

CAMP ZAMA THROUGH THE YEARS....

2010s

A devastating magnitude 9.0 earthquake and tsunami struck the northeast coast of Japan on March 11, 2011. Within minutes, USARJ began humanitarian assistance and disaster relief operations in support of the JGSDF during *Operation Tomodachi*, Japan's largest-ever bilateral operation. USARJ supported the affected people after operations officially ended by providing equipment and maintenance support to the JGSDF until September 2011.

The JGSDF presence increased on March 26, 2013, when the Central Readiness Force headquarters moved from Camp Asaka in Saitama Prefecture to Camp Zama.

On March 30, 2016, I Corps (Forward) separated from USARJ and moved temporarily into the Mission Training Center at Sagami General Depot to build and validate capabilities.

Following the magnitude 6.2 foreshock on April 14, 2016, the next day a magnitude 7.3 earthquake struck Kumamoto City in the Kyushu region again. The USARJ liaison officer assigned to JGSDF's Western Army and a visiting USARJ exercise planning team immediately began coordination for U.S. forces support. A USARJ UC-35 aircraft was the first U.S. military flight to arrive transporting Ground Staff Office and Joint Staff Office members.

The 35th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion relocated to Camp Zama from Sagami General Depot in October 2017, where it continued to provide mission command for subordinate units by synchronizing distribution operations and logistics services support. The return also included its subordinate unit, the 623rd Movement Control Team.

I Corps (Forward) completed its return to Camp Zama from Sagami General Depot on April 1, 2018.

When JGSDF's Central Readiness Force was inactivated March 26, 2018, most of its functions were transferred to the newly established Ground Component Command at Camp Asaka. The Bilateral Coordination Department, a newly established component of GCC, was set up at Camp Zama to provide coordination and liaison with I Corps (Forward).

On April 16, 2018, the 441th Military Intelligence Battalion inactivated and replaced by the reactivating 311th Military Intelligence Battalion using the same complement of Soldiers and civilian employees.

The 38th Air Defense Artillery Brigade reactivated Oct. 16, 2018, at Sagami General Depot, to align theater air and missile defense with joint and bilateral partners. The brigade oversees two radar sites in Japan -- the 10th Missile Defense Battery at Shariki and the 14th Missile Defense Battery at Kyogamisaki and four Patriot missile companies assigned to the 1st Battalion, 1st Air Defense Artillery, on Okinawa. On October 1, 2019, Task Force Talon on Guam, equipped with the Terminal High Altitude Area Defense antiballistic missile defense system, was reassigned from the 94th Army Air Missile Defense Command to the 38th ADA Brigade.

Eiko Araki, a representative from Nihon Josei no Kai (Japan Women's Association), presents Col. John Kim, deputy chief of staff for operations, a gift of 1,000 origami cranes Oct. 14, 2011, in appreciation of U.S. Army Japan's relief support in the Tohoku region devastated by the March 2011 earthquake and tsunami. Six association members came for the presentation along with another bunch of cranes for presentation to the Camp Zama Girl Scouts for "*Operation Backpack*."





Vice President Michael R. Pence poses with the U.S. Army Aviation Battalion-Japan UH-60L Black Hawk helicopter crew Feb. 8, 2018, that flew him to Yokota Air Base. The call sign of this flight was ARMY TWO when the vice president boarded the helicopter for a trip from downtown Tokyo to Yokota. The crew were Lt. Col. Bryan Jones, USAAB-J commander; Chief Warrant Officer 4 Chris Purser; and Spc. Taylor Davis. While in Japan, Pence met Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, Defense Minister Itsunori Onodera and other government officials. At Yokota he met with an assembly of military service members, civilians and families before departing for the Republic of Korea. This was Pence's second trip to Japan.



Two employees from the Directorate of Public Works push in rubber molding around a recently installed window in the U.S. Army Japan building in May 2018. The room was later dedicated as the Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Barcena room.



In June 2017, U.S. Army, Air Force and Japan Ground Self-Defense Force members from Camp Zama stand in formation on the Zama Middle High School field during Army Week. The week featured sporting and events capped by a formal ball in celebration of the U.S. Army's 242nd birthday.



Major Gen. Susumu Umeda, Japan Ground Self-Defense Force provost marshal, visited with the bilateral military police force and students of the JGSDF's MP school during a Dec. 13, 2019, visit at Camp Asaka. The visit came during exercise *Yama Sakura 77*, which was hosted by JGSDF's Eastern Army in December.



Japan Ground Self-Defense Force students of the bilateral Cooperative Work Program Class 88, along with their mentors, pose for a photo May 22, 2018, after volunteering their time to clean portions of the Sagami River bank.



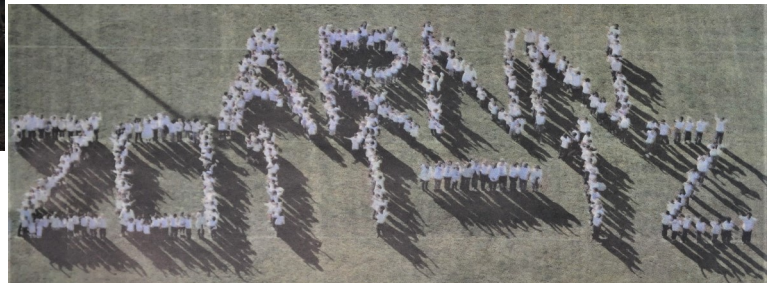
A Japanese construction crane lifts an I-beam from a section of tunnel running beneath Camp Zama on Feb. 24, 2016. The construction then was centered around the Camp Zama Community Club. The tunnel, constructed in the 1930s, has been undergoing a widening project, which started on the west side of the base and moving slowly toward the east.



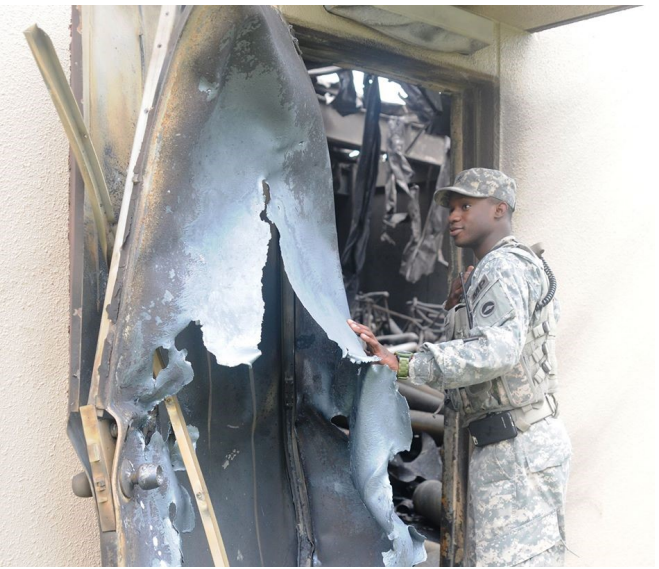
U.S. Ambassador to Japan, William Hagerty (right), is greeted by Maj. Gen. Viet X. Luong, U.S. Army Japan commander, at Camp Higashi-Chitose, Hokkaido, Japan, during *Yama Sakura 75*, Dec. 12, 2018. Luong introduced Hagerty to Japan Northern Army commanding general, Lt. Gen. Masato Taura, and U.S. Army Pacific North deputy commanding general, Australian Army Maj. Gen. Roger Noble.



Lieutenant Col. Stacy Townsend, 35th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion commander, applauds as Ikuma Iida, Sagami City's Chuo Ward director general, fills in dirt around a freshly planted cherry tree at Sagami General Depot April 22, 2010. The tree planting commemorated the 40th Earth Day anniversary and represents the solid relationship between the Army and Sagami City.



More than 300 Arnn Elementary School students and faculty spell 'ARNN 2011-12' on Nov. 17, 2011, in an adjacent field at Sagami Family Housing Area. The photo was taken from a UH-60 helicopter.



An explosion and fire erupted at about 12:45 a.m., Aug. 24, 2015, at a Sagami General Depot warehouse storing canisters of nitrogen, oxygen, Freon and compressed air. The depot's fire department immediately responded, which was quickly followed by Sagami City emergency responders and police partners. (Above) Sagami General Depot and Sagami City fire officials survey the damage in their investigation to determine the cause of the fire in the 9,800 square foot building. While the walls contained the blast, exploding tanks shredded parts of the roof and several were hurled upward landing outside the warehouse. (Above right) A military police official inspects a door that was nearly torn off its hinges from the explosions.



A cook reaches for a utensil to continue preparation of the Jan. 17, 2011, lunch meal. The Camp Zama Dining Facility learned in December it was named the 'best' in the small garrison category in the Army-wide level of the fiscal year 2011 Phillip A. Connelly Award competition. The first place win follows the facility's previous recognition at the Pacific-level in July 2010. The 20 DFAC staff were rated in 20 areas of service such as food preparation and quality, food safety, appearance, training, equipment and facilities.



Graduates of the U.S. Army Japan's company commander and first sergeant course take a group photo Feb. 23, 2016, before heading to their new postings throughout Japan.



Worker remove a fallen tree from Staff Sgt. Benjamin Williams' car at Sagamihara Family Housing Area Sept. 21, 2011, left in the wake of Typhoon Roke, which struck with 110 mph winds.



A distinguished staff cut the ribbon Aug. 4, 2011, opening the Mission Command Training Center at Sagami General Depot. The 35,000 square foot building is the first of its kind in Asia, supporting exercise scenarios and vital operations.



A Directorate of Public Works painter puts a fresh coat of paint on a vent cover in January 2017.



Specialists Jeffrey Grigg, Hezekiah Allard and Dennis Godby, 623rd Movement Control Team, set up a Portable Deployment Kit at Hairaton Gate Border Crossing, Afghanistan, in late 2011. The team keeps track of U.S. cargo entering the country.



A U.S. Army Japan Soldier describes equipment to Japan Ground Self-Defense Force communicators Feb. 25, 2016, at Dewey Park during a bilateral communications demonstration.

When the magnitude 6.2 magnitude earthquake struck the Kumamoto, Kyushu, area April 14, 2016, two U.S. military officers assigned to the Japan Ground Self-Defense Force's Western Army headquarters staff at Camp Kengun, sprung into action along with their JGSDF partners. When the magnitude 7.0 earthquake hit two days later on April 16, they were already deep into planning the U.S. military support to follow. The follow-on bilateral planning team were Army Maj. Marcus Morgan, a student deployed there from Japan's Command and General Staff College; Marine Maj. Chris Neal; Marine Maj. Joseph Montedoro; Army Maj. Jacqueline Hearne; and Col. Masahiro Sugawara.



Colonel Masahiro Sugawara, Japan Self-Defense Forces' Joint Staff Council (right), speaks with Maj. Jacqueline Hearne (left), U.S. Army liaison officer assigned to Japan Ground Self-Defense Force's Western Army, April 18, 2016. The U.S. Army Aviation Battalion-Japan UC-35 was the first aircraft arriving at Camp Takayubaru in Kumamoto Prefecture, transporting JSDF personnel to join relief efforts to get food, water and needed supplies to those in disaster-stricken areas. U.S. Air Force Maj. Jack Beene points to awaiting trucks.



The new Skills Development Center opened Sept. 7, 2012, with a ribbon cutting led by Col. Eric Tilley (fourth from left), U.S. Army Garrison Japan commander. In addition to the morale, welfare and recreation services, the building also houses military clothing sales and Army supply center.



A Humvee is loaded onto a Landing Craft Utility (LCU 2009) at Ito Harbor in Shizuoka Prefecture Sept. 1, 2010, following a bilateral disaster relief exercise held there. More than 100 active and reserve Soldiers took part in the exercise.



A Japan Ground Self-Defense Force member and U.S. Army Soldier give a fist bump before negotiating an upcoming barrier during *Orient Shield 2015*. This annual bilateral exercise was held Sept. 10-21, 2015, at Ojojibara Training Area in Northeastern Army.



A Directorate of Public Works employee removes the I Corps (Forward) letters from the U.S. Army Japan building March 21, 2016, with the unit's move to Sagami General Depot to build and validate capabilities.



Directorate of Public Works employees install a new 70-square-foot LED electronic scoreboard April 4, 2011, at the Camp Zama softball field.



The opening ceremony for *Yama Sakura 77* was held Dec. 9, 2019, at Japan Ground Self-Defense Force's Eastern Army at Camp Asaka. The bilateral exercise was held through Dec. 16, 2019.



Children from Camp Zama square off with a sumo wrestler at Minamiashigara City Gymnastic Center, Kanagawa Prefecture, March 28, 2010. The bilateral sumo experience gave 20 Camp Zama children the basics in this third annual Japanese sporting event.



Chief Warrant Officers Mike Ferioli and Pete Klein prepare their UH-60A Black Hawk helicopter for a mission. The UH-60 and crew are assigned to U.S. Army Aviation Battalion Japan at Camp Zama. The unit was renamed April 1, 2013, and was formerly known as the 78th Aviation Battalion.

Three bilateral partners from the Central Readiness Force were recognized Oct. 30, 2014, for their support of U.S. Army Medical Department Activities-Japan. Sergeants First Class Yasutaka Aoyagi, Shuichi Saito and Yuki Yonekura were each presented a certificate of appreciation during the award ceremony from Col. Thirsa Martinez, commander of MEDDAC-J. The three Japan Ground Self-Defense Force members contributed their expertise in demonstrating and explaining about the JGSDF exercise program to attendees of the MEDDAC-J-sponsored 2014 bilateral medical conference held in September.





The second trilateral junior officer exchange visit, hosted by U.S. Army Japan, was held Dec. 16, 2014, with 15 junior officers taking part from the Republic of Korea, Japan, and U.S.



A bilateral color guard marches in to post colors for the Army's 240th birthday ball held at the Camp Zama Community Club June 26, 2015.



Hirohiko Nagai, bus section foreman, performs maintenance on his bus in April 2010. The motor pool operations section was recognized with an Army Communities of Excellence Award for streamlining the vehicle reservation process.



Acting U.S. Army Japan Command Sgt. Maj. Katrina Najee lays a memorial wreath during the 9/11 remembrance ceremony Sept. 11, 2012, at the Community Activities Center. This marked the 11th anniversary of the 2001 terrorist attacks.



(Left) Three Camp Zama streets were renamed April 25, 2012, which commemorated the magnitude 9.0 earthquake and subsequent tsunami that hit eastern Japan on March 11, 2011. This unveiling was for Tomodachi Avenue. The two other roads are Ishinomaki Avenue and Sendai Street.



Like worker bees working on a honeycomb, contractors pass scaffolding upward for renovation of building 122-S1 at Sagami General Depot in 2017.



A fellow Soldier adjusts a teammate's protective mask Aug. 23, 2018, during exercise *Shodan Watch*. The portion of the exercise provided refresher training in the varying levels of protection.



A town hall meeting is held Feb. 29, 2019, at the Yano Fitness Center gym with the Camp Zama community concerning housing. The Army-directed meetings were mandated when deficiencies in housing across the military services were raised through senior leadership.



A Japan Ground Self-Defense Force member, a class 74 student of the bilateral Cooperative Work Program, prepares to be submerged in a simulated water egress trainer at Camp Zama's indoor pool Dec. 11, 2014.



A joint-bilateral team was behind the hard work that went into Camp Zama's Army portion of *Keen Edge 2016*. The exercise, held Jan. 23-29, 2016, was a 24-hour operation, which contributed to increasing combat readiness and interoperability that could be used in the event of a crisis or contingency.



Command Sgt. Maj. Will E. Holland watches as Maj. Gen. James F. Pasquaretti signs a proclamation March 24, 2017, proclaiming March as Sexual Assault and Prevention Month for U.S. Army Japan.



Japan Ground Self-Defense Force members listen to holiday music Dec. 9, 2014, as 'Pacific Brass' caroled at Central Readiness Force, collocated at Camp Zama.



Clad in protective suits, members of Camp Zama's fire department approach a suspicious object July 18, 2012, during a mock scenario. The training was part of a weeklong, full-scale U.S. Army Garrison Japan exercise, a first in its size and scope, used to train and evaluate the unit organizations' response to a number of disaster scenarios, such as a downed aircraft, hostage situation, hazardous material leak, and explosive device.



The annual Army vs. Navy football game between Camp Zama Soldiers and Atsugi Naval Air Facility Sailors was held Dec. 7, 2019, at Atsugi's Reid Field. This year, Army beat Navy 20-19. As part of the friendly challenge, the losing team would sing the other's service song. The Sailors willingly fulfilled their bet and sang the Army song, "The Army Goes Rolling Along."



U.S. Army Japan, U.S. Army Pacific, Royal Australian Army, Japan's Ground Staff Office, and U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command partnered and conducted a Megacities Conference July 16-19, 2019, at the National Institute of Defense Studies at Camp Ichigaya, Tokyo.

(Below) U.S. Army Japan Band's 'Kanto Jazz' ensemble wowed the crowd Sept. 22, 2015, at the Saitama Super Arena in Saitama Prefecture.





After a magnitude 9.0 earthquake struck eastern Japan March 11, 2011, U.S. Army Japan military and civilian members go through processing March 21, at the Yano Fitness Center, to assure all members are prepared to depart Japan if a mandatory evacuation is ever issued. About 420 family members had signed up for leaving Japan under a U.S. State Department authorization for voluntary departure. The precaution was a result of concerns over leaking nuclear material at a reactor in the disaster area.



American Idol alums Jimmie Allen, Jovany Barreto, Colin Benward and John Wayne Schulz perform at the Community Activity Center Aug. 17, 2011. The group were part of the 'Idols of America' tour to Pacific bases.



Five U.S. Army Aviation Battalion-Japan Soldiers pay a reciprocal visit to their 1st Helicopter Division counterparts at Camp Kisarazu Dec. 6, 2018.



Soft pink cherry blossoms brighten the trees lining the road near Gate 1 in April 2018.



Japan Ground Self-Defense Force's Central Readiness Force relocated from Camp Asaka on March 26, 2013. The unit inactivated March 26, 2018. The Bilateral Coordination Department were the next occupants.



With green marks covering the window, a Navy Sailor directs the Dec. 14, 2014, safe landing of a U.S. Army Aviation Battalion-Japan UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter aboard the USS Stethem (DDG-63). This was the first of several landings conducted on the Arleigh Burke-class destroyer for honing aircrew proficiency for ship landings.



Riding the tailgate of a Humvee, Santa Claus took the lead in a base run Dec. 19, 2016. U.S. Soldiers, Airmen and Japan Ground Self-Defense Force members ran the route laced with holiday cheer.



It was top honors for Public Health Command Region-Pacific as the unit won 1st place in the 2012 Camp Zama holiday card display contest. Second place honors was grabbed by U.S. Army Japan & I Corps (Forward), while 3rd place was taken by Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS) in December's competition. The cards were on display along and near Gate 7.



Navy Cmdr. Thomas Lechleitner gives 78th Signal Battalion Soldiers a tour of the aircraft carrier USS George Washington (CVN-73) on Feb. 18, 2010.



Firefighter Atsushi Komatsuzaki opens a fire hydrant valve as part of a quarterly check of Camp Zama's hydrant system in February 2013. This safety check guarantees the system is ready for emergency use.



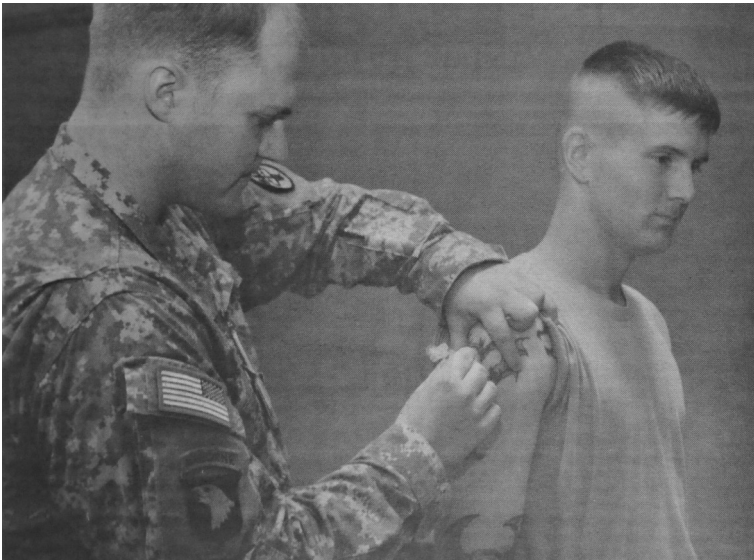
U.S. Army Soldiers and Japan Ground Self-Defense Force members participate in a flag raising ceremony in support of exercise *Yama Sakura 75* at Camp Higashi-Chitose, Hokkaido, Dec. 11, 2018.



Japan Ground Self-Defense Force chief of staff, Gen. Goro Yuasa, is presented the prestigious Order of Saint Maurice (Peregrinus) Dec. 20, 2019, by Maj. Gen. Viet X. Luong, U.S. Army Japan commander.



William A. Moore, regional fire chief for U.S. Army installation in Japan, reads a narrative recounting the fate of the first of four commercial airlines and its passengers on Sept. 11, 2001, while Kazuo Makino, Camp Zama fire department assistant fire chief, rings a memorial bell during the Sept. 9, 2011, 9/11 remembrance ceremony at the Community Activity Center.



Specialist Michael Robida administers an annual flu shot to Spc. Donald Lewis in September 2011.



Certificates of service to the U.S. forces were presented to 140 host nation employees Oct. 26, 2017, during a length of service awards ceremony at Zama City's Harmony Hall. Toru Hocchi, South Kanto Defense Bureau director, and Maj. Gen. James Pasquarette, U.S. Army Japan commander, were senior attendees for the event.



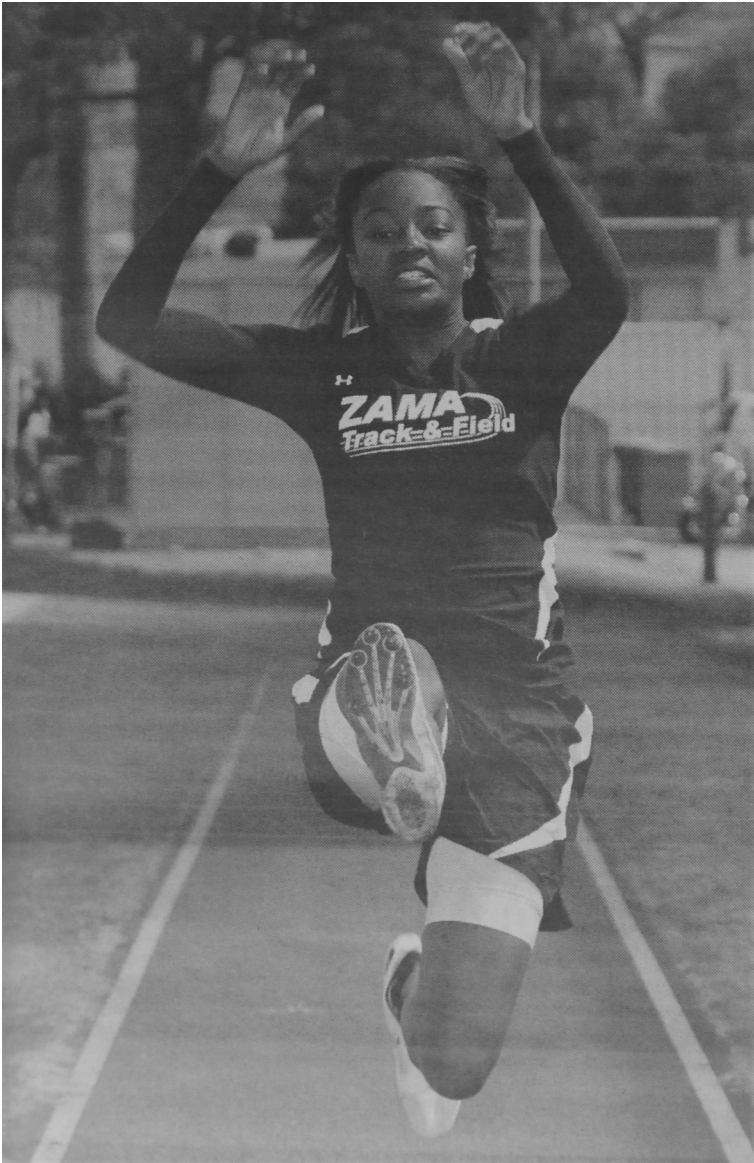
A bilateral Japan Ground Self-Defense Force and U.S. Army assault team protects a JGSDF UH-1 helicopter during the annual field training exercise *Orient Shield 2015*, held Sept. 10-21, 2015, at Ojojibara Training Area in Northeastern Army.



Major Gen. James Boozer paints the first eye on a daruma following instructions from Japan Ground Self-Defense Force chief of staff Gen. Eiji Kimizuka, Aug. 6, 2013, at the Camp Zama Community Club, following Boozer's assumption of command ceremony for U.S. Army Japan.



U.S. Army Japan Band's rock ensemble rocks the crowd at the April 2014 Nico Nico Convention in Chiba Prefecture. Nearly 250,000 attended the three day event.



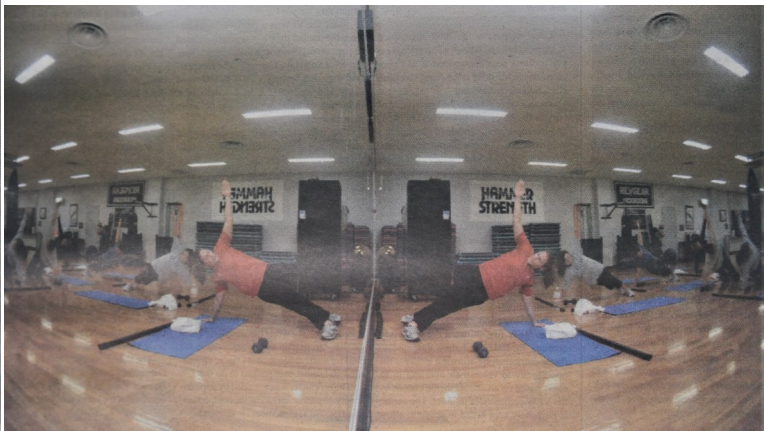
Nakia Rogers competes in the long jump March 27, 2010, during a track meet held at the Zama American High School field.



A host nation dental technician at the Camp Zama dental clinic cleans a Soldier's teeth Jan. 19, 2017, helping to maintain the overall health of the force.



Soldiers, civilians and community members watch a video during a Jan. 11, 2012, observance at the Community Activity Center in honor of the annual holiday named for civil rights leader, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



Jane Kupkowski leads a group in an exercise routine Jan. 20, 2010, during a weekly one-hour program at the Yano Fitness Center.



Six inches of heavy, wet snow fell Jan. 14, 2013, causing slippery roads. Some personnel were released early for safety concerns.



Aaron Snipes, political-military affairs chief, U.S. Embassy-Tokyo, and Rodney Rose, political-military affairs advisor, U.S. Army Japan, negotiate the final Alliance Transformation Ad Hoc Working Group-Kanagawa meeting March 1, 2016, held at the Central Readiness Force collocated at Camp Zama. The two were the primary American attendees during the final bilateral negotiations of the Defense Policy Review Initiative begun in 2006.



Eight Soldiers from U.S. Army Japan ran the Army 10-Miler in Washington D.C., Oct. 13, 2019. Maj. Gen. Viet Luong, USARJ commanding general, congratulated them after the race presenting each a USARJ command coin. Those running were Capt. Dustin Thomas and Spc. Joseph Rudolph, Medical Department Activity-Japan; Pfc. Maximo Ramirez, 38th Air Defense Artillery Brigade; 1st Lt. Marshall Montgomery and Sgt. Tony Jackson, 311th Military Intelligence Battalion; Capt. Gloria Freck, 35th Combat Support Sustainment Battalion; Staff Sgt. Jennifer Cornelius, 247th Military Police Detachment; and Capt. Michael Rothenberger, U.S. Army Aviation Battalion-Japan. The race grew from 1985 into the second largest 10-miler race in the United States, hosting as many as 30,000 runners.



The Japan Ground Self-Defense Force's Central Readiness Force monument was unveiled during the March 26, 2018, inactivation ceremony of the unit. The back of the monument lists the eight commanders that led the unit over its 11 year history, five of which were on Camp Zama. The crest had formerly hung in the top center of the building and became the centerpiece of Camp Zama's newest monument.



A UH-60L Black Hawk helicopter goes through a bath to remove salt from its airframe. U.S. Army Aviation Battalion-Japan aircrews completed deck landing training with the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force ship JS Amagiri (DD-154), May 10, 2019, to maintain its periodic over water training requirements.



The Honorable Yuji Kuroiwa, Kanagawa Prefectural governor (center), shakes hands with Rear Adm. Matthew J. Carter, Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Japan/Commander, Navy Region Japan, U.S. Naval Forces Japan commander, and Maj. Gen. James F. Pasqualette, U.S. Army Japan commander, shake hands at the start of their Camp Zama-hosted meeting Jan. 22, 2016, to discuss topics of mutual interest.



Colonel Stephen J. Grabski, U.S. Army Japan deputy commander, shows 13 Nihon Josei no Kai (Japan Women's Society) members, pictures of *Operation Tomodachi* Oct. 22, 2015. The Society group members came to Camp Zama to present a lei of 1,000 origami cranes they made as a symbol of good luck and prosperity.



A Directorate of Public Works forklift operator moves materiel around the compound Jan. 19, 2017.



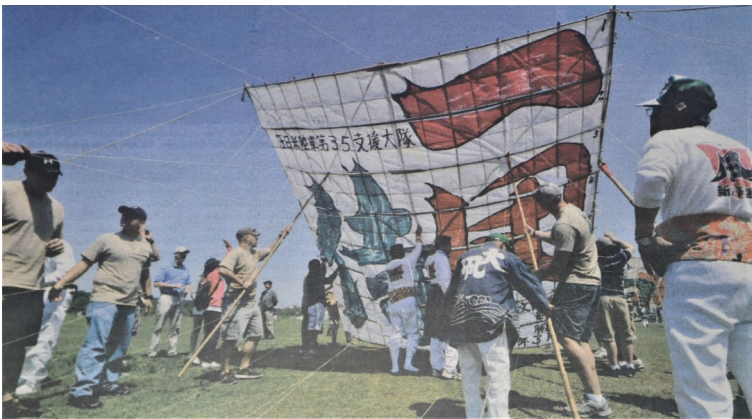
John O. Arnn Elementary School sixth-grader Dylan Courtemanche, controls a radar gun to check the speed of vehicles entering Camp Zama Feb. 2, 2010, with assistance from U.S. Army Japan Military Police Battalion's Sgt. Nathan Dillon. The speed check was part of Groundhog Job Shadow Day.



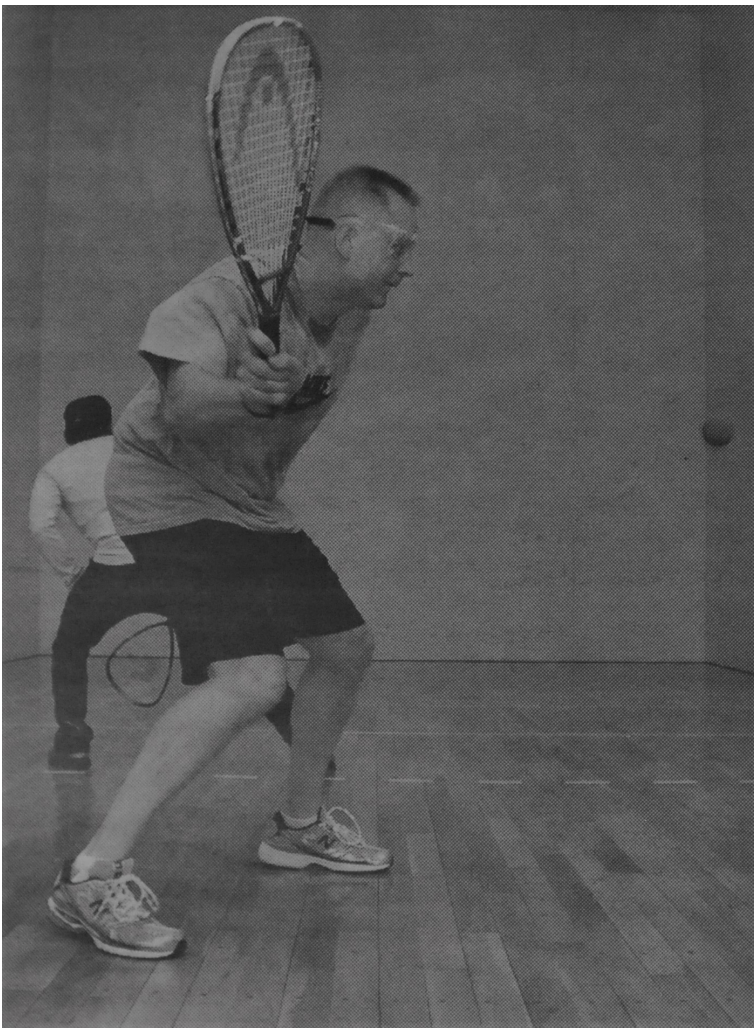
A 481st Transportation Company Soldier gives a briefing on Landing Craft Utility (LCU 2020 Fort McHenry) during a large-scale humanitarian assistance/disaster relief exercise at Yokohama North Dock Feb. 3, 2012. The exercise, organized by the Tokyo Metropolitan Government, involved more than 10,000 people from the U.S. Army and Navy, Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force, and Japan Coast Guard, transporting 53 evacuees and 150 tons of equipment and supplies.



Zama Killer Katanas' Sally "Bouta HurtYa" Santiago collides with Yokota Scary Blossoms' Patricia "Summers Eve" Reyes during a Cinco de Mayhem roller derby bout May 5, 2012, at Camp Zama. It was Zama's first regulation event since forming.



Soldiers from the 35th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion and members of Sagami Giant Kite Preservation Association prepare a kite for flight during the annual Giant Kite Festival May 5, 2012, along the banks of the Sagami River.



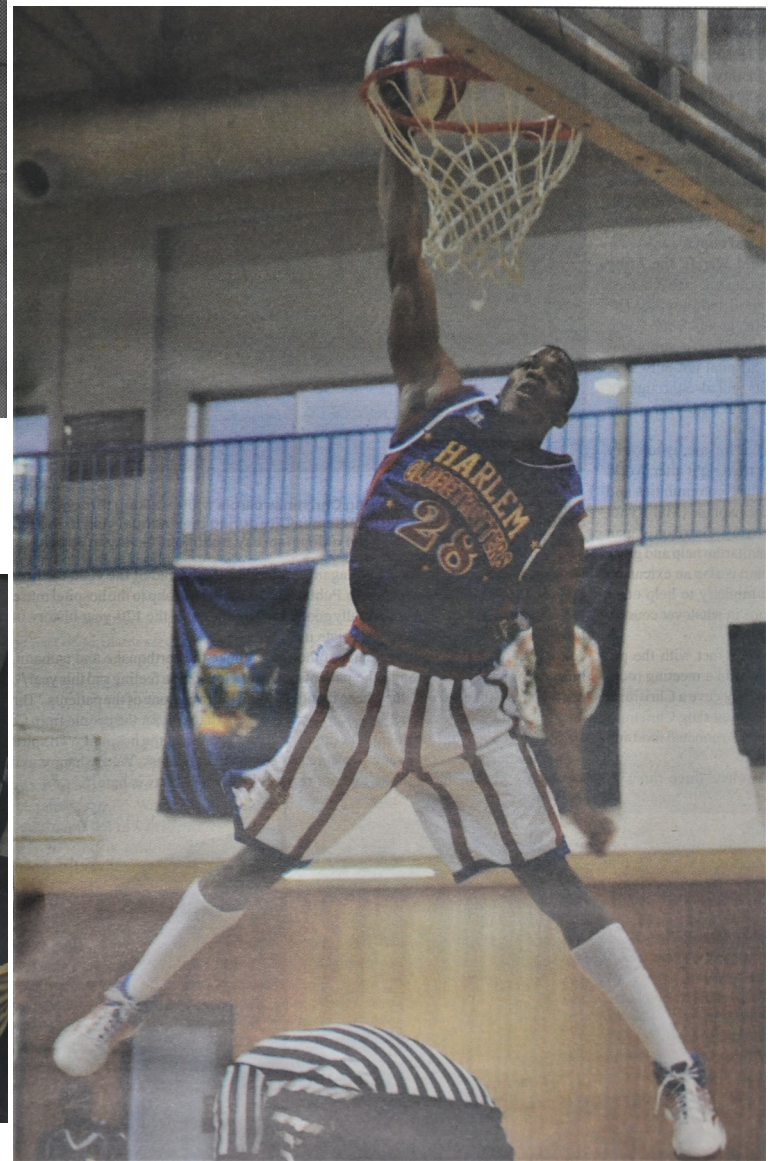
Brett Skinner fires a shot off the wall during a semifinal match against Steven Salinas during the March 2010 intramural racquetball tournament at the Yano Fitness Center. Skinner won the tourney.



Major Gen. Francis Wiercinski, U.S. Army Japan and I Corps (Forward) commander, signs the Army Family Covenant during a March 10, 2010, ceremony at the Camp Zama Community Club. He and Command Sgt. William Franklin, USARJ and I Corps (Forward) command sergeant major, pledged to develop programs and improve living standards for Soldiers and families stationed in Japan.



U.S. Army Japan Soldiers gather around a Nissan driver and vintage 1935 Datsun 14 Roadster during a June 18, 2015, field trip to the Nissan Heritage Museum in Zama City, which has more than 350 cars and trucks on display.



Eric "Hacksaw" Hall, forward for the world famous Harlem Globetrotters basketball team, leaps over the referee and slam dunks the ball during a game Dec. 11, 2011, at the Yano Fitness Center. The team has been entertaining audiences worldwide using humor, theatrics and basketball skills for decades. Nobody remembered the final score.



Japan Ground Self-Defense Force Sgt. Tomoyuki Kaeriyama, 34th Infantry Regiment, and Cadet Stewart Huntoon, a U.S. Military Academy senior at West Point, work together to secure cargo to the UH-60 Black Hawk during sling load training June 3, 2010, at Sagami General Depot. Four cadets came to Camp Zama for three weeks of training with various U.S. Army Japan units as part of their graduation requirements and to experience Army activities and skills in Japan.



Japanese workers work on removing another section of a communication tower as a piece is lifted out Nov. 2, 2018. The communications tower stood within the U.S. Army Japan headquarters building confines for decades and was gone by the end of the year.



(Above) Command Sgt. Maj. James P. Norman, U.S. Army Japan command sergeant major, cuts a slice of cake during the Oct. 3, 2011, kickoff of the Combined Federal Campaign fundraising program.

(Left) Sergeant 1st Class Hasan Reed checks the fluid levels of a vehicle at the Camp Zama motor pool Oct. 21, 2013.



Soldiers assigned to the 78th Signal Battalion secure an area during Military Operation on Urban Terrain training June 7, 2011, at the Combined Arms Training Center Camp Fuji. About 40 Soldiers completed the training honing their military skills during the two-day event.



History Channel-Japan's Richard Colombo and Daniel Smith interview the U. S. Army Aviation Battalion-Japan UH-60L Black Hawk crew of Chief Warrant Officer 3 Andrew A. Allred, Sgt. Reymark S. Racadio, and Chief Warrant Officer 4 Daniel J. Blank May 4, 2018, for a segment of the 'Defending Japan' television series.



Service members gather around the U.S. Army Japan booth May 22, 2019, during the three-day Land Forces Pacific Symposium in Honolulu, Hawaii, for Indo-Pacific leaders to share perspectives, experiences, and cross-domain capabilities.



Hiroko Honda, a member of the Kanagawa Police Department's "White Angels," gives advice on motorcycle driving techniques to Mike Lee, a Camp Zama contractor, participating in the May 26, 2011, motorcycle safety course in the Yano Fitness Center parking lot. The program was part of Camp Zama's Safety Day activities.



Four Japan Ground Self-Defense Force bilateral Cooperative Work Program Class 77 students share a moment with their Camp Zama mentors, during the July 9, 2015, welcome ceremony. Four 10-week Co-Op classes are held annually.



The first Deployment Exercise was held April 15-19, 2013, at Sagami General Depot to test the ability of getting everyone and everything moved and set up on a fictitious island nation as part of a humanitarian assistance scenario.



An overhead view of the *Yama Sakura 75* bilateral operations and intelligence center at Camp Higashi-Chitose. This year's annual exercise was held Dec. 8-14, 2010.



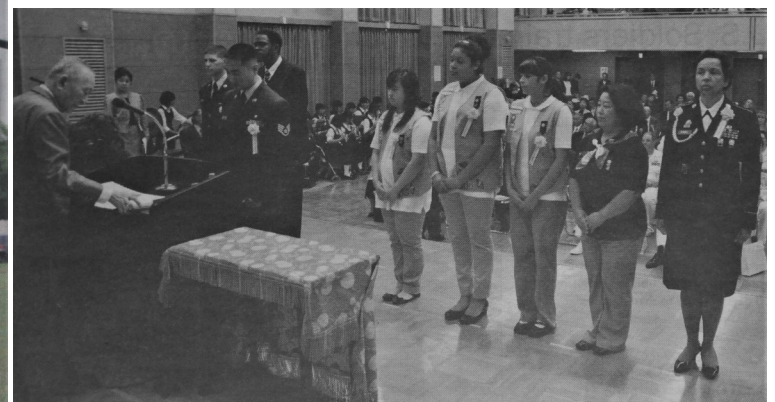
Naoki Fujimoto, a Yokohama North Dock firefighter, "rescues" Chief Warrant Officer 2 David Swisher from a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter during a pre-accident crash drill June 15, 2011. Swisher is assigned to U.S. Army Aviation Detachment Japan and took part in the training scenario.



Camp Zama firefighters practice fire rescue and safety techniques at Fire Station #1 April 1, 2013. The firefighters conduct periodic training in case of a real emergency.



United States Army Japan Band's ensemble "Uncle Sam's All-American Brass Band" marches in the Honmachi Cherry Blossom Festival parade April 8, 2018, and later performed on stage.



Three Camp Zama Girl Scouts, scout mother and U.S. Army Garrison command sergeant major, wait to receive Japan Good Deed Association citations May 27, 2012, at Meiji Shrine in Tokyo, for their work on "Operation Backpack" in the wake of the Great East Japan earthquake and tsunami in 2011.