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## Camp Zama kicks off Earth Day Week



Members of the Camp Zama Girl Scouts, along with Col. Eric D. Tilley, commander of U.S. Army Garrison Japan, plant a pine tree April 13 at Arnn Elementary School during the kickoff ceremony for Earth Day Week. More than 80 people attended the ceremony. **U.S. Army photo by Tetsuo Nakahara**

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# Employee wins safety award at Army-wide level

By Tetsuo Nakahara  
Photo Editor

A Japanese employee here will be recognized with an award at the Army-wide level for his hard work and dedicated efforts while assigned to the U.S. Army Garrison Japan Safety Office.

Takayuki Kitamura, now a safety program administrator assigned to the U.S. Army Japan Safety Office, was selected as the recipient of the 2011 Individual Award of Excellence in Safety in the contractor division. He and the other winners will be presented their awards by the secretary of the Army and the Army chief of staff during a stateside ceremony this summer.

In an email notification to the winners, Brig. Gen. William T. Wolf, director of Army Safety, wrote that Kitamura's actions "demonstrated the highest level of dedication toward safety and were an integral component in protecting the Army's most valuable resources."

"His thorough knowledge and institution of the Composite Risk Management process [the Army's primary decision-making process to identify hazards, reduce risk and prevent both accidental and tactical loss] was instrumental in assisting [his] command in accomplishing its overall safety mission," wrote Wolf, also the commander of the Safety Center at the U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center.

"This is a great honor for me and my family," said Kitamura, who has worked as a master labor contract employee – or MLC, a Japanese civilian – at Camp Zama for 28 years. "I started working as a ground worker for the Department of Public Works. And then I changed jobs, step by step, as I learned English. And I



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also learned [about] the U.S. Army mission along the way. I've realized that working as an MLC is an important part of this 'One Team' organization because we all support the Soldiers."

Kitamura provides instruction for the CRM program both in his native language to Japanese employees, and in English to the installation's Soldiers and civilians. He developed the Japanese-language version of the program to ensure all incoming Camp Zama employees could receive the training.

"[His award] is obviously well-deserved because Kitamura always goes the extra mile and is very good at what he does," said James Brouillette, director of the USARJ Safety Office. "I think [the award] should

tell every Japanese employee that the Army appreciates what they do. The Japanese employee population here is outstanding considering the quality of work that they put out."

Kitamura said he is justifiably proud of his accomplishments and highly motivated to maintain the dedicated focus he has for promoting safety in the Army.

"As a foreign national employee working in the Far East, I was thinking that I was just a small piece of the Army in Japan, but the Army is recognizing me with this big award," said Kitamura. "It is good to know that [the Army] recognizes those who really put forth the effort to achieve mission accomplishment and support the Soldiers."



## Outstanding Volunteer of the Year

Sgt. Cameron Blackhurst, center, assigned to the 296th Army Band at U.S. Army Japan, was named Camp Zama's Outstanding Volunteer of the Year for 2011 during an award ceremony held Tuesday at the Camp Zama Community Club. USARJ saved more than \$550,000 through volunteer work last year. Also pictured is Col. Eric Tilley, left, and Command Sgt. Maj. Scarlett Stabel, right, the commander and command sergeant major of U.S. Army Garrison Japan. **U.S. Army photo by Yuichi Imada.**

# 'No heating, no cooling' season to begin soon

**Directorate of Public Works**  
Special to the Rising Sun

The Directorate of Public Works is ready to transition our heating, ventilation, air-conditioning systems from heating to cooling mode. This requires coordination and extensive preparation in order to effectively support the mission and the quality of life of our community.

DPW will initiate the transition process by implementing an initial intermittent heating phase through April 22 that will consist of intermittent air-conditioning service throughout U.S. Army Garrison Japan as long as the outside heat index reaches 68 degrees Fahrenheit during the day. During the evening hours, heating will continue for family housing if the temperature is at or below 64 degrees Fahrenheit.

When the temperature remains constant above the mentioned criteria temperatures for a period of five days, DPW will turn off heating systems to buildings and initiate this year's No Heating / No Cooling season. This is expected to begin April 23.

During this time, most buildings will not have air-conditioning or heating,

therefore energy consumption will be reduced. Facility and building managers must ensure that occupants maximize the use of natural ventilation by opening windows and common area entrances. The priority of A/C service will be provided to those facilities without natural ventilation capability such as the schools, the health clinic, the Exchange, and the Camp Zama Community Club.

By implementing the No Heating / No Cooling initiative twice a year, the installation incurs in a cost avoidance of approximately 10 percent to 20 percent on its annual electrical energy bill. This initiative is one of many operational initiatives implemented to ensure USAG-J energy intensity reduction goals are achieved.

The downtime allows the DPW Operations and Maintenance Division perform the necessary preventive maintenance, checks, and services required throughout the installation.

During the next four to six weeks, the DPW will be performing required summer start-up maintenance. This effort provides the opportunity to prepare and ensure that the cooling systems, ventilation units and

related equipment are in the optimum operating condition before turning it on. This is also the time to find out if everything is working properly and if not, it will be fixed.

Although spring has arrived and temperatures continue to rise, USAG-J has established guidelines for the transition and activation of the heating systems in facilities in accordance with Command Policy No. 200.

Depending on the weather, the expected start date for initial intermittent cooling systems activation is on or about the first week of June; the effort is weather-driven.

Once a five-day maximum temperature of 76 degrees Fahrenheit or higher is recorded between the hours of 5 a.m. and 10 p.m., DPW will begin activating the cooling system at all facilities.

Nighttime cooling is applicable to quarters and will begin when the five-day maximum temperature is 74 degrees Fahrenheit between the hours of 10 p.m. and 5 a.m.

Cooling season temperatures in occupied facilities will be maintained in the range of 74 degrees Fahrenheit plus 2 degrees during normal working hours.

Cooling setback temperatures during unoccupied times shall be set to 85 degrees Fahrenheit plus or minus 5 degrees to prevent mold.

Space temperature for medical and medical research operations will comply with these standards unless exempted.

Warehouses will not be cooled if they are usually devoid of human activity and if heat and condensation are not issues. Administrative areas in warehouses may be provided stand alone Energy Star-rated A/C units.

DPW acknowledges that temperatures will be rising very soon, but the community must be patient during this time when all the maintenance is performed to all our systems.

Once the activation phase starts, it will take approximately 30 days to complete. The community is encouraged to maximize natural ventilation and dress adequately commensurate to desired comfort during this period.

The current plan is for all air conditioning systems to be operational by June 10. Call the DPW O&M Division at 263-4613 or 263-4274 for more information.

## 2012 Army Emergency Relief campaign gets underway at Camp Zama, runs through May 15

**By Mark Daybell**  
Financial Readiness Program Manager

The 2012 Army Emergency Relief campaign for Camp Zama kicked off April 3 the installation's monthly Community Information Exchange, and will run through May 15.

This year's campaign theme is "A Strong Tradition of Soldiers Helping Soldiers." This is the 70th year of the AER helping the Army take care of its own.

For these past seven decades, the organization's campaign objectives have remained the same: "To create greater awareness of Army Emergency Relief programs and benefits, and give Soldiers the opportunity to help their fellow Soldiers."

Established in response to ensuring there was an agency available that could provide prompt financial assistance for Soldiers and their families during World War II, AER provides emergency financial assistance in the form of no-interest loans or grants. In addition, AER provides scholarships to children and spouses of active-duty and retired Soldiers, as well as financial support to widows and wounded warriors.

In 2011 AER provided \$77.5 million in assistance to more than 64,000 Soldiers and their families. At Camp Zama, the AER office provided \$41,813 to 28 recipients. Our campaign goal this year is to reach 100 percent of our Soldiers through personal contact to give them the opportunity to contribute. But keep in mind that we will accept contributions from our Army civilians and retirees also.

Soldiers requiring AER assistance or wishing to contribute to this year's campaign should contact their unit chain of command or go to the Camp Zama AER office located at Army Community Service, Bldg. 402. They can also call 263-8091 or email [mark.h.daybell.civ@mail.mil](mailto:mark.h.daybell.civ@mail.mil) for more information.

Additional program information is available at [www.aerhq.org](http://www.aerhq.org) or in the Army Blue Book application for smart phones.



(From left): Command Sgt. Maj. Scarlett Stabel, command sergeant major of U.S. Army Garrison Japan, and Daniel Hancock, deputy commander of USAG-J, cut a cake April 3 during Camp Zama's monthly Community Information Exchange to kick off the installation's participation in the 2012 Army Emergency Relief Campaign.

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## Exchange rolls out new prices for childrenswear

**By Myra M. Dizon**  
Exchange Public Affairs

A recent North Dakota State University study found that the average American household spends about 3.8 percent of their income on clothes. With children growing out of shirts, pants and dresses or wanting the latest and greatest brands, keeping them attired can prove an expensive endeavor.

Fortunately, the Army and Air Force Exchange Service recognizes that investing in children doesn't have to break the bank as they have unveiled a new pricing strategy for all childrenswear. The strategy consists of five price points: \$5, \$10, two for \$15, \$15 and \$20.

"From shirts to sleepwear, we are dedicated to helping growing families," said Camp Zama Exchange General Manager Shirley Huth. "The price points are clearly marked in the stores, making it easy for parents to outfit their kids without busting the budget."

Styles included in the Camp Zama Exchange's new childrenswear pricing strategy – excluding furnishings, accessories and jackets and coats – range from exclusive brands such as Buzz Cuts and Ponytails to nationally-recognized labels including Nautica, Union Bay, Levi's and Skechers.

*AAFES is a joint command and is directed by a board of directors, which is responsible to the secretaries of the Army and the Air Force. The Exchange has the dual mission of providing authorized patrons with articles of merchandise and services and generating nonappropriated fund earnings as a supplemental source of funding for military morale, welfare and recreation programs. To find out more about the Exchange history and mission or to view recent press releases, please visit our website at <http://www.shopmyexchange.com>.*

# Arnn Students 'Jump Rope for Heart' to raise money

By Tetsuo Nakahara  
Photo Editor

Students at John O. Arnn Elementary School raised money for children suffering from heart illnesses and also promoted the benefits of healthy living during a "Jump Rope for Heart" event at their school, April 3 and 5, here.

Jump Rope for Heart is a nationwide fundraising program sponsored by the American Heart Association and the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance, which promotes physical activity, heart-healthy living, and community service to children.

The funds raised by the Arnn students, which was more than \$4,200, will be used for heart research and treatments. This marked the school's first time to participate in the program.

"This builds awareness and sense of community service and encourages our kids to help other kids," said Robert Deverick, the physical education teacher at Arnn. "This is also an opportunity to educate them on what it takes to have a healthy heart – and jumping rope is a great way to stay healthy; it's inexpensive and easy to do in anywhere."

All Arnn students, from preschool through sixth grade, were eligible to participate in the program. The students began raising two weeks prior to the event. Some created a personal web page through the AHA website. They were then able to send an e-mail with a link to the page to



(From left): Javionna McDonald and Paris Hingel, sixth-graders at Arnn Elementary School at Camp Zama, Japan, jump rope during the "Jump Rope for Heart" event at their school gym, April 5. Jump Rope for Heart is a nationwide program that promotes physical activity, heart-healthy living, and community service to children. Arnn raised more than \$4,200 through the event to donate to the American Heart Association. **U.S. Army Photo by Tetsuo Nakahara**

their family and friends, or via social media outlets such as Facebook and Twitter.

During the event, contests were held for the students, such as the most consecutive jumps, the longest time jumping rope, and technique variety. On April 5, more

than 30 Japanese elementary students also joined the program.

"Staying active is very important," said Deverick. "I host a P.E. club after school and promote physical education to [help students] avoid issues such as obesity

and high blood pressure, heart issues and diabetes. The obesity rate is rising very rapidly among kids. It's a shame, because that can be avoided so easily just by playing and having a good time on the playground."

## Upcoming/Ongoing Events

### 'Strike Out Autism' Bowling Event

The third annual "Strike Out Autism" community bowling event is scheduled to be held today from 3 to 7 p.m. 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.

### 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](mailto:mie.mizobuchi.ln@mail.mil).

### Free Flowers at Self-Help Stores

To celebrate Earth Day, the Self-Help Stores at Camp Zama, SHA and Sagami Depot will offer free flowers to community members. The dates for Camp Zama and SHA are April 19 through 29, while the dates at Sagami Depot are April 21 through the 29. Call the following numbers for more information about this free community program: Camp Zama: 263-4639; SHA: 267-6675; Sagami Depot: 268-4512.

### Live Music at Camp Zama

An evening of music is scheduled to be held April 29 beginning at 6 p.m. at the Camp Zama Community Club's Firelite Lounge. Headlining the event is the Zabo Ken Orchestra, a 12-piece swing band. Also performing are blues groups Slow Hand and Enoshima Manbo. The event is free.

### Overseas Housing Allowance Survey

The Annual Overseas Housing Allowance (OHA) Utility and Move in Expenses Survey for uniformed U.S. service members will be offered through April 30. The survey is available to those who reside in privately leased quarters overseas and receive an overseas housing allowance. The survey is available on the Internet at <https://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/aprutilmiha.cfm>.

### Appropriated Funds GPC Training

The next Appropriated Funds Government Purchase Card training at Camp Zama will be conducted April 24 from 9 a.m. to noon. Call Midori Ohshio Akita at 263-5534 for more information, or email her at [midori.obshio.ln@mail.mil](mailto:midori.obshio.ln@mail.mil).

### USARJ Officer Development Training

The next U.S. Army Japan Officer Development Program training is scheduled to be held April 26 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Community Activity Center. The subject of the training is "Bilateral Exercise Program." Attendance is mandatory for all officers belonging to USARJ, USARJ subordinate units, and tenant units on Camp Zama and Sagami Depot.

### 'Cinco de Mayhem' Roller Derby Event

The Zama Killer Katanas, an all-female roller derby team, will take part in a "Cinco de Mayhem" bout against the Yokota Scary Blossoms on May 5 at the new Camp Zama hockey rink located near Zama American High School. The doors will open at 3:30 p.m., and the bout will begin at 4 p.m.

### U.S.-Japan Gospel Concert

A gospel concert hosted by the Sagami Housing Area Gospel Service is scheduled to be held May 19 from noon to 5 p.m. at Camp Zama's Yano Field. The concert will feature Japanese and American gospel choirs from throughout the Kanto Plain. Call 263-5973 for more information.

## What's Happening Outside the Gate?

Hisano Yamazaki  
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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.

### 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](http://www.tnm.jp/modules/r_free_page/index.php?id=1416) for information in English.

### Baby Crying Sumo @ Sensoji-Temple, Tokyo, April 20

Two college sumo wrestlers hold and rock babies in their arms to make them cry. The baby who cries first or screams the loudest will be the winner. This event is held to wish a healthy childhood for the babies. It's reputed that crying is beneficial for babies and signifies lots of energy when babies cry hard. Visit <http://www.japan-guide.com/e/e3001.html> for information in English.

### Earth Day Tokyo 2012 @ Yoyogi Park, Tokyo, April 21 and 22

### The Yokohama Parade: Yokohama International Costume Parade @ Yamashita Park Red Brick Warehouse, Bashamichi, Isezaki-cho Town, May 3

# Soldiers take on 'Warrior Challenge in Okinawa

By Chip Steitz  
10th RSG Public Affairs

TORII STATION, Okinawa – Nineteen Soldiers competed April 2 through 5 in the Warrior Challenge here, demonstrating their skills through a series of rigorous programs designed to test competencies in physical strength and endurance as well intellectual fortitude.

Event organizers 1st Sgt. David Pollard and Master Sgt. James Young, both assigned to the 10th Regional Support Group here, commented on the obstacles, expectations, results and learning experiences.

“The challenges were having participants from across the United States Army Japan compete on-island, as well as the budget constraints,” said Young. “I was surprised that everyone stayed highly motivated during some of the most difficult operations.”

Competition winner Pfc. Jason Harnasch, assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 10th RSG, along with every other first-time competitor, learned how challenging and taxing the Warrior Challenge can be, and the participating Soldiers collectively grew as a team, Young added.

Pollard echoed Young’s comments, saying, “Our expectation is always to provide a first-class event, assuring the Soldiers receive the most updated and realistic training to prepare them for the next level of competition in Hawaii at the United States Army Pacific level.”

Pollard went onto explain about the results and the candidates.

“When all the Soldiers showed up, they all seem prepared for a long week of training,” said Pollard. “It was close from start to finish, but we only can have one noncommissioned officer and Soldier of the year.

“I think our Soldiers gained experience and knowledge from the competition,” the first sergeant added. “Further, the Soldiers from the USARJ Band probably gained the most because they don’t get this type of training on the weekly basis.”

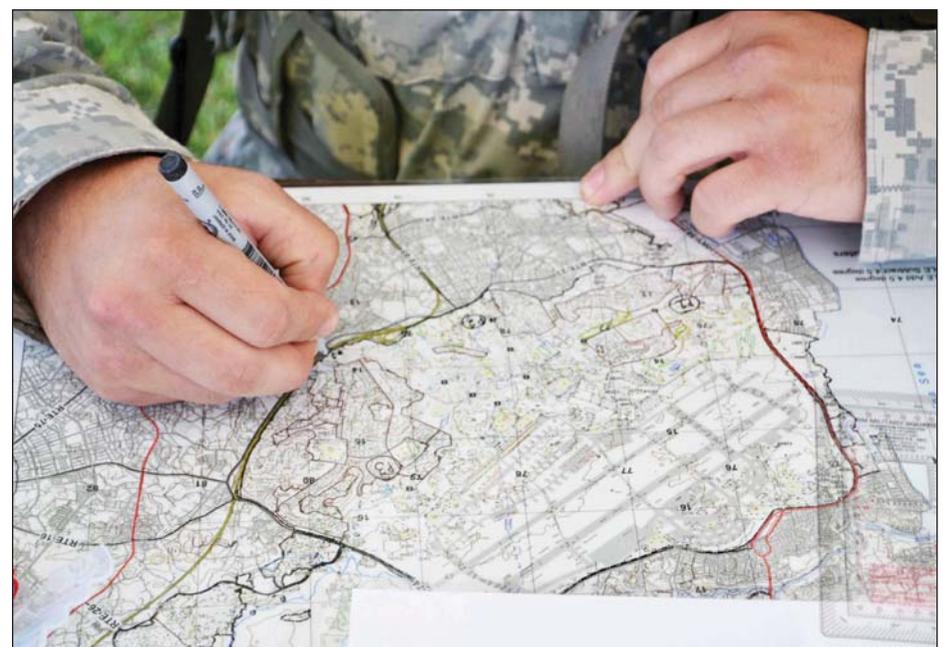
Sgt. Paul Wheeler, also assigned to 10th RSG, talked about his expectations and the results while competing in the event.

“I wasn’t surprised that Pfc. Harnasch won; I told him a month before when we started our preparation that he would win it, hands down,” Wheeler said. “I was more surprised by how competitive the Warrior Challenge is and thought for sure there would be one or two NCOs who would have jumped out in front from the beginning and stayed there all week.

“Through this competition everyone had an opportunity to increase our skill level on all aspects of Soldiering, ensuring we can react to and fall back on training more confidently,” the sergeant continued. “We are taught all of the things we did, but just as with any skill, if you don’t use it, you may lose it. We cannot rely on technology or our battle buddy to carry us all the way to the finish line every time.”



Nineteen Soldiers competed April 2 through 5 in the Warrior Challenge in Torii Station, Okinawa, demonstrating their skills through a series of programs designed to test their physical strength and endurance, as well as their Army knowledge. These included, clockwise from top: marksmanship, land navigation, reacting to a chemical or biological attack, and administering first-aid. **U.S. Army Photos by Chip Steitz and Pfc. Meagan Rodriguez**



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## Jobs

Appropriated Fund (APF) and Nonappropriated Fund (NAF) job vacancies are available for viewing at [www.armycivilianservice.com](http://www.armycivilianservice.com) and [www.usajobs.com](http://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](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

**Food Service Worker**, BD, Flex, NA-02, \$8.77, Close: October 10, 2012

**Recreation Assistant**, RD, Sagami Depot, Flex, NF-02, \$ 9.29, Close: October 5, 2012

**Program Associate (Pre-Kindergarten)**, CYS, NF-03, RFT, \$27,500-35,500, Close: April 23, 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:Yoshiyasu.Aoki@us.army.mil). All applicants must register in the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) at [www.ccr.gov](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## 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](mailto: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://zamedesu.net/czpc>, or send us an email at [CZPhotoClub@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:jsczama@gmail.com) for more information.

## MOVIE SCHEDULE

### Sagamihara Theater

For ratings and run times, visit: [www.shopmyexchange.com/ReelTimeTheatres/Movies-CampZama.htm](http://www.shopmyexchange.com/ReelTimeTheatres/Movies-CampZama.htm)

#### Thursday, April 19

6 p.m. - Journey 2: Mysterious Island

#### Friday, April 20

6 p.m. - American Reunion

9 p.m. - Safe House

#### Saturday, April 21

3 p.m. - Journey 2: Mysterious Island

6 p.m. - American Reunion

9 p.m. - Safe House

#### Sunday, April 22

3 p.m. - Journey 2: Mysterious Island

6 p.m. - American Reunion

#### Thursday, April 26

6 p.m. - The Three Stooges

#### Friday, April 27

6 p.m. - The Three Stooges

9 p.m. - Ghost Rider 2

#### Saturday, April 28

3 p.m. - The Three Stooges

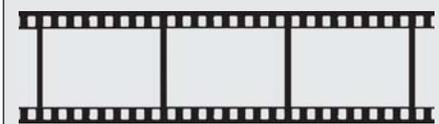
6 p.m. - Good Deeds

9 p.m. - This Means War

#### Sunday, April 29

3 p.m. - The Three Stooges

6 p.m. - Ghost Rider 2



## Atsugi Cinema 77

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

#### Thursday, April 19

9 p.m. - Wrath of the Titans

#### Friday, April 20

7 p.m. - Gone

9:30 p.m. - Wrath of the Titans

#### Saturday, April 21

4:30 p.m. - Ghost Rider 2

7 p.m. - Gone

9:30 p.m. - Wanderlust

#### Sunday, April 22

3 p.m. - Good Deeds

5:30 p.m. - Gone

8 p.m. - Act of Valor

#### Monday, April 23

7 p.m. - Wanderlust

#### Tuesday, April 24

5:30 p.m. - This Means War

#### Wednesday, April 25

7 p.m. - Wrath of the Titans

9:30 p.m. - Act of Valor

#### Thursday, April 26

5:30 p.m. - Act of Valor

# 28,000 attend Cherry Blossom Festival



Hundreds of runners, including Soldiers, family members and Japanese guests, run under a row of cherry blossom trees during a seven-kilometer run held Saturday during Camp Zama's annual Cherry Blossom Festival. This year marked the return of the event after it was canceled last year following the earthquake and tsunami that struck Japan on March 11. **U.S. Army photo by Tetsuo Nakahara**

**By Dustin Perry**  
Editor

This year's Cherry Blossom Festival was significant because it marked both the anniversary of a historic gift from Japan to the U.S., and the welcome return of the event itself, Army officials said.

The annual open-post event, which drew more than 28,000 visitors here Saturday, coincided with the 100-year anniversary of then-Tokyo Mayor Yukio Ozaki's gift to the city of Washington of more than 3,000 cherry blossom trees.

Last year's festival was canceled in the wake of the 9.0-magnitude earthquake and follow-on tsunami that devastated northeastern Japan on March 11, less than one month before the event was scheduled. Its return this year demonstrated the country's resilience and highlighted the strong relationship the U.S. military shares with the host nation, said U.S. Army Garrison Japan Commander Col. Eric D. Tilley.

"These kinds of events are an opportunity to literally open our doors to our host nation and to the larger community outside of our gates," said Tilley. "It's an opportunity for [Japanese] to understand more about us and what we do on a daily basis, and interact with

our family members, our civilians and our military."

The event began in the morning with a combined three- and seven-kilometer race for children and adults, as well as an open tournament at the Camp Zama Golf Course. A stage set up on the field behind Yano Fitness Center was host to a number of eclectic musical acts and a DJ spinning tunes throughout the day. There were also dozens of food vendors, an area for children's games and activities, and a static display of a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter.

However, the true draw for most visitors to the festival is the opportunity to admire the iconic white-and-pink flowers from which the event takes its name. The streets throughout central and northern Camp Zama are lined with hundreds of cherry blossom trees, which Tilley said were "timed perfectly" this year.

"This is an opportunity for us to express our appreciation to Japan and help them understand better how we live and how we interact with their communities," said Tilley. "A lot of times, the only time they see Americans is as tourists. Here, they get to see us and interact with us more as community members who are part of the same neighborhood.

"I'm very confident that this festival ... will go on for many, many years to come,"



Col. Eric D. Tilley, commander of U.S. Army Garrison Japan, shakes hands with a young Japanese visitor to Camp Zama's annual Cherry Blossom Festival, which was held April 7, 2012, and drew more than 28,000 visitors.

he added, "because it highlights what this community is truly about, and that is the friendship that we share with our host nation."

In the U.S., the National Cherry Blossom Festival began on March 20 and will continue through April 27. This year, the five-week celebration in Washington,

D.C., features art and photography exhibits, musical performances, and displays featuring everything from kimonos and silk clothing to samurai armor and orchid gardens.

More information on this anniversary event can be found at [www.nationalcherryblossomfestival.org](http://www.nationalcherryblossomfestival.org).

## Arnn students 'noodle around' at ramen museum



Third-grade students from Arnn Elementary School look at a rack of fake noodles outside a to-scale replica of the backyard shed from which Japanese entrepreneur Momofuku Ando worked to develop instant ramen. The shed is one of many interactive exhibits at the Nissin Cup Noodles Museum in Yokohama, which the students visited April 5 for a field trip. **U.S. Army photos by Dustin Perry**

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Editor

Third-graders at Arnn Elementary here visited the Nissin Cup Noodles Museum in Yokohama April 5, where they were immersed in both the renowned history of instant ramen noodles, and the uplifting life story of the ubiquitous foodstuff's revered Japanese inventor.

The culmination of the students' field trip was a visit to the "My Cup Noodles Factory" on the museum's third floor, a do-it-yourself workshop where they decorated their own foam cups, chose their soup's flavor and toppings, and walked away with a one-of-a-kind edible souvenir.

The museum, which had its grand opening last September, pays tribute to Momofuku Ando and the vast, delicious industry that still thrives today as a result of his innovative spirit that began more than 50 years ago.

One of the museum's first exhibits is a 14-minute animated short film in which a CGI-rendered Ando tells the story of how, in 1958, after months of trial-and-error experimentation, he perfected the creation of the world's first instant ramen noodles, which were chicken-flavored. Marketed with the stylized spelling "Chikin Ramen,"

the noodles were an instant hit.

As Ando's empire grew, he visited the United States in 1971 to see if his product could become as popular there as it was in his home country. In Japan, Chikin Ramen was prepared in boiling water, served in a bowl, and eaten with chopsticks – a utensil not widely used in America.

It was then that Ando came up with the idea to put the noodles in cups.

This modification allowed Western diners the convenience of being able to cook and eat the noodles, with a fork, from the same container.

As the Arnn students explored the sleek, modern interior of the five-story museum, they were presented with an array of unique and eye-catching exhibits.

The second floor includes a replica of the backyard shed from which Ando worked to develop his revolutionary "flash-fry" method for drying the noodles. Also throughout the floor are optical-illusion art installations, sculptures and murals based around the theme of six "Creative Thinking Boxes" – ideals Ando lived by that inspired him throughout his life.

Adjacent to the aforementioned My Cup Noodles Factory is the Chicken Ramen Factory, where visitors go through a step-by-step process of kneading, spreading



Students select toppings for their one-of-a-kind creations at the museum's "My Cup Noodles Factory."

and steaming wheat flour. The dough is then machine-sliced, flavored, flash-fried and packaged as yet another take-home memento that is available at the museum.

The fourth floor includes Cup Noodles Park, a sprawling playground with slides and rope bridges that resembles a factory. While playing, the children simultaneously learn about the manufacturing and shipping process of the noodles. There is also the Noodles Bazaar, a restaurant

with a very appropriate menu: a variety of international noodle dishes such as pasta from Italy, Lanzhou beef ramen from China, Mie Goreng from Indonesia, and cold ramen from Korea.

The third-graders were the first group of Arnn students to visit the Cup Noodles Museum, teachers said, and positive feedback from the students made it likely that more field trips will be held there in the future.