The Virginia-class attack submarine *USS Hawaii* (SSN 776) pulls in pierside and is escorted by the harbor tug *Massapequa* (YTB 807) for a scheduled port visit here, Sept. 3. This marks the first time a Virginia-class submarine has deployed to the 7th Fleet area of responsibility and the first time the *Hawaii* deployed from its homeport in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Kenneth R. Hendrix

A squad of Yokosuka area chief petty officer (CPO) selectees, division officers and Far East CPO Mess members work together to transport simulated casualties from a "hot" zone during a capture the flag scenario at Camp Fuji Aug. 30. CPO selectees, division officers and Far East CPO Mess members spent the day at Camp Fuji navigating the confidence and obstacle courses and participating in other esprit de corps, trust and teamwork building exercises.

U.S. Navy photo By MCCS Mike Raney

MCPON Rick West answers questions during an all hands call aboard the U.S. 7th Fleet command ship *USS Blue Ridge* (LCC 19) Aug. 27. West also presented enlisted surface warfare specialist qualification pins to 17 *Blue Ridge* and embarked 7th Fleet staff Sailors during his visit.

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

Shannon Crown takes a look at some of the artwork on display at the USO Bazaar held in building 1803 Sept. 5. The bazaar sells a variety of Asian-themed furniture, art, home decor, rugs and more.

Photo by Dan Bowen

"Thank you!"

Volunteers take part in a massive clean up effort at The Sullivans Elementary School Sept. 13, after major vandalism occured at the school during the weekend. A call for volunteers garnered the phenomenal support of more than 360 Sailors and community members who worked tirelessly to ensure the school was throughly cleaned and ready for students and staff the following day. *"On behalf of the children, parents, faculty and staff of the school, I would like to thank each and every volunteer who helped clean and restore the school enabling everyone affected by the horrible act of vandalism to get back to the business as usual. The quick and enthusiastic response to the needs of our children helps bring the community closer together and shows our youth what hard work and caring can accomplish."* - CFAY Commanding Officer Capt. David Owen

Photo courtesy of Ruth Russell

Konnichiwa

Navy Exchange Counter Manager and Beauty Adviser Betty Cummings displays lipsticks and other cosmetic products for customers to purchase.

Photo by Yuji Kawabe

Where is your hometown?	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.
How long have you been in Japan?	Two years.
What is your favorite food?	*Yakiniku*.
What is your life goal?	To experience life to the fullest.