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Navy announces Early Transition Program

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WASHINGTON — Sailors interested in leaving the Navy before the end of their active obligated service (EAOS) will get another chance this year under a second installment of the Early Transition Program.

The program, announced this week in Navy Administrative Message 151/04, allows Sailors with an EAOS in fiscal year 2005 the opportunity to separate this fiscal year.

Like last year's program, it is strictly voluntary and applies to Sailors in most skill sets. But this time around, Sailors will be allowed to separate up to 12 months early, as opposed to the six months out early offered last year.

"For Sailors with impending educational or civilian career plans, this program could offer just the extra time and opportunity they need to get started on a new life," explained Vice Adm. Gerry Hoewing, Chief of Naval Personnel. "I am delighted that this great retention we are continuing to experience has allowed us to offer the program again this year."

Sailors of any rating (including

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Banshees scream into Guam

LANCE CPL. RUBEN D. CALDERON
Combat Correspondent

Marine Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron 1 deployed to Guam, July 15, to partake in the Training in an Urban Environment Exercise.

The Banshees, based out of Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, N.C., took a few of their birds, the EA-6B Prowler, and more than 160 Marines and Sailors to support the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit in the exercise.

"The squadron is looking forward to participating in the

exercise and eager to work with the 31st MEU," said Maj. Brian M. Boyce, VMAQ-1 logistics officer. "Along with training with the 31st MEU, the squadron will be conducting our own operations as well."

Being deployed is nothing new to the Banshees, having been to Prince Sultan Air Base, Saudi Arabia, in support of Operation Southern Watch and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

While there, the Banshees provided electronic warfare support to coalition forces throughout the world and flew more than 18,000 hours and 350 sorties. They also provided radar and communications jamming and high speed anti-radiation missile employment that significantly reduced the anti-air threat to coalition aircraft.

Although this is the first time in a decade the award winning squadron has been part of a Unit Deployment Program here, the spirits of the Banshees are howling and ready for whatever exercises come their way.

"Japan and the Pacific Theater are great places to train," said Sgt. Asdrubal A. Atehortua, VMAQ-1 power line technician. "The squadron has and always will be combat ready. We've come across difficult tasks, but we always accomplish the missions that are set. We've proved that in not only exercises, but also in Operation Iraqi Freedom."

"No matter where we go, we'll

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Official USMC photo

Marine Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron 1 deployed to Guam to participate in the Training in an Urban Environment Exercise. The squadron is comprised of EA-6B Prowlers and more than 160 Marines and Sailors.

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T-Storms
High: 91

 Saturday
Scattered T-Storms
High: 90

 Sunday
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High: 90

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Deployments take heed to HIV infection

Recent statistics show increase in Southeast Asia's HIV-positive rate

LANCE CPL. RUBEN D. CALDERON
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Station units deploy to various countries in Southeast Asia, where the HIV infection is at a high rate.

Exercises that take place in countries like Thailand, Republic of the Philippines and Singapore (to name a few), where HIV is prevalent, pose a great risk to service members who engage in sexual encounters.

In 2003, HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, claimed more than 5 million people throughout the world. In South and Southeast Asia, approximately 1.1 million people were infected with the virus.

"Asia has the second highest rate of HIV cases in the world. It has more than 7.2 million cases," said Navy Lt. Eugene

K. Garland, environmental health officer at the Branch Medical Clinic.

The Southeast Asian countries have a high rate of sexually transmitted disease, including HIV, because of high-sex trade and lack of sex education, Garland said.

"There's a spike in the trend in the most recent deployments from here," said Garland. "It is not uncommon for service members, who come back from deployments there having engaged in risky behavior, come back with a sexually transmitted disease."

The Department of the Navy began testing all active duty military personnel for HIV in 1985.

"To date, more than 6,000 service members in the Department of the Navy are infected with HIV," said Garland.

In 2003, per 100,000 people tested, 13 service members were newly identified as being HIV-positive.

"When service members do not protect themselves and engage in these activities, they put themselves at a high risk," said Garland. "The best protection is abstinence and monogamous relationships. If you're going to engage in risky behavior, use a condom and educate yourself."

"When someone contracts the disease, they may not even know it. Symptoms may not even show until four years after the disease is contracted," said Garland. "Condoms are not 100 percent, but they do give some level of protection. It definitely reduces the risk of contracting HIV," said Garland.



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A special visit from an ex-god

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Spring had replaced the cold, snowy Japanese winter that we first encountered when we arrived at Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni in February 1971.

As in most places, the warm weather of May ushered in fresh, green foliage, and everybody seemed to have a bounce in his step. But this May became very special to the local Japanese population: the Emperor of the Japan was coming to town.

Until the end of World War II, Emperor Hirohito was revered as a god, and most of the older population still believed that he was. Very few of the general Japanese population had ever seen him, so the base and town were reverberating with excitement after news of his visit was made known.

Hirohito was the only major Axis leader who was never punished as a war criminal. This was the major concession the Allies accepted as part of the Japanese surrender to avoid a bloody invasion of the home islands.

The Emperor landed at MCAS Iwakuni on his way to make his first visit to Hiroshima since the nuclear attack by the Enola Gay in 1945. The locals were getting the opportunity of a lifetime, and they were excited - young and old alike.

For the Americans, it was an opportunity to see a famous dignitary. I was ambivalent, since he was the one that approved Japan's attack on the U. S. and my father was killed on the USS Wasp when it was sunk at Guadalcanal by a Japanese submarine.

Preparations by the Japanese authorities started a couple of days prior to the event to ensure that all the proper protocols were met. This included placing a white chalk line six feet from the pavement along the entire route. The intent was that no one was allowed any closer to the street.

Additionally, no one was allowed to stand above ground level when the Emperor passed by. This posed a problem. At this time, the U.S. presence in Vietnam was being reduced; however, the troops were not being sent back to the states. A Marine aviation unit was brought into Iwakuni, just in case that additional strength was needed in Vietnam later.

Since the base was already at capacity, a Navy Seabee (construction) battalion came in to build temporary barracks to house the men. The site was right next to our quarters, which were about 50 feet off the road on which Hirohito was to travel and, as luck would have it, a large mound of dirt that was about 6 feet high and 30 feet long was within 10 feet of the road.

An argument ensued between a Japanese official and a Seabee bulldozer operator. The official said the mound had to go, and the Sailor argued that the dirt was needed and there was no place to put it. After some very heated discussion, the dozer driver lost the argument.

As he climbed back aboard the tractor, his eyes lit up, a big smile came upon his face and his machine roared to life. He then proceeded to level the very large mound of dirt and spread it for about 300 feet along the roadway, completely covering the white chalk line for the entire distance. He felt that he lost the battle and won the war.

We Americans, who lined up by the road, did so out of curiosity, not as a military requirement. I stood and took some photos and watched the Japanese, who were crying and bowing so low that I thought they would fall forward on their faces. It's not every day that you get to see a god in person.

It was easy to see how these people could fight so fanatically when you saw the sheer worship and devotion that they gave to a man who was declared to be mortal 26 years before.

Appreciation letter for Tsuzumigaura Beach Cleanup Volunteer Project

To the volunteers,

We hope you are in the best of health in the height of the summer. We appreciate you taking the time out from your busy schedules to cooperate in the Tsuzumigaura Beach Cleanup Volunteer Project (held on July 13).

A great number of volunteers participated and we collected 4,620 kilograms of burnable trash and 10 kilograms of unburnable trash.

We thank all of you for helping us keep our beautiful beach clean and we feel a debt of gratitude to you for your efforts.

Properly speaking, we should visit you to express our thanks, however, please let us take the liberty of thanking you in writing.

Sincerely,

Hiroaki Maeno

President of Tsuzu District Social Welfare Conference

Mitsuo Osaki

Director Tsuzu Branch of Iwakuni City Central Community Center

New police association increases coordination

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Combat Correspondent

Station military policemen are joining local Japanese police in a coordinated effort to offset common issues faced by both agencies.

Iwakuni City Chief of Police Hisao Nagamatsu visited the Station, July 13, to discuss the establishment of a Japanese/American Police Association.

Such an association would encourage closer coordination between Station and local officials, said Master Sgt. Eric Drummond, Station Provost Marshal's Office operations chief.

Nagamatsu was joined by the deputy chief of police, 10 section chiefs and an interpreter.

"The goal of our relationship is to ensure that, on a law enforcement level, we're truly acting and speaking on the same level," said Capt. Christopher Bushek, Station provost marshal.

Enforcing the law for a "community within a community" is an important task, he added.

"In the course of daily life, people work and play outside of the boundaries that have been created at the governmental level. So, in performing our law enforcement mission, it is essential that we perform our mission for the community as a whole," said Bushek.

The concept of an open relationship between the Japanese and Station police is not a new one, said Tadashi Murakami, Iwakuni Police Department liaison section chief.

"However, it is our first interaction with the operations chief," said Murakami.



Photo courtesy of Master Sgt. Eric Drummond

Iwakuni City policemen visited the Station's Provost Marshal's Office, July 13, to begin discussions regarding a Japanese/American Police Association.

The local law enforcement's visit included a tour of the Station's mobile command post.

"In addition to building relationships, it is always good to find out about

new equipment that we may eventually have," Murakami noted.

According to Drummond, the concept of a Japanese/American Police Association has long been in the works.

"We've visited the police building in Iwakuni," said Master Sgt. Rodney Redmon, Station antiterrorism force protection chief. "There is a lot of coordination going on within different departments at a variety of levels."

Working with Japanese officials is important not only to the Provost Marshal's Office, but also to Station residents,

said Bushek.

"Anything we do that strengthens our relationship with our host nation benefits us and the local community," said Bushek.

Hawks nest in Pacific Region

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Combat Correspondent

The Hawks of Marine All-Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 533 deployed to Iwakuni, July 9, as part of a six-month Unit Deployment Program.

The Hawks are replacing the Thunderbolts of Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 251, who will return to Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort, S.C.

The deployment marks the first time the Hawks have deployed since Operation Iraqi Freedom.

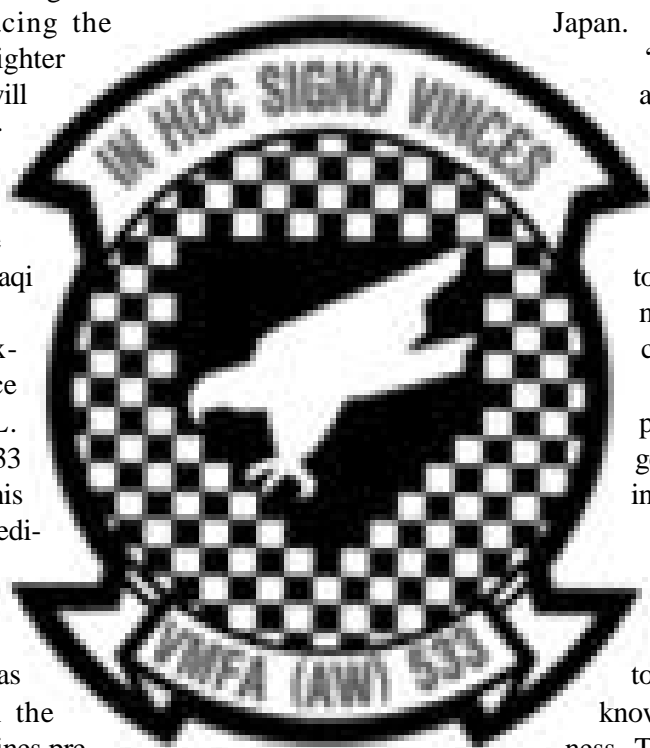
"We have had an extremely high turnover since OIF," said Capt. P.L. Fitzgerald, VMFA(AW)-533 administration officer. "This whole past year has been dedicated to training our new joins and getting them up to speed on how we operate. Our senior leadership has been very hands-on with the training of our younger Marines preparing them for our UDP."

The Hawks will be stopping all across the Pacific Region during the deployment.

"They're going to see the world," said Lt. Col. Mark G. Mykleby, VMFA(AW)-533 commanding officer. "I

hope they have a good time and learn something. We're ready to fight and ready to go have a good time."

Cpl. Michael Simpson, VMFA(AW)-533 airframer, recently finished a Kuwait deployment and is looking forward to the opportunity to experience Japan.



"I'd like to meet people here and see what they're like," Simpson said. "You really don't interact with a lot of people in the Middle East. I'm looking forward to interacting with the Japanese and soaking up some culture."

In addition to cultural experiences, the squadron is gearing up for some unit training during their deployment.

"I'm looking forward to having my squadron all in one spot and training as a unit," Mykleby said. "We're ready to go. I want the Marines to know they are a force in readiness. They're on the tip of the spear here and they know it."

During the Thunderbolt's deployment here, they will participate in training exercises with Pacific Rim countries to include Australia, Thailand and the Republic of the Philippines.

Fast Facts about Marine All-Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 533

- The squadron was activated in 1943 and has since been involved in almost every major conflict.
- In April 1980, the squadron became the first Marine All-Weather Attack Squadron to participate in the Western Pacific unit deployment program, deploying to Iwakuni.
- The Hawks made history on Sept. 1, 1992 when they become the first squadron in the 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing to transition to the two-seat F/A-18D.
- The Hawks employed over 800,000 pounds of ordnance and flew 558 sorties and 1440 flight hours during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

NEWS BRIEFS

SEALED BID SALE

Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office's next local sealed bid sale will start Monday. Property on sale can and should be inspected at DRMO from Monday to Wednesday. Make sure to inspect the property prior to bidding. Bid must be received no later than Thursday, 8 a.m. Property on sale includes furniture, military clothing, photo equipment, exercise equipment, vehicle, forklift and scrap. Call 253-3982 or 253-4089 for details.

COLLEGES ON STATION

The registration for Term 1 for the University of Maryland and Central Texas College is open Aug. 2-13. Call 253-3494 or 253-3631 for details. Class schedules can be picked up at offices of both colleges, which are located on the first floor of the Marine and Family Service Center next to the Crossroads Mall.

CORRECTION

In the July 16th edition of the *Torii Teller*, the article "Station saves money, energy" Chief Petty Officer Richard Robinson was quoted as Petty Officer 1st Class Richard Robinson, Utilities Division of Facilities energy conservation manager." His actual rank is Chief Petty Officer and his job title is energy conservation manager.

Marines stir up quality training

STORY AND PHOTOS BY
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Feeding hundreds of Marines a day can be difficult, but remove running water, convection ovens and steam coppers, and the challenge grows.

Nearly 30 food service specialists from Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 conducted a field mess training exercise here, July 13-14.

"We conduct this type of training once a quarter," said Staff Sgt. Sonia Hernandez, MWSS-171 food service specialist. "We want the Marines to get as much field training as possible, because the way we cook in the field is different than preparing food in garrison."

During the exercise, the Marines prepared approximately 450 portions of food once a day, said Sgt. Adam Bulluck, MWSS-171 food service specialist.

The unique challenges associated with cooking in the field are many, he added.

"Out in the field we have to deal with a limited amount of space, less equipment and a smaller selection of utensils," said Bulluck.

But such obstacles must be overcome in order for the Marines to meet their main goal: providing two appetizing meals a day in the fastest, safest way possible.

Menus are planned and supplies are ordered



Lance Cpl. Randy Almanza, Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 food service specialist, prepares green beans with the assistance of Sgt. Gregory Ashton-Kenny, MWSS-171 food service specialist, during a recent training exercise. The Marines prepared 450 portions of food daily.

prior to a field exercise, said Hernandez.

"We bring a lot of canned and dehydrated foods to the field," Hernandez said. "But we also ensure that fresh produce is available. Vendors provide us with fruits and vegetables."

Sanitation is also an important issue, said Sgt. Gregory Ashton-Kenny, MWSS-171 food service specialist.

"We do have sinks, but not running water," said Ashton-Kenny. "We fill and empty the sinks by hand, and heat the water with burners. And throughout the day, we have Marines taking our gear to the pot-shack tent to be cleaned."



Lance Cpl. Phillip Burrus (left) and Lance Cpl. Kareem Henderson, MWSS-171 food service specialists, pan off steak ranchero during a field mess training exercise here, July 13-14. The exercise is held quarterly.

In addition to taste, the Marines focus on appearance, said Hernandez.

"We eat with our eyes – if the food looks good, we'll eat it," she said. "Presentation is just as important as taste. It's also a part of taking pride in your product."

Although working in a somewhat primitive environment can be difficult, senior Marines relish deployments as an opportunity to interact more with junior Marines.

"My favorite part of being in the field is getting to work with Marines more," said Hernandez.

"In garrison, more than 50 percent of the cooks are civilian," noted Bulluck. "Deployments are a great chance to make sure all of the Marines are prepared."

Laws of War defined, questions answered

Marine instructors teach three-day course to dispel common misconceptions

CAPT. STEWART T. UPTON
Public Affairs Officer

Iraqis dressed in civilian attire have pre-staged their weapons in houses opposite your squad and are firing on your position. Once you return fire, they are dropping their weapons in one home and running over to another to pick up a weapon and fire on you and your Marines.

Al-Jazeera has been rumored to be in the city. If you shoot one of these Iraqis while they are running from one house to the other, it could lead to the perception that Marines are shooting innocent and unarmed Iraqi civilians.

Can you or should you shoot the Iraqi when running from one house to the other?

If you accumulated the intelligence, assessed the situation and acted responsibly based upon a reasonable belief that your intelligence assessment was accurate ... then you would be authorized to act according to the Laws of War.

These type of possible scenarios

and solutions to them were discussed during a three day Law of War course held here, July 14-16, by a group of four Marine instructors from Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va.

"There are no easy answers or situations in war," said Col. Carl Hilsdorf, the leader of the Law of War detachment and former 8th Tank Battalion logistics officer during the 1991 Gulf War when his battalion had to deal with the handling of prisoners of war. "You should also always expect someone out there to have a video camera," Hilsdorf added.

During the course, Marines in attendance learned that combatants and noncombatants need to be determined prior to targeting or engaging the enemy.

"Combatants are always fair game until they become noncombatants ... you can kill combatants," said Lt. Col. Michael Reheuser, a Marine judge advocate and one of the Law of War instructors.

"If an enemy soldier is holding a hostage for protection and acting

towards you with a hostile intent and if, in your attempt to kill the enemy combatant, the noncombatants hostage is killed, then the hostages death is collateral damage," Reheuser said.

It was also taught that the use of the white flag is a signal to show a unit's intent to discuss surrender. During the battle of the Falkland Islands war in 1982, a British officer observed an Argentine combatant waving a white flag. The British officer stood up to acknowledge this and was gunned down by Argentine forces on the other side of the ridge. It is thought that word of one side of the Argentine force's intent to discuss surrender did not reach the other side of the ridge.

"Bottom line, the white flag means to proceed with caution," said Hilsdorf. Other subjects covered by the Law of War course included seminars on the proper handling of Prisoners of War, War Crimes, and Rules of Engagement. Capt. Matthew Spurlock, Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni staff judge

advocate defense counsel had attended the course once before and was in attendance to refresh his knowledge of the subject matter.

"It's good to get updates on how we classify personnel captured on the battlefield as either detainees or enemy prisoners of war," Spurlock said.

Navy Seabee Lt. Chris Coggins, Station deputy Facilities officer, said that he had definitely learned from the course, especially in regard to what you are not supposed to do.

"You can't armchair quarterback a commander's decision if more facts become available afterwards. During war, split second decisions are made and according to 'Rendulic's Rule,' information known at the time of action is vital in determining a Law of War violation," Coggins said.

The Law of War course concluded in a ceremony on July 16 in Bldg. 1. Each of the participants who participated in the course received a certificate of completion.

Former Marine, quadriplegic wants others to buckle up

LANCE CPL. BRIAN KESTER
Combat Correspondent

MARINE CORPS RECRUIT DEPOT PARRIS ISLAND, S.C. — Attaining the rank of sergeant in the Marine Corps is no easy task. It takes dedication and perseverance. For Gilbert Queen, a former sergeant, it was a short-lived achievement in a life that, since 1992, has been filled with insurmountable odds.

Adapting and overcoming odds is what the Marine Corps is all about, and Queen is no stranger to that. That is why Gunnery Sgt. Lance Dobine, S-4 officer for Headquarters & Supply Battalion, suggested that Queen speak with the Marines of H&SBn, during a safety brief at the Depot Theater, June 30.

In 1992, Queen was involved in a near fatal car crash that left him paralyzed from the neck down. After the accident, he was declared clinically dead three times, but was resuscitated each time.

On his first night in the hospital, a nurse told him his prognosis. She said that he had broken his neck and that he would never walk again. Initially, Queen was in denial, seeing himself running the next physical fitness test or leading a run.

She told him that he was paralyzed, and that this is why he could not move. He then began to cry and looked for some sympathy from the nurse.

Queen said that she looked at him and asked, "What are you crying for?"

In turn, Queen gave a sobering response, "I'm paralyzed ... why didn't I just die."

"That was my first response," he said. "Then the nurse looked at me and said, 'are you crazy, what do you mean why didn't you die. We are still trying to figure out what you are doing alive. If you can survive this night, then you can survive anything.'"

"That ripped right through me like lightning," he said. "That was the first and last time I ever went there. I could have stayed there in that wheel chair and that would have been that, but I used that motivation and said, 'you're right, I'm alive.'"

His unexplained survival is what pushed him over the edge and allowed him to do things that a quadriplegic was not supposed to do, like walking. He constantly leaves people in awe of his accomplishments.

"Anybody overcoming odds of that nature is phenomenal," said Lain Smith, golf course manager, who has known Queen and his enthusiasm for more than six years. "It proves that if you have the heart and desire you can accomplish anything."

He thanks God constantly for that, said Dobine.

"We have been having a lot of problems with safety belt use around the Marine Corps and his injuries were the result of him not wearing a safety belt," said Dobine. "He had a personal testimony about it that could help out other Marines, so I thought it was good for him to come and speak."

"It is just like he said in the safety brief, he was



Lance Cpl. Brian Kester

Gilbert Queen is shown here more than 12 years after his near-death car accident. He wasn't wearing a seat belt at the time of the accident.

just like every other Marine," continued Dobine. "Sometimes he was half asleep, sometimes he wasn't really paying attention, sometimes he said it wouldn't really happen to him and look where he is at now."

Queen's reality can serve as a wake up call to all Marines who seem to be asleep when it comes to making the right decision.

"When people actually see that was me and this is reality, it puts it in perspective," said Queen. "It makes people really catch it and say, 'Hey, wait a minute, this is a Marine.'"

What Queen has been doing since the accident has been to direct people to God.

Through visiting area jail ministries and juvenile detention centers, he tries to give people in need a new perspective. He also coaches chess at local area schools, believing the strategy of the game can make people think about what they are doing prior to actually doing it.

"My motivation is humanity and compassion," he said. "I didn't look at life like I look at it now. I played hard, and I worked hard, and everything was about me. I did my job and helped out to make sure I did what I had to, to get the job done. After that it was about me, but now it is about helping somebody else, and I see a lot of young people making a lot of bad decisions. That is why I sacrifice my time now."

Giving of his time has led Queen to influence a lot of people in the community. All the time he contributes has made an impact on more than just the people that he speaks with. It has also affected his friends.

"He is a never-give-up type of person," said Dobine, a long time friend. "When you can come



Photo courtesy of Gilbert Queen

Queen went through his initial phase of his physical therapy at the Veteran Affairs San Diego Health Care System, San Diego, June 24, 1992.

back from being a quadriplegic and actually stand up and tell your story, of course you can be an inspiration to a lot of folks."

During the safety brief, that influence was focused on the Marine Corps and his perspective as a former Marine.

"I was walking for the Marine Corps and I walked with those dress blues and those stripes and did the best that I could," said Queen. "Now, I'm still walking but I am walking for God. It is the same thing, but from another perspective. It's a spiritual thing."

Queen was promoted to sergeant in 1992 and claims to be a, "permanent sergeant more than 12 years later."

"My Marine Corps career got stopped at sergeant and I can't go any further than that," he said. "It is amazing to see all of the buddies who are E-7's and above. Now, I live through their careers."

Queen said that when he sees his friends moving on with their careers it motivates him in his life to know that they are out there doing the right things.

Motivation is what has kept this former Marine going since the night of the accident.

"For coming from where he was to being where he is now, I think that all of us should consider Queen's life as a testimony for our lives, because he is a good man," said Dobine.

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non-designated Sailors) are eligible except for the following: Sailors under a Selective Reenlistment Bonus (SRB) or in a rating/NEC [Navy Enlisted Classification Code] eligible for SRB reenlistment. Sailors in the SEAL/EOD/Diver/SWCC programs or Sailors in nuclear ratings.

Sailors can begin submitting requests immediately via the chain of command to Navy Personnel Command. All separations under this program must be effected by Sept. 15.

For more information refer to NAVADMIN 151/04, available soon on the Internet at www.bupers.navy.mil, or contact your command career counselor.

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get the job done. When we do that, you'll be able to hear the Banshees scream," added Atehortua.

While in Iwakuni, the squadron has deployed to Osan, Korea and is slated for another exercise in Kadena Air Force Base, Okinawa, before heading back to their home station.

"We arrived here in April and we are excited to wrap up the UDP and go back to Cherry Point soon," said Capt. Nicholas A. Marciano, VMAQ-1 teams officer.

Iwakuni kids are headed...

BACK TO SCHOOL

School supplies needed for each grade

Kindergarten

Full size backpack (no wheel)
Two boxes of Kleenex
Two 24-ct Crayola markers (washable)
Four glue sticks
One box of gallon-sized ziplock bags
One 4-ounce bottle of glue
Two containers of Clorox Wipes
One beach towel (for naps)
Two Mead half inch ruling red base line
Composition books
Community Supplies

First Grade

Full size backpack
One box of Kleenex
Two 24-ct Crayola regular colors
One box of 8-ct Crayola Markers (no fine tip)
1-4 oz Elmer's School glue
A pair of scissors
Two glue sticks
One box of gallon-sized ziplock bags
24 ct #2 pencils
Two big pink erasers
Two Mead half inch ruling red base line
Composition books
Community Supplies

Second Grade

No Trapper Keepers
One box of Kleenex
One 24-ct Crayons (regular colors)
One package thin Crayola markers
1-4 oz of Elmer's school glue
A pair of scissors
One large glue stick
One box of gallon ziplock bags
24-ct #2 pencils
One set color pencils
Three pocket folders (bottom pockets)

Two big pink erasers
Four Mead wild ruled composition notebooks
Community supplies

Third Grade

No Trapper Keepers
One box of Kleenex
One 24-ct Crayons
Markers (optional)
Colored pencils
A pair of scissors
Highlighters
Wide rule loose-leaf paper
#2 pencils (24 count)
Erasers
Ruler (cm/inch)
Four composition Notebooks
Two pocket folders
No pencil Boxes

Fourth Grade

No Trapper Keepers
No large binders
Glue sticks
Ruler (cm/inch)
Green ball-point pens
Kleenex
Pencil Pouch
Six Composition notebooks
Colored pencils
Six pocket folders
24 ct #2 pencils
Erasers

Two wireless notebooks
A pair of scissors
Two wide ruled loose-leaf paper

Fifth grade

No Trapper Keepers
No large binders
Two #2 lead pencils (8 ct)
No mechanical pencils
Ruler (cm/inch)
One box of gallon-sized ziplock bags
Erasers
A pair of scissors

Two packages of wide loose-leaf paper
Two glue sticks
Six 1-subject Spiral notebooks
Two boxes of Kleenex
Colored pencils
Blue ball point pens
Six pocket folders
Pencil pouch
Markers
1-3 ring binder (small)
Two bottles of liquid hand soap
One protractor

Sixth Grade

No Trapper Keepers
No large binders
Colored pencils
Two #2 lead pencils (8ct)
No mechanical pencils
One ball point pencils
One 24 ct Crayons (regular colors)
One glue stick
One compass
One protractor
Three Pocket Folders (without backers)
A pair of scissors
One ruler (cm/inch)
Two boxes of Kleenex
Three wide ruled loose-leaf paper
Four spiral notebooks (No multiple subject notebooks)
One closed-top pencil boxes
One container of Clorox wipes
1 box of gallon sized ziplock bags
1 package of markers
Two highlighters (erasable)

Additional supplies will be requested by the student's teacher

Combined Middle/High School Student Supply List

Drawing pencils #4
Faber-Castel Prismacolor Colored Pencils - 12

Colored highlighter pens/markers
Pens (blue/black/red)
Pencils - # 2
Pencil pouch
Erasers without pencil attachment
White plastic erasers
Small paint brush 1" or less in width
Glue stick
White-out Tape
A pair of scissors
Clear tape
Masking tape
Small hole puncher
Ruler 6" or 12"
*Combination pad lock
Compass
Protractor
3.5 Computer Disk (*For work completed at home*)
Pee Chees/ 2 pocket folders
Large 3 ring binder -2 1/2" or 3" with pocket inserts
Pocket notebook (*spiral or 3 ring*)
Five to six colored tab subject dividers
Notebook with dividers with pockets
Loose leaf paper/college ruled 8 1/2 by 11
Index Cards
Graph paper
Composition notebooks (black and white)
Black lab notebook - unlined
Five Star spiral-bound notebooks
Spiral notebook 100 pages
Large poster paper
Paper sheets for class projects
Notebook dictionary
Notebook thesaurus
Assignment entry calendar or agenda
Scientific Calculator

***All students will need a set of headphones or earphones**

Safety first when walking to school

The simple walk to school can be dangerous if you don't know what to look out for.

止まれ When crossing the street, stop at the curb or edge of the road. Look right, then left, then right again to see if a car is coming. If a car is coming, let it pass and look right and left again until the street is clear.

止まれ If you cannot see clearly or your line of sight is blocked by a car or other objects, slowly move out to where you can see cars and the drivers can see you.

止まれ Cross streets only at marked crosswalks or pedestrian crossings and not in the middle of the street.

止まれ Wear bright colored clothing to help drivers see you more easily.

止まれ In bad weather, make sure that when crossing the street you allow more time and distance for cars to stop before stepping in front of moving cars.



2004-2005 School Registration requirements and general information

Have the following information ready when signing children up for school:

- Orders
- Area Clearance
- Passport or Birth Certificate
- Previous school records-official transcripts/last report card or withdrawal slip from previous school
- Student Social Security Number
- The sponsor's signature is required on forms for initial registration. To simplify the registration process it is a good idea to contact the school and request the necessary paperwork. If you have this material prior to arrival, the registration process will be more expedient.

Immunization Records need to include the following:

- Hepatitis B
- Diphtheria and tetanus toxoids
- Pertussis vaccine
- Hemophilus influenza type b
- Poliovirus
- Measles-mumps-rubella
- Varicella



IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Matthew C. Perry Elementary School

School Voice Mail Menu	253-3447
School Office Fax	253-6490
School Register	253-3327
School Secretary	253-4673
Cafeteria	253-3378
Counselor	253-3506
CSC Office	253-4923
EDIS	253-4562
Gym	253-4118
Information Center (Library)	253-5524
Nurse	253-4033
Psychologist	253-5458
School Supply	253-4514
Speech	253-4119
Student Transportation (Bus)	253-5101
www.perry-es.pac.odedodea.edu/	

Matthew C. Perry High School

School Voice Mail Menu	253-5448
School Office Fax	253-4600
School Register	253-4503
School Secretary	253-5449
Cafeteria	253-3378
Counselor	253-4958
Gym	253-4505
Nurse	253-4033
Psychologist	253-5458
School Supply	253-4693
Student Transportation (Bus)	253-5101
www.perry-hs.pac.odedodea.edu/	

Purchasing lunch using Lunch Box Computer System:

The school cafeteria uses the Lunch Box Computer System as a way of tracking the student's school lunch accounts. A cash/check deposit is required in the student's lunch account and each day when the student eats lunch, the account is debited. The Lunch Box Computer System is designed to operate from a student's assigned number.

Your child will be assigned a number to be used with the computer system. Please help your child to remember this number as he/she will enter the number on the pin pad and the amount will be decreased from their account. Returning students will retain the number they used this past year. Payment in the accounts will be made at the MCX Cash Cage, South Side 7-Day Store or School Cafeteria.

We appreciate your cooperation in this matter, If you have any questions please feel free to contact the school cafeteria at 253-3378.

Seabees spread American goodwill

LANCE CPL. DAVID REVERE
Combat Correspondent

More than 100 Japanese children laughed and played with Station Seabees from the Facilities Department, July 10, at Higashi Hoikuen Public School during the school's summer festival.

The Seabees' participation in the event was part of the Adopt-A-School Program established by the Chaplain's Office earlier this year to help foster positive local community relations.

"The (chaplains) put out a feeler around the Iwakuni area to see if any schools would have an interest in partnering with individuals at (Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni), to have an ongoing relationship with people on base," said Navy Lt. Stephen Coates, Station chaplain. "About 16 schools responded. These schools are primarily for children whose parents both work. We've asked them what we can do, and they have responded according to their needs."

"The (Higashi Hoikuen Public School) has this festival every year," said Petty Officer 1st Class Robert Stevenson, Facilities Construction Crew supervisor. "It's for the families to come out and see what the kids are doing in school. We had the bounce machine, basketball, a parachute game, magic show and a lot of other games."

Stevenson said the families were impressed with the amount of equipment they came with.

"We surprised a lot of the Japanese parents because they had never seen so many Americans before," he said. "The children loved the bounce machine. I had to learn Japanese just to get them to come out."

"I played tug-of-war with the kids," said Petty Officer 3rd Class David Nolan, Facilities builder. "It was me against eight; they beat me."

Nolan said the experience was new to him, but terrific fun.

"I never really did something like this before," he said. "I hope the military left a good image in the eyes of the children."

According to Nolan, some of the children were

afraid of the foreign looks of the Americans at first, but completely warmed up to them by the end of the festival.

"They just kept coming back for more," he said.

Stevenson said Facilities has plans to continue working with the school. The experience has solidified another successful relationship through the Adopt-A-School program.

"This is a great way to reach out in a thoroughly positive manner," said Coates. "It's never a negative consequence to do good to other people. This is an opportunity afforded us by the Iwakuni school district to reach out with genuine American generosity to young children."



Photos courtesy of the Facilities Department

Petty Officer 1st Class Robert Stevenson and Petty Officer 3rd Class David Nolan challenge children from Higashi Hoikuen Public School to a game of tug-of-war, July 10.



Petty Officer 1st Class David Moore assists children in the Bounce House during the Higashi Hoikuen Public School summer festival, July 10.

OUT THE GATE

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

Akiyoshidai Fireworks

A fireworks display will be held at Akiyoshidai plateau in Shuho-cho, Mine-gun, Saturday, 8-9:30 p.m. It will be postponed to the following day in case of rain. Call 0837-62-0304 for more information.

Summer Festival/Saturday Fair

This festival will be held at Kuga

Elementary School's field, Saturday, 5-9:30 p.m. A Jazz concert and a Japanese drum performance by children are scheduled. Snacks and drinks will be sold at booths. In case of rain, the festival will be cancelled. Call 82-2660 for details.

Otake-Waki Fireworks

The fireworks will be performed around the Yamato Bridge and the JR's Railroad Bridge over the Oze River, which runs between Otake City and Waki Town, Thursday, 8-9 p.m. In case of heavy rain, the fireworks will be postponed to the following day. For details, call 52-3105.

Saturday Fair

A fair will be held along the city street in Motomachi Saturday, 6-9 p.m. Booths will be set up to sell snacks and drinks. Band performance is scheduled. It will be cancelled in case of rain.

Otake Sunday Market

A market is scheduled Sunday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Harumi Daiichi Park, next to You Me Town Otake. Booths will be set up to sell fresh vegetables, fish and more. A flea market will be held at the same time. The market will not be cancelled in case of rain. Call 53-7175 for details.



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

dwh or 253-2429 awh.

Mitsubishi Chariot, 1991, mini van, new tires, JCI until Oct. 2004, \$500. Call PO2 Marquez at 253-6485 dwh or 253-6187 awh.

Mitsubishi Delica, 1991, 4x4, JCI until May 2006, \$2,000. Call CWO Bellows at 253-5634 dwh or 253-2472 awh.

Toyota Windom, 1992, 4 door, gold sedan, P/L, P/W, cruise control, 10 disc CD changer, cold A/C, climate control, great car, must sell, UCI until Nov. 2004, \$1,000 obo. Call Sgt. Gogol at 253-3656 dwh or 253-2429 awh.

Nissan Skyline, 1994, black, 2 door, turbo, turbo timer, 5 speed, cold air, cassette/AM/FM/CD/radio, excellent condition, JCI until Oct. 2005, \$3,800. Call SSgt. Aburto at 253-4079 dwh or 090-8603-1423.

Toyota Sprinter, 1992, 4 door, green, sedan, automatic, 4 new speakers, CD/cassette players with remote control, cold A/C, must go now, JCI until April 2006, \$1,500. Call Sgt. Gogol at 253-3656

Mazda MS-8, 1996, 4 door, A/C, keyless remote, AM/FM/CD player, JCI until March 2005, \$2,400. Call Leo Bryant at 253-5240 dwh or 253-2607.

Toyota Hilux Surf, 1993,

sun roof, AM/FM/cassette/CD player, A/C, JCI until Feb. 2005, \$3,000. Call Leo Bryant at 253-5240 dwh or 253-2607 awh.

Toyota Windom, 1994, 5 passengers, 4 door, radio/cassette, P/W, P/D, excellent condition, JCI until Aug. 2005, \$3,000. Call Anna at 253-2676.

Toyota Surf, 1992, CD player, custom rims/tires, well maintained, SUV, JCI until March 2006, \$3,500 obo. Call Sean or Jolyn at 253-5549 dwh or 253-2291 awh.

Nissan Cedric, 1992, JCI until June 2006, \$2,500 obo. Call Sean or Jolyn at 253-5549 dwh or 253-2291 awh.

JOB OPENINGS

Torii Tunes

Part time job is open for nights and weekends. Applications are available at Sound Shop in MCX. Japanese nationals welcome to apply.

Commissary

Full/part time Commissary Deli employees are needed. \$6.50/hour. Japanese nationals welcome to apply. Applications may be picked up at the deli.

CHRO (253-6828)

Clinic:

-Social Worker
-Occupational Health Nurse

MCCS:

-Financial Fitness Counselor

Logistics:

-Supply Management Officer

DECA:

-Sales Store Checker (Student Temporary Employment Program)

MCCS (253-3030)

(The following jobs are open at MCCS Personnel)

MCCS Job Listing:

-Secretary, Business Operations Administration, civilian only
-Sales Associate, Cosmetic, Main Complex
-Leisure Travel Assistant, ITT, civilian only
-Catering Manager, Club Iwakuni
-Executive Chef, Club Iwakuni
-Food Service Worker, School Cafeteria, civilian only
-CDC Supervisor, CDC, civilian only
-Program Assistant, CDC, civilian only
-Food Service Worker, Auto Mini Mart, civilian only
-Recreation Assistant,

Fitness Inst/Trainer, civilian only
-Marketing Research Specialist, Marketing
-Computer Operator, IT
-Personnel Technician ER, Personnel
Continuously Open Jobs

Retail Branch:

-Senior Sales Associate
-Retail Operations Assistant
-Sales Clerk
-Store Worker
-Laborer
-Food Service Worker, Auto Mini Mart

Food & Hospitality:


-Club Operations Assistant
-ID Checker
-Waiter/Waitress
-Food Service Worker

Services Branch:

-Retail Operations Assistant
-Car Rental/Service Station Attendant
-Car/Washer/Laborer
-Recreation Attendant

Athletics Branch:

-Rec. Operations Assistant
-Rec. Assistant



MOVIE SCHEDULE

FRIDAY

11 a.m./5 p.m. Princess Bride (PG-13)
2 p.m./8 p.m. Radio (PG)
11 p.m./5 a.m. White Men Can't Jump (R)
2 a.m. Brotherhood Of The Wolf (R)

SATURDAY

11 a.m./5 p.m. Zoolander (PG-13)
2 p.m./8 p.m. Spiderman (PG)
11 p.m./5 a.m. The Last Samurai (R)
2 a.m. Art Of War (R)

SUNDAY

11 a.m./5 p.m. Air Bud (PG)
2 p.m./8 p.m. Alex & Emma (PG-13)
11 p.m./5 a.m. Sam Of All Fears (PG-13)
2 a.m. The Mask (PG-13)

MONDAY

11 a.m./5 p.m. Kingdom Come (PG)
2 p.m./8 p.m. Pay It Forward (PG-13)
11 p.m./5 a.m. Speed (R)
2 a.m. Adventures Of Pluto Nash (PG-13)

TUESDAY

11 a.m./5 p.m. The Accidental Spy (PG-13)
2 p.m./8 p.m. Dragonfly (PG)
11 p.m./5 a.m. Mystic Pizza (R)
2 a.m. Eraser (R)


WEDNESDAY

11 a.m./5 p.m. Escape To Witch Mountain (G)
2 p.m./8 p.m. Driven (PG-13)
11 p.m./5 a.m. 8 Mile (R)
2 a.m. Orange Country (PG-13)

THURSDAY


11 a.m./5 p.m. The Animal (PG-13)
2 p.m./8 p.m. Space Cowboys (PG-13)
11 p.m./5 a.m. The Hulk (PG-13)
2 a.m. Phone Booth (R)

SAKURA THEATER




SOUL PLANE

Nashawn wins \$100 million in a legal settlement. He uses the money to start the first all-black airline, NWA, as a means to win back his girlfriend, Giselle. However, the maiden NWA flight does not go smoothly when a white family is mistakenly rerouted onto the plane. (87 minutes)



BREAKIN ALL THE RULES

Jamie Foxx stars as a man who, after being unceremoniously dumped by his fiancée, pens a "how to" book on breaking up and becomes a bestselling author on the subject. Not wanting his male friends to suffer the same fate, he gives them advice on dumping their mates. (85 minutes)



THE TERMINAL

An immigrant fleeing the war that ravages his tiny Eastern European homeland finds himself stuck in the terminal of one of New York City's airports when the time of his landing coincides precisely with the point at which the war causes his nation of origin to no longer exist, meaning that his passport and paperwork are no longer valid. He takes up residence in the terminal itself, befriend- ing the staff of the airport. (128 minutes)

FRIDAY

12p.m. Shrek 2 (PG)
3 p.m. Harry Potter 3 (PG)
7 p.m. Soul Plane (R)
10p.m. Envy (PG-13)

SATURDAY

1 p.m. Harry Potter 3 (PG)
4 p.m. The Day After Tomorrow (PG-13)
7 p.m. Breakin All The Rules (PG-13)
10p.m. Soul Plane (R)

SUNDAY

4 p.m. Godsend (PG-13)
7 p.m. The Terminal (PG-13)

MONDAY

7p.m. Mean Girls (PG-13)

TUESDAY

7p.m. The Terminal (PG-13)

WEDNESDAY

12p.m. Rugrats In Paris (G)
3 p.m. Mean Girls (PG-13)
7 p.m. Godsend (PG-13)

THURSDAY

7p.m. Envy (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
August 5 - DLAB
August 9 - DLPT
August 11 - ACT
August 18 - AFCT
August 19 - EDPT

For more information call 253-3855.

CHRO

CHRO Training

■ **Conflict Across Cultures:** Tuesday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
 ■ **New Employees Orienta-**

tion: Aug. 3-4, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
 ■ **Family Member Local Employment Orientation:** Aug. 11, 8-9 a.m.
 ■ **RESUMIX:** Aug. 11, 9:30-10:30 a.m.
 ■ **Outbound Family Member Priority Placement Program Brief:** Aug. 11, 11 a.m. to 12 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

CRMC Classes (253-6439)
 ■ **Local Employment Over-**

view: Tuesday, 9-10:30 a.m.
 ■ **Hello USA:** Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 ■ **10 Steps To Federal Employment:** Thursday, 1-3 p.m.
 ■ **Transition Assistance Seminar:** Aug. 2-6, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Advance sign-up is not required.

Club Iwakuni

■ **All-You-Can-Eat Prime Rib Night:** Saturday, in the ballroom.

MCX (253-5641)

■ **Back To School Sale:** now through Aug. 1 purchase school supplies at discount prices. Aug. 3-13 enjoy a sale of apparel and shoes.

Youth Center

■ **Youth Baseball Homestay:** Youth Sports is looking for the Station families to host 7 to 12-year-old boys from Aug. 31 to Sept. 1 as part of a Baseball Homestay Cultural Exchange. To volunteer, call Jamie Buning at 253-3239.

Teen Center (253-6454)

■ **Pool Party:** Today, 6-9 p.m. Let's have fun at the Main Outdoor Pool. Japanese high school students have been invited to the party. Join us in this cultural gathering.
 ■ **Passport To Manhood Meet-**

ing: Sunday, 3-5 p.m.

Single Marine Program (253-3891)

■ **9-Ball Tournament:** Saturday, 6 p.m.
 ■ **Yanai Go-Carts Trip:** Sunday, 12 p.m.
 ■ **Chichiyasu Water Park:** Aug. 8, 10 a.m. \$10 transportation. Bring extra yen for admission and food.

Lost and Found at Marine Corps Exchange

Customers who have lost items at the Marine Corps Exchange can check with the lost and found at the Security Office located inside the MCX. Credit cards can also be found there.

COMMUNITY

Vacation Bible School

This will be held Aug. 2-6, 6-8 p.m. for ages 3 to 18-years-old. Call 253-5218 for details.

Matthew C. Perry Schools

Summer office hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1-3 p.m. All new families need to come by the schools and register for the school year upon arrival. For more information, call 253-3327 or 253-5449.

Sure Start

Applications are now being accepted for school year 2004-2005. Children must be 4 years old by Oct. 31, 2004. Pick up an application at the Matthew C. Perry Elementary School Office.

Call 253-3447 for details.

Summer Gospel Concert

The concert will be held at Amphitheater at Crossroads Mall, Saturday, 5-7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. For details, call Chaplain Barry at 253-3371.

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 1 p.m., Wednesdays from 5-7 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

Every other 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. Lydia Davey

Children benefit from donations

Lt. Col. Charlie Stubbs, acting executive officer for the Station, and Marine Corps Community Services Director Dale Smith present the Child Development Center with a check for \$1,040.29. The money came from the 2003 Combined Federal Campaign donations designated for MCCS. The donation will be used to place a clear film on the walls of the CDC, which will allow the children to hang artwork without damaging the walls. The CDC also plans to use the covering to protect an aquatic mural in the hallway.

MALS-12 AVI schools opponents, wins 53-40

LANCE CPL LYDIA DAVEY
Combat Correspondent

Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12's AVI withstood a tough defensive effort by Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron's Remix, coming out on top 53-40 at the IronWorks Gym, July 14.

Remix took control at the start, nabbing the ball during the opening jump ball, and the game was on.

The start of the first half saw a strong effort from both teams. Ken Bomongcag and Andrew Higgins paced Remix with a barrage of deep jumpers, while AVI's Marques Davis ripped down rebound after rebound.

During the end of the first half, AVI's Carl Dixon and Daniel Jacobson began dominating the floor with consecutive layups, temporarily putting their team ahead.

The beginning of the second half saw both teams tied. They remained close for most of the third quarter, but with a quick run, AVI surged ahead.

Several key rebounds by Stephen Vega kept AVI ahead, while Remix stepped up their offense with players Daryl Williams and Kareem Henderson sinking baskets to keep the score close.

However, their effort wasn't enough. When the game ended, AVI had easily won by 13.

The win was just what AVI team coach Wesley Armstrong was hoping for.



Photos by Lance Cpl. Ruben D. Calderon

Ken Bomongcag, Headquarters & Headquarters Squadron Remix player, shoots a jump shot over a Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12 AVI player.

"Our strategy for tonight was Win! Win! Win!," said Armstrong. "Our players came to work to do a good job."

Even though they ended up on the losing side, Remix played a good game, said team coach William Wimbush.

"We play smart," he said. "Our strategies for tonight were to work the ball around. We tried to go to the open man and play tough defense."

A challenge the team faces is that the members are all shift workers.

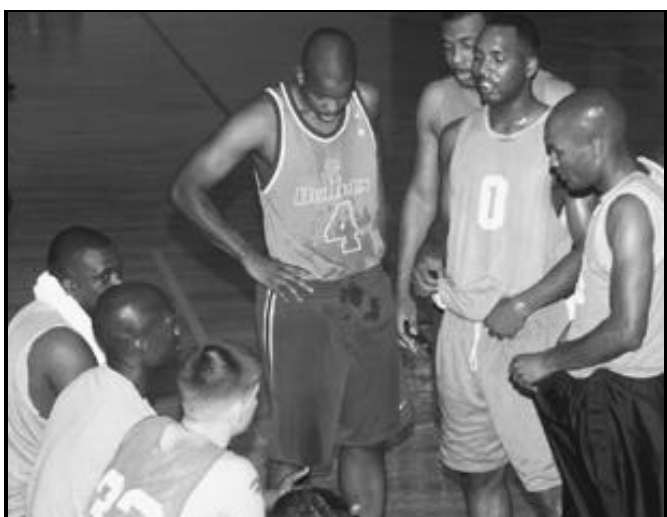
"We have a lot of new players moving in and out, so it can be tough to find time to practice together," he noted.

The rest of the season looks bright for AVI, said Armstrong.

"My whole team is good. We've got a lot of natural talent," he said.



Marques Davis, AVI player, drives in past defenders and easily scores a layup at the beginning of the second half.



AVI huddles at halftime to plan a good defensive strategy. AVI won the game 53-40.

IWAKUNI SPORTS SCENE

PAINTBALL RANGE HOURS EXTENDED

Until Sept. 5, the Station Paintball Range will be open Friday from 3-7 p.m. and Saturdays, Sundays and holidays from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Discount paintball packages are available. Call 253-3842 for details.

YOUTH SUMMER BASKETBALL

The tournament, in double elimination format, is open to 7-12-year-olds. It is held from Monday to July 30, 5-6 p.m. at the IronWorks Gym. For more information, call 253-3239.

YOUTH SOCCER & CHEERLEADING

Registration for both activities is available for \$30 until Aug. 23 at the IronWorks Gym. Coaches for both events train Aug. 23-24, 5 p.m. in the Wellness Room. Late registration is accepted until Sept. 3, \$40 for soccer. Opening ceremony for soccer is Sept. 11, 9 a.m. at Penny

Lake. Closing ceremonies will be Oct. 30, 9 a.m. at the Penny Lake Soccer Field.

UNIT WATER POLO PT

Aug. 6, 12:30 p.m. Military units sign-up before Aug. 4. Only five teams compete. One team per unit, 11 players per team. All units receive 20 President's Challenge points. 1st and 2nd place units receive \$100 and \$75 respectively for their party fund. This is a deep water event. Flotation belts are allowed. For more details, e-mail truesdalecf@usmc-mccs.org or call 253-5051.

WOMEN AND MEN'S THREE ON THREE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT COACHES MEETING

Aug. 3, 10 a.m. in the IronWorks Gym Wellness Room. Call Keith Carr at 253-5777 for more information.

Dragons get lost in 'Da Woods

LANCECPL RUBEN D. CALDERON
Combat Correspondent

The Dragons were slayed by Off-N-D-Woods during Intramural Softball action, June 16, at the Penny Lake softball field.

The 'Woods dominated the diamond the whole afternoon with nonstop hits and runs.

Two innings into the game, 'Woods was up 4-0. At the top of the third, the Dragons' bats came alive, scoring two runs, cutting the lead in half, 4-2. In their half of the inning, 'Woods belted line drives left and right, en route to a four-run inning.

Craig Penass, 'Woods first

baseman, hammered a triple to left field, and Jeff Lograsso, 'Woods shortstop, singled in Penass.

Patrick Carron, 'Woods pitcher and coach, and Robert Blandford, 'Woods left-centerfielder, followed with consecutive singles. With two runners on, Hector Villegas, 'Woods leftfielder, doubled in two runs.

Terrell Guell, 'Woods pinch hitter, finished the onslaught with a shot to center, scoring Villegas. By the end of the third, the score was 10-2.

After a run scoring triple by the Dragons' Jeremiah Underland made the score 10-3, 'Woods continued the pressure, squeezing in a run

on a single by Blandford.

The 'Woods put the game away in the fifth inning when Travis Oakes, another Woods pinch hitter, came into score after Jonathon McGunnigle hit a double. Alan Johnson, 'Woods third baseman, then batted McGunnigle in. At the end of the fifth, the score was a lopsided 13-4. 'Woods added two more runs for a final score of 15-4.

"It was a sweet victory," said Carron. "The Dragons played a good

game, they were competitive, but we hit the ball more."

Regardless, Jake Woolsey, Dragons' coach, claims the team still shows promise and potential.

"Sometimes you win, sometimes you lose. We can't win them all but we're going to get more practice in and stay fresh," said Woolsey.

The Dragons drop to 2-2 on the season while 'Woods improve to 3-1.



Dragons' Randal Reed swings for the fences during an at bat against Off-N-D-Woods during Intramural Softball action at the Penny Lake softball field.



Dragons' Christopher David scores, while 'Woods catcher Jonathan McGunnigle awaits the relay home.



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Dragons' Travis Hoyt lines a single up the middle, as the umpire and catcher, Andrew Adkins, look on.



Dragons' Eric Brothers congratulates victorious Off-N-D-Woods team members (left to right) Terrell Guell and Hector Villegas after the softball game, July 16.