Tomodachi

U.S. military forces are working alongside their Japanese counterparts to provide aid as the country digs out in the aftermath of the massive 9.0 magnitude earthquake and subsequent tsunami that struck March 11.

Because of the longstanding and close working relationship between the U. S. military and its Japanese counterparts, the U.S. military has humanitarian assistance capabilities positioned in affected regions of Japan that are supporting emergency relief efforts.

Dubbed "Operation Tomodachi" - the Japanese word for "friendship" - U.S. military assets mobilizing in the area include a wide range of equipment, air, sea and ground capability and expertise.

Many, if not most of the American military bases in Japan are involved in some manner in Operation Tomodachi.

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