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Chief of staff visits Japan Gen. Odierno discusses way forward in Asia-Pacific theater



TOKYO – Army Chief of Staff Gen. Raymond T. Odierno, center, and Gen. Eiji Kimizuka, left, his counterpart with the Japan Ground Self-Defense Force, review a formation of JGSDF members during an honors ceremony held Jan. 19 at the JGSDF headquarters at Camp Ichigaya in Tokyo. While in Japan, the general met with military leaders at Camp Zama. **U.S. Army photo by Dustin Perry SEE CHIEF, PAGE 2**



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Chief of staff meets with U.S., Japan leaders

By **Dustin Perry**
Editor

TOKYO – The Army’s top-ranking officer was in Japan Jan. 19 to meet with senior leaders from both the U.S. and Japanese militaries and governments to discuss the U.S. Army’s role in helping to shape the future of the Pacific region.

Chief of Staff Gen. Raymond T. Odierno embarked on an Asia-Pacific theater tour Jan. 17, his first overseas trip since taking the position in September 2011. While in Japan, the general met with U.S. Ambassador John Roos, Japanese Defense Minister Naoki Tanaka, Japan Ground Self-Defense Force Chief of Staff Gen. Eiji Kimizuka, and military leaders at Camp Zama.

“As [U.S. military leaders] release the new strategy with an emphasis on the Pacific, I thought it was important to get out here as soon as possible and start discussing what our future mission will be,” said Odierno at Camp Zama. “I also came here to visit the people who work here at U.S. Forces Japan and have a discussion on what their capabilities are [and] what their issues are.”

Early on Thursday, Odierno first visited the U.S. Embassy for his meeting with Roos. His next stop was the JGSDF headquarters, Camp Ichigaya, located in Japan’s capital city. There, he met with Kimizuka, his JGSDF counterpart.

Kimizuka expressed his appreciation for the extensive disaster-relief support provided to Japan by U.S. forces following the 9.0 magnitude earthquake and subsequent tsunami that struck the country’s northeastern coast last March.

“[In regard to] the disaster-relief operations, the Japanese peoples’ expectations of the Self-Defense Forces – especially the Ground Self-Defense Forces – have been increased,” Kimizuka



TOKYO – Army Chief of Staff Gen. Raymond T. Odierno, left, speaks with Gen. Eiji Kimizuka, his counterpart with the Japan Ground Self-Defense Force, during a Jan. 19 visit to the JGSDF headquarters at Camp Ichigaya. While in Japan, the general also met with military leaders at the U.S. Army Japan headquarters at Camp Zama. **U.S. Army photo by Dustin Perry**

told Odierno through a translator. “Also, [their] reliance on U.S. forces has increased. Under these circumstances, it is very significant for us to receive [visits] from high-ranking U.S. officials [such as yourself].”

Odierno told Kimizuka he chose Japan to be his first overseas visit as chief of staff because of the close relationship their two countries have built over time. He returned the praise by acknowledging the general’s “tremendous leadership during a time of great need for [his] country.”

“I have learned over my career that when you are involved in very difficult situations, there is nothing more important than leadership in order to help a nation through some very difficult times,” Odierno told Kimizuka. “You provided that leadership, as well as the Ground Self-Defense Forces who performed so superbly.”

The work done by both U.S. and Japanese forces in the wake of the devastating earthquake and tsunami greatly impressed Odierno, he said, adding that, “Relationships that have been built during a time of very difficult circumstances go a lot toward building stronger relationships.”

Following a briefing with USARJ leaders at Camp Zama, Odierno presented certificates of achievement to the installation’s Soldier, Civilian, Retiree and Japanese Master Labor Contractor of the Quarter during a brief ceremony there.

“I just want to thank all the families and all the military and civilians who work here at U.S. Forces Japan for your service and all the great work you’ve done in supporting the Japanese people,” said Odierno. “You’re a credit to the United States, and you have acted in such a way that brings honor to the United States Army, as well as the United States as a whole.”

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Co-op members brief JGSDF students

By Tetsuo Nakahara
Photo Editor

CAMP KODAIRA, Japan – A group of Japan Ground Self-Defense Force members, along with Soldiers from U.S. Army Japan, visited a language school here Thursday to brief students on the bilateral cooperative program in which they are currently taking part.

The U.S. and Japanese members of the 63rd co-op program spoke to Japanese students learning English at the Kodaira Language School, located within the JGSDF installation, about their experiences and the knowledge they have gained through their collaboration.

The co-op program is a 10-week program during which JGSDF members stay at Camp Zama, where USARJ is headquartered, to learn about the unit's mission and take part in an intensive language class. Each member of the group is sponsored by a different unit on Camp Zama, whose Soldiers demonstrate their regular duties.

Upon arrival to the school, the co-op members were invited to a meeting room where more than 80 students from the Primary Enlisted and Officer English courses listened intently to their briefing. A short video about the co-op program was shown, followed by a question-and-answer session. The students were then divided into groups of commissioned and

noncommissioned officers for further briefings from co-op members that were specifically geared toward them.

"It was great to learn details about the co-op program because I didn't know much about it, and it seems very interesting," said Sgt. 1st Class Tatsuya Fukase from Camp Kita-Eniwa. "I would love to join the program if I have the chance."

"My goal is to be someone who can translate English precisely into Japanese to assist my commanders with running their missions smoothly, especially during JGSDF and U.S. Army bilateral exercises," added Fukase.

Throughout the program, co-op members also visit U.S. military facilities and service members in Japan, including Yokota Air Base, Naval Air Station Atsugi and U.S. Fleet Activities Yokosuka. These visits provide co-op members the opportunity to not only gain a better understanding of U.S. military operations, they said, but also to build friendships between the two forces.

"It was good timing for me to be in this program because I got to see how USARJ operates and prepares for [the annual bilateral exercise in Japan] Yama Sakura," said 1st Lt. Kazunori Shirato from Camp Okadama. "It has been a very good experience because we learn from a face-to-face perspective about U.S. Army culture and how the Soldiers conduct their duties."

"Through this program I want to gain



Sgt. 1st Class Yuji Yoshida, left, a member of the 63rd bilateral cooperative program between the Japan Ground Self-Defense Force and the U.S. Army, briefs students Thursday at the JGSDF's Kodaira Language School at Camp Kodaira. **U.S. Army photo by Tetsuo Nakahara**

a better understanding of how the U.S. Army operates, share my experiences with the JGSDF, and build a better relationship between our two forces," added Shirato.

The Kodaira Language School has had a longstanding relationship with USARJ via a number of exchange events and programs throughout the years. One of those is the Cultural Language Exchange Program. In cooperation with the JGSDF, Soldiers and Department of the Army civilians are invited to spend a week at their school as guest English instructors. They assist

the JGSDF instructors and help students perfect their pronunciation, explain English and Army idioms, acronyms and demonstrate dialogues.

"The co-op program offers participants the chance to learn something they could never learn in other language schools," said Maj. Takiji Horiguchi, sub-chief of Primary Officer English course at Kodaira. "It is the best opportunity to learn real U.S. military culture. We really want our students to take advantage of this program after they study the primary English program here."

Zama teens make bid for top spot in engineering contest

By Todd Lyman and Jay Ruetten
Japan Engineer District Public Affairs

What began four years ago as an opportunity for high school students to observe a construction site has blossomed into annual competitions that promote science education in concert with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Sixteen Zama American High School engineering students recently competed in a realistic bid-proposal contest, giving them a taste of what they can experience if they continue their educational pursuit of science, technology, engineering and math careers.

The contest, in its third year, was designed by two Japan Engineer District professionals and a ZAHS career and technical education instructor. Each year students face a different challenge that allows them to practice what they learned in teacher Jay Ruetten's high school classroom. The idea for a competition came after Ruetten asked JED engineers to allow his students to examine a construction site four years ago.

The students formed five independent contractor teams who were challenged to gather technical information and submit a request for proposal for work on a new School Age Services building recently completed by JED at Sagami-hara Family Housing Area near Camp Zama. Specifically, each team was responsible for providing an estimate of renovation work for six rooms on the first floor of the new building.

Like actual contractors, the students had to bid on materials, labor and overhead costs of installing half-inch drywall, floor carpeting, baseboard carpeting, ceiling tile, gypsum ceiling board, and the installation of new windows. Students with the most realistic bid would be declared the champions.



The Japan Engineer District's Cedric Bazemore, far left, instructs all contractor teams at the kickoff of the 2011 bid-proposal competition, held last November and sponsored by Zama American High School and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. **Photo by Jay Ruetten**

The winners and runners-up were announced Dec. 1. Teams also received an explanation for how the winning bid was selected. This year's second-place team was comprised of George Cardenas, Roland Cote and Mason Moffet. The 2011 bid proposal champions were Team GAS, made up of Gabe Malate, Arvin Cortez and Stephen Ferrer.

Col. Bryan P. Truesdell, JED commander, invited the winning team to his office Jan. 18 to congratulate them on

their accomplishment. He presented each team member a certificate and coin to commemorate the victory.

The students said they witnessed firsthand that details are required to join a competent, disciplined and resilient engineer team equipped to deliver high-quality solutions, and to stand out from the competition.

Each of the students in the competition said they have plans to continue studying in some sort of technical field in college.

Japanese policemen demonstrate martial arts

By Tetsuo Nakahara
Photo Editor

An exhibition of powerful and precise martial arts moves was presented Jan. 20 by members of the Sagamihara South Police Station here to an audience that included U.S. Army Japan Soldiers and Japanese city officials.

The annual demonstration is a New Year tradition in Japan known as *Budo Hajime Shiki*, and is conducted at police precincts throughout the country as a way to emphasize the law enforcement officers' commitment to protecting their respective communities.

The nearly 30 officers at Sagamihara South who took part are trained and proficient in several different martial arts styles, including judo, kendo and karate. Their showcase featured a number of fluid and aggressive sparring demonstrations.

"I was very impressed with the enthusiasm and the talent of officers," said Lt. Col. Thomas Bischof, commander of the USARJ Military Police Battalion. "I'd like to do something [to involve them] with our combatives training in the future. They may like to see what [combat training] we do as military police officers."

Judo is a form of Japanese martial arts based around grappling and throws that closely resembles wrestling, while kendo -- "Way of the Sword" -- is the country's centuries-old take on fencing. Kendo combatants wear padded armor and a face mask, and they wield a bamboo sword called a "shinai."

"The martial arts training helps us to overcome fear when we must engage a suspect," said Masaichi Yuguchi, deputy chief at the Sagamihara South Police Station. "We gain confidence in the event that physical force is necessary. This demonstration is an opportunity to show our community that we are here to protect them and that our motivation to do so is very high."



Police officers from the Sagamihara South Police Station in Japan show off some of their judo techniques during their annual New Year's Martial Arts Demonstration held Jan. 20 at the Sagamihara South Police Station. U.S. Army Japan Soldiers, including Lt. Col. Thomas Bischof, commander of the USARJ Military Police Battalion, attended the ceremony. **U.S. Army photo by Tetsuo Nakahara**

A similar demonstration was conducted Jan. 13 by members of the nearby Zama City Police Department, also for an audience that included USARJ personnel.

A reception was held following the conclusion, during which the USARJ Soldiers had the opportunity to meet

with members of the Sagamihara City senior leadership. Maj. Gen. Michael T. Harrison Sr., commander of USARJ and I Corps (Forward), hosted lunch at the Camp Zama Community Club with chiefs of the Sagamihara and Zama police stations.

Upcoming Ongoing Events

Red Cross Babysitter's Course

The American Red Cross at Camp Zama is offering a babysitter's course scheduled to be held Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Pre-registration is required by visiting www.RedCross.org. Call 263-3166 or 047-407-3166 for more information.

ZAMS Quality-Assurance Review

A quality-assurance review will be conducted from Feb. 7 through 9 at Zama American Middle School in order to renew the school's accreditation. The independent AdvancEd organization will conduct the review. Parents and community members are free to attend the final out-brief by the review team, scheduled to be held at 2:45 p.m. on Feb. 9 at the ZAMS information center.

Money-Management Briefings

A series of briefings by the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority Education Foundation will be held Feb. 8 in the Camp Zama Community Club's Right Wing Ballroom. The free briefings will provide information and tools to help with money management.

- 2:10 to 2:50 p.m. – Credit and Debt Management
- 2:50 to 3:20 p.m. – Investing
- 3:35 to 4:30 p.m. – Retirement Planning

College Fair

Zama American High School will host a college fair from 3 to 7 p.m. on Feb. 9 at the ZAHS gymnasium. Fair organizers are looking for representatives who can talk about and provide information on the following career fields: business administration, fine arts, religious studies, engineering, military, nail technician or stylist, psychology, and accounting. Call 263-3241 for more information.

Road Closure at Sagamihara Housing Area

A half-road closure is scheduled to be in place at a portion of Aqueduct Road on Sagamihara Family Housing Area beginning Feb. 13 through March 17 due to ongoing construction. The location of the half-road closure is between housing units S-135 and S-342. There will be no flagmen directing traffic due to the short distance of the closure, but blinking lights will be in place at night for visibility.

Relocation of Zama Chapel Service

Services at the Camp Zama Chapel have been relocated to the Music Theater Workshop beginning and will continue through March due to renovations being done at the chapel. Contact the U.S. Army Garrison Japan Chaplain's Office at 263-4898 for more information.

Valentines for Veterans

AAFES shoppers can show their appreciation to service members by sending free Valentines through the Camp Zama Exchange through today. "Valentines for Veterans" is an annual campaign to send greetings to VA hospitals, Fisher House locations and military retirement facilities. Shoppers can stop by the Exchange and fill out cards provided, or bring their own.

Road Closure at Zama Bowling Center

The parking lot in front of the Camp Zama Bowling Center will be subject to partial road closure and restricted parking due to a construction initiative to replace the roof. The duration of the construction is scheduled to last until March 30. The east exit will be closed during this time from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Parking will be restricted 24 hours a day. Call 263-8764 for more information.

What's Happening Outside the Gate?

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Visit www.welcome.city.yokohama.jp/eng for information in English.

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Visit www.tokyo-dome.co.jp/e/tableware for information in English.

"Aurora Seen from Outer Space" Photo and Film Exhibits @ Konica Minolta Plaza, Tokyo, Now - Feb. 19

Visit <http://kids-event.jp/event/> for information in English.

Sagamiko Resort Pleasure Forest

From now through April 8, the Sagamiko Resort Pleasure Forest is offering a large area filled with snow on which children can play. Visit <http://jin.jcic.or.jp/en/travel/amusement/sagamiko/> for information in English.

Spectacular Ukiyo-e Imagination @ Roppongi Hills Mori Arts Center Gallery, Tokyo

Visit <http://kuniyoshi.exhn.jp/english.html> for information in English.

Tax centers in Okinawa to provide free filing

By Rudy Wartella
10th RSG Staff Judge Advocate Section

The Army and Air Force on Okinawa are teaming up again this year to provide tax service to the military community on Okinawa. Our tax team has already been selected and trained.

Soldiers selected by their commanders to serve as tax preparers received their initial briefing on Jan. 3, followed by their certification training. This tax team will be working at both the Joint Tax Center on Kadena Air Base and our satellite location on Torii Station.

The tax center on Torii Station will open in early February. Business hours will be 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday by appointment only. Appointments can

be made by calling 644-1040.

The Kadena Tax Center officially opened Monday. Business hours are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. from Tuesday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday by appointment only. Taxpayers with rental property and home day care providers will be seen by appointment only. Appointments can be made by calling 634-7418.

If you are an eligible ID cardholder who works for the U.S. government; a dependent; or a retired military member, you can get your taxes prepared at one of our tax centers. There are some limits to the services we can provide. We may not help you if you own a private business (unless you are a day care provider), have more than three rental properties, or more than one page of investments.

Our tax centers are supervised by experience tax professionals. Although most people want to get their tax refund as soon as possible, it is advisable to come to one of our tax centers to make sure your tax return is prepared correctly.

At a military tax assistance center, you can have your taxes prepared by trained volunteers and electronically filed. If you choose direct deposit, you can receive your refund within seven to 10 days. All of these services are free to anyone with a valid military ID card.

The IRS and the Free File Alliance, a private-sector consortium of tax software companies, have formed a partnership to help taxpayers electronically prepare and file their federal tax returns for free. Each Free File Alliance member sets taxpayer eligibility requirements for its program and the requirements differ from company to company.

Generally, eligibility will be based on factors such as age, adjusted gross income, state residency, military status or eligibility to file a Form 1040EZ or for the Earned Income Tax Credit. Not all taxpayers will be eligible for these free services. Even though the initial offer is for free online tax preparation, there may be additional fees charged for electronic filing, preparation of state tax returns, or tax assistance if you have questions about your return.

Additionally, these companies may offer additional services or products for purchase. You are under no obligation to buy any additional services. During the course of preparing your free file tax return, you may choose to browse other products and services that some companies may provide for a fee. The decision to buy these services is entirely up to you.

You may be tempted by tax-time advertisements for "Fast Cash Refunds." Many of these are really loans. If you file your taxes electronically and elect to have your refund deposited directly into your bank account, you should receive your refund within seven to 10 days, so paying the extra fee for an RAL is unnecessary.

Make sure that you read the free file offer carefully to make sure you are not going to be obligated for other fees. Additionally, if the company offers other products or services, you do not need to buy them as a condition for preparing and e-filing your federal income tax return for free. As long as you meet the company's free offer criteria, you may simply prepare and e-file your federal return for free.

Also, the IRS does not endorse RALs or any other advance refund banking products. You are under no obligation to use RALs or purchase any product from the participating company (Some participating companies do not offer such services.) Obtaining a fee-based product is a decision left to the individual taxpayer

Online resources

The IRS provides useful information to service members and dependants who want to file their taxes online. To access this information:

- Go to the IRS website at <http://www.irs.gov/>. At the home page, you will be able to link to the Free File website that lists Alliance members and their free services.

- At the Free File page, you can browse the summary of each Alliance member's offering or use the Free File Wizard, a questionnaire which helps match your circumstances with companies' services.

- Each Alliance member identifies its company name and has a simple description of the criteria for using its free service. Each Alliance member will also have a link to additional information about the company and its services.

- The Wizard will seek to match you to those Free File Alliance members for whose services you may qualify. The accuracy of results depends on the accuracy of the information that you provide.

When selecting a company for the first time, make certain that you access the company's website through the IRS website. If you choose to access the company's website directly, even if you qualify for their free offer, you may not remain eligible for the free service.

You may exceed eligibility criteria after selecting a company if you do not qualify for the selected company's free offer, but continue with the preparation and e-filing process with this company.

You will be charged a fee for preparing and e-filing your federal tax return. It is important you understand the company's eligibility criteria before selecting a company. You may find the fee by looking under "More Details" next to the company's description on the Free File pages. Carefully read the company's free file offer to ensure that no additional fees will be charged you may want to check other free file company offers.

You need the following information to determine if you qualify:

- Age and your spouse's age (if applicable)
- Your Adjusted Gross Income. AGI is defined as gross income minus adjustments to income. For more details, see the Instructions for Form 1040 by accessing the IRS website at <http://www.irs.gov/>.
- State of residence
- All Form W2, Wage and Tax Statements (If married and filing jointly, all W2s for you and your spouse)
- All active armed forces, Federal reservist and National Guard personnel are eligible for Free Filing. Veterans and retirees are not automatically eligible. You or your spouse must have a 2003 Form W2, Wage and Tax Statement from one of the military services.

Once you chose an Alliance member, you can prepare your tax return using the member's online proprietary software.

Completed tax returns will be sent electronically from the Alliance member to the IRS through IRS's existing e-file system using secure telephone lines. You will receive an acknowledgement of receipt or rejection of their return by e-mail from the Alliance member.



Taking charge

KADENA AIR BASE, Okinawa – Command Sgt. Maj. Andrew J. Wynn Sr., left, receives a saber from Col. Lance Koenig, commander of the 10th Regional Support Group, signifying Wynn as the unit's new command sergeant major, during a change-of-responsibility ceremony held Friday here. Handing over the position after two years was Command Sgt. Maj. Robert F. Austin, behind Koenig. During the ceremony, Austin's wife Elada was recognized with the Legion of Merit for her commitment and dedication to the Soldiers and family members on Okinawa. Austin and his family will be relocating to the 19th Expeditionary Command, Eight U.S. Army.

U.S. Army photo by Chip Steitz

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For questions regarding APF vacancies, please call 263-3755.

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Japanese national position vacancies are posted on the Internet at http://www.usagj.jp/pac.army.mil/imalsites/jesol/rp_jjobs_list_j.asp. Application forms are available on the same site. Selection status can also be checked. For more information, call 263-3325.

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Volunteer at U.S. Army Garrison Japan Postal Service Center: Volunteer opportunities are available in the USAGJ Postal Service Center, we will provide you

with valuable training in Post Office and Unit Mailroom operations. Please contact Army Community Services at 263-8087 for details and assistance on volunteering your services.

English teachers: A small off-post home school (about 200 students) near Sagami Depot. First time teachers welcome! Classes available Mon. - Thu. 1pm to 9pm (*No weekends or Fridays!*) Call for details. Derek Partington English School, home 042-756-4483; cell 090-3082-4439 or E-mail: partngtn@jcom.home.ne.jp

ESL teacher: Seeking ESL teachers for two conversational group classes. One requires travel to Tama and is very accessible by car. Meeting times are the 1st and 3rd Sat. from 10:30 a.m. - noon for one class and Sat. from 3 to 4 p.m. for the second. Pay is ¥7,500 and ¥3,000 per hour respectively. Call 090-549-6725 or e-mail shantee12@yahoo.com.

Instructor: Arts and Crafts Center seeks instructors to teach sewing, water color painting, *washi* paper craft and/or acrylic paint arts. Also looking for contracted framer who has at least three years experience in framing production. For more information, call Nodera-san at 263-4412.

Help needed: yard cleaning, house cleaning, and other chores. Compensations are upon agreements. Please contact x35477@gmail.com, or call 080-5879-8318.

Japanese visa assistance: I am in the process of preparing the paperwork to sponsor my new Filipino wife for a Japanese Tourist Visa. If you have been thru this process, please call Jeff at 090-9102-2117

Pets

Animal Rescue: A small animal rescue NPO is asking for any dog & cat supplies, food, used kennels for donation. For details, please call Meg at 263-8327 or e-mail to animalrescuezama@gmail.com.

Animal adoption: Dogs and cats are available for adoption at the Camp Zama Veterinary Clinic. For more information, call 263-3875.

Others

Camp Zama Photography Club: We are a social organization open to all Military, DoD, MLC employees and their families. Our goal is to discuss, appreciate, and promote photography as an art, as well as develop the skills of our members through local events and mentoring. Members of all skill levels are eligible to join. For information about upcoming meetings, events, and a look at what the club is all about, visit our website <http://zamadepic.net/czpc>, or send us an email at CZPhotoClub@gmail.com.

Pet Sitting: available around Zama & SHA area. An experienced pet owner. Will walk, feed, and play with dogs or cats while at work or on vacation. \$20 a day. sasha-yuri@hotmail.com, 090-8947-4307.

MOVIE SCHEDULE

Sagamihara Theater

For ratings and run times, visit: www.shopmyexchange.com/ReelTimeTheatres/Movies-CampZama.htm

Thursday, Feb. 2

6 p.m. - Red Tails

Friday, Feb. 3

6 p.m. - Extremely Loud, Incredibly Close
9 p.m. - Red Tails

Saturday, Feb. 4

3 p.m. - The Muppets
6 p.m. - Red Tails
9 p.m. - Extremely Loud, Incredibly Close

Sunday, Feb. 5

3 p.m. - The Muppets
6 p.m. - Extremely Loud, Incredibly Close

Thursday, Feb. 9

6 p.m. - One for the Money

Friday, Feb. 10

6 p.m. - One for the Money
9 p.m. - Twilight: Breaking Dawn, Pt. 1

Saturday, Feb. 11

3 p.m. - Arthur Christmas
6 p.m. - One for the Money
9 p.m. - Twilight: Breaking Dawn, Pt. 1

Sunday, Feb. 12

3 p.m. - Arthur Christmas
6 p.m. - One for the Money



Atsugi Cinema 77

For ratings and run times, visit: www.cnic.navy.mil/Atsugi/FleetAndFamilyReadiness/ThingsToDo/Entertainment/index.htm

Thursday, Feb. 2

5:30 p.m. - Extremely Loud ... Close

Friday, Feb. 3

6:30 p.m. - Hugo
9:30 p.m. - Sherlock Holmes 2

Saturday, Feb. 4

4 p.m. - The Muppets
7 p.m. - New Year's Eve
9:30 p.m. - Red Tails

Sunday, Feb. 5

2:30 p.m. - Arthur Christmas
5 p.m. - Hugo
8 p.m. - Sherlock Holmes 2

Monday, Feb. 6

7 p.m. - The Sitter

Tuesday, Feb. 7

5:30 p.m. - Extremely Loud ... Close

Wednesday, Feb. 8

7 p.m. - Alvin and the Chipmunks 3
9 p.m. - New Year's Eve

Thursday, Feb. 9

5:30 p.m. - Hugo

Ski 4 Yellow and American300: Groups organize 'powder day' for troops at Tambara

By Rob Powers
American300 Tour Organizer

TAMBARA SKI AREA, Japan – People travel the world to ski and snowboard.

Take Olympic bronze medalist Nelson Carmichael and Olympian Caroline Lalive: They've been around the globe several times to ski. In fact, between them they've competed five times at the Winter Games.

But Saturday was the first time they hit the road at 4 a.m. with a bus full of Soldiers and their families for a special day on the slopes.

The five-hour ride from Camp Zama wended out of busy Tokyo into the heart of the mountains in the Gunma Prefecture. As the buses chained up before the final approach, the snow started falling slowly from the sky. The powder continued to come down heavier with each switchback as the buses worked their way up to the Tambara Ski Area.

Expectations grew as the Ski 4 Yellow group disembarked their snow chariots and the powder piled up with full force. Who doesn't love a powder day? Today was going to be one, full of all the moments that make these days last a lifetime.

The outing marked Day 3 for Team USA, as Carmichael and Lalive – accompanied by Dave and Aimee Nagel of the 4 Foundations' Steamboat Ski 4 Yellow nonprofit, along with Mike Lane of American300 – led a group of 50 powder enthusiasts in a day on the slopes. U.S. service members, their families and friends, some beginners and some seasoned experts took to the slopes to enjoy this unique powder day.

"A powder day resonates with skiers and snowboarders on so many levels," said Lalive. "But when you get to experience one in Japan with members of our Armed Forces, it takes on an entirely new meaning, one that I will hold dearly."

With six lifts spread across 10 trails, the Tambara Ski Area proved to be perfect for the first Ski 4 Yellow event comprised of U.S. troops in Japan. With fresh powder on the trails and enthusiasm running high, laps started racking up. Lalive and Carmichael offered a few tips, threw some trick moves and shared a lot of laughs throughout the day.

"Today was a great day, and I couldn't think of a better group of people to spend it with than U.S. troops and their families from Camp Zama," said Carmichael. "Skiing is a passion for me, and being able to share it is especially special for me. Add in it being a powder day, and it's just icing on the cake."

Steamboat Springs, Colo., will host the second annual Ski 4 Yellow event March 30 and 31, which will feature Olympians and professional athletes skiing and riding across Steamboat Ski Area in the fight against cancer.

"What a way to launch," said Nagel.



(From left): Olympic bronze medalist Nelson Carmichael skis alongside Lt. Col. Thomas Bischof, commander of the U.S. Army Japan Military Police Battalion, Saturday at the Tambara Ski Area as part of an event co-organized by Ski 4 Yellow and American300 Warrior Tours. Before the ski trip, representatives from the groups visited Japan Jan. 26 and met with Camp Zama community members. **Photos courtesy of American300 and Ski 4 Yellow**

"To have troops and their families kick it off in Japan was the ideal way to launch Ski 4 Yellow and bring it to a much larger audience."

American300 Warrior Tours loves slowing things down and getting to know service members and the individuals who support them. Whether in Japan or at an outpost in Afghanistan, the goal is always the same: "Americans Honoring America's Heroes." On Saturday at a small, remote ski area north of Tokyo, the honor was in sharing an amazing group of Americans and a stateside event with our nation's heroes.

About the team: Troop Ski 4 Yellow is presented by Military Justice International through American300. The tour features Olympians Nelson Carmichael and Caroline Lalive, along with Steamboat Ski 4 Yellow organizers Dave and Aimee Nagel. They are joined by American300 volunteers Mike Lane, director of Steamboat Ski Resorts Public Relations; and Rob Powers, founder of the nonprofit American300 Warrior Tours. All group members reside in Steamboat Springs, Colo. Follow the tour on Facebook at Facebook.com/TheWarriorTours, or check www.American300.org for photos.



(From left): Carmichael, Bischof and Olympian Caroline Lavine ride up a mountain on a ski lift Saturday at the Tambara Ski Area. More than 50 Soldiers and their family members from Camp Zama took part in a day of skiing as part of an event co-organized by Ski 4 Yellow and American300 Warrior Tours. Before the ski trip, representatives from the groups visited Japan Jan. 26 and met with Camp Zama community members.

Oniwa-Soto! Fukuwa-Uchi!

‘Out with demons! In with happiness!’

By Tetsuo Nakahara
Photo Editor

For those of you venturing out in town on Friday, be sure to watch out for flying beans and fleeing ogres.

The Japanese celebrate *Setsubun* at the beginning of February to mark the preparation for the upcoming planting season. The ceremonies across the nation will celebrate the *risshun*, or birth of spring. The important transition of the seasons offers Japanese people the chance to come together as a community to manage their anxieties about the upcoming year and cleanse themselves of demons and evil spirits.

Shinto priests can be seen performing a variety of exorcisms and purification rituals at this time of year, most notably the *mame-maki* or bean-throwing ceremony, at homes and shrines. The goal is to drive out sinister demons and ogres, or *oni*, that pollute the local environment. Participants fill wooden *masu*, or cups, with roasted soybeans and throw them in and around their homes while shouting, “Oni wa soto! Fuku wa uchi!” or, “Out with demons! In with happiness!” This incantation is performed to bring in good fortune and drive out the evil spirits that have been lurking about during the dark and cold winter months. It is also customary for the devout to pick and eat a number of beans which

corresponds to their age. What started out as a cleansing ritual for superstitious country farmers has grown into a national pastime celebrated at schools, corporate offices and private residences.

Setsubun, which literally means “change of seasons,” is a rollicking affair that can be viewed at thousands of Shinto shrines throughout Japan. Many well-known people such as politicians, sumo wrestlers and actors are often invited to festivals throughout Japan to throw out beans for good

luck for all those present.

Mame-maki originally began as an imperial event on New Year’s Eve to get rid of demons and welcome in a happy new year. It later mixed with the indigenous custom of throwing beans at the time of rice-seedling planting. Since the Edo period (1603-1867), the rite of throwing roasted

soybeans inside private homes has been performed on Setsubun.

A popular myth states that if a person consumes an entire sushi roll silently on Setsubun facing that year’s lucky direction, their dreams will soon come true. A sushi roll is eaten to symbolize good fortune being rolled into one. The roll is not cut to ensure good relations will not be cut off during the upcoming year. Sushi eaters take note: This year’s lucky direction is north-northwest. Dozens of regional myths are also closely related to the Shinto holiday of Setsubun. The holiday is celebrated in different ways throughout the country.



The *Setsubun* ceremony at Suzukamyō shrine in Zama City will be held Friday. Ceremonies celebrate the birth of spring. **U.S. Army photos by Tetsuo Nakahara**



People throw beans during the *Setsubun* ceremony held in 2010 at the Suzukamyō Shrine. *Setsubun* means “change of seasons” and marks the upcoming planting season in Japan.