The youngest and oldest chaplains, Lt. Corey Thornton and Cmdr. Barry Metzger, cut their birthday cake in celebration of the anniversary of the creation of the U.S. Chaplain Corps at the Chapel of Hope Nov. 10. The Chaplain Corps was established during the American War of Independence in the second article of the Navy regulation of 1775 which read, "The commanders of the ships of the thirteen united colonies are to take care that divine service be performed twice a day on board, and a sermon preached on Sundays, unless bad weather or other extraordinary accidents prevent it." Reverend Benjamin Balch was the first chaplain known to have served in the Continental Navy, reporting aboard the frigate *Boston* in October, 1778.

Photo by Dan Bowen

Members of the Japan Ground Self-Defense Force (JGSDF) observe navigation equipment on the navigation bridge on board *USS George Washington* (CVN 73) during their tour of the ship Nov. 9. The ship welcomed nearly 30 officers and senior enlisted members from the JGSDF for the tour during a brief in-port period in its forward-deployed homeport of Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka. While in port, the ship will undergo minor upkeep before continuing her mission of ensuring security, safety and prosperity in the western Pacific Ocean.

U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Jacob D. Moore

Port Operations Small Boat Shop Maintenance Division personnel perform scheduled maintenance on the engines of AZUMA-1, the Hakozaki shuttle. The shuttle is operated by nine MLC employees and runs 24 hours a day, seven days a week ferrying personnel across to the fuel terminal.

U.S. Navy photo courtesy of CWO3 Richard Mortimer

HMC Marc Alfini teaches English pronunciation during an English Conversation Class for local Japanese people at the CFAY Cultural Exchange Center (CEC) Oct. 28. Since the opening of the CEC, several U.S. Navy service members and SOFA sponsored personnel have volunteered as English teachers.

Photo by Fumiyo Sato

Pet of the week

The Pet of the week this week is Zuko, our new escape artist. Sometimes we see him hanging from the door's window sill, just waiting for a chance to go! He is long haired so brushing is a way to score points with this guy. He is fine with other cats and likes to hang out and watch all the action from above. Zuko loves to be petted and never wants you to stop once you start. He's a definite love bug and he is waiting for his forever family. To find out more about Zuko 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.

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Konnichiwa

Navy Exchange (NEX) sales clerk Shiela Kumekawa performs a daily price check in the Electronics Department for an item listed in a NEX sales advertisement flier.

Photo by Yuji Kawabe

Where is your home town?	Province of Pampanga, Philippines.
How long have you worked on base?	Three years.
What is your favorite food?	Kare kare (type of stew).
What is your life goal?	To make a happy family.