Aviation boatswain's mates prepare to chock and chain an MH-60S Knight Hawk helicopter to the flight deck of the forward-deployed amphibious assault ship *USS Essex* (LHD 2) Jan. 26. *Essex*, commanded by Capt. David Fluker, is the lead ship in the only forward-deployed amphibious ready group.
U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Adam M. Bennett

Mount 51, a 5-inch, 54-caliber gun on the forecastle of *USS John S. McCain* (DDG 56) fires exercise rounds during a high-speed maneuvering surface target exercise shoot in support of MULTISAIL 2012 Jan.28. *McCain* is an Arleigh Burke Class guided-missile destroyer forward-deployed to Yokosuka.
U.S. Navy photo by Ens. Jimmy Stokes

Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Japan Rear Adm. Dan Cloyd and the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society Yokosuka Director Amy Lacaria cut the cake for the NMCRS 108th birthday celebration during the NMCRS Volunteer Semi-Annual Luncheon and Award Ceremony held at Silver Dollar Room CPO Club Jan. 27.
Photo by Yuji Kawabe

Sixth-grade teacher Raymond Hartz celebrates his victory as the sumo grand champion of Yokosuka Middle School. The sumo wrestling match was one of the events at the wrestling season pep-rally Jan. 23.
Photo by Dale Duncan Jr.

Konnichiwa

(Left) CSSN Zachary Lezott, who works in the Commodore Matthew C. Perry General Mess, serves burger and french fries to a Sailor during a lunch time meal at "Jewel of the East".
Photo by Yuji Kawabe

Where is your home town?	Allentown, NJ.
How long have you been in Japan?	Three years.
What is your favorite food?	Pesto.
What is your life goal?	To open my own resturant.

Pet of the Week

Troy is our "ruffest" kitty yet! He was a stray that was looking for a home. His sweet disposition makes you just love his rough exterior. If you would love to give Troy a warm place to live or are interested in any one of our other felines at pets are worth saving (P.A.W.S.) call 243-9996, email usskittytalk.yokosuka@gmail.com, or visit us at the shelter. We are open on Tuesday and Thursday 3 p.m.-6 p.m. We are always open for new volunteers!