Navy Exchange sales clerk Tojo Enomoto, trims branches off of a Christmas pine tree in the red-brick area Dec. 6 prior to its sale. The tradition of decorating an evergreen tree at Christmas started in Germany in the 16th century.

Photo by Joseph Schmitt

Aviation mechanics assigned to the Chargers of Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron (HS) 14 perform maintenance on the main rotor of an SH-60 Sea Hawk helicopter aboard *USS George Washington* (CVN 73) Dec. 5.

U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Juan Pinalez

Hatsue Sugimoto reflects on emotional memories of World War II while touching the historic nameplate marking the entrance to the former Japanese Imperial Naval Hospital where she served as a nurse more than seven decades ago. Sugimoto toured the old hospital Nov. 23, which is now a U.S. Naval Hospital Yokosuka auxiliary building, with a Japanese reporter who is chronicling the memories of Japanese citizens who served during the war.

U.S. Navy photo by Richard McManus

Konnichiwa

MLC employee Katsuo Kadowaki, a material planner, performs a routine check of stock for radar, sonar and antenna parts.

Photo by Yuji Kawabe

Where do you work? SRF-JRMC Electronics Shop.

How long have you worked on base? Thirty-four years.

What is your favorite food? A bowl of rice and broiled eel.

What is your life goal? To visit many hot springs in Japan after I retire.

Pet of the week

The Pet of the week this week is Crookshanks. She got this name because of the crook in the tip of her tail. She came to us along with her siblings, rescued by a family in Negishi. She has been around people and other cats her whole life so she would fit right in with other animals. To find out more about Crookshanks 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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