

# CAMP ZAMA THROUGH THE YEARS....

## 1970s

October 1971 marked the return of Japanese military units as Camp Zama became a U.S.-Japan bilateral use facility. The first units included the 102nd Construction Battalion, which later became the 3rd Engineer Group in 1972, and other Japan Ground Self-Defense Force units.

The reversion of Okinawa to Japanese control on May 15, 1972, resulted in the realignment of the Pacific Army commands with USARJ absorbing elements for Okinawa and providing improved structure for command and control. Under the complex reversion, IX Corps was transferred from Okinawa and collocated with this command to form USARJ/IX Corps on June 30.

A USARJ reorganization established three subordinate commands on July 1, 1974: U.S. Army Garrison, Honshu (USAGH); U.S. Army Garrison, Okinawa (USAGO); and the U.S. Army Medical Department Activity-Japan, (MEDDAC-JAPAN). With the discontinuance of USARPAC, USARJ was designated a major Army command on January 1, 1975, reporting directly to Department of the Army.



The military police battery fires its continuous volley during a 50-gun salute to the United States on its bicentennial during the July 4, 1976, Camp Zama celebration.





(Above) Yoshie Nakamura and Natsuko Ohnuki fold cargo parachutes and readied for Army rigger inspection.



(Right) Specialist 4 Joanne Ray reviews an English direction sign from Sobudai-mae train station to Camp Zama. Other signs are also found at Sagami-ono and Odakyu Sagamihara stations.



(Above left) The 296th Army Band warm-up before one of its twice a week on-post concerts.



(Above) Staff Sgt. Cyril B. Ward, tower chief, and his wife, Specialist 4 Iris E. Ward, air traffic control specialist, go over aircraft landing instructions.



(Left) Soldiers clean-up the grounds for routine appearance maintenance at Camp Zama.





Specialist 5 Dale Filkin drops 15 cents into the drink machine for a cool one to go with his evening meal at the dining facility.



Incoming Command Sgt. Maj. Jack MacConnell is briefed by outgoing Command Sgt. Maj. Ted King prior to King's departure from Japan.



(Above left) Mr. M Morimoto reviews installation accounts.

(Above) Brigadier Gen. Hugh Richeson passes the U.S. Army Hospital Camp Zama colors to Col. Gerald A. Champin during a 1970 change of command while departing Col. Alexander M. Boysen watches.

(Left) A mountain of 1970 Christmas packages arrive.





The Clothing Sales Store, Retail Support Division assists another Soldier with uniforms in 1971.



An Isuzu Motors representative hands the keys for a new tour bus to Lt. Col. Robert Redmond, chief of Camp Zama's Recreation Services, in 1978.



Thirty-eight of more than 50 U.S. Army Medical Department Activity (Provisional), Japan, received promotions to the rank of Specialist 5 in August 1971 under the Army's centralized promotion system.



The King of Country Music, Roy Acuff, gives an autograph for Specialist 4 James A. Karcz during a USO tour to Camp Zama and other military hospitals.



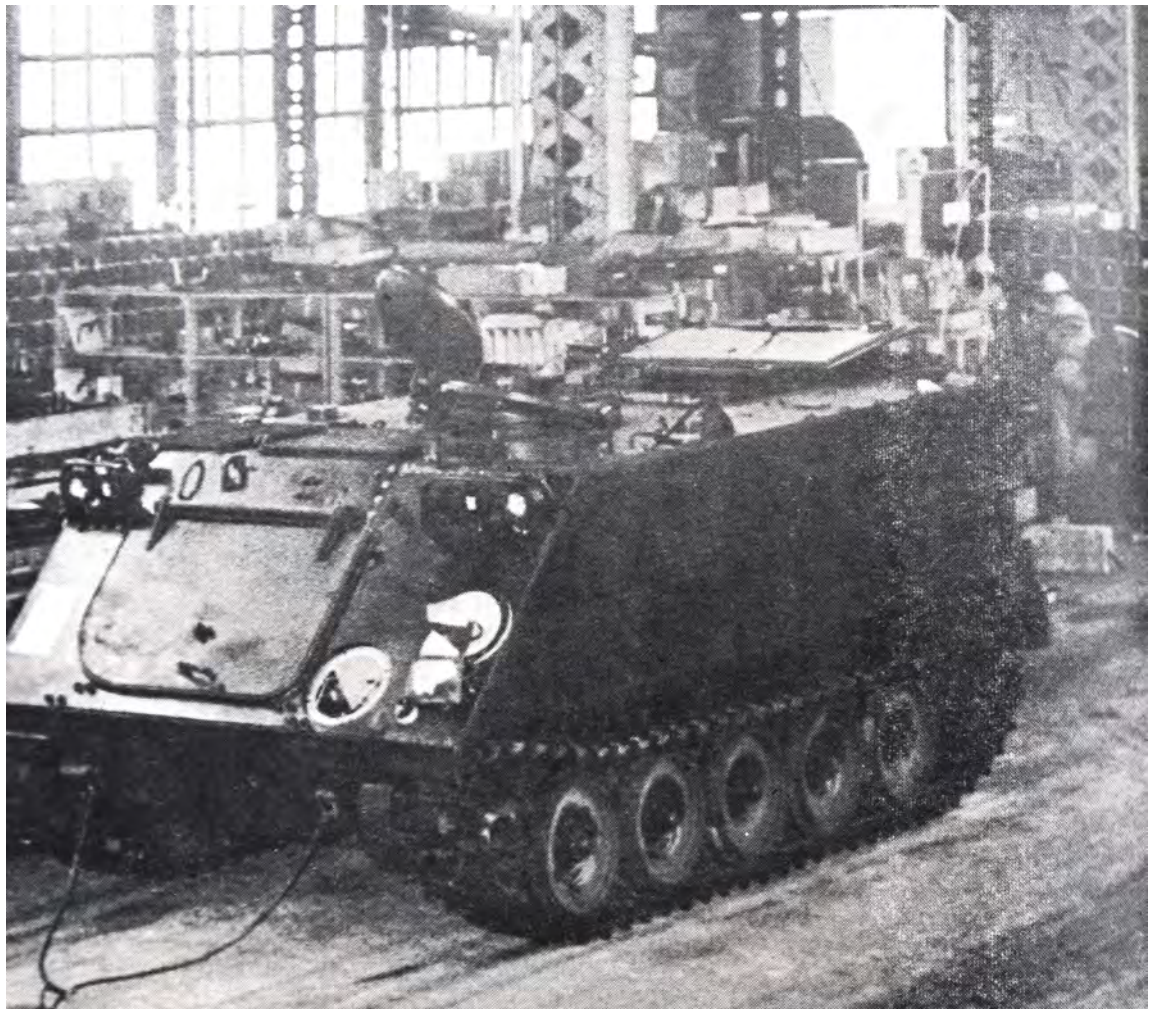
Colonel Kiyoo Ishiwari and Maj. Loyal G. Evans sign an agreement for military police operating policies and procedures for bilateral use.





Brigadier Gen. Hugh A. Richeson, commanding general of U.S. Army Japan, presents the Army-wide 1971 Phillip A. Connelly Award for excellence in food service in the large dining facility category. Receiving the trophy are Lt. Col. Lawrence R. Trapp, 1st Lt. Danny O. Crew and Sgt. 1st Class Walter Edwards.

An Army M113/M113A1 armored personnel carrier (APC) is given a final coat of paint as it moves down the Sagami General Depot assembly line. After components are replaced it is given a final road test. The depot rebuilds battle-damaged APCs, a task depot maintenance personnel have been doing since 1965.







In October 1971 Japan Ground Self-Defense Force members started arriving with their units.

(Above left) Private 1st Class Masakazu Suzuki does some carpentry work while Pfc. Hideo Matsubayashi checks ropes.

(Above) Private 1st Class Toshikazu Suzuki checks crane cables.

(Left) Leading Pvt. Ichiro Yamazaki bandages Sgt. Shuzo Takori.

(Bottom left) Free time is used to relax in the barracks.

(Bottom right) Lieutenant Gen. Gosaku Takedatsu receives congratulations from Brig. Gen. Hugh A. Richeson marking the return of Japanese military members to Camp Zama after a 26 year absence. The monument marks the historic event.







An impressive Japanese rock garden was built in the U.S. Army Japan building lobby in 1972. Making the final adjustments are Tomijiro Jami and Kendo Nakamura from Camp Zama Facility Engineers.



(Above) Mosaburo Saito, fire truck driver, prepares to open the valve that feeds the truck's 2½-inch hose.



(Right) As he completes his tour as commanding general of U.S. Army Japan-IX Corps, Lt. Gen. John R. Guthrie, is promoted to general on April 30, 1977. Becky Guthrie and Gen. Bernard W. Rogers, Army chief of staff, pin on his new four-star rank insignia.





The main library at Camp Zama.



Specialist 4 Patrick Reilly, U-21 crew chief, gives his aircraft a vital check before flight.

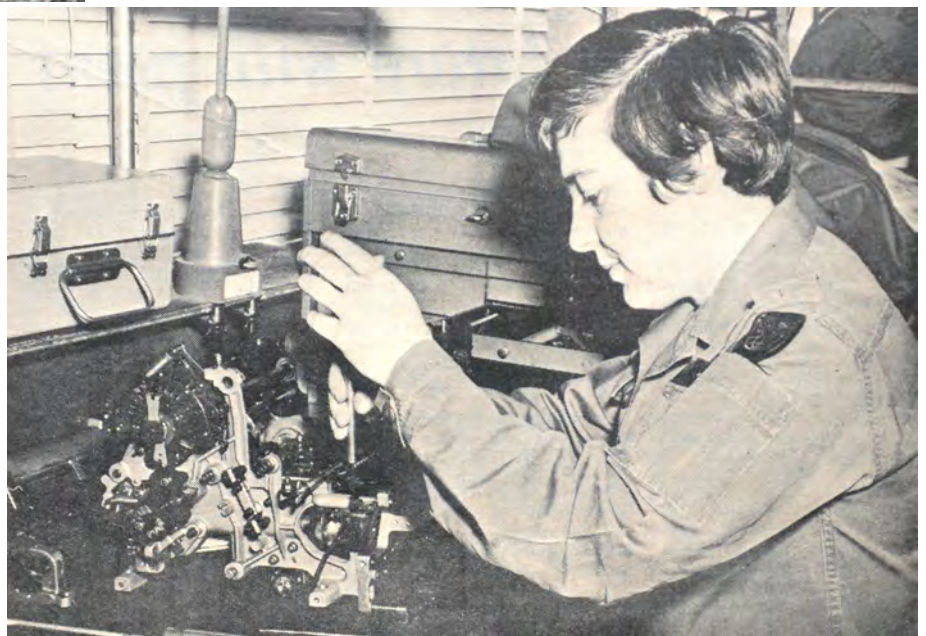


(Above) Two military policemen attempt to capture a deer in mid-air that escaped from Zama City zoo. Roadblocks were set up to help corner the deer around the softball field for capture.

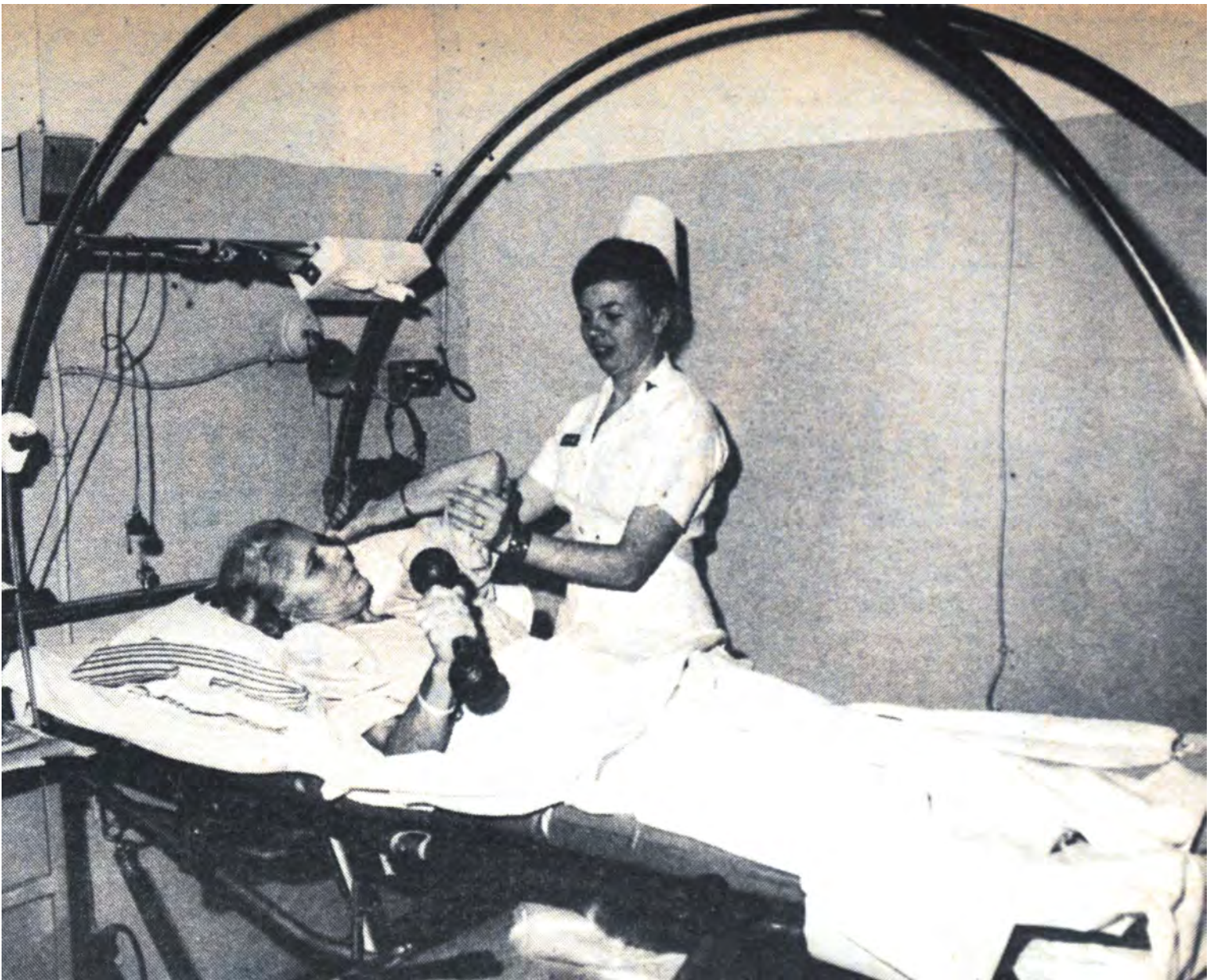


(Above right) The entrance to Camp Zama's main exchange

(Right) Specialist 5 Barbara Franks, a teletype repairwoman, works on the manual letters lever of a teletype page printer.







Captain Sheryl A. Simons, physical therapist at U.S. Army Hospital Camp Zama, helps Dorothy Fay Bell go through a series of exercises to strengthen her muscles as she lies in a circle electric bed.



Workers in the Care and Preservation Branch, General Supply Storage Division, at Sagami General Depot, examine repair parts on the processing line.





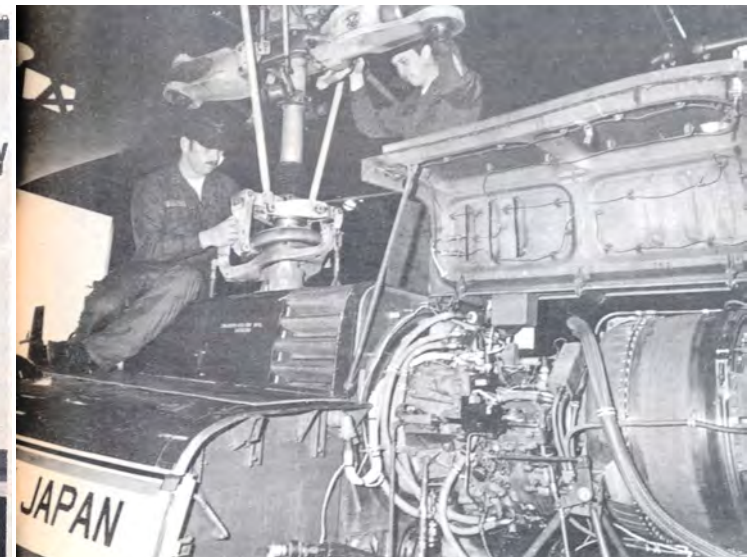
Provost Marshal Office members perform safety inspections and stress riding safety during a 1970 bicycle jamboree. Attendees received certificates.



First Lt. Robert T. Korowicki, Specialist 5 Lou Nobleman and 2nd Lt. Dan Flesch hold a sign for a bazaar to aid children of Kofuen Orphanage.



Command Sgt. Maj. Joseph D. Buda watches as Master Sgt. Anthony Ouwerkerk and Marita Grauel fill out Association of the United States Army (AUSA) membership applications during a 1971 campaign.



Two maintenance Soldiers work on a UH-1H helicopter rotor hub. Each helicopter is routinely serviced after 100 flight hours.



Dancers perform traditional dance steps going around the stage at the 15th annual (1974) Bon Odori festival at Camp Zama.

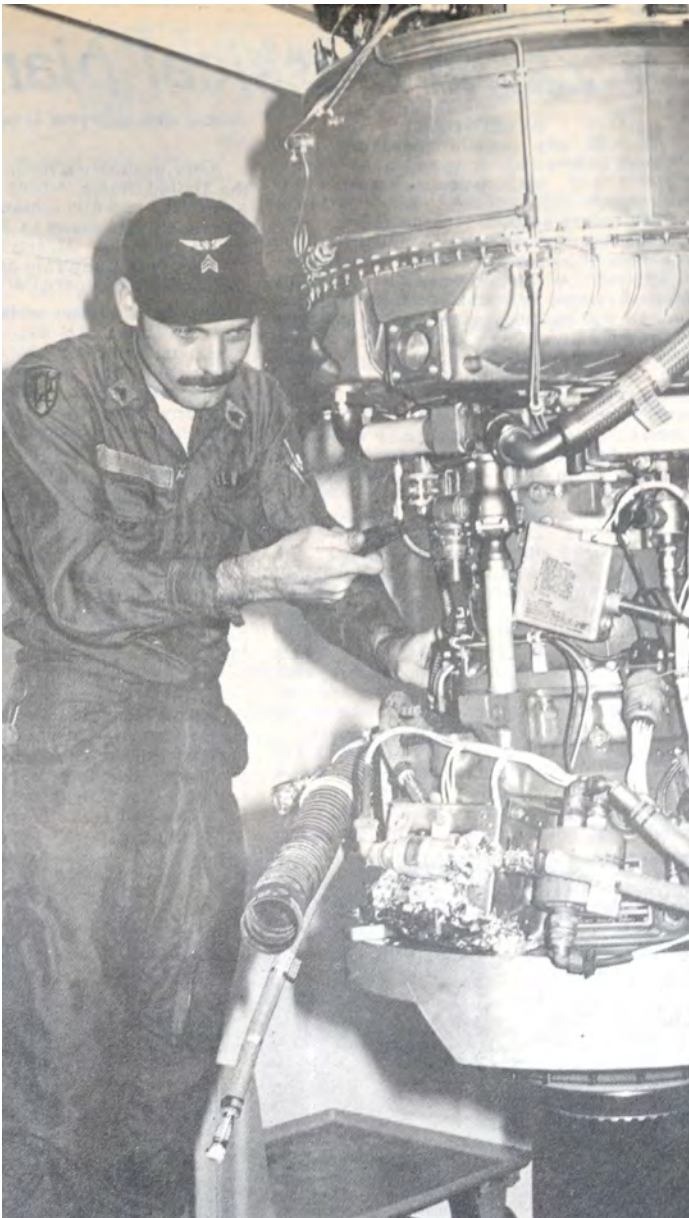




Ritchie Lisella and Frank Sinatra Jr., listen to the director while Staff Sgt. Robert Bookman, playing the role of a corporal, gets makeup in preparation for filming a scene for the movie "Walking Major" being filmed at Camp Zama in 1970.



Billy Mooneyham prepares to return to ball while Butler Bynote jumps to block the play. The game was played during the 1978 U.S. Army Garrison Honshu intramural volleyball tournament.



(Left) Sergeant Chris Stainbrook works on an engine.



(Above top) Colonel Galen C. Moorey accepts the commanding general's sport participation trophy from Brig. Gen. Hugh A. Richeson on behalf of Camp Zama.



(Above) The 587th Medical Detachment (Helicopter Ambulance) receives a Meritorious Unit Commendation streamer in 1971.





On July 22, 1975, two U.S. Army Japan Soldiers began a nearly 2,000 mile journey from Soya-Misaki on the northern tip of Hokkaido. They hit the halfway mark—Camp Zama—Sept. 22. After a brief time with family and friends they continued to the lighthouse at Sata-Misaki, Kyushu, reaching their destination Nov. 24 where they were met by local officials and Col. David B. Hannum Jr., U.S. Army Garrison Honshu commander. Staff Sgt. Donald J. Austin and Specialist 5 Robert E. Constant made the trek to commemorate the Bicentennial of the United States. Along the way they met thousands of cheering supporters as the news of their trek hit the Japanese news media. In Sapporo, Constant met an innkeeper's daughter whom he later married in a traditional Japanese wedding.

(Above) Staff Sgt. Donald A. Austin and Specialist 5 Robert E. Constant hike along a country road in Kanagawa Prefecture.

(Below) Flag-waving Japanese supporters cheer on the duo.

(Right) A marker was erected at Sata-Misaki, Kyushu, by the Japanese commemorating their accomplishment.



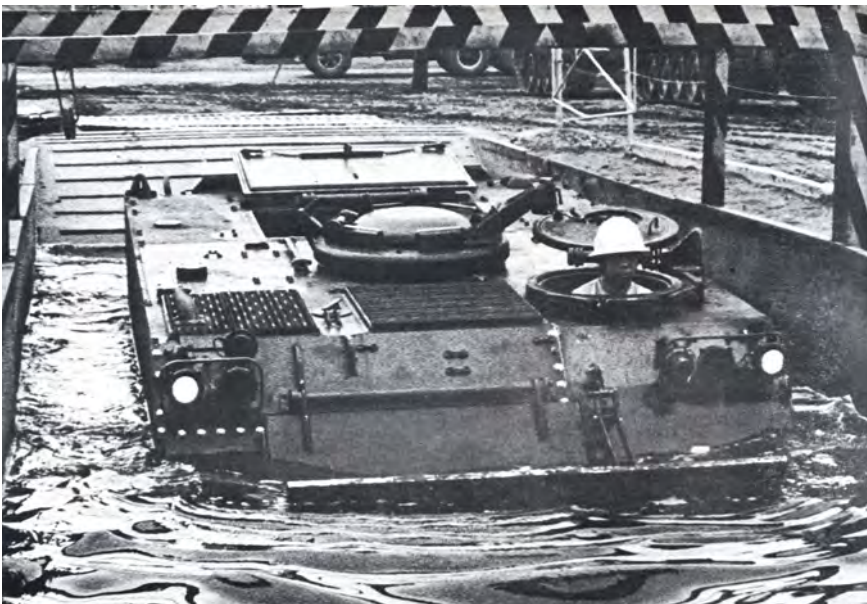




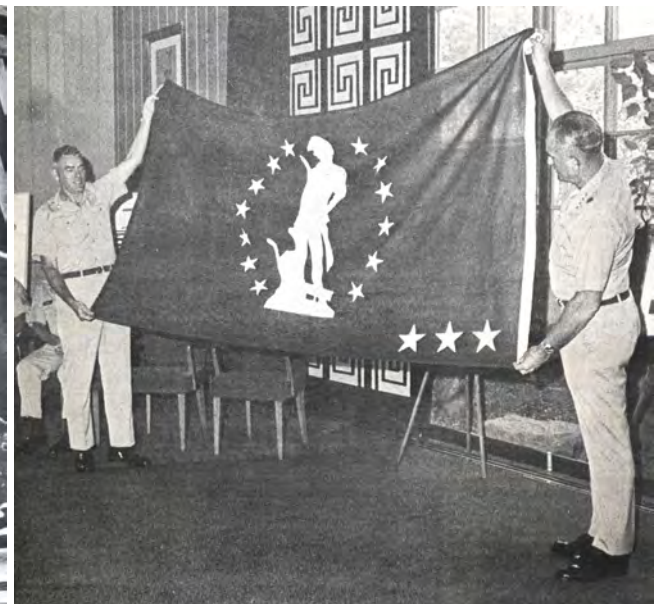
Outgoing Women's Army Corps Detachment commander, Captain Jane F. Sheehan, Troop Command commander, Col. Lawrence R. Trapp, and Capt. Judith H. Kelley, incoming WAC commander, stand at attention during a change of command ceremony.



Colonel John J. Hamlin, Sgt. 1st Class James E. White Jr., (pointing) and Lt. Col. Edgar V. Friend Jr., look at the latest results of the Personnel and Administration's suggestion month. March 1970 showed a 200 percent increase in participation for their division.



A rebuilt armored personnel carrier (APC) is given a dip in a tank at Sagami General Depot to make sure it is watertight before being taken to the test track to make sure all components are working. Once rebuilt and certified, the APC will be returned to combat.



General William B. Rosson, U.S. Pacific Command, and Brig. Gen. Hugh A. Richeson, U.S. Army Japan, display the Minuteman flag presented to USARJ by Rosson for USARJ achieving more than 90 percent in the U.S. savings bond program.





In the early morning hours in January 1975 a fire struck the Sagamihara Elementary School. U.S. Army and Japanese firefighters fought the blaze until it was under control. Within days, through a community cleanup effort, children were back at school albeit at different locations.



One of the annual bazaars spread out on the basketball court at Camp Zama.

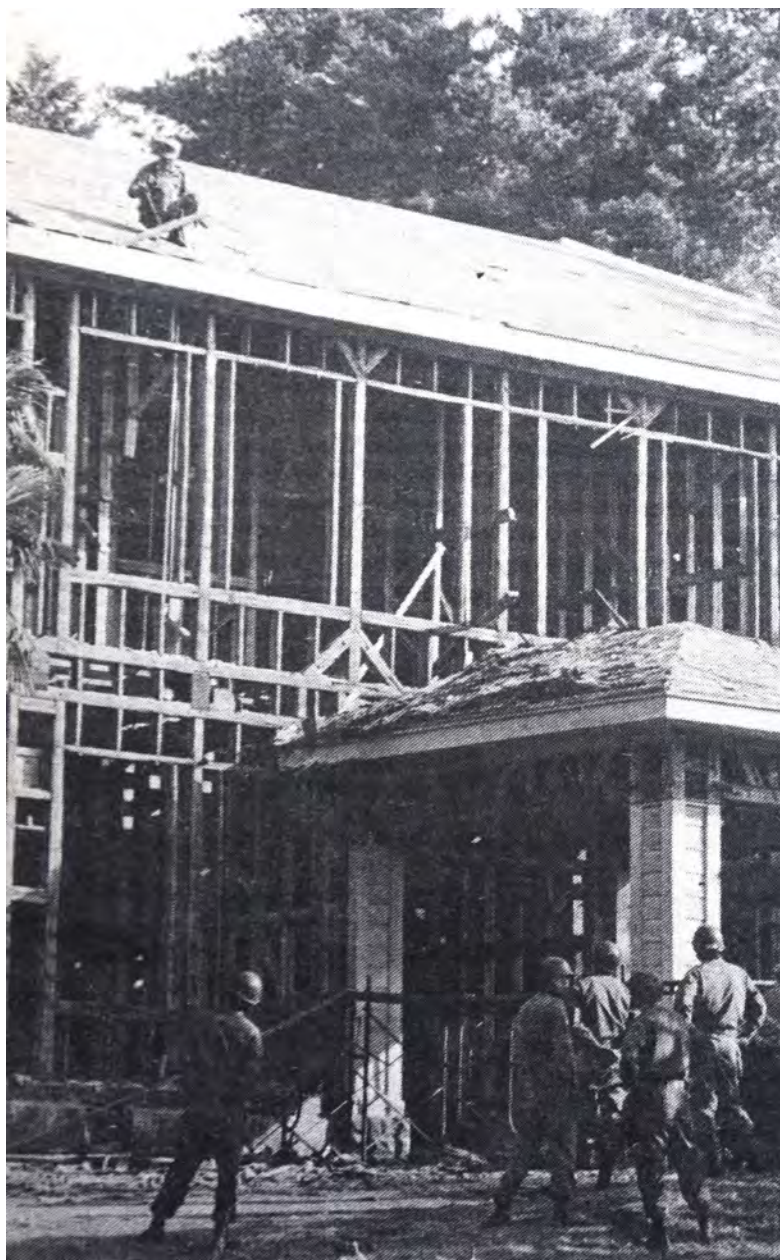


(Right) Mark Hamill, of "Star Wars" fame, signs autographs at Camp Zama in 1978.



(Below) The former 8,000 square foot Imperial family visiting quarters was dismantled by Japan Ground Self-Defense Force's 3rd Engineer Group in 1976 and reassembled it for use as a museum at Camp Asaka. A monument now marks the former location.

(Below right) Captain William H. Player, test control officer for U.S. Army Japan, gives instruction on how to correctly use the military occupational specialty (MOS) evaluation answer sheet.







Major Gen. John A. Goshorn, commanding general of U.S. Army Japan, signs a check for the first donation to the 1970 overseas Combined Federal Campaign, while Col. John J. Hamlin looks on.



Specialist 5 George Whetstone, station engineer, works the television control board for broadcasting Far East Network television programming to the Camp Zama community.



A tug of war during Armed Forces Day in 1979.



Ray Hayashi leads cyclists out of Camp Zama's main gate for a trek into the Japanese countryside.



(Above) An archer tries out the Camp Zama archery range.

(Left) The "Voice of Camp Zama" military affiliated radio system (MARS) sign.





An aerial view of Yokohama North Pier, which was busy in 1978 with incoming and outgoing cargo including privately owned vehicles. Several different commands operate or have warehousing at Yokohama North Pier.





Firemen assigned to U.S. Army Japan and backup Soldiers hold monthly fire safety training programs.



Outgoing Command Sgt. Maj. George E. Otis, incoming Command Sgt. Maj. James F. Bonner, and Lt. Gen. John Q. Henion during a November 1977 change of responsibility ceremony.





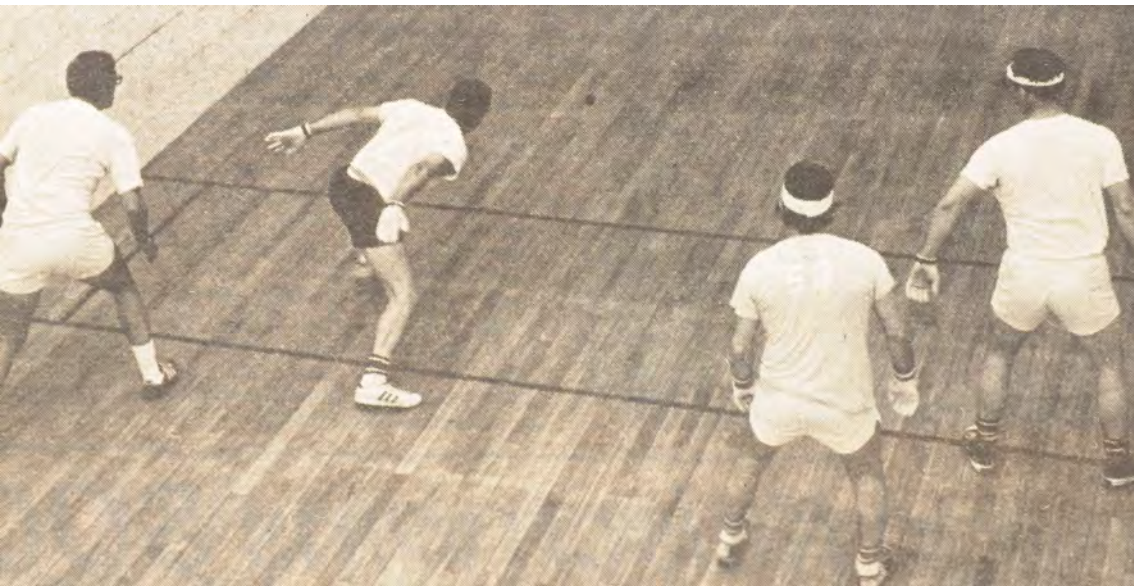
Members of Cub Scout Pack 37 listen to Sgt. 1st Class Clifford Davis describe a switch back used for telephone calls at the telephone exchange.



Members of the Camp Zama Ramblers baseball team with team chief Richard Davenport in Hawaii for the 1970 U.S. Army Pacific tournament.



Bernita Kerzwig presents the first place trophy for the high jump to Catherine Deptula during the sixth annual spring horse show at U.S. Army Japan's Camp Fuchinobe, a short distance from Camp Zama.



Trying to win first place honors in the April 5, 1978, handball tournament doubles competition are Robert Johnson, John Miller, Bruno Ruggeri and Mike Schneider. The team of Ruggeri and Johnson took top honors.

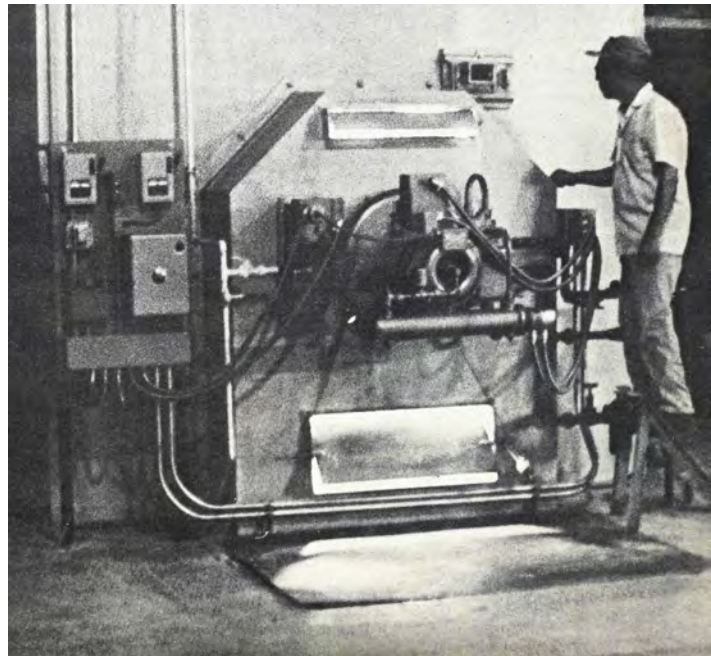




Fireworks at the annual July Fourth celebration.



Staff Sgt. Ron Todd assists Pfc. Tom Coughlin of the finance office in recording a Thanksgiving message during the annual U.S. Army Japan public affairs office's holiday greeting program.



Hirofumi Takamatsu checks a boiler at the Camp Zama steam plant to make sure it is operating at peak efficiency.



A 1975 reenlistment ceremony for six members of U.S. Army Aviation Detachment, Honshu.





Tomohiro Amano demonstrates how a single firefighter handles the spray nozzle.



A row of telephone operators handle the switchboard



Colonel David J. Cordonnier accepts the U.S. Army Communications Command-Japan flag and command from Brig. Gen. Joseph A. Kastner.



Kiyoto Motoyama and Col. C. Morey sign an agreement in 1971 releasing 60 percent of Tokorozawa Depot to Japanese control.

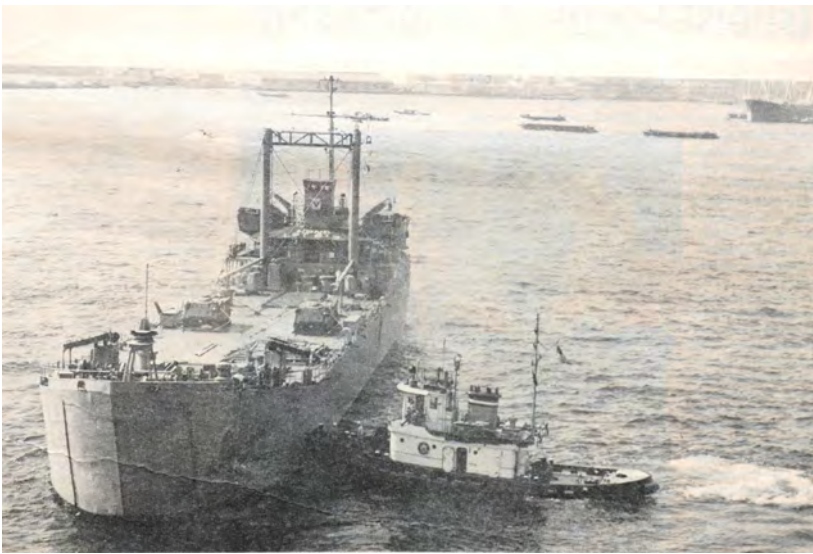


Maintaining a clean cut appearance is Private 1st Class Nathaniel Hamlin.

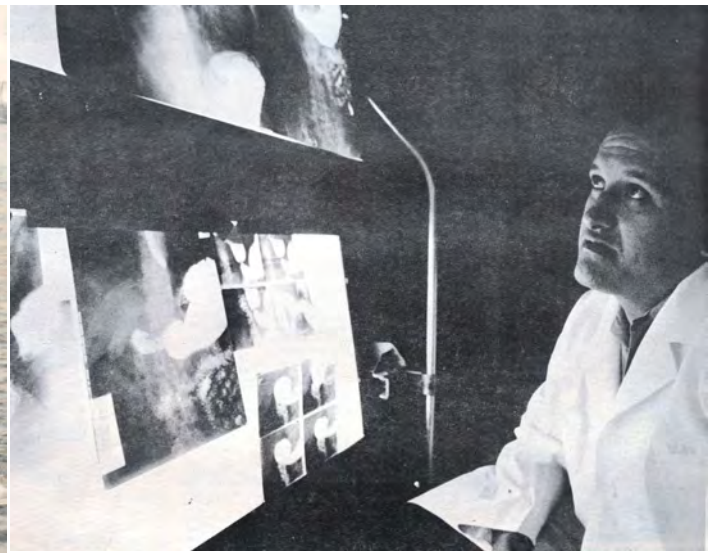


Comptroller directorate personnel are recognized for participation in the Incentive Awards program.





A U.S. Army tugboat at Yokohama North Dock gives a push to a 330 foot U.S. Navy LST (Landing Ship Tank).



A doctor studies the X-rays of patients at the Zama Hospital.



Brigadier Gen. Ross R. Condit Jr., U.S. Army Japan chief of staff, and Honorable Bunzaburo Shikano, mayor of Zama City, plant a tree during a dedication ceremony of Fujiyama Park on released Army land.



Colonel Charles R. Weeks, U.S. Army Garrison Honshu commander watches as Kathy Bond pins on Chief Warrant Officer 2 insignia on her husband, Robert S. Bond Jr.

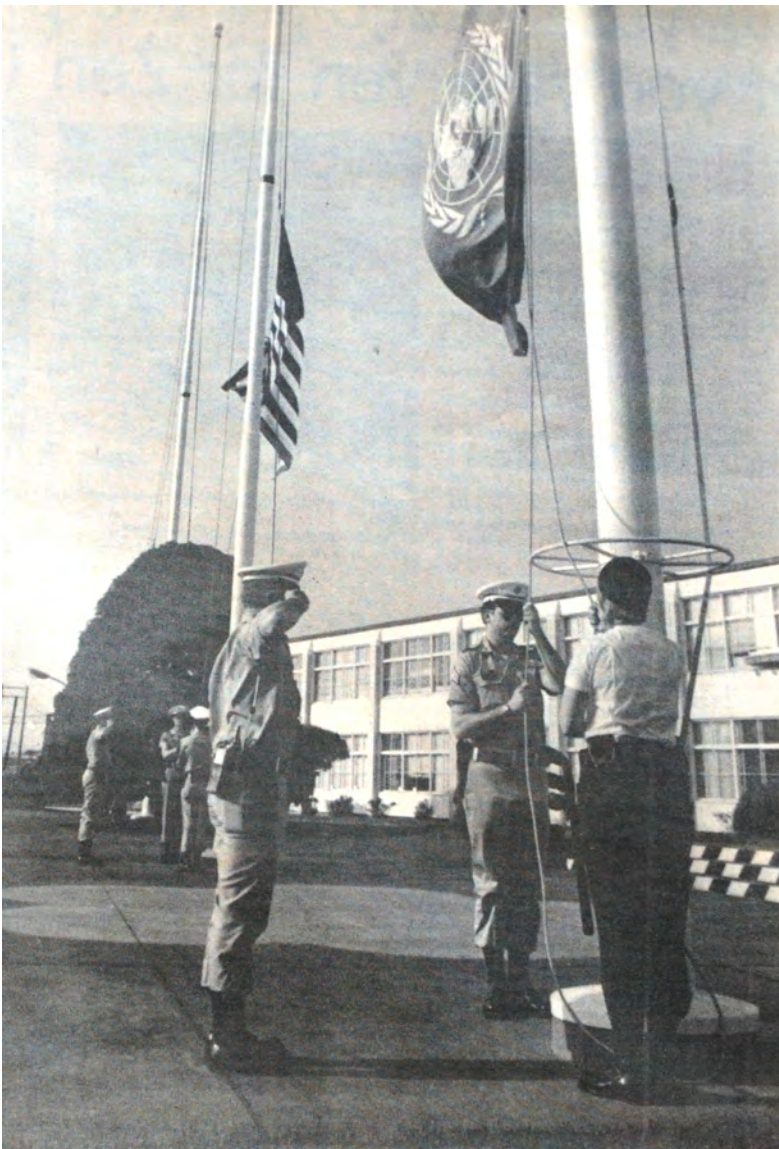


Staff Sgt. LB. Salisbury (right) starts clearance paperwork for Specialist 5 Eddie Keeler and Specialist 4 Joe Delgiorno. Both Soldiers are taking part of an in-service recruiting program to strengthen the Army Reserve and National Guard.



Kazuo Matsubara, chief of Sagamihara Minami Police Station, bows to Specialist 4 Michael D. Donald after he was presented a letter of appreciation and medallion for his efforts in identifying a hit-and-run suspect and telling police.

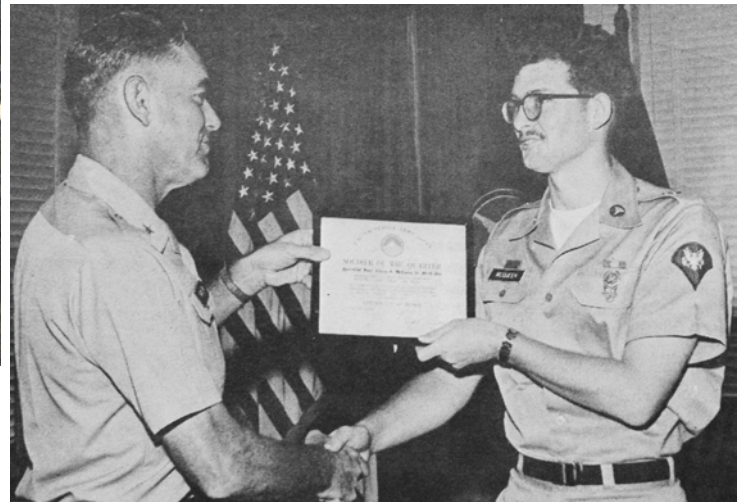




Military Police personnel raise the flags in front of the U.S. Army Japan headquarters building.



Staff Sgt's. Troy A. Cox and Al Conaway, along with two young assistants, build a snow Buddha after snow blanketed Sagamihara Dependent Housing Area in March 1975.



Brigadier Gen. Hugh A. Richeson presents Specialist 4 Alonzo B. McQueen with the Soldier of the quarter certificate of honor.



The 500th tank to be overhauled at Sagami General Depot is christened with a bottle of champagne in 1971. More than 400 Japanese workers attended the ceremony in testament to their dedicated labor.



Brigadier Gen. Ross R. Condit Jr., and Col. William M. Shultz cut the ribbon opening the new Zama Area Post Exchange in 1972.





(Above) IX Corps Soldiers from Camp Zama study positions of troops and equipment on the 'battle board' during a Yama Sakura exercise.

(Left) The official installation Christmas tree is lighted to the music of the 296th Army Band. In the late 1970s the Christmas was one standing by the chapel.

(Below) The installation has changed significantly since this map was used. Many buildings were replaced during the Kanto Plain Consolidation Program in the 1970s.

