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35th CSSB joins Giant Kite Festival

Soldiers from the 35th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion and members of the Sagami Giant Kite Preservation Association prepare a kite they built cooperatively to be flown during the annual Sagami Giant Kite Festival, held May 5 at the Sagami River. The body of the kite has painted on it the words "Ichidan" ("One Team") and "Samurai" in Japanese. The 35th CSSB flew their 18-square-foot kite for seven minutes during the festival. More than 40 Soldiers and family members from the unit attended the event. **U.S. Army photo by Tetsuo Nakahara SEE MORE, PAGE 2**

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Sagami Depot Soldiers take part in traditional Sagami Giant Kite Festival



Soldiers and family members from the 35th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion fly their 18-square-foot kite during the Sagami Giant Kite Festival, held May 5 at the Sagami River. More than 40 Soldiers and family members from the 35th CSSB attended the event. **U.S. Army photos by Tetsuo Nakahara**

By Tetsuo Nakahara
Photo Editor

An annual traditional event in Japan that centers on the construction and flight of massive kites involved participation this year from more than 40 Soldiers and family members assigned here.

Representatives from the 35th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion took part in the Sagami Giant Kite Festival held May 5 at the nearby Sagami River, and were successful in getting their hand-built craft airborne during the unique and exciting cultural event.

Members of the 35th CSSB initially assembled the 18-square-foot frame of their kite in March of last year, using more than 100 bamboo poles. They were assisted by members of the Sagami Giant Kite Preservation Association, who helped them cut the bamboo poles from a forest of the stalks located on Camp Zama.

The 2011 Giant Kite Festival was canceled due to the 9.0-magnitude earthquake and subsequent tsunami that struck northeastern Japan in March, earlier that year. The 35th CSSB had thus been waiting for more than a year to fly their kite, and their debut on Saturday marked the first time in the festival's history that the U.S. Army has taken part in the event.

The weather on Saturday was a welcome and ideal mix of clear skies and strong winds, following a weeklong bout of rain throughout the area.

While constructing the kite, the 35th CSSB Soldiers and SGKPA members decided to paint the words "Ichidan" – or "One Team," also the motto of U.S. Army Japan – and "Samurai" in Japanese characters on the kite's paper body.

"We're very excited and honored to be a part of this festival," said Lt. Col. Joseph O. Ritter, 35th CSSB commander.

"We relied upon the SGKPA members to help us out, and we really needed to work together with them and follow their lead, because we had never flown a kite before.

"It was a big challenge, but everyone worked together to get the kite up in the air, from building it to learning how to fly it," added Ritter. "The culture of Japan is very unique and very beautiful. This is just another significant part of the culture of Japan."

With help from their Japanese friends, the Soldiers and family members got their kite in the air on their first attempt. After catching a gust of wind, they pulled the kite's thick rope line in unison and ran backward. After two attempts, they managed to keep their kite in the air for a personal best time of seven minutes.

"I think this kite has a lot of pull – very tough, very strong – you need more strength than you do [with] the little kites in the states," said Sgt. 1st Class Brian Reeder, assigned to the 35th CSSB. "[This festival] was a great way to bring about a better understanding of the Japanese

community and of us. It added to my adventure here in Japan, because it's something I never got to do in my lifetime [before]."

The main event of the festival was the 43-square-foot giant kite, which weighed one ton and required more than 100 men to lift it into the air. The massive kite remained airborne for a recorded time of 28 minutes, 50 seconds.

"I think the 35th CSSB members did a wonderful job for their first time flying a giant kite," said Kazuhide Nishiyama, a native of the Shindo district in nearby Sagami City, and chief builder of the Sagami giant kite. "I remember their rope work when tying the frame together was great when they built the kite last year. They also have great teamwork.

"This was a great opportunity for them to experience the Japanese culture and our traditions, especially since they are our neighbors," added Nishiyama. "And I also appreciate them attending this festival and displaying a good understanding of that culture."



Kazuhide Nishiyama, a native of the Shindo district in nearby Sagami City, and chief builder of the Sagami giant kite, makes final checks on the 43-square-foot giant kite prior to its eventual flight during the Sagami Giant Kite Festival.



Drumming up support

Activities such as this *taiko* drum performance were part of Arnn Elementary School's Multicultural Day observance on May 11. Arnn students were encouraged to wear traditional attire from around the globe during a World Cultures Parade. *Courtesy photo*

U.S. Army Pacific commander stresses safety during Memorial Day celebration

Memorial Day is an American tradition marking the start of summer. The next 100 days represent one of the most enjoyable – and statistically dangerous – periods of the entire year for U.S. Army Pacific personnel, and I challenge each of you to put safety first during this summer season, whether on- or off-duty.



Lt. Gen. Francis J. Wiercinski
U.S. Army Pacific
Commander

As we gather in celebration – at the beach or around the barbecue – with friends and family, we should also pause to remember the true significance of Memorial Day by honoring all of the men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice defending our liberty and way of life over the last 236 years.

My wife Jeannine and I, along with USARPAC Command Sgt. Maj. Frank Leota and his wife Vira, would like to express our heartfelt thanks to the service members throughout our history whose personal sacrifices make our nation the freest, strongest country on Earth. We particularly wish to celebrate the lives of our Soldiers and Department of the Army civilians lost during the present conflict, and we offer our continued thoughts and sympathy to the family members and friends who ensure they remain forever in our hearts.

One Team!

Exchange has fitness, fun in store for Zama

By Myra M. Dizon
Exchange Public Affairs

The Camp Zama Exchange is bringing giveaways and specials to the third annual Family Fun and Fitness Festival, which is scheduled to be held June 1 from noon to 5 p.m.; June 2 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and June 3 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Authorized shoppers can join in the fun by visiting the Exchange parking lot and entering to win gift cards, or gear up to get fit with a variety of specials on electronics, clothes, supplements and exercise

equipment.

In addition to shopping and giveaways, there will be an inflatable bounce castle for children, a Hawaiian show, and a fashion show hosted by the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps from Zama American High School.

“We anticipate a terrific turnout and an even better time at this year’s festival,” said Camp Zama General Manager Shirley Huth. “We’ve been working with vendors for the past few months to ensure a great couple of days for the community to come together to shop, dine and just have some fun.”

Optometrist sees ‘Words to Live By’ credo in action

By Capt. Lauren Parker
MEDDAC-J

When the senior leaders across the Army in Japan crafted the “Words to Live By” and limited initial numbers of posters were distributed across our installations, the Medical Department Activity-Japan was one of the first organizations selected as a recipient.

The command’s logic was to initially place posters where the largest number of our community’s “foot traffic” – Soldiers, Department of the Army civilians, Japanese employees, and family members – could see and begin to internalize the words. Selecting MEDDAC-J, along with other high-traffic areas like the Exchange, the community Mail Room, and Yano Fitness Center, made great sense.

These five imperatives, which are now commonly known throughout the community, offer everyone who lives and serves across Japan a baseline for personal and professional actions. I was fortunate enough to witness a random act of

kindness from one community member to another, and I believe the story exemplifies the credo that states, “Do what is right ... legally, ethically, and morally.”

There are many things I love about serving as an Army optometrist with MEDDAC-J. Almost nothing beats giving someone their first pair of glasses and allowing them to see clearly for the first time. Another nice thing about my duty is that, unlike most medical providers, people don’t visit me when they are very ill. I have the pleasure of working with people who are not having the worst day of their lives.

Of course, this isn’t always the case. People get pink eye, they wake up feeling miserable, with their eyes glued shut. Other times people get abrasions and because the cornea has more nerve endings than anywhere else in the body, the pain can be excruciating.

Despite my agreeable patient population, people generally come to the doctor for “me” time. It’s all about them – and it should be! Patients want to check in and be seen on time. Contrary to what

some of us may think, patients’ time is valuable, too. Most people with eye pain or redness walk into my clinic without appointments. This is totally appropriate. I would not want someone to wait for a long time when they are hurting.

Sometimes people make appointments despite the urgency of their problem. I had a patient – a Soldier – make an appointment for his acute eye infection. He showed up quite early for his appointment in hopes that I would see him earlier. Naturally, it was on a day my schedule was fully booked and I was busy. The Soldier sat down in the waiting area and assumed he would wait for his appointment.

Fortunately, there was another patient whose appointment was earlier and he eagerly offered his appointment space to the patient in pain. He said he didn’t mind waiting a little longer. The Soldier with the eye pain was grateful to be seen earlier.

In today’s society, time is becoming more and more precious to us. We are constantly trying to fit more activities into fewer hours and minutes. While this simple

action of turning over an appointment space to someone in greater need may seem obvious, this generosity happens less and less. Most people make their eye appointment at a specific time because that is the specific time they need to be seen. And then it’s on to the next activity, meeting or errand.

What the patient did was unnecessary but kind and thoughtful. The Soldier with the eye infection thanked him again, after his appointment. I thanked him as well, because his action took pressure off of me and created harmony in the clinic. What is particularly nice is that I believe I see more of this type of behavior in the military population than elsewhere.

This speaks to the quality of people in the service and the high standard of respect we have toward each other. It is a pleasure to live and work among people who treat each other with such courtesy. The Army trains its Soldiers and encourages its families to do the right thing. I think it seems like we are doing a pretty good job at living and acting by these words.

Students paint mural that illustrates history of physics

By Tetsuo Nakahara
Photo Editor

An artistic project conceived and executed by students at Zama American High School here, which will serve as an illustrated timeline of some of the key figures in the world of physics, is nearing its completion.

The worlds of art and science were brought together by six ZAHS students who utilized their own imaginations and creative skills to design and paint a large mural on the wall of their school's physics classroom.

The project came about as part of an end-of-year presentation that will be given in the physics class. While other students chose traditional science projects dealing with sound waves and colored gases, Trisha Dring, a senior at ZAHS, came up with the idea for the mural.

"I have always been interested in both science and art," said Dring. "I am fascinated with the world around me, and always loved picking up pencils [and drawing] to occupy my time."

Dring and her partners in the project have been working on the mural for about two months. They pored over science books and decided who of history's many great scientists and thinkers to include in the mural. Also included are visual representations of various landmark scientific discoveries, celestial bodies, and the future of science.

"The difficult part is getting everything extremely accurate," said Dring. "If we draw anything wrong, it's going to be there for years to come."

The mural is divided into sections, beginning with the planet Jupiter. It continues with the sun and Mercury; portraits of famed thinkers such as Galileo Galilei, Isaac Newton, Emilie du Chatelet and Albert Einstein; and illustrations representing quantum physics and string theory.

It was Nathan Fuentes, ZAHS freshman and co-leader



Trisha Dring, a senior at Zama American High School, paints a mural on the wall of her school's physics classroom, a project she and five of her classmates conceived as part of an end-of-year presentation. **U.S. Army photo by Tetsuo Nakahara**

of the project, who suggested including du Chatelet.

"Newton and Einstein are both huge names when it comes to science, but not many people really know about Emilie du Chatelet," said Fuentes. "She is actually the bridge between Newton and Einstein, because she took Newton's work and studied her own way, and she published her own version of Newton's work. Einstein later took her paper, and that was what he used as the basis for his famous equation, $E=mc^2$."

Department of Defense Education Activity Pacific schools held a weeklong promotion for students to apply their science, technology, engineering, mathematics, communication and problem-solving skills, known as STEM Awareness Week, from April 23 through 27. Coast

Guard Lt. Cmdr. Ryan Murphy, a licensed professional civil engineer stationed in Hawaii, visited Zama High during that time and was very impressed with the mural, said Lee Carroll, a science teacher there.

"I want [the students] to further their own abilities; I want them to engage in the curiosity of science," said Carroll. "[Their mural] is really magnificent, and I'm so proud them."

The mural is expected to be finished within this month.

"My favorite thing about science is learning new things, because science is the foundation of [everything]," said Fuentes. "I [also] see the future in media arts, because media arts is one of the most high-tech ways to get a message out to people."

Upcoming Ongoing Events

'Trunk Sale' Organized by Girl Scouts

The Camp Zama Girl Scouts' Cadette Troop is organizing a "Trunk Sale" scheduled to be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on May 19 in the side parking lot next to the Exchange. Participation is on a space-available basis, so arrive at least 45 minutes early to ensure your spot. Bring the items you would like to sell, display them in your car trunk, and keep the profits!

U.S.-Japan Gospel Concert Postponed

Due to scheduling conflicts, the gospel concert originally scheduled to be held May 19 has been postponed. Call 263-5973 for more information.

Trojan Field Closure

Trojan Field at Zama American High School will be closed for field maintenance from May 21 through June 21.

Summer Safety Day and Health Fair

A Summer Safety Day and Health Fair will be held at Yano Fitness Center May 24 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. All community personnel and their family members are welcome to this event to promote safety and health awareness during the upcoming summer season.

DoDEA Teacher of the Year Nominations

The Department of Defense Education Activity Teacher of the Year program is designed to recognize and honor outstanding teachers who exemplify the qualities of professionalism and excellence in our teaching workforce. Anyone may nominate a DoDEA teacher for this award. Nominees are highly encouraged to participate in the application process. Visit www.dodea.edu/teachers/toy.cfm for more information.

Half-road Closure at 3rd Avenue

Due to the construction of new family housing at Camp Zama, there will be a half-road closure through June 30 at 3rd Avenue across from the Zama American High School tennis courts, and at MacArthur Drive near the intersection of Ridgeway Road. Call 263-5448 for more information.

Zama ITT Travel Updates

Tokyo Disneyland Weekday Special Coupon Purchase forms are available at Camp Zama's ITT office. Those interested can purchase discount passports for either Tokyo Disneyland or DisneySea until June 30 for entry until July 6 on weekdays only. These coupons can be combined with ITT's military special rates at Okura Hotel Tokyo Bay for a two-day Disney adventure. Travel specials for April, May and Memorial Day can be found on Zama ITT's website at www.zamaitt.com. Call 263-5273 for more information.

Bowman Road Construction

There will be construction on Bowman Street, next to Dewey Park, from May 29 through July 27. The road will be closed during the following periods: June 13 through 15; June 18 through 19; and July 23 through 26. Construction will halt on June 30 for Camp Zama's Independence Day festivities. The Youth Center bus stop will be relocated to the Youth Center parking area during the construction period. Call 263-5448 for more information.

Zama Sportsman's Club Shooting Range

Come and sharpen your shooting ability at Camp Zama's Sportsmen's Club shooting range. The shooting range is open every Sunday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and is located next to the driving range near Camp Zama's Gate 7. The cost of \$25 covers gun rental and ammunition. Call 263-3829 for more information.

What's Happening Outside the Gate?

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Sanja Matsuri Festival @ Asakusa Jinja Shrine, Tokyo, May 18 - 20

Visit <http://www.japan-guide.com/e/e3063.html> for information in English.

Nikko Toshogu Shrine Grand Spring Festival @ Nikko Toshogu Shrine, Nikko City, Tochigi Prefecture, May 17 and 18

May 17, from 1 to 2:30 p.m.: Traditional horseback archery demonstration, or *yabusame*.

May 18, beginning at 11 a.m.: One thousand people in 17th-century costumes in a procession. Visit <http://www.nikko-jp.org/english/toshogulgyouretsus.html> for information in English.

Hot Spring Water-Splashing Festival in Yugawara Town, Kanagawa, May 26

Everyone is welcome to splash water onto several hundred people carrying portable shrines, or *mikoshi*.

"Beer Rise Festival" (more than 60 kinds of beer selected from all over Japan) @ Yebisu Garden Place, Tokyo, May 26 and 27

Annular Solar Eclipse, May 21

<http://naojcamp.mtk.nao.ac.jp/phenomena/20120521/index-en.html>

Parachute unit conducts joint aerial ops

By Capt. April A. Campise
87th Quartermaster Detachment

TORII STATION, Okinawa – The 87th Quartermaster Detachment (Parachute) has served a unique role as the sole active-Army airborne unit in Okinawa since 2005. The unit will inactivate as part of a scheduled Army drawdown in the Pacific theater this year.

Made up of Army parachute riggers, the detachment is responsible for servicing and maintaining all equipment for aerial delivery contingency operations in Okinawa and the rest of Japan. Annually, the detachment packs and inspects an average of 14,000 pieces of aerial delivery equipment at Sagami General Depot and maintains hundreds of wartime contingency parachutes stored in Okinawa.

Operation Cobra Gold

Annually, the 87th Quartermaster Detachment participates in Cobra Gold, a bilateral exercise built around the exchange of military training and experience with the Royal Thai Army. During past Cobra Gold exercises, the detachment has built important and lasting multinational and joint relations with both the Thai army and the U.S. Marine Corps stationed in Okinawa.

For the past three years, the 3rd Marine Logistics Group and the 87th have deployed paratroopers from Okinawa to Thailand to serve as the combined aerial delivery element in support of Operation Cobra Gold.

For years, Marine and Army parachute riggers in Okinawa have been combining efforts to conduct joint parachute rigging operations in the Pacific. Historically, the riggers have executed a broad range of aerial operations, including packing and performing hundreds of day and night low-level static-line parachute and military freefall parachute jumps. The riggers also have dropped more than 16,000 pounds of cargo, all of which hit the drop zone without a single malfunction or incident.

These missions have provided great opportunities for combined training and team building among the services and have helped to foster an enduring relationship among Army and Marine Corps riggers. All training conducted by the parachute riggers is executed with the safety of the community and participants in mind. All actions taken by the U.S. participants follow well-established safety procedures. This training remains essential for U.S. troop readiness, the mutual defense of Japan, and regional peace and security.

Army and Marine Corps Collaboration

In October 2010, the 87th Quartermaster Detachment and the 3rd Marine Logistics Group signed a memorandum of agreement to operate jointly out of one facility. Since then, both units have strategically combined resources and linked efforts on airborne operations and daily missions such as inventories and shop maintenance.



A Soldier assigned to the 87th Quartermaster Detachment (Parachute) in Okinawa inspects another Soldier's jump gear before a jump. The 87th has served a unique role as the sole active-Army airborne unit in Okinawa since 2005. *Courtesy photo*

The co-location of the two units has been a beneficial learning experience in joint operations for both services. Working closely with one another has enabled an exchange of experience and knowledge that has helped each service grow and learn from the other.

“Even though we have the same basic skill sets, there are differences in techniques the two branches use to accomplish the same task,” said Sgt. Terrance Alvarez, a rigger assigned to the 87th. Marine riggers, for example, follow slightly different packing protocols than their Army counterparts.

Each unit has its own strengths and weaknesses. The Marine riggers are known to be experts in heavy drops – loads greater than 500 pounds. Although the Soldiers from the 87th also are proficient in executing the same containerized delivery, bundle, and platform drops, they have more expertise in static-line personnel drops.

As a joint force, the units have relied on each other's experiences to become better riggers overall. During exercises, Army jumpmasters work hand-in-hand with Marine jumpmasters to safely execute joint airborne operations.

When it comes to establishing and running a drop zone, standard operating procedures largely remain the same. However, Marine and Army riggers contribute to the shared operation by providing experience and input from their respective services.

“Working with the Marines has

provided me with insight into a different world of parachute rigging [that] I wouldn't have otherwise been privy to,” said Cpl. Edwin Bocanegra-Torres, also assigned to the 87th. “We reach the same end state, but the process we use for getting there can vary. I wouldn't say one method is better than the other, but the Marines have definitely shared techniques and capabilities with us that we wouldn't otherwise have been exposed to in a standard Army environment.”

The bottom line for both units is that as a combined force, they share the same overall goal.

“When we conduct an operation together, it isn't about being an Army Soldier or being a Marine; it's about being a rigger,” said Spc. Kyle McNary. “It's about getting people out of the bird safely and getting the equipment to the ground in one piece.”

Advantages of the Joint Relationship

The joint relationship these units have built is rare and special for tactical-level parachute rigging operations. Working as a team has enabled both services to streamline their operations and obtain the most effective use of resources, funding, and training opportunities. Serving as a joint capability in Okinawa has also provided a distinctive learning experience for Soldiers.

“Serving with Marine jumpmasters has been a broadening experience, and it's unlike anything else I have done in the Army,” said Staff Sgt. Archie Gadson,

jumpmaster and noncommissioned officer in charge of the 87th Quartermaster Detachment. “We are better Soldiers and technical experts because of this experience.”

“The day I leave this island will be a sad day because this is the only place in the military where parachute riggers from the different services can work together,” said Cpl. Jorge Alaniz. “It's been fun, I've made lots of friends, and I have enjoyed this opportunity to work with the Marines.”

“Out of my five years of service, [working with Army riggers] has easily been one of the greatest experiences I've had in that time,” said Marine Cpl. Elizabeth Myers when asked about serving together with the Army riggers. “The Army riggers brought diversity to not only the job we do but also the daily work environment.”

This year, all personnel from the 87th will be reassigned to other units as the detachment inactivates. By official standards, this means that the detachment could be called back to active duty years down the road. However, for now, the aerial delivery mission in the Pacific must be handed over to another unit.

Although the detachment is inactivating, many feel history has been made through this experience.

“The relationships that have been made between the Army and Marine parachute riggers cannot be replaced,” said Gadson. “Even with the unit inactivating, these friendships will last a lifetime, and the lessons learned will stay with us forever.”

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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.

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Recreation Assistant (Lifeguard), RD, NF-02, Flex, \$ 9.29, Close: Oct. 31, 2012

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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.

Pets

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.

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

Temporary Closure

The final showing at the Sagamihara Movie Theater was April 25. The new theater is tentatively scheduled to open in late June. A state-of-the-art digital projection system is on its way to the theater and is currently being installed.

The new theater and adjoining club are expected to have a joint grand opening at the end of June. Please look for updates in the *Rising Sun* newspaper, the Command Channel and the U.S. Army Garrison Japan Facebook page (www.facebook.com/USAGJ) for more details as they become available.

Temporary Closure



Atsugi Cinema 77

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

Thursday, May 17
5:30 p.m. - The Avengers

Friday, May 18
2 p.m. - Cars (Free Admission)
7 p.m. - Mirror Mirror
9:30 p.m. - Dark Shadows

Saturday, May 19
3:30 p.m. - Mirror Mirror
6 p.m. - The Avengers
9:30 p.m. - Dark Shadows

Sunday, May 20
3 p.m. - Mirror Mirror
5:30 p.m. - Wrath of the Titans
8 p.m. - Dark Shadows

Monday, May 21
7 p.m. - 21 Jump Street

Tuesday, May 22
5:30 p.m. - Dark Shadows

Wednesday, May 23
7 p.m. - Mirror Mirror
9:30 p.m. - John Carter

Thursday, May 24
5:30 p.m. - The Avengers

Zama Killer Katanas skate, shove their way to impressive performance in roller derby debut

By **Dustin Perry**
Editor

An uninitiated spectator at the May 5 all-female roller derby bout here between the Zama Killer Katanas and the Yokota Scary Blossoms might have viewed the event as a frenzied spectacle; chaos on wheels.

The women on the track, however – the ones sporting roller skates, a helmet and protective pads – describe the niche sport's mix of speedy athleticism and brute physicality as “ultimate girl power at its finest.”

Dubbed “Cinco de Mayhem,” the bout attracted hundreds of spectators to Camp Zama's newly built outdoor skating rink, and served as a debut for the Killer Katanas, who competed in regulation for the first time since their formation four months ago. It was also the Scary Blossoms' first bout as their own team, having finally built a big enough roster to branch off from the Yokosuka Sushi Rollers, with whom they were previously combined.

Marina Behrendt, a U.S. Army Garrison Japan civilian and spouse of a Soldier at Camp Zama, is the president of the Killer Katanas. On the track, she is known as “Killa Cali” – colorful and intimidating nicknames are a roller derby tradition. There was a distinct motivation behind Behrendt's idea to form Camp Zama's first ever roller derby team, she said.

“I thought it would be a fun way to exercise and be around a group of women who were interested in the same thing as me, really wanted to put their hearts into it, and wanted to do something different,” said Behrendt.

After she put the word out via Facebook and other advertising outlets in January, enough women responded to Behrendt's recruitment call that the Killer Katanas quickly began to take shape. Practice started the next month, beginning with the basics of the sport. The team continued to train and draw in new members, until Cinco de Mayhem was finally imminent.

A tutorial before Saturday's bout illustrated to roller derby newcomers the rules of the sport: Five members from each team take part in a series of consecutive “jams” on an oval-shaped track that can last up to two minutes. Each team designates four blockers in the lead pack, and one scorer – known as a jammer – in the rear.

Shortly after the blockers take off, the jammers follow suit and try to break through as many blockers as possible during each jam, accumulating points for each successful pass. To prevent this from happening, the blockers can position themselves in front of an opposing jammer to impede her, or force her to the ground or out of bounds with a hip-check – contact by hands, elbows, head and feet is prohibited.

When the bout finally began, it didn't

take long for the action to kick off. The quick and agile jammers skated with methodical purpose, looking for holes in the defense. The equally determined blockers used positioning and teamwork to their advantage. These two forces, combined with the track's limited real estate, inevitably led to numerous collisions and falls.

Though roller derby is unquestionably physical and can leave a majority of its participants with badges of honor in the form of bumps and bruises, there is no malice behind their actions, one player said.

“It's just a sport; if we hit you it doesn't mean anything, it's just how we play,” said Meghann “Julia Seizure” Nickerson, vice president and co-coach of the Scary Blossoms. “It really helps us get stronger, better and faster. The more we hit each other, the more entertaining the bout is.”

Standout jammers for the Killer Katanas during the bout included Killa Cali, Lesley “cUTTHER” Utter, and newcomer Rie “Secret Asian Slam” Romero, whose impressive performance earned her team several points throughout both 30-minute halves.

“I used to practice *kendo* (traditional Japanese fencing) for six years, and after I quit kendo, I didn't do any sports or go to the gym for 20 years,” said Romero. “I just started training three weeks ago, so I am still trying to get my body used to it.”

The Scary Blossoms have a notable amount of roller derby pedigree by way of Co-coach Levitica “Leviticus Maximus” Byington, who has been involved with the sport since 2008 and was once a member of the Junction City Roller Dolls in Utah. She joined the Scary Blossoms shortly after the team was formed last year by Nickerson.

“People were coming off the streets to watch this amazing sport and watch what all of our hard work has gone into, and that just brought tears to my eyes,” said Byington.

The bout ended with the Scary Blossoms beating the Killer Katanas by a score of 166-116. Though she and her teammates were the relative veterans on the track, Byington lauded her opponents' performance, calling the Katanas “a force to be reckoned with.”

Shannon “SmackYo Mama” Mooers of the Katanas agreed, saying she has seen amazing progress among her team in just a few short months.

“I've played sports all my life, and I've never seen a group of women so dedicated,” said Mooers. “To compete at the level we just did, it's amazing. I think the Zama Killer Katanas are going to be a huge contender in the Tokyo Roller Girls League.”

The team will get the chance to prove that claim at their next bout, which will be held in June at the Tokyo Dome.



Sally “Bouta HurtYa” Santiago, right, of the Zama Killer Katanas, collides with Patricia “Summers Eve” Reyes of the Yokota Scary Blossoms during the “Cinco de Mayhem” roller derby bout held May 5 at Camp Zama. The bout served as a debut for the Killer Katanas, who competed in regulation for the first time since their formation four months ago. **U.S. Army photos by Dustin Perry**



Marina “Killa Cali” Behrendt, center, playing as a scorer (known as a “jammer”) for the Killer Katanas, falls after colliding with blocker Patricia “Summers Eve” Reyes of the Scary Blossoms.

For Those About to Rock ...



Radiohead lead singer Thom Yorke performs with his other band, Atoms for Peace, at the 2010 Fuji Rock Festival. Radiohead will perform this year on July 29. **Photo by Masanori Naruse**

Radiohead, Jack White, more to perform at Fuji Rock Festival

By **Tetsuo Nakahara**
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For music fans in Japan, summer is the ideal time to visit outdoor festivals. The country is host to a variety of large, multi-day events from June through August. The Fuji Rock Festival, organized by Smash Japan, is one of the largest, most popular and widely attended festivals for fans of both mainstream and indie musical acts from around the globe.

Fuji Rock was first held at the Fuji Tenjin-Yama resort as a two-day event in 1997. The venue was later moved to Naeba, Niigata, because of its larger capacity, and an extra day of performances was added. Fuji Rock 2006 attracted a record 130,000 attendees and included headlining acts such as Red Hot Chili Peppers and the Strokes.

Naeba is nestled near a quiet mountainside, away from the lights, noise and other distractions of a bustling city. The venue serves as an ideal getaway in which to enjoy both quality music and the area's natural beauty. More than 10 stages are set up within the venue grounds, allowing attendees to move around throughout the day and choose the performers they want to watch.

This year's festival is scheduled to be held July 27 through 29. More than 150 musicians from all over the world –



More than 120,000 music lovers gathers in Naeba, Niigata, for the Fuji Rock Festival every year. There are more than 150 artists scheduled to perform this year. **U.S. Army photo by Tetsuo Nakahara**

including the Stone Roses, At the Drive-In and Jack White – are featured in this year's lineup. One of the highlight headlining acts is Radiohead. The band released their eighth album, *The King of Limbs*, last year, and this year marks their inaugural appearance at Fuji Rock.

Last year's event featured superstar rock acts like the Chemical Brothers, Faces, Arctic Monkeys and headliners Coldplay, with lead singer Chris Martin giving an impromptu, piano-led performance of

"Singin' in the Rain" as a light sheet of precipitation simultaneously fell on the crowd during the band's performance on the venue's main Green Stage.

Other hotly anticipated artists included Wilco, the Music, and the Kaiser Chiefs, whose lead singer Ricky Wilson had the crowd pumping their fists and singing along to the chorus of "Oh My God," the band's 2005 hit from their debut album.

Also last year, highlight acts from the indie music scene included Deerhoof, the

Pains of Being Pure at Heart, Amadou & Mariam, New Zealand's the Naked and Famous, and L.A. chillwave superheroes Best Coast, the latter two of which each put on rousing, commanding sets at Fuji Rock's Red Marquee stage.

The Fuji Rock Festival also has gained attention from the public for being an advocate of "eco-friendly music," having made various attempts every year since its inception to reduce environmental emissions during the event.

The festival has succeeded in reducing carbon dioxide emissions by introducing biodiesel fuel – which aims to lower pollution by refining oil from recycled cooking oil, and solar power – to power equipment and lights.

It also aims to be "the cleanest festival in the world," working in cooperation with volunteers and visitors to prevent littering and to promote the reduction and recycling of waste.

Experiencing the Fuji Rock Festival can be an unforgettable memory of Japan. For those who are able to attend, the event is an excellent opportunity to relax in the mountain of Naeba and soak in some amazing tunes.

Three-day passes for this year's Fuji Rock Festival will cost 39,800 yen. One-day passes cost 16,800 yen. For more information, visit <http://www.smash-uk.com/frf10/index.html>.