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Historic landing begins Forager Fury 2012

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TINIAN, Commonwealth Of The Northern Marianas — Exercise Forager Fury 2012 officially began Nov. 28 as a Boeing 747-400 aircraft made history by being the first 747 to land on the Commonwealth of

the Northern Marianas Island of Tinian. The aircraft brought 160,000 pounds of equipment and gear which are vital for Marine Aircraft Group 12's execution of the exercise.

"We needed to get all this equipment down here, fuel bladders, arresting gear, tents and everything we need to run the airfield for our MAG-12 fixed wing aviation while

also supporting Navy helicopters," said Maj. Matthew Halbert, airfield operations company commander and Tinian officer in charge for Marine Wing Support Squadron 171. "The airlift proved to be a great asset and the landing is a unique thing here, it

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LANCE CPL. J. GAGE KARWICK

A Boeing 747-400 aircraft is unloaded at Tinian International Airport during Exercise Forager Fury 2012. This was the first 747 to land on Tinian and brought gear and equipment vital for Marine Aircraft Group 12's execution of the exercise. Training on Tinian's West Field will include emplacement of arresting gear, fuel storage, and fuel distribution for purposes of extending aviation training throughout the Mariana Island Range Complex. This historic landing marked the beginning of the exercise which will run through Dec. 19.

Civil aviation returns to Iwakuni after 48 years

Lance Cpl. Benjamin Pryer
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The Osaka Civil Aviation Bureau (OCAB), the Fukuoka District Meteorological Observatory (FDMO), the Chugoku Shikoku Defense Bureau (CSDB) and Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni conducted the Local Implementation Agreements Signature Ceremony inside Building One here, Nov. 27, 2012.

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Female Marines set to do pull-ups for PFT

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Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. James F. Amos signed ALMAR 046/12 Nov. 27, 2012, making the official change to the physical fitness test for female Marines.

The change will start Jan. 1, 2013, but females are not required to do pull-ups for score on the physical fitness test until Jan. 1, 2014.

Calendar year 2013 will serve as a transition period for female Marines and their units to adjust physical

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

'Great Start, Poor Finish'

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It was the summer of 1964, our nation was in turbulence with the assassination of President John F. Kennedy and we were neck deep in the Vietnam War.

Baseball gave us a glimpse of hope, as the Phillies stunned everyone with a winning season and were on their way to becoming National League champions.

Their third baseman won the rookie of the year and the outfielder barely missed being nominated Most Valuable Player.

They were on their way to capture the World Series and bring back glory to the city of brotherly love.

Everyone thought the Phillies would win the World Series. But, the fighting Phil's didn't make it to the postseason. They lost 10 straight games and finished a game behind the St. Louis Cardinals who won the World Series that year.

The '64 Phillies are known as the team with "the Story of Baseball's

Most Memorable Collapse."

Great beginning, poor finish! My junior year in high school, there was a cross-country runner from Lumberton, N.C. He was a phenomenal runner.

He not only broke his school record, but also of his conference and almost the state record. He was so good and everybody knew that he was going to win the conference cross-country race.

That year's final race was held in my high school, and the winner would automatically go to the state race.

The race began and sure enough, the runner from Lumberton just took off and passed everyone.

We all thought he was going to win. But as he came towards the end of the race, he took the wrong turn and went off in the wrong direction. By the time he realized and made a U-turn, it was too late.

Great beginning, poor finish! Everywhere we look, we can see people with great beginnings but finishing poorly. Great figures throughout history, politicians, military leaders, movie stars, sports figure, the rich and famous, as well as ordinary people like you and me can have great beginnings but finish poor.

We have seen brilliant leaders who toiled their entire lives to obtain great success and accomplishments, just to have

it all thrown away at the end of their career or life.

Why is it so difficult to finish strong? Why is it in our nature to finish poor?

I think there's a lot of reasons, but one of them would be pride.

Often our success puffs our pride and narcissism out of proportion. We start making impulsive decisions and treating others less than who they are as we flex our power and ego.

An entire book could be written about this subject but that's for another time.

So, how can we finish strong? I would say the best thing we can do is to get a role model and follow their example. For me it would be Christ.

The best way I find myself finishing strong is by focusing on Christ!

The Scripture is very clear what he did and who he is.

In this busy holiday season, why not look to Jesus who is our hope of glory, the way, the truth, and the life.

The writer of Hebrews tells us (12:1), "Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us."

Finish strong by following the perfect life and death of Christ.

From Marine to murder suspect, an insider's opinion of acting in murder mysteries

Commentary by
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IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Murder Mystery Dinners are interactive guessing games in which the audience participates in solving a murder.

Until I was 16, I never knew these types of events existed. It wasn't until Nov. 20, 2012, when I actually participated in one.

The Single Marine Program, which hosted the Murder Mystery Dinner, needed volunteer actors and actresses for their murder mystery. Originally, I went to cover the story for the Iwakuni Approach. But when a few of the actors were unable to make it, SMP asked if I would take one of the female roles. I am glad I did.

There were eight of us in a 1928 speakeasy type setting: a flapper, a gambler, a U.S. district attorney, a baseball player, a golfer, a night club singer, a club owner and myself, a reporter.

A woman gathered us to find the murderer of Hal Cappone, his body riddled with bullets when they found him.

Each of us had our own reasons for wanting Cappone dead. It was up to us, and the audience, to figure out who killed him.

None of us knew anything about the clues, facts or who killed Cappone. We improvised.

As we read the clues off, the audience and the suspects gained new information.

As the audience pieced together all the information we provided them, so did we.

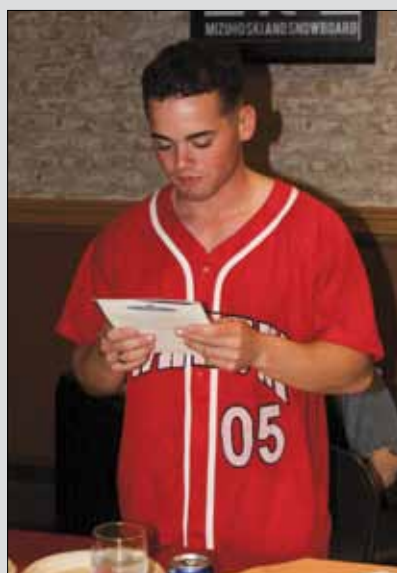
Never before had I been subjected to cluelessness while acting.

It was definitely a new experience. Generally, in the plays and musicals I have been in, I had lines to memorize.

So, how was I supposed to act the part when I knew nothing about my character or what my part in the whole mystery was?

It was, unmistakably, a challenge. Yet, the mystery went off without a hitch and at the end of the night I heard several audience members' exclaim they had guessed correctly as they applauded.

If you have the opportunity to attend a Murder Mystery Dinner, I highly recommend it.



Peter Alfis, Murder Mystery Dinner actor playing the baseball player, reads clues about other murder suspects to the audience during the Murder Mystery Dinner held at the Single Marine Program Homet's Nest here Nov. 20, 2012.

Whether in the audience or partaking in the scenario itself, it will be a new and exciting experience. These are just one of several types of fun events held by the Single Marine Program.

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"This demonstrates the strong bond between the local community, the central government and the U.S. forces in Japan, and it demonstrates, through great teamwork and dedication and perseverance, that great magic and unique opportunities can be created that benefit the citizens, not just of the military organizations and installations here in Japan, but of the local community, of which we are an integral part," said Col. James C. Stewart, MCAS

Iwakuni commanding officer. "The significance for both Iwakuni, as well as for the local community, is that this signing agreement represents the culmination of seven years of strong negotiation, strong teamwork and dedication to a cause that will benefit both the local community as well as the military residents. What it does is underlies and establishes the business rules for safe and efficient civil aviation operations to be interleaved with our current military operations."

Under the provisions of Paragraph 4(a) of Article II of the

Status of Forces Agreement, the Joint Committee, on Nov. 1, 2012, approved joint use of portions of MCAS Iwakuni for said civil aviation operations.

OCAB and FDMO in order to conduct civil aviation operations.

"What this affords us is an opening of opportunities for both local citizens, as well as military residents, to explore throughout Japan and connect the Kanto plain outside of Tokyo with local airports here in the Yamaguchi prefecture, so it really serves as a bridge of connecting western

Japan with central Japan," said Stewart.

The official opening of the airport is scheduled to be held Dec. 9. The first passenger flights will be Dec. 13.

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the many, many people, and generations of individuals on both the U.S. side and the Japanese side that have seen these efforts bear fruit today in the signing of these agreements," said Stewart. "It is only through their sacrifice and dedication that we can bring this capability to Iwakuni."



Col. James C. Stewart, Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni commanding officer, watches as Naoyuki Fukuuchi, Osaka Regional Civil Aviation Bureau director general, signs a document during the Local Implementation Agreement Signature Ceremony, which took place inside a conference room inside Building One here, Nov. 27, 2012. On Oct. 28, 2005, the Japan/United States Joint Committee agreed to allow civil aviation operations of four round-trip flights per day at MCAS Iwakuni. The next day, the Japan and United States Security and Consultative Committee approved recommendations for the development of facilities necessary to support said civil aviation operations.

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proves a 747 can come into Tinian and showed everybody what you can do with this airfield." Forager Fury is a MAG-12 training exercise that will integrate Marine Air Ground Task Force-like functions with heavy emphasis on tactical aviation and aviation ground support in order to further develop a distributed, expeditionary capability within the Mariana Island Range Complex.

Any questions about the durability and size of the runway were answered as the 747

rolled down the taxiway under a setting sun and a full moon.

"The runway was pretty much the same length as [Marine Corps Air Station] Iwakuni's," said Peter Pecenicic, the captain of the airplane who has 21 years of experience flying 747s. "This airport could land jumbo jets and not have a problem."

As the plane was being unloaded, some members of the local Tinian community gathered along the fence line to get a better look at the massive airplane parked on their runway.

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fitness routines accordingly. Females will be given the option of flexed arm hang or pull-ups when conducting the physical fitness test for score.

The flexed-armed hang will remain the testing method for Officer Candidates School and recruit training.

Starting in 2014, female Marines will be required to do

pull-ups and will no longer be able to use the flexed-arm hang as an alternative.

To pass this portion of the PFT, female Marines will need to demonstrate the ability to complete a minimum of three proper pull-ups starting from a dead-hang.

Point scoring will be: three pull-ups – 40, four pull-ups – 65, five pull-ups – 75, six pull-ups – 85, seven pull-ups – 95 and eight

pull-ups – 100.

The commandant also directed the commanding general of training and education command to develop a website with work out routines for female Marines to make the transition smoothly.

The website offers an initial, advanced and sustainment routine that challenges individuals.

All the work out programs are six weeks long, three days a week

"MAG-12 is always anxious to train on Tinian because the people of Tinian are very welcoming, they are very appreciative, and very accommodating," said Maj. Jonathan Kehr, the logistics officer for MAG-12. "These people are always very interested in what the Marine Corps is doing on their island."

The goal of Forager Fury, scheduled to continue until late December, is to allow MAG-12 to demonstrate their ability to generate significant combat power in an expeditionary environment and also build relationships with the local community.

with different exercises to develop upper body strength.

The website also offers video demonstrations that show proper form and technique while executing the exercises.

Females have been given tools to make the transition smooth and painless. More information on the work-out plans designed to increase pull-up strength waits at www.fitness.usmc.mil/fpft.



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MAG-12 back on Tinian for Forager Fury

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TINIAN, Commonwealth Of The Northern Marianas — Marine Aircraft Group 12 returned to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Island of Tinian for the second time this year, now for exercise Forager Fury 2012.

Due to the terrain and location of Tinian, the island offers a different setting for training than its home, Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni. With this fact in mind, the majority of Marines on Tinian are aircraft recovery and expeditionary airfield technicians.

The advance party of Marines arrived via a KC-130J Hercules aircraft Nov. 27, 2012.

Their equipment, consisting of fuel bladders, arresting gear, tents and various other items needed to maintain an expeditionary airfield, arrived the following day, by way of a Boeing 747-400 cargo aircraft.

As soon as the aircraft arrived, the unloading process began.

"We started planning for [the exercise] in August, and even before that, we were looking for what we were going to do when we got down here," said Maj. Matthew Halbert, airfield operations company commander and Tinian officer in charge for Marine Wing Support Squadron 171. "The event tonight has been smooth. Through the MAG, our logistical support, our squadron, and our planning and all of the coordination of the MAG aircraft, it's been absolutely smooth."

The people of Tinian have expressed a warm welcome for the Marines and thanked them for their return and look forward to seeing them again in the future.

"For a long time, our people have wanted Marines on the island. We know Marines would bring a great economic opportunity to the people of Tinian," said Ramon Dela Cruz, Tinian mayor. "We welcome them and I hope in the future, more will come. We



Two Marine Aircraft Group 12 millenia military vehicles wait to relocate the cargo from a Boeing 747-400 cargo aircraft Nov. 28 at Tinian's West Field during exercise Forager Fury. Though unloading the aircraft was a slow process, Marines still finished an hour ahead of schedule.

encourage all of [the Marines] to come back as often as possible. Our people are pro-military. We will always welcome them and hope they continue to return." With the efforts of MAG-12

and the support of the people of Tinian, Forager Fury is now in full swing with expeditionary training exercises and community relations events ready to take center stage in the Marianas.



LANCE CPL. J. GAGE KARWICK

Marines with Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 disembark from a KC-130J Hercules aircraft Nov. 27 at Tinian's West Field in preparation for Exercise Forager Fury 2012. The Marines consist mainly of expeditionary airfield technicians and aircraft recovery Marines and are preparing for upcoming exercises taking place on Guam and Tinian, with Tinian serving as a refueling site for Marine Aircraft Group 12 aircraft. Training on Tinian's West Field includes emplacement of arresting gear and fuel storage/distribution for purposes of extending aviation training throughout the Mariana Island Range Complex.

Marines complete jungle warfare training

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Combat Logistics Company 36 Marines returned here after completing jungle warfare training at the Jungle Warfare Training Center in Camp Gonsalves, Okinawa, Japan, Nov. 26, 2012.

During the eight-day course, 66 servicemembers learned basic infantry tactics, such as patrolling, ambushes and communication in a jungle environment.

"If we were to get deployed to a jungle, we would have the basic knowledge on how to survive," said Lance Cpl. Bryan Stuck, CLC-36 motor transportation mechanic and jungle warfare training participant.

Nine Marines and a Navy corpsman from CLC-36 were given the opportunity to volunteer for the training. CLC-36 personnel were put together into first squad and worked together throughout training.

"It was a good experience for me just to get out and do something with Marines," said Petty Officer 3rd Class Joshua White, CLC-36 corpsman. "Of course, when you go to the field, you get to know your Marines better because we don't work together in the shop."

Upon their arrival, all participants had to go through a final medical screening to ensure they were able to participate.

"When I heard about what this was, I was bummed because there were no more spots open," said Marine Pfc. Alexander Huntington, CLC-36 motor transportation mechanic and jungle warfare training participant. "But then two people couldn't go because of medical reasons, so I was able to go."

After numerous classes, rappelling and setting up a forward operating base, each squad worked together in the final event, an endurance course.

"There are 31 obstacles in the endurance course," said Lance Cpl. Victor Seif, CLC-36 basic electrician and jungle warfare training participant. "It



LANCE CPL. JAMES R. SMITH

Lance Cpl. Victor Seif, a basic electrician for Combat Logistics Company 36, filters leftover fuel for a generator under maintenance here, Nov. 28, 2012. Seif was one of the servicemembers who participated in jungle warfare training at Camp Gonsalves, Okinawa, Japan. The training lasted eight days, during which service members learned basic infantry tactics in a jungle scenario.

takes up 3.8 miles of jungle."

The obstacles were a culmination of everything servicemembers learned during jungle warfare training.

The last mile of the course consisted of a litter carry where the squad

must carry a member on a stretcher through rugged terrain.

Although training was demanding, Marines in first squad kept the motivation high as they progressed through the endurance course said Stuck.

With training complete, knowledge wasn't the only thing taken away from training.

"There was a lot of camaraderie in our squad," said Stuck. "The 10 of us that were out there, it brought us closer together."



LANCE CPL. JAMES R. SMITH

Lance Cpl. Diego Carpio, Combat Logistics Company 36 supply, uses a forklift to retrieve a box from a shelf in the warehouse here, Nov. 28, 2012. Carpio volunteered to take part in jungle warfare training at Camp Gonsalves, Okinawa, Japan, along with nine other service members from CLC-36. The final part of the training consisted of a 3.8 mile endurance course.

Station personnel attend local antiterrorism exercise

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The Iwakuni Customs, Coast Guard and Police conducted their annual bilateral antiterrorism training exercise in the Iwakuni Port Nov. 27, 2012.

Members of Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni's Antiterrorism Force Protection Office and the Provost Marshal's Office attended the event.

Andrew R. Samuels, the station antiterrorism officer, Gunnery Sgt. Juan Flores, the antiterrorism chief, and Petty Officer 1st Class Adladdin D. Slate, Harbor Operations Security Chief, were there to observe the exercise.

"It was very important for representatives from the base to be here," said Slate. "It (the exercise) shows their capabilities, and in a time of need if Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni needs their assistance then we can call on them, and we know what they are capable of doing and can help us help them."

Antiterrorism and PMO presences also strengthened bonds with local law enforcement.

"I think us being here today is a good representation from the base, and it shows a good interest in the Japanese Police Boat Division and the Japanese Coast Guard, and that we need to know how they do their job out here," said Slate. "It helps us to do our job better, and in the future I hope to hold exercises with the Japanese Coast Guard and the Japanese Police between the base and the City of Iwakuni in case the need arises for us to work together in a real-world crisis situation."

Flores said the competency of the local law enforcement impressed him.

"I was very surprised about their capabilities," said Flores. "One of the ways was how they were able to go mobile with their customs and x-ray machine. Also their coordination, I like the way their coast guard coordinated on the water, it was great. I hope that in the future we can coordinate with them and get some exercises in accordance with our harbor and their coast guard."

In addition to the displays on the water, the exercises also highlighted police abilities on land.

Near the end of the exercise, a knife-wielding, masked man burst from a docked boat in the harbor. This allowed the Iwakuni Police and Customs to demonstrate their ability to contain and subdue a violent aggressor and take him into custody.

Following the detainment, a hazardous material containment team provided a display of how they would handle a real world HAZMAT situation.

At the conclusion of the training, the boats set sail and the police packed away their gear. The exercise was a success and both the personnel from MCAS Iwakuni and the Iwakuni Police Forces left knowing their shores are in safe hands.

An Iwakuni policeman dressed in riot control gear stands guard on a ship, which was suspected to have hostile forces at the Iwakuni Port, Nov. 27, 2012. Members of the Iwakuni Coast Guard, Police and Customs came together to put on an antiterrorism exercise for senior advisors and Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni personnel.



Iwakuni policeman dressed in riot control gear wrestle with a hostile attacker during an antiterrorism exercise in the Iwakuni Port, Nov. 27, 2012. The policemen demonstrated their ability to subdue an armed assailant using non-lethal tactics during the exercise.



Hazardous Material Specialists clean up a liquid released by a hostile attacker during the antiterrorism exercise at the Iwakuni Port, Nov. 27, 2012. Members from Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni's Antiterrorism and Provost Marshal's Office were on hand to observe the event.



A boat loaded with Iwakuni Coast Guard members closes in on a hostile ship during an antiterrorism exercise, at Iwakuni Harbor, Nov. 27, 2012. Members from Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni's Antiterrorism and Provost Marshal's Office were on hand to visit the training performed by the Iwakuni Coast Guard, Police and Customs.

CORPS NEWS

HIGHLIGHTING MARINES AND SAILORS AROUND THE GLOBE



LANCE CPL. CALEB MCDONALD

Marines with Special-Purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force Africa radio an inbound MV-22 Osprey during a field training exercise aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C., Nov. 16, 2012. Special-Purpose MAGTF Africa is training for their upcoming deployment.

Marines prepare to deploy and train African partner nations

Cpl. Jessica Ito
U.S. MARINE CORPS FORCES
RESERVE

NEW ORLEANS — More than 130 Marines from 32 different Reserve training centers came together at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C., last month to get to know each other and prepare to face the unique challenges presented by operating independently in Africa.

"It's very unlike anything the Marines have gone through for either an Operation Enduring Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom preparation," said Lt. Col. Daniel P. Whisnant, Special-Purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force Africa 13.2 commanding officer. "The skill set and broad range of expectations of the Marines is very diverse."

The first training event the Marines encountered together took place at the Tier 1 Group Training Facility in Crawfordsville, Ark., Oct. 4-25.

Marines learned essential methods for training foreign militaries on marksmanship and how to set up, and conduct firing ranges to prepare them for their mission of advising, coaching and mentoring partner nation forces as part of a security cooperation team.

"The training we're doing with

the Marines here is 'train the trainer,'" said Raj Chowdhuri, a Tier 1 Group instructor. "It's a formal course on how to be an instructor, how to make ranges happen and duties and responsibilities of all the personnel on the range."

According to Whisnant, this type of training is important to the Special-Purpose MAGTF because they don't normally think about as a Marine going to a range. They've been teaching us to think about the little things."

"We're going to be the only Marines there, and we'll be in charge of training the local nationals. We won't have support from instructors so we need intensive 'Train the Trainer' classes so that we're able to run ranges," said Sgt. Michael Wong, a Special-Purpose MAGTF Africa 13.2 team leader. "There's stuff you don't normally think about as a Marine going to a range. They've been teaching us to think about the little things."

During the tactical combat casualty care portion of the training, Marines learned how to rapidly apply medical care in stressful situations, such as receiving enemy fire.

"We teach TC in the Navy. It was a great refresher for myself," said Chief Petty Officer Mark Chesney,

a Special-Purpose MAGTF Africa 13.2 independent duty corpsman.

Chesney went on to add that participants did an excellent job running through scenarios using Marines and sailors as simulated wounded. "The Marines came in, did their job, got their patients out of fire, dressed the wounds, simulated needle decompression and continued on. I was very impressed [with] how the Marines conducted themselves."

Throughout their movements in Africa, Marines will primarily rely on civilian vehicles for transportation within individual nations, so as part of their pre-deployment training, they learned advanced driving techniques.

"We got our vehicles stuck [on the offroad course] on purpose and they taught us different ways to get it unstuck by using ropes, chains and winches," said Chesney. "This can prove to be very effective in-country if we get stuck in hostile areas."

Concurrent with this training, the commander's staff from 2nd Battalion, 25th Marine Regiment out of Garden City, N.Y. was activated to do training of their own.

"A battalion staff was activated from 2/25," said Whisnant, also the commanding officer of 2nd Bn. 25th Marines. "This is critical for these types of deployments,

it gives a foundational piece to the Special-Purpose MAGTF and allows us to quickly ramp up and join those Marines from the 32 home training centers."

Whisnant sent his staff noncommissioned officers and special-staff officers to a two-week crisis management operations planner's course at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune where they took a close look at the Marine Corps planning process through a CMO lens.

Aside from time spent in the classroom, the battalion element conducted practical application on a live scenario which allowed them to develop their own standard operating procedures and planning processes.

Special-Purpose MAGTF Africa 13.2 is currently training with the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit who is providing them with significant logistical support.

"The amount of support we have received from the 22nd MEU has been phenomenal and we wouldn't be where we are without them," said Whisnant.

Marines of Special-Purpose MAGTF are projected to deploy in January to Africa where they can be in as many as a half-dozen to a dozen countries at once. They are expected to return home after seven months of deployment.

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Toys For Tots

Volunteers are needed for the "Toys for Tots" watch outside the station Marine Corps Exchange. The shifts are two hours long and take place Monday- Friday 4- 6 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.- 8 p.m. and Sunday 12- 6 p.m. Uniform for the post is dress blue bravos. If interested, please contact the Hornet's Nest at, 253-3585.

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Lending Locker Program

The lending locker program is available to provide small home appliances and utensils for incoming and outgoing command sponsored members for up to 60 days inbound and 30 days outbound. A copy of PCS orders are required to check out items, and the program is by appointment only. The lending locker is located in Building 411, Room 101. Appointments are 8 a.m.- 3:30 p.m. For more information, call 253-6161.

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The Iwakuni Navy Marine Corps Relief Society provides Quick Assist Loans to prevent active duty service members from falling prey to predatory lenders. These loans are designed to assist with short-term living expenses up to \$300, interest free and must be repaid within 10 months. For more information, call the Iwakuni NMCRS at 253-5311 or stop by the Marine Memorial Chapel, Room 148.

Emergency Phone Numbers Reminder

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Off-limit Establishments

The following establishments are hereby off-limits:

- The multi-tenant building "NOW," Tenant occupant's names change frequently. Past names for this building include,

Ran, Massage Parlor, Welcome American, Follow Me and F-18. • Hiroshima's Tougan Goods Company.

Jobs

Baggers Needed

The commissary is accepting applications for baggers. Applicants must be 16 years old or older. Baggers work a variety of hours and shifts. Applications can be picked up at the Commissary.

Brief and Classified Submissions

To submit a community brief or classified advertisement, send an e-mail to iwakuni.pao@usmc.mil. Include a contact name, a phone number and the information you would like to be published. Submit your brief or advertisement in person at the Public Affairs Office, Building 1, Room 216 or you may call 253-5551. Please provide all the requested information to simplify the request process. The deadline for all submissions is 3 p.m. every Friday. Submissions will run the following Friday.

INFOTAINMENT

Chapel Services

Roman Catholic

Saturday 4:30-5:15 p.m. Confession
5:30 p.m. Mass

Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass
9:45 a.m. Religious Education

Mon. — Thurs. 11:30 a.m. Weekday Mass

Protestant

Sunday 9:30 a.m. Lutheran Service
10:30 a.m. Protestant Service
10:30 a.m. Children's Church
10:30 a.m. Church of Christ Meeting
1 p.m. Contemporary
5:30 p.m. FLOW (Youth Group)

Monday 7 p.m. Men's Bible Study

Tuesday 9 a.m. Ladies' Bible Study
5 p.m. Working Women Bible Study

Wednesday 10:30 a.m. Ladies' Tea
5:45 p.m. AWANA (Bldg. 1104)

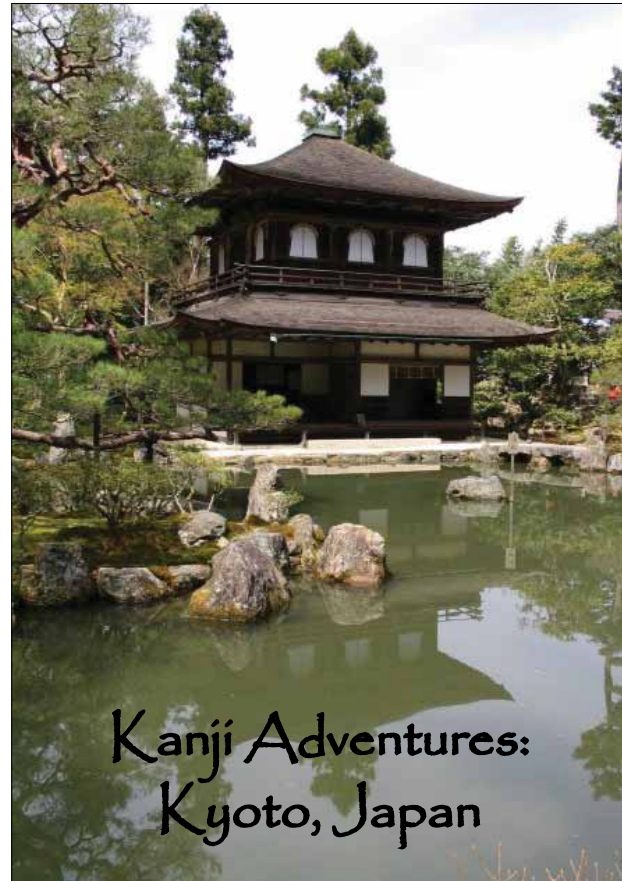
2nd Saturday 7:30 a.m. Men's Discipleship

Bahai

Sunday 11 a.m. Bahai Meeting

For information regarding divine services, religious education or any other command religious program or chapel activity, call the Marine Memorial Chapel at 253-3371.

THE IWAKUNI APPROACH CULTURAL LESSONS



Kanji Adventures:
Kyoto, Japan

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The Ginkakuji Temple, commonly known as the Silver Pavilion, is a Zen temple in the Sako Ward of Kyoto, Japan, founded in 1490.

Initially given the name "Heian-kyo," Kyoto has a rich history lasting longer than 1,200 years. Heian-kyo was initially established as the capital of Japan in the year 794 and was planned around the grounds of the old Imperial Palace. The city thrived as metropolitan area, but began to revert into a low-populated rural area of fields and gardens. Around the 11th century, the design of Heian-kyo changed and the city became known as "Kyoto."

During the medieval period, the government of Kyoto began to weaken and was soon taken over by military rule. Construction began to change the city once more as new housing was needed for the samurai.

As the city began to change, Kyoto became a center for new forms of Buddhism. With the support of religious residents, more temples were built during the 13th to 15th century and developed Kyoto into Japan's most influential city.

After three major fires and political movements happening simultaneously during the 18th and 19th century, Tokyo had been selected to become the capital of Japan. Protests by locals failed and the Emperor and nobles moved to Tokyo.

Despite the disappointment, Kyoto stood firm. New plans were set in motion and new techniques were introduced. From modernized city waterworks to cars and improved roads, Kyoto had become a modernized city after 10 years of construction.

Today, Kyoto continues to strive toward change and development, adjusting itself to meet the needs of each new generation. If it cannot succeed in this endeavor, the fire of its exciting 1,200 year history would be blown out, making Kyoto just another city of past achievements. Kyoto is, and always will be, a living historical city.

SAKURA THEATER

Friday, December 7, 2012
7 p.m. Alex Cross (PG-13)
10 p.m. End of Watch (R)

Monday, December 10, 2012
7 p.m. Alex Cross (PG-13)

Saturday, December 8, 2012
4 p.m. Here Comes the Boom (PG)
7 p.m. Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2 (PG-13)

Tuesday, December 11, 2012
Theater closed

Sunday, December 9, 2012
4 p.m. Wreck it Ralph (PG)
7 p.m. Sinister (R)

Wednesday, December 12, 2012
Theater closed

Thursday, December 13, 2012
Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2 (PG-13)

The movie schedule is subject to change. Please check www.mccsiwakuni.com/sakura often for updates, or call the Sakura Theater at 253-5291 for the latest schedule.

General Admission: Ages 12+ are \$3/ Ages 6-11 are \$1.50/ Children ages 5 and under admitted free. For more information, visit www.mccsiwakuni.com or call 253-5291.

253-5291

This week in Samurai sports

The Matthew C. Perry High School Samurai wrestling team competed at their first meet of the season at Misawa Air Base Dec. 1, 2012.

M.C. Perry played big on the mat, coming away with 15 points that would have gone to either Zama or Yokota, giving the Samurai a possible victory.

The wrestlers who earned points were Connor Hadlock in the 168 pound weight class, earning 2nd place for seven team points. In the 122 pound weight class, Miles

Saulsberry earned 3rd place for 5 team points. Wrestling up one weight class at the 129 pounds, Hinun Crespin gathered 3 points by taking 4th.

The M.C. Perry Samurai wrestling team is slated to compete at Sasebo Naval Base this weekend.

The M. C. Perry High School Samurai varsity, junior varsity and Lady Samurai basketball teams were victorious in their home games against the Marist Brothers International School Bulldogs Dec. 1, 2012.

Varsity won 53 to 21 with notable mentions to Jon Cadavos, who scored 14 points with 5 rebounds, and Dequaandre Bernard, who scored 10 points with three rebounds. Junior varsity won 30 to 21.

The Lady Samurai won 46 to 34 with notable mentions to Courtney Beall with 29 points and 13 rebounds and Ashley Starnes with eight points and seven rebounds.

The M.C. Perry Samurai and Lady Samurai basketball teams are slated to compete in Osaka Dec. 7, 2012.

MARINE CORPS FACT

At Marine Base Quantico, Va., Marines obtained a registered English Bulldog, King Bulwark. In a formal ceremony Oct. 14, 1922, Brig. Gen. Smedley D. Butler signed documents enlisting the Bulldog, renamed Jiggs, for the "term of life." Pvt. Jiggs then began his duties in the United States Marine Corps.



LANCE CPL. BENJAMIN PRYER

Luke Peet and James Ward, both Heat the Streets duathletes, run across the finish line in front of the IronWorks Gym here, Dec. 2, 2012. Ninety Japanese and 32 station personnel participated in this year's duathlon.

Station, Japanese residents Heat Streets during duathlon



Lance Cpl. Benjamin Pryer
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Station residents and Japanese competed together in the 2012 Heat the Streets Duathlon here Dec. 2, 2012.

Takuya Miki won the overall male division with a time of 1:14:51, while Miho Sakane won the overall female division, coming in at 1:29:31. For Americans who placed in the top rankings, Zully Pasindo-Rubio came in third place in the 29 years and under division, running a 1:38:30 and Holly Stroschine placed first in the 30 to 49 years division with a 1:36:27. All three teams who placed, Beegees, Mj's Parents and The Honey Badgers, consisted solely of station residents.

The duathlon consisted of a 4.5 kilometer run, using the roads around the parade field and Robert M. Casey Medical and Dental Clinic, then a 28-kilometer biking portion, which spanned from IronWorks Gym to the station harbor, ending with one final 4.5 kilometer run using the previous course.

The Heat the Streets Duathlon is an annual event sponsored by Marine Corps Community Services Iwakuni to strengthen bonds between station residents and Japanese. As one of the rare events aboard station that allows a large group of Japanese to participate, the duathlon has proven to be a prime opportunity to create

connections between Japanese and American cultures.

"This duathlon is an annual event and a lot of people from out in town really enjoy being on the base and running the event," said Mai Tajima, MCCS Semper Fit recreation specialist. "They love the American atmosphere and the chance to experience a different culture."

Ninety Japanese and 32 station personnel participated in this year's duathlon competition.

While the race takes the majority of the event's time and planning, a bouncy house for children and meal tickets for participants provided ample opportunities for all in attendance to share experiences and make new friends.

"I hear it afterwards, I receive a lot of emails about how there are a lot of events out in town, but this is so much more different, with a lot of the American people talking to the Japanese and taking pictures with them," said Tajima. "The Japanese do the same thing too. They are so willing to see American people and compete with them in these events."

With more than 100 competitors and many more who cheered on family and friends, the duathlon has proven to be effective in bringing Japanese on base for the opportunity to build strong cultural ties between the station and surrounding community.



LANCE CPL. BENJAMIN PRYER

A Heat the Streets 2012 duathlete runs toward the finish line for the race in front of the IronWorks Gym, Dec. 2. The duathlon consisted of a 4.5 kilometer run, a 28 kilometer bike course, then a final 4.5 kilometer run.

The Iwakuni Time Machine

In the Dec. 9, 1988, issue of "The Torii Teller," Marines reported on a mock explosion to test the readiness of the station in case of a real-world scenario like this, Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 251, or the Thunderbolts, preparing for their up-and-coming rotation date, the traditional koto, a traditional Japanese musical instrument, and the new logo and recognition award for Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12.



HM2 Jeff Lacritz bandages what's left of a victim's leg after putting a tourniquet on the leg and arm.

Mock explosion tests readiness

Story and photos by LCpl. Gregory Sloan

Nobody knows when or where it's going to happen, but it happens almost every year--a mass casualty drill.

A mass casualty drill is generally held on the flightdeck or with some kind of scenario involving an aircraft, thus providing a realistic training situation for an air station.

The Dec. 2 scenario involved a minor explosion and fire in a MALS-12 area across from the laundromat. The stage was set with eleven people working and three people passing by the area when a building exploded with the blast going toward the laundromat. After the explosion, an individual from the laundromat--part of the staged act--noticed two people hurt across the street and called the Branch Clinic. Because only two people were reported hurt, only one ambulance was dispatched to the area. After finding the other twelve "victims," however, two more ambulances were dispatched to the scene.

Branch Clinic Administration Chief, HMC Darrell Morrow, helped set up the scenario and was planning on at least one more injury than the fourteen already there.

"We were planning on at least one corpsman to rush into the area to treat victims without evaluating the situation first. As it turned out the corpsman did his job right and was able to help the victims instead of becoming one," said Morrow.

There are a variety of injuries that can occur in an explosion that corpsmen have to deal with, such as burns, trauma, amputations, contamination and

decontamination along with some of the basic cuts; lacerations, abrasions and punctures.

There is a very remote chance of such an explosion ever occurring here, however, this type of drill provided the opportunity to learn from the experience.

"One thing we didn't know, but we do know now, is the time it would take H&HS, or any other unit, to respond to our call for stretcher bearers," Morrow said.

The chief also said that some mistakes were made during the exercise, but he highlighted that the place to make mistakes is during a drill. Training & Audiovisual Support Center filmed the scenario at the explosion site, so everyone involved could have an after-action training class to identify and correct problems for future reference.

Once a patient leaves the scene of an accident and arrives at the clinic, work for the medical people is just beginning. The injured people were taken through the entire routine of treatment for a specific injury, to include all lab work, x-rays, and blood donors, in and out of the clinic, for cross match.

The coordination between the medical people is a must in any type of situation like this. After treating them, medical personnel must make an evaluation regarding victim's transfer to Iwakuni National Hospital, SAR medical evacuation to Hiroshima University Hospital, Okinawa or Yakosuka.

"Overall the drill was a big success," Morrow said, "everyone's response to the call was outstanding and it was a learning experience for everyone." 卍