CFAY Commanding Officer Capt. David Owen presents a letter of commendation to CFAY PWD MLC employee Mieko Sasaki during her retirement ceremony held here Dec. 28. Sasaki served as custodian for the CFAY commander's office from February 1999 to December 2010.

Photo by Yoshiko Yasuda

MA2(SW) Matthew Wilkinson assigned to CFAY Security Department, his wife Melinda and baby Madeline Grace pose for their first family photo Jan. 2. Madeline Grace was born Jan. 1 and weighed in at a healthy six pounds, 8 ounces and measured 19.5 inches. She was the first baby born on Yokosuka base in 2011.

Photo by Ben Avey

Participants of the annual Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka Morale, Welfare and Recreation sponsored Polar Bear Challenge brave the cold and jump into the frigid waters of Green Bay Marina on New Year's Day.

U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Jennifer A. Villalovos

Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Distribution Yokosuka, Cardboard Recycling Center employee Seiroh Koike shows fourth-grade students how cardboard gets shredded. The Sullivans Elementary School fourth and fifth-grade students went on a field trip to the Cardboard Recycling Center to learn the importance of recycling. During the visit, the students toured DLA warehouse J-39, which was built during World War II. DLA Distribution Yokosuka recycles roughly 240 tons of cardboard a year.

U.S. Navy photo by LS2 Guy Stephey

Pet of the week

The Pet of the week this week is Leah. She's been the sweetest thing in the cat room, always loving and friendly. She enjoys cuddling up in blankets and chasing mice around the room. Leah would do well in any household and would be especially great for a first time cat owner. To find out more about Leah or any animal at Pets Are Worth Saving (P.A.W.S.), contact them at 243-9996, by e-mail to usskittytalk.yokosuka@gmail.com or visit the P.A.W.S. website at www.pawsyokosukajapan.com.

Photo courtesy of P.A.W.S.

Konnichiwa

SH2(SW) Barry Degoma from CFAY Transient Personnel Unit (TPU) checks new personnel property reports and prepares to brief newcomers on Japan, TPU and Yokosuka base policies.

Photo by Yuji Kawabe

Where is your home town? Dededo City, Guam.

How long have you been in Japan? Seven months.

What is your favorite food? Sushi.

What is your life goal? To become a master chief or an officer in the Navy.