(Left) *USS Fitzgerald* (DDG 62) Commanding Officer Cmdr. Dennis Velez talks with Assistant Secretary of State for Political-Military Affairs Andrew Shapiro on the ship's flight deck during Shapiro's visit to Japan July 24. Shapiro took a tour of *Fitzgerald* that included the ballistic missile defense system, anti-submarine combatant, damage control system and the engineering plant. The visit provided Shapiro a view into how an operational command works and how different administrative factors affect Sailors in the fleet.

U.S. Navy photo by Ensign Bill Morrison

IT2 Joshua Boney, assigned to the 7th Fleet command ship *USS Blue Ridge* (LCC 19), pauses to read gravestones while cleaning Clark Cemetery during a community service project Aug. 5. Clark Cemetery sits on the grounds of former Clark Air Base and holds 2,250 fallen American service members among the 8,600 people buried there. *Blue Ridge* is in Manila for a port visit where Sailors have the opportunity for liberty and take part in community service projects.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Cynthia Griggs

Konnichiwa

SRF-JRMC MLC electrician formeman-A employee Yuji Wakatsuki checks an air conditioning fan motor from *USS Shiloh* (CG 67).

Photo by Yuji Kawabe

Where do you work? SRF-JRMC Electrical Shop.

How long have you worked on base? Twenty-six years.

What is your favorite food? Sushi and Unagi (grilled eel).

What is your life goal? To live in Hawaii and run in the Honolulu marathon.

(Left) FC3 Brett Augarten and competitive eater Tim "Eater X" Janus, the International Federation of Competitive Eating 2004 rookie of the year, brandish their trophy after winning a hotdog eating contest at the Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka 34th Friendship Day celebration Aug. 7. During the event, the base opens its gates to the public, allowing visitors to tour ships, sample American fare and view a Yokosuka City sponsored fireworks display.

U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Andrew Ryan Smith

Yokosuka Red Cross Senior Station Manager Cecil Goodman receives a $500 check for Haiti Relief from ATGWP Afloat Instructor DCC(SW) Shenia Nurse July 23. Since the tragic January earthquake, an estimated 230,000 people have died and people remain homeless; relying on plastic tarps for shelter. Efforts to help Haiti recover are ongoing and monetary contributions are still needed.

U.S. Navy photo by FC1(SW) Sumi McLennan

QM3 Alexander Davis, from Richmond, Calif., and QM2 Parker Mesch, from Great Falls, Mont., lower signal flags during an emergency breakaway drill aboard the aircraft carrier *USS George Washington* (CVN 73) Aug. 2. *George Washington*, the Navy's only permanently forward-deployed aircraft carrier, is underway helping to ensure security and stability in the western Pacific Ocean.

U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Danielle A. Brandt