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Remembering 3/11/11



A young boy walks through an area of Tohoku, Japan, in April 2011, a little more than a month after the area was devastated by a tsunami caused by a 9.0-magnitude earthquake that struck off the country's northeast coast on March 11. Sunday marked the one-year anniversary of the dual disasters, which left more than 16,000 people dead or missing. Military and humanitarian forces from around the world, including U.S. Army Japan, came to Japan to take part in a relief effort known as "Operation Tomodachi," and the rebuilding efforts continue today. **U.S. Army photo by Chaplain (Col.) John Powers**



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Japanese officer candidates enhance bilateral knowledge during visit with Camp Zama Soldiers

By Tetsuo Nakahara
Photo Editor

More than 60 officer candidates from the Japan Ground Self-Defense Force's Eastern Army met with U.S. Army Japan officials at Camp Zama on Feb. 28 for training and educational enhancement.

Maj. Gen. Michael T. Harrison Sr., commander of U.S. Army Japan and I Corps (Forward), welcomed JGSDF Maj. Gen. Daisuke Yamauchi, vice-commandant of the Eastern Army, and held an office call with him while the young officer candidates received a USARJ command briefing that morning.

"These officer candidates will be the key players to support the JGSDF in the future, so this is an opportunity for them to see what the U.S. Army is like," said Yamauchi. "I would like them to learn about the U.S. Army's functions and missions, and also to see their facilities. These officers will be on bilateral mission with U.S. Army, so I want them to be familiar with U.S. Army more."

The candidates attended the JGSDF Officer Candidate School in Kurume City from April to December 2011. They are currently undergoing on-the-job training and will be commissioned as officers next month.

The panel discussion was followed by a question-and-answer session in which the JGSDF officer candidates talked one-on-one and exchanged advice with several USARJ officers. The Japanese and U.S. forces exchanged friendship tokens in the form of a traditional *daruma* doll and an Army book, respectively.

In the afternoon, the group toured the USARJ Command Center and various facilities throughout Camp Zama.



Col. Kevin R. Bishop, top right, the deputy commander of U.S. Army Japan and I Corps (Forward), briefs officer candidates from the Japan Ground Self-Defense Force's Eastern Army during their Feb. 28 visit to Camp Zama. More than 60 JGSDF officer candidate were at the installation for training and educational enhancement, and to gain insight on the USARJ mission. **U.S. Army photo by Tetsuo Nakahara**

"This visit allowed me to get a brief glimpse of the cultural differences between the JGSDF and U.S. Army and learn about the USARJ mission," said JGSDF Sgt. Maj. Kei Sasaki, one of the officer candidates.

Visiting with the officer candidates also gave the USARJ officers a chance to "remind us of when we were young officers and get us excited again," the deputy commander of USARJ said.

"One of the key aspects of this whole thing is [learning how to] work together, so we try to instill that in them while they are young," said Col. Kevin R. Bishop. "Some of these young officers may become a regional Army's commander or chief of staff at some point, so forming the foundation for a good relationship is very important."

Bishop and Yamauchi have been working together as counterparts for more than a decade and exemplify the type of professional relationship lauded by the deputy commander. The two shared a firm handshake upon greeting each other during the visit.

"I consider Major General Yamauchi to be one of my best friends in the JGSDF; I consider him more of a friend than an associate," said Bishop.

"The JGSDF has great officers and make it easier for me to interact with them because we know each other and have confidence in how we trust each other," he added. "So these relationships we developed today, especially for some of these officers may come back someday, are very important."



Hello, friends

Children at the Child Development Center at Sagamiara Housing Area welcome Japanese students from Hosen Kindergarten by singing them a song during Friendship Day on Feb. 27. More than 60 children attended the event and participated together in various activities hosted by the CDC. **U.S. Army photo by Tetsuo Nakahara**

'IMCOM Promise' pledges world-class customer service to all, commander says

By Lt. Gen. Michael Ferriter
IMCOM Commander



Every day across our installations, members of Team IMCOM are working hard to provide world-class customer service and make it a great day to be a Soldier, family member or Army civilian.

A prime example is when a 71-year-old retired sergeant first class visited the Fort McCoy ID card office to renew his card. Ken Quade, a separation and retirement services specialist, noticed the retiree needed a different kind of card. He was not receiving all the benefits he should have.

Quade could see the customer needed help, and so he took corrective action. Incredibly, with Quade's help, the retiree was eventually able to recover more than \$41,000 in back pay and receive other benefits he had earned.

Just imagine the impact of this on the retired sergeant first class and his wife. They returned to the office to tell Quade in person what a big difference it made in their lives.

We in the Installation Management Command are charged with delivering the majority of installation services and Soldier and family programs, and we know that a critical element of service delivery depends on our people.

World-class customer service depends on making

connections with the customers across the counter – listening to them, working to find solutions, and saying thank you. It doesn't cost a penny to make someone feel like a million dollars. It does take a commitment to serve and provide leadership at every level.

Our focus on customer service is a promise of predictable service. It is a promise that customers will always be treated with courtesy, respect and an attitude of let's-make-this-work.

We can see many other great examples of customer service across IMCOM. There is Carol Pryer, a survivor support coordinator with the Florida Army National Guard, who with great persistence and compassion has built a strong network for Army survivors.

Or Robin Greene at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, who has worked hard to streamline the process for providing housing for Soldiers with medical needs. Or Nick Overstake and Pat Fielder at Campbell Army Airfield, Ky., who came in Christmas Day to repair runway lights and make sure a flight with redeploying Soldiers could land. There are way too many great examples to name them all, and to that I say, Go Team!

Thank you, IMCOM personnel, for setting the standard for customer service. I am extremely proud of our team and what you do for Soldiers, families and civilians every day.

And thank you, too, to our customers for your feedback. Keep sending us those ICE comments. Visit the IMCOM Facebook page and tell us about our team members who deliver excellent customer service. We want to know how we can improve, and just as much, we want to hear about our stars.

Zama Exchange makes good health its business

By Myra M. Dizon
Exchange Public Affairs

Understanding that a large part of the military's focus is on a fit mind and body to ensure top performance, the Army and Air Force Exchange Service values the importance of wellness.

To that end, the Exchange is feeding shoppers' minds with information. Healthy nutrition options, fitness programs, family activities and overall wellness information are all just a click away through the Exchange's "Operation Be Fit" website. *OpBeFit.com* offers tips for all members of the family.

"Providing fitness and nutritional information is just one of the many ways the Exchange strives to meet the needs of shoppers," said the Camp Zama Exchange's General Manager Shirley Huth.

Subway, Anthony's Pizza and other Exchange restaurants have a wide array of nutritional facts available for diners to review. Many even allow the substitution of a side salad or bottled water in lieu of fries or a soft drink.

Shoppers at the Camp Zama Express also have wholesome snack choices such as six different fresh salad options, fruit cups and grab-pack sliced apples. There are also fresh bananas, apples, oranges, limes and lemons available at Expresses as well.

"A strong mind and body are important to military members and their families," said Huth. "The Exchange's healthy options are the perfect supplement for both conditioning efforts."

Unit's training aligns with CG's philosophy

By Maj. Radames Ortiz-Santiago
83rd Ordnance Battalion

Training is a vital component in any organization's formula for success. In early 2011, the leadership of the 83rd Ordnance Battalion realized that while the Army provides many opportunities for the professional and technical development of its Soldiers and Department of the Army civilians, there were exceptionally limited development opportunities for the 83rd's Japanese employees.

World-class organizations that provide ongoing leadership training and technical development programs to strengthen employee skills and knowledge reap the rewards of increased quality and quantity of work output – and also ensure that skilled and dynamic leadership is maintained over time. Moreover, as Soldiers and civilians pass through the 83rd on one- or two-year assignments, Japanese employees are essential to providing the continuity and progression required for the successful execution of the unit's mission.

The 83rd's key leaders conducted a formal analysis of their civilian workforce and found that while the workforce age was increasing and many key civilian leaders would soon be retiring, the battalion and the Army had done very little to train or professionally develop the unit's future civilian leaders.

Our unit leadership, in keeping with the U.S. Army Japan commander's "Words



Katsuichi Kaneko, left, an ammunition surveillance inspector assigned to the 83rd Ordnance Battalion, provides instruction during a Basic Ammunition class. *Courtesy photo*

to Live By," recognized that the future success of these individual leaders, and the battalion itself, would require the implementation of a successful leadership training and development program.

The 83rd Ordnance Battalion recently began conducting Basic Ammunition Safety and Handling training for all Japanese employees who handle ammunition at the many depots the unit maintains. To date, three classes have been successfully executed, certifying 59

employees as ammunition handlers. Over the next year, at least five more classes are scheduled to ensure that all current civilian employees are properly trained on the safe handling of ammunition.

While participants to date have been those who routinely physically handle ammunition, the class is also intended for any civilian employee of Team 83rd – providing career broadening and leadership opportunities for those individuals in other professional capacities.

This course is a vital resource for the battalion and its Japanese employees. Not only does it provide training, in Japanese, that was originally developed by the Defense Ammunition Center for the U.S. Army, but it also ensures that the employees entrusted to safely handle the battalion's ammunition stocks are properly trained.

Prior to the development and implementation of this training program, on-the-job training was the only means of professional development for most battalion employees. As such, safety requirements, such as handling packed and unpacked ammunition, storage, packaging and transportation are all strongly emphasized.

The course is only the first building block of the curriculum of professional development of Team 83rd's Japanese employees. The battalion is also developing a separate course to certify employees in the transportation of ammunition, which will then be followed by courses designed specifically for the technical management of and planning for more complex ammunition operations and the leadership of the employees who execute these operations.

The information and technical instruction provided by this new training program will not only strengthen Team 83rd's future leaders, but will ultimately solidify the foundation for the successful execution of the unit's mission.

'Read Across America' promotes literacy among Arnn students

By Tetsuo Nakahara

Photo Editor

More than 40 volunteers from Camp Zama read books to students March 5 at Arnn Elementary School in honor of an annual event that celebrates the birthday of Dr. Seuss, one of America's most famed children's authors.

"Read Across America," sponsored by the National Education Association, promotes literacy education and community enhancement, and regularly garners support from Soldiers, high school students and other guests from the community here.

During a kickoff ceremony at the school's gymnasium, Col. Richard Galvin, the staff judge advocate for U.S. Army Japan, recited the Reader's Oath to the students. Students from 3 years old through sixth grade raised their right hands and repeated the oath, pledging to "read every day and every night."

"The main purpose of this event is to encourage and promote reading, and we want that to carry over into all other aspects of [the students'] lives," said Missy Gingrich, the principal at Arnn. "All children today seem to spend a lot of time with something handheld, whether it's an iPad, and iPhone or games at their home – but they have to be able to read to do that."

"Reading is just like playing sports or playing the piano; if you don't practice, your skill will not improve," Gingrich added. "So we truly emphasize reading at school. We also encourage parents to read books for their children every evening."

The volunteer readers – most of them wearing the tall red-and-white-striped hats made famous by the Seuss character the Cat in the Hat – included enlisted and officer leaders from the installation, and even varsity football players from Zama American High School. They each rotated through the classrooms, reciting to the students passages from classic Seuss titles, as well as from their own



Members from Zama American High School's Trojan Football team read *The Foot Book: Dr. Seuss's Wacky Book of Opposites* to kindergarten students during "Read Across America" at John O. Arnn Elementary School March 5. Approximately 40 volunteer readers from Camp Zama attended to read books to students in celebration of Seuss's birthday. **U.S. Army photo by Tetsuo Nakahara**

handpicked selections.

"This is a great opportunity because members of the community get to come out and support it; parents and even teenagers came out," said Col. Eric Tilley, commander of U.S. Army Garrison Japan. "So any time there is a chance for the community to come out like this and support literacy and reading to kids is always great."

"Reading is important at every level [of development]; the earlier, the better," Tilley added. "Reading is so fundamental and such a building block for everything that

follows."

Arnn hosts various reading activities for an entire week to enhance and encourage reading among the students there. The event receives great support from the entire community and has made it a beloved tradition at the school, Gingrich said.

"I like reading, so today was a lot of fun," said Nate Ungetheim, 7, a first-grader at Arnn. "I liked the book [called] *There's a Nightmare in My Closet*. My favorite Dr. Seuss book is *There's a Wocket in My Pocket*."

Upcoming Ongoing Events

New Info on 'Driving in Japan' Orientation

Effective this month, the "Driving in Japan" orientation will be combined with Camp Zama's existing Newcomers' Orientation. Call 263-3627 or 263-3671 for more information.

Volunteers Sought for ZAHS Track Meets

Two upcoming home track meets will be held this month at Zama American High School's Trojan Field, and 25 or more volunteers – especially those with any previous experience – are being sought to assist with running them. The dates and times for the meets are March 17 and 24, both from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 263-3829 for more information.

Quarterly BOSS Town Hall Meeting

Camp Zama's Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers Program will hold its quarterly BOSS Town Hall meeting from 3 to 5 p.m. on March 28 at the Camp Zama Community Club. It provide single, single-parent and unaccompanied Soldiers beneficial information, as well as a chance to raise concerns they may have in regard to their quality of life.

Spiritual Orientation Tour

A Spiritual Orientation Tour, sponsored by the U.S. Army Garrison Japan Chaplain's Office, will be held March 30 from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The tour includes a visit to two Buddhist sites: the Diabutsu (the "Great Buddha") and Hase Kannon Temple. Also included is a stop at the Hachiman-gu Shrine. There will be plenty of time for lunch and shopping, and also remember to bring yen for lunch, admission fee and souvenirs. Sign-up at the USAG-J Chaplain's Office, or call 263-4898 for details.

Government Purchase Card Training

The next Appropriated Funds Government Purchase Card training at Camp Zama will be conducted March 27 from 9 a.m. to noon. Certificate and appointment letters are due by March 20. Class attendees will be informed of the location upon acceptance to the training. Call 263-5534 for more information.

Upcoming Chapel Services

- A penance service will be held March 21 beginning at 5 p.m. at the Music Theater Workshop.
- A "Stations of the Cross" and soup supper will be held every Friday through March 30 beginning at 5 p.m. at the Camp Zama Chapel.
- Camp Zama's Easter Sunrise Service and Breakfast Buffet will be held April 8 beginning at 6 a.m. at the Camp Zama Golf Course. There are approximately 75 tickets available. Call 263-4898 for more information.

Online Academic Skills Course

The Online Academic Skills Course, formerly known as the FAST class, will be conducted from April 16 through 27. If you are interested in improving your General Technical score, this class is for you. The test time is 8 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday. The post-Test of Adult Basic Education will be administered on April 27 at 1 p.m. Email your request to register to mie.mizobuchi.ln@mail.mil.

Zama ITT March and April Tours

Zama ITT has their March Special tours for International and Japan Domestic travel on the web page. Also, if you are planning to travel in April remember that the Spring Escapade Tours in the April 7 through 15 period are closing soon. So, if you are traveling any time in March or April you should make your reservations now.

What's Happening Outside the Gate?

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Eagle 810 Radio

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/travell/amusement/sagamikol> for information in English.

Splendid Hina Miniatures: Doll Festival Dolls from the Toraya Collection @ Nezu Museum, Tokyo, through April 8

Visit <http://www.nezu-muse.or.jp/en/exhibitions/index.html> in English.

St. Patrick's Day Parade @ Yokohama Motomachi Shopping Street, March 17; @ Harajuku Omote-Sando Avenue, Tokyo, March 18

Tokyo International Anime Fair 2012 @ Makuhari Messe, March 24 - 25

Visit <http://www.tokyoanime.jp/en> in English.

Japan Pet Fair 2012 @ Makuhari Messe, March 31 - April 1

Visit <http://j-p-f.jp/english/index.html> in English.

Japan Fishing Festival @ Pacifico Yokohama, March 23-25

Visit <http://www.fishing-show.com/english/index.html>.

Bilateral exercise in Okinawa meets new DoD strategy

By 2nd Lt. Samuel Williams

1st Battalion, 1st Air Defense Artillery

The 1st Battalion, 1st Air Defense Artillery, a Patriot unit stationed in Okinawa, Japan, is leading the Fires world through joint and bilateral operations in the Pacific region.

Having recently participated in the Navy-led Fleet Synthetic Trainer Joint exercise from Feb. 13 through 17, 1-1 ADA is expanding the missile defense capabilities of both the United States and Japan. During this exercise, Soldiers of the “Snake Eyes” Battalion integrated with both the Navy’s missile defense assets and the Japanese Air Self-Defense Force’s Patriot Information and Coordination Central.

The FST-J exercise is a weeklong simulation designed to test the United States’ ability to counter air threats in the Pacific theater through its Integrated Air and Missile Defense. This system utilizes multiple AMD assets to defeat the threat with the highest probability of a kill.

The result of this operation was system data and communication sharing between the U.S. and JASDF, thus combining the assets of both forces and forging a stronger, more lethal air and missile defense posture in the Pacific theater.

Operations such as these are in accordance with the Department of Defense’s new strategic guidance released in January titled, “Sustaining U.S. Global Leadership: Priorities for 21st Century Defense.”

President Barack Obama describes the need for “... deepening partnerships to ensure regional security,” primarily in the Asia-Pacific region.

The relationship between 1-1 ADA and the JASDF on Okinawa grows stronger each day due to exercises such as the FST-J. In addition to the tactical exercise



The Fleet Synthetic Training Joint exercise is an annual bilateral simulation exercise involving both Japanese and U.S. forces. Equipment used during the training included Japanese and U.S. Aegis and Patriot. The four-day exercise is designed to test the United States’ ability to counter air threats in the Pacific theater and allowed both U.S. and Japanese units to strengthen their relationship through hands-on integration. **U.S. Army photo by Chip Steitz**

integration, the Army unit also conducted tests in which leaders across the theater enhanced their communication skills and tactical knowledge.

U.S. Soldiers were also able to inspect the ICC and acted as tour guides for their Japanese counterparts. “Exercises like these are vital because they allow bridge-building with our Japanese allies,” said 1st Sgt. Paul

Reed of A Battery, 1-1 ADA.

Several of the unit’s Soldiers said they acquired a better understanding of their own system’s strengths and limitations and how the U.S. and JASDF air defense assets complement each other. In a time of budget cuts and troop reductions, the Soldiers and leaders of 1-1 ADA recognize the necessity of the DoD’s new strategy and

integration.

“Operations like [FST-J] are great, but it’s really just another bilateral operation illustrating our close partnership with the Japanese,” said Capt. Ronald Wills of 1-1 ADA’s Fire Distribution Section.

The president’s new strategy mandates a more professional, lethal ADA branch, and the “Snake Eyes” Battalion has already risen

Okinawa unit’s ‘lifecycle’ process increases readiness, enhances training

By 1st Lt. Carleigh Vollbrecht

1st Battalion, 1st Air Defense Artillery

In 2006, the 1st Battalion, 1st Air Defense Artillery, was permanently stationed on Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, in order to provide air and missile defense to key assets in the Pacific area of responsibility. Two months ago, the battalion implemented a lifecycle process to increase the operational readiness of the battalion.

The purpose of the lifecycle process is to increase readiness by designating a Patriot firing battery as a mission battery poised and ready to assume the directed alert state while allowing other fire units to carry on gunnery certification, maintenance and support.

As a forward stationed unit, the “Snake Eyes” battalion faces unique challenges balancing the requirements of the unit’s mission with a two- to three-year assignment. A constant state of alert for an extended period of time would burn out the Soldiers and their families, possibly encouraging complacency when a threat materializes. By having a one-month rotation, each Patriot firing battery will have enough down time to avoid burnout, provide scheduling predictability to Soldiers and their families, and most importantly, maintain the combat readiness of the battalion.

The mission battery trains continuously in daily tactical operations which include communications checks, passing reports, radar monitoring and maintenance. At the same time, battalion evaluation teams conduct operational readiness evaluations to evaluate the combat readiness for each key piece of equipment.

The OREs enable the mission battery to simulate a tactical environment in order to assess the operational readiness of the crews maintaining the Patriot system and evaluate the battery’s ability to react to changes in tactical posture. Once the ORE is complete, the crew is placed on a recall, which allows the 1st Battalion, 1st Air Defense Artillery, to be ready to provide air and missile defense for defended assets rapidly.

Patriot gunnery certification is a training evaluation process that validates whether a unit can collectively execute a mission. The process of certification begins with a maintenance check of an emplaced operational battery. The battery moves to another site, emplaces and assumes the mission. To assume the mission the unit must regain communications, ensure all equipment is operational, and assume the proper defensive posture.

An air battle simulating an overwhelming enemy attack then ensues, designed to push the operating crew to their limits. Following a successful battery movement and air

battle, a challenging written test is proctored to ensure the crew has the proper knowledge of system operation and threats.

Maintenance is a vital key to increase the battalion’s readiness and reliability of the equipment, therefore an entire month is dedicated to deep maintenance. Special attention and time must also be paid to corrosion prevention, given the proximity to the ocean.

Patriot equipment is not designed for Okinawa’s high humidity which averages 75 percent, causing corrosion and the need to replace parts that do not normally require replacement. While maintenance is performed throughout the lifecycle, this month provides time for a prioritized drill down and then verified check of all system functions – from radar services to container load plans to re-signing of property hand receipts, no maintenance stone is left unturned.

Support is the final link to the lifecycle. The supporting battery takes on taskings, allowing for Soldiers in the mission, certification or maintenance cycles to focus on their current mission. The support battery’s primary task is to provide the certification battery with air battle support.

The 1-1 ADA’s lifecycle process allows the battalion to effectively provide air and missile defense while maintaining gunnery certification standards and high

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Jobs

Appropriated Fund (APF) and Nonappropriated Fund (NAF) job vacancies are available for viewing at www.armycivilianservice.com and www.usajobs.com. To apply for vacancy positions, applicant(s) must apply through one of those website. For submitting applications/resumes, please read the 'How To Apply' section on the vacancy announcements. Applications/resumes are no longer accepted at the CPAC or NAF Human Resources Office.

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

For questions regarding NAF vacancies, please call 263-5800.

Non-appropriated fund *Pacific Stars & Stripes* job announcements are available online at <http://cpol.army.mil>. For more information, call the Job Information Center at 229-3163.

Japanese national position vacancies are posted on the Internet at http://www.usagj.jp.pac.army.mil/imal/sites/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.

Child and Youth Program Assistant (Level 2-4), (CYS, Zama & SHA), CY-1/2, RFT/RPT, \$9.59 - \$17.09, Close: 30JUN2012

Lead Child and Youth Program Assistant (Level 5), SHA, CY-02, RFT, \$13.14 - \$17.09, Close: 30JUN2012

Summer Child and Youth Program Assistant (Level 2-4), (CYS, Zama & SHA), CY-1/2, Flex, This is summer employment from 15 May to 30 September 2012, \$9.59 - \$17.09, Close: June 1, 2012

Food Service Worker, BD, NA-02, Flex, \$8.77, Close: June 30, 2012

Recreation Assistant (Lifeguard), RD, NF-02, Flex, \$ 9.29, Close: August 13, 2012

Other local positions

Security Attendants Needed: This is a part-time position; training will be provided. Hourly pay \$13. For more information, stop by Bldg. 102, Room A-101, next to the Student Transportation Office. Call 263-5898 for more information.

Project/Task Manager: General Dynamics Information Technology is looking for a project manager at Camp Zama. Candidates must be a graduate of a military command and

staff college or higher and have experience with the U.S. Army doctrine, organization, and procedures. Apply by sending a cover letter and resume to asdjobs@gdit.com with "Camp Zama" in the subject line. General Dynamics Information Technology is an Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action Employer.

Anti-Terrorism/Force Protection instructors: Positions are available with Firearms Academy of Hawaii, Inc. Duties include instruction of marksmanship, watch standing and tactical team movements. Position location is Yokosuka Naval Base, Japan. Marksmanship instructor experience is a must. Tactical team movement experience is desired. Qualified candidates may call 243-6171 or send resumes to yeagleycj@yahoo.com.

Pharmacist, Intermittent (240 hours): Provides pharmacist services for outpatient pharmacy at MEDDAC-Japan, Camp Zama. Must have a degree in Pharmacy from an accredited school in the United States or Canada. This is a contract position open to SOFA-status applicants. Resumes may be sent to Yoshiyasu.Aoki@us.army.mil. All applicants must register in the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) at www.ccr.gov.

Substitute teachers: Zama American High/Middle School are currently accepting applications for substitute teachers. U.S. citizenship and a high school diploma or GED are required. Call 263-4005 for more information.

Wanted

Instructors: Child Youth & School Services SKIES Unlimited Program is looking for certified instructors to teach the following classes; filmmaking, dance, guitar, piano, martial arts, gymnastics, boxing, drivers education and digital arts. SKIES is also looking for either certified or volunteer instructors for Art, Photography, Bowling, Cooking, Babysitting and Academic Support. If interested, please contact Nicholas Andrews, SKIES Unlimited Director at 263-5441.

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.

Room Share Needed: Newly arrived Civilian Employee @ Camp Zama needs to share/rent room. Prefer close by Zama. Around ¥30,000. WA4TKG@GMail.Com

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://zamadisu.net/czpc>, or send us an email at CZPhotoClub@gmail.com.

Cub Scout Pack 34: P34 meets every 2nd Thurs 7 p.m. Zama Scout Hut Bldg 533. Parents & Single-Soldier Volunteers are welcome. All boys age 7 or grades 1 - 5 are encouraged to join us for great learning experiences, character building and fun! Contact cubmaster@zamacubscouts.org.

ZaCSA's East Meets West Shop: located behind the dry cleaners on Camp Zama, carries vintage Japanese items and collectibles. Store hours are year round, every Tuesday from 10a.m. to 2:30p.m., and from August to May, every Thursday from 4p.m. to 6:30p.m. Profits from the shop go back to the community in scholarships and welfare grants. For additional information please call 263-5533. Stop on by and check it out.

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, March 15

6 p.m. - Dr. Seuss' The Lorax

Friday, March 16

6 p.m. - Dr. Seuss' The Lorax
9 p.m. - Contraband

Saturday, March 17

3 p.m. - Dr. Seuss' The Lorax
6 p.m. - Dr. Seuss' The Lorax
9 p.m. - War Horse

Sunday, March 18

3 p.m. - Dr. Seuss' The Lorax
6 p.m. - War Horse

Thursday, March 22

6 p.m. - John Carter

Friday, March 23

6 p.m. - John Carter
9 p.m. - The Devil Inside

Saturday, March 24

3 p.m. - The Adventures of Tintin
6 p.m. - Red Tails
9 p.m. - John Carter

Sunday, March 25

3 p.m. - The Adventures of Tintin
6 p.m. - John Carter



Atsugi Cinema 77

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

Thursday, March 15

5:30 p.m. - Red Tails

Friday, March 16

7 p.m. - One for the Money
9:30 p.m. - The Grey

Saturday, March 17

4:30 p.m. - One for the Money
7 p.m. - Man on the Ledge
9:30 p.m. - The Grey

Sunday, March 18

3 p.m. - Dr. Seuss' The Lorax
5:30 p.m. - Man on the Ledge
8 p.m. - Haywire

Monday, March 19

7 p.m. - Act of Valor

Tuesday, March 20

5:30 p.m. - One for the Money

Wednesday, March 21

7 p.m. - Dr. Seuss' The Lorax
9:30 p.m. - The Grey

Thursday, March 22

5:30 p.m. - Man on the Ledge

Soldiers compete for spot on Warrior Games Army team

By Rob McIlvaine
Army News Service

FORT MEADE, Md. – About 70 Soldiers from across the country brought their “A” game to the Warrior Games clinics here to train and compete in sitting volleyball, track and field, and cycling, which was held March 8 through 12.

Swimming trials also took place at the Walter Reed National Medical Center in Bethesda, Md.

At Fort Meade, clinics were held for cycling, field events, track and sitting volleyball.

“This is my first time at the games and I’m having a blast,” said Staff Sgt. Krisell J. Creager-Lumpkins from Fort Carson, Colo., who also stepped in to help coach some of the other competitors.

Spc. Jasmine Perry from Fort Campbell, Ky., agreed.

“This is my second time at the Warrior Games and I’m excited. I did seated shot put last year and got gold in that.” She remarked on her progress since then because this year she’s standing up to put the shot.

Cpl. Thomas Boldon, who’s about to transit out, is from Waukesha, Wisc.

“This is the first time I’m competing since high school where I ran track and field and played football,” he said. At the games he’s competing in the 100-meter and 200-meter dash and will try to make the relay team.

“To be able to run on this leg took me,” Boldon said, “took me about a year to get the OK from the doctors and then another few months to start building up the resistance and get used to the pain. But I don’t think I’m going to use the blocks because I don’t think I can stop the knee to give me the push.”

In other areas of the country, Soldiers competed for a spot on the Army team in archery, shooting and wheelchair basketball.

Only 50 from the clinics, will be chosen to compete for the Army in Colorado Springs, Colo., at the Third Annual Joint Services Warrior Games competition, scheduled for April 30 to May 5.

A decision on the 50 Soldiers who will continue to Colorado Springs is scheduled to be announced March 26 or 27.

The purpose of the games, created in 2010 as an introduction to Paralympic sports, is to aid in the recovery of the wounded, ill, and injured service members by reconditioning their physical, emotional, mental, and cognitive states through adaptive activities in order to assist their transition back into the military or their community.

The competition, hosted by the U.S. Olympic Committee, is also supported by the Department of Defense, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, USO, the Fisher House Foundation and the Bob Woodruff Foundation.

“We are excited to welcome our service members and veterans back to Colorado Springs for the third annual competition,”



Staff Sgt. Krisell J. Creager-Lumpkins of Fort Carson, Colo., left, coaches Spc. Jasmine Perry, far right, of Fort Campbell, Ky., through the problems of starting to run on her new prosthetic leg. Perry and 70 other Soldiers are competing for the Warrior Games in 2012. **U.S. Army photos by Rob McIlvaine**



Spc. Jasmine Perry and Cpl. Thomas Boldon discuss the problems of using the starting blocks with their prosthetic legs.

said USOC CEO Scott Blackmun in a news release announcing the games this past December. “These Games truly exemplify the fighting spirit within each and every one of these athletes, all who have sacrificed for our great country.”

Since its inception, medical treatment facilities, Warrior Transition Units and Wounded Warrior Battalions East (Camp Lejeune, N.C.) and West (Camp Pendleton, Calif.) have seen a more than 20 percent increase in sports program participation by wounded, ill and injured service members.

ATTENTION FEMALES!

Are you over 18 and ready to challenge yourself, have fun while exercising and be involved in community events?

WANTED: Fresh Meat for the Zama Killer Katanas Roller Derby Team!

All ability levels, sizes and backgrounds are welcomed! Members are comprised of NAF Atsugi & Camp Zama women and practices alternate between the bases.

Volunteers and referees (male and female) are also wanted!

WANT MORE INFO?
Contact: Zamakillerkatanas@gmail.com or check us out on Facebook! "Like" us while you're there!



A view of Mount Fuji can be seen from various lookout points on the hiking course of Mount Oyama. It is located west of Kanagawa with an elevation of 1,252 meters. **U.S. Army photos by Tetsuo Nakahara**

Experience hiking at Mount Oyama

By **Tetsuo Nakahara**
Photo Editor

If you look toward the Tanzawa mountain range from Camp Zama, you can clearly see Ozawa Mountain, which is one of the most popular hiking spots for outdoor enthusiasts of all ages in Kanagawa.

Oyama is located west of Kanagawa, approximately a one-hour drive from Camp Zama. Oyama means “big mountain” in Japanese, although it peaks at the relatively average height of 1,252 meters. From the top of the mountain, it is possible to view a beautiful landscape of the entire Kanto region – and even Mount Fuji when visibility is ideal.

For those determined to scale Japan’s highest peak, hiking Oyama is ideal practice for climbing Mount Fuji. Oyama is roughly half the elevation of Mount Fuji, and takes approximately four hours to climb to the top.

The Afuri Shrine, built in 97 B.C., sits at the site of Oyama and is known as the symbol of the mountain. Many samurai, such as Minamoto no Yoritomo, visited the shrine to pray for success in battle. There are two Afuri Shrine: the Lower and the Upper. True to its name, the Upper shrine is located on the top of Mount Oyama. The

Lower shrine can be reached by cable car and rests at an altitude of 700 meters above sea level.

After reaching the starting point of Mt. Oyama’s hiking trail, you will walk up some stairs and past several tofu restaurants and souvenir shops. You then have the choice of taking the cable car, which ends at the Lower shrine, or you can make the trek on foot to the top of the mountain.

From the cable car stop, the hiking route becomes a picturesque wilderness. The pleasant walking path through the mountain brings hikers back to nature with the sight of old trees, rocks and singing birds. If you are lucky, you may see a wild deer looking for food in the bushes. Mountain streams also provide fresh water.

There are rest areas and lookouts on the way to the top of the peak, which give hikers a panoramic view of Sagami Bay. After reaching the top, you will likely feel pleasantly exhausted from the strenuous but beauty-filled hike. Climbing Mount Oyama is an ideal way to spend a spring day in Japan.

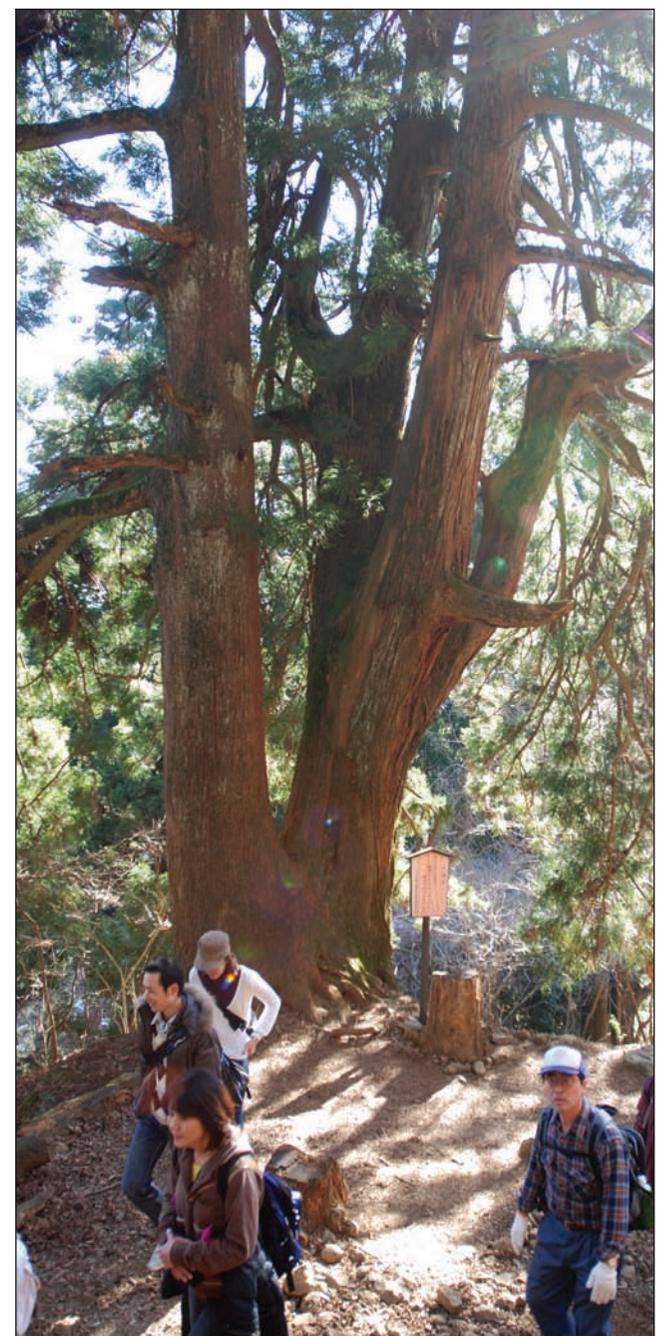
Getting there: First, take the Odakyu line to Isehara Station. Then look for a bus just outside Isehara station. The buses have electronic signs that read “Oyama Cable Car,” so they are hard to miss.



Afuri Shrine is the symbol of Mount Oyama.



A cable car takes climbers halfway up the mountain.



Hikers walk through the wilderness of Mount Oyama.