Members of the Irish band Slip Jig perform on the forward mess decks aboard the nuclear-powered aircraft carrier *USS George Washington* (CVN 73) in celebration of St. Patrick's Day, March 17. The band performed Irish music for Sailors and toured the ship.

U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Jacob I. Allison

Commander Fleer Activities Yokosuka (CFAY) Commanding Officer Capt. David Owen talks with South Kanto Defense Bureau Director General Tatso Yamamoto andd CFAY Community Relations specialist Kyoko Sugita as a special guest on Yokosuka FM Radio station, March 15. They discussed the upcoming Spring Festival open base event, community relations activities, volunteer efforts and the Japan/U.S. friendship.

Photo by Yuji Kawabe

Yokosuka Middle School seventh-grade students Sydney Marshburn, Katrina Nelson and Madison Magowan sort sweets for the crew of the *USS Stethem* (DDG 63) March 19. The *Stethem* team students prepared the thank-you gifts to show appreciation to the ship's crew for their recent ship tour.

Photo by Dale N. Duncan Jr.

Marine Corps Capt. Ralph D. Rey, commander of Fleet Antiterrorism Security Team (FAST) Company Pacific, 2nd Platoon, inspects Marines in their dress blue Delta uniforms aboard U.S. 7th Fleet flagship *USS Blue Ridge* (LCC 19) March 14.

U.S. Navy photo by MCSN Michael Hendricks

Pet of the week

Kirro is a neutered male cat who was found in Ikego, suffering from infected bite wounds. It is believed that he was abandoned during the voluntary departure last year. He craves attention and is very affectionate, though he is nervous when outside a cat house. If you have a home to offer him, or would like to see the other animals available, please contact PAWS at 243-9996 or email usskittytalk.yokosuka@gmail.com.

Konnichiwa

Japanese Master Labor Contract employee Information Technology specialist Hiroaki Tsuboi checks and repairs a Ship Repair Facility and Japan Reegional Maintenance Center owned computer in an IT repair room.

Photo by Yuji Kawabe

Where is your hometown? Yokosuka City

How long have you worked on Base? 35 years

Favorite food? Miso (Soybean paste) and Natto (Fermented soybeans)

What is your life goal? To travel the world after I retire from working on base