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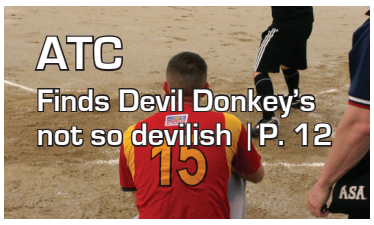

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III MEF commanding general gives guidance

CPL. MARCEL BROWN

Lt. Gen. Kenneth J. Glueck Jr., III Marine Expeditionary Force commanding general and Marine Corps Bases Japan commander, speaks to a gathering of service members and station residents during a Townhall meeting at the Sakura theater here June 3. Throughout the meeting, Glueck, along with III MEF Command Sergeant Major Steven D. Morefield, gave an in-depth explanation of their intent for III MEF and gave insight into upcoming changes that may affect service members and residents stationed here. After concluding the speeches, Glueck opened the floor for the Marines to give their input, make suggestions or ask professional questions.

Marines work together, set up MDTC combat operations center

Lance Cpl. Charlie Clark
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

KADENA AIR BASE, Japan — The Marine Aircraft Group 12 main body arrived here June 1 to complete combat operations center preparations for the Marine Division Tactics Course.

MDTC is a graduate level course for pilots to improve their air-to-air efficiency.

This course is the first MDTC to be conducted outside the continental United States.

MAG-12 is responsible for organizing the event with Marine Wing Liaison Kadena hangar and the squadrons participating.

They are also responsible for ensuring the equipment required is readily available.

"MAG-12 is taking the weight off the other MAG's shoulders in the U.S. to make sure this exercise gets done," said Lt. Col. P.J. Kerr,

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VMFA(AW)-533 gears up for MDTC

Cpl. Jennifer Pirante
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

KADENA AIR BASE, Japan — After completing the first week of approximately 45 hours of lectures and ground training June 4, Marine Aircraft Group 12, Marine All-Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 533 and Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 314 were ready to take the Marine Division Tactics Course to the skies.

MAG-12 provided the command element and host for the course with support from Marine Aviation Weapons Squadron 1 instructors, who provided extensive lectures, ground communications and in-air training support.

MDTC is a graduate-level course designed to provide the requisite air-to-air training prior to attending the Weapons and Tactics Instructor course and employs similar tactics as the Navy Strike Fighter Tactics Instructor program.

The objective of MDTC is to provide F/A-18D Hornet aircrew and Marine Air Intercept Controllers with ground and airborne instruction in the doctrine, tactics and weapons considerations for the successful employment of Marine fighter attack aircraft in a complex air-to-air environment.

"During the first week they spent in Iwakuni, Marines were doing full 10- to 12-hour days of academics followed by briefing labs," said Maj. Kyle Shoop, MAWTS-1 MDTC instructor. "Now, we are down here into the flying operations doing warm-ups so they can go out and get current flying hours because it is part of the training rules they have to follow."

VMFA(AW)-533 and VMFA-314 MDTC students flew sorties June 6 to ensure they were current and proficient in the air-to-air theatre.

"To make sure all students were current and up to date on their flight hours to go ahead with the dog-fighting portion of MDTC, they had to fly warm-ups," said Capt. Daniel Flatley, MAG-12 MDTC action officer. "They have to practice their ability to maneuver and control the aircraft prior to the course."

Maj. Anthony Baggs, MAG-12 safety and

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CPL. JENNIFER PIRANTE

KADENA AIR BASE, Japan — Capt. Clayton D. Gard III, Marine All-Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 533 pilot, walks around a F/A-18D Hornet jet on the flightline here June 6 during final checks. Pilots spent the day flying to familiarize themselves with the aircraft before starting the flying portion of the Marine Division Tactics Course, the first MDTC to be conducted outside of the continental U.S.

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

'In memoriam'

Maryann West
GUEST COLUMNIST

Editor's note: Maryann West is a guest writer this week for the Chaplain's Corner.

Words cannot express the sense of awe I feel for the love and support the station community has provided me and my children after the tragic accident on May 21, which took the life of my husband, Bruce West.

Thank you for all the tangible ways you lifted us up during this time; whether by stopping by to give us a hug, making a meal, cleaning our house or making a donation to the memorial fund.

You have showed us such love and support that it will be really hard to say goodbye. Actually, I won't really say "goodbye," because somehow I hope to serve and support you in your mission to keep our country free until my dying day.

That service and support will look different than I had planned, but I do believe God has a plan and has given my family such a love for the military that I cannot bear to say goodbye, but I can say, "I'll see you later."

Please take the time to listen to the video on YouTube called "In the Blink of an Eye" by Mercy Me. I believe these are the words Bruce would want to say to all of you.

I am so thankful that the morning he left for his bike ride was a good morning. We were happy — amazingly happy. He hugged me tight and kissed me like he was never going to see me again. I was half asleep at the time, but I remember he squeezed me very tightly.

I don't have any regrets, except I wish I would have woken up and kissed him back.

I think somehow he knew he wouldn't be coming back.

I am thankful Bruce got to meet his Savior doing something really fun rather than another way.

Many people are telling me how strong I am, but I have to admit I am not really strong.

Sometimes it hurts so much I even have to remind myself to breathe. I realize that in this life we have many choices to make.

I am choosing to believe that God is good. I am choosing to believe that our days are indeed numbered. I am choosing to be strong for my children. I am choosing to make Bruce proud by communicating what he would want communicated to the world.

The truth is, we all have troubles in our lives — pains, hurts, difficulties. I want to remind you that you have a choice.

You can live courageously in all circumstances if you hold on to the one who has the power you need — Jesus Christ who conquered death and has given us eternal life.

You may not know how to enter into that kind of relationship with Christ. It isn't about religion. It is about a relationship with the one who conquered the grave. I didn't know how to have that relationship until I was in college.

Yes, I always believed in Jesus, but I didn't know him personally or know how to communicate with him. I didn't personally enter into a two-way relationship with him until one evening when I got down on my knees and cried out to Jesus and acknowledged my need for him.

He was faithful then to come into my life and has continued to be faithful throughout my entire life, and I know he will not abandon me now in this dark time.

My door is always open if any of you would like to know for certain that when your "blink of an eye" comes, you are ready to meet your creator. Let me assure you, he is there with arms open, ready to receive you if you will just ask.

If you aren't sure if what I am saying is true, don't trust my words.

Cry out to God and say, "If you are really there and truly who people say you are, make yourself real to me."

I did that over 20 years ago, and he came through for me.

He will do it for you too because he is real.

He is a living God who is not a crutch to lean on in hard times but a strong tower to guide your path and to remind you this world is passing away, but those who do the will of God will live forever.

Our time here in Iwakuni was short, but our roots are deep. Thank you for the part that you played in changing us. We will never be the same. God bless you.

Local areas & scuba water safety

Submitted by
STATION SAFETY

Research suggests over half of advanced divers have experienced panic or near-panic while diving.

A number of dive medicine experts believe panic is the leading cause of diving fatalities.

If we define panic as an irrational state, then consistent with this definition are the all-too-frequent reports of divers who bolt for the surface, refuse alternative air sources, become combative with rescue attempts and are found dead with weight belts attached and gas in their cylinders.

Other features of panic may include disorientation, feelings of intense fear and rapid heartbeat.

In an emergency, do not forget to stop, breathe, think and act.

Scuba diving is, by nature, a dangerous sport, but there are ways you can have a safe, fun, and accident-free dive.

When considering scuba as a hobby, ensure you do not have a fear of open water.

Make certain you are comfortable in and around the water by going to swim in an ocean or a lake.

Once you have decided to take up scuba, you need to get certified by a national organization. National Association of Underwater Instructors worldwide, Professional Association of Diving Instructors and YMCA are three of the major, and most recognized agencies.

When getting ready for a dive, check your equipment.

If the equipment is rented, make sure you understand how all parts of the gear work, and ensure that you have the correct amount of air in your scuba tank.

Scuba diving is a buddy sport.

Make sure you have a buddy and that you both know how to communicate with each other under the water.

Under no circumstances should you ever dive alone.

There are a few places to dive around the area.

For beginners, Oshima Island is a great place to start. There is a great deal of mammal life to share the underwater experience with you.

For beginners and advanced divers, there is a boat dive at Susa and there are cliffs.

With both of these dives, the water depth varies from 60 feet to around 110 feet.

For experienced divers there is a Japanese battleship, Mitsu. It sits on the ocean floor at about 133 feet at low tide.

Because of where it rests, you can only dive at specific times and dates.

It is not recommended for a person to take it upon himself and set up this dive due to its degree of difficulty and planning.

The number one safety tip to remember when scuba diving is do not hold your breath.

You have air; breathe it.

Marines gear up for MDTC air combat maneuvering

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standardization officer, provided operational risk management support to ensure the safety of all participating elements.

Inclement weather conditions were a significant factor in recognizing potential operational risks prior to flight operations. The rain and remnants of tropical typhoon conditions subsided in time for pilots to launch sorties.

"Being that it is summer time, a tropical environment and a raining season, we keep a real close eye on the weather," said Baggs. "It can be a challenge during storm seasons and typhoon seasons."

"For the students, it can be very stressful," said Flatley. "The students are expected to perform at a high level and do very well, but at the same time, it is some of the best training you can get because the instructors are very good."

Upon completion of the course, aviators will be able to go back and teach what they learned to other pilots in their squadron, said Flatley.

All students were required to review the USMC F/A-18 Tactical Standard Operating Procedure, TOPGUN and Air Force Tactics Techniques and Procedures 3-1 Volume 2 manuals prior to the flying portion of MDTC.

Conducting MDTC outside of the continental U.S. for the first time has brought about new challenges for Marines to overcome.

"Everything is a little bit different," said Shoop. "People are not as familiar with the space. Some guys have deployed here, and some have not. Some stuff is all new, where as back in Miramar or Beaufort, it's their home station."

The success of the course is believed to open many doors for the F/A-18D Hornet and aviation community including the ability to conduct MDTC in forward deployed environments.

CPL. JENNIFER PIRANTE

KADENA AIR BASE, OKINAWA, Japan — A Marine All-Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 533 ordnance technician checks the rear jet engine of an F/A-18D Hornet jet here June 6 during final checks. VMFA(AW)-533 maintenance Marines spent hours on the jets, getting them prepared for flight operations. Before student aviators begin the flying portion of the Marine Division Tactics Course, they had to familiarize themselves with maneuvering the aircraft.

Unit cohesion builds as combat operations center raises for MDTC

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MAG-12 operations officer. "It's a great way for MAG-12 to test its capabilities, and we're supporting the entire F/A-18 community this way."

An advanced party for MAG-12 set up the tents along with Marines from Marine All-Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 533 and Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 314 before the main body touched down.

Cpl. Joseph T. Dang, MAG-12 aviation logistics information management system specialist noncommissioned officer in charge, instructed and assisted the Marines putting up the tents.

"The Marines from VMFA(AW)-533 and VMFA-314 were a huge help with getting the tents ready," Dang said. "We worked as a team, and got the tents up quickly."

Marines from the two squadrons volunteered their time while also preparing for MDTC in their own jobs to ensure the students, instructors and the Marines who will be supporting the aircrews and daily operations are ready.

"We work crazy long hours with keeping the equipment and aircraft maintained," said Lance Cpl. Drew C. Weston, a VMFA(AW)-533 aviation flight equipment technician. "Sweating this much is worth it knowing we're helping our aircrew get their job done."

After touching down, the MAG-12 main body Marines finished the combat operations center. With rain pouring, the MAG-12 Marines set flooring, moved tables into the tents and set up the computers and wiring.

"We worked hard to get ready," Dang said. "We made sure that we're set up and ready for the flights."

The tents will house a current operations center, future operations center, briefing rooms and storage space for equipment.

The current operations center will provide information on the day's briefs, flight schedule and syllabus exercises being flown.

All of the training in the syllabus are planned in the future operations center.

Any changes in flight schedule will go through the future operations center and will be passed to the instructors and students to ensure they stay up-to-date on what's coming ahead.

A tent was set up solely for briefs. The tent is set up like a lecture hall with upwards of 20 chairs facing a wooden table and white dry erase board.

Students from VMFA-232 and VMFA (AW)-225, both based out of Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, along with VMFA (AW)-533 and VMFA-314 aircrew are slated to participate in the course.

The instructors for the course come from Marine Aviation Weapons and Tactics Squadron 1 based out of Yuma, Ariz.

MAWTS-1 instructors are responsible for laying out the syllabus for MDTC, and keeping the F/A-18 community up to Marine Corps standards.

"The MAWTS-1 instructors fly anywhere they are needed to teach," said Kerr. "That shows me how dedicated these Marines are to their job and teaching their fellow Marines."

The students for MDTC finished their ground side classes and are scheduled to take to the skies to complete the syllabus the instructors put together.

MAG-12 continues to write another page in history's book by ensuring the first MDTC runs smoothly while the aircrew complete their training.

LANCE CPL. CAYCE NEVERS

Samantha J. Herritt, a Matthew C. Perry High School tenth-grader (center), interacts with the second-grade children during Job Shadow Day on the M.C. Perry Elementary School playground here June 3. Herritt read a book to the children before they were released for recess.

Students follow, mentors lead, careers pursued

Lance Cpl. Cayce Nevers
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Matthew C. Perry High School students tailed several station employees, both civilians and Marines, in order to learn more about potential careers as part of Job Shadow Day here June 3.

The Marines and civilians cooperated and worked hand-in-hand with Shirley M. Cottle, the Advancement Via Individual Determination coordinator, Joann Sellers, an AVID teacher, and Erin D. Ramey, an AVID teacher, to organize and bring together Marines, civilian employees and students fascinated with the different careers.

"The AVID program prepares students for college and the work force," said Ramey. "It was a perfect day for students to experience different careers and really get a hands-on approach to assorted career types so they can ask questions and see what really goes on."

Job Shadow Day was mainly for the AVID students, although, all students were able to participate

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DANIEL NEGRETE

Students practice stopping and starting drills during the practical portion of the Basic Riders Course. The Basic Riders Course is taught each week at the station safety center for classroom instruction and at a designated area on the flight line for practical instruction. Students do not have to provide their own equipment for the course, which includes safety gear and personal vehicle. All students are required to show up with proper identification, a valid drivers license and a Status of Forces Agreement license. The Basic Riders Course is taken over a three-day period.

Riders course offers tips on motorcycle safety

Lance Cpl. Kenneth K. Trotter Jr.
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Summer approaches fast, sitting just beyond the horizon of the spring season. Images of skimpy shorts, muscle T-shirts and children exploring the depths of the local community pool back home may spring to mind.

Another image one might conjure up as the summer months come into view is riding a motorcycle.

The freedom of the two-wheeled experience may bring to mind summers cruising through a country road as the wind rushes past.

The image of weaving through and around traffic in the concrete jungles of the world may be more common to others.

Whatever one's scene, one thing all riders must take into consideration during the coming summer months is motorcycle safety.

Motorcycle safety is paramount to owning and riding a motorcycle here on station.

Before Marines can purchase a motorcycle, they must attend the Basic Rider's Course at station safety.

Roland Kallead, Kape Fox Professional Services traffic safety instructor, teaches the Basic Riders Course and Experienced Riders Course here on station.

"The Basic Riders Course teaches the very basics of riding, even for those who are experienced riders," said Kallead. "I've had people who have been riding for years say they learned something they never knew about riding."

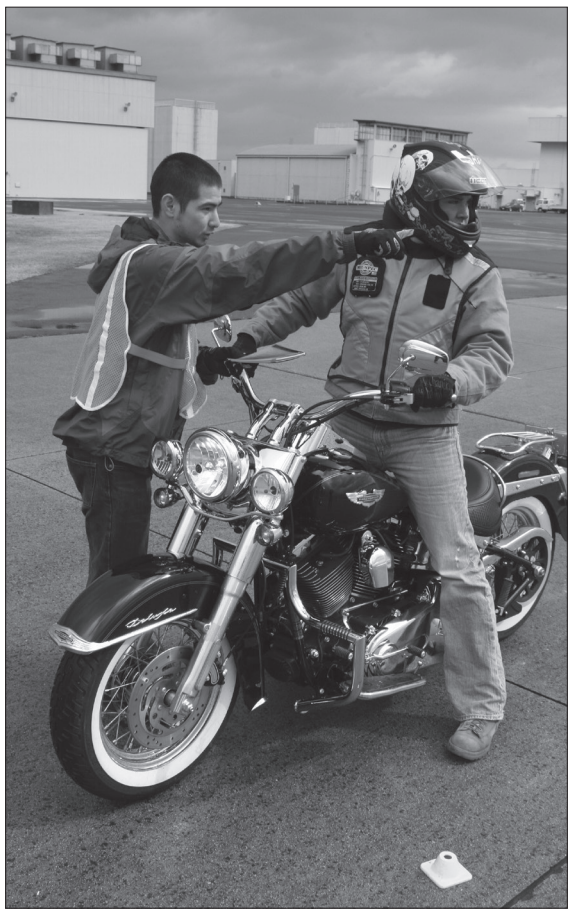
There are two types of motorcycles commonly known as cruisers and sports bikes, sometimes referred to as "crotch rockets." These two machines have small differences between them, but those minute differences are more significant in terms of handling and maneuverability.

The differences between the two motorcycles have resulted in the need for two separate classes. The Basic Riders Course and advanced course focus on teaching students the basics of motorcycle handling.

The course was put on temporary hiatus due to Operation Tomodachi but has since restarted. The times are not set as of yet by station safety but only that it is scheduled to be taken on Saturdays twice a month.

The criteria for signing up for the Basic Riders Course are minimal. Even if Marines and sailors have no prior riding experience, they should try the course.

"I don't want someone who's completely new to riding to go and buy a (Suzuki) Hayabusa and then wreck and realize riding isn't for them," said Kallead. "New riders should take the course just so they can get the basics down. If they don't feel comfortable with it they can just walk away before they waste a lot of money."



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James F. Lowell, a Basic Riders Course instructor, explains to one of his students the course he must follow to perfect his cornering skills. During the course, the students begin with straight-line riding, turning, shifting and stopping. They then progress into cornering, swerving and emergency braking.

The Experienced Riders Course focuses more on hazard avoidance and quick stops. The point of the advanced course is to minimize the chances of "laying down," or wrecking a motorcycle.

Students do not have to provide their own equipment for the course, which includes safety gear or personal vehicle.

All students are required to show up with proper identification, a valid driver's license and a Status of Forces Agreement license.

The Basic Riders Course is taken over a three-day period.

The first day is spent in the classroom learning the basics of riding.

The next two days are spent conducting practical application on the station flight line.

Students must have a SNELL approved safety helmet, a long-sleeved shirt or sweater and full-length trousers to cover the arms and legs and shoes to cover the rider's entire feet.

"That's one reason why there is no set schedule with the course," said Kallead. "The flight line is only allowed on an "as needed" basis when it's not being used in an official capacity."

As stated in the beginning, summer is the time of year when motorcyclists are out in full force, taking in the chance to enjoy the riding weather that is available for a few short months.

"There definitely was an increase in the number of riders signing up for the course compared between November, when I first arrived here, to now," said Kallead. "When I first got here, there were only three to five people signing up per class. Now, there's a waiting list of nearly 50 people signed up for the coming months."

The Basic Riders Course involves teaching students the fundamentals of riding before they even place a leg over a motorcycle. An introduction into the various motorcycles and preparing to ride are highly advocated for beginners.

Any Marines or sailors wanting to ride a motorcycle, regardless of previous riding experience, must take the riders course in order to be officially sanctioned to ride on base or out in greater Japan.

The thrill of riding free, the whipping wind against your face, the exhilaration of being free has a subtle allure.

Motorcycles, for some, offer that freedom. But in that freedom, riders must remember to be cautious and take every precaution to ensure they have a safe and happy riding experience in Japan.

Marine Corps Community Services lines your pockets

CPL. JOSEPH MARIANELLI

The weekly haircut is nothing short of a ritual in the Marine Corps for male Marines. Recently, Marine Corps Community Services requested feedback from station residents about raising the price of the weekly ritual from $8 to $9 or charging gear rental fees at Outdoor Recreation. But these potential increases are not superfluous boosts to line the pockets of MCCS. In fact, MCCS raises money to support all the free amenities station residents enjoy. You personally can help affect how MCCS will spend that money by making your voice heard.

Cpl. Joseph Marianelli
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

How would you like to influence how Marine Corps Community Services spends money?

How would you like to influence the programs, trips and events MCCS has on station?

Recently, MCCS sent out an opinion poll requesting station residents' input about increasing barbershop prices or charging gear rental fees at Outdoor Recreation.

Just taking a small sample of responses on my own, I garnered at least one conclusion the MCCS marketing gurus did: There is a large misconception about MCCS.

A large percentage of reactions from male Marines tended to follow one line of thought, paraphrased of course: MCCS is screwing us over by raising prices to get more money.

This is not the case; well, OK, yes MCCS is trying to make more money but not to line its pockets.

In fact, the money MCCS "makes" supports all the programs it also offers freely, or at a drastically reduced price, to station residents.

Perhaps you've been to the gym recently, or are at least aware that there is a gym here — did you or anyone you know pay a fee to use the facility?

Or you might have gone on a Single Marine Program trip ... perhaps the Tokyo Fun Trip?

"MCCS loses money when they hold a trip and no one goes," said Sgt. Edwond Henderson, SMP president. "They still lose money when people go on a trip."

Taking the Tokyo Fun Trip as an example, $200 for five nights in a Tokyo hotel and transportation included is a bargain period.

So let's get back to haircuts.

"The barbershop, we've known, has been operating at a loss," Sean W. McHenry, MCCS Marketing officer, said. "How are we going to cover the losses we are incurring for every haircut at the barbershop?"

One suggestion, prior to the opinion poll, was charging for gear rental at Outdoor Recreation.

"We are probably one of the few installations, if not the only installation, that does not charge for outdoor recreation equipment," said McHenry.

That's another freebie, at present, by the way.

"MCCS is just trying to get money to fund programs," said Henderson "All that equipment costs money."

Some, male Marines in particular, might be inclined to think the potential increased cost at the barbershop means they are footing the bill for others to get free gear.

But, in reality, the deficiency is at the barbershop.

"If the prices are raised at Outdoor Rec, those people are actually helping to fund those getting haircuts," said McHenry.

To oversimplify things, MCCS is an extremely large, and thus significantly more complex, soda mess.

MCCS is not a private organization; it falls directly under the Department of Defense.

Functionally, Morale Welfare and Recreation, and the money makers e.g., clubs and exchanges, were moved under the same umbrella to allow profits from one to offset costs to the other and provide a greater value, said McHenry.

Per Department of Defense instruction, parts of MCCS are very much like businesses and they must be self-sustaining and profitable.

Any extra money isn't lining MCCS fat cats' personal pots of gold.

The extra money is recapitalized back into the overall MCCS soda-mess-like machine, said McHenry.

So, how can you get some soda you like from MCCS?

There are a plethora of methods.

Saturday, the SMP will have personnel providing surveys at the Exchange and Crossroads Mall.

Moreover, Marines can speak with their SMP representatives anytime, the SMP president or personnel in the Hornet's Nest and Marine Lounge.

"Any comment, if it's legitimate, we'll push it up," said Henderson. "If we don't know about it, there's nothing we can do."

"If enough people say 'We want this,' it will happen," he added.

For station residents who may not have an SMP representative, the division heads at MCCS are available.

"We've got a great team of subject matter experts leading the different divisions, and they're available to talk to," said McHenry.

MCCS as a whole will also be taking a more active role in educating station residents on how MCCS functions and how residents can help effect change.

"We'll be moving through a lot of the different business sectors and doing focus groups," said McHenry. "So I encourage the readers, if they hear of a focus group, if they want to be a part of the decision-making process, to participate."

The important thing to remember is, change doesn't happen overnight.

"We've got some subject matter experts that are really good at what they do that are making incremental changes, and the changes don't happen overnight," said McHenry.

Bottom line, if you have any suggestions, contact your SMP representatives or MCCS division heads, or jump into a upcoming focus group.

If not, you're just voting for the status quo, and then how can you complain?

MWSS-171 Marines showcase professions

Lance Cpl. Kenneth K. Trotter Jr.
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 Marines hosted a static display for Matthew C. Perry High School students next to the IronWorks Gym here June 1 as part of the Advancement Via Individual Determination program.

The purpose of the static display was to give AVID students an opportunity to understand and appreciate what certain Marine squadrons do here.

The AVID program prepares students for college by allowing them to observe various professions and what those jobs entail.

The AVID program has been offering this opportunity for the past six years.

The students are encouraged to give considerable thought to all their options including the Marine Corps said JoAnn L. Sellers, an AVID teacher.

"It's really great that they have a awareness of what certain divisions do in the community," said Sellers. "By having that awareness, they can look at the possibility of making this a career they can take on."

Members of the explosive ordnance disposal team here helped students try on some of the gear used in bomb disposal such as the advanced bomb suit.

"We came out today to let some of the kids try on our gear and possibly weigh their options for joining the service in the future," said Sgt. Ryan G. Wilhite, MWSS-171 explosive ordnance assistant team leader. "Also, we wanted (the students) to get a better feel of what their parents do within the military."

EOD Marines also let the students test out the Man-Transportable Robotic System MARK II, a remote controlled bomb disposal tool.

"Driving the robot around and trying on the suit were something that I thought was unique," said Meia F. Cuyjet, 12, a M.C. Perry seventh-grader. "It's something that a lot of kids may not otherwise have the opportunity to try being here."

Understanding can be a helpful tool when working with the students.

When the students see a person who is truly committed to their job and loves what they do, it can send a powerful message, encouraging the students to not give up on themselves or what they want in life.

"One of the things I really admire about these (Marines) is that they love their job," said Sellers. "I think that it's important for kids to see that they love what they do."

MWSS-171 engineers showcased the Army/Navy personnel search system, a metal detector that also has ground penetrating radar enabling it to detect low-metallic density objects such as anti–personnel land mines.

Though the purpose of the day was for the AVID students to see how Marines operated, they also were treated to some of the heavy machinery used by the Marines such as the MK-48/18A1 logistics vehicle system.

This day of the program was considered part of the end-of-year celebration course focusing on academics, learning about different career paths and a celebration at the end of the school year said Erin D. Ramey, AVID teacher.

Cuyjet said being a part of the AVID program and observing some of the things MWSS-171 has shown them has made her think about her future.

The program offered the students the opportunity to try things they may not otherwise experience outside the program.

Many of the children thanked MWSS-171 for taking time out of their day, showing them what they are trained to do and allowing them into the world of a Marine.

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Ryan C. Archameault, 12, a Matthew C. Perry High School seventh-grader, operates the flat bed of a MK-48/18A1 while Lance Cpl. Horacio Vieyra, a Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 logistics vehicle operator, goes over so procedures as part of the Advancement Via Individual Determination program next to the IronWorks Gym here June 1. The AVID program offers students an opportunity to consider their options for the future, including joining the Ma

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a J. Watson and Lance Cpl. Erik G. Vanvoorhis, Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 Chemical Biological Radiological Nuclear cialists, stand behind a table showcasing CBRN gear next to the IronWorks Gym here June 1. Matthew C. Perry High School t on the gear during the Advancement Via Individual Determination program to understand different aspects of the Marines'

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Lance Cpl. Bryan I. Quaranta-Parker, a Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 food service specialist, displays the contents of a Meal-Ready-to-Eat during the static display next to the IronWorks Gym here June 1 as part of the Advancement Via Individual Determination program. The program allows Matthew C. Perry High School students to get a glimpse of the different career opportunities available to them.

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Meia F. Cuyjet, a Matthew C. Perry High School seventh-grader dons a bomb suit during the Advancement Via Individual Determination program next to the IronWorks Gym here June 1. The AVID program prepares students for college by allowing them to observe various professions and what those jobs entail. For the past six years, students have had this opportunity through the AVID program here.

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Lance Cpl. Emmanuel L. Cantu, a Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 combat engineer, operates the Army/Navy personnel search system with Kyle A. Gilmer, a Matthew C. Perry High School ninth-grader during the Advancement Via Individual Determination program next to the IronWorks Gym here June 1. MWSS-171 was on hand to showcase the various jobs within the squadron.

CORPS NEWS

HIGHLIGHTING MARINES AND SAILORS AROUND THE GLOBE

Stepping into new boots; Marines take on leadership roles, pass on experience from past deployments

Cpl. James W. Clark
2ND MARINE DIVISION

MARINE CORPS BASE TWENTYNINE PALMS, Calif. — The Marine Corps axiom of adaptability manifests itself in many ways, whether it is through a Marine's liberal application of duct-tape to fix broken equipment or in one's ability to move into new roles and take on additional responsibility; the latter however, is a change that often goes unseen.

After serving with Weapons platoon, Company B, 1st Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, during their deployment to Marjah, Afghanistan last year, several Marines who were on their first tour have now been put in charge of their own squads and are tasked with passing on their hard-earned knowledge.

Moving among his Marines at a machine-gun range is Lance Cpl. Brandon Baia, a squad leader in Weapons platoon, who speaks in a soft and even tone that never goes unheard by his juniors.

He moves among his Marines, watching their progress on the range during the battalion's predeployment training as part of the Enhanced Mojave Viper exercise, May 23.

Last year, during Baia's first deployment, he served as a machine gunner with Company B, but this time around, he will not only be responsible for himself, but also for the Marines in his care.

"Last year, I didn't need to be micromanaged, and at first I expected the same from my Marines," said Baia. "But, they're not quite there yet – they are getting there though. I'm also learning the importance of gear accountability, not just of yourself, but of your Marines."

The shift in roles can be trying at times, as it forces a leader to not only have self-discipline, but to expect and foster that trait in those under him, Baia explained.

Additionally, a leader isn't measured by his performance, but by the progress of his juniors.

"My success is their success," he said. "I'm only as good as these guys. It's never, do as I say, not as I do – it's let me show you. I don't feel like I'm doing my job if my guys aren't progressing."

Sgt. Wesley Hillis, a section leader with Weapons platoon, and Baia's squad leader last year, explained the change from squad member to unit leader is easily the most challenging adjustment, requiring the Marine to develop a leadership style that fits him and benefits his Marines.

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MARINE CORPS BASE TWENTYNINE PALMS, Calif. — Lance Cpl. Brandon Baia (right), a squad leader with Weapons platoon, Company B, 1st Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, divvies out ammunition for his Marines during a machine-gun range here, May 23.

"You always think about how your senior guys trained you," Hillis said. "You take the traits that you want to emulate and I see that in the guys that were under me last year."

For the squad leaders within the section, there are countless reasons for why they push themselves and their Marines, but the most consistent explanation is very simple – to get them home safely.

"We're just trying to get everyone ready so they know what to expect," said Lance Cpl. Augustuv Haas, a squad leader, whose story follows along the same lines as Baia's. "That way we can do the job and bring everyone home.

Last year it was more of me taking care of myself and now I have these guys to look after, down to their personal needs."

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MARINE CORPS BASE TWENTYNINE PALMS, Calif. — A Marine with Company B, 1st Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, opens fire with a M2 Browning .50 caliber machine gun at a machine-gun range here, May 23. The Marines and sailors of 1/6 are taking part in the Enhanced Mojave Viper exercise, a large-scale predeployment training event aimed at preparing the battalion for their upcoming deployment to Afghanistan.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS | CLASSIFIEDS

Briefs

Camp Adventure Registration
The University of Iowa is offering a summer day camp program scheduled for June 20 – August 20. The program is slated for Monday - Friday 6:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Participants can sign up by the week or for the entire duration. Registration is now open to all SOFA status children aboard the station. For more in formation, call the Resource and Referral office at 253-4141.

Origami Class
The Japanese American Society will be hosting an origami class June 30 7 p.m. – 8 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, call 253- 4744.

TriCare Coverage Change
A new TriCare program is offering coverage for young adults, dependents under 26, unmarried, and those not eligible for their own employer-sponsored health care coverage may be qualified to purchase TYA, which offers TriCare standard coverage for monthly premiums of $186. A premium-based TriCare Prime benefit will be available later this year. For more information, visit http://www tricare.mil/mediacenter news.aspx?fid=706.

Temporary Mess Hall
Building 240 is designated as a temporary mess hall. Hours of operation are 6 – 7:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Monday – Friday. The special shuttle bus will continue to run during the dinner and dinner/brunch meal periods. A sandwich bar is also available from 1:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Birthday Break
The birthday break is an ongoing promotion held every Friday at 9:15 a.m. on Power 1575 radio. The promotion is open to anyone with a birthday. Just visit www.mccsiwakuni.com/birthdaycake, fill out the form and let Power 1575 and Marine Corps Community Services take care of the rest. Every Friday, birthdays from the previous week will be announced and on the last Friday of every month there will be a random birthday cake giveaway for one birthday in the upcoming month.

Fellowship Breakfast
Christian fellowship and group discussion breakfasts are scheduled 6:30 – 7:15 a.m. every Wednesday at the north-side mess hall. For more information, call John Cordero at 253-5301 or 080-3217-3205.

Lending Locker Program
The lending locker program is available to provide small home appliances and utensils for incoming and outgoing command-sponsored members for up to 60 days inbound and 30 days outbound. A copy of PCS orders is required. The lending locker is located in Building 411 room 101. For more information call, 253-6161.

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

PMO Lost and Found
Contact the Provost Marshal's Office Lost and Found if you have lost anything around the installation. Examples may include: Cell phones, keys, digital cameras, bicycle helmets, etc. To recover lost items or for more information, call 253-4929.

Crime Stoppers
To report a crime, call 253-3333. Callers can leave a detailed message without having to speak to a live person.

Jobs

Engineering Technician
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is looking for an engineering technician to work in Iwakuni. The job pays $27,431–$35,657 annually. For more information, call the Central Resume Processing Center at 410-306-0137 or e-mail applicationhelp@conus.army.mil.

Commissary Merchandiser
SARVIS Inc. is currently looking for a part-time commissary merchandiser, 48-hours per month. Workplace is Iwakuni Commissary/DeCA CDC. Experience in retail or commissary merchandising is preferred. For more information, e-mail Mr. More at tmore_sarvis@yahoo.com.

English Teachers
Two positions are available to teach English in Tokuyama every Friday 6 – 8 p.m. For more information, call 253-6868.

Vehicles

1999 Baja Honda
JCI good until May 2012. Honda XR250, 11,000 km. Asking $1,400. For more information call 080-3721-3470.

Brief and Classified Submissions
To submit a community brief or classified ad, send an e-mail to iwakuni.pao@usmc.mil. Include a contact name, a phone number and the information to you would like to be published. Submit a brief or ad in person at the Public Affairs Office, Building 1, Room 216 or call 253-5551. Provide all requested information to simplify the request process. The deadline for submissions is 3 p.m. every Friday. Submissions will run the following Friday on a space-available basis. The Iwakuni Approach staff reserves the right to edit submissions for space and style.

Civilian employees, Marines tailed by investigative children

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with the submission of an application.

Each student who participated entered an application before being selected to partake in the half-day long event.

Once selected, the students created a resume which the students gave to the mentor to whom they were assigned.

The Job Shadow Day had several participating civilian employees and Marines including, chefs, teachers, lawyers, librarians and more.

"I think it was a good experience for us to see what we want to be when we grow up and if it's really what we want to do," said Bailey M. Jones, an M.C. Perry High School seventh-grader.

Seven students were sent with John J. Roles, Club Iwakuni catering manager, to learn the job of a club worker and chef.

They were taken all over the building from the administration office to the kitchen.

To further explain their job, Roles introduced the students to the executive chef, Ginna Benke.

Benke answered and explained in detail the different chef positions and the roles each chef plays in the club.

"If you want to be a chef this is a good experience," said Lauren A. Reed, an M.C. Perry High School seventh-grader. "It prepares you for what it's like to be a chef."

While the seven students took time exploring the kitchen, Samantha J. Herritt, an M.C. Perry High School 10th-grader, spent time in the classroom learning the in and outs of teaching the second grade.

"I have wanted to be a teacher since I was little," Herritt said. "I thought that maybe if I got to see how the teachers do it, it would make me want to do it more."

Herritt decided after reading to the second-graders, she wanted to teach the third grade or middle school children.

After Herritt read the story, the children were released to recess where she talked to them until lunch time.

At the end of the Job Shadow Day, the students met at the club to enjoy a refreshing meal.

Overall, the children learned information about possible future careers by sticking close to and asking questions to the assigned mentors they were shadowing.

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Bailey M. Jones (right), a Matthew C. Perry High School seventh-grader, Lauren A. Reed, an M.C. Perry High School seventh-grader, and Kaelyn A. Francis, an M.C. Perry High School seventh-grader, watch as the executive chef, Ginna Benke, prepares stuffed corn muffins for lunch in the Club Iwakuni kitchen during Job Shadow Day here June 3. The students were able to taste the muffins at the Job Shadow Day lunch hosted at the Eagles Nest here to close out the event.

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
Tues. – Fri.	11:30 a.m. Weekday Mass
Wednesday	6 p.m. Inquiry Class for adults

Protestant

Saturday	7 a.m. Men's Ministry
	9:30 a.m. Seventh-Day Adventist Sabbath School
	11 a.m. Seventh-Day Adventist Divine Worship
Sunday	9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Adult Bible Fellowship
	10:30 a.m. Protestant Service
	11 a.m. Children's Church
	4:30 p.m. Lutheran Holy Communion Service (Small Chapel)
Wednesday	6 p.m. Awana (Bldg. 1104)
	6:15 p.m. Adult Bible Study (Capodanno Hall Chapel)

Church of Christ

Sunday	9:30 a.m. Bible Study (small chapel)
	10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Latter Day Saints

Tuesday	6:30 a.m. Youth 12-17 Activities

Teen Programs

- High School Meetings (Club – grades 9-12)
- Junior High Meetings (Club JV – grades 7-8)
- HS&JR Bible Studies
- Retreats
- Service Projects
- Missions Trip
- Special Events Volunteer Training & Mentoring
- Parent Support Group

Call 080-4177-2060 or e-mail jletaw@ClubBeyond.org

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

Photo of the week

CPL. JENNIFER PIRANTE

KADENA AIR BASE, Japan — Marine All-Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 533 Hornet jets rev up before final checks on the flightline here June 6. Prior to conducting the flying portion of the Marine Division Tactics Course, pilots had to ensure they were current on their flight hours and familiarization with maneuvering the aircraft. Have your own photo to submit? Submit photos to the Public Affairs Office by e-mailing them to iwakuni.pao@usmc.mil or submit them in person at the Public Affairs Office in Building 1 Room 216. Entries will be judged by the Iwakuni Approach Staff and the top selection will run in the next edition of the Iwakuni Approach. For more information call 253-5551.

SAKURA THEATER

Friday, June 10, 2011
7 p.m. Arthur (PG-13)
Premiere
10 p.m. Hangover 2 (R)
Premiere

Saturday, June 11, 2011
1 p.m. Kung Fu Panda 2 (PG)
4 p.m. Source Code (PG-13)
7 p.m. Arthur (PG-13)

Sunday, June 12, 2011
1 p.m. Kung Fu Panda 2 (PG)
4 p.m. Hanna (PG-13)
7 p.m. Hangover 2 (R)

Monday, June 13, 2011
7 p.m. Sucker Punch (PG-13)
Last Showing

Tuesday, June 14, 2011
7 p.m. The Lincoln Lawyer (PG-13)
Last Showing

Wednesday, June 15, 2011
No Showing

Thursday, June 16, 2011
7 p.m. Hangover 2 (R)

253-5291

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

General Admission: Ages 12+ are $2.50 / Ages 6-11 are $1 / Children ages 5 and under admitted free. For more information, visit www.mccsiwakuni.com or call 253-5291.

Mess Hall Menu

Monday
Corn chowder, turkey yakisoba, Chinese barbecue diced pork, red pepper glazed fish, pork fried rice, steamed rice, orange carrots amandine, fried cabbage, Chinese egg roll, dinner rolls, macaroni salad, potato salad, coleslaw and standard salad bar bear claws, cinnamon crumb top muffin, blueberry pie, velvet pound cake, brownies, chocolate cream pudding parfait, jello parfait.

Tuesday
Chicken gumbo soup, French fried shrimp, sukiyaki, barbecue beef cubes, home fried potatoes, steamed rice, cauliflower parmesan, southern style greens, creamy gravy, dinner rolls, long Johns, banana muffin, lemon meringue, devil's food cake with chocolate buttercream frosting, shortbread cookies, bread pudding, jello parfait, macaroni salad, potato salad, coleslaw and standard salad bar.

Wednesday
French onion soup, Chinese five spice chicken, Swiss steak with brown gravy, mustard dill fish, steamed rice, garlic roasted potato wedges, fried cabbage with bacon, mixed vegetables, brown gravy, dinner rolls, snails, quick cherry coffee cake, blueberry pie, white cake with butter cream frosting, brownies, vanilla pudding parfait and jello parfait, macaroni salad, potato salad, coleslaw and standard salad bar.

Thursday
New England clam chowder, beef stroganoff, pork adobo, baked ham, macaroni and tomatoes, pork fried rice, steamed pasta, scalloped cream style corn, peas with onions, brown gravy, dinner rolls, kolaches, apple coffee cake, cherry crunch, banana cake with buttercream frosting, macadamia chocolate chunks, chocolate parfait, jello parfait, macaroni salad, potato salad, coleslaw and standard salad bar.

Friday
Tomato soup, fried catfish, beef stew, chili macaroni, grilled cheese, franconia potatoes, steamed pasta, succotash, broccoli parmesan, mushroom gravy, corn muffins, cinnamon rolls, quick French coffee cake, blueberry pie, carrot cake with cream cheese frosting, chocolate chip cookie, chocolate pudding parfait, jello parfait, macaroni salad, potato salad, coleslaw and standard salad bar.

Lifters test their might in bench press

Lance Cpl. Kenneth K. Trotter Jr.
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

Semper Fit hosted the Summer Slam 2011 Open Bench Press Challenge at the IronWorks Gym sports courts here Saturday. The event was open to both station and local Japanese residents.

The female division had four weight classes. Miyako Kamiguri, 106 pounds, was the overall female winner, bench pressing 105 pounds. Hiroko Yanai placed second with 105 pounds. Sayaka Takabayashi took third place with an 83 pound bench press.

Goto Shuji, 242 pounds, was the overall male winner, bench pressing 579 pounds. Steve C. Robinson Jr., 275 pounds, came in second place pressing a maximum weight of 529 pounds. Robinson also attempted to break the IronWorks Gym American bench press record of 540 pounds. Seventy-year-old Mato Akihiko, 148 pounds, placed third overall, bench pressing 375 pounds.

Each participant was awarded a medal, T-shirt and water bottle for participating in the event. The overall winners were also given a statue.

All participants were given three attempts at their respective maximum. The use of bench shirts became necessary as the weight became progressively heavier for the male participants.

Bench shirts are shirts that enable lifters to move heavier weight. The shirts are made of a material that severely restricts excessive movement in the shoulders and arms, forcing the muscles to stabilize more and lift more weight.

Extreme focus is often required when bench pressing heavy weight with or without a bench shirt.

"There's no room to think about anything else," said Goto. "The focus is on the weight and to keep it moving."

The training mindset of high weights/low reps is essential when attempting to move large amounts of weight. Robinson used this style of training in preparation for the competition.

"I have a max effort bench day and a dynamic effort bench day," said Robinson. "The dynamic days are a lot of high reps/low weight. I concentrate on explosion. The max days are just me trying to move as much as possible."

LANCE CPL. KENNETH K. TROTTER JR.

Shuji Goto prepares to lift 579 pounds during the 2011 Summer Slam Open Bench Press Challenge at the IronWorks Gym sports courts here Saturday. Goto went on to win overall in the men's division with 579 pounds. Steve C. Robinson Jr. placed second with 529 pounds. Akihiko Mato placed third with 375 pounds. The bench press challenge is one of several annual Semper Fit sponsored strength events. The 2011 Far East Powerlifting meet is the next event scheduled for later this year.

Some of the athletes had different motivations for wanting to participate in the challenge.

"I was concentrating on trying to break the 540 pound (bench press) record," said Robinson.

For others, their reasoning for competing here was more long term.

"I'm training for a meet in October," said Goto. "The bench press challenge is just to prepare me for that."

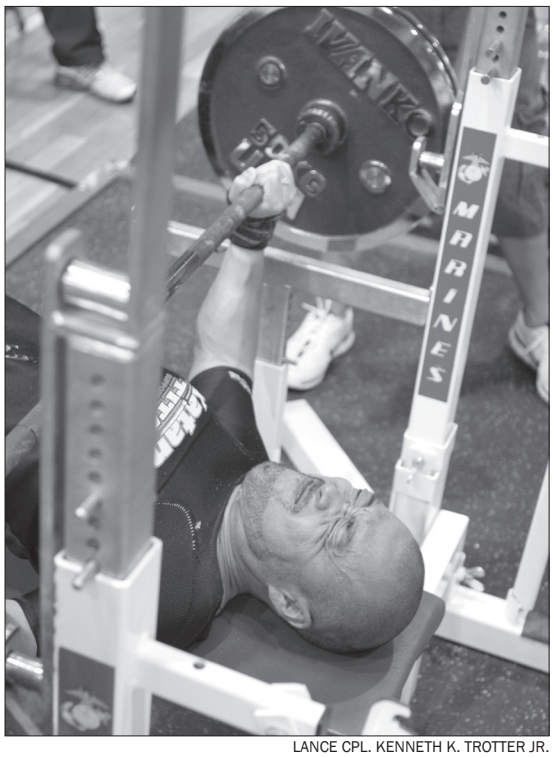
Whenever heavy weight is involved in lifting, the possibility for serious injury is always there. Semper Fit took every precaution to insure no such incident happened. Several times throughout the meet, many lifters required assistance from the several spotters who hovered around the bench press rack in case of muscle failure.

"I'm just glad the volunteers were reliable and aware during the event," said Brian Wilson, Semper Fit assistant athletic director. "Some of these guys lift really heavy weight. Injuries are something I hate to see."

The bench press challenge is one of several annual events put together by Semper Fit. Semper Fit also sponsors The Strongman competition and Fitness Fallout.

Wilson said even though fewer participants showed up than expected, he was still pleased with the turn out.

The 2011 Far East Powerlifting meet is the next Semper fit exercise event scheduled to take place in late September, early October.



LANCE CPL. KENNETH K. TROTTER JR.

Kenchiro Hayashi forces 331 pounds upward during the 2011 Summer Slam Open Bench Press Challenge at the IronWorks Gym sports courts here Saturday.

LANCE CPL. KENNETH K. TROTTER JR.

Hiroko Yanai bench presses 99 pounds during the 2011 Summer Slam Open Bench Press Challenge at the IronWorks Gym sports courts here Saturday. Yanai placed second with 105 pounds. Twenty one contestants participated in the challenge.

ATC stomps mud hole in Devil Donkeys, walks it dry

LANCE CPL. KENNETH K. TROTTER JR.

Sam J. Graviet, ATC center fielder, swings at Devil Donkey's pitch during an intramural softball game at the main softball field here June 2. ATC went on to win the game 13-2. A series of double and triples throughout the game along with good outfield play line drives helped to keep ATC in the lead. This was the fourth game of the season for both teams.

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Chad A. Welsh, ATC left fielder, prepares to strike the ball against the Devil Donkeys during an intramural softball game at the main softball field here June 2. ATC overwhelmed the Devil Donkeys 13-2. ATC capitalized on the Devil Donkeys poor field and batting, never allowing them to consistent throughout the game.

Lance Cpl. Kenneth K. Trotter Jr.
IWAKUNI APPROACH STAFF

ATC defeated the Devil Donkeys 13-2 in an intramural softball game at the main softball field here June 2.

ATC was the first to strike as Paul A. Torres, ATC center fielder, dropped a fly ball into a center field gap for a double. Wade J. Armstrong, ATC second baseman, hit a sacrifice, bringing Torres home, to left field.

Chad A. Welsh, ATC left fielder, was next up to the plate. Welsh hit a pitch perfectly out to center field for a single.

Next up to bat was Ryan C. Snyder, ATC right fielder. With one strike and two balls, Snyder waited for the Devil Donkey's pitcher, Bradley A. Hanson, to send one over the plate.

Snyder made a line drive to first base, where Ronald S. Hunter, Devil Donkey first baseman, tagged him out. Charles D. Wine, ATC catcher, delivered a ground ball near first base and was tagged out.

The Devil Donkeys were next up.

Hanson, with his lefty stance, earned the Devil Donkey's first out with a pop-up to right field caught by Snyder.

Clayton R. Hullet, Devil Donkey center fielder, made a triple. Blade was next to bat. A line drive by Veronica E. Bigornia, Devil Donkey catcher, allowed Hullet to make it to home plate, making the score 1-1.

Bignoria was ruled out at first base at the top of the first inning.

Jameson L. Lazares and, ATC third baseman and Christopher B. Jones, ATC second baseman, earned two more runs in the second inning, making the score 3-1.

Torres and Christopher B. Jones, second baseman, added two more runs to the scoreboard before the end of the inning, making the score 5-1.

The Devil Donkeys were only able to get one player past second base during the second inning.

A series of fly balls were easy pickings for their opponents.

"Our hitting was really poor," said Hanson. "Our overall game was pretty weak. We didn't have a full team to really make it work."

Several times throughout the game, the Devil Donkeys were required to forfeit an out for not having a 10-man team present. This added to the Devil Donkeys' woes as this forced them off the field even faster as the game progressed.

ATC continued to get hits at will during the third inning, pushing the score to 7-1. The Devil Donkey's had no answer to ATC.

The Devil Donkeys continued to fight on, even in the jaws of defeat. Raynier Cruzborroto, made one last attempt at a comeback for the Devil Donkeys. Cruzborroto sprinted to home plate when Hanson made a line drive to right field. Cruzborroto crossed home plate as Hanson was tagged out at second base.

The Devil Donkeys had one last attempt to make a comeback before the umpire called the game in the top of the fifth.

Bases were loaded in the bottom half of the fourth inning when Sam J. Graviet, ATC center fielder, made an inside-the-park home run, pushing the score to 11-2.

Two more runs were tacked on by ATC, making the final score 13-2.

Even with such a loss, the Devil Donkeys were unfazed.

"We just came out here to have fun," said Hanson. "We already know we're going to the playoffs."

The playoffs will be a double-elimination tournament.

Hanson said the Devil Donkey's batting needs to improve if it is to have a chance in the playoffs.

ATC felt even with the win, there were areas which need fine tuning.

"We were making too many golf club swings," said Torres. "A lot of our guys were trying to go for home runs. We need to just focus on connecting with the ball."

This was the fourth game of the season for ATC. The Devil Donkey's sit at 2-2 with this loss.

LANCE CPL. KENNETH K. TROTTER JR.

Paul A. Torres, ATC center fielder, sprints past first base as Ronald S. Hunter, Devil Donkey first baseman, signals for the ball during an intramural softball game at the main softball field here June 2. The Devil Donkeys were on the losing end of a 13-2 rout. The Devil Donkeys will attempt to rebound from the loss and face ATC in time for the playoffs.