Commanding Officer of *USS Mustin (DDG 89)*, Cmdr. Scott Tait, stands with Quartermaster 3rd Class Christian McGhee at the chart table while giving a ship tour to Yoji Kawashima. Kawashima is a renowned local historian and an expert on the history of Yokosuka Naval Base. *Mustin* had the privilege of hosting him for lunch and learning the many interesting facts he had to share about this homeport.

Photo by Ensign Margaret Morton

Yokosuka Middle School seventh-grade students Raelynn Sanders and Joshua Del Rosario discuss the map of Tokyo Bay in their 7th grade geography class. The students are learning about international trade, specifically shipping between the Persian Gulf region and Japan.

Photo by Dale Duncan Jr.

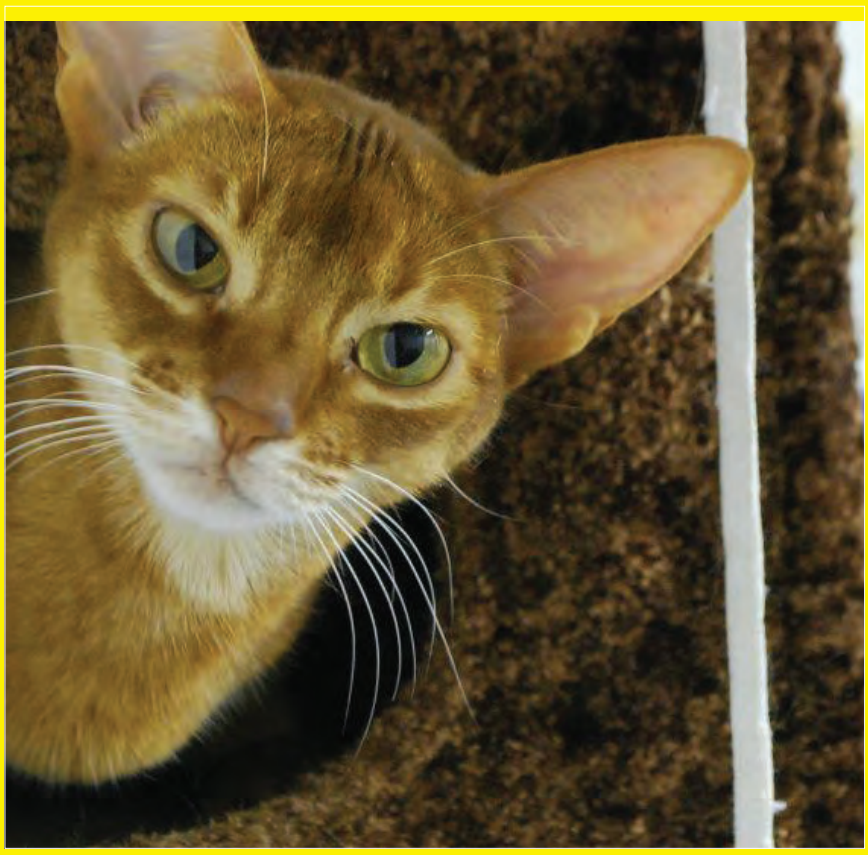
Lt. Cmdr. Kevin Ralston, executive officer of *USS Blue Ridge (LCC 19)*, U.S. 7th Fleet command ship, receives sea and anchor detail radio transmissions as the ship prepares to transit to dry dock at Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka for an incline survey. During the survey, *Blue Ridge* and shipyard personnel will take measurements and readings from the ship to help with future planning of structural additions.

Photo by MC2 Steven Khor

(Left) Lucy Atkins, IRS senior tax consultant, provides training and instruction to volunteer tax preparer BM1 Richard Foster of ATGWP at the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Center Jan. 12. The VITA Center, located on the third floor of the Community Readiness Center, will officially open for tax season Feb. 8.

Photo by Jeffrey C. Doepp

Pet of the Week



Meet Nina! She is a four-year-old pure breed Abyssinians. She is lovable and playful. Nina is small and fits right in your lap. If you would like to snuggle up to this pure breed, or if you are interested in any one of our other animals at Pets Are Worth Saving (PAWS) call 243-9996, e-mail usskittytalk.yokosuka@gmail.com, or visit us at the shelter. We are open on Tuesday and Thursday 3p.m. - 6p.m. We are always looking for NEW VOLUNTEERS!

Konnichiwa

Ship Repair Facility and Japan Regional Maintenance Center(SRF-JRMC) Friendly Society member Shinichi Kayama displays sake measures for the New Year ceremony at the carpenter shop Jan. 13.

Photo by Yuji Kawabe

Where do you work?	SRF-JRMC Service Craft Maintenance shop.
How long have you worked on base?	Three years.
What is your favorite food?	Sushi.
Life goal	To be a winner of a black bass fishing tournament.