

# CAMP ZAMA THROUGH THE YEARS....

## 1980s

In memory of Brig. Gen. Joseph H. Kastner who died December 1, 1980, Rankin Army Airfield was renamed in his honor. Kastner had served as deputy commander of U.S. Army Japan and IX Corps from June 20, 1978 to September 18, 1980.

With the establishment of a bilateral command post exercise named Yama Sakura (Mountain Cherry) in 1982 and through successive annual bilateral exercises such as the Orient Shield series which began in 1985, USARJ/IX Corps and the Japan Ground Self-Defense Force have developed a closer bilateral relationship.

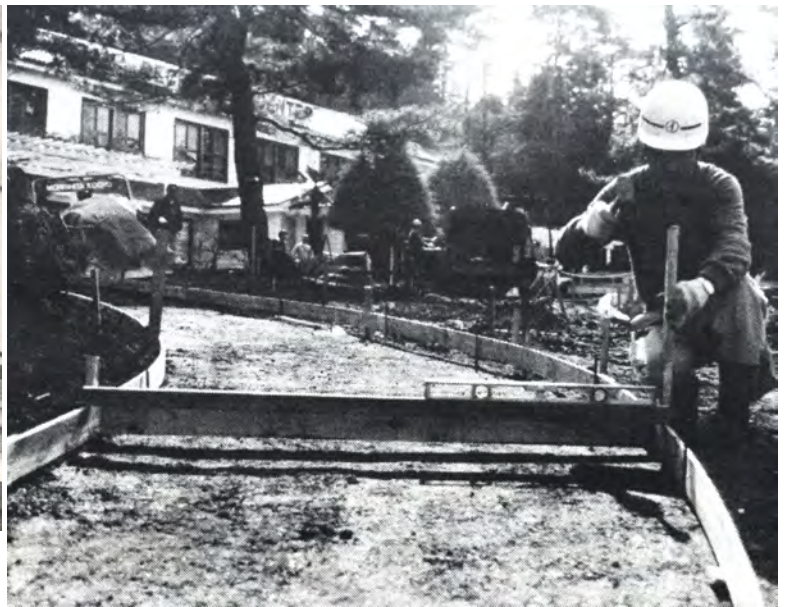
On January 16, 1986, U.S. Army Garrison, Honshu, was provisionally reorganized as the 9th Area Support Group (Provisional). The 35th Supply and Service Battalion (Provisional), at Sagami General Depot, and 196th Ordnance Battalion (Provisional), located at Akizuki, were also established this date. On October 15, 1987, the 9th Area Support Group inactivated and was replaced by the reactivated 17th Area Support Group while the 35th Supply and Service Battalion lost their provisional designation.



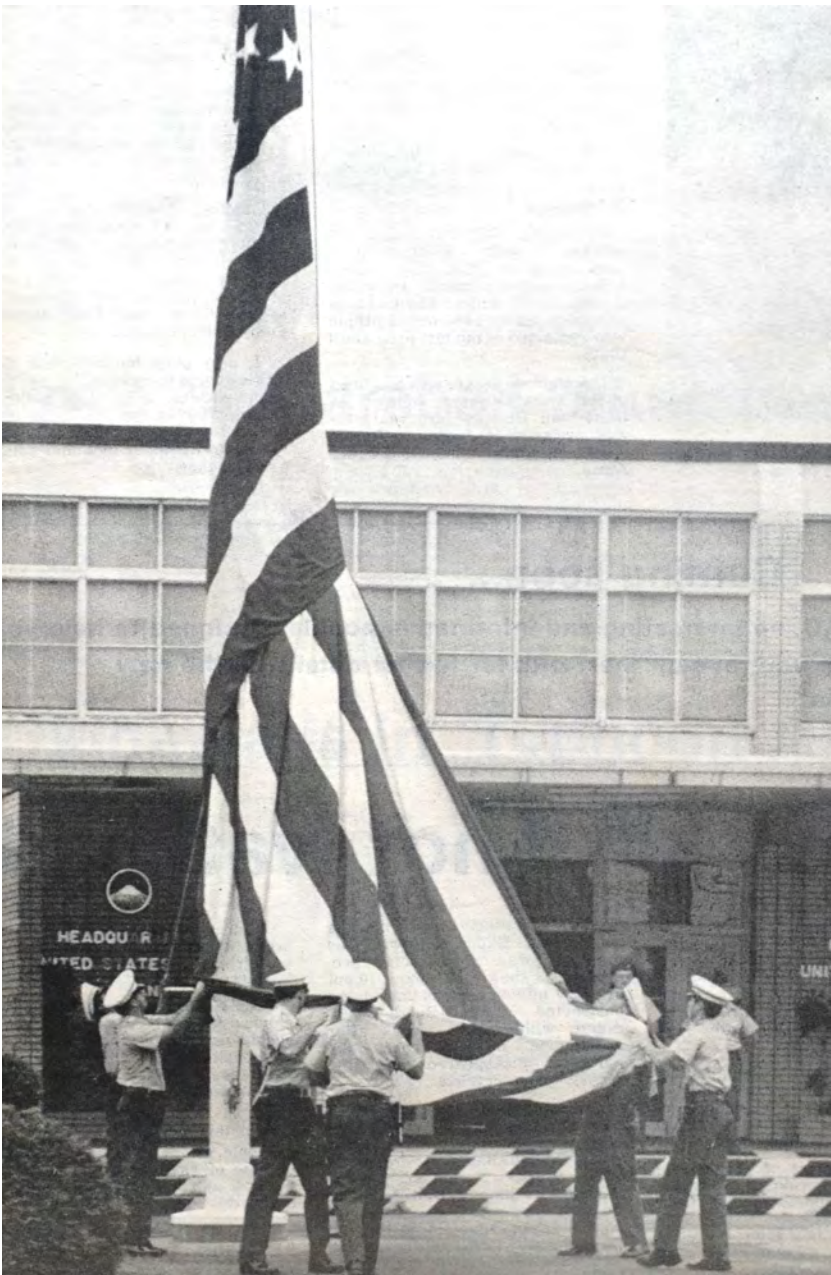
Sergeant 1st Class Andrew Barbee leads members of the U.S. Army Japan Band through wet streets of Tokyo Disneyland during the rainy opening day celebration on April 15, 1983.



Specialist 4 Emilio Arias, Training and Audiovisual Support Center with U.S. Army Garrison-Honshu, puts finishing touches on a poster for Zama American High School.



A construction worker levels the frame for a new walkway at the Camp Zama Recreation Center which allows for more parking spaces at the center.



Sergeant Charles Brooks, radio operator at the Communications Command-Japan Signal Activity North Command Radio Station, makes a call on the Military Affiliated Radio System (MARS) network in 1983.

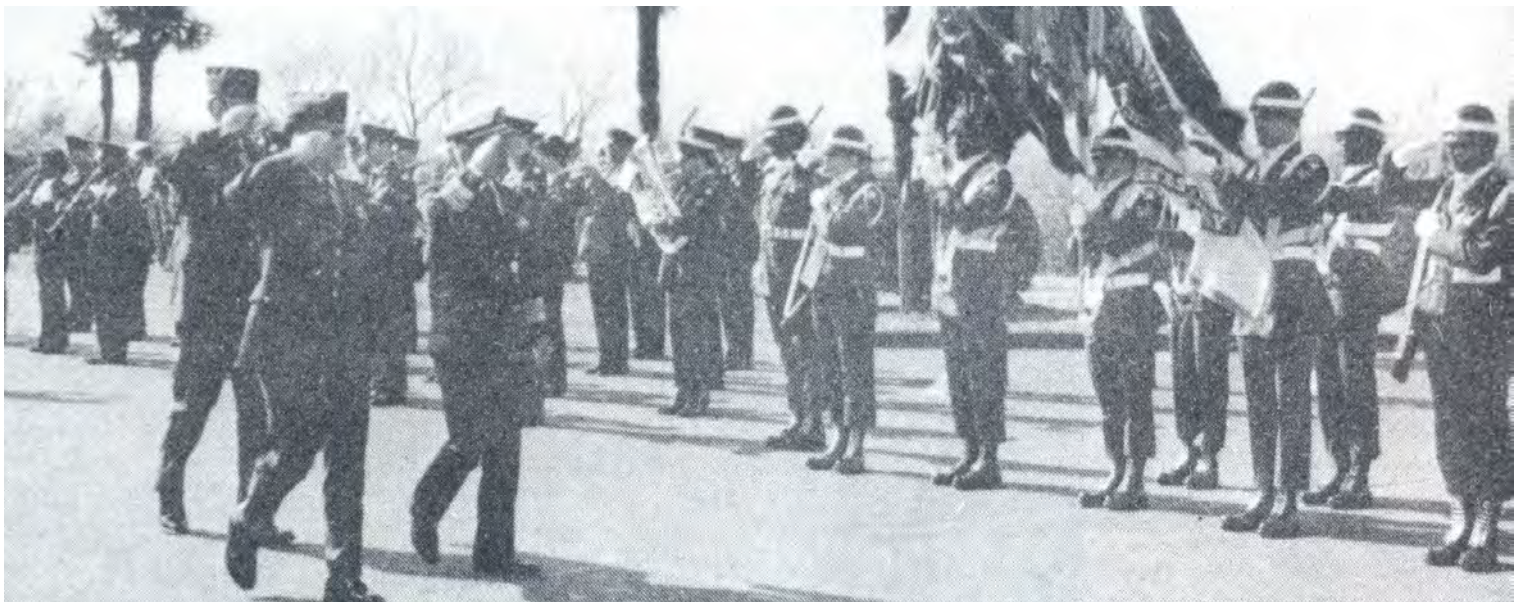
A team from the Military Police Detachment lowers the U.S. flag at the end of the duty day.



Staff Sgt. David R. Martin, assigned to U.S. Army Japan & IX Corps, receives the Army Commendation Medal from Lt. Gen. Charles W. Dyke, commander, after being selected the 1986 noncommissioned officer of the year.



A sign near a blossoming cherry tree proudly proclaims Camp Zama's victory in the 1989 Army Communities of Excellence contest and award of \$100,000 for the 17th Area Support Group for community improvements.



Admiral Tsugio Yata, Chairman of Japan Defense Agency's Joint Staff Council, is escorted by Maj. Franciscso T. Garcia and Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Wayland, as he receives the honor guard and platoon Feb. 9, 1983.



Santa Claus waves to the spectators, young and those young at heart, lining the Camp Zama parade. The 1982 parade was led by the 296th Army Band.



Camp Zama's Leroy Burns brings the ball downcourt during the 1982 Christmas invitational basketball tournament held at Yokota Air Base. Ten men's and women's teams took part in the event.



Colonel Robert L. Council, 9th Area Support Group commander; Lt. Gen. Charles W. Dyke, U.S. Army Japan and IX Corps commander; Nancy Dyke; Col. George R. Hegstron Jr., U.S. Army Medical Department Activities-Japan commander; and Maj. Carl E. Settles, Community Counseling Center director, cut the ribbon for the new Community Counseling Center.



Specialist 4 Edmund Dalton and Sgt. Lonnie Branam make adjustments to the engine on one of three new OH-58A 'Kiowas' U.S. Army Aviation Detachment, Japan, received in an Army fuel conservation effort.



(Above) Specialist 4 Pam Gambel sorts mail in the distribution center during Yama Sakura III in 1982.



(Right) Thea Truxal, a delay payment plan clerk, helps Zama resident Airman 1st Class Mark Armstrong at the Camp Zama Main Exchange.



Captain David Herbert checks out the cockpit of the C-12 'Huron' on display.



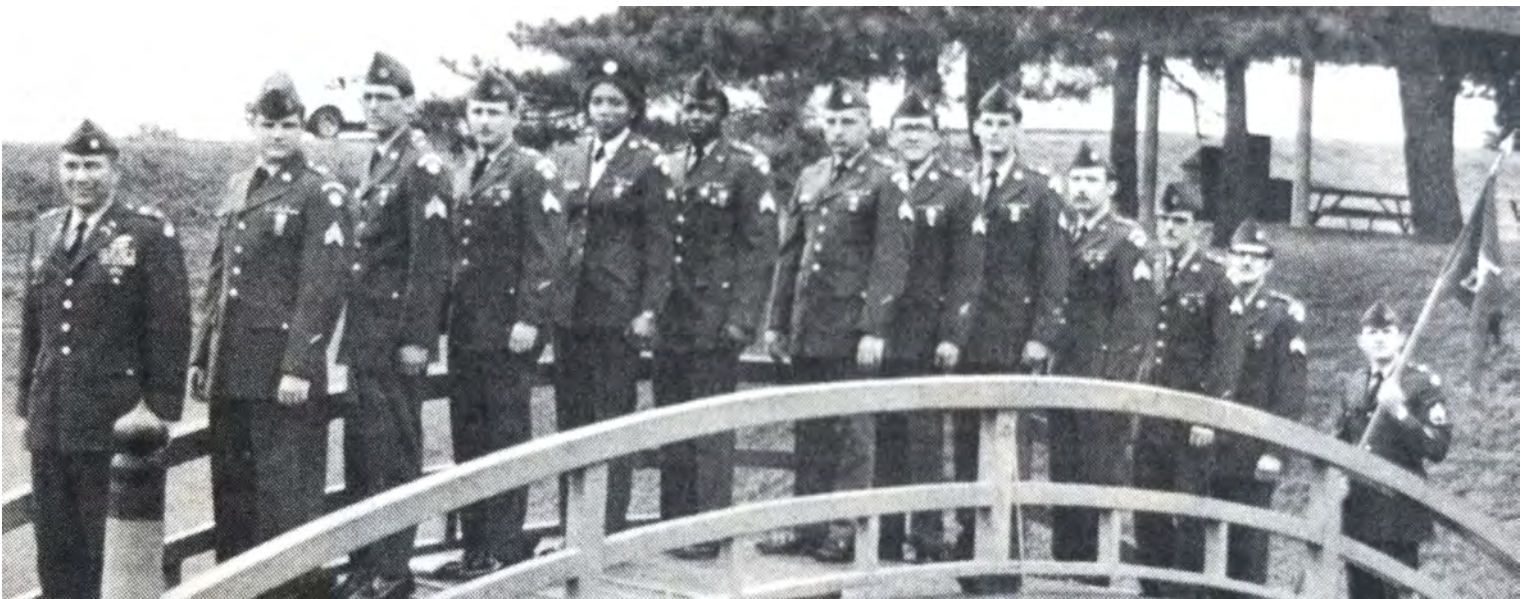
Camp Zama Area Officers' Wives Club and Japanese sister group members talk during a social gathering in 1983.



Sergeant 1st Class Chris Dela Cruz peers through the sighting mechanism after preparing a LAW (light anti-armor weapon) for simulated firing.



Another golfer swings from the golfer's bane...the sand trap...at Camp Zama's 18-hole golf course.



Eleven members of U.S. Army Military Police Detachment, Honshu, pose at Dewey Park in September 1983 after being promoted to the rank of sergeant. It was the highest number of noncommissioned officers to be promoted from the Detachment in 21 years.



Lieutenant Col. Takao Shibukawa, Japan Ground Self-Defense Force Liaison Office to U.S. Army Japan, discusses an upcoming Kodaira School visit with Maj. Hiroyuki Tokunaga.



Members of Communications Command-Japan man the noncommissioned officers association booth during Bon Odori 1982.

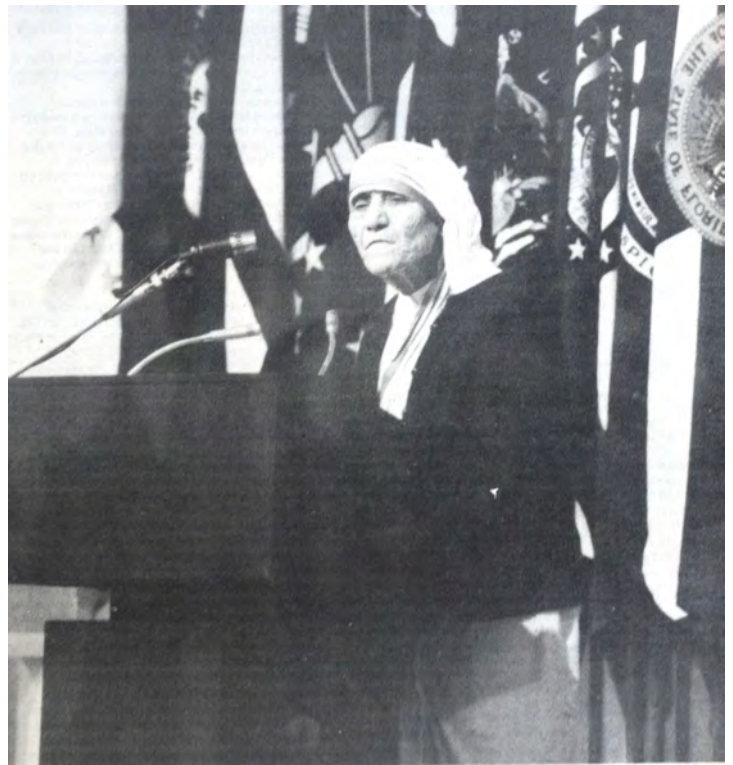


Soldiers carry the 50 state flags during the Independence Day event in 1987.





Sergeant Craig A. Smith is inspected during part of a competition. Craig, an Information Systems Command-Japan supply sergeant, was later selected noncommissioned officer for the first quarter of 1987.



Mother Teresa of Calcutta, the 1979 Noble Peace Prize recipient, visited Camp Zama Nov. 20, 1986, speaking to a crowd of more than 1,200. Her message was clear...help those less fortunate.

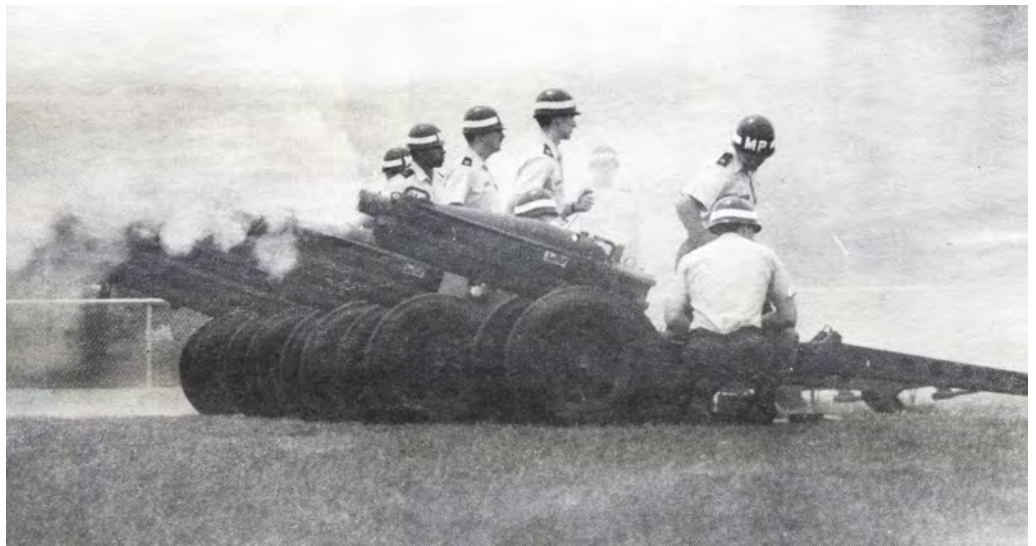


On Oct. 15, 1987, the 17th Area Support Group was reactivated. Command Sgt. Maj. Joseph M. Rynne Jr., holds the newly unfurled unit flag ready for passing from Lt. Gen. Charles W. Dyke, U.S. Army Japan and IX Corps commander, to the unit's new commander, Col. Roy C. Berry. The unit had been active for less than four weeks in the mid-1960s.

A Japanese workman clears away rubble from the last standing portion of Bldg. 420 to make room for the new exchange complex. The former Imperial Army building was torn down in July 1987.



Private 1 Ronald Pearson shows a photo to Cpl. Akiji Suzuki during the 1982 bilateral exercise which became Yama Sakura.



Soldiers from the Military Police Detachment fire a salute marking Independence Day 1986.



(Above) Commissary clerk Kiyo Maeda affixes price labels to products in the diet section.



(Above right) Two new tour buses are readied for their maiden runs following their delivery July 3, 1989.



(Right) 78th Aviation Battalion UH-1 helicopters sit outside the new 32,708 square foot hangar dedicated March 10, 1988.

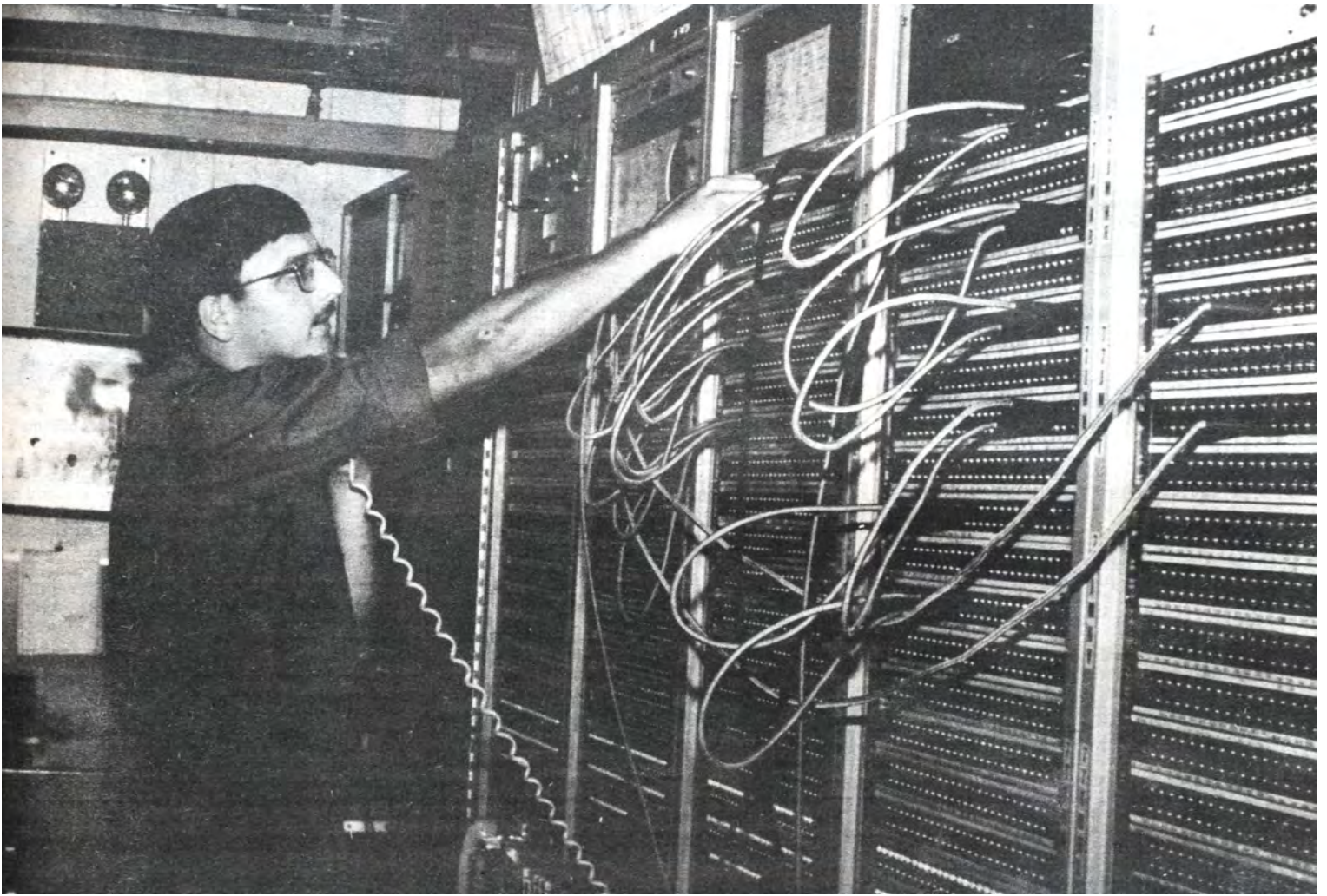


(Left) Japan Ground Self-Defense Force's 3rd Engineer Group staff demonstrate mochi pounding to the Camp Zama community. Mochi pounding is an annual new year's tradition.

(Bottom left) Velma Sevilla helps customer Spc. 4 Pam Gamble at the exchange camera section.

(Below) Yoshie Shimizu plucks burgers from the frame-broiler at Burger King during a training session for new employees Nov. 17, 1988.





Technical controller Air Force Amn. Mitch Welke, isolates a fault on a Camp Zama voice communication circuit.

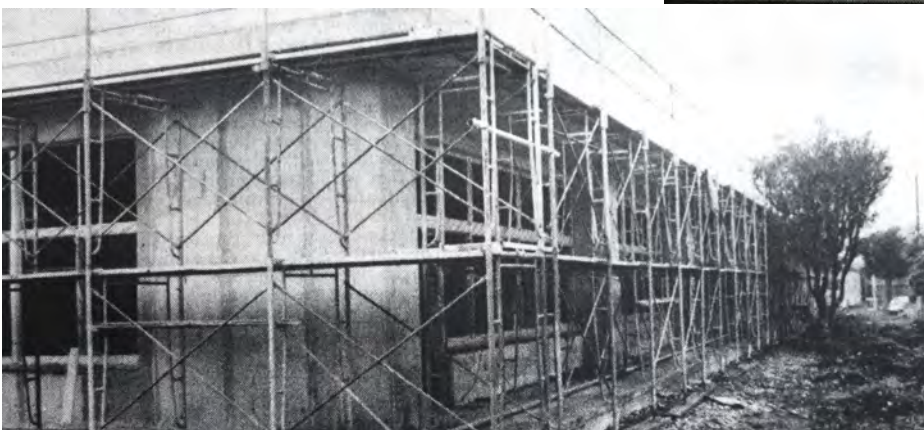
On Feb. 19, 1986, Camp Zama was at a standstill after an overnight snowfall left a 13-inch mantle. Post engineers worked hard to clear the roadways and building entrances.





Captain Billy J. Stanford of U.S. Army Aviation Detachment, Japan, receives the Army Commendation Medal from Lt. Gen. Charles W. Dyke, commanding general of U.S. Army Japan and IX Corps, for exceptional meritorious performance while flying under extremely hazardous conditions during the Aug. 12, 1985, Japan Airlines flight 123 catastrophe.

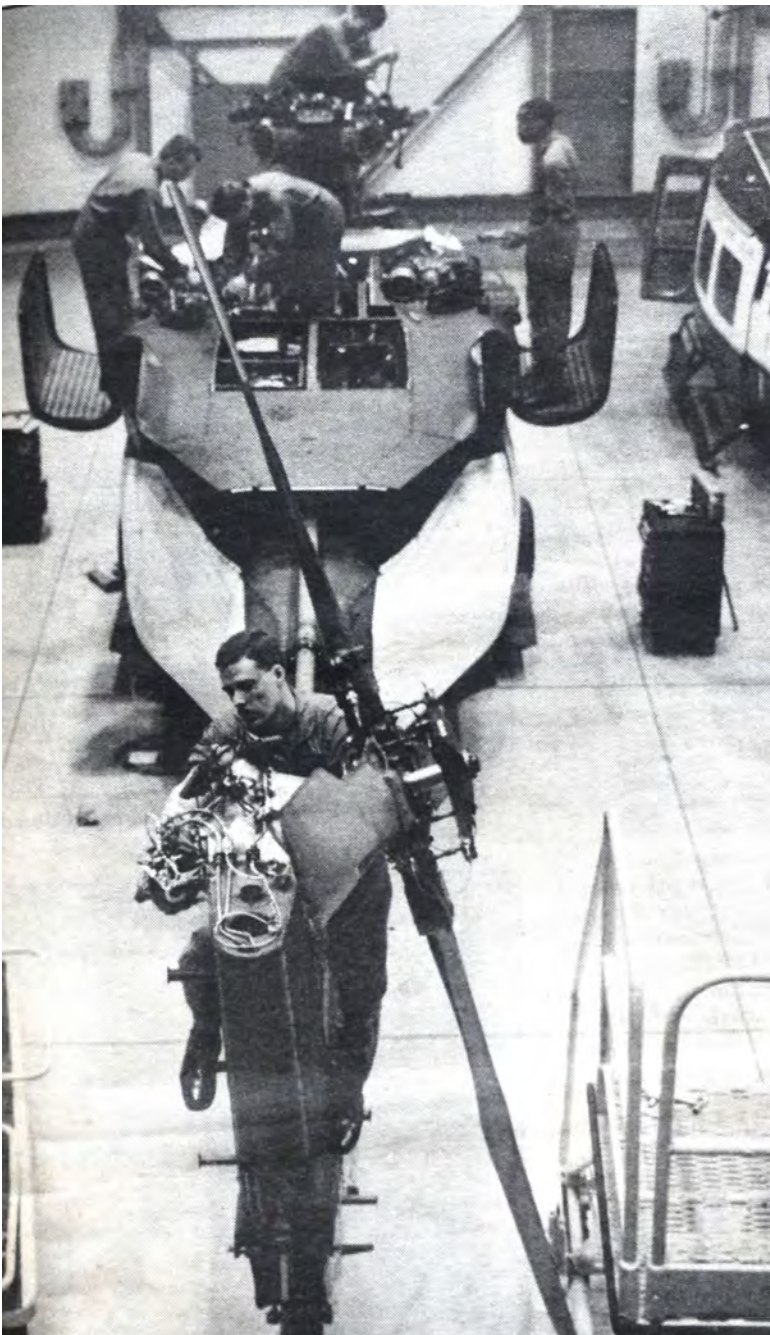
Sergeant Lisa Hicks monitors the speed of traffic entering Camp Zama. As a traffic control section member, she makes frequent rounds to each of the installations in order to enforce set speed limits.



Construction continues on the new 9,378 square foot Day Care Center at Sagamihara Family Housing Area. Construction began in March 1983.

Soldiers line the street and salute as Lt. Gen. Charles W. Dyke, outgoing commanding general of U.S. Army Japan and IX Corps departs Camp Zama. Incoming commanding general was Lt. Gen. Johnnie H. Corns.





(Left) As the rest of the maintenance crew concentrates on the UH-60A Blackhawk's engine compartment, Spc. Bruce Lemere works on the tail section. This work was completed after every 500 hours of flight.

(Below) A Japanese firefighter sprays chemical foam during a demonstration of the 78th Aviation Battalion's firefighting equipment.



Command Sgt. Maj. Gerald E. Mallare, U.S. Army Japan and IX Corps, and Sgt. Maj. Hiroyuki Kishi, Japan's Ground Staff Office, cut a friendship cake during the Christmas/New Year's reception as their wives look on. The reception was hosted by the Camp Zama Noncommissioned Officers Association and sergeants major of Camp Zama.





(Above) A dental X-ray technician aligns the camera on Spc. 4 Donald B. English Jr., during his annual dental examination.



(Left) A military K-9 handler runs his military working dog through various exercises.

(Below) Soldier-musicians of the 296th Army Band round Bldg. 102 during a marching performance Aug. 28, 1989.





Colonel Frederick H. Stubbs, U.S. Army Japan and IX Corps chief of staff, presents the Outstanding Civilian Service Award to Takao Katakura, chief of Sagamihara South Police, for his contributions to Japan-U.S. relations and joint community activities.



A Japanese worker paints lines on the Zama American High School football field in preparation for the 1988 opening of the high school football season.



A member of Japan Ground Self-Defense Force's 3rd Engineer Group bulldozes an old building to make way for their new headquarters building on Camp Zama. JGSDF units have been collocated on Camp Zama since October 1971.





Colonel Dennis Biddinger and Command Sgt. Maj. Curtis Ledbetter unfurl the 500th Military Intelligence Brigade colors following a reorganization and redesignation on Oct. 16, 1987.

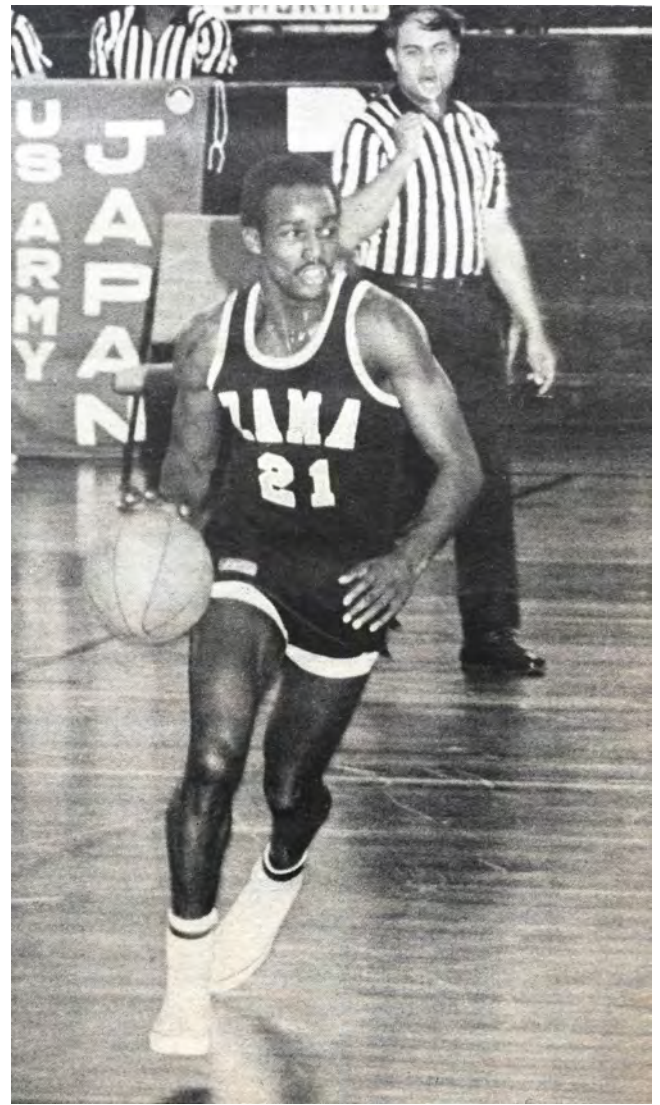
The 1983 Soldiers of the Year congratulate each other following their selection. The winners were Spc. 4 Azar A. Jackson and Sgt. William N. Ames Jr. Jackson won in the junior enlisted category and Ames in the noncommissioned officer category.



Lieutenant Gen. Noboru Matsuura and Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Weyand sign a bilateral exercise agreement Sept. 30, 1983, for Yama Sakura V to be held at Northeastern Army's Sendai Training Area in November.



Air traffic controllers in the Marine Corps mobile TSQ-120 control tower direct a UH-1 for a safe landing at Camp Zama's Rankin Army Airfield.



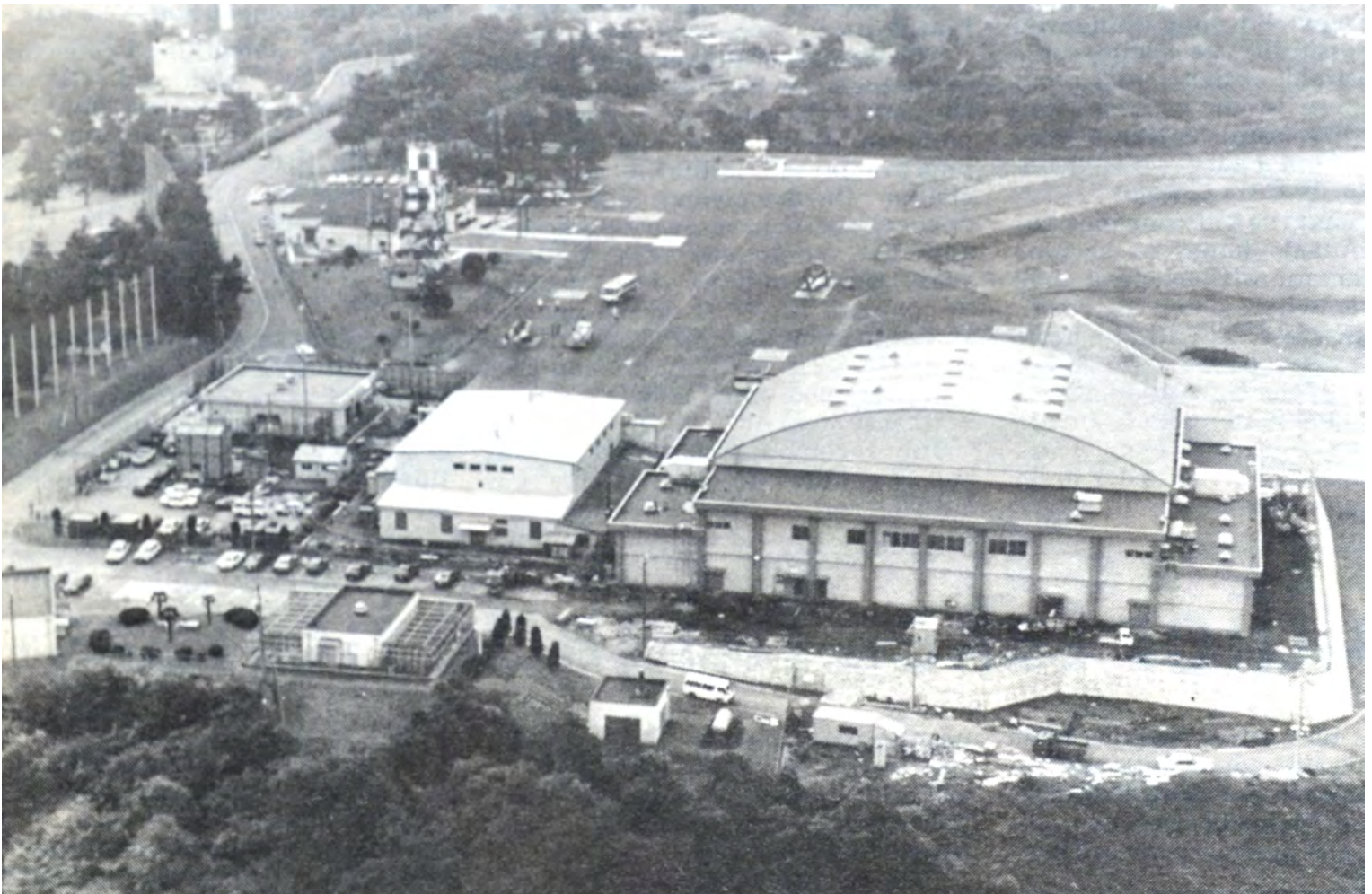
Camp Zama's Robert Williams makes a last chance attempt to even the score against Yokosuka during a January 1980 game.



Crowds enjoyed balmy weather and sunshine during Camp Zama's 10th annual cherry blossom festival in 1987. More than 13,000 festival-goers turned out for the annual event.



Workers pour and smooth asphalt for the new parking lot of the new Corps of Engineer District building.



An overview of Kastner Army Airfield after the new hangar was opened in March 1988.



A ribbon cutting ceremony for the opening of the 17th Area Support Group's new provost marshal administrative building was held in spring 1988.



Gates were open for the annual Bon Odori festival drawing more than 40,000 on Aug. 13, 1983, while a train shuttles spectators.



(Above) Scott Kaiser makes friends with 527-pound Sumo star Konishiki in 1987.

(Above left) Camp Zama firefighter Asoh Akio inspects one of several new fire trucks replacing the 20-year-old old fleet on March 3, 1987.

(Left) Rambler Ray Hill falls going for the flag of an Atsugi offensive runner during the 10th annual Honeybucket Bowl in December 1982. Final score 40-8 ... Camp Zama Ramblers the victor!



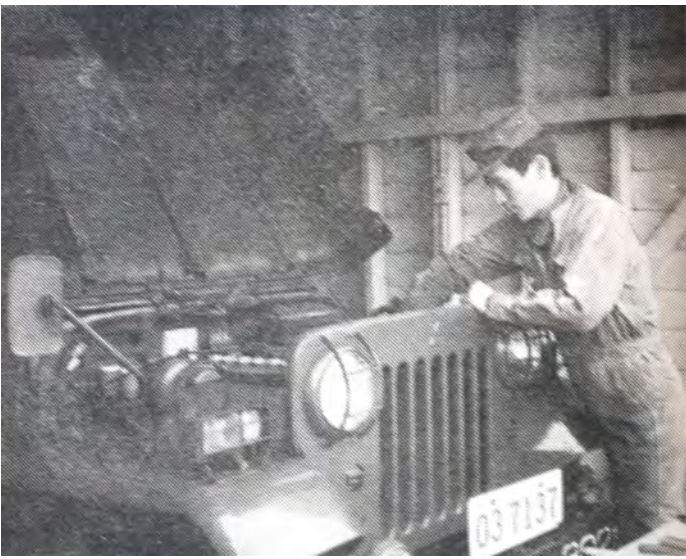
Soldiers from the 17th Area Support Group clean weapons during weekly training Dec. 5, 1989.



Overseas Military New Car Sales representative Gary Everett congratulates Staff Sgt. James Lynch on winning two tickets to the States in a 1983 contest.



Workers assess flooding on the Camp Zama golf course. Pools of water gathered on the course during an Aug. 11-12, 1988, downpour.



Japan Ground Self-Defense Force's Corporal Takakazu Kaneshima works on a 3rd Engineer Group jeep at Camp Zama.



A motorists puts chains on his vehicle to make the hill on Camp Zama before heading off the installation at Gate 4 following a January 1984 snowfall.



General Carl E. Vuono, Army Chief of Staff; Col. Roy C. Berry, 17th Area Support Group commander; Maj. Gen. Charles Williams; Elaine Leist; Kazuo Higuchi; and Sergeant Major of the Army William Gates, pose with a symbolic \$100,000 check for Camp Zama placing first in the 1988 Chief of Staff's Army Community of Excellence competition in the overseas category. The ceremony was held May 15, 1989.



Wayne E. DeLaBarre, Camp Zama Exchange manager, presents a diamond-studded gold bracelet to Kiwako Suzuki for 30 years of dedicated service.



State flags dip one-by-one during a "Salute to the Nation" during the 1986 July Fourth celebration.



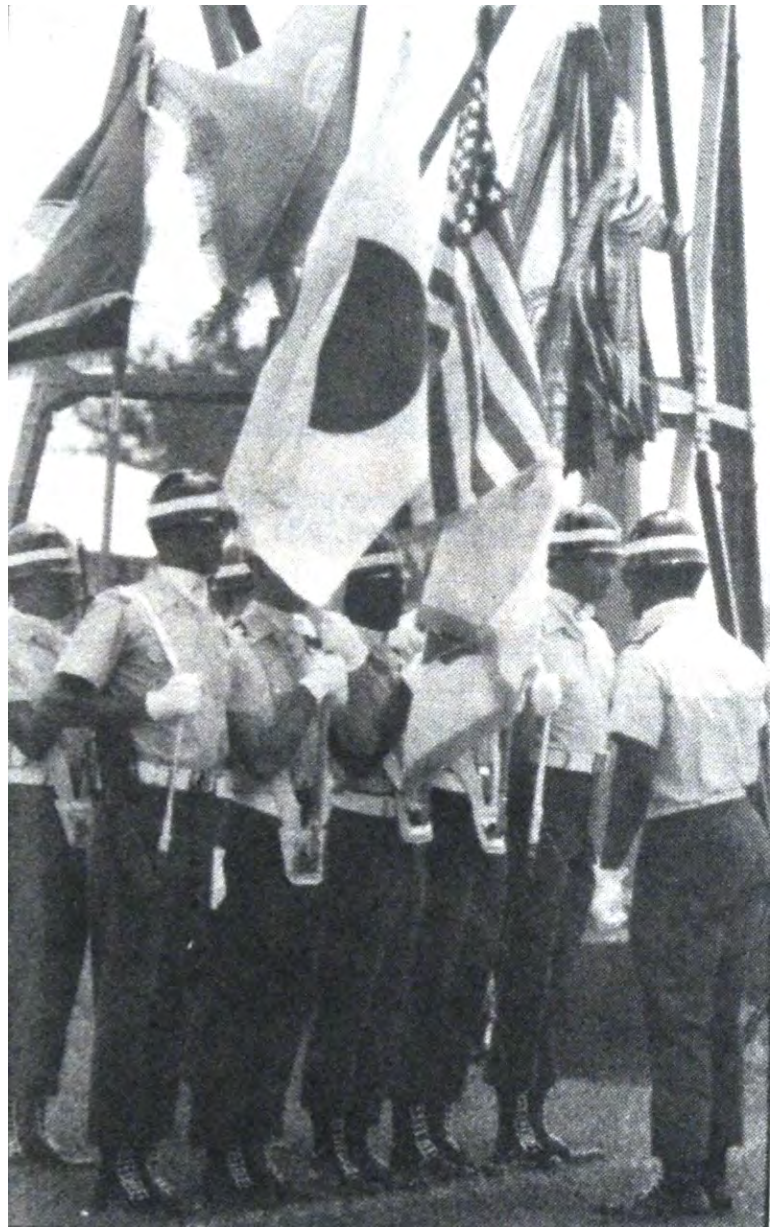
Staff Sgt. Cheyenne Rivera, a flight operator from Rankin (now Kastner) Army Airfield, marshals the newly assigned fixed-wing C-12 'Huron' at Atsugi Naval Air Facility. The aircraft was transferred from use in Saudi Arabia to the Army and landed in Japan Jan. 26, 1983.



Takizo Hara, Hironobu Honna and Masakazu Miyake remove plastic on an informational marker for their 58th Class monument Dec. 7, 1986.



Specialists Kevin Jay and Rudolph Hill work together on a meal during the Philip A. Connelly Army Food Service dining facility inspection May 18, 1986.



(Above left) Kanagawa Prefectural Police Band perform at the 1986 July 4, 1986, festivities.

(Above right) Master Sgt. Robert Williams prepares the color guard for the 1986 July Fourth event.

(Bottom) A 78th Aviation Battalion UH-60A sits atop Mt. Fuji in 1989.