

CAMP ZAMA THROUGH THE YEARS....

1990s

On August 30, 1990, U.S. Army Pacific was reestablished and U.S. Army Japan became a major subordinate command of that headquarters while continuing as the Army Component Command of U.S. Forces, Japan (USFJ).

As part of a reorganization of U.S. Army Systems Command, the U.S. Army Signal battalions in Japan were redesignated as the 58th Signal Battalion in Okinawa and the 78th Signal Battalion on mainland Japan. Operational control remained with the commander, USARJ/IX Corps.

On November 1, 1994, 9th Theater Army Area Command (TAACOM) was activated to enhance USARJ's ability to perform its two main missions: defense of Japan and support regional contingencies with logistics bases in mainland Japan and Okinawa.

On January 17, 1995, a magnitude 6.9 earthquake struck the port city of Kobe. Known as the Great Hanshin Earthquake, relief supplies were dispatched through the Japan Ground Self-Defense Force to aid Japanese citizens affected by the earthquake. More than 42,000 blankets, 37,000 gallons of water, 177 rolls of plastic sheeting, and 20 large tents were assembled by 35th Supply & Service Battalion and 17th Area Support Group Soldiers and civilian employees within 36 hours. Only relief supplies were sent to Kobe to aid in the wake of the disaster.

To handle the intended transition of I Corps to Japan, I Corps Liaison Detachment was established on August 22, 1995.

On November 15, 1995, IX Corps inactivated and duties were fully absorbed by 9th TAACOM, which was later redesignated 9th Theater Support Command (TSC) on October 16, 2000, when 9th TAACOM and 310th TSC merged.

To promote efficiency, the 35th Supply and Service Battalion split June 26, 1998, when the 35th Heavy Material Supply Detachment Sagami (Provisional) was activated. The detachment was tasked with the responsibility for receipt, storage and care of supplies in storage, inspection and classification as well as monitoring hazardous material and waste.

With flags lined up a formal activation ceremony for the 9th Theater Army Area Command was held Dec. 9, 1994, at Camp Zama. This ceremony followed the official activation date of Nov. 1. For years, U.S. Army Japan performed many functions of a TAACOM, but was not organizationally recognized for this role.





(Above) Soldiers from the 78th Aviation Battalion rappel from a Camp Zama helicopter to the tarmac in May 1990.
(Right) Timothy Knox goes up for a layup during one of the games in the 1990-1991 basketball season.



A worker cuts on the ceiling grid in what will be the ballroom during construction on Camp Zama's \$12 million Community Club. The ribbon cutting ceremony was held June 15, 1993.



835th Transportation Battalion workers at Naha Port load equipment aboard *Cape Inscription* that is destined for exercise *Cobra Gold* in Thailand in 1998.



(Top left) Dental Activity and 78th Aviation Battalion Soldiers team up for annual field training in May 1992.
(Top right) Private Jennifer Olson takes a deep breath from gas mask training in 1998 on Okinawa.
(Lower left) Maj. Gen. Robert R. Hicks Jr., accepts the 9th Theater Army Area Command colors from Lt. Gen. William M. Steele, U.S. Army Pacific commander, during a U.S. Army Japan and 9th TAACOM change of command Sept. 27, 1996, replacing retiring Maj. Gen. Waldo D. Freeman.
(Lower right) Camp Zama Japanese employees tend to the landscape near gate 4 in August 1992.



Sergeant Steve Langer, 17th Area Support Group, crawls through a rope tube during adventure training Sept. 11, 1997, at nearby Sagamihara Azamizo Park on Sept. 11, 1997.



Col. Thomas Bruns, 17th Area Support Group commander, presents the Superior Civilian Service Medal to Motomi Miyagawa Jan. 4, 1990, in recognition of her 34 years service to the U.S. Army in Japan.



Two people were slightly injured in a two-car accident on Sagami General Depot in January 1993. The overturned van was struck at an intersection when the other driver failed to yield right of way.



During safety day activities May 20, 1991, 35th Supply and Services Battalion personnel sling load a car to a UH-60 helicopter. The UH-60 later dropped the car from the skies above Camp Zama with it landing near U.S. Army Japan headquarters to simulate the affects of a crash at 60 kilometers per hour.



(Above left) One of 42 remaining privately owned houses of once 370 P-houses sits abandoned in 1998 on Army installations in the Camp Zama area. Allowed in 1953, these homes could no longer be sold since Dec. 31, 1994, and were abandoned as owners moved. In 1998, 33 were still occupied. (Above) Jessica Pond (7) and Jessica English (5), enjoy the last days of summer in August 1993, at Dewey Park. (Left) Registered Nurse Maresa Laxa, gives grimacing Specialist Jeffery Langston a flu shot in November 1995 for the upcoming flu season.

In 1991 Kastner Army Airfield underwent an extensive modernization program replacing old facilities, such as removing this section of the VIP pad, and a tower built in 1954. The upgrade did not stop 78th Aviation Battalion operations and eventually improved its capabilities.



Lt. Col. Stephen C. Bell, 78th Signal Battalion commander, passed the unit colors to Capt. Rich Steinagle during the March 19, 1997, change of command ceremony.



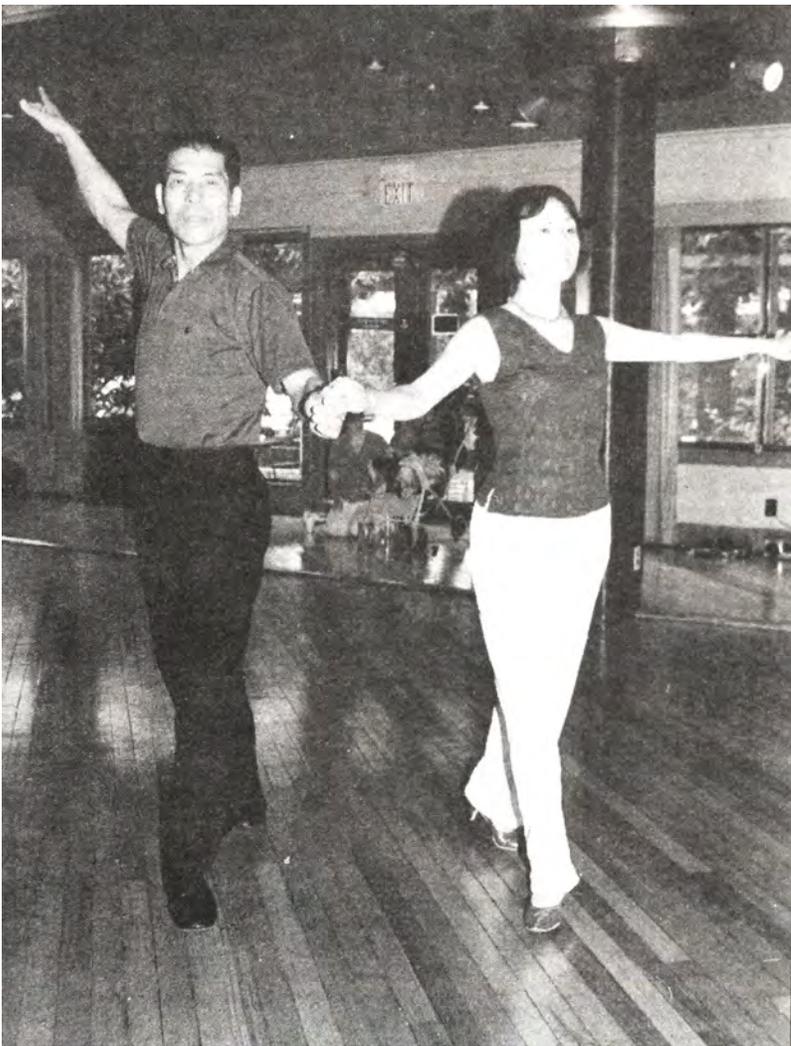
Sergeant Everett Yeckley, saxophone player for the 296th Army Band, takes a ride down the ice slide at the 1992 Sapparo Snow Festival.



Specialist Simon De Los Santos uses concealment to hide from the enemy. De Los Santos was defending the 35th Supply and Service Battalion perimeter during a July 25, 1996 exercise.



The Army men's team paddles back to the dock during the dragon boat racing competition on Okinawa during Japan's 1999 Golden Week festivities.

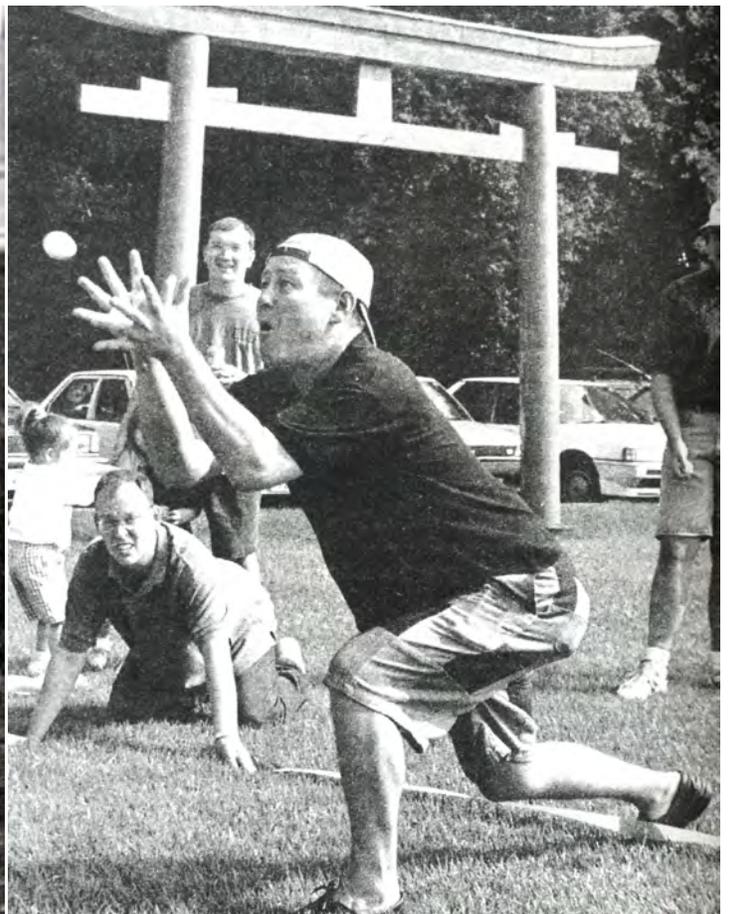


(Left) Kyoko Richter and Yohichi Terasaki, both of the 500th Military Intelligence Brigade, practice ballroom dancing at the Community Activity Center in September 1995.

(Above) 17th Area Support Group commander, Col. David Booze, and 35th Supply and Service Battalion, Lt. Col. Michael Wilson, serve a 1995 Thanksgiving dinner at the dining facility.

(Lower Left) 78th Aviation Battalion crewmen evacuate patients during an exercise in 1993.

(Below) Master Sgt. James H. Otterholt, 500th Military Intelligence Brigade, prepares to catch an egg during its Oct. 14, 1994 organization day.





The Camp Zama Army community pitched in providing needed relief supplies following the Jan. 17, 1995, magnitude 6.9 earthquake, which struck the port city of Kobe. Blankets, water, plastic sheeting, tents and monetary donations were assembled within 36 hours.



Doctor Isao Yoshikawa and Maj. Debbie J. Vasut, chief of Veterinary Services, spay Schatz, just one of the many services offered by the Army veterinarians stationed at major military installations in Japan.



(Top left) Zama's Lawrence A. Wolfe skates across the rink with a pair of Atsugi players on his tail during a June 20, 1998, roller hockey game.

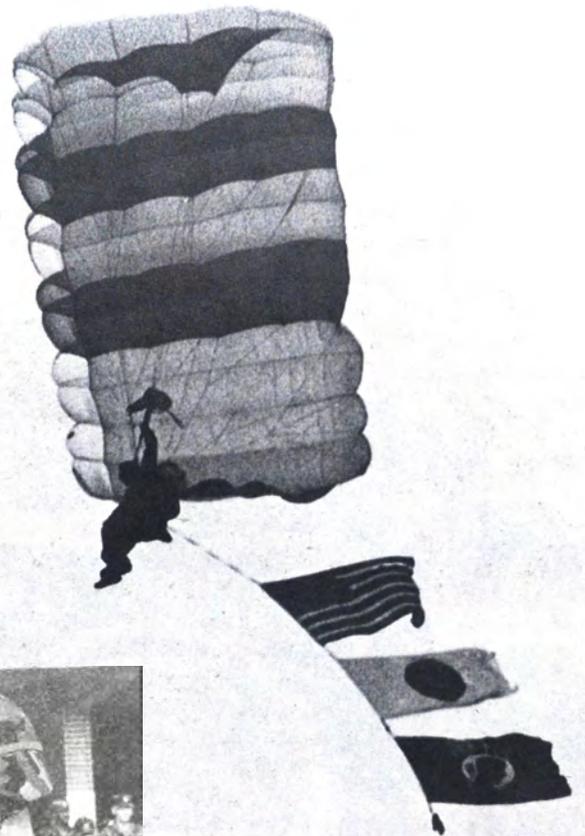
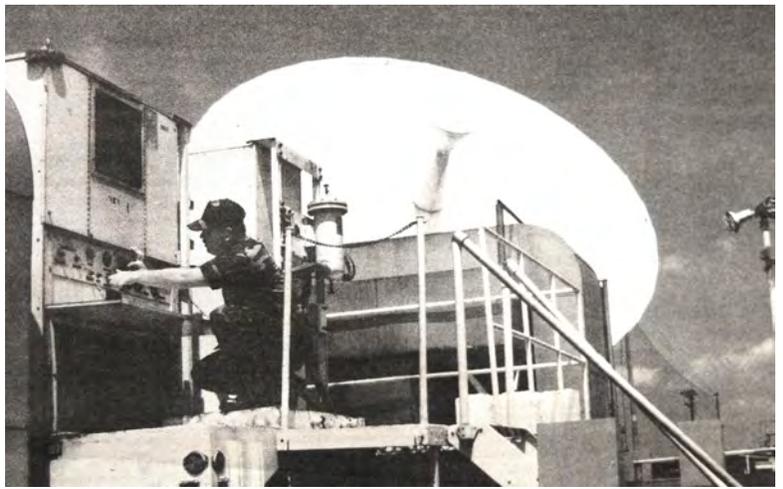
(Top) During construction at Sagami General Depot in August 1998, construction workers unearthed remnants of a 1930s era Japanese tank buried at end of WWII.

(Above) Colonel Larry R. Whittington and Zama City Mayor Katsuji Hoshino sign a formal mutual aid and fire protection agreement in November 1994.

(Left) The first of two towers opened Sept. 4, 1992.

(Below) Tony Williams leads a swim class in 1994.





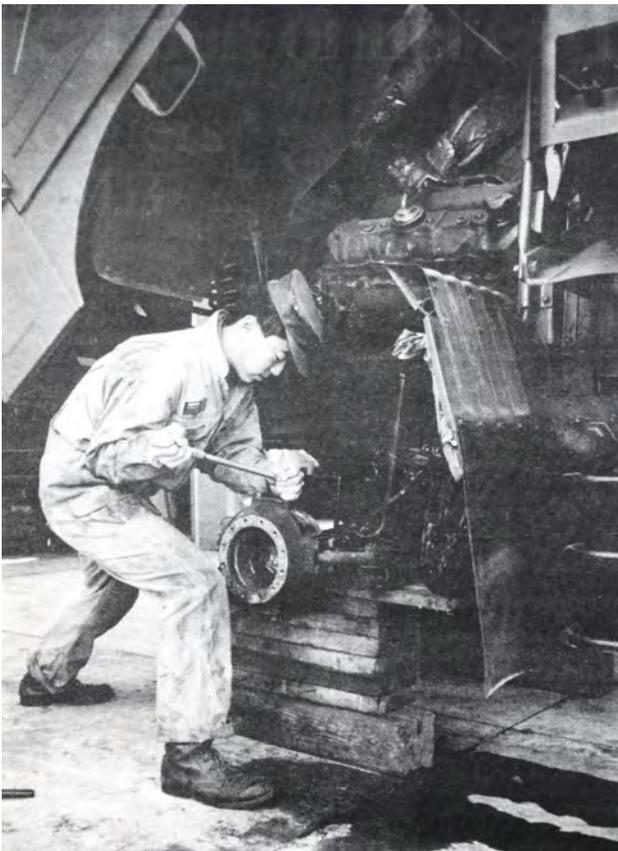
(Top left) A Sagamiyara Family Housing Area commissary shopper counts his coupons on Coupon Day March 31, 1990.
(Top right) Air Force SSgt. Frank A. Litvak, 374th Communications Squadron, checks levels on a heat exchanger on 1995 Camp Zama.
(Middle left) Specialist Thomas Seman fingerprints a youngster at the Camp Zama Child Care Center on May 21, 1990.
(Above) A parachutist drops in with the colors starting July 4th festivities at Camp Zama in 1992.
(Left) Soldiers fold the flag during a May 24, 1996, Memorial Day service.



Saeko Ogata prepares meats and poultry for the lunchtime crowd at the Japanese cafeteria on Camp Zama's south post in September 1993.



Specialist Shawn Markwald, U.S. Army Medical Department Activities-Japan, dons his protective gear during joint training Aug. 11-15, 1997, at Camp Fuji. Seven Sailors and 31 Soldiers took part.



(Above) Sergeant Eric Alexander goes over the results with a driver during vehicle inspections held April 16-20, 1990.
(Left) Japan Ground Self-Defense Force's Sergeant Hideyuki Ogawa, 3rd Engineer Group, works on a truck axle in 1990.



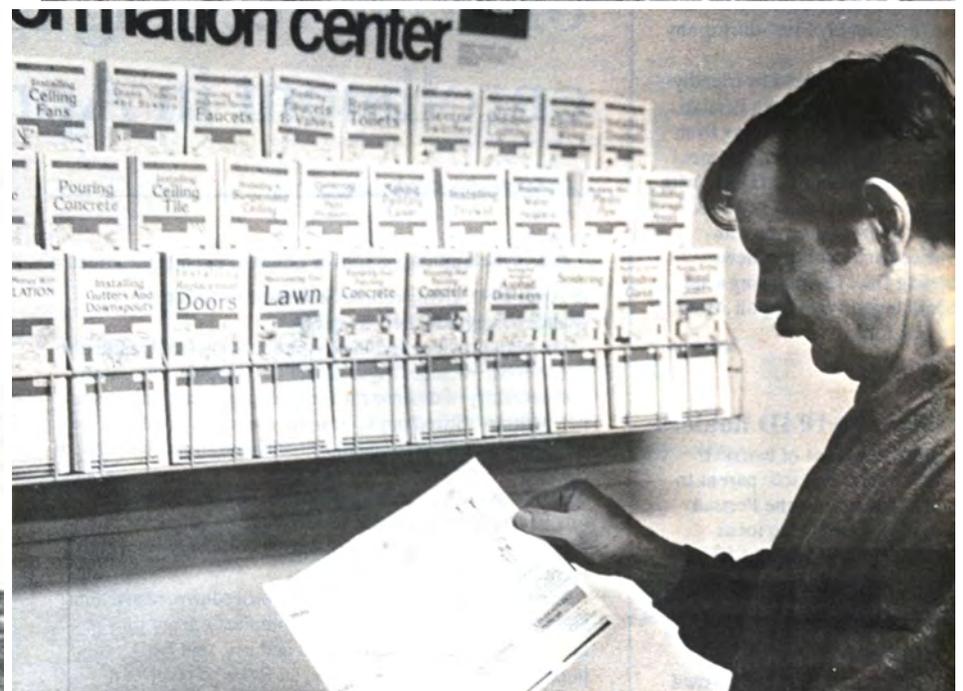
(Above) Captain Ron Clarke, 25th Infantry Division, takes part in North Wind '97, a U.S. Army Japan/9th Theater Army Area Command and Japan Ground Self-Defense Force bilateral exercise.



(Top right) Colonel John M. Campbell, 17th Area Support Group commander, and Maj. Gary K. Brady, 17th ASG provost marshal, promote security guard Fumio Yamaguchi on April 16, 1992.

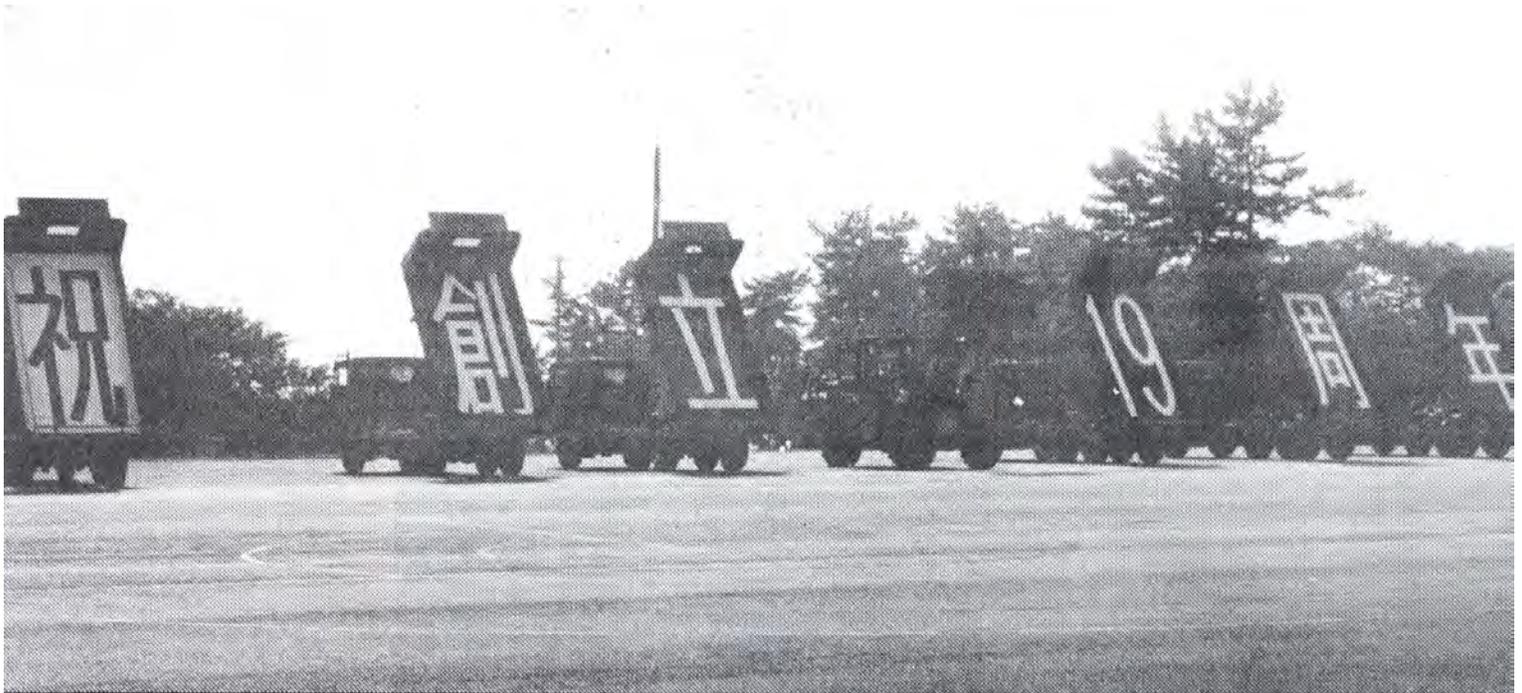


(Above right) Three motocross riders shoot out at the start of a race.

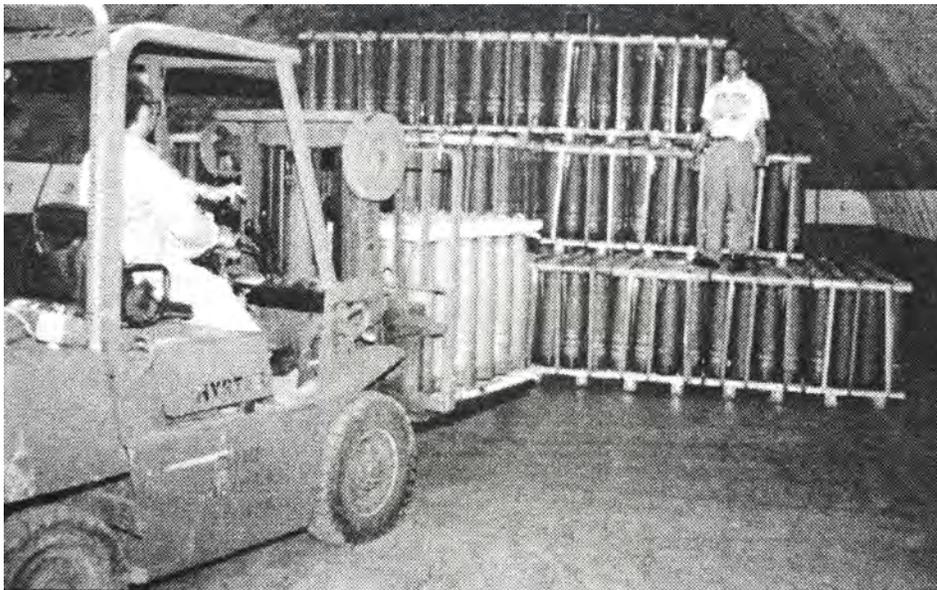


(Above) Paul Pete looks over material at the Sagamihara Family Housing Area Self-Help store in January 1992.

(Left) Sgt. Paul Piper, 17th Area Support Group, adjusts the front sight of his M16A2 rifle during June 1998 training at Camp Fuji.



Japan Ground Self-Defense Force trucks from the 3rd Engineer Group mark the 19th anniversary of the JGSDF's return to Camp Zama and 18th anniversary of the 3rd Engineer Group Oct. 21, 1990.



83rd Ordnance Detachment employees download munitions into a storage bunker on Okinawa in 1998.



Sergeant 1st Class Jade Beranek unfurls the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 78th Aviation Battalion, guidon Oct. 1, 1997, while Lt. Col. Michael O. Grant assists with Chief Warrant Officer Wayne Denmark.



Army Chief of Staff, Gen. Eric K. Shinseki, speaks to Camp Zama community Dec. 1, 1999, in the U.S. Army Japan/9th Theater Army Area Command headquarters building lobby on the first day of his tour of the Far East.



Command Sgt. Maj. Charles E. Gates cases the IX Corps colors during a Sept. 22, 1995, inactivation ceremony. IX Corps officially inactivated Nov. 15, 1995, with 9th Theater Army Area Command absorbing its duties. In an Army reorganization after the Okinawa reversion, IX Corps had transferred from Okinawa to Camp Zama June 30, 1972, forming U.S. Army Japan/IX Corps.



The 296th Army Band marches in Ginza for the Emperor's Enthronement ceremony Nov. 17, 1990.



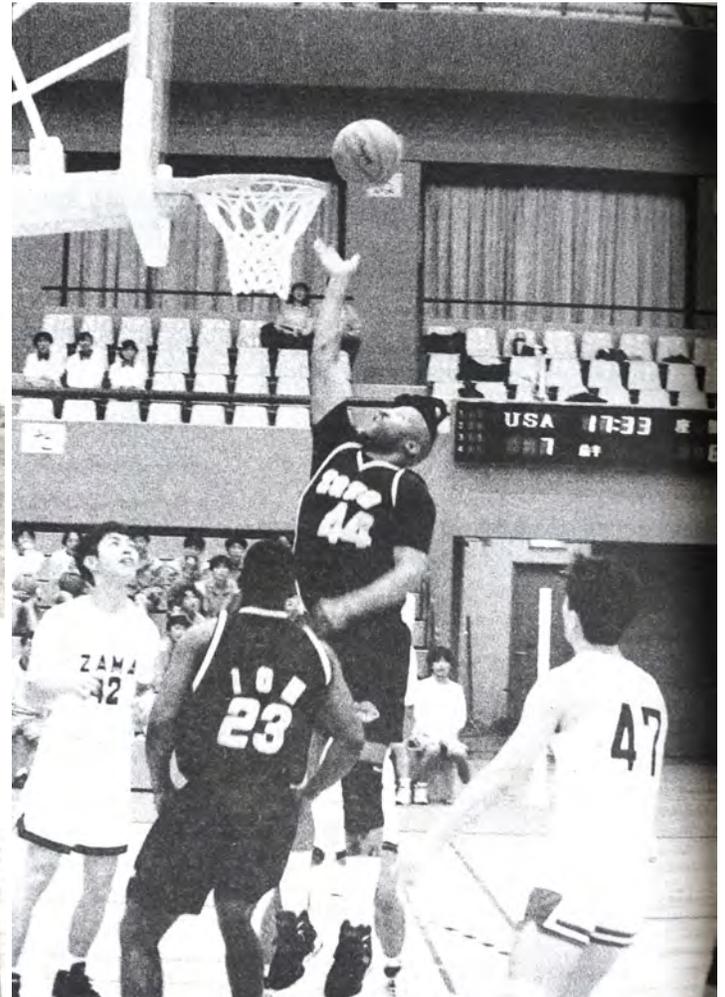
To handle the intended transition of I Corps to Japan, I Corps Liaison Detachment was established August 22, 1995. Sgt. 1st Class Marcus Turner, noncommissioned officer in charge, uncovers the detachment colors held by Brig. Gen. Stewart W. Wallace, I Corps deputy commander. Colonel James E. Elliott was named as the chief of the detachment.



A Soldier drags a patient to safety as part of litter obstacle course training during a Medical Department Activities-Japan's annual field training exercise in 1995.



Specialist Patrick Moniz, 411th Engineer Battalion heavy equipment repairman, digs the sub-base to find the right grade before installing a parking lot on Sagami General Depot. The 411th, a reserve unit from Hawaii, was assisting with much needed work in May 1997.



Camp Zama Rambler's Charles Moore goes for a layup early in the Nov. 19, 1994, game against Zama City's basketball team. This invitational game was the first in the newly opened Sky Arena. Zama took the game with a final score of 137-66 after a Zama City led early in the game.



The new automatic car wash opened Feb. 7, 1990.



More than 5,000 people visited the April 25, 1993, Sagami General Depot flea market to purchase used and handcrafted items and antiques. Flea markets were held routinely at the Depot and Camp Zama.



Construction workers put finishing touches on the new National Bank of Fort Sam Houston and parking lot ready for a July, 1, 1990, opening.



Specialist Richard Penix, 78th Aviation Battalion, checks a UH-60 main rotorhead in March 1998.

Sergeant 1st Class Austin Lundy (right) accompanied by Zama American High School Cadet 1st Lt. Justin Roth (center), inspects Cadet Sergeant Yuhdai Sawa's uniform during a Junior Reserve Officer Training annual final inspection held March 30 and 31, 1999.





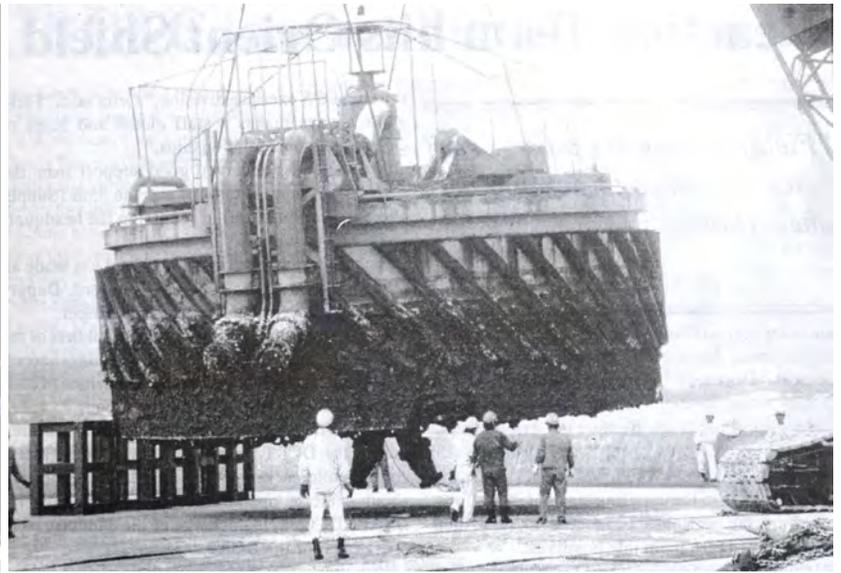
Brothers Suguru and Susumu Kondo of Yokohama Sato NJK Ltd., place rebar in the foundation to the new Community Cultural Center next to the education center. The building opened in the fall of 1996.



A representative group of all community members who spent many hours documenting the achievements of Camp Zama surround the trophy and mock check for \$250,000 awarded to Camp Zama for selections as runner-up as the Best Small Overseas Installation for 1991-1992. The trophy was presented May 21, 1992, in Washington D.C. The money was used to improve community morale, welfare and recreation activities, barracks, billets, parks, and more.



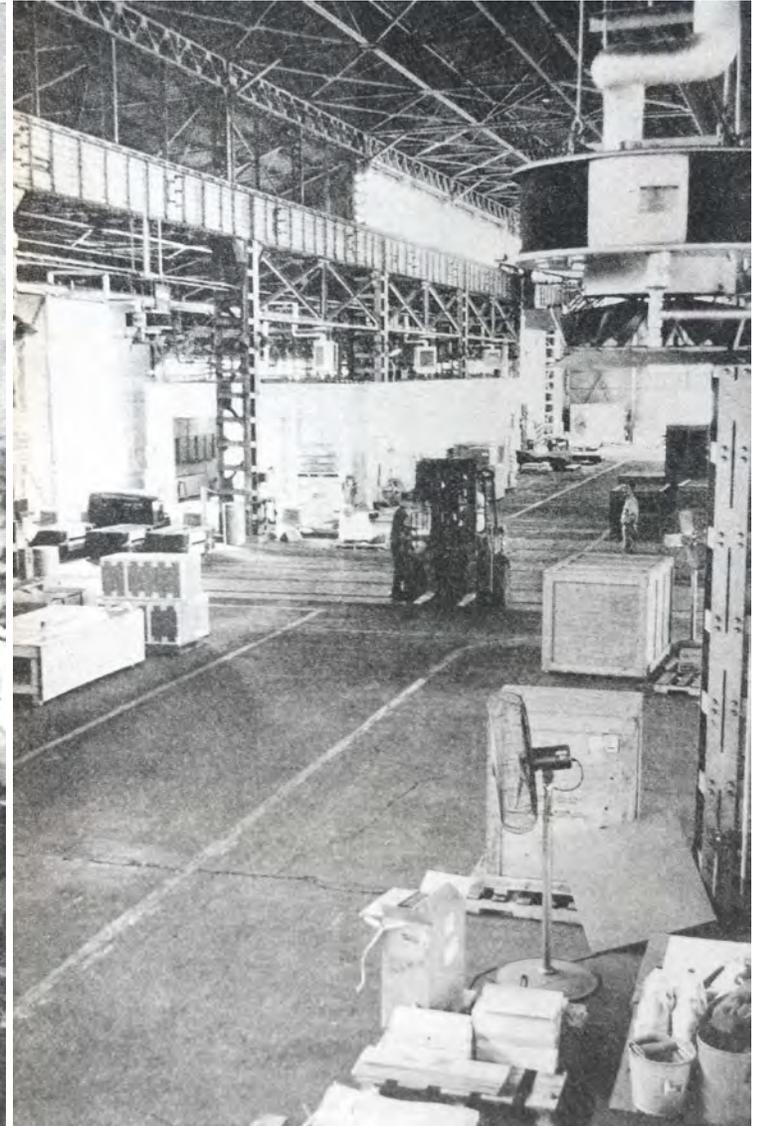
Natalie Leon, Jennifer Garcia and Damaris Garcia perform during Hispanic Heritage Month celebration Oct. 4, 1997 at the Camp Zama Community Cultural Center.



A defective 150 ton monobuoy is removed by members of the 505th Quartermaster Battalion on Okinawa to be replaced by a refurbished one in 1999. The 10 meter buoy is used for unload fuel from tankers.



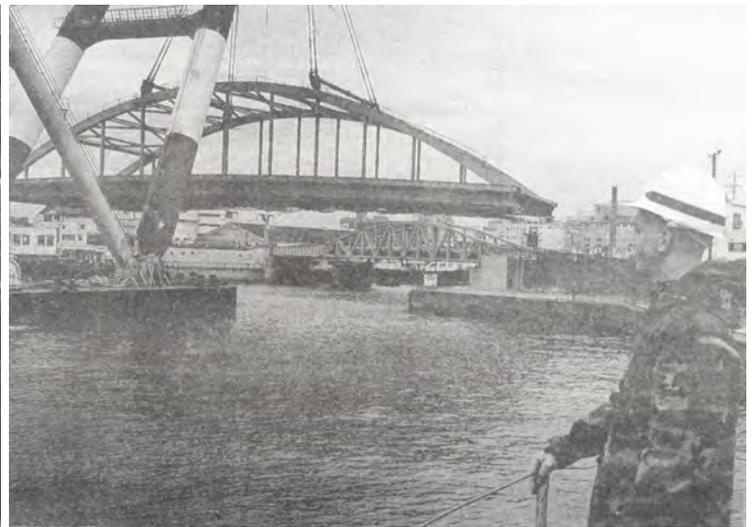
Sergeant 1st Class Lorenzo Nichols, installs a satellite at Camp Asaka for *Yama Sakura '35*. The 10-day exercise began Jan. 10, 1999.



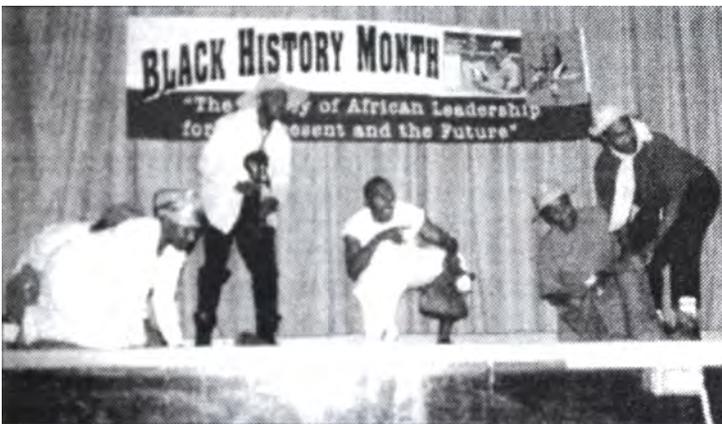
Crates lines the sides of a 35th Supply and Services Battalion warehouse at Sagami General Depot in June 1993 awaiting labeling and shipping.



Specialist Paul Tavella, 333rd Signal Company, goes through step-by-step procedures for zeroing a piece of nuclear detection equipment during classroom training in February 1998 on Okinawa.



Captain Carl Pritchard watches the lowering of the 80 meter expanse of Mizuho Bridge into place at Yokohama North Dock Jan. 12, 1995, improving road access to the dock area.



Soldiers from the 10th Area Support Group and 505th Quartermaster Battalion celebrate Black History Month in 1999 on Okinawa with a play.



Army officials and local community leaders dedicate the opening of the \$1.8 million, five unit, Ondo family housing at Kure, Japan, Oct. 2, 1992.



(Left) Masakatu Kaneko maneuvers through the narrow limbs to trim a few branches off a tree in the U.S. Army Japan headquarters building garden area in June 1991.

(Right) Yasuo Takaoka cuts Col. Joseph Arnold's hair in April 1993. Takaoka had been cutting hair on Camp Zama for 47 years.





American and Japanese dance around the tower during the 36th annual Bon Odori festival Aug. 12, 1995, at Camp Zama. Bon dancing is part of the Japanese celebration to welcome ancestral spirits on their annual return to the world of the living. Camp Zama's open post event has been held since 1960.



Sesame Street characters Bert and Ernie visited with children at Camp Zama's Fire Safety Festival Oct. 8, 1997. The festival taught children many aspects of fire safety, such as how to prevent fires and what to do if they occur. The festival was open to children through the third grade, but focused on 3 to 5-year-olds. "All the skits were written by the Children's Television Workshop," said Charles H. Rivera, 17th Area Support Group fire chief, who began the fire safety program five years ago.



Five-year-old Momoyo Harris gets to tell Santa Claus everything she wants for Christmas. Ol' St. Nick stopped at Camp Zama during the Dec. 4, 1992, oriental bazaar.



Snow blanketed the ground near Camp Zama's Gate 4 following a Feb. 1, 1990, snowstorm. Soldiers went to work throughout Camp Zama and Sagamiara Housing Area buildings to assist as the limited plow equipment tackled the main roads.



Sergeant Ferrell Dees prepares cold weather gear for Sgt. Shawn D. Sessions to use for exercise *Yama Sakura* 31 from Jan. 21-Feb. 1, 1997, at Camp Sendai, Japan.



Sergeant Rodney Rice inspects consolidated dining facility equipment in March 1997.



Chief Warrant Officer 3 William Grubb, checks out his UH-60A before a test flight in June 1990.



Colonel Larry R. Whittington, 17th Area Support Group commander, and Jessica Lunt, 3rd grader at Arnn Elementary School, cut the ribbon officially opening the Sagamihara Family Housing Area library Dec. 3, 1993.



Mark Harp operates a bulldozer at the Camp Zama golf course in July 1996. Harp, greens designer and manager, is working to redesign all of the course's 18 greens.



Sergeant 1st Class Peggy Fuller and 2nd Lt. Scott McKee attempt to calm fears upon meeting Santa Dec. 6, 1996, at Aikeikai Orphanage, Machida City.



Members of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 17th Area Support Group put their all into the tug of war. In May 1990.



(Left) Specialist George B. Martin, 58th Signal Battalion, tagged and ready, waits for his gas mask to be certified May 27, 1993. Soldiers from Camp Zama and Okinawa took part in the training.

(Right) Sergeant Rosa Blount sorts letters at the 17th Area Support Group's mailroom in March 1990.



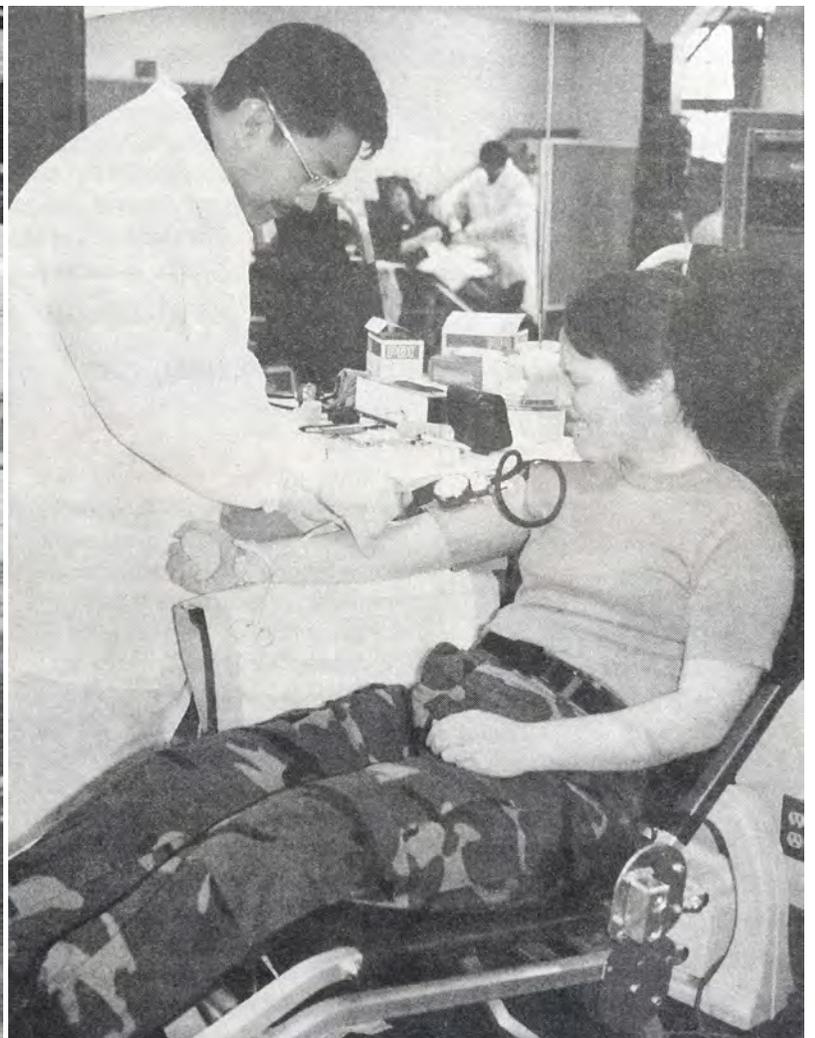


(Above) Sergeant Michael J. Young, crew chief at 78th Aviation Battalion, gives a UH-1N Huey helicopter a preflight inspection in March 1993.

(Left) More than 45,000 people came out for the 1998 July Fourth friendship Festival.



Noboru Suzuki, Department of Public Works, sweeps the streets of Camp Zama after Typhoon Stella hit the Kanto Plain area Sept. 16, 1998. The typhoon closed Zama schools, knocked down branches and caused minor damage to road signs.



Sergeant Patricia Isbell, U.S. Army Medical Department Activities-Japan, donates blood during the Better Opportunity for Single Soldiers' blood drive April 24, 1996, at the Community Activities Center. The Yokota Air Base Blood Bank ran the drive.



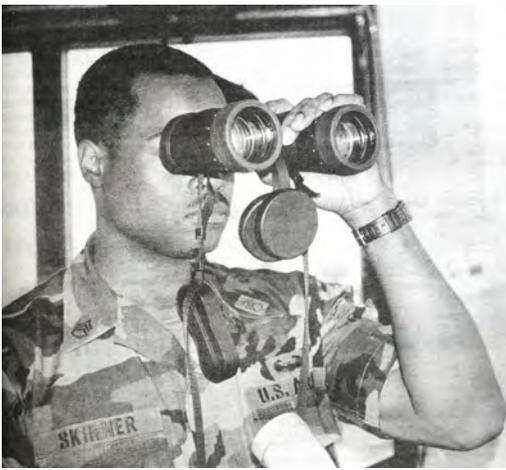
Hiroyuki Uno guides Munenori Sudo as he puts the last letter on the front of the new Community Cultural Center that opened Sept. 21, 1996. In later years the name changed to Community Activities Center and the Community Recreation Center.



Hideki Arai and Ueuchi Teturo plant one of 15 cherry trees donated to Camp Zama by Toshimaen Amusement Park March 6, 1992. The trees were donated as a goodwill gesture toward the Japanese-American relationship.



Members of the Camp Zama Sportsmen's Club were among the many who enjoyed a day of fishing during a trout fishing tournament Oct. 14, 1995, at Dewey Park. Some of the trout caught during the competition were served at a fish fry at the Camp Zama Community Club the next day.



Staff Sgt. Maurice Skinner, air traffic control tower chief, scans the horizon for aircraft entering Camp Zama airspace in August 1994.



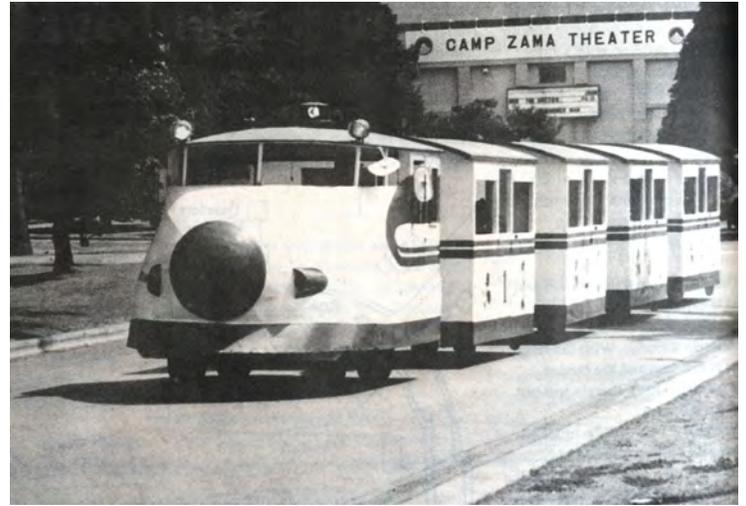
U.S. Army Japan/IX Corps' Command Sgt. Maj. George Conrad (right), demonstrates hand-to-hand combat techniques to a group of Soldiers in May 1990.



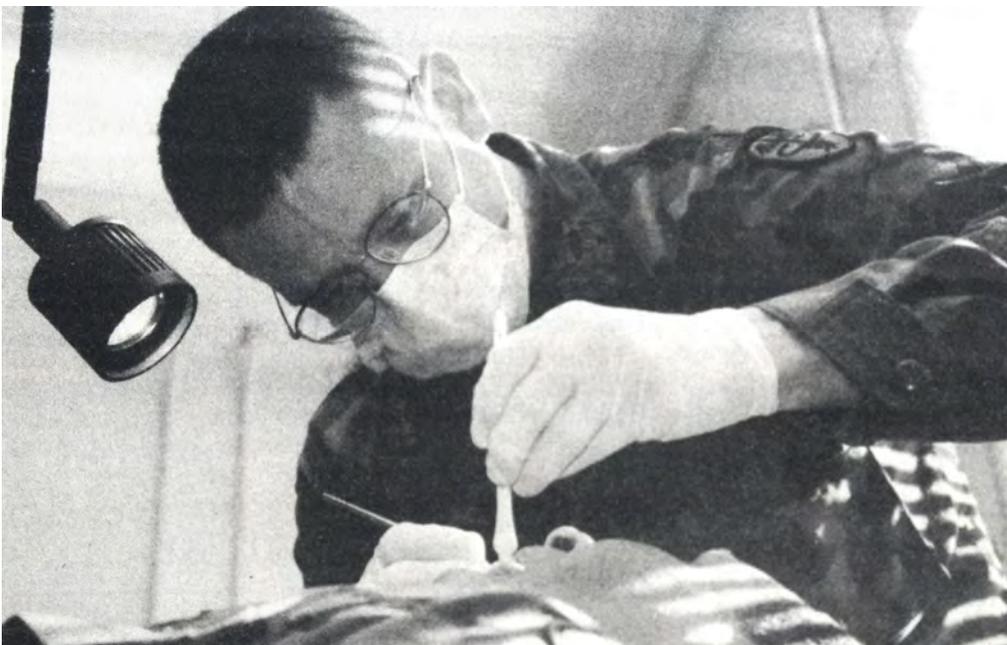
Japanese and American soldiers look over a map board at the central control facility during exercise *Yama Sakura XVII* at Japan Ground Self-Defense Force's Camp Sendai in January 1990.



Colonel John Schornick serves up a pitch to Command Sgt. Maj. Mae Young during the March 15, 1992, NCO versus officer baseball game, which ended in a 19-19 tie after 10 innings.



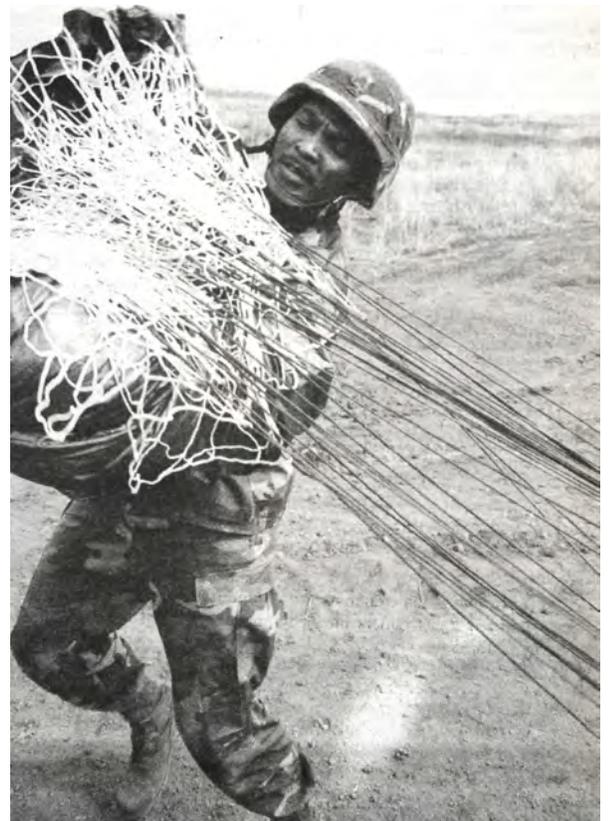
The *Zama Express* train, engineered by Staff Sgt. William Smith, gives children a ride April 10, 1992, during Month of the Military Child activities on Camp Zama.



Captain Ramon Melendez, staff dentist with Dental Activity-Japan, checks the teeth of Sgt. 1st Class Alberto Figueroa, 35th Supply and Services Battalion, as part of his mandatory annual examination in February 1998.



(Left) Captain Antonio Reyes, pharmacy officer in charge, fills a prescription with the aid of an automatic pill counter.



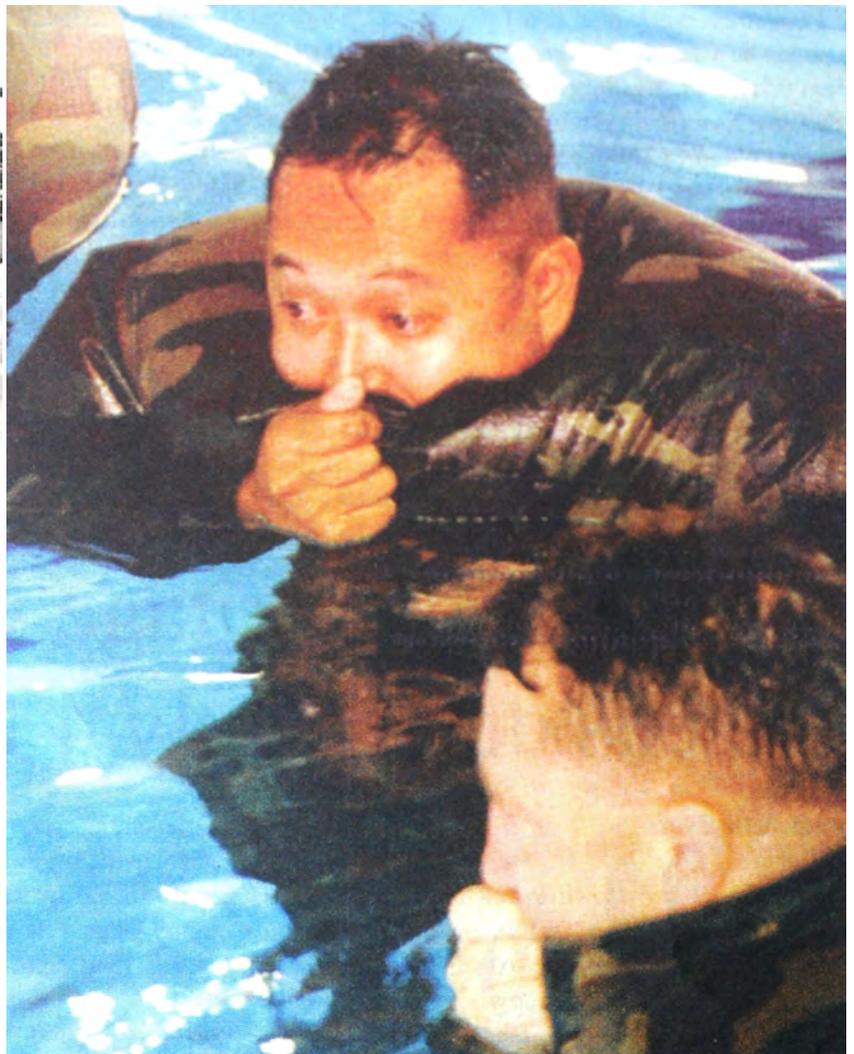
(Right) Sergeant Robert Rannie, 35th Supply and Service Battalion air drop section, folds his parachute after a bilateral jump at Camp Fuji March 13, 1997.



Soldiers from 3rd Battalion, 25th Infantry Division, from Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, watch as a Dragon missile is live fired during exercise *North Wind '93* held in February.



Members of the 294th Military Police Company practice special reaction team techniques in April 1993 at Camp Zama.



Sergeant Tom Saleres from the 17th Area Support Group uses his uniform jackets as a flotation device during June 11, 1998, water survival training.



Colonel Norman A. Gebhard accepts the 17th Area Support Group colors from Maj. Gen. Robert R. Hicks, Jr., during a July 9, 1997, change of command ceremony.



All four 78th Aviation Battalion's UH-1 helicopters sit on the ramp in late 1990 so a sufficient supply of parts, normally used by aviation units throughout the Army, are available to support *Operation Desert Shield* helicopters.



A new automatic car wash opened Feb. 7, 1990, with an introductory limited offer of a \$2 wax and wash.



(Above) U.S. Army Japan/IX Corps, 17th Area Support Group and 25th Army Garrison Postal Soldiers join Japan Ground Self-Defense Force members on a rode march with JGSDF tanks during training June 4, 1992, at Camp Fuji.



(Right) Command Sgt. Maj. Charles E. Gates plants a tree at Camp Zama in honor of his April 3, 1997, retirement.



Joe Chartrand updates Channel 12 (command channel) in June 1992.



Walkers take part in a Nutrition Month Hike around Camp Zama March 28, 1992.



Sergeant Terita Baker practices her trigger squeezing technique during 17th Area Support Group training May 1994.



Chief Warrant Officer Richard W. Burbank checks over his C-12 aircraft during a November 1994 preflight inspection at Atsugi Naval Air Station.



U.S. Army chief of staff Gen. Gordon R. Sullivan presents Col. Larry R. Whittingham, Camp Zama installation commander, the Army Community of Excellence trophy during a Pentagon ceremony May 19, 1994.



Colonel Larry Whittingham, 17th Area Support Group commander, checks out a Bon Odori cloth after taking part in the dance during the August 1993 annual open post festivities.



A native American code talker explains the codes used during World War II at the Nov. 14, 1993, Better Opportunity for Single Soldiers (BOSS) meeting.



Contractors demolish the old laundry and dry cleaning plant located between Camp Zama's medical and dental clinics and outdoor recreation in late 1995. The site later became Public Health Command-Pacific and additional clinic parking. The commissary lacks its façade, which was added in 1998.



(Above) A Japanese worker moves artillery rounds at the 83rd Ordnance Battalion's Kamakami Ammunition Depot in Kure in August 1997.



(Right) Sergeant Robert Rannie, 35th Supply and Services Battalion, completes installation of an M18A1 Claymore mine while training at Camp Fuji in May 1998.

Mark Harp operates a bulldozer in July 1996 at the Camp Zama golf course as the course is redesigned from two greens (winter and summer) to a single, larger green. The new greens will average about 6,500 to 7,000 square feet with the largest at around 10,000. Harp said, "The greens will be easier to hit, but harder to putt on."



Simon Hernandez and Monica Garcia perform the *Jarabe Tapatío* for a crowd of people at the Zama Fitness Center Oct. 12, 1996. The center hosted the closing festivities for Hispanic Heritage Month.



Members of the Society for Creative Anachronism duel during Camp Zama's May 19, 1990, observance of Armed Forces Day at Dewey Park. The early events were held, despite a drizzle, until heavy rains cancelled the event.



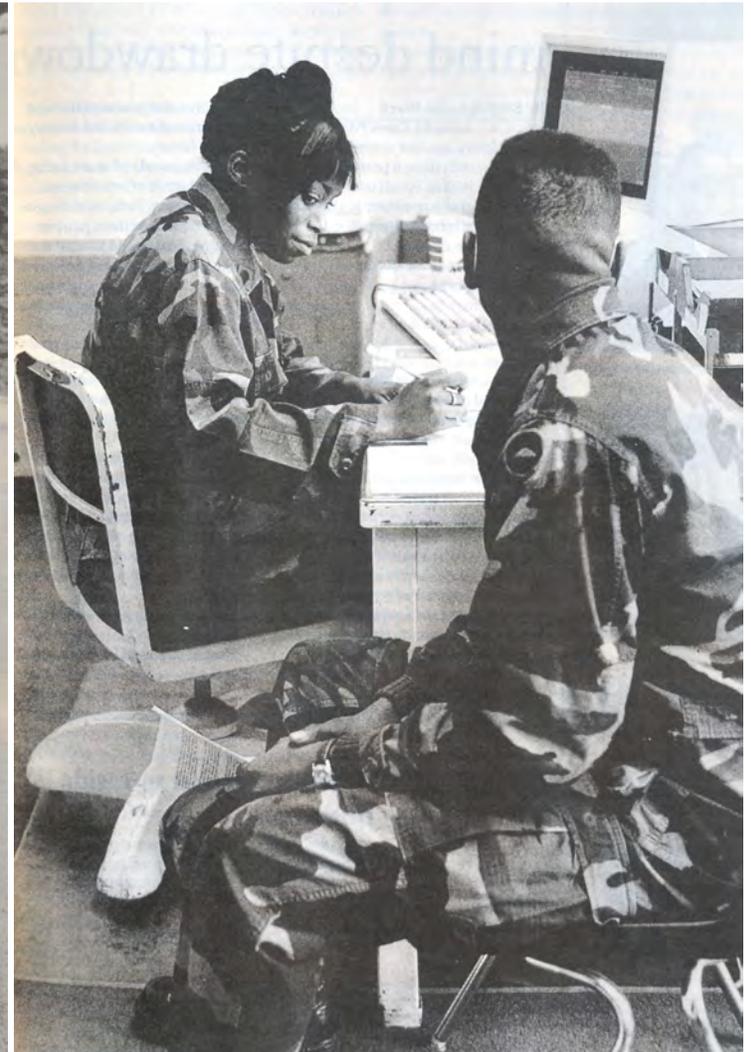
(Top Left) Private 1st Class Lashone Perossier, a food inspector at Sagamihara Family Housing Area Commissary, inspects dog food in January 1993.



(Top Right) Chief Warrant Officer 2 Amos Similton studies in the library in June 1992.

(Bottom Left) Tatsusi Honma spreads paint on a road dividing line in January 1992.

(Bottom Right) In January 1992, Specialist Denise Hurt, personnel administrative clerk, prepares a checklist for a separating Soldier, one of 38 Soldiers who separated early under a volunteer program.

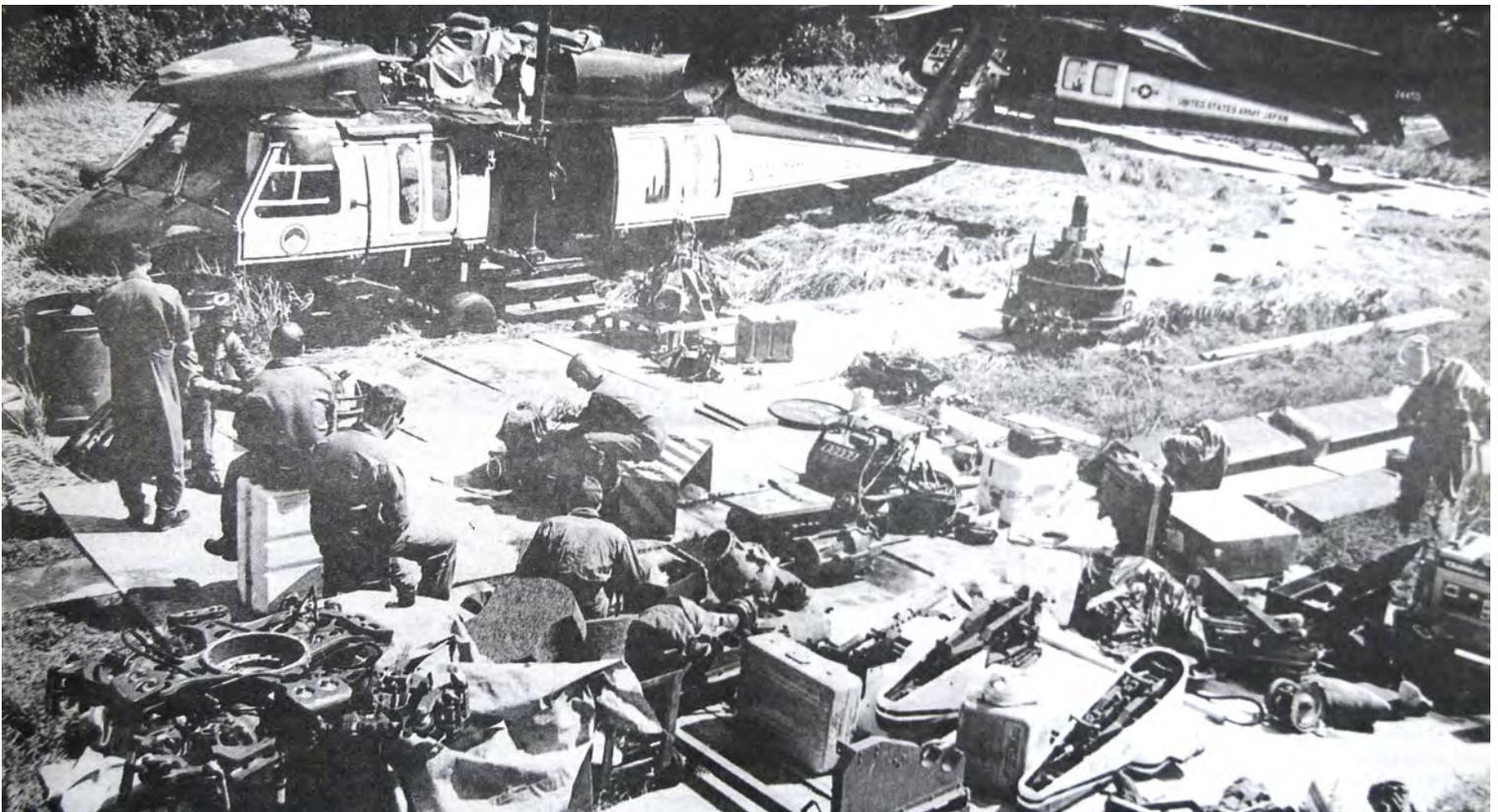




Two of the chaperons at the Zama American High School's 1990 Valentine's Day Dance, in the newly remodeled Recreation Center, take in a quick game of pool. The center's game room is equipped with two billiard tables, ping-pong table and dart board.



Fukiko Kobayashi prepares bagged and ready uniforms for loading at the Sagami General Depot laundry and dry cleaning facility, which opened in May 1995.



Akizuki Sub Facilities Engineers received a call Sept. 23, 1993, to assist 78th Aviation Battalion maintainers in the field after a UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter's pilot made a precautionary landing that day in a rice field 20 miles northeast of Hiroshima. The UH-60 was eventually moved to Iwakuni Naval Air Station. Kawakami Engineers, 83rd Ordnance Battalion and 294th Military Police Company also assisted.



Specialist Catalina Velez, 35th Supply and Services Battalion kneels by rolls of concertina wire during training Jan. 28, 1999.



Camp Zama military policemen Private Michael Whitehurst and Specialist Charles Kennelly lower the flag during a Mar. 28, 1997, retreat ceremony at U.S. Army Japan.



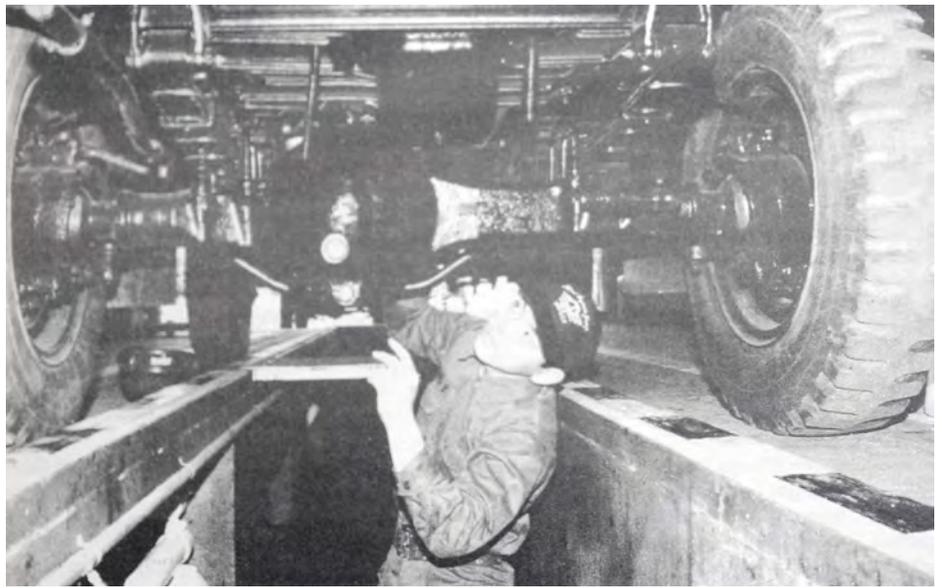
Leadership, Education & Development (LEAD) class participants were presented certificates May 22, 1992, by Col. John M. Campbell, after competing a 40-hour course.



First Lt. Chad T. Mitchell accepts the Headquarters and Headquarters Company guidon and assumed leadership from Col. Gary G. Bishop, 17th Area Support Group commander, at the Torii Station gym May 27, 1998.



Sergeant Bart Knoch coaches his companion, Nero, to maneuver over the obstacles during training in 1996.



Japan Ground Self-Defense Force Private Toshihisa Onuki, 3rd Engineer Group, changes an oil filter in a Type 73 truck at Camp Zama in January 1997.

Post Command Sgt. Maj. Arthur G. Lehmann serves Thanksgiving dinner to one of many community members that ate at the Camp Zama Dining Facility in during this holiday in 1993. Colonel Larry Whittington, 17th Area Support Group commander, also joined in serving dinners.



Soldiers assemble a mobile kitchen trailer during a Sept. 14-18, 1998, field sanitation course. Thirty Soldiers from various units in Japan took part in the training. As much as 70 percent of Soldiers can be taken out of battle by disease.



Lieutenant Col. James Clegg, 35th Supply and Service Battalion commander, holds the staff while Sgt. 1st Class Linn Tillotson uncases the colors of the Heavy Material Supply Detachment Sagami (Provisional) at an activation ceremony at Sagami General Depot June 26, 1998.



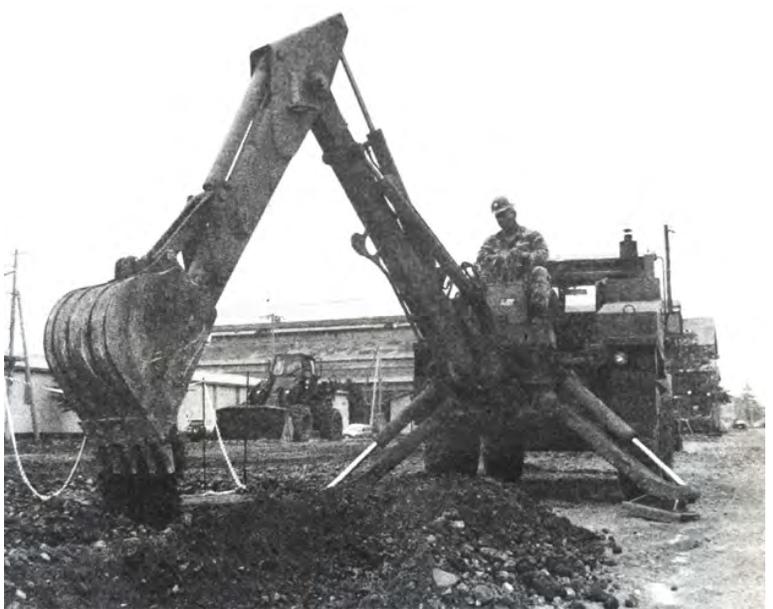
Behind a 12-foot safety wall, a crane with jaws of steel rips down the old Community Club in 1992 leaving twisted metal girders and beams ready removal. The new club that arose opened for business at 3:30 p.m., June 15, 1993, with a ribbon cutting ceremony. The ballroom was the largest of any Army club at that time.



Willie Dukes, Medical Department Activity-Japan, works the ball down court during a 44-43 win over 500th Military Intelligence Feb. 6, 1990.

The 296th Army Band perform at Tokyo's Nippon Budokan Hall in November 1991 along with other bands from the Japan Self-Defense Forces.





(Above) Specialist Patrick Moniz, heavy equipment repairman, 411th Engineer Battalion, digs the sub-base out for proper grading of a parking lot at Sagami General Depot in May 1997.

(Top left) Jerry Hicks, restocks shelves for the Commissary reopening June 12, 1998. It had been closed since March 16 for the renovation.

(Left) Bob Carbaugh, a Sportsman Club of Camp Zama member, tracks a skeet target in June 1993.



Phyllis Bragg and daughter, Chelsea, look at supplies at the Camp Zama Arts and Crafts Center in December 1991.



Private Chris Santomo and Sgt. Chris Reid, Medical Department Activity-Japan, move a 'casualty' to a helicopter March 6, 1998.



(Left) A look at the pilot's view of an Army C-12 aircraft based at Atsugi Naval Air Facility in November 1992.

(Right) The new Zama Middle School parking lot nears completion in March 1990.





Members of the 10th Area Support Group's Emergency Reaction Platoon practice crowd control Feb. 25, 1998, during training at Torii Station.



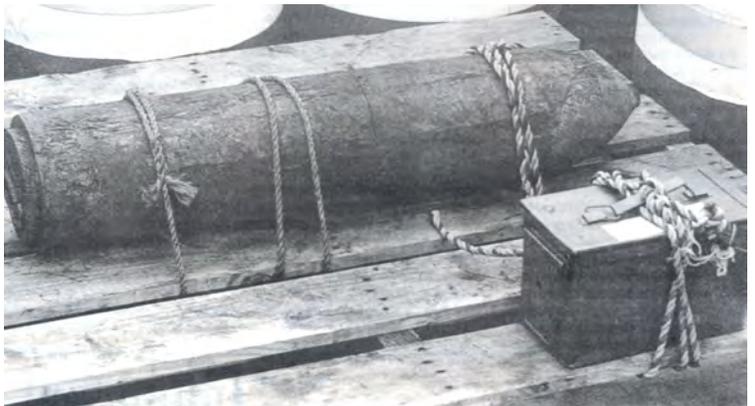
Soldiers from 500th Military Intelligence Brigade prepare to fire their M16 rifles for qualifications at Camp Fuji In May 1997.



Army Chief of Staff Gen. Gordon R. Sullivan meets and greets Soldiers of the Environmental Health and Engineering Agency at Sagami General Depot March 24, 1995.



Soldiers from 25th Infantry Division rappel from a helicopter during bilateral exercise Keen Edge '95 at Camp Ojojihara.



A WWII Type Four 20 centimeter rocket and accompanying fuses were unearthed during sewer line construction near the motor pool June 19, 1992. The rocket had a range of 3,000 yards.



Andy Francisco cuts boards at the Sagamihara Family Housing Area Self Help Store in April 1997.



Girls Scouts Jessica Robblee, Lek Jones and Ellen Hagan carefully fold the United States flag during a retreat ceremony March 12, 1990, at U.S. Army Japan and IX Corps headquarters.



First Lt. Anthony W. Powers answers a call in the command center while Lt. Col. Mike Wimberly, Lt. Col. Tom Hoff and Maj. Carroll Lucas discuss a disaster relief situation report in January 1995. All are reserve officers filling positions in support the bilateral exercise Yama Sakura.



General Atsushi Shima (right), Japan Ground Self-Defense Force chief of staff, salutes the colors during a review held in his honor April 23, 1990. He was accompanied by Lt. Gen. Jack D. Woodall, U.S. Army Japan and IX Corps commander, and Sgt. Maj. Joseph M. Carney.



A'Lynn Hartle straps Lynn Menius to a rescue board during the first American Red Cross sponsored Lifeguard Implementation Training session Feb. 6-10, 1995, at Camp Zama's pool.



A Japan Ground Self-Defense Force crew work on placing a portable bridge over a simulated river next to a collapsed bridge. The demonstration was part of 3rd Engineer Group celebrating its 20th anniversary Oct. 11, 1992, as well as the 21st anniversary of the JGSDF subpost at Camp Zama.



Command Sgt. Maj. Masayoshi Ishibashi accepts a Customer Service of Excellence Award for the 3rd Engineer Group noncommissioned officers from Command Sgt. Maj. Arthur Lehmann, 17th Area Support Group, in March 1994.



Sergeant 1st Class Felicia Jefferson stretches for the next ring during Sept. 11, 1997 training.



Three-year-old Justin Turnbull rides a tricycle at Camp Zama's Child Development Services building in June 1997.



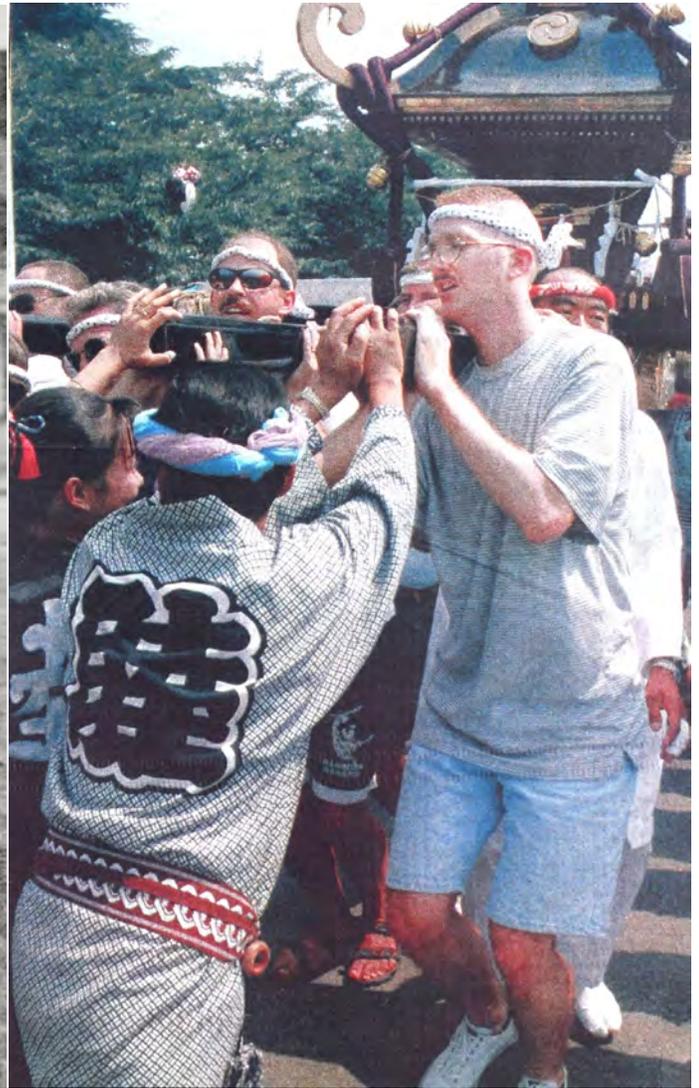
291st Heavy Equipment Maintenance Company Soldiers unload equipment June 13, 1992, for a three-week evaluation deployment at Sagami General Depot.



Soldiers from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 17th Area Support Group, crest a hill donning full gear during training Dec. 4, 1997. The Soldiers took part in a four mile road march around Camp Zama's perimeter.



Three-year-old Kent Johnson helps rake and haul away leaves and grass at Sagamihara Family Housing Area in the beginning of summer 1993.



Sergeant Gus McKinney helps carry a mikoshi (portable shrine) down Zama City streets during the Bon Odori Festival Aug. 10, 1996.



Specialist Barton Kuebler, 296th Army Band, conducts a map reading task during a training exercise. In January 1993 he was selected as Soldier of the Quarter.



The first of two UH-60A Blackhawk helicopters is offload from a C-5 cargo aircraft at Yokota Air Base Oct. 24, 1999. The UH-60s are replacing the UH-1 Huey's.