

CNO speaks to Congress about quality of life, work

By MC2(SW) Rebekah Blowers,
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Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Adm. Gary Roughead and Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. James Conway testified before the House Appropriations Committee for Military Construction March 11.

Roughead reiterated to members of Congress that Sailors need to be individually ready as well as mission ready in order to maintain warfighting readiness. The CNO said shore installations must provide an environment which enables a high quality of work and a quality of life for Sailors, Navy civilians and their families.

"Maintaining quality of work means we provide our Sailors and Navy civilians with the facilities and support to get the job done efficiently and effectively. Sustaining a quality of life means we must address not only the needs of the Sailor and Navy civilian, but those of our Navy family as well," Roughead said.

He believes resources such as medical facilities, fitness centers, child care facilities and housing are top readiness and retention issues for Sailors, Navy civilians and their families.

"To address this need, we have requested funding for an additional 1,320 spaces at our child development

centers and homes this year," Roughead said. "We are grateful for your support for our public/private ventures, which satisfy critical housing needs."

He said these and other initiatives are important to encourage Sailors, Navy civilians and their families to "Stay Navy." In recent years, the Navy's shore facilities deteriorated as the focus of investments was shifted to afloat readiness. Navy Installations Command has made progress by leveraging best practices and consolidating budget development.

"To recapitalize our facilities and sustain our operational requirements today and in the future, we must make the right investments in the right capabilities and services at the right installations now," Roughead stated.

Roughead concluded by thanking the committee for their continued support of the Navy's 600,000 Sailors, Navy civilians and families stationed around the world.

(Right) Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Adm. Gary Roughead and the Commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen. James T. Conway, answer questions on Capitol Hill before the House Appropriations Committee on Military Construction. The Department of the Navy service chiefs discussed the quality of life for Sailors and Marines including housing and facilities.

U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Tiffini M. Jones



Sailors, family members take part in Negishi Earth Day

Story and photo by MC2(SW) Brock Taylor,
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Sailors and family members stationed at Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka (CFAY) and the base's Yokohama detachment spent a few hours of their weekend cleaning the areas surrounding Negishi Navy Housing March 15.

Negishi's Earth Day clean up event brought residents of Negishi, local Japanese residents and other volunteers from commands in Yokohama and Yokosuka together to collect trash from the streets and parks surrounding the base.

Negishi, which is situated near downtown Yokohama, shares the streets and parks surrounding Naka ward, one of Yokohama's 18 districts.

Postal Clerk 2nd Class (SW) Christian Jackson, a native of San Antonio said he feels keeping the community clean is everyone's responsibility.

"This is our home just as much as theirs, so I feel we are just as responsible to keep the city clean," said Jackson, who is assigned to Fleet Mail Center (FMC) Yokohama.

Tommie Daniels, Negishi's Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) activities manager and coordinator for the cleanup said the base has a long relationship with the local community and residents enjoy being a part of community relations (COMREL) projects like this one.

"I've been a resident of Negishi as far back as 1985 and I can say from experience that COMRELS like this one help maintain our continuous efforts in establishing a great relationship with the community," said Daniels.

More than 60 volunteers assembled near the base community center and split up into two groups. Following a quick brief the volunteers made their way off base and began collecting loose trash from the sidewalks, streets and parks.

Postal Clerk Seaman Charles Woodworth of Virginia Beach, Va., assigned to FMC Yokohama, said he has served over a year in Japan and enjoys making a positive impact on the community.

"I feel a sense of satisfaction when I come out to these types of COMRELS," said Woodworth. "I feel like I am doing my part in being a good neighbor over here



Sailors and their families from Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka (CFAY) and its Yokohama detachment walk around the perimeter of the Negishi Navy Housing area collecting trash during the Negishi Earth Day cleanup March 15. The Negishi community works with the city of Yokohama in community cleanup events several times a year.

just by picking up a few pieces of trash. The Japanese who live here can see it and I think they appreciate it too," he said.

Negishi has served as a housing base for Sailors serving in Yokosuka and Yokohama since 1959 and holds several COMREL events with the city of Yokohama annually, promoting a positive relationship with the local Japanese community.





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Yokosuka

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司令官の相談室

JN Dispensary – The Japanese dispensary will be temporarily relocated to a pre-engineered building fabricated behind the current dispensary building. Medical service is available at the PEB through July 31, while the existing dispensary is renovated.

日本人従業員診療所の改装工事が1月23日に始まる予定です。それにともない、診療所を仮設プレハブに移動して診療を続けることになっています。仮設プレハブは診療所の奥の空き地に設置し、1月23日～7月3日までの間プレハブでの診療を予定しています。

BZ: I enjoyed my first dining experience at Chili's the other day and although it was evident they are still in "training" mode, the friendly, prompt service of the wait staff and the quality of the food makes me want to go back again.

BZ: Bravo Zulu to Uchiyama-san and Atsushi-san of the Navy Exchange Car Rental for helping me last month when my van stalled in their parking lot. I didn't have a jump starter kit on hand but they were more than willing to lend me one. Atsushi-san even used one of their rental cars to try to jump start my van. He was very pleasant and seemed sincerely happy to be able to help. Although I wasn't a Car Rental customer at the time, he went out of his way to help me out without making me feel that I was inconveniencing him. Thank you so much for your prompt assistance and willingness to help.

BZ: I would like to take this opportunity to extend a Bravo Zulu to Misuzu-san of UTC Travel located at the ITT Office. She has helped me a few times in meeting my travel needs, and each time has been a great experience for me. She always exhibits professionalism, pleasant demeanor and a sense of urgency in fulfilling my needs and requests. She helped me acquire a copy of a check payment I made back in 2005 in a matter of less than an hour! She is undoubtedly a valued asset to UTC Travel. I truly appreciate all your help.

BZ: A Bravo Zulu goes out to Brandon Bergeron who leads and supervises the Personal Conditioning & Training Fitness Program offered by the Youth Sports Office. He does an excellent job motivating and guiding the youth participants to work on their fitness goals. He makes it fun and diverse which definitely makes it easier for the kids to set a healthy lifestyle path throughout their teenage and adult lives. My son has joined the program two consecutive times and it has undoubtedly resulted in a dramatic improvement in his health and fitness condition. Thank you so much and keep up the good work!

BZ: My husband and I are very grateful to the entire staff at the hourly Child Development Center (CDC) for their exceptional dedication to our 27 month old daughter. The staff is loving, creative, kind and extremely focused on the needs of the children. Our daughter calls the program her "school" and the activities and games are age appropriate and modern in their development of childhood skills. We are older parents and have seen many other children's programs and we are

very impressed by the caliber of the staff and their loving involvement with the children. We are especially appreciative to Charisse Fernandez, the program leader in our daughter's room, for her total dedication to the needs of the children under her care. It is our conclusion that the staff at the center are heroes for their support of military families and we thank them for their important, positive role in our daughter's development.

Q: Below is the response to an ICE comment I submitted two weeks ago. I was aware of the solution to the heating problem, just disgruntled that it took three years to repair, however the answer provided concerning the removal of the off base phone in the CPO Club is totally unacceptable. The Duty Manager has a lot of duties, especially when there is an event upstairs, and cannot always be easily located. Additionally the bar/restaurant staff cannot be expected to use their personal cell phones to call a taxi for patrons. As a retired master chief and a proponent of the "None for the Road" I believe an off base telephone needs to be made available in all clubs as an avenue for the patrons to find an alternate means of transportation home. If the Japanese telephone company NTT didn't generate enough income from the phone, which I understand is a contract through the Navy Exchange (NEX), Morale, Welfare and Recreation or NEX should pick up the difference to show they also support the "None for the Road" Program. Bottom line, we need to do what is smart and best for our Sailors.

A: Thank you for bringing this to our attention. As discussed previously, the public phone (with off base access) was removed by the Japanese phone company because of almost zero use. To continue to have the phone there requires MWR to pay approximately \$90 per month, which to this point we've been reluctant to do as we have only received a single complaint since the phone was removed several months ago, and because it means some other MWR program or activity is adversely impacted from moving funds to pay for this phone. Our CPO Club staff is cheerfully standing by to assist you in making an occasional phone call to summon an off base taxi for CPO guests, as this is a common practice in most restaurant and nightclub establishments that MWR also follows, and the CPO Club has business phones that are available for staff to use for this purpose. With that said, the CPO Club manager has agreed to fund a new off base phone for customer use. We have asked NTT to reinstall a payphone and are awaiting their response, which may require a delay of a few more weeks. Thank you again for your comment.

Q: The other day as I was turning right at the light in front of the Fleet Recreation Center, there was a Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka Security van in front of me making the same turn. The driver honked to fellow security personnel that were on the water front side of the street (to our left), They ran across the street (not using the sidewalks) and jumped into the van to catch a ride. Is this a good example

to be showing to the rest of the public?
A: Thank you for your concern. This issue has already been addressed. It is not good practice or a good example for the CFAY community. If you see something like this in the future, then as a 2nd class petty officer in the U.S. Navy you have the authority vested in you according to Navy Regulations to "maintain good order and discipline." Please address issues like this when you see them occur. Thanks again for bringing this to our attention.

Action Line correspondence may be edited for length and readability. Your questions, suggestions and "Bravo Zulu" comments are appreciated. Please address personal concerns with your chain of command or directly with the parties involved, at the lowest level possible. If you don't get results, send an e-mail to yo-cocorner@fe.navy.mil. We welcome your feedback, especially if it is of a general nature and can help others. The next "Commander's Corner" live call-in show is tentatively scheduled for April 3. This is your opportunity to call in and speak with Commander, Fleet Activities, Yokosuka Capt. Daniel L. Weed about issues affecting our community. To contact the Seahawk, call 243-5607/3003 or e-mail: yo-cocorner@fe.navy.mil.

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Heating Season ends March 31 – In support of current Navy and national energy policies, Public Works Department Yokosuka will begin shutting off heat in accordance with the following schedule:

- March 24-25: Industrial areas such as warehouses, maintenance shops, etc.
- March 26-27: offices and administrative areas
- March 27-28: Common areas such as retail and clubs
- March 28-31: Living areas such as housing, bachelor quarters, schools

Commissary Closure – The Yokosuka Commissary will be closed for inventory April 28-29 but will re-open for business with normal operating hours April 30.

Temporary Office Relocation – AIU Insurance, H&R Block, Girls Scouts and Stars and Stripes offices have been relocated to the first floor west wing of building J196 due to building renovation. Contact Lt. j.g. Hawkins at 243-6416 for more information.

Month of the Military Child – Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) is sponsoring an essay writing contest open to all school-age children of Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka, Ikego and Negishi. Submissions can be a poem or a top 10 list on "What I like about being a Military Child." A committee will select the best 1st, 2nd and 3rd place entries and prizes will be awarded. Entries must be received at FFSC by close of business April 4. Contact Steve Ancheta at 243-9623 or Robyn Wilson at 243-7878 for more information.

Survey says... – The city of Yokosuka is asking for your input to a series of questions on a survey to help better serve the Yokosuka base community. If you would like to participate in this survey, visit the Web site <http://ycci.sukaichi.jp/enquete/>.

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George Washington Strike Group completes training exercises

By *USS George Washington* Public Affairs

The *George Washington* (GW) Strike Group returned to port March 14, following the successful completion of their Tailored Ship's Training Availability (TSTA) and Final Evaluation Problem (FEP) while also participating in a Canadian Task Group Exercise, concurrently.

TSTA/FEP comprised the final training exercise the strike group will complete prior to deploying in April for participation in the U.S. Southern Command Partnership of the Americas, as well as GW's inter-fleet transfer to Yokosuka, Japan, to replace the *USS Kitty Hawk* as the Navy's only forward deployed aircraft carrier.

TSTA/FEP is designed to test the GW Strike Group's ability to fight their ships by evaluating the crews' responses to a number of damage control and casualty situations to ensure that they would be able to sustain operations despite challenging situations.

During the several weeks of training and evaluation, the GW Strike Group also participated in Canada's Task Group Exercise 02-08 (TGEX 02-08) with four Canadian ships and a submarine. The destroyer *HMCS Iroquois* (DDG 280), frigates *HMCS Ville de Quebec* (FFH 332), *HMCS St. John's* (FFH 340), oil replenishment ship *HMCS Preserver* (AOR 510), and the submarine *HMCS Corner Brook* (SSK-878) trained cooperatively with GW, *USS Farragut* (DDG 99), *USS Boone* (FFG 28) and *USS Kauffman* (FFG 59).

The Canadian TGEX 02-08 was designed to prepare the Canadian ships for their upcoming deployment by testing each in a wide variety of mission areas from their air defense, anti-submarine and anti-surface capabilities to their ability to conduct humanitarian efforts and refueling at sea operations. By participating in the Canadian TGEX 02-08, the GW Strike Group was able to take its TSTA/FEP to a new level of tactical complexity not normally undertaken during this type of training milestone.

The hard-work and cooperation from both the American and Canadian ships during TGEX 02-08 received high praise from the Commander of the Canadian Task Group, Commodore R. A. Davidson.

"In all, I believe this to have been an excellent testament to the progress we are making in achieving smooth interoperability between our respective navies and clearly illustrates the value, both in training and for operation, in achieving that goal," he said.

The GW Strike Group Commander, Rear Adm. Phil Cullom echoed the importance of their cooperative training to the ultimate goal of achieving security in the region.



MA1 Willie Jackson scans the water during a drill aboard the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier *USS George Washington* (CVN 73). GW is undergoing carrier qualifications and flight deck certification in preparation for its homeport change to Yokosuka, Japan.

U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Ian Schoeneberg

"While this specific maritime collaboration had a tremendous benefit to the readiness of both our Strike Group and the Canadian Task Group, the greatest benefit to both our nations is the increased security that results from honing such a strong maritime partnership," Cullom said.

With both exercises successfully completed, the strike group commander was clearly looking forward to future missions.

"Ultimately, we consider our recent cooperation with the Canadians an excellent kick-off to the extensive training the GW Strike Group will be conducting with numerous hemispheric partners in South America during our upcoming deployment," said Cullom.

CVW5 conducts Field Carrier Landing Practice at Iwo To, Japan

By MC3 Matthew R. White,
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Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 5 conducted night field carrier landing practice (FCLP) on the island of Iwo To (formerly Iwo Jima), Japan, March 14 to sharpen their landing skills prior to embarking *USS Kitty Hawk* (CV 63).

"Landing on a ship isn't exactly the easiest thing to do in the world," said Lt. Raymond Bieze, an F/A-18 E Super Hornet pilot for the "Royal Maces" of Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 27.

"We don't get a lot of practice to do that in Japan because of the pattern restrictions. That's why we come down here to Iwo To," he added.

Conducting night FCLP at Iwo To provides pilots with a more realistic training environment than if they were practicing at Naval Air Facility Atsugi.

"They turn off all the runway lights," Bieze said. "You get kind of a sense of what it's like to land on a ship [because] there's no cultural lighting at all."

"At Atsugi you have the opposite problem," he added. "The cultural lighting is so strong that the runway is the darkest area around, which isn't realistic to carrier landing at all," Bieze continued.

Beside lighting conditions, practicing at Iwo To allows pilots to use the same landing pattern they'd use

for an actual carrier landing. According to Bieze, the landing pattern at Atsugi is much higher than at Iwo To due to the large population of the surrounding community.

"It's not the same landing at Atsugi," he said. "It's a lot more advantageous to practice at Iwo To."

Based on the saying, "Practice makes perfect," Bieze and other pilots know FCLP is not only a requirement, but a very helpful tool to keep them sharp and prepared.

"FCLP is done every time before you embark on a ship," said Bieze. "It gets you in the mindset to be able to land aboard the ship and gets pilots back into the groove."

FCLP isn't just for the pilots. Ground crews play a vital role in keeping the aircraft in the air and the pilots safe.

"I am the squadron's first line to notice if anything is wrong with the aircraft," said Aviation Machinist's Mate Airman Michael Martin, a plane captain for Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 102. "The plane captain is in charge of the jet," he said.

"If I find something I report it as quick as possible so they can get it fixed before it goes back up or down it so they can get another jet ready," Martin said.

Martin said the biggest part of his job is safety. He added that it's a good feeling to know he's responsible for the aircraft.



An F/A-18 Super Hornet assigned to Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 5 flies over Air Station Iwo To during a Field Carrier Landing Practice evolution March 14.

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C7F presents former JMSDF chief with Legion of Merit

By MC2(SW) Adam Vernon,
C7F Public Affairs

Vice Adm. Doug Crowder, commander, U.S. 7th Fleet, presented Vice Adm. (ret) Kazunari Doke with the Legion of Merit during a ceremony held aboard the 7th Fleet flagship *USS Blue Ridge* (LCC 19) March 14.

Doke, who served as commander in chief, Self Defense Fleet, Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF) from March 2006 to March 2007, said he was excited to receive such a high honor.

"It is a great honor to be here," Doke said after receiving the award. "So many people supported me during my tenure as Self-Defense Fleet and ... I will continue to support the U.S. Navy."

During his time as Self-Defense Fleet for the JMSDF, Doke participated in more than 20 bilateral fleet and command post exercises, including ANNUALEX and Keen Edge, which covered a wide range of operational scenarios. Additionally, he oversaw the JMSDF's inaugural participation in multilateral exercises with the April 2006 Goodwill Exercise, which helped strengthen the security cooperation between Japan and its neighbors.

Crowder added that Doke served his country proudly for many years and the ceremony was one example of the U.S. Navy showing their appreciation.

"This is yet another symbol of strength between our two navies and more importantly, our two countries," said Crowder. "Today, this is our opportunity to honor his service."



Commander U.S. 7th Fleet Vice Adm. Doug Crowder and Vice Adm. (ret) Kazunari Doke shake hands during an awards ceremony aboard *USS Blue Ridge* (LCC 19) March 14.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Matthew Schwarz

USS John S. McCain Sailors receive Anthrax vaccinations

Story and photo by MC2 Byron C. Linder,
Fleet Public Affairs Det., Japan

Hospital corpsmen from the Arleigh Burke-class guided missile destroyer *USS John S. McCain* (DDG 56) administered anthrax vaccinations to the crew as a vital force protection measure in the Navy's efforts in the war on terror.



HM3 Joseph Clemons administers an anthrax vaccine to a Sailor aboard the guided missile destroyer *USS John S. McCain* (DDG 56). The anthrax vaccine series is a requirement for Sailors serving in the forward deployed naval forces.

Immunization is mandatory for Sailors of the forward-deployed naval forces, and according to Chief Hospital Corpsman (SW) Kevin Varner, the effort required to immunize a ship's crew is massive.

"There's a lot of coordination involved. At the department head level, and at the Planning Board for Training, they organize drills and training exercises along with shot schedules. The CPO community does a lot to make this happen," said Varner. "Chiefs arrange watch

relief, so their people get immunized and do so to ensure everyone is protected."

The anthrax vaccine is virtually harmless and works like any other vaccine - by stimulating the immune system to create antibodies to protect your body in case of exposure. According to the Military Vaccine Agency's Web site, there are three types of infection: cutaneous or skin, which can result from handling contaminated animal products. Gastrointestinal or stomach anthrax can occur when eating raw or undercooked contaminated meat. The last type, inhalational anthrax, can occur when inhaling as few as 5000-6000 anthrax spores—perhaps in a single deep breath.

Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class David Cummings said the vaccinations are crucial for *McCain's* crew.

"Here in the forward deployed forces, we go to all sorts of countries, and most of them don't have the sanitation standards we're used to. So I think it's a good thing this is mandatory."

Varner added the nature of forward deployed naval forces presented a higher risk for anthrax exposure. "We're in a high-profile area, and we're easy to target with our port visits and operational schedule," he said. "We need the extra protection."

Varner said that a corpsman's visibility and familiarity with the crew plays a key role in ensuring the vaccination program is a success.

"There's a lot of trust inherent in a Navy shipboard corpsman. We're very honest and in a very high-profile job," Varner said. "If we have a bad day here, everyone knows about it. If the crew doesn't trust us, then we can't do our job. We must maintain their trust. For those who are nervous about getting the Anthrax vaccination, we sit down and talk with them."

Ikego West Valley Campgrounds - The Ikego West Valley Campgrounds is the place to spend a fun filled weekend with family or friends. Activities include camping, wall climbing, archery, trail hiking, frisbee golf, paintball and more! For campsite reservation, call 243-5732 or visit the Outdoor Recreation Center from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday - Tuesday. Also, on Saturdays and Sundays, reservations may be made at the Ikego paintball area from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Additionally, for your convenience, you may e-mail reservation requests to preston.valerie@cfay.navy.mil. Payments must be made in full within three days of the reservation date, otherwise subject to cancellation. Each site holds a maximum of 20 people.

名所物見の旅 其の参拾参 - 桜前線北上中

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桜の季節が近づいてくると何やらそわそわして、旅行の予定があるわけでもないのに全国あちこちの桜の名所をチェックしたりするのが慣わしとなっている。南北に長い日本では桜前線北上に伴って南から北まで一ヶ月も桜花を楽しめ、それぞれの地方独自の風景と桜の組み合わせを堪能できる。予算も時間も限られている私などは近所の桜を眺めて満足するのが例年のことで、なかなか遠くの桜などを見に行くことは出来ないが、各地の写真を見ながら「来年こそあそこに行ってみよう」などと計画を立てるのは楽しいものである。中でも今気になっているのが東北の桜。弘前城址や角館の武家屋敷は昔から有名であるが、今まであまり知られていなかった桜が近年紹介され話題になっており、旅の狙い目として今後の宿題としている。

さて今回は有名地の名木と名所の桜を挙げてみよう。まず推奨したいのが名木。日本の三大桜と呼ばれこの紙面でも以前紹介した山梨県実相寺の「山高神代桜」をはじめ、岐阜県根尾谷の「薄墨桜」、福島県三春の「滝桜」は樹齢千年を越す名木で、是非一度は訪れたいところである。

名所と言えばまず京都であろうか。四月ともなれば枚挙に遑がないほどの桜が咲き誇って、日本の古都を彩る。染井吉野が大半を占める東京と違い、京都は枝垂桜を中心に紅枝垂桜、八重桜、里桜、山桜、彼岸桜、小彼岸桜、染井吉野、桃桜など驚くほどバラエティーに富み、桜と古寺がよく調和している。東山では清水寺の山桜と染井吉野。円山公園や平安神宮の祇園枝垂桜。石川五右衛門の「絶景かな」で知られる南禅寺は紅枝垂桜や八重桜。山科は秀吉の絢爛豪華な花見で有名な醍醐寺の枝垂桜。洛中の二条城や京都御所は枝垂桜・染井吉野・山桜・里桜。洛西は善峯寺の里桜や嵐山の山桜。洛北は鞍馬寺の鞍馬雲珠桜。京北の常照皇寺は天然記念物の九重桜をはじめ御車返しの桜・左近の桜などが咲き誇りカメラマンに人気のスポット。京都の桜のフィナーレを飾るのは遅咲きで知られるの仁和寺の御室桜。そして仁和寺の桜が終わると、いよいよ季節は初夏を迎える。

日本を代表する名所として、私は以前には吉野がその最右翼だと思っていた。何しろ山麓の「下千



北の丸側から見た千鳥ヶ淵の桜。桜の写真は色彩が主題となるので、モノクロームにしてしまうとよく分からなくなってしまうが、この時は桜も水面も風景全体が淡いピンクに染まっていた。

本」から「中千本」、「上千本」そして最上部「奥千本」まで三万本の桜が山を覆う。ひと月近くも桜を楽しむことが出来るわけで、西行法師じゃないけれど歌でも詠んで暮らしたくもなろうというものだ。しかしここ数十年の間に建造物などによる風景破壊が進み、残念ながら吉野は昔の面影を取り戻すことは難しいであろう。

さて東京に目を移して江戸時代の桜の名所に関する資料を見ると、江戸の桜の名所は上野をはじめ、向島、王子の飛鳥山、日暮里の道灌山、高輪の御殿山、そして郊外では小金井が挙げられている。江戸時代の名所もほぼ現在と同じであるが、面白いことに上野では酒や鳴り物が禁止されていて、桜の下でのドンチャン騒ぎなどはもってのほか。夕方七ツ（午後四時ごろ）には山から出されたという。したがって上野の山の桜見物客は年寄りと女子供が中心だったようだ。隅田川と荒川に挟まれた景勝地・向島は飲食が許可されていたので、江戸市中では一番賑わっていたといわれる。

現在東京で一二を争う人気のスポット、九段周辺はどのようであったのだろうか。濠に浮かぶ花びらが幽玄の一語に尽きる田安門からの千鳥ヶ淵の桜を、江戸城詰めの上士・下士たちはどのような思いを抱えて眺めたのであろうかと、私は思い馳せるのである。

日本中どここの都市へ行っても桜並木があり、春になると街行く人を楽しませてくれるが、いざ写真を撮ろうとすると邪魔なものが多く、クローズアップならともかくロングではいいアングルを見つけることが難しい。都会の桜の宿命ともいえるが、マンションなどの建造物は致し方ないとしても、電線ぐらいいはなんとかならないのかといつも思う。そんな中でも公園などでは思いがけないアングルを見つけられることがあって、ここ数年来通っているのが根岸森林公園の桜。早朝の光の美しい時間帯などは、光線の加減次第では時に驚くほどの光景を見せることがある。桜の表情は天候などによって毎年違うものがあり、まさに一期一会。今年は何処でどんな出会いがあるのか楽しみである。



京都は写材が豊富で、桜の満開を迎えると多くの人で賑わう。（哲学の道にて）

Kinnick High receives high marks from accreditation board

Story and photo by Vicki Boehler, Nile C. Kinnick Public Affairs

Nile C. Kinnick High School recently received high marks from two prestigious education accreditation boards, and Principal David Tran could not be more pleased with the results.

“Our Continuous School Improvement (CSI) committee has worked diligently the past two years to showcase our outstanding high school,” Tran said. “Kinnick has a proud tradition of excellence, and we intend to maintain this standard as long as our doors remain open.”

A Quality Assurance Review Team representing the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (NCA CASI), a division of AdvancedED, paid a two-day visit to the school Feb. 20 – 21.

The Quality Assurance Review team specifically highlighted KHS CSI leadership for creating an environment that engages all staff in school improvement. The review team singled out the positive attitude towards CSI, which is evident throughout the school.

“Our faculty and support groups like CSI juniors provide a high level of engagement at Kinnick,” Tran said. “Because of the shared leadership and positive climate toward CSI, we will continue to strive for excellence.”

During the two-day visit, the Quality Assurance Review Team interviewed Principal David Tran, Assistant Principal Shelly Kennedy, CSI co-chairs Kyle Siftar, Tom Short, Data Team members Scott Andrews and James Rowell, as well as 24 students, 23 parents, and 41 teachers.

Kinnick High School’s CSI goals include improving both math and language arts skills across the curriculum.



Psychology, Honors World History and AP Government Teacher Kyle Siftar, instructs a class of students at Kinnick High School. Siftar, who is also Kinnick’s Continuous School Improvement co-chairperson participated and assisted in the Quality Assurance Review Team visit Feb. 20 – 21.

MWR Skate Park provides a safe after school get away

Story and photo By Tetaun Moffett, CFAY Public Affairs

As technology continues to advance and game consoles, personal computers and various gadgets take control of this generation’s youth; Skate parks are often considered one of the few remaining outdoor recreational activities. Skate parks first emerged in the 1970s, and were primarily private, for-profit endeavors and were built of concrete located outdoors.

Just outside Yokosuka’s Purdy Fitness Center the Morale Welfare Recreation (MWR) Skate Park acts as an after school get-a-way that attracts inspiring skaters throughout the community. The park design is equipped with quarter/half pipes, freestyle areas and a variety of other riding stations. According to Purdy Fitness Center Duty Manager William Brown, the park is primarily designed for skate fans to have fun and enjoy their favorite outdoor sporting activity.

“Twelve months ago the skate park was relocated from behind Thew Gym because there was a lot safety hazards; the ramps would often be covered with sand and other debris and there wasn’t enough visibility,” said Brown.

At the current location an estimate of 100 kids weekly

skate after school and on weekends. Many come out and spend there afternoon practicing the latest tricks and freestyles. “We make our rounds hourly to observe the kids skating and safety is very important. We want them to have fun but they know that there are rules that



Two Yokosuka youths demonstrate one of their favorite freestyles at the Moral Welfare Recreation Skate Park outside Purdy Gym.

must be followed in order to protect their safety,” Brown said.

Prior to using the skate park, all users must sign a

copy of the rules and youth under the age of 18 require a parent or guardian signature. Kids are issued a membership card that allows them to checkout gear and enter the facility. Brown said, “Helmets with straps fastened, kneepads and elbow pads are required. If a child doesn’t have the proper equipment they cannot enter the skate park.”

Dylan Gray a regular at the skate park said he loves the facility especially since MWR moved it from the Thew Gym.

“Its great, I don’t have to worry about the sand anymore and my friends and I can enjoy skating without getting hurt,” said Gray.

The park is opened from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. but the majority of the traffic picks up in the late afternoon when kids are finished with homework and just want to get away and enjoy some skateboarding and inline skating.

“This park is cool; we can come here and practice our favorite tricks such as, the 360; inward heel flips; board slides girl boarding, and other popular flips, said Gray.”

Although safety is priority, the MWR Skate Park is the perfect get away from modern technology where

kids can have fun and enjoy the outdoors. For more information on how to obtain a membership card contact the Purdy Fitness Center at 243-5398.

Ikego’s third grade classes celebrate with Reading Awards

By Dawn Mitchell and Bill Hunter, Ikego Elementary School

Ikego Elementary School third grade classes celebrated the Rock-N-Roll Reading Awards March 4.

The awards were given out as part of a day celebrating reading. Prior to the awards, students were treated to a breakfast of Green Eggs and Ham in celebration of Dr. Seuss’s birthday. Parents provided green eggs, green sausage, green bacon, green muffins, and even green Diet coke for the teachers (Diet Coke Lime). Just like Sam, there were those students that would not and could not eat green eggs but most decided that they would eat them in a boat or even with a goat.

After breakfast, the FireFly Theater was filled to capacity as students, dressed in their best clothes, eagerly anticipated the event trying to guess the winners of the different categories. Many students were seen practicing their acceptance speeches. Parents, scattered throughout the classroom, were eagerly waiting to snap pictures of their favorite Ikego Idol. As Literacy Facilitator Michelle Moore read each nominee and announced the winner, applause broke out throughout the building. Students representing each category accepted their trophy with a profound graciousness found in more formal settings.

The award categories were: Favorite Author, Best Non-fiction, Favorite Comic series, Best Poetry book, Favorite Illustrated book, Favorite ABC book, Favorite Character, Favorite Eyewitness book, Favorite Read-A-Loud, Favorite Caldecott book, Favorite Picture book, Favorite Newberry book, Best Chapter book, Favorite Biography and Favorite Dr. Seuss book.



An Ikego Elementary School student is nervously excited about eating his green eggs breakfast. The green breakfast was offered in celebration of Dr. Seuss’s birthday.

Photo by Bill Hunter

MWR Happenings

Morale, Welfare & Recreation • Yokosuka, Japan • March 28, 2008

Youth Sports

Free Football Clinic!
Do you love Football?



Join Head Coach Robert Cole and the 2007 USFJ Champion Yokosuka Seahawks for a **FREE** football clinic.

Schedule for the Clinics:

Saturday, March 29 for ages 15-18
from 1500 to 1800 at Berkey Football Field

Sunday, March 30 for ages 11-14
from 1430 to 1700 at Berkey Football Field

Sunday, March 30 for ages 7-10
from 1200 to 1400 at Berkey Football Field

For more information please contact the Youth Sports Office at 241-2952.

OFFICERS' CLUB RENOVATIONS

Monday, March 31 to Mid-July (Tentative)

Kurofune Lounge, the Game Room, and Main Cashier Cage will be open. Administration and Catering Offices will be open for inquiries and booking future reservations or parties. We apologize for any inconvenience.

For details, please call 243-5030/5002.

CHILD WATCH PROGRAM AT PURDY FITNESS CENTER

Let us watch your children while you work out! We now offer the option on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays from 0900 to 1215. The cost is \$3/1.5 hour session. For details please call 243-5398.

FREE

Lt. Dan's New Legs



Sumbrosa Union

Muscle Seven



ROCK THE HAWK MUSIC FEST

Everyone is welcome to join Club Alliance for a two day, three band bash dedicated to the crew of USS Kitty Hawk! Shows are open to ages 18 and up, and are sponsored by AFE & MWR. For more information about the bands, log on to www.armedforcesentertainment.com/AFEmedia_center_player.htm

THURSDAY, APRIL 3 AT 2000
R&B SHOW: LT. DAN'S NEW LEGS

If you like the Black Eyed Peas, you'll LOVE this band. Check out www.ldnl.net and get ready for a funk-filled night!

FRIDAY, APRIL 4 AT 2000
SUBROSA UNION AND MUSCLE SEVEN

"Ska, Reggae Rock and Ska/Punk Show"
Headliner, Sumbrosa Union, brings a sweet mix of ska and rock that sounds like So-Cal and reminiscent of Sublime. Local ska punk band, Muscle Seven kicks off the night with a skankin' sound of ska and punk.



Outside the Gate

ITT Tickets

Attention Keikyu Passnet Users

Beginning March 15, all Keikyu train stations will no longer accept Passnet Cards. If you have an active card, please return it to the nearest Keikyu station for a refund on the balance of the card.

Discount Yunessun Hot Spring Tickets

ITT is now selling discount tickets to the relaxing hot springs of Yunessun in beautiful Hakone! Tickets cost ¥1,700 for adults (12 yrs old and above), and ¥1,000 for children (3 - 11 years old). Tickets are valid until June 30, 2008.

Discount Hakeijima Sea Paradise Tickets

Discount tickets for Hakeijima Sea Paradise are back! Tickets, good for admission to the aquarium, Dolphin Fantasy and all rides are now on sale at ITT for ¥4,600 for adults 16 years and older, ¥3,300 for juniors 6 - 15 years old and ¥1,900 for children 4 - 5 years old. Tickets are valid until March 31, 2008. *All rides in the park will be closed from January 15 - 25 for general maintenance.

Tokyo Disneyland and DisneySea Tickets

Did you know ITT sells tickets to Tokyo Disneyland and Tokyo DisneySea*? Get yours today for only ¥5,800 for adults, ¥ 5,000 for juniors and ¥3,900 for children! *Tickets to both parks have expiration dates that tickets must be used prior to. Tickets may not allow entry into the park during high attendance times.

Wiener Sangerknaben

Don't miss the Wiener Sangerknaben Boy's Choir of Vienna, Austria performing live at the Yokosuka Art Theater on April 27. ITT is now selling tickets for ¥5,200 (reserved seats). Children 6 years of age and younger cannot attend this concert.

Sumo Yokosuka Basho

Japan's national sport is coming to our own backyard for a one day tournament at Yokosuka Sogo Taikukaikan on April 6 and MWR can get you there! ITT is now selling tickets for ¥10,000 (S seats), ¥7,000 (A seats) and ¥3,500 (B seats). Gift sets can be purchased for an additional ¥3,500.

For details about any of the ITT events listed above, give them a call at 241-5056/5057.

Ticket sales are open to all DoD I.D. card holders, 18 years old and above attached to CFAY and tenant commands. For more information about the Outdoor Recreation trips listed below, call 243-5732.

Outdoor Recreation

Intermediate Sea Kayaking in Yokohama, Kanagawa Prefecture

View the sakura (cherry blossoms) from the water with Outdoor Recreation on April 5! This trip will go in and around great sakura viewing sites, and is geared toward those with some kayaking experience who want to try something different. The cost is \$50 per person. There is a briefing for this trip on April 3 at 1700 in the Outdoor Recreation Center.

Beginner Rock Climbing at Kotakuji, Atsugi, Kanagawa Prefecture

Join Outdoor Recreation on April 5 as we head for the east side of Ooyama Quasi-national Park to enjoy the colors of spring as we climb this 40-meter high, beginner friendly big rock. The cost is \$40 per person.

Takamine MTB World at Takamine, Ibaragi Prefecture

Attention mountain bikers! Join us on April 6 as we enjoy an action packed day at Takamine MTB World. The cost is \$40 per person for transportation only. It will cost an additional ¥500 for a van ride to the summit of Mt. Takamine, and ¥2,000 for entrance into MTB world.

Beginner Day Hike at Kinubariyama in Zushi-Kamakura

On April 12, Outdoor Recreation is going hiking in nearby Kinubariyama. We will begin our hike near Nagoe Kiridoshi, which used to be one of the important entrances to the ancient capital. Kinubariyama has a spectacular view of Kamakura city, Sagami Bay and Mt. Fuji. After lunch, we will hike down for a visit at Houkokuji (Bamboo Temple). The walk will take approximately 3 to 4 hours. The cost is \$20 per person and includes admission to the temple.

Paintball

For a fun day of shooting your friends, Ikego's Paintball Paradise is open for walk-in play every Saturday and Sunday from 1000 to 1600. Open Play is \$20 for 1 day's field fees, air and basic rental package. The field is also available Monday thru Friday for birthday parties, command functions, team building or just a group of friends. Reservation fees include field fees, air, basic rental package and 200 ball. A 2-hour reservation is \$20 and a 4-hour reservation is \$36.

Bicycle Storage

Are you tired from worrying about your bicycle? Do you hate getting the rust off of your gears and chain? Do you want to ensure that your bike stays clean, dry and ready for use? Then store it at Outdoor Recreation Center for only \$15 a month.

April With the Your MWR Community Centers

Yokosuka

Arts, Crafts, Skills and Development

Cooking with Chef Clement (Ages 18 & up):

Wednesday 23 from 1100~1300. Fee: \$15 + \$5 for materials.

Pan seared chicken breast with mushrooms, artichokes and tarragon in a sherry cream sauce, served with roasted vegetable cous cous.

Japanese Cooking (Menu: Katsudon & Miso): Thursday 10 from 1700~1900 / Friday 18 from 1000~1200 Fee: \$15 per class + \$5 for materials.

Kumon (Japanese / Math / English): Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday from 1430~1830. Fee: \$60 per month.

Please contact the Community Center for further information or placement test.

Music & Dance

Classical Guitar (Ages 9 & up): Monday, Wednesday or Fridays. Fee: \$50 per month for 4 lessons. Please contact the Community Center for open slots.

Latin Dance / Salsa: Mondays 14, 21 & 28 from 1800~1900. Fee: \$10 per class.

Taiko Drums (Ages 8~15): Tuesdays 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 from 1700~1800. Fee: \$40 per month for 4 lessons.

Language

Beginning Japanese (Katayanagi): Please call for more information. Fee: \$7 per class (Conversational).

Pre-Intermediate Japanese (Katayanagi): Please call for more information. Fee: \$7 per class (Conversational).

Intermediate Japanese (Katayanagi): Please call for more information. Fee: \$7 per class (Conversational).

Children's Classes

Acting 101 (Grades 2 & up): Mondays 7, 14 & 21 from 1600~1700. Fee: \$10 per class.

Pottery: Mondays 7, 14, 21 & 28 / Wednesdays 2, 9, 16 & 23 from 1430~1530. Fee: \$8 per class.

Drawing: Fridays 4, 11, 18 & 25 from 1430~1600 or 1600~1730. Fee: \$7.50 per class.

Ikego

Adult Classes

Guitar (Kikuta): Tuesdays from 1630~1900 or Wednesdays from 1730~1900. Fee: \$50 per month for 4 classes.

Japanese Language: Tuesdays from 1200~1300 or 1300~1400. Fee: \$7 per class.

Taekwon-Do Martial Arts (Ages 10 & up): Wednesdays from 1845~1945. Fee: \$35.

Children's Classes

Toddler Ballet II (Ages 4-5): Mondays from 1140-1210. Fee: \$7 per class.

Start Smart Play & Learn (Ages 2~5 with parent): Tuesdays from 1300~1400. Fee: \$32 for 4 classes a month.

Math Club & Japanese Language (Ages 5~12): Four (4) Tuesdays and Two (2) Fridays from 1445~1800. Fee: \$50 for one subject or \$90 for both subjects.

Negishi

Adult Classes

Ballroom Dance (Ages above 18 years old): Wednesday 1830~ 2030. Fee: \$20 per 2-hour class.

Ikebana: Fridays from 1430~1600. Fee: \$50 per month for 4 classes + ¥1,000 flower fee for each class.

Harp & Voice Training: Fridays Fee: \$50 per month for 4 lessons. Please contact the Community Center for open slots.

Children's Classes

Pre-Ballet (Ages above 2 years old): Saturdays from 1130~1230. Fee: \$30 per month.

Hip Hop (6~12 years old): Fridays from 1500~1550

Piano: Tuesday~Friday. Fee: \$50 per month for 4 classes. Please contact the Community Center for open slots.

For a complete class listing, call your local Community Center, or log on to www.cfay.navy.mil/mwr/downloads/commctr.pdf

MWR Positions

Come join the MWR team!

Are you a customer service and team oriented individual who possesses the qualifications for any of the positions listed here? Then come visit us in the MWR Building, room 225, or call 243-1246.

Club Operations

Lead Cook: NL-08, \$13.56/hr. CPO Club (1 RFT).

Food Service Supervisor: NF-03, \$11.47 - \$13.00/hr. Club Takemiya (1 RFT).

Cook: NA-05, \$10.35/hr. Club Alliance (1 Flex), Food Court (1 RFT), Club Takemiya (2 RFT), CPO Club (1 RFT).

Food Service Worker: NA-03, \$8.96/hr. Food Court (5 RFT), Club Alliance (1 Flex), O' Club (2 RFT), Club Takemiya (1 RFT).

Waiter/Waitress: NA-03, \$8.96/hr. O' Club (8 Flex), CPO Club (1 RFT), Negishi (1 Flex), Club Takemiya (1 Flex) Club Alliance (1 RFT).

Cashier: NF-01, \$7.50 - \$9.50/hr (DOE). CPO Club (2 RFT), O' Club (1 Flex).

Club Operations Assistant: NF-02, \$8.39/hr. CPO Club (3 Flex), O' Club (1 Flex).

ID Checker/Security: NF-01, \$6.70/hr. Club Alliance (1 RFT/7 Flex).

Support Activities

Air Conditioning Equipment Mechanic: NA-08, \$12.32/hr. Maintenance (1 RFT).

Electrician: NA-08, \$12.32/hr. Maintenance (1 RFT).

Child Development Programs

Cook: NA-04, \$9.96/hr. Main CDC (1 RFT).

Program Assistant: GSE-02, \$9.50/hr. Ikego (5 Flex), Main (6 Flex), Negishi (2 Flex), Hourly (1 Flex).

Community Activities

Supervisory Rec Specialist: NF-03, \$22,000 - \$25,000/annum. Community Center (1 RFT).

Recreation Assistant: NF-02, \$9.50/hr. Youth Center – Yokosuka (1 RFT/3 Flex), Negishi (1 RFT), Teen Center – Ikego (1 Flex), Yokosuka (1 Flex).

Food Service Worker: NA-03, \$8.96/hr. Bowling Center (1RFT).

Recreation Assistant: NF-02, \$8.39/hr. Wood Hobby Shop (1 RFT/2 Flex), Youth Sports (1 Flex), Community Center (1 RFT/2 Flex).

Recreation Aide: NF-01, \$7.25/hr. Bowling Center (1 Flex).

Cashier: NF-01, \$6.50/hr. Bowling Center Snack Bar (1 RFT/1 Flex).

Recreation

Food Service Worker: NA-03, \$8.96/hr. Theater (2 Flex).

Recreation Assistant: NF-02, \$8.39/hr. Rentals – Customer Service (1 Flex), Special Events (1 Flex).

Ticket Seller: NF-01, \$5.85/hr. Theater (2 Flex).

Athletics

Recreation Assistant: NF-02, \$8.39/hr. Adult Sports (1 Flex).

Duty Manager: NF-02, \$8.39/hr. Athletics (1 RFT/1 Flex).

Clerk Typist: NF-01, \$7.30/hr. Athletics (1 RPT).

Gear Issue Attendant: NF-01, \$6.50/hr. Athletics (3 Flex).

Swim Instructor: NF-02, \$10.00/hr. Aquatics (10 Flex).

Head Lifeguard: NF-02, \$9.50/hr. Aquatics (2 RFT/1 Flex).

Swim Instructor/Lead Lifeguard: NF-02, \$8.39/hr. Aquatics (1 RFT).

Lifeguard: NF-01, \$6.65/hr. Aquatics (8 Flex).

*Due to publishing timelines, some jobs listed may not be available.

For the most up-to-date listing check out www.cfay.navy.mil/mwr

Benny Decker Theater

Friday, March 28

1730 The Eye PG13
2030 Meet the Spartans PG13

Saturday, March 29

1300 The Pirates Who Don't Do Anything G
1730 The Eye PG13
2030 First Sunday PG13

Sunday, March 30

1300 The Pirates Who Don't Do Anything G
1730 Meet the Spartans PG13
2030 The Eye PG13

Monday, March 31

1730 The Great Debaters PG13
2030 27 Dresses PG13

Tuesday, April 1 \$1 Movie Night

1730 Meet the Spartans PG13
2030 Mad Money PG13

Wednesday, April 2

1730 Over Her Dead Body PG13
2030 Cloverfield PG13

Thursday, April 3

1730 The Great Debaters PG13
2030 The Eye PG13

Friday, April 4

1730 Fool's Gold PG13
2030 Over Her Dead Body PG13

Fleet Theater

Friday, March 28

1800 Untraceable R
2100 Rambo R
2400 Untraceable R

Saturday, March 29

1800 Rambo R
2100 Untraceable R
2400 The Eye PG13

Sunday, March 30

1800 Untraceable R
2100 10,000 B.C. PG13

Monday, March 31

1800 The Eye PG13
2100 There Will Be Blood R

Tuesday, April 1 \$1 Movie Night

1800 Semi-Pro R
2100 10,000 B.C. PG13

Wednesday, April 2

1800 There Will Be Blood R
2130 Untraceable R

Thursday, April 3

1800 Rambo R
2100 Semi-Pro R

Friday, April 4

1800 The Eye PG13
2100 Untraceable R
2400 Over Her Dead Body PG13

Negishi Theater

Friday, March 28

1900 Mad Money PG13

Saturday, March 29

1300 The Great Debaters PG13
1900 There Will Be Blood R

Sunday, March 30

1300 27 Dresses PG13



Fool's Gold

Cast: Matthew McConaughey, Kate Hudson, Donald Sutherland

Synopsis: Ben "Finn" Finnegan is a good-natured, surf bum-turned-treasure hunter who is obsessed with finding the legendary 18th century Queen's Dowry. After discovering a vital clue to the treasure's whereabouts, Finn enlists his estranged wife in the hunt rekindling a lost love. Let the treasure hunt begin!



Over Her Dead Body

Cast: Paul Rudd, Eva Longoria Parker, Lake Bell, Jason Biggs, Lindsay Sloane

Synopsis: Devastated when his fiancée Kate is killed on their wedding day, Henry reluctantly agrees to consult a psychic at the urging of his sister. Despite his skepticism over her psychic abilities, Henry finds himself falling hard for the clairvoyant, and vice versa. But there is a big snag...she is being haunted by Kate's ghost, who considers it her heavenly duty to break up the fledgling romance.



The Eye

Cast: Jessica Alba, Alessandro Nivola, Parker Posey, Cloe Grace Moretz

Synopsis: Sydney Wells is an accomplished concert violinist who has been blind since a childhood tragedy. Sydney undergoes a double corneal transplant, and her sight is restored. Happiness is short-lived as unexplainable shadowy and frightening images haunt her. As her family and friends begin to doubt her sanity, Sydney is soon convinced that her anonymous eye donor has somehow opened the door to a terrifying world only she can see.



Untraceable

Cast: Diane Lane, Billy Burke, Colin Hanks, Joseph Cross, Mary Beth Hurt

Synopsis: A tech-savvy internet predator is displaying his graphic murders on his own website--and the fate of each of his tormented captives is left in the hands of the public: the more hits his site gets, the faster his victims die. The game of cat and mouse becomes personal, as the FBI races against the clock to track down this technical mastermind who is virtually untraceable.

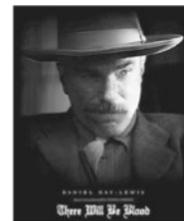
STALLONE



Rambo

Cast: Sylvester Stallone, Julie Benz, Paul Schulze, Matthew Marsden

Synopsis: John Rambo has retreated to northern Thailand, living a solitary and peaceful life in the mountains and jungles. A group of human rights missionaries search him out and ask him to guide them into Burma to deliver medical supplies. When the aid workers are captured by the Burmese army, Rambo decides to venture alone into the war zone to rescue them.



There Will Be Blood

Cast: Daniel Day Luis, Mary Elizabeth Barrett, Paul Dano, Dillon Frasier

Synopsis: Daniel Plainview is a charismatic and ruthless oil prospector, driven to succeed by his intense hatred of others and psychological need to see any and all competitors fail. When he learns of oil-rich land in California that can be bought cheaply, he moves his operation there and begins manipulating and exploiting the local landowners into selling him their property.

The use of camcorders, still cameras, cellular telephones and any other recording devices in the auditorium during the exhibition of any movie is strictly prohibited. Violators will be escorted from the premises and recorded materials will be confiscated. All theatre privileges of violators will be terminated. Violators may be subject to criminal prosecution.

For the most up-to-date movie information call 243-6703.

Food and beverages from outside sources are not permitted in theaters per COMFLEACTINST 1710.64E, ENCL. 33, PARA 3E(3).

Grease
LIGHTNING
 THE LIVE TRIBUTE TO GREASE!

Friday, April 11 @ 1900
 Benny Decker Theater
 Doors Open at 1800

Join the cast of this sock-hoppin' tribute to "Grease" and the hand-jivin' music of the 40's as they present a variety of costumes, props, comedy, and dance routines that will surely have you singin' and dancin' in the aisles.

For more details please call the MWR Entertainment Office at 243-5506

CPO CLUB
MONGOLIAN PRICE COMES DOWN

The CPO building has been repainted. Thank you to all of our patrons for bearing with us. The scaffolding will come down as well as the Mongolian BBQ price by 25% on Wednesday, April 16 and the soft drinks are on us. Call 243-5506 for details.



Saturday, April 19
Dinner at 1800 and Show at 1930

Ja-pun is a zany musical revue that romps through the many wild and amusing experiences Gaijins (foreigners in Japan) go through while adjusting to life in Japan.

Tickets will be on sale on Tuesday, April 1 at the cash cage for \$27. For details, call 243-5506.

CPO CLUB

Negishi Friendship Day Festival 2008

根岸米軍基地 基地開放日

Saturday, April 19 2008 from 1300 to 2000
 Negishi Navy Base (Community Support Complex Parking Lot)

4月19日2008年(土曜日)午後1時-午後8時
 雨天:4月20日 同時刻開催



For details call MWR Program Office at 242-4120

Rain Plan: Sunday, April 20 from 1300 to 2000



April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

By Fleet and Family Support Center

Child Abuse Prevention Month has been observed each April since 1983. Each year, tens of thousands of children are traumatized by abuse and neglect. The impact of abuse often has long-lasting affects. Child abuse is associated with school failure, criminality, drug and alcohol abuse and long term health problems (both physical and psychological). In communities around the country, April is observed as Child Abuse Prevention Month in an effort to raise awareness, to promote nonviolent discipline and to encourage good communication between parents and children. This is also the perfect time to inform families about community resources.

Child abuse and neglect refers to maltreatment of a child under the age of 18 committed by his or her parent or guardian or other caretaker. There are four broad categories:

- **Physical abuse** – a non-accidental physical injury or threat of injury, such as bruises, broken bones, burns, bites or shaking.

- **Child neglect** – failure to provide for a child's physical survival needs to the extent that there is harm or risk of harm, such as abandonment or lack of adequate food, shelter, clothing, medical or dental care, proper hygiene or supervision.

- **Sexual abuse** – acts of sexual assault and sexual exploitation, or any sexual behavior in violation of the law, such as incest, rape, fondling, indecent exposure, and child pornography or child prostitution.

- **Emotional maltreatment** – a chronic pattern of behavior including verbal assault, such as screaming, intimidating, ridiculing, blaming or failure to provide necessary support, attention and affection, such as ignoring, indifference, or intense chronic family conflict.

If you think a child is being abused, report it

to the Family Advocacy Program (FAP) at 243-7878. Safety is first – If you think a child is in immediate danger, call base security first at 243-2300 (046-816-2300) or 911 (on base) or 110 (off base).

Please join the Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) in creating public awareness by wearing a blue ribbon which symbolizes child abuse prevention. You can pick up a blue ribbon at our office located on the second deck of the Personnel Support Detachment Yokosuka.

The blue ribbon movement began in the spring of 1989, when a concerned grandmother, Bonnie Finney, of Norfolk, Va, took a stand against child abuse after experiencing the death of her grandson. She tied a blue ribbon to her van as a symbol of her personal commitment in the battle to stop child abuse. Bonnie's own grandson was a young victim of child maltreatment and his death gave her the strength to encourage others to help in the fight against child abuse and neglect. The spirit of her blue ribbon grew, and it inspired a nationwide community based effort to prevent child abuse.

During the Month of April, FFSC will have informational booths to increase awareness of the need for child abuse prevention. Please come out and join FFSC's effort to stop child abuse and neglect. The dates for the informational booths are:

- April 4 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in front of the Yokosuka Commissary

- April 12 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. during the Month of the Military Child celebration at the Purdy Fitness Center, Yokosuka

- April 15 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Child Development Center, Ikego

- April 19 from 1 to 8 p.m. during the Negishi Friendship Day.

Contact the FAP at 243-7878 for more information.

Navy Exchange goes green to help environment

By Kristine M. Sturkie,
NEX Service Command Public Affairs

Navy Exchange (NEX) customers will be able to do their part to help the environment by purchasing a multi-use reusable shopping bag at Navy Exchanges worldwide.

NEX Green Bags will be available in stores in the continental United States late February and in March for overseas NEXs. The reusable bags will sell for 99 cents for the non-insulated bag and \$1.99 for the zippered insulated bag.

The reusable bags are made of a sturdy mesh, sewn together from 100 percent polypropylene and can withstand repeated usage. The bags' sturdy straps carry a lot of weight without tearing, and have a flat bottom to help prevent tip-overs. Best of all, they are moisture resistant and can be recycled when no longer usable.

"The NEX is always looking for ways to help the environment and make the shopping experience a pleasant one for our customers," said Mike Mongin, NEXCOM operations program manager. "The NEX reusable green bags reduce the need for plastic or paper bags at checkout and make the shopping trip a little easier. These bags are also easy to store in your vehicle for your next trip to the NEX."

USNH Yokosuka Public Information interviews -

USNH Yokosuka will be undergoing its triennial Joint Commission and Navy Medical Inspector General survey April 22-25. Patients and staff members may contact a Joint Commission surveyor and request a public information interview. Those wishing to speak with a member of the Joint Commission may arrange for an interview by calling Lt. Cmdr. Felix Alfonso at 243-8511. Concerns may also be brought to the attention of the Medical Inspector General by calling their hotline at 1-800-637-6175, DSN 295-9019 or by e-mail to navymedighotline@med.navy.mil.

Personal property office assists KHK, GW Sailors with PCS moves

Story and photos by Tim Shannon, CFAY Public Affairs

The summer is always a busy season for the men and women of U.S. Fleet and Industrial Supply Center (FISC) Yokosuka's Personal Property Shipping Office (PPSO). However, this summer is likely to be the busiest summer for the PPSO in a decade because *USS Kitty Hawk* (CV 63) will be relieved of her duties by *USS George Washington* (GW) (CVN 73) as the only forward deployed aircraft carrier in the U.S. Navy.

To the PPSO, that means a lot of additional Permanent Change of Station (PCS) moves, in addition to the normal rush that occurs with families trying to schedule their PCS moves to coincide with summer vacation at most schools.

"We've taken several steps to help *Kitty Hawk* Sailors and to avoid a back log in House-Hold Goods (HHG) moves," said Herb Elam the FISC PPSO director. "One of the first things we did was to conduct a four-day PCS workshop at the Fleet Theater. We've also opened up our office on select Saturdays to help the single Sailors who don't have a spouse to assist them with their moves, although anyone is welcome to come in."



FISC Personal Property Inbound Office Lead Transportation Technician John Ganley answers questions for a customer about inbound Permanent Change of Station (PCS) entitlements at the FISC Personal Property Shipping Office (PPSO).

of this summer's PCS moves go smoothly. He strongly advised customers be prepared and at their home at the time the movers are scheduled to arrive. If the movers have to wait for one customer, other customers with moves scheduled later that day will then be unnecessarily delayed.

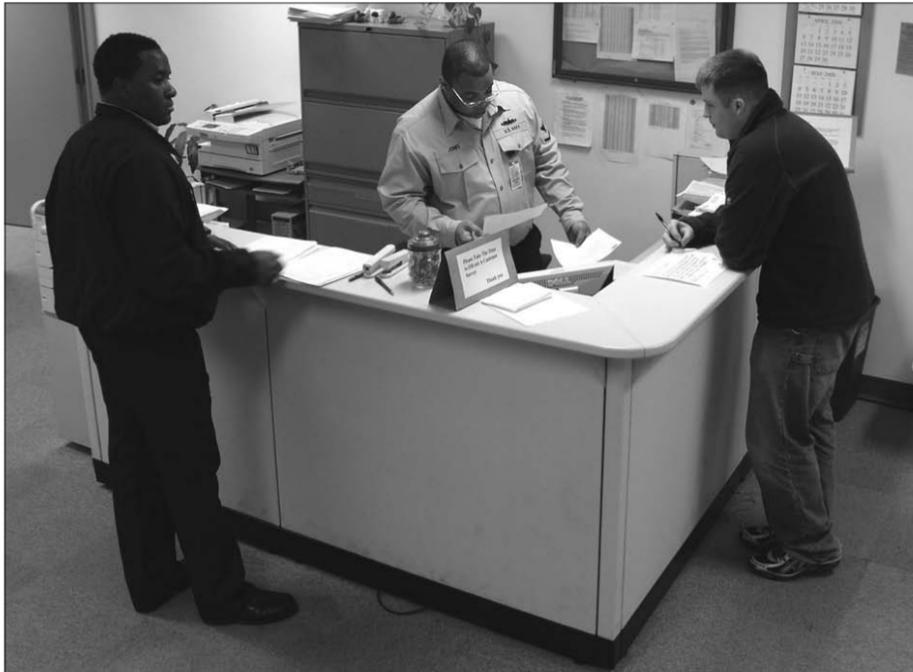
Kitty Hawk Sailors aren't the only ones receiving extra customer service from FISC's PPSO however. In January, Elam and PPSO Packing Inspector Leader, Paul Bauer, traveled to Norfolk, Va. as part of a team from Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka (CFAY), in order to educate *GW* Sailors about Japanese housing and their HHG move entitlements.

PPSO Lead Transportation Technician John Ganley also stated that the PPSO is prepared to be flexible with some of their policies.

"We've already received shipments from *GW* Sailors, so, obviously, we're going to have to give some people 45 or 60 day extensions to their Storage-in-Transit (SIT) entitlements," said Ganley. "For those people, or anyone arriving in Yokosuka, for that matter, they should contact the Personal Property Inbound Office right away to check in and get their extension paper work started. Our number is 243-5426 or 243-7587."

Ganley also mentioned that he can be reached by e-mail at john_ganley@yoko.fisc.navy.mil.

According to Elam, the overall goal of the added services is to make the carrier turnover as smooth as possible and that many of the ideas being implemented came from lessons learned when *Kitty Hawk* relieved *USS Independence* (CV 62) in August of 1998.



(Center) SK3(SW) Stanley Jones checks the Permanent Change of Station (PCS) orders and answers questions for a customer at FISC's Personal Property Outbound Office.

Elam went on to say FISC's PPSO coordinated with local Japanese moving companies for the movers to work extra hours, including weekends and holidays, to ensure that *Kitty Hawk* Sailors moves are taken care of in a timely manner, but that these off-day schedules are reserved for short-notice moves and as a back-up to be used when the demand for services during the work-week is greater than the moving companies can support.

He also added that the customers must share part of the burden of ensuring that all

Post Office renovation plan adds space for customers, employees

by Tim Shannon, CFAY Public Affairs

U.S. Fleet and Industrial Supply Center (FISC) Yokosuka's post office onboard Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka (CFAY) began a much needed renovation, March 14. The renovation, according to FISC Business office and Facilities Manager Todd Williams, is intended to provide more space and to improve customer service at the postal facility.

"We're adding 1,600 square feet to the post office to provide more area for mail storage and to increase the amount of post office boxes that we have in the building," said Williams. "That will be phase one of the project. During phase two, we will provide more space for the customer service areas up front. During the busiest season at the post office, it can get pretty crowded in there so we want to expand that area to make it easier for the customers to do their business and for the postal workers to provide customer service. It boils down to better customer service, that's what we're trying to do with this renovation."

Along with more elbow room, the additional space will allow for 1,000 additional post office boxes to be added to the post office.

"One of our goals at the post office is to provide everyone on base with a mail receptacle so the post office can move away from the mail orderly system," said FISC Postal Division Officer-in-Charge, Master Chief Postal Clerk (SW) Otilio Santos. "Overall, the purpose of this renovation is to make it easier for our postal workers to provide the level of service that our valued customers of the forward deployed naval forces deserve."

Santos added that during the construction phase, mail call hours will change from 9 to 11a.m. to 8 to 10 a.m. and that parking will be at a premium, so everyone should exercise a little greater caution while driving and walking with their packages.

The first stage of the renovation is scheduled for completion June 1 and the second stage will be completed July 31.

"We ask that everyone please bear with us during the renovation," said FISC Regional Postal Manager Dale Pinchart. "Things are going to be shuffled around a bit but the end result will be a better post office for our customers and for our workers."

FISC Contract requisition cut-off dates

Due dates for expiring funds requisitions are fast approaching. Please keep the following dates in mind when submitting purchase requests for contractual action. Customers are encouraged to communicate with U.S. Fleet and Industrial Supply Center (FISC) Yokosuka personnel as early as possible in the acquisition process. This will ensure adequate lead time for market research to locate commercially available items and services, prepare documentation, evaluate offers and ensure timely delivery of products and services.

For more information, call the FISC Yokosuka Contracting office at 243-7622 for shore based contracts or 243-7861 for afloat-based contracts.

Estimated Amount	Type of Action	Due Date
\$3,000 or less	Micropurchase per NAVSUPINST 4200.99	Aug. 22
\$3,001 ~ \$25,000	Purchase/Delivery Order	Aug. 22
\$25,001 ~ \$100,000	Purchase/Delivery Order	Aug. 08
Up to \$100,000	Annual rental and Maintenance (ARM) requirements	Aug. 08
Over \$100,000	Delivery Orders	June 14
Over \$100,000	Annual rental and Maintenance (ARM) requirements	May 30
\$100,001 ~ \$1 million	Contract	May 30

The way to unrelenting, continuous improvement

By Takashi Kobayashi, SRF-JRMC

SRF-JRMC Ship Repair Facility-Japan Regional Maintenance Center (SRF-JRMC) has been conducting activities to improve its business and service with the goal to become a highly efficient organization. At present, our activity for improvement is LEAN projects that have allowed SRF-JRMC to achieve remarkable progress.

Looking back, the first step was the declaration of TQL (Total Quality Leadership) that was introduced Navy wide in 1990. It was a new measure of business management that consisted of leadership and TQM (Total Quality Management). TQM is a company-wide quality control movement introduced in Japanese enterprises that contributed to the development of Japan's strong economy. Each activity in the U.S. Navy established organizations with rapidity for improvement of business and service quality in accordance with the declaration. In SRF-JRMC, the TQL Office was founded in 1990. The continuous improvement section was established to conduct continuous business and service improvements.

SRF-JRMC developed and implemented a strategic plan as an introductory step of business and service quality improvement in 1991. The memorable first strategic plans, "Introduce TQL to all employees," was established as Tactical Goal 1. Since then SRF-JRMC has been continuing the activity to achieve the proposition of "How can we improve our command's products and processes?" with many repetitions of trial and error.

To start Tactical Goal 1, Quality Circles, which already produced good results in Japanese enterprises at the time, was introduced to SRF-JRMC. This is a method of improving activity for on-site workers to conduct "Verbatim Compliance" using various tools of statistical analysis. Quality Circles contributed to achieving higher productivity and quality. Because SRF-JRMC organization is composed of 90 percent Japanese employees, the implementation of Quality Circles that has been conducted in many of Japanese enterprises was positioned as a critical item to succeed TQL. The TQL office provided Quality Circles introduction 10-day training to circle leaders. Supervisors are encouraged to attend the meetings for announcing result of Quality Circles or trainings that were held out of the organization. As a result, Quality Circles activity was gradually established and expanded within SRF-JRMC. In 1997, Quality Circles activity was positioned as the most critical item in the command and all members participated. In total, more than 180 circles were registered and each conducted one-hour activity meetings once a week.

However, various problems from implementation of Quality Circles activity by many members began to surface. We could not provide the proper support system for the activity. Many leaders were burdened and there was a lack of meeting places. To solve the problem, a command-wide improvement team was organized to promote Quality Circles activity in pursuit of more effective management. Consequently, Quality Circles activity got back to the basics. A new improvement activity was conducted whenever there were problems to be solved. The number of teams participating decreased, but active and progressive teams were registered from each shop and department code. SRF-JRMC set a trend where the number of Improvement Active teams conducting necessary improvements increased year after year. Meanwhile, some of the teams that achieved the highest level of improvement activity could attend the meetings announcing results of Quality Circles. The teams attended big conventions such as "Quality Fresh Circles," "Quality Circles Nation-wide" or "SGA Forum." It is noteworthy that Shop X-67 Electronics Shop's IA team "Fine Business" was honored to attend the World Conference of Quality and Improvement (WCQI) which was hosted by the American Society for Quality (ASQ). ASQ is a world-wide organization for quality council. And thus, the continuous improvement culture of SRF-JRMC has moved ahead toward unrelenting process improvements.

While the Improvement Activity (IA) in SRF-JRMC has been successfully advancing to the point of achieving participation in world-wide quality conventions, in the ever-changing world of improvement methodologies, new techniques have been developed one after another. A new directive in the U.S. Navy, called Lean manufacturing, is focused as an improvement process and management philosophy. SRF-JRMC aggressively introduced this new systematic approach to be promoted simultaneously with the existing Improvement Activity (IA).

Lean manufacturing is an improvement method derived mostly from the Toyota Production System (TPS). The greatest characteristics of Lean are to establish distinctions between a Value Added Activity (VA) and a Non-Value Added Activity (NVA), and to drastically eliminate NVA through continuous improvement by flowing the product at the pull of the customer in pursuit of perfection. In Lean terminology, NVA is defined as waste, or muda in Japanese, and the original seven deadly wastes are classified as follows: defect, overproduction, over processing, transportation, inventory, motion and waiting. The Regional Maintenance Centers (RMC) are now addressing Lean projects to eliminate these wastes from their value streams, or key operations.

In accordance with the Strategic Plan in CY 2005, SRF-JRMC officially introduced Lean principles as a new method of improvement activity. As the basis of Lean implementation, the 5S method was implemented. 5S is a method that is used to organize and standardize the work place. Wastes are often times hidden, making the problems invisible if the work places are not kept clean, tidy and safe. At SRF-JRMC, Lean pilot teams started activities to practice the 5S method in 2005. Building on the achievement through 5S implementation, Lean with specific command objectives made its official start in 2006 through conducting Rapid Improvement Events.

Lean 101 Training, a basic awareness course, was provided command wide to more than 2,200 employees as the first stage of training. Following this, specialized courses, such as Lean Champion Training for the event owners/supporters, and Lean Green Belt Training for the event leaders, have been conducted. As a result, in 2006, the second year of Lean introduction, a total of 25 Lean events were conducted. The 5S method was thoroughly implemented command wide, which has successfully eliminated wastes in many shops and offices.

In 2007, the new target was set "To coordinate and execute a minimum of 40 command approved Lean projects." SRF-JRMC launched into advanced Lean implementation, aiming for the entire organization to be managed effectively by Lean principles.

Currently as of the end of July 2007, more than 50 projects have been conducted. The event contents have advanced from 5S to events focusing on eliminating wastes from process flow. A joint event with HRO was conducted, and events are now identified and prioritized through Value Stream Analysis (VSA), which is a session to review all major process flows, or value streams of the command. Thus, Lean events have become a mega trend of

improvement in SRF-JRMC and has taken root in the whole of organization.

The majority of SRF-JRMC employees are well aware of the various types of improvement activities and its methods, and have been accumulating experience due to the many forms of improvement activities introduced by the command since 1990. They have a solid background making it easy to make adjustments to this advanced improvement method. The true value of kaizen, or continuous improvement, can only be acquired through continued effort by everyone in the organization. SRF-JRMC has future plans in the Lean journey, and is currently in the process of expanding its resources for Lean development with Black Belt and Green Belt positions. The Executive Steering Committee (ESC) will be sponsoring Lean projects and events through VSA in order to consolidate the structure to implement Lean organizationally, while managing the activity progress and institutionalizing the reporting system to sustain the results.

SRF-JRMC has been able to accelerate the pace of improvement through unrelenting continuous improvement efforts performed over the last 17 years. The command is committed to continue our journey of improvement to always be the best that they can be.

たゆまない改善への道

文：小林孝、SRF-JRMC

艦船修理廠及び日本地区造修統括本部（SRF-JRMC）では業務を改善し、より効率が高い組織を目指すための活動を15年以上にわたり継続させてきた。現在ではこの改善活動はLEANと命名されさらなる発展を遂げている。

最初のステップは1990年に米海軍で導入されたTQL (Total Quality Leadership) 宣言であった。これは当時日本企業で導入され日本経済の発展に重大な影響を与えた全社的品質管理運動であるTQM (Total Quality Management) をリーダーシップと結びつけた新しい経営管理方法であった。米海軍各部隊はこの任を受けて業務品質を高めるための選任組織が次々と設立されSRF-JRMCでもTQLオフィスが1990年に設立され、従来なかった業務品質を継続的に向上させるための専門職が部隊内に設けられることになった。

SRF-JRMCでは業務品質を向上させるための導入ステップとして1991年より経営戦略計画 (Strategic Plan) を策定することになったが、その記念すべき第1回経営戦略計画のゴール1として設定されたのが「TQLを全従業員に導入すること」であった。以来SRF-JRMCでは様々な試行錯誤を繰り返しながら「どのように部隊としてのプロダクトおよびプロセスを向上させるのか?」という命題を達成するための活動を続けることとなった。

まず最初に導入されたのは当時日本社会において大きな成果をあげていたQCサークル活動であった。この活動は現場の従業員が様々な統計分析を行うツールを駆使して現場レベルでの作りこみ品質を行い、高い生産性、品質を達成した方法である。SRF-JRMCは日本人従業員が90%以上を占めるため、日本企業で行われていたQCサークル活動実施がTQL推進の重要項目として位置づけられたのである。TQLオフィスは10日間にわたるQCサークル入門トレーニングがサークルリーダーに提供され、監督者には社外で行われる発表会、講習会への参加、研修が行われた結果QCサークル活動は徐々に拡大しSRFに浸透していくことになった。1997年にはQCサークル活動は部隊における最重要項目と位置づけられ、全員参加のQCサークル活動となり180サークル以上が登録、毎週1回1時間の活動を行うことになった。

しかしこの全員参加のQCサークル活動は指導者不足の問題、会合のための会議室不足の問題といった活動をサポートするシステムがまだ十分でないという問題を浮き彫りとする形となった。そのため部隊ではQCサークル活動を推進するための改善チームが組織横断型で結成され、より効果的なQCサークル運営の方法を模索することとなった。その結果QCサークル活動は「はじめに改善ありき」という原点に戻り、問題があったらそれを改善するためのチームを結成して行う活動とし、名称も新しくIA (Improvement Activity) としてスタートすることとなった。チーム数は減少したが、有効な活動を行うチームが各部署から登録され、必要な改善を行うチーム数は毎年増加していく傾向となっていた。その間トップクラスの活動内容のチームは積極的に社外におけるQCサークル発表大会にも参加するようになり、QCフレッシュサークル大会、QCサークル全国大会、SGAフォーラムなどの社外大会で多くの入賞サークルを生み出せるようになっていった。2005年にはX67無線工場のIAチーム "Fine Business" 世界的な品質協議団体であるアメリカのASQ (American Society for Quality) が主催するWCQI (World Conference of Quality and Improvement) という改善発表世界大会に出場するという栄誉を勝ち取るまでになった。こうして継続改善はSRF-JRMCの文化として一歩一歩その歩みを進めていったのである。

世界大会へ出場するチームが出るまで歩みを進めてきた艦船修理廠及び日本地区造修統括本部 (SRF-JRMC) のIA (Improvement Activity) であったが、改善の世界では新しい改善手法が次々と現れてきていた。その中でも再び米海軍全体のトレンドとして出てきたのがLEANと呼ばれる改善手法であった。SRF-JRMCではIAを継続させながら新しい改善手法も積極的に取り入れていくこととなった。

LEANとはトヨタ生産方式 (TPS = Toyota Production System) から派生してきた改善方法で、最大の特徴は業務フローを顧客にとって付加価値を加える活動 (VA=Value Added Activity) と付加価値を加えない活動 (NVA=Non Value Added Activity) に分類し、徹底的にNVAを省く改善を行っていくことである。NVAは「ムダ」と定義され、このムダはさらに7つに分類される (不良、作りすぎ、加工、運搬、在庫、動作、手持ち)。これらのムダを業務の中から省くためのプロジェクトを各RMC (Regional Maintenance Center) が取り組むこととなったのである。

SRF-JRMCへのLEAN導入は2005年で、この年の経営戦略計画によってLEAN導入が新しい改善手法として正式に導入される計画となったのである。LEAN実施においてまず基礎的な部分として行わなければならないのが5Sと呼ばれる職場の整理・整頓である。これは職場がきれい、安全でない様々なムダの発見すらままならないためである。そのため2005年には5Sを実施するLEANパイロットチームが活動を開始。その成果が認められ2006年からは明確な目標を持ったLEANが正式にスタートすることになった。

まず初めに全従業員に対してのLEAN基礎コース教育を実施、2200名以上の従業員が全員基礎コースを受講した。さらにチャンピオンと呼ばれる活動の支援者に対するトレーニング、およびグリーンベルトと呼ばれる活動リーダーに対する専門教育も行われたのである。その結果LEAN2年目となった2006年には25件のLEAN活動が実施され、多くの工場において5Sの徹底、ムダの排除が行われるようになったのである。続く2007年は年間プロジェクト件数を40件以上という目標設定に変更し、SRF-JRMC全体がLEANによる効率的な運営が行われる組織を目指してLEANを実施することになった。2007年は7月末現在で50件以上のプロジェクトを実施し、その内容も5Sから業務フロー上のムダを排除する活動、さらにはHROとのジョイントイベントの実施、部隊内各部署にまたがるフローを改善するVSA (Value Stream Analysis) 改善への道 其二たゆまない改善への道 其二たゆまない改善への道 其二たゆまない改善への道 其二たゆまない改善への道 其二たゆまない改善への道 其二Stream Analysis) LEANイベントの実施など、その活動は大きな改善のうねりとなり、SRF-JRMCに浸透している。

1990年から絶えることなく継続的に改善活動を行ってきたSRF-JRMCでは多くの従業員が改善活動・手法についての知識、経験を有しており、LEANのような新しい改善手法が導入されても、即座に対応できる基礎が整っている。改善は継続させることにより初めてその真の価値を生み出すものなのである。今後もSRF-JRMCではLEANのさらなる拡張を視野にいれ、LEANブラックベルト、グリーンベルトと呼ばれるLEAN活動専門職を創設。さらにVSAによるLEAN活動展開を上級監督者 (ESC = Executive Steering Committee) が先頭に立ち、部隊全体の活動進捗状況を管理、報告するシステムの構築などLEANを組織的に実施する体制を着々と固めている。

こうしてSRF-JRMCはたゆまない改善活動を17年間に渡り継続させることで改善の歩調を早める事になった。今後はさらなる高みに向かって絶えることなく継続改善を実施していく計画である。

East meets west: fostering communication goal of SAME

By Yasuko Nakamura, NAVFAC Far East Public Affairs

The Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) is a premier professional engineering association in the United States. In the Tokyo Chapter, approximately 40 members are bringing together all phases of U.S. engineering, both from the civil sector and military, for the advancement of knowledge. Recently, the SAME Tokyo Chapter, for the first time invited 17 members of the Japanese Society of Professional Engineers (JSPE) to a meeting held at Commander, Fleet Activities, Yokosuka Officer's Club.

"The goal for our chapter is to foster engineering communication by developing relationships and networking with people in the defense sector of construction," said Public Works Department Yokosuka, Project Manager and Vice President of SAME Tokyo Chapter, Lt. j. g. Joshua Perry. "Most of us in SAME are working on construction sites, and our exposure to Japanese engineering is limited to the project. Having the opportunity to be out of that environment and interacting with individuals at the professional level was a very positive thing for us, especially this particular group of Japanese engineers. They are all licensed professional engineers in the U.S. as well as in Japan, making their perspective very interesting."

In addition to the meeting, a one-hour project tour was provided. After receiving a short brief on the energy saving performance contract, the group visited a co-generation plant project site, currently under construction.

"Along with the contractor, we gave a comprehensive site tour to the guests and our members," said Perry. "I think everyone really had a good time seeing the technical aspect of the facility that is been constructed. After the tour, both SAME and JSPE had a presentation on the mission, vision and goals of each organization. I think that the relationship with JSPE is going to be beneficial for both of our societies."

"I was very surprised to know that all the specifications, standards and regulations were based on Americans' [specifications]," said JSPE President Daisuke Uemura. "Also, Japanese engineers don't understand engineering ethics very well, but American engineers have the higher standard of engineering ethics. So, we would like to learn lots of things from American engineers concerning the engineering ethics. Another thing is that many American engineers have multiple licenses, but in Japan, we don't. So, we would like to communicate with American engineers to learn how it's important to have multiple licenses. We look forward to having more occasions of this type of event in the future."

Currently, members of the SAME Tokyo Chapter consist of U.S. Civil Service and military members, but it is open to anybody, including technician level engineering personnel and host nation employees. If you are interested in joining or want more information, contact Lt. j.g. Joshua Perry at 243-3787 or e-mail to joshua.perry@navfacfe.navy.mil.

Head's Up Yokosuka! Community Announcements

Free Public Service Seminar by Dr. Charles Brown – The Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) and The University of Oklahoma (OU) would like to invite you to a free seminar on communication and conflict resolution April 9 from 11 a.m. -12:30 p.m. at the FFSC Annex building 1558, Take Room. This seminar is open to all Individual Augmentee (IA) families past and present. Dr. Brown is a professor of Human Relations at OU's Advanced Programs. Call 243-7935 for more information.

An Evening with an IA Family – Meet an Individual Augmentee (IA) family and share their unique challenges related to an IA deployment. This is a forum provided for all IA families to gather, share ideas and ask questions. Join us April 15 from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. at the Fleet and Family Support Center Annex building 1558, Take Room. Call 243-7935 for more information.

FFSC PCS Workshop – If you will be PCS'ing during the upcoming summer months, this would be a good time to attend the PCS Workshop. The next class will be held April 4 from 8 a.m. to noon in the Take room at the Fleet and Family Support Center Annex. Learn about your financial responsibilities, entitlements, pack-out procedures and more. Call 243-3372 for more information.

Healthy Relationships: for your child's future – Learn how family interactions will influence your child well into adulthood. The class is offered by Fleet and Family Support Center every second Tuesday of the month from 5 - 6:30 p.m., in the Take room, FFSC Annex. Call 243-7878 for more information or to sign up for the class.

Camp Zama Half Marathon – The Camp Zama Half Marathon will be held at Sagami Depot from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., April 20. This event is free to SOFA status personnel and their families. There are three running categories: 5k, 10k and the half marathon, both men and women divisions. There is also a Child/Parent 2k run for youths in grades one to four; one parent must participate with their child. Registration date cutoff is March 31. Please call 263-7980 for more information.

IA Welcome Home Ceremony – Please join USNH Yokosuka for the Individual Augmentee (IA) Welcome Home Ceremony, 11 a.m., April 4 at the USNH loading dock to recognize their service and to say thank you for a job well done. Contact Jill Ward at 243-7194 for more information.

HRO USCS Positions

The following local/Japan-wide announcements are available at the Human Resources Office, Yokosuka customer service desk, bldg. 1472, from 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Friday, and at <http://hro.cnfj.navy.mil>.

Applicants for worldwide vacancies must follow the procedure in the "Job Opportunities" page of the www.donhr.navy.mil Internet site. Applications and forms for local/Japan-wide vacancies must be received at the HRO, Yokosuka customer service desk, or through the mail at HRO, PSC 473 Box 22, FPO AP 96349-0022 by 4 p.m. on the closing/cutoff date of the announcement. Applications may also be submitted through the drop box located at the front entrance of the HRO, Yokosuka building. These applications must be in the drop box by 8 a.m. the following workday to be accepted as having been received the previous workday.

Postmark dated, faxed or e-mailed applications will not be accepted.

New

Administrative Support Assistant – YB-303-2, NLSO-46-08. Open: 3-21-08, Close: 4-4-08.
Claims Assistant – YB-998-1, NH-45-08. Open: 3-21-08, Close: 4-18-08 (1st C/O: 4-4-08).
Secretary – YB-318-1, NH-47-08. Open: 3-28-08, Close: 4-25-08 (1st C/O: 4-11-08).
Practical Nurse – YI-620-1, NH-48-08. Open: 3-28-08, Close: 4-25-08 (1st C/O: 4-11-08).
Practical Nurse – YI-620-1, NH-49-08. Open: 3-28-08, Close: 4-25-08 (1st C/O: 4-11-08).
 *Part time, 30 hrs./week.
Practical Nurse – YI-620-1, NH-50-08. Open: 3-28-08, Close: 4-25-08 (1st C/O: 4-11-08).
 *Part time, 24 hrs./week.
Production Controller (Scheduler) – YB-1152-3, SRF-52-08. Open: 3-21-08, Close: 4-4-08.
Human Resources Tech (Rect/Class) – YB-203-2, CNFJ-51-08. Open: 3-28-08, Close: 4-25-08 (1st C/O: 4-11-08). *Location: Atsugi.

Continuing

Education and Training Technician – CFAY-37-08. Open: 3-7-08, Close: 4-4-08.
Education and Training Technician – ATG-40-08. Open: 3-7-08, Close: 4-4-08.
IT Specialist (Network Services) – CFAY-41-08. Open: 3-7-08, Close: 4-4-08. *Japan wide.
Office Automation Technician – YB-0326-1, CFAY-42-08. Open: 3-14-08, Close: 4-4-08.
Dental Assistant (Expanded Function) – GS-681-5, NH-44-08. Open: 3-14-08, Close: 4-11-08.
Education and Training Technician – YB-1702-1, CFAY-30-08. Open: 2-22-08, Close: 8-22-08. *Six months open register.
Sales Store Technician – YB-2091-01, COM-21-08. Open: 02-15-08, Close: 04-15-08. *Six positions.

NEX Positions

All positions are open until filled. Applications are accepted Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Navy Exchange Human Resources Office, Bldg. 3316, Room 217. Contact NEX at 243-4418/5150.

To see job vacancies online, go to www.navy-nex.com, click on work for us, go to bottom of page, overseas. Find Japan and click go. Click on the base you want and then click on the job that interests you to learn how to apply.

Food Service Worker – Yokosuka Food Services. \$8.28/hr.
Food Delivery Operator – Yokosuka. \$8.28/hr.
Food Service Supervisor – Food Services. \$10.74/hr.
Food Sales Supervisor – Food Services. \$24,377-\$30,988/yr.
Cook – Food Services. \$10.35/hr.
Sales Clerk (Specialty) – Retail. \$7-\$9/hr.
Sales Clerk – Retail. \$6.50-\$8/hr.
Customer Service Clerk – Main Store. \$7-\$9/hr.
Store Worker – Main Store. \$8.28/hr.
Hair Stylist – Beauty Salon (Yokosuka, Negishi). Commission.
Receptionist – Beauty Salon. \$7-\$7.50/hr.
Personalized Services Clerk – Personalized Services. \$7.25-\$8/hr.
Cashier – Cash Office. \$7.79/hr.
Labor (Visual Merchandiser) – Visual Merchandising. \$8.28/hr.
ID Checker – Loss Prevention. \$6.50/hr.
Security Guard – Main Store, Distribution Center. \$7.50-\$9/hr.
Automotive Mechanic – Autoport. \$13.63/hr.

Desk Clerk – Navy Lodge. \$7-\$8/hr.
Equipment Rental Clerk – Equipment Rental. \$7-\$8/hr.
Forklift Operator – Distribution Center. \$10.35/hr.
Procurement Clerk – Procurement. \$8.39-\$10/hr.
LP/Safety Investigative Assistant – Loss Prevention. \$7.50-\$9/hr.

The birth of a new day

By Chaplain William Stewart

This time of the year brings to mind many things for us in regard to our faith and our relationship with others. It's a great time to be able to reflect on life and what life has to offer each of us; what we have to offer as well. Spring has always been my favorite season of the year as well because during this time of reflection, I get to see something that symbolizes the very life I am talking about ... the birth of new life ... the birth of a new day.

It's no wonder why Japan is called the Land of the Rising Sun. Being an island nation, the glorious view of the sun beaming from its resting place in the morning is truly a sight to behold. The grandeur of the sun is just as amazing. The fact that 1.3 million planets the size of Earth could fit inside it is hard for me to fathom. Equally difficult to imagine is that its core blazes at an incredible 27 million degrees Fahrenheit, and although that energy created in its core takes a million years to reach its surface, it then releases five million tons of pure energy each and every second. I lift my face to the sky at times and I feel it touch me with its warmth and once again am reminded ... it is the birth of a new day.

I believe it can help us to ponder how each and every day is made anew. To realize that when challenging times come our way, and they always will, there is a new day awaiting us to make things better. This new day brings forth the opportunity for us to be refreshed and realize there is someone watching over us who is much more powerful than any problem we can ever face. A God who has made the very sun that gives us warmth, who gives us light, who gives us life and ... the birth of a new day.

I encourage each of us to take advantage of the incredible beauty and lessons of life God gives us through his creation. As the sun comes up in the morning with all of its glory, power and splendor, to reflect on a great God who is all powerful, who loves us so much and who will provide what we need one day at a time. That we will all grow in our love, care and appreciation for one another as he has asked of us, and to realize that we are never alone. May God bless you all as we always remember to celebrate ... the birth of a new day.

The mighty one, God, the lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to the place where it sets. From Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth. – Psalm 50:1-2



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Worship Schedule

YOKOSUKA: Chapel of Hope
• 243-6773/ 6774

Roman Catholic

SUN	Mass, Main Chapel	0800
SUN	Mass, Main Chapel	1100
SUN	RCIA Class, Blessed Sacrament	0930
SUN	CCD, classrooms	0930
SUN	Youth Group, Old Thew Gym (G-113)*	1200
MON	Adult Bible Study, Rooms 2 and 4	1730
WED	Perpetual Help Novena, Main Chapel	1700
WED	Mass, Main Chapel	1730
2 nd TUE	Pre-Baptism Class	1830
THU	Choir Practice, Main Chapel	1700
FRI	Choir Practice, Choir Room	1700
1 st FRI	Mass, Main Chapel	1700
SAT	Vigil Mass, Main Chapel	1700
SAT	Baptism, Main Chapel	1530
SAT	Confession, Blessed Sacrament Chapel (or anytime by request)	1600

NOTE: Mass is held each day at 1200 in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel except for Wednesday (1200 in the Naval Hospital Chapel).

General Protestant

SUN	Worship Service, Main Chapel	0930
THU	Choir Practice, Main Chapel	1830

Protestant Liturgical

SUN	Communion Service, Fellowship Hall	1100
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Contemporary Christian

SUN	Worship, Main Chapel	1700
THU	Praise Team Rehearsal, Choir Room	1600

Gospel Praise Service

SUN	Worship service, Main Chapel	1230
TUE	Women's Bible Study, Classroom 10	1800
WED	Choir practice, Main Chapel	1830

Filipino Christian

SUN	Worship Service, Kinnick Little Theatre	1230
WED	Prayer Meeting, Classroom 3	1800

Church of Christ

SUN	Worship, Kinnick Little Theatre	0930
SUN	Sunday School	1100
WED	Bible Study, Classroom 1, 2 and 4	1800

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

SUN	Sacrament	1300
SUN	Sunday School	1420
SUN	Priesthood/Relief Society	1510

Location: Across from the City of Yokosuka Post Office (Off base)

Yokosuka Christian Fellowship

SUN	Fellowship Service (Ichiban Tower)	1230
WED	Youth Meeting (Chapel of Hope)	1800

Jewish Faith Community

FRI	Shabbat and Kiddush, Jewish Chapel (Chapel of Hope)	1800
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Soka Gakkai International (Buddhist)
2nd AND 4th THU Classroom 4 1830

Specialized Ministries

A.W.A.N.A. Children's Ministry (3 yrs. to Grade 6)*
TUE Fellowship Hall/Classrooms 1615

Yokosuka Student Ministries (Middle School and High School)*
WED Middle School – Quest 1600
High School – One Way 1830

Protestant Women of the Chapel*
TUE Bible Study, Classroom 10 1830
THU PRECEPTS, Fellowship Hall 0930
THU Bible Study, Classroom 7 1600

Japanese Women's Bible Study*
TUE Main Chapel/Fellowship Hall, Classrooms 0900

"Mom's Time"
Last WED of the month 0930

COMPASS Spouse Support Group
WED, THU, FRI (Last week of month), Room 1 0900

Men's Christian Fellowship
TUE Study Group (Fleet Rec. Center, 3rd Deck) 1130
3rd SAT Breakfast (Location varies)

**Runs from September to June*

NEGISHI: Chapel of the Rising Sun
• 242-4183

Roman Catholic
THU CCD, classrooms 0900
SUN Mass, Main Chapel 0800

Protestant
SUN Worship Service, Main Chapel 1030

IKEGO: Religious Services (Kyoto Tower Party Room, 243-6773/6774)

Roman Catholic
SAT Vigil Mass 1900

Pentecostal
SUN Worship Service 1000

A.W.A.N.A. Children's Ministry (3 yrs. to Grade 6)*
WED Ikego Elementary School 1630

Yokosuka Student Ministries (Middle School and High School)*
THU Middle School/High School – Q2 Kyoto Tower Party Room 1830

Note: In the event of an emergency (after 1630 and before 0730 the next day), the Chaplain on Duty can be reached by calling Commander, Fleet Activities, Yokosuka Security at 243-2300.

Fleet and Family Support Center

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month "Be a lifesaver and Report Child Abuse"

Please join Fleet and Family Support Center's effort to **Stop** child abuse and neglect. The following informational booths will be held throughout the month of April:

- Yokosuka Base in front of the Commissary**
April 4 at 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Month of the Military Child Celebration**
April 12 at Purdy Gym at 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Ikego Mini-mart**
April 15 at 2-4 p.m.
- Negishi Friendship Day**
April 19 at 1-8 p.m.

Classes This Week

Please call us at 243-FFSC (3372) to sign up today!

Monday, March 31

No Classes Scheduled

Tuesday, April 1

- Area Orientation Brief and Intercultural Relations Class** 7:45 a.m. (4 days): **April 1-4, this class will be held at the Benny Decker Theater.** Welcome to the Land of the Rising Sun, kanji, yen and bowing. This combined class is offered weekly, and is required for all incoming military personnel, Department of Defense civilians and family members. Representatives from around the base will talk about the unique policies, procedures and benefits associated with living and driving in Japan. Local experts will discuss cultural issues and adjusting to your new home.
- Boot Camp for New Dads** 1 p.m. (3 hrs.): Yikes! What will it be like to have a new baby in the house? Boot Camp for New Dads is a unique program that brings "rookie" fathers-to-be together with "veteran" dads with newborns. The veteran dads will share their babies with the rookies for hands-on training, and demonstrate how to hold, comfort, diaper, swaddle, relieve gas/colic, and play with an infant.

Wednesday, April 2

- Ikego – Japanese Culture Series – Kamakura Tour** 9:30 a.m. (6 hrs.): This class will tour the city of Kamakura. The class is led by a bilingual guide! Come join in the fun. Bring yen for train transportation, lunch and shopping. Call 246-8052 to sign up.
- Japanese Spouse Group** 10 a.m. (2 hrs.): This class is focused on the special concerns of Japanese spouses that are new to the Navy and Yokosuka, Negishi, or Ikego Bases. Our bi-lingual instructors have valuable first-hand knowledge to share and will help you feel more comfortable with your new role as a Navy Spouse! The network portion of the class will give you the chance to make friends with other Japanese spouses and share your experiences as a military spouse. This class is conducted in Japanese.

Thursday, April 3

- Employment Overview** 11:30 a.m. (1 hr.): If you are interested in the local employment market, please join this class and talk with our full-time Spouse Employment Assistance Manager. Reservations are required for this crash course on employment availability in the Yokosuka/Yokohama area: including government positions, teaching English, modeling and other lucrative opportunities.
- Ikego – Play Morning** 9:30 a.m. (1.5 hrs.): Make play fun and educational for your child. Learn creative and new ideas to bring you and your child closer together through play. Children up to 5 are welcome, but must be accompanied by an adult. This Play Morning is held at Nikko Tower.
- NMCRS' Budget 4 Baby** 5 p.m. (1.5 hrs.): Bundles of joy take lots of preparation and planning. No need to "go it" alone! We have helped hundreds of families prepare for their new arrival with the knowledge needed to make informed choices during and after pregnancy. This class raises awareness about the impact a baby will have on the young parents' budget. Helpful information is provided which participants can use to reduce the financial impact of the birth of a child.

Friday, April 4

- Interview Techniques** 11 a.m. (2 hrs.): This workshop teaches the participants how to be more confident about their next job interview. Topics include positive answers to difficult questions, dressing for success, the importance of body language and positive attitude, interview follow-up and salary negotiations.
- Negishi – Kid's Craft Class** 10:30 a.m. (1.5 hrs.): The Kid's Craft Class is a fantastic opportunity to interact with other parents and children while the kids do fun seasonal crafts. All ages are welcome and must be accompanied by an adult.
- PCS Workshop** 8 a.m. (4 hrs.): This 4 hour workshop provides service members and their families an opportunity to prepare for their next PCS move. Participants will benefit by receiving pre-move information from subject matter experts that represent the offices that handle the logistics of PCS moves. A wide variety of informative PCS materials are available at this class, free of charge.
- Yokosuka – Play Morning** 9:30 a.m. (1.5 hrs.): Make play fun and educational for your child. Learn creative and new ideas to bring you and your child closer together through play. Children up to 5 are welcome, but must be accompanied by an adult. This Play Morning is held at Ayame Tower.

Upcoming Classes

- April 7** Accelerated Transition Assistance – ATAP
Communication, Anger and Stress Management, Assertiveness (CASA)
Enjoy Japanese Food; English as a Second Language
- April 8** Area Orientation Brief and Intercultural Relations Class; Healthy Relationships: For Your Child's Future
Job Fair Preparation; Welcome to Ikego
- April 9** Communication, Anger and Stress Management, Assertiveness (CASA)
IA Public Service Seminar with Dr. Brown; Ombudsman Assembly
Ombudsman Advanced Training; Welcome to Negishi
- April 10** Effective Resume Writing; Ikego Play Morning
- April 11** Ikego – Ukulele Lessons; Yokosuka – Play morning

Negishi FFSC
242-4125

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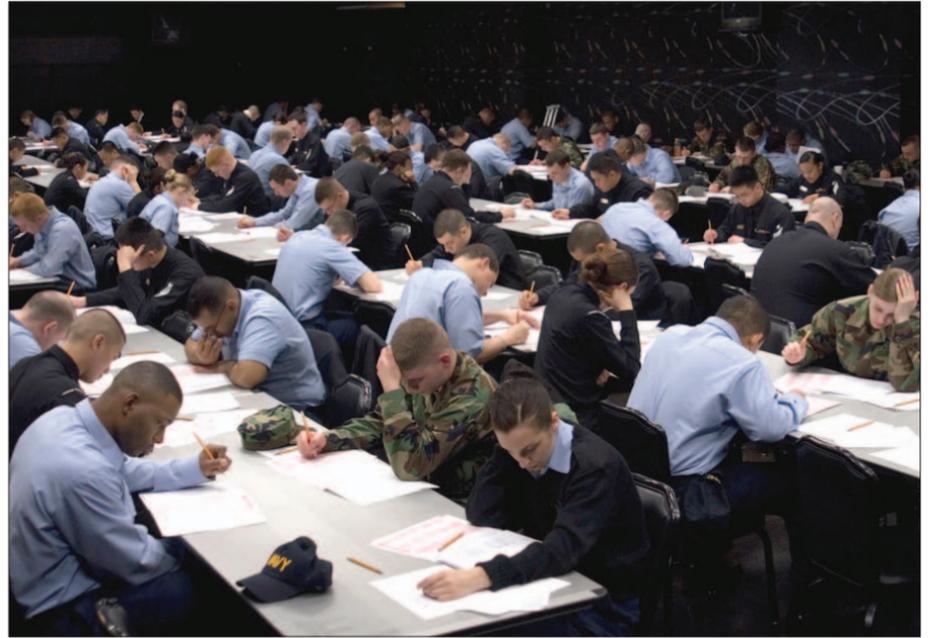
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Approximately 90 students from Aichi Prefecture Fire Academy visited Commander U.S. Naval Forces, Japan Regional Fire Department March 13 to see the latest on firefighting technique and equipment the U.S. Navy uses.

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Prospective 3rd class petty officers stationed at CFAY take the E-4 advancement examination at CFAY's enlisted club March 20. Approximately 200 Sailors from Yokosuka shore commands took the test.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Derek J. Hurder



Lance Cpl. Steven James ascends the stairs of a two-story building while Marines assigned to 3rd Fleet Antiterrorism Security Team (FAST), 1st Platoon conduct room clearing drills at Fleet Activities Yokosuka March 12. The FAST team is on a scheduled deployment from Norfolk, Va.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Barry Hirayama



Rear Adm. Carol M. Pottenger, Task Force (CTF) 76, cuts a cake with *USS Blue Ridge* (LCC 19) Commanding Officer Capt. David A. Lausman on the ship's mess decks after a ceremony for Women's History Month March 5. The ship's Multi-Cultural Committee organized the ceremony at which Pottenger was the guest speaker.

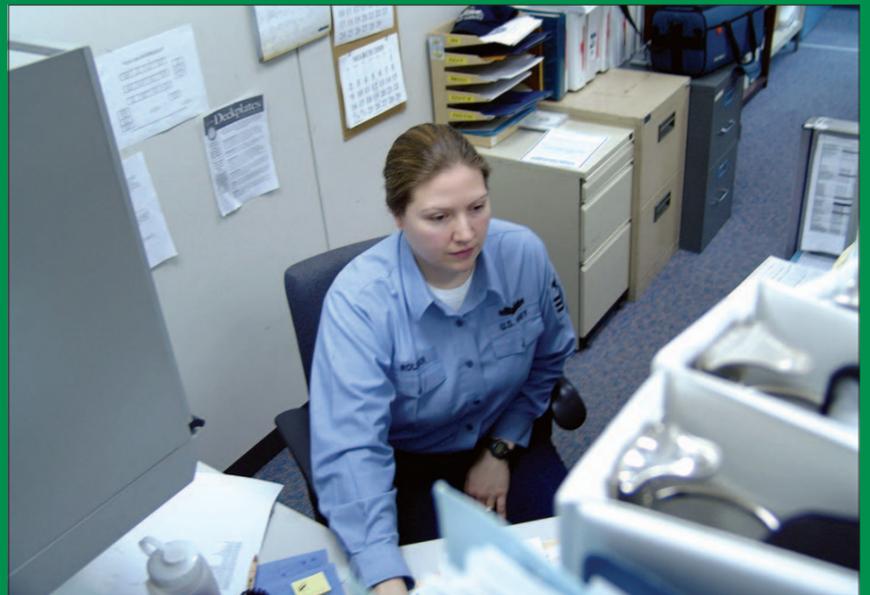
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Sonia Lucas practices listening to see if a simulated casualty is breathing during a first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) certification course at Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka March 14. The class was part of Yokosuka's observation of Red Cross Month.

U.S. Navy photo by MCSN Kari R. Bergman

Konnichiwa!



Assistant Command Career Counselor PC1(SW) Maria Rodan, works on the computer reviewing scheduled checkout interviews for outbound FISC personnel.

Photo by Tim Shannon

How long have you been in Japan? One year and three months.

Where do you work? FISC Yokosuka.

Favorite food? Mexican.

Life goal? Retire from the Navy and watch my children grow old.