CPO selectees take on Camp Fuji Marine course

Chief selectees from Yokosuka and Atsugi participated in the inaugural Chief Induction Leadership Obstacle Course held at Combined Arms Training Center Camp Fuji Japan Aug. 14. The course, which Camp Fuji Marines use for routine combat conditioning, consists of an obstacle course, pull-up station, repelling tower and a drilling area. For approximately four hours, the selectees navigated the obstacle course, repelled from a 40-foot high tower, participated in a personnel-casualty drill, simulated a working party using sandbags, and performed pull-ups, marching drills and carried each other on their shoulders during a fireman's carry relay. The purpose of the course is to teach the selectees unity within the chiefs' mess by using teamwork for problem solving.

Photos by Mark Elrod

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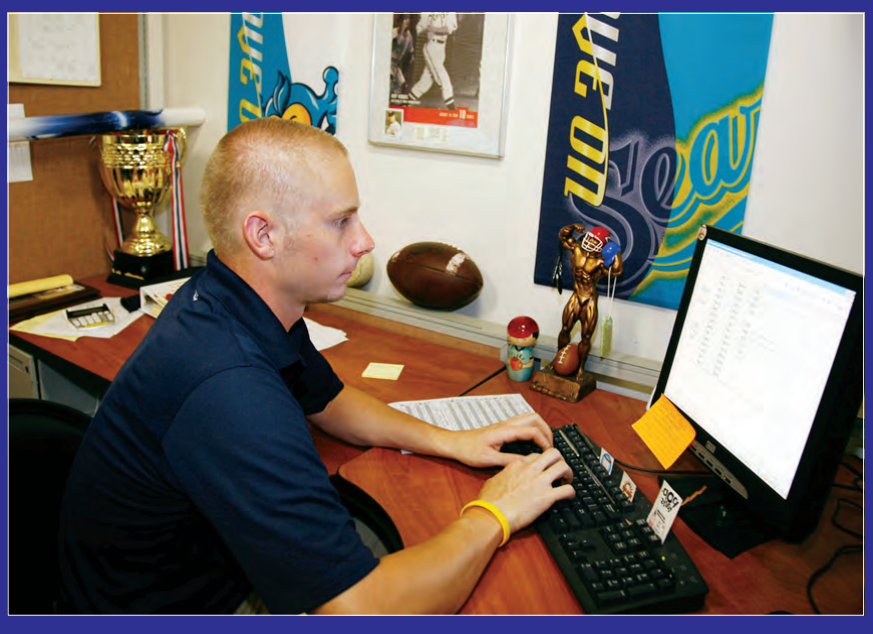

MWR Recreation Specialist Jeremy Kahler makes the 2009-2010 season schedule for youth soccer games.

Photo by Yuji Kawabe

Where is your hometown? Kansas City, Mo.

How long have you been in Japan? Nine years.

What is your favorite food? Curry.

What is your life goal? To continue to run a successful youth sports program.

CFAY CMC celebrates retirement with shipmates, friends

(Center) CFAY Command Master Chief CMDCM Wayne Smith poses with shipmates and friends during his retirement barbecue party Aug. 8. American and Japanese guests presented Smith the flag of the Rising Sun inscribed with personal messages from each of them as a farewell gift. Smith, who enlisted in 1982, served the U.S. Navy faithfully for 27 years.

Photo by Fumiyo Sato