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CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL

The open-post event at Camp Zama will be held April 7. Gates will open at 10:30 a.m. Come out for the food, games, music, fireworks, and cherry blossoms!

EASTER EGG HUNT

The BOSS program will hold its quarterly town hall meeting March 28 at the Camp Zama Community Club. Ask questions, and get beneficial info! **SEE PAGE 4**



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Team USA wins Tomodachi Bowl



The offensive line of Team USA, left, which featured five players from Zama American High School, faces off against Team Japan during the inaugural Tomodachi Bowl, held March 18 at U.S. Fleet Activity Yokosuka's Berkey Field. The game is a showcase for U.S. and Japanese football players to test their skills on the field. Formerly known as the Camellia Bowl, the game was renamed this year in honor of Operation Tomodachi, the relief and recovery effort conducted last year in the wake of the March 11 earthquake and tsunami that struck Japan. **U.S. Army photo by Dustin Perry SEE TOMODACHI, PAGE 7**



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Seminar for teens stresses dating safety

By Dustin Perry
Editor

A world-renowned public speaker was at Camp Zama on March 20 to present a seminar to middle and high school students in which he aimed to educate the teenagers on safe dating practices and promote sexual assault awareness and prevention.

Mike Domitrz, an author and creator of the “Can I Kiss You?” program, spoke frankly but candidly with the students on mature topics such as dating etiquette, and utilized them as role-players for scenarios to demonstrate the practices.

Like many of the most effective spokespeople, Domitrz delivers his message from a place of experience.

When he was 19, his older sister, also in college, was sexually assaulted. Within three years he had begun developing a program and speaking at schools in hopes of raising awareness of what he saw as a serious problem.

“We live in a very sexualized world; a lot of times – too often – [parents] want to put their heads in the sand and say, ‘I don’t need to talk about the details with this; I’ve got a good kid,’” said Domitrz. “Good kids still have all those emotions, all those hormones and everything running through them. We want to protect these kids and help prepare them to make the best choices.”

Domitrz said his program is effective



Mike Domitrz, right, an author and world-renowned public speaker, goes over a dating scenario with student role-players from Zama American High School during a seminar entitled, “Can I Kiss You?” held March 20. The seminars aim to educate teenagers on dating, relationships and communication, and to promote sexual assault awareness and prevention. **U.S. Army photo by Dustin Perry**

because it is “molded to where the [teen] generation is at,” meaning that during his weekly seminars, he is able to gain new and ever-changing insight into the students’ emotional landscapes and the unique relationship-related situations and issues they face.

“We get to be on the cutting edge of what’s going on and help [teenagers] get the skills to handle those moments,” said Domitrz. “That’s how my program has developed over the years: staying in touch with the students.”

Domitrz said he receives several email and video testimonials from students across the world who have attended his seminars and read his books. His assessment of both audiences here was equally as positive.

“The students at Camp Zama were wonderful; I could see that they were just ready to absorb information,” he said. “And they get where they’re at, which is great to see.”

Visit datesafeproject.org for more information on Domitrz’s seminars, books and educational DVDs.



Appreciation for ‘Operation Backpacks’

Members of the Camp Zama Boy, Girl and Cub Scouts received certificates of appreciation from Maj. Gen. Michael T. Harrison Sr., commander of U.S. Army Japan and I Corps (Forward), on behalf of Gen. Eiji Kimizuka, chief of staff of the Japan Ground Self-Defense Force, March 23 at USARJ headquarters. The certificates were in appreciation of the Scouts’ support to the victims of the Great East Japan earthquake and tsunami on March 11, 2011, through a donation initiative known as “Operation Backpacks.” Hundreds of backpacks full of toys, clothes, blankets and hygiene items were handed out to displaced children in northern Japan. Members of the Girl Scouts presented 1,000 origami cranes to Kimizuka to show their appreciation and support. **U.S. Army photo by Tetsuo Nakahara**

Military children: our heroes' heroes

By William Bradner
IMCOM Public Affairs

It's the pre-school child who, without being asked, passes his dessert to his little sister, simply because she looks sad. It's the second-grader who puts a picture of her father at the head of the table for her birthday party, and the fifth-grade siblings who donate all their earnings from their lemonade stand to the USO. It's the junior high band member who asks if the spring concert can be dedicated to deployed service members, and it's the high school cheerleader who organizes a care package drive. It's the college graduate who clings just a little longer to her father, wishing that her mother was at the commencement ceremony instead of in Afghanistan.

These are our military children; our nation's heroes.

With so much media attention focused on the Soldiers returning from war and the sacrifices they've made for our freedom, we don't want to overlook the youth who quietly support them in the background. Approximately 2 million children have experienced the deployment of one or both of their parents in the last 10 years.

They brave their own battlefields. They rely on an inner strength to face each day. They swallow their fears because they know that their Soldier-parent is doing something important. They inspire us with their resiliency.

It's hard for the average American to



Events like the annual Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by Morale, Welfare and Recreation and Child, Youth and School services, and scheduled to be held April 8 at the community field near Arnn Elementary School, are held throughout April to celebrate the Month of the Military Child. **File photo**

fathom how well our children cope. How much joy they feel when their uniformed parent steps off the airplane in a sea of red, white and blue. Like the Soldier on the battlefield who pushes forward because he has to, they push forward, counting the days and hours until the end of the deployment.

Our military children are heroes. Let's not let them be unsung heroes.

Military installations around the world have celebrated the Month of the Military

Child each April since 1986. Communities will host fairs, youth centers will sponsor special events, and garrisons around the world will take a little time this month to honor military kids, and thank them for their service.

It's a relatively common sight today to see a stranger thank a service member in uniform. This month, take it a step further – take a moment to thank the child holding his or her hand.

Their heroism deserves our gratitude.

Children recognized during Month of Military Child

By William Bradner
IMCOM Public Affairs

April is the Month of the Military Child. This year's theme, developed by the Army Teen Panel, is "Military Kids: Heroes for the Future."

More than 1.7 million children have at least one parent serving in the military. An estimated 900,000 children have had one or both parents deployed multiple times over the last 10 years.

"Now that troop strength in combat is being drawn down, there's a tendency to just breathe a sigh of relief and think things will all go back to normal," said Lisa Hamlin, Child, Youth and School Services director at the Installation Management Command.

However, many child development and mental health experts believe military children may need support now, more than ever. Many are now dealing with a new reality; often added to their burden is adjustment to a parent who has returned home with severe wounds, post-traumatic stress, or other medical issues.

"In many cases, the simple fact that Mom or Dad is now home, and the family dynamic has changed, can have a big impact in a child's life," Hamlin said.

Taking a moment to thank military kids for their service, and the sacrifices they've made during 10 years of conflict, Hamlin said, is a simple way to remind everyone that as resilient as they've proven to be, our military children still need our support.

Garrisons around the world are developing events and celebrations designed to recognize the sacrifices military children make and the support they provide to their Soldier-parents and families.

The celebrations vary on each installation based on resources, deployment status of installation units, and other factors. They can be as simple as child development center events where parents are invited to share why their children are their heroes at assemblies, or as complex as a day of parades, carnivals and youth activities. In many cases, garrisons combine spring festivals or other planned events to coincide with MOMC activities.

The Month of the Military Child creates awareness of the service – and sacrifices – of our military's children. It is an opportunity to thank children for their support to our nation's war fighters, and recognize the important role they play in the strength of our nation by contributing to the strength of the Army family.

The Army recognizes and appreciates the sacrifices our children make daily, and is committed to maintaining excellence in schools, youth services and childcare to support our children and their families.

Watch the U.S. Army Japan Command Channel or visit [facebook.com/usagj](https://www.facebook.com/usagj) for information on upcoming MOMC events at Camp Zama.



CFC award

U.S. Army Japan and I Corps (Forward) Commander Maj. Gen. Michael T. Harrison Sr. and Command Sgt. Maj. James P. Norman hold the Special Merit Award presented to Camp Zama from U.S. Army Pacific Command during a ceremony today at the Camp Zama Community Club. The award was presented in honor of accomplishments earned during the 2011 Combined Federal Campaign. This year's CFC was a record-breaking success for both Army elements across the island of Honshu and Okinawa Prefecture, raising \$141,093 for charity. **U.S. Army photo by Yuichi Imada**

Arnn students make it count at soroban contest

By Dustin Perry
Editor

A synchronized *kriiiiiiiik!* sound pierces the air every minute or so. Then, as a series of numerical sums are recited, a roomful of students quickly and methodically click the rows of wooden and plastic beads on their manual calculators into place.

This was the scene at the 14th annual American and Japanese Children's Soroban Contest, held March 26 at the Shimin Kaikan Center in Sagamihara.

Of the more than 130 elementary school-aged participants in the bilateral event, 13 belonged to the Soroban Club at Arnn Elementary School.

The *soroban*, known as an abacus to most Americans, is an ancient arithmetical tool that the instructor at Arnn says helps her students develop unique thinking and motor skills.

"The [soroban] students learn to use a part of their brain they maybe never used before," said Tomoko Otsuka. "It's a combination of quick finger movement and keeping the numbers in their head."

Takashi Kano, a member of the Kanagawa Soroban League, said he was very impressed with the performance of the Arnn students.

"This is the only contest where American and Japanese schools compete against each other, so we enjoy it very much and are glad to have this opportunity," said Kano. "I hope that this contest can continue far into the future."



Jennifer Lee, left, a third-grade member of the Soroban Club at Arnn Elementary School, calculates sums at the 14th annual American and Japanese Children's Soroban Contest, held March 26 at the Shimin Kaikan Center in Sagamihara. Of the more than 130 third- through sixth-grade students who participated in the bilateral competition, 13 were from Arnn. **U.S. Army photo by Dustin Perry**

Upcoming Ongoing Events

Easter Sunrise Service

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.

Easter Egg Hunt

The annual Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by MWR and Child, Youth and School Services, will be held April 8 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the community field near Arnn Elementary School. The event is open to children of all ages and will include arts and crafts, face painting and door prizes.

Blue and White Ball

The third annual Blue and White Ball, hosted by the Phi Eta Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., and the Nu Eta Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., is scheduled to be held April 14 at the Camp Zama Community Club Ballroom. The event will begin at 6 p.m.

Tickets are \$40 per person and proceeds will go toward college scholarships for high school students attending Zama American and Kinnick high schools. Students can call (080) 4292-2433 to obtain information about the scholarships.

Call (080) 4650-7028 to purchase tickets.

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.

School Age Care's 4-H Carnival

School Age Care at Sagamihara Housing Area will host its first ever 4-H Carnival on April 13 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in celebration of the Month of the Military Child. The event will be held at the community field behind Arnn Elementary School and will feature a petting zoo, carnival games, an obstacle course, a magic show, and more. Call 267-6013 for more information.

'Strike Out Autism' Bowling Event

The third annual "Strike Out Autism" community bowling event is scheduled to be held from 3 to 7 p.m. on April 19 at the Camp Zama Bowling Center. The event, coordinated by Army Community Service and the Exceptional Family Member Program here, raises awareness for autism and will feature free food, free bowling and door prizes. Call 263-4780 for more information.

Month of Military Child Essays Wanted

April is the Month of the Military Child, and the Army Public Affairs Office in Okinawa is partnering with the Stars and Stripes newspaper to collect stories from students there about what it means to be a child growing up in an overseas military community. The deadline for essay submissions is April 19. Submissions can be sent via email to okinawa@pstripes.osd.mil.

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What's Happening Outside the Gate?

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Eagle 810 Radio

Sagamiko Resort Pleasure Forest

Visit <http://jin.jcic.or.jp/en/travell/amusement/sagamiko/> 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> for information in English.

The largest outdoor antique market in Japan, 'Oedo Antique Market' @ Tokyo International Forum, April 15

Visit <http://antique-market.jp/emg/index.shtml> for information in English.

Oiran Dochu Parade @ Asakusa, Tokyo, April 14

Oiran were courtesans in the Edo Period of the 17th through 19th centuries who distinguished themselves by their beautiful kimono and unique walking style.

Japanese Masterpieces from the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston @ Tokyo National Museum, through June 10

Visit http://www.tnm.jp/modules/r_free_page/index.php?id=1416 for information in English.

Okinawa unit key in improving petroleum ops

By Chief Warrant Officer 2 Travis J. Thibodeaux
505th Quartermaster Battalion Petroleum Operations

OKINAWA, Japan – After 60 years of joint bulk petroleum service on Okinawa, a written agreement has been established and signed. For the last six decades, the joint spill response business has been conducted merely off of a gentlemen's handshake or verbal agreements. These agreements have worked to ensure there were no issues with any type of hazardous material concerns.

However, to solidify the agreements through the joint spill response community, commanders of the 10th Support Group, U.S. Army Garrison Japan, the 18th Wing Command, the Combined Fleet Activities of Okinawa, and Marine Corp Base Japan agreed to lean forward in their future endeavors establishing a written agreement.

The 505th Quartermaster Battalion started this initiative 24 months ago in 2009, with the first annual Joint Spill Response Fuels Conference. This conference hosted senior leadership and subject matter experts for multiple branches of service organizations that were stakeholders in Okinawa's fuel-related operations.

This fuel conference established a series of meetings as well as joint training tabletop exercises and numerous working groups.

Over the past two years U.S. military services on island have joined together with the help of battalion staff to developing the Okinawa Joint Spill Response Working Group. Initially the working group was used to establish points of contact between services. It quickly turned its focus and efforts to the establishment of the Joint Spill Response Memorandum of Agreement.

Immediately following the working groups and informal meetings was the first annual training event identified as Constant Vigilance Exercise 2010. This Defense Logistics Agency Energy-led and -funded exercise was used to identify developmental training and strategies necessary to validate the joint service teams in response to a natural or catastrophic fuel spill. This exercise achieved major strides, including the initial draft of the spill response plan and the formation the Joint Spill Response



Col. Lance Koenig, commander, 10th Regional Support Group, signs the Joint Spill Response Agreement. The agreement is between all services on island and works to mitigate issues regarding natural or catastrophic fuel-related incidents. **U.S. Army photo by Chip Steitz**

Memorandum of Agreement.

The current commander of the 505th, Lt. Col. Kenneth Leeds, along with appointed members of battalion leadership, provided the oversight, staffing and publishing of this critical document.

These efforts included numerous group meetings, teleconferences and official agreements between all joint-service commanders. Once the Joint Spill Response Agreement was presented and staffed through each of the Commanders on island the last and final signature

required for completion was the commander of the 10th RSG, Col. Lance Koenig, on Nov. 25, 2011.

With the Joint Spill Response Agreement signed, it facilitates a response from any of the sister services to provide required emergency petroleum support. This includes any assistance that may be needed to maintain or contain any hazardous material issues. The joint-service commanders, with their units, have a greater responsibility in supporting each other and the environment in which we work to support all petroleum operations here in Okinawa.

83rd Ordnance Bn. participates in Active Shield XII exercise

By 2nd Lt. Scott Dewlen
83rd Ordnance Bn.

KURE, Japan – The 83rd Ordnance Battalion recently completed Exercise Active Shield XII. The four-day exercise brought the unit together with members of the 13th Brigade of the Japan Ground Self-Defense Force and Marines from Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni.

The purpose of the exercise was to simulate real-world threats against the various ammunition depots the 83rd maintains in the Hiroshima Prefecture.

Personnel from all units were split between installations such as Akizuki, Hiro, Kawakami, Pier 6, Kure, and Iwakuni. Scenarios included suspicious personnel at a gate, suspicious packages, gate breaches, and fence breaches. Members from the JGSDF served as the opposing force in all scenarios while their observer-controllers noted what changes need to take place in order to be better prepared to defend the ammunition bunkers in the event of a real-world situation.

All information received on suspicious personnel was filtered back to Pier 6 where Capt. Fred Hunter, Master Sgt. Kevin Jenkins and Sgt. 1st Class Jerald Howard

manned the command and control center. Their task was to pass on any necessary information to the JGSDF and the Marines at Iwakuni.

Throughout the exercise, roving and foot patrols were executed, Soldiers trained, and an operational tactical operations center was established and manned 24 hours a day. The Japanese brought several main battle tanks to Kawakami Ammunition Depot, preventing a car from gaining entrance to the depot during one of the training scenarios.

The training exercise was a complete success, new friendships were formed with the Army's Japanese counterparts, and much was gained by actively participating with members from a host nation military, one representative of the 83rd said.

The after-action review was an outlet for both sides to express their concerns and make any necessary changes to the force protection procedures already in place.

The event culminated with the closing ceremonies at Iwakuni. The commander of the 13th Brigade and Iwakuni Post Commander Col. James Stewart spoke on the success of the exercise and the importance of maintaining a close working relationship between the two militaries.



Staff Sgt. Carol Collie, assigned to the 83rd Ordnance Battalion, and members of the 13th Brigade, Japan Ground Self-Defense Force, discuss suspicious people spotted at the gate to Akizuki Ammo Depot during Active Shield XII, a four-day exercise that brought the 83rd together with members of the 13th Brigade and Marines from Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni. The purpose of the exercise was to simulate real-world threats against the various ammunition depots the 83rd maintains in the Hiroshima Prefecture. **U.S. Army photo by 2nd Lt. Scott Dewlen**

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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

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://zamadegu.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.

JAPANESE SPOUSE CLUB: Would you like to socialize with other Japanese spouses, learn more about being a military spouse, share your experiences and support with others? If so, please call Meg at 263-8327 or e-mail jsczama@gmail.com for more information.

MOVIE SCHEDULE

Sagamihara Theater

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

Thursday, April 5

6 p.m. - The Hunger Games

Friday, April 6

6 p.m. - Man on a Ledge

9 p.m. - Haywire

Closed Saturday, April 7

Sunday, April 8

3 p.m. - The Adventures of Tintin

6 p.m. - The Hunger Games

Thursday, April 12

6 p.m. - Wrath of the Titans

Friday, April 13

6 p.m. - Wrath of the Titans

9 p.m. - The Grey

Saturday, April 14

3 p.m. - Big Miracle

6 p.m. - Chronicle

9 p.m. - Wrath of the Titans

Sunday, April 15

3 p.m. - Big Miracle

6 p.m. - Chronicle

Atsugi Cinema 77

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

Thursday, April 5

5:30 p.m. - The Hunger Games

Friday, April 6

7 p.m. - Wrath of the Titans

9:30 p.m. - Ghost Rider 2

Saturday, April 7

2 p.m. - Alvin and the Chipmunks 3

4:30 p.m. - Ghost Rider 2

7 p.m. - Wrath of the Titans

9:30 p.m. - This Means War

Sunday, April 8

1 p.m. - Toy Story

3 p.m. - Ghost Rider 2

5:30 p.m. - Wrath of the Titans

8 p.m. - This Means War

Monday, April 9

7 p.m. - The Hunger Games

Tuesday, April 10

5:30 p.m. - Ghost Rider 2

Wednesday, April 11

7 p.m. - This Means War

9:30 p.m. - Safe House

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1 p.m. - Puss in Boots

5:30 p.m. - Wrath of the Titans

Team USA wins Tomodachi Bowl

By **Dustin Perry**
Editor

Players from Zama American High School made notable contributions to Team USA's 50-17 win over Team Japan in the newly renamed Tomodachi Bowl, an annual high school football showcase.

Andre Encarnacion and Mitchell Harrison – two of the five players who represented ZAHS in the game – ran for a combined 136 yards and scored a touchdown apiece on a cold, drizzly afternoon at U.S. Fleet Activity Yokosuka's Berkey Field on March 18.

The event was formerly known as the Camellia Bowl, but got its new name this year in honor of Operation Tomodachi, the recovery and relief effort conducted last year in Japan following the March 11 earthquake and tsunami. The previous Camellia Bowl was scheduled to be held the day after the dual disasters, but was canceled.

Team USA was comprised of players from three other high schools in the Kanto region: Kinnick, Yokota and American School in Japan. Team Japan was made up of players from Hosei Nikou and Rikkyo Niiza high schools.

Team USA put forth a dominating presence on the field from early in the game, much like in 2010 when they shut out Team Japan 61-0. Running back Ken Yajima from ASIJ was the first to strike, putting points on the board with a 5-yard rushing touchdown. Later in the first quarter, Encarnacion made it to the end zone on an 8-yard run.

It was in the closing minutes of this quarter that Team Japan began to be plagued by interceptions. There is no denying Hosei quarterback Takashi Suzuki's impressive athleticism and keen strategic sense, but two of his passes still managed to be plucked out of the air by Stanley Speed, a defensive back from Yokota.

ASIJ quarterback Hayden Jardine played a fantastic game throughout, passing for 164 yards and two touchdowns – including a 30-yard run of his own.

A field goal in the second quarter finally put Team Japan on the board, but ASIJ's Haru Kent answered back with a 7-yard TD run on his team's next possession. Following another scoring run, Team USA led 33-3 at the



Jesse Christmas, left, a defensive lineman from Yokota High School representing Team USA, attempts to block a pass thrown by quarterback Takashi Suzuki from Hosei Nikou High School, representing Team Japan during the newly renamed Tomodachi Bowl, held March 18 at U.S. Fleet Activity Yokosuka's Berkey Field. Team USA beat Team Japan 50-17. **U.S. Army photo by Dustin Perry**

half.

The undisputed highlight play for Team Japan occurred on the third-quarter opening kickoff. Hosei's Genta Ito caught the ball and weaved his way through pockets of defenders for an amazing 79-yard touchdown.

Steven Merrell, a coach at ZAHS and co-coach for Team USA, lauded the game for bringing players from different schools together for an event in which both sides

consistently display utmost sportsmanship.

"I think it's great that they renamed it the Tomodachi Bowl, because of the special friendship that the U.S. and Japan have," said Merrell. "Based on last year's situation and the fact that we can come together and show appreciation to Japan – something like this can unite people as we continue to overcome the tragedy that we faced a year ago."

Underdog team crowned intramural hoop champions

By **Dustin Perry**
Editor

The Army Medical Department should not be Camp Zama's intramural basketball champions.

To just about everyone watching the finals unfold at Yano Fitness Center on March 15, all signs pointed to AMEDD having to settle for runner-up against the undefeated and heavily favored 78th Signal Battalion.

AMEDD already had a previous loss in the early brackets of the double-elimination tournament, and by halftime in Game 1 of the finals they were facing a 13-point deficit and a nagging inability to sink crucial baskets.

Then, something happened.

Call it a second wind, a minor miracle, or just a team finally playing at the level they were always capable of – whatever it was, AMEDD suddenly began to turn the tide of the game in a most spectacular fashion.

The team began by outscoring 78th Signal 24-9 in the second half of Game 1, thanks largely to a revitalized offense

led by key scorers Gene Siner, Jevon Sleet and Jonell Rosa. A win for AMEDD in regulation time seemed likely, but a jump shot sunk by 78th Signal's Nickolas Jones in the closing seconds tied the game and forced it into overtime.

The three minutes of OT play were executed perfectly by AMEDD on both sides of the court: Their offense scored nine straight, and their defense prevented 78th Signal from putting so much as a free throw on the board. Game 1 ended with a score of 47-38 in AMEDD's favor.

"Basketball is a team game, and you always want to have your team support each other, and that's what we did," Siner said in regard to his team's comeback. "We just kept telling each other, 'Rebound, pass the ball, and eventually things will start happening.' We stuck together and we didn't fall apart."

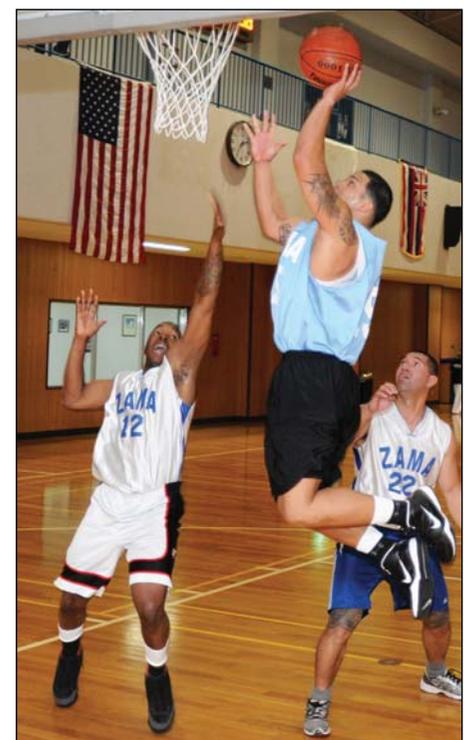
That renewed determination stayed with AMEDD as Game 2 kicked off, but their equally hungry opponents displayed a comparable tenacity on the court. In particular, both teams' defenses were notably effective in a first half that saw only 21 points scored between the two,

compared to nearly double that tally at the same point in Game 1.

Throughout most of the second half, the lead shifted back and forth, with neither team having more than a 2-point edge over the other. AMEDD was trailing 22-21 with less than two minutes remaining, and then the team's Shawn Wright was fouled and sank two to regain the lead. This set the stage for an ultimately deciding free throw-heavy finale.

AMEDD shooters went to the line five more times and were 8-for-10 in their attempts, enough to earn a 31-25 score in their favor as time expired. Though he conceded it was not the most climactic way to end a basketball championship, Siner said he was most proud of the miraculous nature of his team's victory and how it subverted everyone's preconceptions.

"It was hard, coming from the loser's bracket and playing the amount of games we played to make it to the finals," said Siner. "To know that we were down [in the first game], and people were leaving the stands and thinking that the game was over, and then to come back and win – that was great for our team's confidence."



AMEDD's Jonell Rosa shoots a layup over 78th Signal defenders Lavander Blackwell, left, and Junior Galoia during the intramural basketball championship held March 15 at Yano Fitness Center here. **U.S. Army photo by Dustin Perry**



Strawberry Fields Forever

William Behrendt, a preschool student at the Sagamiara Housing Area Child Development Center, tastes a fresh strawberry after picking it himself during a field trip to the Sugiyama Strawberry Farm in Hiratsuka City March 16. **U.S. Army photos by Tetsuo Nakahara**

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Photo Editor

If you are a strawberry lover, there is nothing better than tasting your own hand-picked, fresh and sweet ones as you walk among rows of the bright, red berries at one of the many farms in Japan where they are harvested. January through April are the most popular months during which to pick strawberries in Japan, and many farms here offer visitors a very enticing all-you-can-eat option.

Fifteen children from Sagamiara Housing Area's Child Development Center took a field trip to the Sugiyama Strawberry Farm in Hiratsuka City on March 16, during which they were able to experience this fun – and tasty – pastime.

As the group walked into the greenhouse where the plump, red berries were ready to be picked, many of them immediately recognized the distinct, sweet aroma wafting in the air. The children smiled, then quickly dispersed to begin harvesting.

The children were free to eat their fill of strawberries for 30 minutes. Each was given a plastic container in which to place the berries, and staff at farm helped them find the best ones and gave the children sweetened condensed milk as a topping. Several of the children proceeded to eat so many strawberries that their mouths and lips were dyed bright red.

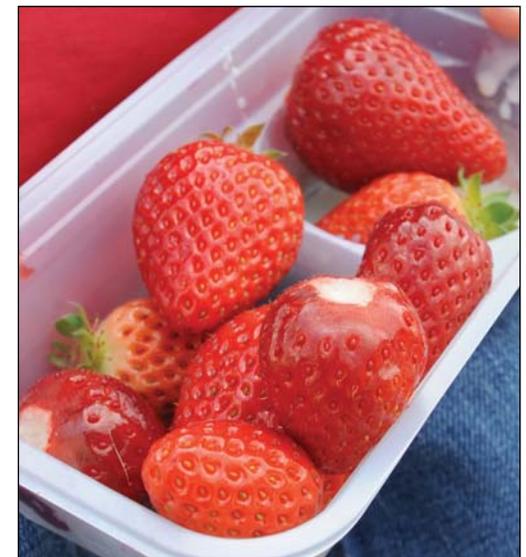
When picking strawberries, there are some guidelines to follow, including handling them softly and carefully, not stepping or bending seedlings, and not taking picked strawberries off of farm grounds. The way to determine if a strawberry is ripe or not is to make sure the whole berry is red, to include the base near the stem. Also, the seeds of a ripe strawberry will take on a crimson color and will have begun to emerge from the skin of the berry.

It is recommended to enjoy strawberry picking from winter through early spring because the sugar concentration degree is especially high during cold seasons. Moreover, the vitamin C content in strawberries is among the highest of all fruits and vegetables.

Japanese strawberries are well-known for their strong sweetness and have recently caught the attention of foreign markets. There are several different types of strawberries produced in Japan. For example, *Amaou* and *Akibime* strawberries boast a large size and a distinct sweetness.

Atsugi City is well-known for having a high concentration of strawberry farms within Kanagawa Prefecture; however, most do not include an English-speaking staff. It is recommended to go with a Japanese friend.

The 30-minute picking fee at the Sugiyama Strawberry Farm is 1,300 yen for adults and elementary school-age children, and 700 yen for children from 2 years old to kindergarten age.



(Above left): A member of the staff at the Sugiyama Strawberry Farm shows a student how to remove stems from the berries. (Above right): Japanese strawberries are well-known for their strong sweetness and have recently caught the attention of foreign markets. (Above), Abigail Shaw, a preschool student at the SHA CDC, picks a strawberry. Strawberry picking is one of the most popular leisure activities in Japan from January through April.