children and ¥210 for adults. Register before June 23. The aquarium features a petting fish pool.

Teen Center (253-6454)

■ **Father's Day Fishing at Yasaka Dam:** June 19, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Poles, bait and drinks are provided. Bring bag lunches. Sign-up at the IronWorks Gym for \$5.

Yukata Classes

Thursday afternoons in June, July and August. If you'd like to learn how to properly wear a yukata, Japanese cotton kimono, call Yoko Seo at 253-6165.

Women's Support Group

Are you a juggling many roles in your life or struggling with parenting issues, being a military wife, and having trouble when your spouse is deployed? Marine & Family Services is planning a Women's Support Group. For more information, call 253-4526.

National Diary Month At Bookstore

Join us at the bookstore in Crossroads Mall and browse our selection of diaries and journals. Enter to win a bookstore gift certificate.

Grocery Shopping Tour

June 18, 1-3 p.m. Call 253-6165 for more information.

COMMUNITY

Iwakuni City International Youth Program

Japanese students, 13-17 years old, are looking for several American families, living on

base, to help them experience the American lifestyle in the afternoon on June 19. Contact the Public Affairs Office at 253-5344/5551 for more information.

Crime Stoppers

If you have any information pertaining to a crime please call "Crime Stoppers" at 253-3333. Crime Stoppers is an answering service designed for anonymous callers to give information that would assist the Provost Marshal's Office in solving and preventing crime.

Thrift Store

The Thrift Store is open Mondays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Wednesdays from 5-8 p.m. and the last Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in Building 1117, located next to the Chapel. Volunteers and donations are always welcome. Call 253-4721 for more information.

Iwakuni Toastmasters

Toastmasters (TM) International provides an excellent opportunity to learn and practice proper public speaking and invaluable leadership skills. The TM experience also looks very good on your resume. The class meets every 2nd Thursday evening and 4th Friday at lunch. Japanese with intermediate or better English skills are welcome. Call Sallie Donahue at 253-5328 for more information.

CHAPEL SERVICES

Roman Catholic

Saturday	4:30 p.m.	Confession
	5:30 p.m.	Mass
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Mass
	10:45 a.m.	CCD

Protestant

Sunday	8 a.m.	Non-Denominational Christian Worship Service
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School/ Adult Bible Fellowships
	11 a.m.	Gospel Worship Service
	7 p.m.	Liturgical Divine Worship (1st Sunday of the Month)

Cooperative Chapel Ministries

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

LAY LED SERVICES

Church of Christ

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
Wednesday	7 p.m.	Bible Study

Jesus Christ Apostolic

Sunday	12:30 p.m.	Worship Service
Thursday	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study

Seventh-Day Adventist

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

Jewish

Friday 6 p.m. Shabbat

Latter Day Saints

Sunday	1 p.m.	Priesthood/RS Meeting
	2 p.m.	Sunday School
	3 p.m.	Sacrament

For information regarding divine services, religious education or any other Command Religious Program/Chapel activity, call the Station Chapel at 253-5218.



Lance Cpl. Giovanni Lobello

Fallen war time heroes honored in Memorial Day celebration

Service members along with Station residents gathered at the Vietnam Memorial located in front of the Commissary. The color guard, a small detail of Marines with M-16's and a Marine with a trumpet paid tribute to those who sacrificed their lives for their nation. They were honored with a prayer and one of the nation's greatest tributes, a 21-gun salute.

Fun run sparks energy awareness

STORY AND PHOTOS BY
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Station and local residents enjoyed a cool, evening competition May 25 in honor of Energy Awareness Week.

Youth ages 15 and under ran 2.5 kilometer along the sea wall, followed by a five-km adult race.

"Besides advertising Energy Awareness Week, this is a way to get people out of their houses so they aren't burning electricity," said Chief Petty Officer Richard Robinson, Facilities energy conservation manager.

Instead, the runners burned calories as they competed for overall and age-division trophies.

Michael Boland, 12, won first place overall in the youth run, scorching the asphalt in just under 11 minutes.

Jacklynn Manning, 11, took the overall youth female prize in 16 minutes.

The competitors were reminded of the importance of conserving energy, even as they spent their own.

"I enjoyed just getting to run, getting out of the house and saving energy," said Mercedes Martinez, 11.

Martinez came home with a 2nd place trophy overall for the females in the youth run.

"My dad challenged me," said Mia Lasyone, 10. "He said, 'Come on, you'll have fun and you'll come home to mom with a trophy!'"

Lasyone wasn't disappointed, coming home to mom with a third place trophy for the female 10-12 year-old age division.

The five-km race also benefited from some healthy competition, but having fun was the name of the game.

"I always try to come to these races," said Takanari Kanida, an



Racers kick off the five-kilometer Energy Awareness Run along the sea wall, May 26.

Iwakuni resident. "I'm 40, but I am 20 in my heart. These races give me a good strong heart and improve my stamina."

Another opportunity for competition in the spirit of energy conservation came Saturday morning. A five-km youth bicycle race was held, followed by the adult competition, cycling four laps around the Station.

Robinson said good health isn't promoted by wasting energy sitting in a house.

"People should know they don't have to sit around and watch television all day long. There's more than just the Gameboy or Playstation." Robinson said the Station's energy bill goes from \$400,000 to nearly \$1 million during the summer months due to air conditioning.

"It's not a bad thing," Robinson said, "But if you leave your windows



Karen (left) and Christina Moore take first place trophies for the female 13-15 year-old age division. The sisters ran the race together in just over 20 minutes.

and doors open all the time, that's a problem. The more money we spend on the electric bill, the less money is being put into projects that improve that quality of life on the Station."



Levi Lescher enjoys a comfortable lead over Takanari Kaneda during the five-kilometer Energy Awareness race, May 25.

IWAKUNI SPORTS SCENE

ACTIVE DUTY SWIM LESSONS

Group swim lessons are for active duty personnel only. Two groups, for beginners and advanced swimmers, meet twice a week for four weeks. June 14-July 8. Beginners meet Mondays and Wednesdays, 6-6:45 p.m. Advanced swimmers meet Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6-6:45 p.m. Sign-up costs \$15 and is available at the Aquatics Office/Scuba Locker in the IronWorks Gym. In addition, free group swim lessons for active duty members start June 14 and are on Wednesdays 5:30-6:30 a.m. Call 253-4966 for more information.

UNIT POKER 5-KILOMETER RUN

Sign-up before Tuesday. U.S. military and JMSDF units compete June 11, on the seawall behind the IronWorks Gym. Check in begins at 10:45 a.m. First and second place winners receive medals and money for their unit party fund. Call 253-5654 for details.

FAMILY APPRECIATION DAYS

Saturday, 1-5 p.m. All games are half price at the Bowling Center. Call 253-4657 for more information.

NAKAYAMAGAWA DAM FISHING TRIP

June 12, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sign-up costs \$15. Free rods and reels are available at Gear Issue. Bring your own bait, tackle, home lunch and water. For details, call 253-3822.

DOUBLE RACQUET BALL TOURNAMENT

Players meet June 15, 10 a.m. in the IronWorks Gym Wellness Room. Tournament begins June 19. Call 253-5777 for details.

SUMMER BASKETBALL

The season begins Monday. Call 253-5777 for more information.

Summer begins with a splash

STORY AND PHOTOS BY
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With three swimming pools on Station, residents need not worry about what to do for fun during these steamy summer months.

The Main Outdoor Pool, the Club Iwakuni Pool, and the IronWorks Gym Pool offer watery solutions to the heat.

"I don't know of any other base that's this size and offers three swimming pools," said Kris Gildersleeve, Marine Corps Community Services swimming instructor. "We're definitely here for fun. The facilities here are awesome. People should take advantage of what we have to offer."

Those who plan to utilize the pool this summer must remember to comply with all directions from the lifeguards. Rules such as taking a shower before entering the pool, no eating, drinking or smoking in the pool or on the pool deck, no pets allowed at the pools, no rough play in or near the pool, and no rafts or air mattresses are set into place to protect pool patrons.

"Safety is always our first concern" said Gildersleeve. "We serve all ages. While you may be an able-bodied 19-year-old who knows you can do back flips off the diving board, you may not realize there is a 5-year-old nearby. Try to ensure the safety of all patrons, not just yourself."

According to Gildersleeve, it's important not only to be aware of what's around, but also what's above.

"Always wear sunscreen" said Gildersleeve. "Even on those cloudy days. That's when you can get the most burnt because you don't realize the (ultra violet) rays are affecting you."

Marine Corps Community Services aquatics department will also be holding swimming classes this summer beginning June 14.

"We have four, two-week sessions," said Gildersleeve.

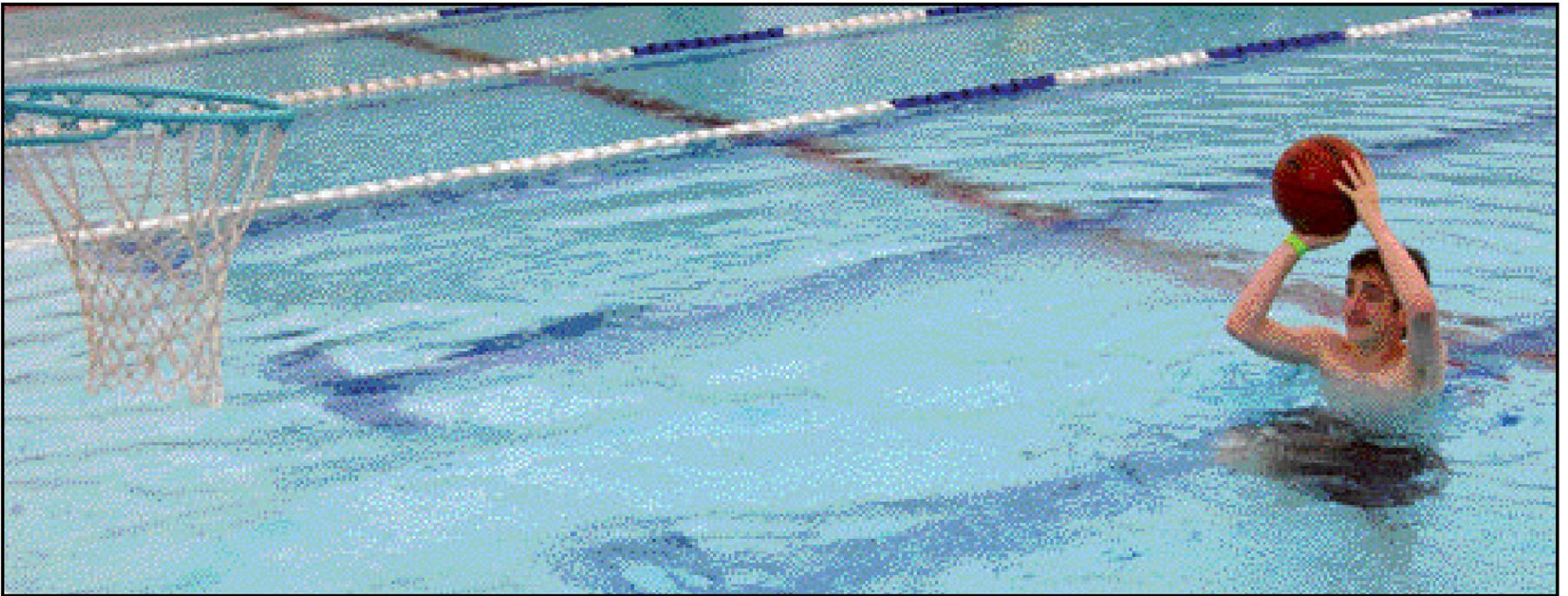
"All levels of American Red Cross swimming lessons are available for either the morning or the afternoon."

Residents can register now at the MCCA aquatics office in the Iron-Works Gym.

For more information on the Station pools, call 253-4966.



Nicholas Pena enjoys some refreshing fun in the shallow end at the Main Outside Pool, May 30. The 50-meter pool also has a three meter deep end.



Sean Pena practices his game while cooling off at the Main Outdoor Pool, May 30. In addition to water basketball facilities, the pool has a diving board and three swimming lanes for individual exercise.

STATION POOL HOURS

MAIN OUTDOOR POOL

(Located across from Cross Roads Mall)

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Tuesday, Thursday: 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Weekends: 12-6 p.m.

CLUB IWAKUNI POOL

(Located behind the Officer's Club)

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Tuesday, Thursday: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Weekends: 12-9 p.m.

IRONWORKS GYM POOL

(Located inside, next to the basketball court)

Monday through Friday: 5 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Saturday: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Sunday: 12-6 p.m.