

# THE IWAKUNI APPROACH

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## Kintai Marathon bridges cultural gap with running | Pg. 6 & 7



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Participants of the 46th Annual Kintai Marathon stretch out before the marathon, which started in front of the IronWorks Gym here, April 14, 2013. More than 1000 people participated in the marathon. The event provides a unique venue for bringing American and Japanese cultures together to enjoy a common bond of running.

## Station ARFF improves capabilities with MAF-125

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With the December 2012 opening of the Iwakuni Kintai-kyo Airport, which uses Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni's runway, Marines from Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting are

responsible for responding to any conditions that may occur on the airfield. The addition of another terminal comes the need of more assistance and equipment.

That assistance comes in the form of two Morita Airport Crash Tender MAF-125 vehicles.

The large MAF-125 provides

Marines with equipment to fight any type of fire with the push of a button. Several of the truck's functions can be controlled by panels on the outside of the truck and inside the cabin.

The panels control the flow of water to specific discharges on the truck, whether it's the hand

lines, turrets or the under-truck nozzles.

"The operating system definitely helps when it comes to manpower," said Sgt. Hector Reyes, station ARFF and MAF-125 operator. "The MAF-125

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## "Sex Signals" entertains, teaches, trains

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Servicemembers aboard Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni come to expect the usual "death by powerpoint" with all hands Sexual Assault Prevention and Response training. For those attending the training at Sakura Theater April 15-16, 2013, they found themselves receiving a

different kind of brief.

Actors from Catharsis Productions performed their improvisational show "Sex Signals," which explains topics related to dating and attitudes that lead to sexual assault and even rape.

"We are actors and educators who teach about social justice

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## Station residents celebrate with 'child's play'

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The Youth and Teen Center hosted a celebration for Month of the Military Child aboard station behind Crossroads Mall, April 13, 2013.

Month of the Military Child is a time to reflect on the nearly 2 million children serving alongside their parents in

America's armed services.

"I think it's important because the kids serve and sacrifice too," said Eugene Clark, Youth and Teen Center director. "Month of the military child is our focus point in April and we do it bigger and better here in Iwakuni, because the kids are half way across the world from home."

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# CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

## 'Team strategy'

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MALS-12 CHAPLAIN

As I have learned, many of you have a history in athletics. If any of you have seen me on any of the intramural sports teams; firstly, you have seen my competitiveness. Secondly, you have seen my love for all different sports. As you can imagine, I played many sports throughout high school and college. Though my best sports were football and wrestling, I always fantasied about basketball. However, since my vertical leap lacked, football and tennis became my ticket to college and I only made the tennis team because it was a startup program.

Football is an amazing game and unique in many ways. It was the first time I discovered

the fullness of "Team Strategy." Unlike sports that are geared toward individual effort, like wrestling and tennis, football requires players to focus on their roles in order to achieve the goals of the team. For example, what good can a quarterback do if one of his offensive linemen doesn't block the nose guard? Not much!

Football is a lot like working within our command structures. Early in my playing days, it was hard for me to fully appreciate this. I was so used to making adjustments on the fly in basketball. The difference is that in basketball, you can see the whole court and what's happening from every position, but in football, the game is much bigger and you just can't see it all. You can only see the results of the whole. I remember all too clearly having my target block in sight, then another opponent coming into my peripheral vision and then trying to adjust because of it, which caused me to miss both blocks. And I definitely

remember that it was especially traumatizing to watch it on widescreen as we evaluated the game film the next week! If only I had stayed focused on my role, all would have gone as planned.

Sometimes it's difficult to be a team player because it requires trust in your teammates. Even though we can't see everything that happens aboard station, we have to trust our teammates. I have to trust that they, like you, will do their job; skillfully fulfilling our duty and caringly looking out for each other. When we find that trust and keep our focus on our particular role, great things can happen, touchdowns can be scored, goals achieved, and in the case of USMC, we can stay ready, our nation and its allies protected and lives saved. Thank you for being on my team! Please don't hesitate to reach out to one of your chaplains for anything at all. May God bless you as you serve.

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## Road Tax Due April 2013

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### Heavy Vehicle Information

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100Y \_\_\_\_\_  
33E, 33Y, 300Y, 300E  
329Y, 330Y, 331Y  
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530Y, 531Y, 500E

■ April 24 through 26, tax collectors from the city will be at the Provost Marshal's Office pass-and-registration section for heavy vehicle owners to pay their tax on station from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

■ Heavy vehicles can otherwise pay road tax on the first floor of the New Symphonia Building from 8:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. Parking is free in the rear of the building.

■ Once your road tax is paid, bring the following to the pass and registration section of the PMO building, to receive your new base decal:

- Japanese title, secondary insurance, the vehicle or motorcycle, Japanese Compulsory Insurance (JCI), SOFA license and AFID card, recycling fee receipt and new road tax receipt.

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<b>Cost:</b>	<b>Plate:</b>	<b>Cost:</b>
¥ 32,000	50A, 40A, 580A	¥ 3,000
¥ 22,000	YAMA A, B	¥ 1,000
¥ 19,000	IWAKUNI A, B, C	¥ 500
¥ 7,500		

■ Light Vehicles and motorcycles owners will pay road tax on the second floor of City Hall located across from the police station from 8:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. Validated parking is free.

■ Maps to the new Symphonia building and City Hall can be obtained from the PMO pass and registration section. For any other questions, contact pass-and-registration at 253-3135.

■ To avoid the long lines of the "last-minute rush" at PMO, please pay your road tax and renew your decal early in April.

■ April 30, the PMO pass-and-registration section will only process 2013 Road Tax registration and licenses. No other business will take place during this time.

**Failure to pay road tax can result in the impoundment of your vehicle.**



LANCE CPL. JAMES R. SMITH

Station Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting's Morita Airport Crash Tender MAF-125 exits the ARFF warehouse after undergoing a maintenance check at Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan, April 11, 2013.

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holds three Marines instead of four and can be operated with less people, which is a plus."

One of the main components to the vehicle is the water turret mounted atop the vehicle, which can be operated by a remote control from inside the cabin or manually in case of

mechanical failure.

"The turret pumps out more than 3,000 gallons of water in a minute," said Reyes.

In addition to the turret on the roof, the MAF-125 is equipped with under-truck nozzles that produce a blanket of foam so it can make a path for vehicles and emergency response personnel.

"This vehicle is able to put out almost any other type of fire, this truck has what it needs to put it out."

The Morita MAF-125 provides the needs of combating any emergency that may occur on the airfield, making a valuable addition to the ARFF's firefighting arsenal.

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issues," said Kristen Pickering, "Sex Signals" actor. "We perform at colleges and universities, as well as military bases."

The show put together certain scenarios with the help of participation from the audience. Marines were asked to give places, certain people and even provide cheesy pick-up line.

Through the use of guided improvisation and attention-keeping humor, it managed to bring across the seriousness of sexual assault.

"Sexual assault is a very intense topic and a lot of times, whenever anyone says 'sexual assault is a serious crime,' people tune them out after five minutes," said Sharon Adams, station sexual assault response coordinator. "What I like about 'Sex Signals' is that it is a combination of education and comical relief, but are serious issues handled in a humorous and diverse way."

At one point during the presentation, the actors performed a scenario involving one person forcing the other to drink a spiked beverage. The audience had cards with a stop sign and was told to use it when they thought the scene reached the point of where it could be seen as sexual assault.

"We use humor to break down certain barriers and allows people to hear our message, but also allows them to be honest about what they really think," said Derante Parker, "Sex Signals" actor. "It allows people to be themselves."

Even with the show displaying the true nature of sexual assault and rape, the point behind the show is to get across the important messages.

"Our goal is for people to understand what rape is, whose fault it is and what we can do as a community to support victims," said Parker. "We can all do something to stop rape."

With the close of the curtain, the duo managed to get the messages of sexual assault and rape across without the use of a slide presentation.

"This wasn't the first time I was at a 'Sex Signals' class," said Sgt. Ciro Cardenas, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron logistics ordnance magazine crew noncommissioned officer-in-charge. "I saw it on the agenda and immediately became excited. Typically, 'death by powerpoint' seems to be more talking down to you. 'Sex Signals' is very casual, more inviting and it's not as formal. I'd recommend this class to anyone."

## Weekend celebration enforces year-round care of children

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Clark said it's hard for kids because every three years or so they have to get up and leave, go to new school and try to fit in, and that can be a challenge for some.

Inflatable bounce houses, face painting, performances, music and give-aways were among the many things available for the participants.

"We've been doing this for about the last nine years," said Clark. "We always do it during their spring break. Here aboard Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni we took it upon ourselves to honor our kids, because kids serve as well."

Clark went on to say that Caspar Weinberger established month of the military child in 1986 to recognize the important role children play in our community. "Children have to go through the same transitions their parents do and sometimes it hard for a child to... meet new friends and start all over," said Wendell Stewart,

Youth and Teen Center program assistant.

The Youth and Teen Center was in charge of the event, but they had some help along the way.

"It's a community wide event and without the help of the community we wouldn't be able to come out and celebrate like we do," said Clark.

The Month of the Military Child celebration may have only lasted one day, but many more things are happening aboard station to celebrate this April.

"We have a lot of fun with the kids. The command provides a lot of events during the month of April," said Clark. "We have our ice cream party, birthday parties; we just have all kinds of events planned."

Events such as these provide the opportunity for families to pay due respect to children who may be overlooked in daily routines. Station members still have much to look forward to in April for celebrating the Month of the Military Child.



# Recycling keeps the machine green



CPL. KENNETH K. TROTTER JR.  
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

"Recycle, reduce, reuse and close the loop!" Some people may remember this catchy jingle from the early '90s in the nation's ongoing attempt to increase environmental and recycling awareness.

For the station recycling center workers, that phrase still serves as their motto and rallying cry.

"You always have the three steps of recycling – reduce, reuse, recycle," said Ryan Leming, station solid-waste manager. "It works if you use that in your daily activities."

The recycling center sits east of the Sakura Theater and between permanent and Unit Deployment Program squadrons near the flightline.

It is here where the job of processing and separating the station's recyclables takes place.

Though all three aspects of recycling are important, there is a reason reduce comes first in the saying.

"Reduce is first because if you can reduce something, you don't have to worry about it," said Leming. "Reuse is second. If I can take anything that is in its original state from someone and give it to someone else, then that's the second step. It's not waste. So, actually, reuse is reduction and it's also recycling. It's just a big circle."

Aspiring environmentalists living in the barracks may feel they are at a disadvantage when it comes to recycling, as the center is some distance away, but not to worry. Segregation is also an integral part of the process. As residents sort through their garbage, they take an account of what they are and are not recycling.

"If you live in the barracks, you don't need to recycle," said Leming. "What you need to do is segregate (your trash). We've set it up to where the trash contractor brings us the recyclables; aluminum, steel cans and stuff like that."

Segregating trash not only makes it easier on the recycle center, but it also helps the Marine Corps in the long run.

"The main way to save the station money is to segregate between your materials, combustible and noncombustible," said Leming. "If you can segregate those, they get turned into us. Even if you don't, (Japanese contractors) do segregate the trash for us. It helps the contractor immensely. Then you have your clean paper items, which are not pizza boxes, by the way."

Any paper or cardboard items which come into contact with food substances are automatically not allowed. However the more important item to segregate is glass.

"If I could get everyone on base to segregate glass alone and put that in a separate bag, we could reduce the cost of the contract by a significant amount," said Leming.

Though trash is not necessarily what they deal in, the possibility of encountering something intended as trash is always there.

"A typical workday is 'expect the unexpected,' because we never know what we're going to get," said Leming.

Throughout that typical workday, the workers set about gathering recyclables that are left in front of the recycling center, crushing cans, shredding papers and baling cardboard, which is done with the aid of industrial-strength equipment.

The mindset of recycling is also one many may not have been exposed to at a younger age.

"We all come from different areas. Some places were big on recycling, some didn't have anything," said Leming. "I grew up with one trash can in the house. That's just the way it was."

Recycling is always important. It helps cut down on unnecessary waste and spending and helps in efficiency. With the recycling center always looking for ways to help be more efficient, station residents can play a part in that simple three-step process.

CPL. KENNETH K. TROTTER JR.  
Aluminum cans move up the conveyor belt of a can compactor at the station recycling center here, April 8, 2013. The mantra of 'recycle, reduce, and reuse,' conveys the necessity of reducing unnecessary garbage. Segregation is also an integral part of the process. As residents sort through their garbage, they take an account of what they are and are not recycling.



CPL. KENNETH K. TROTTER  
Piles of crushed cans sit in the dumping area of the station recycling center here April 8, 2013. Segregation is also an integral part of the process. As residents sort through their garbage, they take an account of what they are and are not recycling. Segregating trash not only makes it easier on the recycle center, but it also helps the Marine Corps in the long run.



Linda Camarillo pushes her daughter, Maya, 3, on an obstacle course rope during the Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 Johnny and Suzie Wayne Day, which took place by the obstacle course here, April 5, 2013. Bouncy houses and other inflatable playgrounds were available for children to gallivant through.

## MWSS-171 celebrates during Johnny and Suzie Wayne Day

STORY AND PHOTOS BY  
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IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 held a Johnny and Suzie Wayne Day at the obstacle course here, April 5, 2013. Children garnered the opportunity to view their parents' daily activities.

"We are showing the kids a display of what type of tactical vehicles we have in the squadron and what kinds of gear we have in the squadron," said Staff Sgt. Joel Morin, MWSS-171 action officer. "We're showing them a little about (Marine Corps Martial Arts Program), what belts we have in the Marine Corps and the moves we learn. We also brought out the (explosive ordnance disposal) robot and showed them what it can do."

The fun day, held in tandem with Month of the Military Child, proved the perfect opportunity to introduce younger generations to what their parents do as Marines.

"I am a father and I want my child to understand what I do for the Marine Corps," said Morin. "As a father, it's very nice that the children can come out here and look at the different things their parents do on a daily basis, because not all of them understand what their father

or mother does in the Marine Corps."

Morin also said given the high exercise deployment rate servicemembers experience while in Iwakuni, it isn't uncommon for children to be without one or both parents for weeks at a time.

"We're gone for several weeks when we go on deployments to Korea, Australia, Tinian and Guam," said Morin.

According to Aaron J. Gray, MWSS-171 family day wasn't just an event for children. Gray mentioned having similar events with different names back in the states and described how bringing such an event to Iwakuni helps families adjust to Japan.

"We wanted to bring some of the things that are going on in the states and bring them to Iwakuni," said Gray. "So when families came over here, they could still get that state-side feeling. Plus it gives the kids an opportunity to come out and see what their parents do on a daily basis, and with this being Month of the Military Child, this was the perfect time to do it."

Gray said this is the third Johnny and Suzie Wayne day MWSS-171 conducted since he took up the reins as MWSS-171's FRO in 2008.



Gunnery Sgt. Timothy Thompson, Marine Wing Support Squadron 171, S-3 training chief, watches as Matthew Brooks, 5, shoots a basket during the MWSS-171 Johnny and Suzie Wayne Day, which took place next to the obstacle course here, April 5, 2013. Groups of children cycled around station to visit the Indoor Small Arms Range as well.



# CLC-36 continues tradition of working with allied forces

STORY AND PHOTOS BY  
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IWAKUNI APPROACH  
STAFF

The Marine Corps is known by some as the finest fighting force on Earth. One tradition that keeps this great green machine operating properly is working with foreign allies. Combat Logistics Company 36, also known as "the Dragons," did just that by hosting members of the Japan Ground Self Defense Force stationed at Camp Kaitaichi in Hiroshima, Japan.

The Dragons and JGSDF members have similar missions and took this as an opportunity to learn from each other, as well as to enjoy cultural familiarization.

The visit included a tour of the maintenance bay, supply warehouse and concluded with a cook-out.

"The unit that is coming down is a maintenance unit," said 1st Lt. Dan Ludmir, CLC-36 executive officer. "Here at CLC-36, we are intermediate maintenance and intermediate supply, so we have an additional capability at our unit, but ... we have very similar roles and responsibilities."

Japanese visitors remained extremely interested throughout the visit and paid

close attention to all that was said.

"We have the same logistics-type training and the United States has the best," said Capt. Teruo Katayama, JGSDF organizing officer for the event. "We want to come and learn from the Marines. We are excited to be here." Katayama went on to say most of the JGSDF members have never seen some of the equipment Marines use and it was a very rare opportunity.

The parties look forward to strengthening their relationship in the future.

Ludmir said CLC-36 is planning to visit the JGSDF base to tour their facilities and see how they accomplish their mission.

Although the visit only consisted of 20 JGSDF members, there is a much bigger message behind it all. CLC-36 set the example for Marines by working with foreign allies and building relationships that will last for generations to come.

"It is important to do this because we have been in Japan since the end of World War II," said Ludmir. "We live in this nation. It is crucial to know culturally of our host country. Not only are they our hosts but they are also our allies."



Gunnery Sgt. Jesse Leao, Combat Logistics Company 36 motor transportation maintenance chief, explains the tire size of a High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle to two Japan Ground Self Defense Force Members here, April 12, 2013. The visit lasted half a day and ended with a cook out.



Japan Ground Self Defense Force members listen to 1st Lt. Dan Ludmir, Combat Logistics Company 36 executive officer, explain the AMK36 Wrecker here, April 12, 2013. The visit included a tour of the supply warehouse and vehicles.



Gunnery Sgt. Jesse Leao, Combat Logistics Company 36 motor transportation maintenance chief, explains the different engine compartments of a High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle to two Japan Ground Self Defense Force Members here, April 12, 2013. The JGSDF have similar jobs to CLC-36 and took this visit as a learning opportunity.

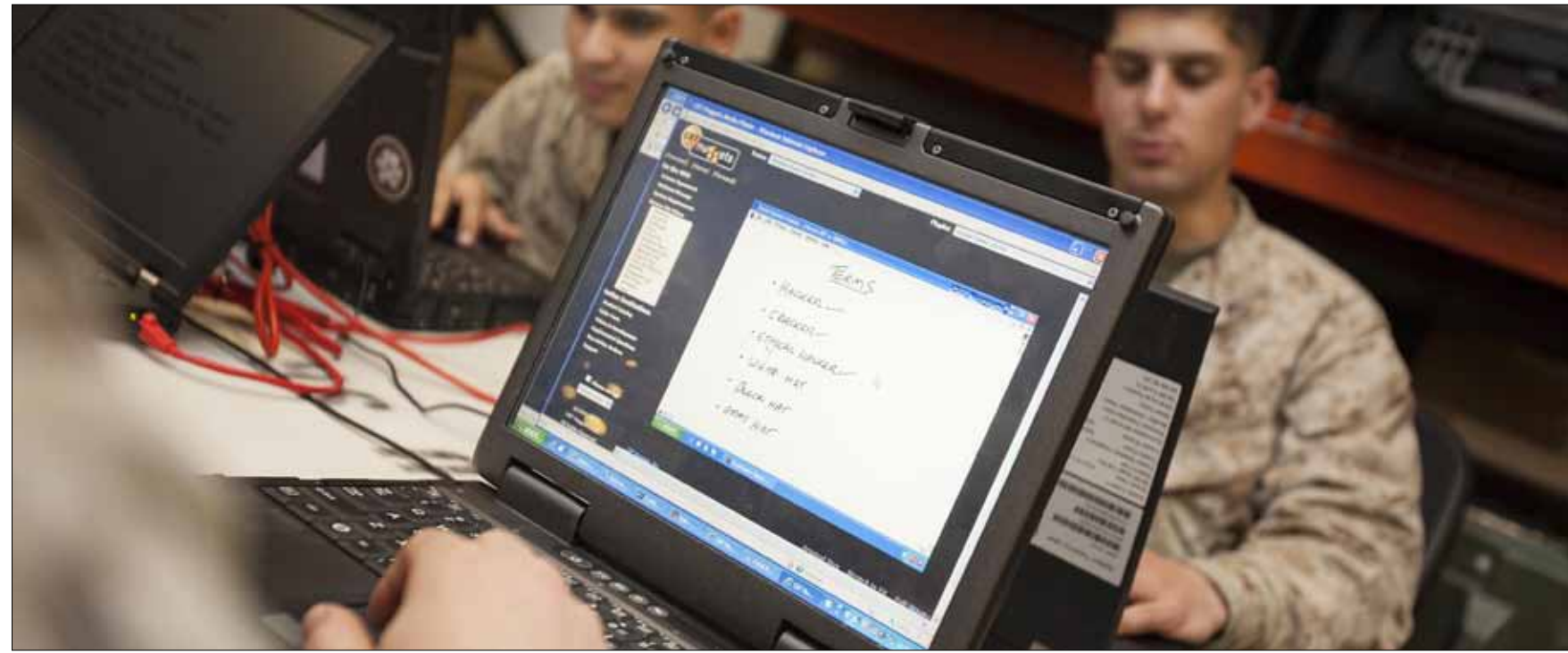


A Japan Ground Self Defense Force Member sits inside a AMK36 Wrecker here, April 12, 2013. Combat Logistics Company 36 is planning a trip to Hiroshima to visit the JGSDF base.



# CORPS NEWS

## HIGHLIGHTING MARINES AND SAILORS AROUND THE GLOBE



SGT. AUSTIN HAZARD

Data network technicians with 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit test a network server, loaded with training courses to provide professional development during deployment, at the unit's communications facilities at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C., April 4, 2013. The unit is constantly training to maintain a high state of readiness.

# 22nd MEU maintains constant readiness between deployments



SGT. AUSTIN HAZARD

Marines with 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit perform an abandoned ship exercise at the training pool at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C., for annual swim qualification April 5, 2013. The unit is constantly training to maintain a high state of readiness.

SGT. AUSTIN HAZARD  
22TH MARINE  
EXPEDITIONARY UNIT

MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. — The 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit keeps an expeditionary footing even between deployments by remaining qualified and ready to be called upon at a moment's notice.

MEUs serve as the primary instrument in America's 911 force-in-readiness. At the 22nd MEU, every day is spent training and preparing, not only for its slated 2014 deployment, but for any contingency that may crop up prior to that deployment.

The unit's training is continuous, with Marines completing their annual swim, rifle, pistol, and gas mask qualifications, and others scheduled for various career and specialty courses.

"Right now, the MEU is focused on maintaining its readiness through keeping up annual requirements," said Gunnery Sgt. Demetrick Jordan, 22nd MEU training chief and native of Gainesville, Fla. "This will enable us to focus on pre-deployment training and operations."

Even different attachments such as hazardous response, explosive ordnance disposal and reconnaissance units are being sent to courses they will need for possible deployments ahead of the scheduled MEU rotation.

"Our motor transport Marines are also busy with licensing right now," said Gunnery Sgt. Trever Nelson,

22nd MEU logistics chief. According to Nelson, Marines in the unit's motor pool have coordinated with division to forecast licensing requirements and have been certified to train and license other personnel for buses and a number of tactical vehicles, including light strike vehicles and internally transported vehicles.

"They're working with our battalion landing team, combat logistics battalion, and air combat element for tactical vehicle licensing," added Nelson, a native of Fort Valley, Ga. "Right now, they've licensed more than 130 Marines with the MEU."

Marines around the unit are also busy maintaining equipment, conducting weekly preventative maintenance on all MEU vehicles and updating deployment gear lists. These preparations will ensure the MEU has everything it will need for the 2014 deployment, and testing equipment that otherwise wouldn't be used until the deployment.

"If we're going to take this equipment out there, we need to test it first and make sure it's reliable," Cpl. Stephen Morrow, 22nd MEU network engineer and native of Livermore, Calif., said about his Marines configuring a mobile network server. "We want to build our network now so we know it will work later."

In this fashion, every section of the 22nd MEU continues to prepare for the scheduled deployment, as well as any emergencies that may call the unit to action even sooner.

# COMMUNITY BRIEFS | CLASSIFIEDS

### Briefs

#### Advanced Accreditation

The Advanced Accreditation team is scheduled to visit Matthew C. Perry Elementary School this upcoming week. Accreditation assures parents the school is focused on raising students' achievement, providing a safe and enriched learning environment and maintaining efficient and effective operations.

#### Craft Fair

A Spring craft and information fair is scheduled to take place April 20, 2013, inside Crossroads Mall from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

#### Thrift Store Yard Sale

The station's Marine Thrift Store is scheduled to host a community yard sale April 20, 2013, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Anyone who wishes to sell their old belongings may reserve a table for free. Limited table space is available. No

home businesses. For more information, contact Oana Ivanoff at 253-4711.

#### NMCRS

Servicemembers are encouraged to donate to the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society during the 2013 Active Duty Fund Drive. NMCRS is scheduled to be in the Building One auditorium April 22 from 9-11 a.m.; April 25 1:30-3:30 p.m.; and April 30 9-11 a.m. and 1:30-3:30 p.m. Servicemembers may also donate online at MOL through the "resources" tab in the upper right corner. From there, click the "Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society" link. The next page will have a link for the drive. Fill out the monthly donation, donation amount or choose another option. The allotment will then be confirmed. Donators may then request a printed receipt for their records.

#### FABO Japan Tour

The FABO Japan Tour is scheduled to perform here April 26, 2013, in the Club Iwakuni ballroom. The show starts at 11 p.m. and admission is \$15.00 or 1,500 yen. For more information and advance tickets, call 080-3419-0718.

#### Emergency Phone Numbers Reminder

Put these numbers in your wallet and phone:  
• Anti-terrorism force protection hotline: 253-ATFP (2837).  
• Life limb or loss-of-vision threatening emergencies while on the air station: 119 or 911. From a cell phone or for bilingual capability: 082-721-7700.  
• For security issues, contact the Provost Marshal's Office: 253-3303. To report without talking to a person, Crime Stoppers: 253-3333.  
• Sexual Assault: To make a confidential report of sexual assault or harassment, contact

the victim advocate at 253-4526 during working hours. For after hours, weekends and holidays, call 090-9978-1033 or 080-3427-0835. You can also call the installation Sexual Assault Response Coordinator at 253-6556 or 080-5865-3566.

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## KUNI TOONS: THE DUST FAIRY

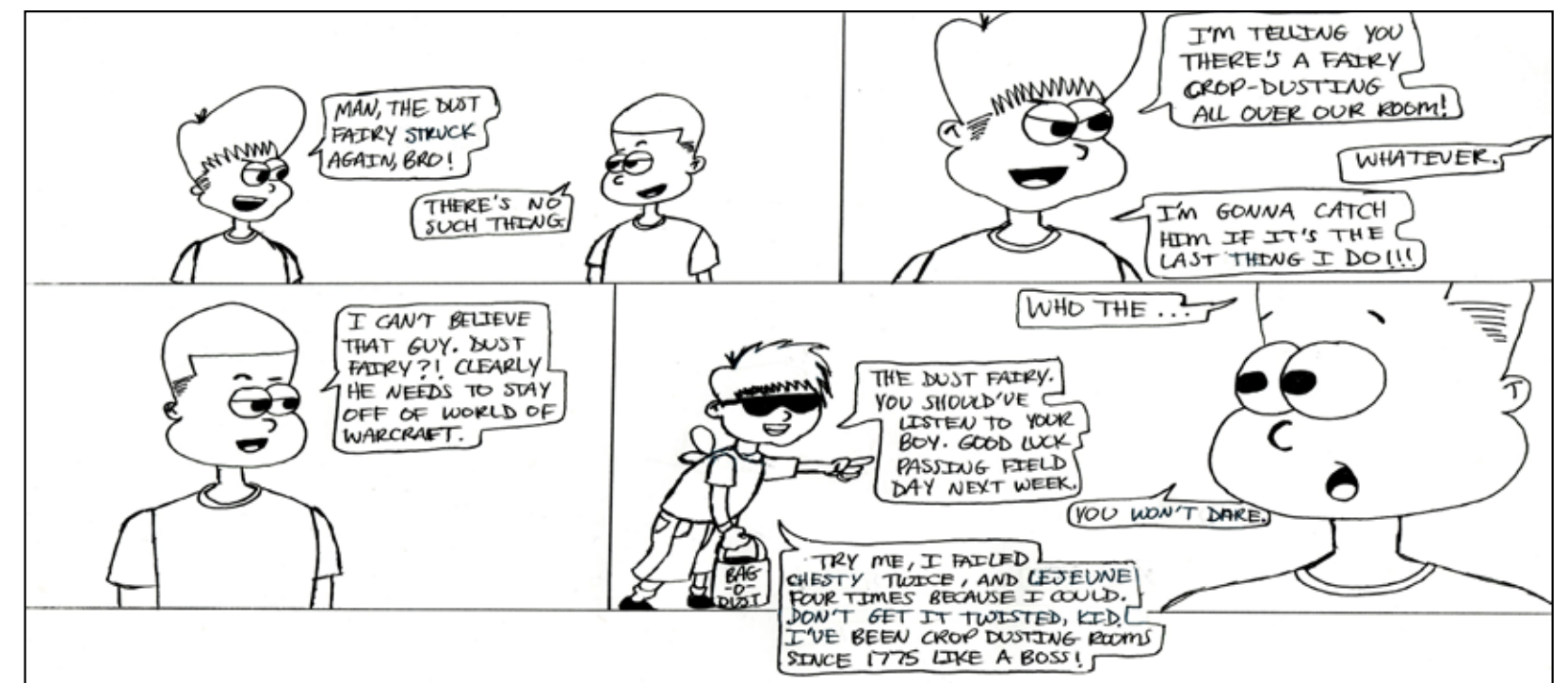


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## MCAS TAX CENTER: FAST & FREE TAX SERVICE

The MCAS Iwakuni Tax Center is located on the first deck in Building 608 at the Station Judge Advocate's office. Hours of operation are Monday - Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. **Tax filers need to bring the following:**

- Proof of a valid social security number or ITIN for both the tax filer and all dependants claimed on this year's tax return
- W-2 (wage and tax statement)
- Form 1099 (interest statements from banks earned on savings or checking accounts)
- Child care expenses
- Proof of alimony paid and SSN of person paid alimony. Court

- ordered document stating divorce and powers of attorney
- Mortgage interest statement
- Individual retirement account (IRA) contributions
- Dividends, interest, and capital gains and losses from the sale of stocks, bonds or property
- Charitable contribution records

**The general deadline for filing your tax year 2012 federal income tax return is April 15. For those stationed outside the continental U.S., the deadline is June 15. Call the tax center at 253-5951 for more information.**



# 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  
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

2nd and 4th Saturday  
10 a.m. Seventh Day Adventist

### 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.*

# OUT AND ABOUT : Japan

## SHOWA DAY

Showa Day, which takes place April 29 annually, celebrates the birthday of Showa emperor Hirohito, who reigned from 1926 to 1989. The event serves to offer a time of remembrance on the tumultuous 63 years of the emperor's reign. A few momentous occurrences during Hirohito's reign include the end of the Taisho Democracy, the rise of fascism, World War II, the post-war occupation and more.

## HAKATA DONTAKU FESTIVAL

May 3 - 4 marks the Hakata Dontaku Port Festival at Hakata-ku, Fukuoka City. The festival, which originated in the late 12th century as a New Years celebration, consists of people dressing in extravagant costumes parading around town while clapping shamoji spoons and dances taking place throughout the town. There is also a parade of decorated vehicles called hana jidosha. According to the Japan National Tourism Organization, the event draws more than two million participants annually, the greatest number of spectators in any festival held during the Golden Week.

*For more information on upcoming events visit our website at <http://www.mcasiwakuni.marines.mil/News/LocaleventInformation.aspx> or visit Information Tours and Travel located in the Crossroads Mall or call 253-4377.*

# SAKURA THEATER

<b>Friday, April 19, 2013</b> 7 p.m. Jack the Giant Slayer (PG-13) 10 p.m. Side Effects (R)	<b>Monday, April 22, 2013</b> 7 p.m. Snitch (PG-13)
<b>Saturday, April 20, 2013</b> 4 p.m. Jack the Giant Slayer (PG-13) 7 p.m. Good Day to Die Hard (R)	<b>Tuesday, April 23, 2013</b> Theater closed
<b>Sunday, April 21, 2013</b> 4 p.m. Escape from Planet Earth (PG) 7 p.m. Snitch (PG-13)	<b>Wednesday, April 24, 2013</b> Theater closed
<b>Thursday, April 25, 2013</b> 7 p.m. Jack the Giant Slayer (PG-13)	

*The movie schedule is subject to change. Please check [www.mccsiwakuni.com/sakura](http://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](http://www.mccsiwakuni.com) or call 253-5291.**

# THE IWAKUNI APPROACH CULTURAL LESSONS



Japan has one of the largest music industry in the world. Most of the industry is a mix between modern and traditional music by Japanese artists. Some of the world's finest instrument companies, such as Yamaha, Roland, Korg and many more come from Japan. The word for music in Japanese is ongaku. Despite living in the countryside, the majority of Japanese youth are drawn to the modern pop, rock and electro genres. One popular group, AKB48, which holds the Guinness world record for largest pop group, consists of 48 members, divided into three groups of 16. AKB48 is one of the highest earning musical acts in the world, with sales of more than 200 million dollars in 2011. The group is so popular in Japan that it has been characterized as a social phenomenon. Tickets to see the group perform live are so rare, they are only available only through a lottery.



Participants in the 46th annual Kintai Marathon begin the full marathon portion of the race, which started in front of the IronWorks Gym here, April 14, 2013. More than 1000 people participated in the marathon.



Yoichi Kohno, first place male finisher of the 46th annual Kintai Marathon, crosses the finish line in front of the IronWorks Gym here, April 14, 2013. The event included a full marathon, half marathon, and five-kilometer walk.

# Americans, Japanese run until the runnings done during Kintai Marathon

LANCE CPL. BENJAMIN PRYER  
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

A sea of Americans and Japanese covered the IronWorks Gym parking lot here as athletes stretched and prepped for the 46th annual Kintai Marathon, which started in front of the gym April 14, 2013.

The event provides a unique venue for bringing American and Japanese cultures together to enjoy a common bond of running.

"How many opportunities will (the Japanese) have like this?" said Mai Tajima, Marine Corps Community Services SemperFit recreation specialist. "This is one of the only times Japanese people can come on base and see how we do things and communicate with Americans. I believe the Americans feel the same way, too. They're having a good time in a different atmosphere than normal and without a supportive base, we couldn't have done this. With the base support, local community support and our staff, this is a great annual event."

While the core message of the event was to foster relationships between two cultures, someone still had to come out on top of the race, which consisted of a full marathon, half marathon and five-kilometer walk. For the full marathon, Yoichi Kohno

was the first male finisher, clocking in at 2 hours, 32 minutes, 15 seconds. Hiromi Saito pulled in at 3:24:41, making her the first female finisher for the full distance.

The half marathon top finishers for male and female were Hideki Ishizu with 1:13:03 and Leah Daugherty with 1:21:03.

"I've been participating in local events, and every time is a practice," said Ishizu. "I've been training for this, but it's still just practice. I wanted to break the hour and 10 minutes, which is my record. I had a blast, it was really cool getting to see the jets while I ran. I just wanted to thank all the staff who put this together and I really want to come back so I can beat my record."

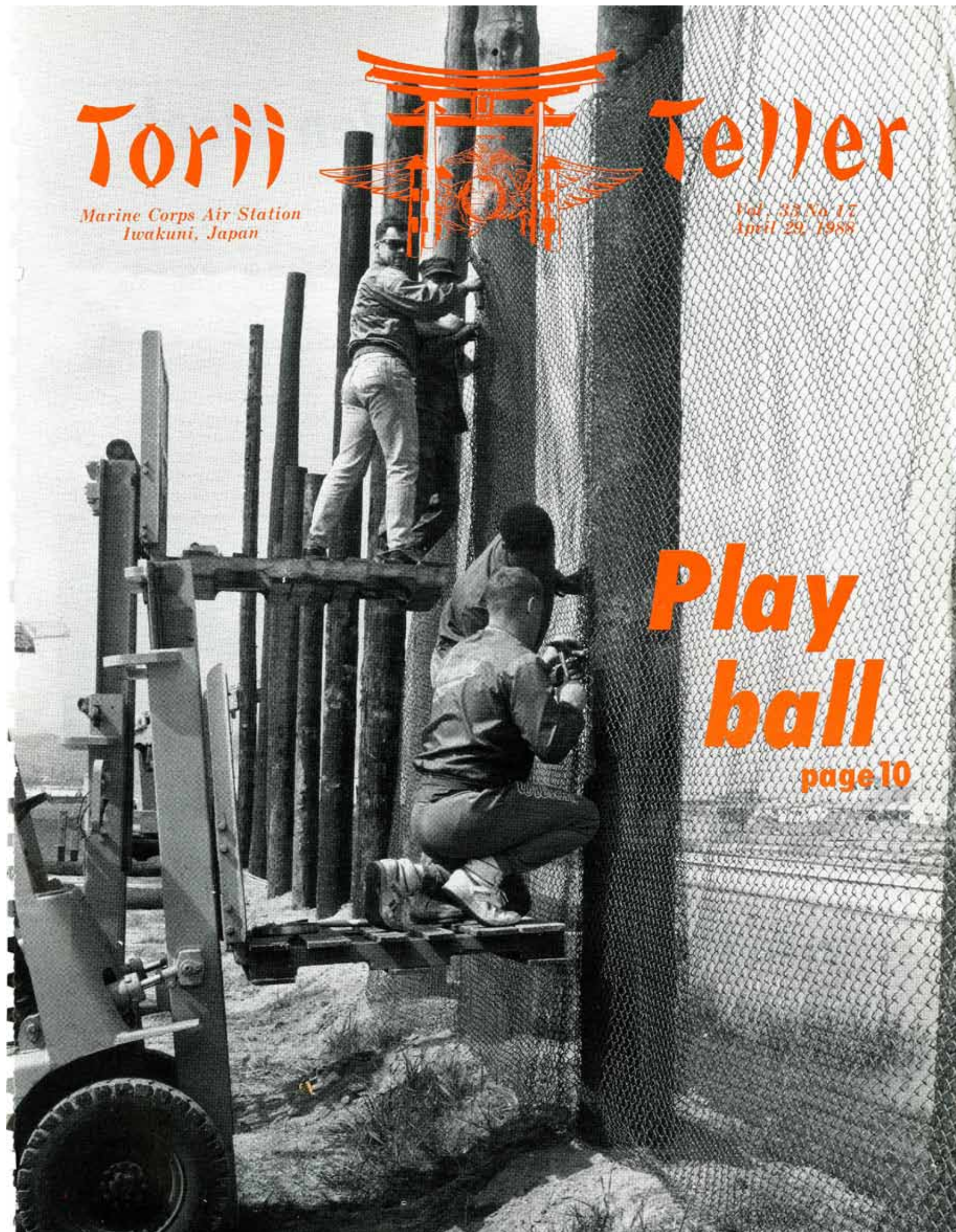
Tajima said the turnout for the race totaled more than 1,000 participants. Tajima also said the race earned approval to have its course travel throughout the entire station, allowing locals a rare treat during their run.

"This is one of my dreams, to be a bridge between Americans and Japanese and I'm proud of what I do," said Tajima. "I hear all these good words and see happy, smiling faces, and that's what continues to push me forward. So, I'm going to keep rolling as long as people are smiling."



# *The Iwakuni Time Machine*

In the April 29, 1988, issue of the Torii Teller, Marines reported on Special Services workers and volunteers erecting a home-run fence for the Penny Lake softball fields. The first softball game aboard station occurred immediately after the fence's completion.



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