Chief Gas Turbine System Technician (Mechanical) Joel Villaflor of Fairfield, Calif,. communicates with the bridge during engineering operational testing aboard the Ticonderoga-class guided missile cruiser *USS Cowpens* (CG 63). While in its forward operating base in Yokosuka, Japan, *Cowpens* Sailors continue to maintain the readiness of the ship through a wide range of drills and training scenarios.

Photo by MC3 Devon Dow

(Left) MA2 David Scott, MA1 Ronald Garcia, and Principal Geoff Fong hand a completion certificate to seventh grader Grant Kawahara. The seventh graders completed the 10 week D.A.R.E. (Drug Awareness and Resistance Education) program. Following the ceremony the students were treated to pizza and drinks by the DARE officers.

Photo by Dale Duncan

(Left) U. S. Naval Hospital Yokosuka Commanding Officer Capt. Kevin Moore presents a Navy Commendation Medal to Lt. Amit Sood for meritorious service May 13. Sood served as a department head, dietitian, and command fitness leader. Among his many accomplishments, Sood improved the command's physical fitness test pass rate to 99 percent.

Photo by Richard McManus

Senior Chief Navy Counselor Johannes Gonzalez runs on a treadmill to raise money for the Navy and Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS) during the Yokosuka Far East Chief Petty Officer (CPO) Association 117 Hour Run. The event, which ended on Memorial Day, took place over six days and required participants to run one hour for every year on a treadmill or stationary bicycle to commemorate 117 years of CPO deckplate leadership and honoring those who sacrificed their lives in defense of our country.

Photo by MC3 Class Dominique Pineiro

# Konnichiwa

Navy Gateway Inn & Suites Yokosuka employee Flordeliza Sogame cleans electric stoves in a guest room.

Photo by Yuji Kawabe

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| Where is your hometown? | Ormoc, Leyte Island, Philippines. |
| How long have you worked on base? | 3 years. |
| What is your favorite food? | Fried vegetables. |
| What is your life goal? | To make a happy family. |