

CAMP ZAMA THROUGH THE YEARS....

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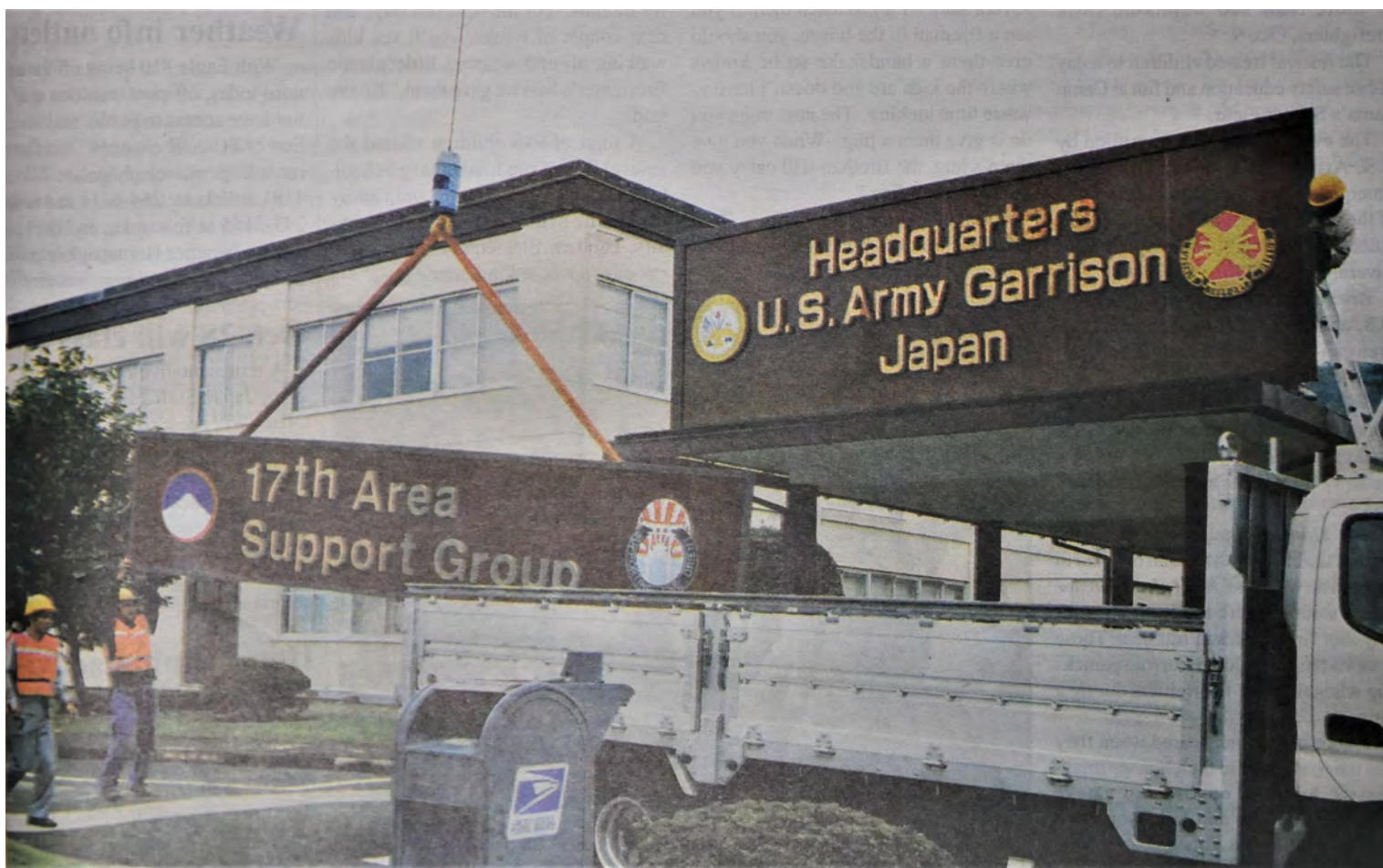
On March 27, 2001, JGSDF's 3rd Engineer Group inactivated and the 4th Engineer Group relocated from Camp Utsunomiya in Tochigi Prefecture to Camp Zama.

October 16, 2000, saw the 9th Theater Army Area Command and 310th Theater Support Command merge to form the 9th Theater Support Command.

U.S. Army Garrison Japan was activated October 15, 2002, replacing the inactivated 17th Area Support Group, falling under the Pacific Region Office, Installation Management Command, and tasked with providing quality installation services and support to Soldiers, civilians and families to ensure mission readiness and well-being of the Army community.

During 2006, the 296th Army Band and 78th Aviation Battalion were assigned to USARJ on June 30 and October 1 respectively, and the 35th Supply and Services Battalion was reorganized as the 35th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion on October 10.

The 9th Theater Support Command inactivated on September 15, 2007. Later, I Corps (Forward) was organized and activated November 25, 2007, in line with the Army's transformation efforts.



Directorate of Public Works employees load the 17th Area Support Group sign into a truck while another employee makes final adjustments to the installation of the new U.S. Army Garrison Japan sign. On October 15, 2002, the 17th ASG inactivated and USAG Japan activated in a measure to provide quality installation services and support to the Soldiers, civilians and families of the United States Army in Japan and installation partners dispersed throughout the country to ensure mission readiness and well-being of the community.



More than 23,000 people visited Camp Zama for the 23rd Zama Community Cherry Blossom Festival April 8, 2000. The event had a variety of activities including singing, band performances, and a variety of dancing, with the day topped off with fireworks.



Soldiers and Marines participate in a joint training exercise in Yokosuka harbor April 2002. The exercise simulates the egress of passengers and crew from a damaged helicopter and then to safely rescue them to a UH-60 using a caving ladder.



Specialist Chad Copeland takes aim during Common Tasks and Training testing at Sagami General Depot June 15, 2000.



Noncommissioned officers gathered for the first Soldiers Run Aug. 24, 2001, led by Command Sgt. Maj. Charles D. Hopkins, U.S. Army Japan command sergeant major.



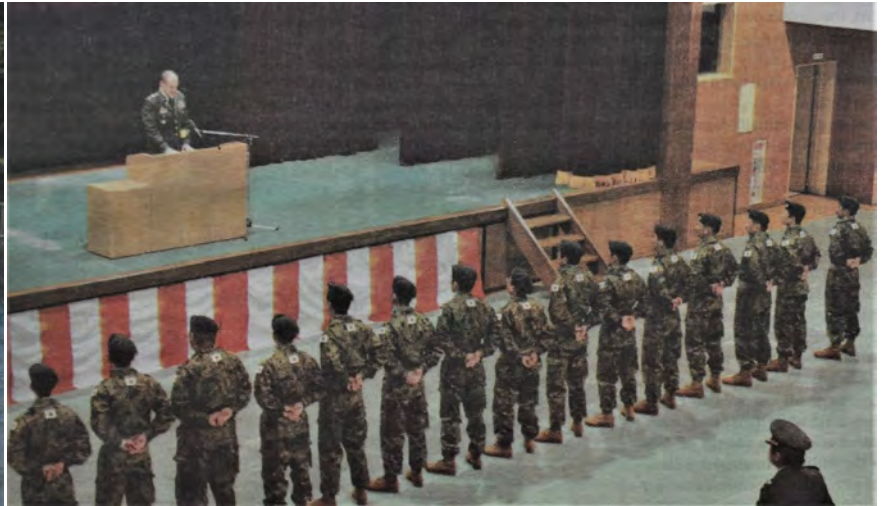
Major Gen. Elbert N. Perkins, U.S. Army Japan & I Corps (Forward) commander, attaches a streamer to the 35th Combat Support & Supply Battalion flag, held by Capt. David Gomez, headquarters and headquarters company commander, during a ceremony at the Community Cultural Center Nov. 15, 2007. The streamer was awarded as special recognition for the unit's accomplishments of being DUI/DWI free during the 101 critical days of summer between Memorial Day and Labor Day.



Soldiers from the 623th Movement Control Team conduct its first training June 16-20, 2008, since the unit was reactivated July 15, 2007. The training with Marines was held at Camp Fuji and increased skills in areas as weapons, communications and vehicle movement.



Brittany Hibbard and Angella Kanik kayak on Dewey Park pond June 16, 2004, during part of a Girl Scout summer camping program for more than 170 Far East scouts.



Colonel Garland H. Williams, U.S. Army Garrison Japan commander, delivers a speech Jan. 21, 2006, to 15 4th Engineer Group members from Camp Zama deploying to Iraq on its first reconstruction and humanitarian mission.



Sergeants Donald Clavier and Simon Liu (right), 35th Combat Support & Service Battalion, raise their hands for Captain David Gomez to administer the reenlistment oath at Sagami General Depot June 29, 2007. Staff Sgt. Jason Quigley and Sgt. Marcus Benjamin hold the U.S. flag.



500th Military Intelligence Group Soldiers take a firm hold on the large U.S. flag after it was lowered at the end of Memorial Day May 28, 2001. The garrison flag was flown only on special holidays such as Memorial Day.



Colonel Robert M. Waltemeyer, U.S. Army Garrison Japan commander, talks with Department of Public Works employees during Bon Odori tower construction July 24, 2008.



"King of Pop" Michael Jackson visited Camp Zama March 10, 2007. (Above left) Colonel Robert Waltemeyer presents Jackson with a certificate of appreciation. (Left) Jackson wades through the Yano Fitness Center crowd. (Above) Jackson waves goodbye to more than 1,000 Kanto Plain fans who came to see him.



Arnn Elementary School students assist a firefighter at Sagamihara Family Housing Area's station #3 in a demonstration during fire prevention month 2001.



Soldiers from the 347th Quartermaster Company carry pieces from a dismantled five miles stretch of pipeline used for *Habu Sakusen 2002*, a simulated petroleum pipeline operation exercise July 8-Aug. 31, 2002, at Sagami General Depot. The exercise was made up of Soldiers from two U.S. reserve units along with three active duty units here. The training was used to hone wartime skills in moving fuel vital to the forces.



Major Gen. Francis J. Wiercinski, U.S. Army Japan & I Corps (Forward) commander, passes the guidon to Capt. Robert Diaz activating Headquarters & Headquarters Detachment, I Corps (Forward), on March 31, 2009.



Specialist Robert Green, 17th Area Support Group, mounts snow chains during the first Family of Medium Tactical Vehicle training March 13-18, 2000, at Camp Zama.



Major Gen. Alan D. Johnson, U.S. Army Japan & 9th Theater Support Command commander, pins the Legion of Merit (Officer Degree) on Japan Ground Self-Defense Force's Lt. Gen. Hirotohi Kan, Ground Staff Office chief of staff, during a ceremony Aug. 7, 2001 at Camp Zama.



Daniel Duplessis takes a shot during a game with Camp Zama youth March 29, 2002. The post's youth won the game by one point.



Staff Sgt. Terrence Elliott (right) examines a fellow Soldier's vision in May 2005. Elliott is noncommissioned officer in charge of the clinic's optometry section.



Sergeant Erika Baker digs in constructing a fighting position May 11, 2000, during a 17th Area Support Group training event at Sagami General Depot.



Clark Newton hits a long drive March 18, 2000, during a Homerun Derby to win a ticket to see the Cubs vs. Mets game in Tokyo, March 30. He and another high school student, Sam Vasquez, and adult, Garrett Black, each won a ticket for hitting the most balls the farthest distance out of 10 pitches. All three placed balls at nearly 300 feet.



Eloise Tamagawa, Zama child development center program assistant, leads a group of youth to check out the new Camp Zama commissary, which opened its doors March 31, 2007.



Munenori Sudo, Directorate of Public Works illustrator, polishes the new sign in preparation for the October 16, 2000, merger of the 9th Theater Army Area Command and 310th Theater Support Command forming the 9th Theater Support Command.



Sergeant Pirum Mom (right), health care sergeant, demonstrates administering an IV treatment to 40 Japan Ground Self-Defense Force members during a November 2009 visit of the Brig. Gen. Crawford F. Sams U.S. Army Health Clinic.



Terry Rose, a Crow tribe member, entertains with a traditional dance during the annual Native American Heritage celebration Nov. 28, 2001.



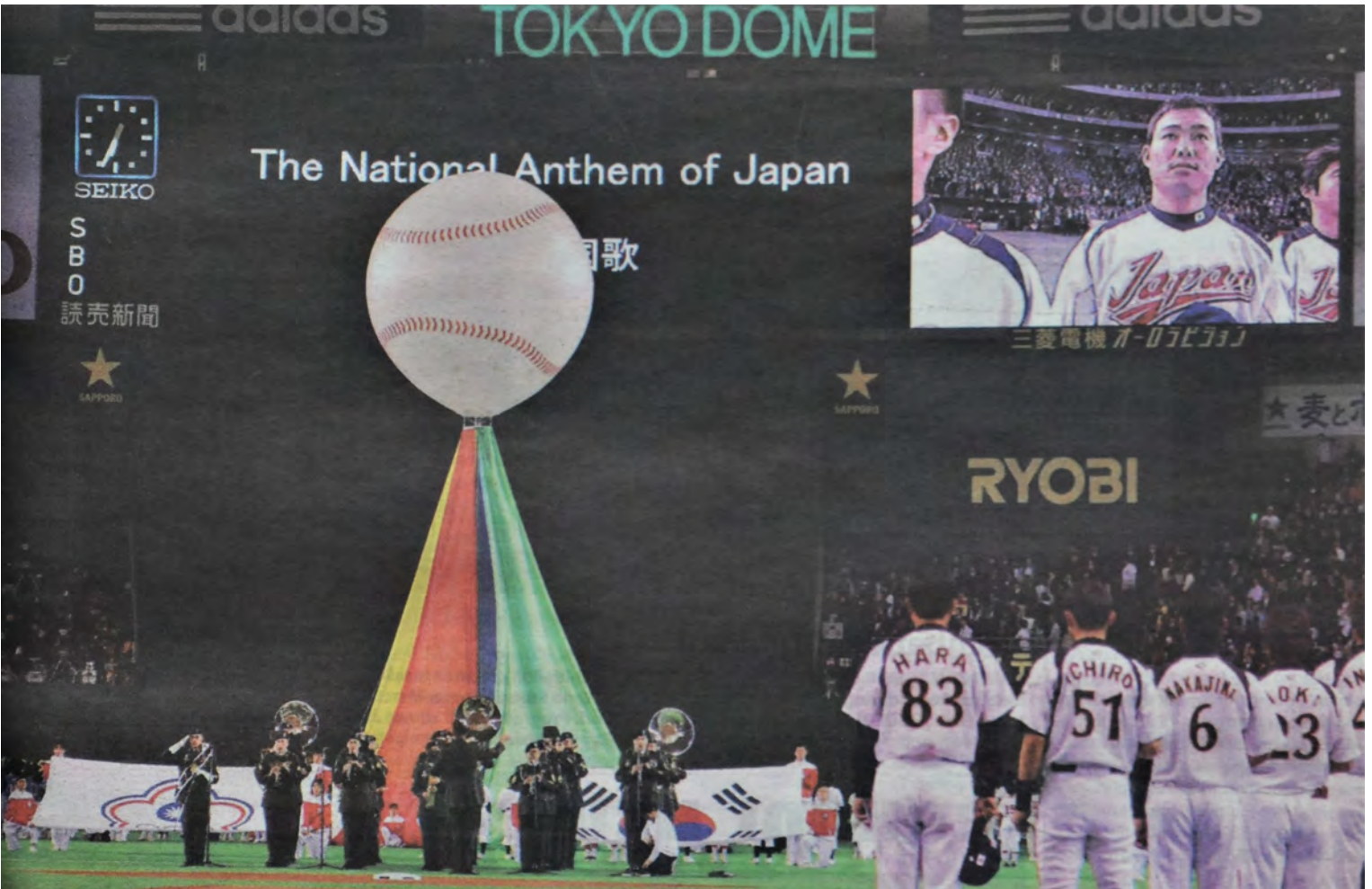
Staff Sgt. Kathleen Verinder, from the 296th Army Band, reads a Christmas story to children at Camp Zama's Music and Theater Workshop Dec. 5, 2007.



Nijika Kodama and Samantha, Shauna and Shanon West enjoy the festivities during the July Fourth Friendship Festival open house June 30, 2001. More than 22,000 turned out for the day.



Salutes are presented June 14, 2006, during a ceremony renaming the Camp Zama clinic as the Brig. Gen. Crawford F. Sams U.S. Army Health Clinic. (From right) Lt. Col. Ronald T. Stephens, clinic commander; Miriam and Jane Deck, Sam's great-granddaughter and granddaughter respectively; Maj. Gen. Elbert N. Perkins, U.S. Army Japan & 9th Theater Support Command commander; Sungae Perkins; and Maj. Gen. Gale S. Pollock, Pacific Regional Medical Command commanding general. Sams served more than 30 years in various capacities of the U.S. Army Medical Corps during World War II and Korean War.



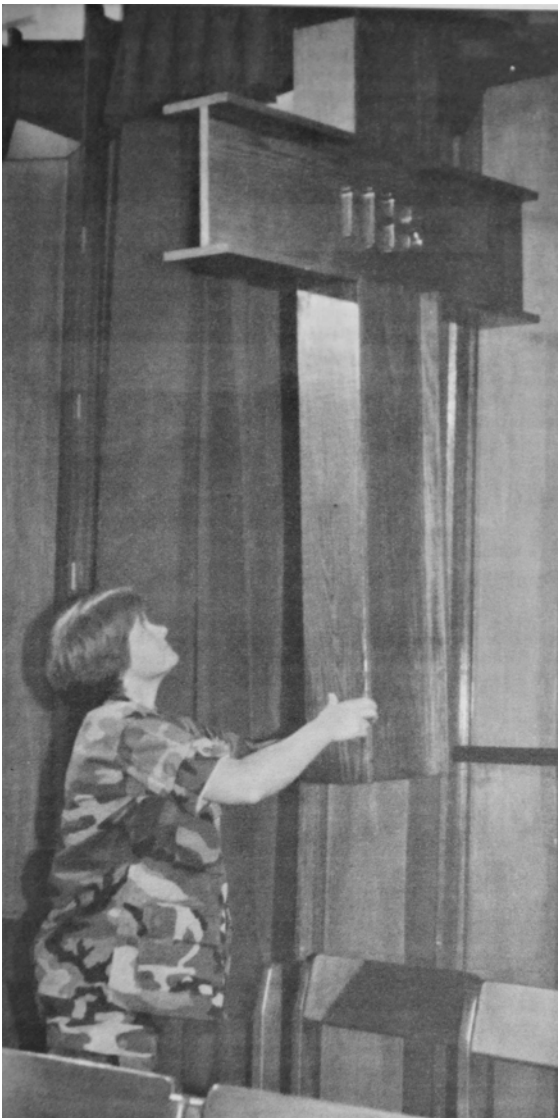
Members of U.S. Army Japan's 296th Army Band play the national anthem of Japan opening the first game of the 2009 World Baseball Classic tournament at Tokyo Dome March 5, 2009. More than 40,000 avid baseball fans came out to watch Japan take on China in the opening game, which Japan won 4-0.



Japan Ground Self-Defense Force's Western Army members and U.S. Army Soldiers stand tall during the opening ceremony of exercise *Yama Sakura XXXIX*, Jan. 26, 2001, in Kyushu, Japan. The computer simulation exercise involved a scenario in which a fictitious force invaded various coastal areas and were repelled by bilateral Japan-U.S. forces.



Mitsuyo Mukawa, Japan Ground Self-Defense Force reserve candidate, touches the stomach of Nikki, a female Weimaraner, as Staff Sgt. Francesca Ross and Spc. Alisan Scott, both animal care specialists with Japan District Veterinary Command, explain a medical procedure during a Dec. 3, 2009, visit to the veterinary clinic.



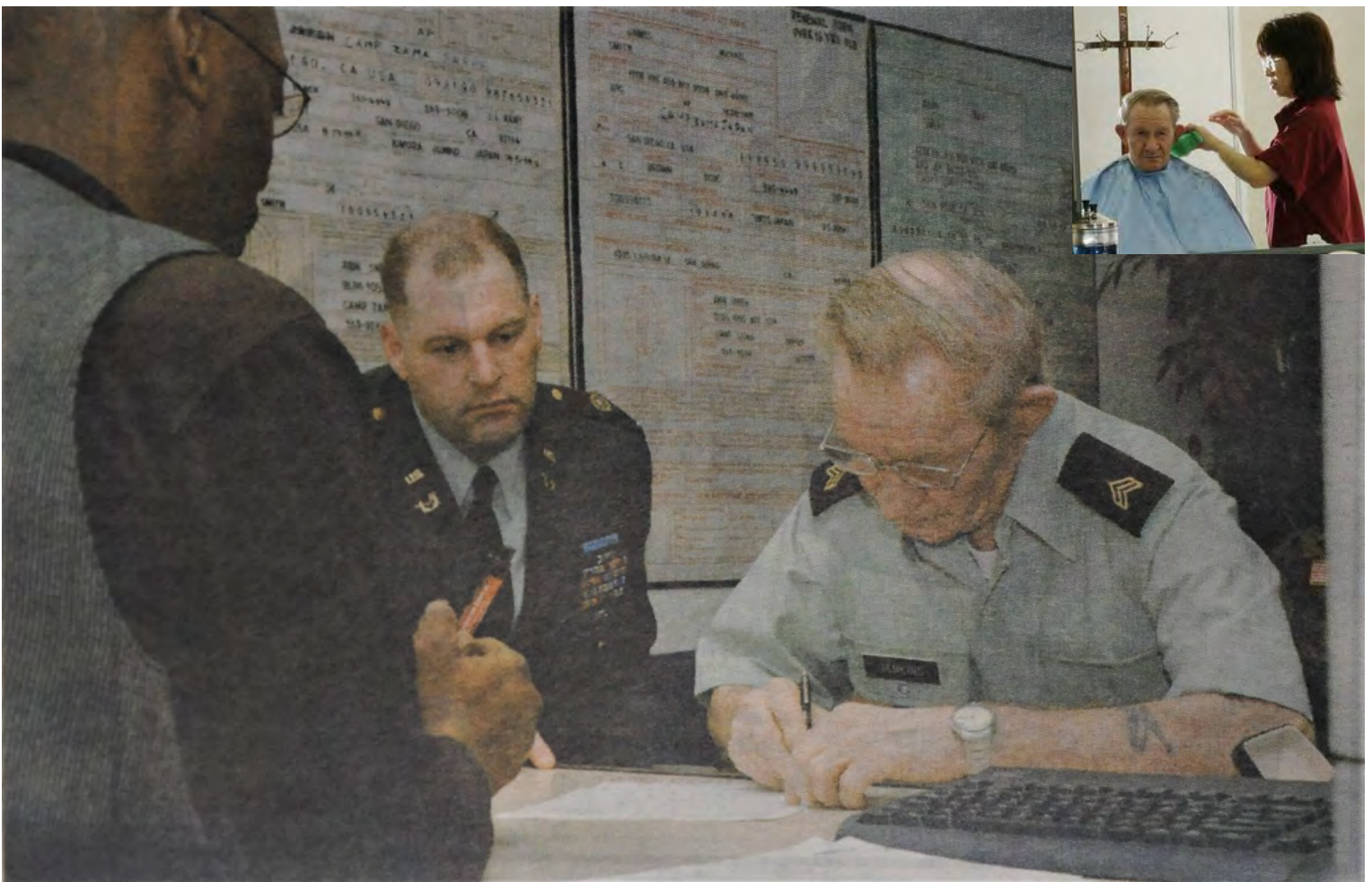
Private First Class Carol Hughes rotates a cross at the Camp Zama chapel in preparation for an August 2000 Protestant worship service.



Air Force Airman 1st Class Kevin Becker, systems control journeyman, installs cross-connects for a new technical control data circuit in November 2004. Becker is assigned to Location C, 374th Communications Squadron, at Camp Zama.



Specialist Eric Clark, an Army Reservist cargo specialist, operates a crane to lift a watercraft from the water at Yokohama North Dock Aug. 13, 2009, as part of *Pacific Reach 2009*. The exercise is used to exercise the movement of the Army's prepositioned stock.



Sergeant Charles R. Jenkins (right), an alleged U.S. Army deserter, accompanied by his military defense counsel, Capt. James Culp, signs paperwork Sept. 11, 2004, for processing back to active duty after allegedly deserting his South Korean post along the demilitarized Jan. 5, 1965, and crossing the border into North Korea. Nearly 175 news media representatives covered the arrival of Jenkins and his family at Camp Zama. After pleading guilty, Jenkins was sentenced November 3 to 30 days' confinement, received a dishonorable discharge, forfeiture of all pay and benefits, and reduced in rank to E-1 private. He was released Nov. 27, 2004, for good behavior. (Inset) Jenkins receives a haircut from a post barber to comply with Army grooming standards.



(Left) Sergeant Keysha Yearwood, healthcare specialist, and Kuwabara Kunio, ambulance driver, respond to an emergency medical alert at U.S. Army Japan headquarters Feb. 14, 2003.

(Right) John Fraker, 17th Area Support Group mailroom, handles the large amount of incoming holiday mail in December 2000.





Colonel Kazuhiro Watanabe, outgoing 4th Engineer Group commander, stands in a Japan Ground Self-Defense Force vehicle during a parade before delivering his farewell speech March 24, 2006. During the change of command ceremony he passed command of the unit to Col. Kaname Iwaya. Watanabe has served here since Aug. 1, 2003.



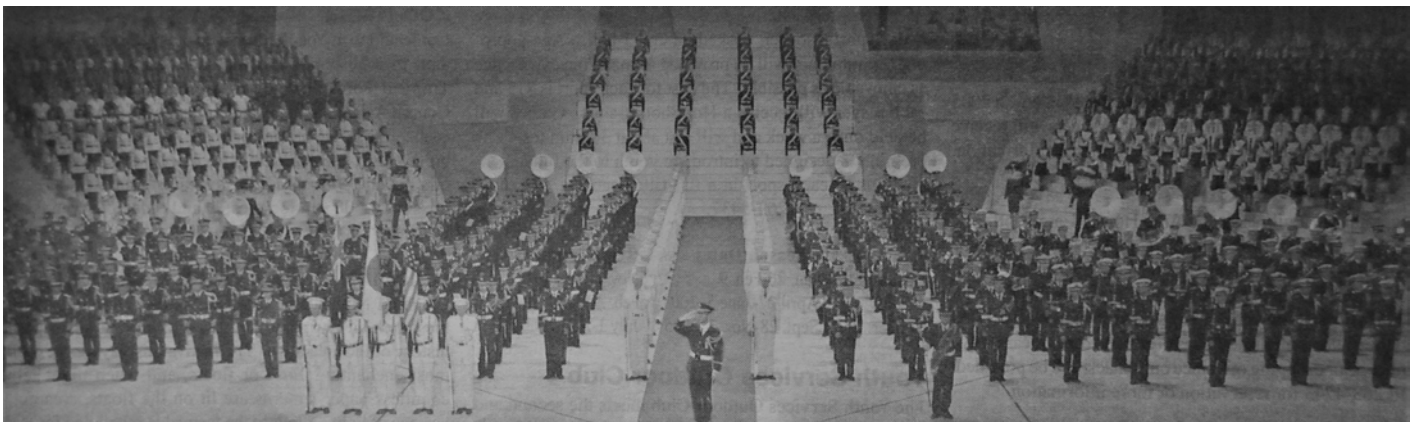
Alexander Andropov works with a 78th Aviation Battalion Soldier in offloading a UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter from the hold of an Antonov AN-124-100 cargo aircraft March 14, 2005. The Russian aircraft was chartered for transporting thousand of pounds of cargo from exercise *Balikatan 2005* in the Republic of the Philippines to Yokota Air Base.



Community members cut the ribbon during the grand opening of Main Street X-presso coffee shop March 20, 2009, located at the Camp Zama post Exchange food court. Hundreds of drooling caffeine enthusiasts gathered for the ceremony where baristas served gallons of coffee. The coffee shop was two years in the making at 300,000.



Hirokatsu Mizumachi, security Guard at Sagami General Depot, is honored March 18, 2009, by Maj. Gen. Francis J. Wiercinski, U.S. Army Japan & I Corps (Forward) commander, for his heroism in rescuing a Japanese women caught in surging Sagami River in June 2008.



Japan Self-Defense Forces, U.S. Army Japan, and Australian Army Bands performed at the Nippon Budokan before audiences of more than 36,000 Nov. 20-21, 2004.



Army Chief of Staff General Peter Schoomaker shakes hands with the Camp Zama Dining Facility staff during his June 7-8, 2005, visit to Camp Zama to talk with leaders about the Army's future in Japan.



Staff Sgt. Sohrad Beltran and Sgt. Chris Roberts, 78th Aviation Battalion, prepare UH-60 blades for shipment to *Balikatan 2002* in the Republic of the Philippines.



Sergeants Matthew Razzo and Michael Hufler, Camp Zama Military Police, show off their new all terrain, flashing light and siren-equipped bicycles they started using June 1, 2002, as part of the new MP patrol.



Sergeant Robert Green and Pfc. Thomas Kerin fill a water blockade July 19, 2001, as part of emergency reaction force skills training for Headquarters & Headquarters Company, 17th Area Support Group.



Kumiko Nagano, a U.S. Army Garrison Japan directorate of logistics procurement clerk, takes a sobriety test as she attempts to walk a straight line wearing blurred vision goggles. The Dec. 14, 2006, demonstration was part of the biannual U.S. Army Japan Safety Day and Health Fair.



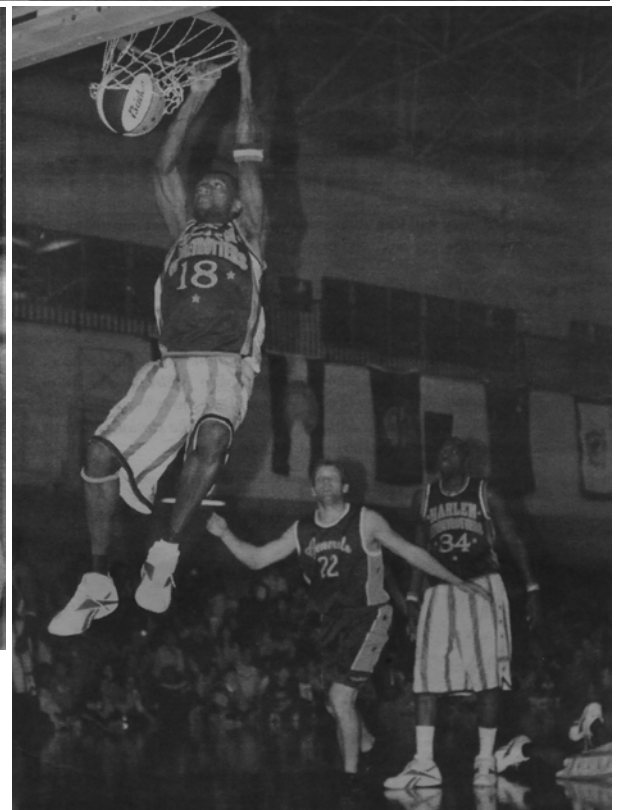
Members of the U.S. Army Japan color guard fire a volley during an honor and taps ceremony on Corregidor Island, Republic of the Philippines Feb. 20-March 3, 2005. The color guard, along with USARJ's 296th Army Band, performed throughout the country to mark the 60th anniversary of U.S. Army's return to the Philippines in 1945.

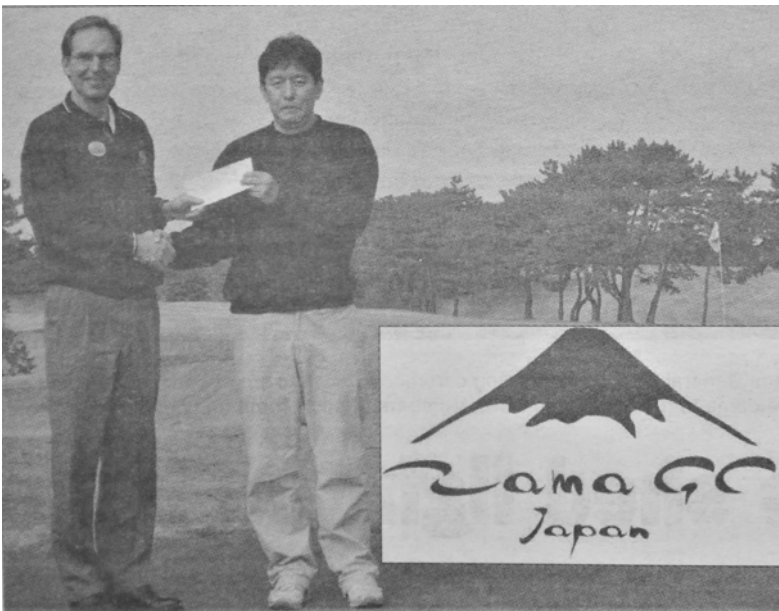
Staff Sgt. Jay Webster, 17th Area Support Group, assembles part of an OE254 antenna April 13, 2000, using Rambler Field as a simulated battlefield for Single Channel Ground and Airborne Radio Subsystems training.



(Above) Maki Sakai serves a customer in the U.S. Army Japan headquarters building cafeteria in August 2000.

(Right) Harlem Globetrotters' Hi Rise Brown slam dunks the ball during a Dec. 8, 2008, visit to Camp Zama. More than 300 people were dazzled by the antics at the Yano Fitness Center.





Camp Zama golf course manager Dale Jorgenson, awards Tetsuya Fujikawa, 500th Military Intelligence Group cartographic aid, the top prize in December 2002 for design of the new golf course logo. Mount Fuji is the main design while the 'Z' represents mist or clouds, the two 'A's' for Lakes Yamanaka and Kawaguchi, and 'G' a golf ball on a tee.



Japan Ground Self-Defense Force members arrived at Camp Zama and Sagami General Depot Dec. 6, 2001, to conduct a nine-day force protection operational study under a new law enacted in November to augment U.S. forces.



Todd Brethour holds MaryAnn Martin's head and neck in place as Kara Roth fastens straps to the backboard during lifeguard training March 23-April 8, 2001, at the Yano Fitness Center indoor pool.



Sergeant 1st Class Thomas Ransford, provost marshal noncommissioned officer, evens out shields during biannual civil disturbance training Jan. 27, 2000, part of military police requirements.



Rinne Morikoshi, a member of B-Kids Club, gives an origami necklace to Tayvion Chatman, a preschooler from the Camp Zama child development center. The May 17, 2007 event was held at the Zama Youth Center with nearly 75 children participating.



November 18, 2005, marked completion of the final phase of 32 new two-story townhouse units at Sagamihara Family Housing Area. Dignitaries from Japan government agencies and Camp Zama units cut the ribbon opening the housing after more than three years of design and construction.



Specialist Michael Clarke, personnel clerk with U.S. Army Garrison Japan, carefully places a claymore mine training aid in a well-traveled road at Camp Fuji Sept. 11, 2003. The common task training was designed to ensure Soldiers were proficient in a variety of training modules for the upcoming year.



Hundreds of students, teachers, civilian employees, servicemembers, and family members from both Camp Zama and Atsugi Naval Air Facility communities flooded the streets to celebrate Zama American High School homecoming week with a parade Oct. 23, 2009. This was the largest turnout in recent memory.

U.S. Army Japan Soldiers use all their might to win a bilateral tug-of-war against their Japan Ground Self-Defense Force's Eastern Army competitors at Camp Asaka, Saitama Prefecture Oct. 18, 2003.





Zama Youth Services' volunteers, Jamie Lynn Kayanong and Alesia Perkins, both 8th grade students, deliver cookies and fruit to gate guards Sept. 26, 2001.



Dale Jorgenson, course manager (left), leads the ribbon cutting ceremony Nov. 14, 2007, marking the grand opening of the new golf course clubhouse. The \$3.2 million project took a year to complete. Also pictured are Maj. Gen. Elbert Perkins, Nanao Akiyama and Karuo Fukamachi.



Marina Kanitani, an 11-year-old Arnn Elementary School student, enjoys playing foosball with her new friend during the opening of the new Youth Service Teen Center April 20, 2001.



Chaplain (Col.) Allen Boatright, U.S. Army Japan command chaplain (center), shows Zama City Mayor Mikio Endo (right) some of the English books donated Jan. 28, 2009, to Zama City. Looking on (left) is Col. Hisanori Fukuda, 4th Engineer Group commander.



Cub Scouts from Pack 34, Far East Cub Scout Council, watch anxiously as their Pinewood Derby car entries compete at Camp Zama Jan. 31, 2004. Cody Sims took first place, Conner Smith was second, and Casey Sims placed third.

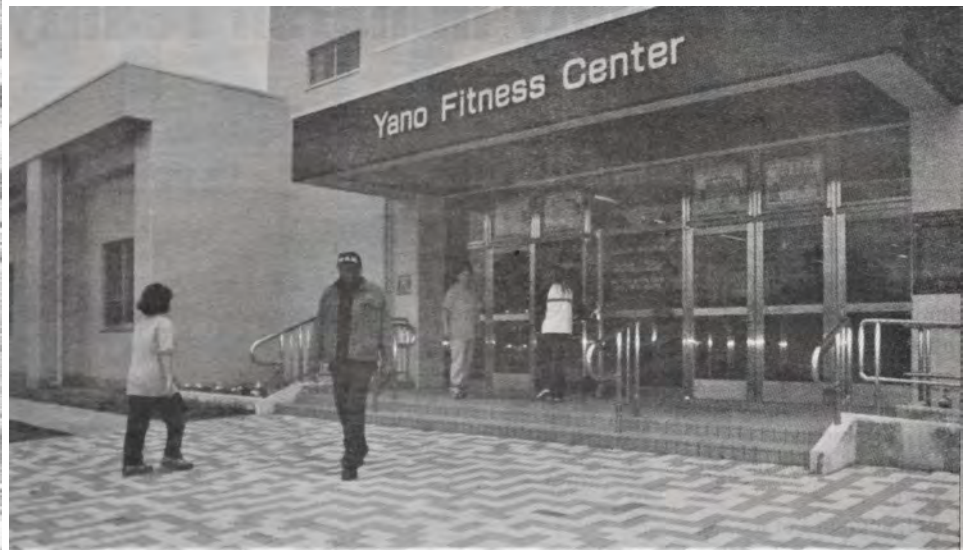


A security guard checks the driver's identification at Gate 4. Gate hours were expanded to 24-hours-a-day Jan. 31, 2000, after a reevaluation of security.



(Left) In January 2000, Ryuji Moromi prepares to hook up a rebar frame for lifting into place. The frame will go into supporting the walls of the Yano Fitness Center.

(Below) After watching nearly two years of welders, bricklayers, plumbers, electricians, landscapers and other contractor workers, the Yano Fitness Center opened April 24, 2001, named for Medal of Honor recipient Sgt. 1st Class Rodney J.T. Yano killed in 1969.



Chief Warrant Officer John Daniel (center), 78th Aviation Battalion, receives congratulations from Maj. Gen. Francis Wiercinski, U.S. Army Japan & I Corps (Forward) commander, and Sandra Daniel, Dec. 1, 2009, for achieving 10,000 hours of incident free flying.



Captain Chad Chasteen conducts a survival float as part of his survival swimming test Jan. 29, 2002, in the Yano Fitness Center indoor pool. Chasteen was required to tread water or float unassisted for 10 minutes.

Drum major Sgt. 1st Class Marty Schmidt leads U.S. Army Japan's 296th Army Band May 3, 2006, as part of the Yokohama Port Festival parade. More than 500,000 people lined the streets watching the band and other parade participants.





Color guards from the Japan Ground Self-Defense Force and U.S. Army Japan take up positions for *North Wind* 2002 opening ceremonies at Tada Barracks, Hokkaido, in February 2002. *North Wind* is an annual bilateral cold weather field training exercise.



Community members held a commemorative walk honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jan. 16, 2003, which went from the Community Cultural Center to Zama American High School.



Lawrence Beach shows Kamimura Tatsuya a restored Civil War bullet at the Camp Zama Friendship and July Fourth Festival July 1, 2000. Beach impersonates Pvt. Elijah Smith and tells stories about the weapons and conditions Soldiers used. More than 25,000 visitors enjoyed the annual open post events capped by a fireworks display.



Sergeant Denise Allen, 17th Area Support Group, conducts a preventative maintenance check on an AN/VDR-2 Radiac set Jan. 6, 2000, as part of annual nuclear, biological and chemical training.



Zama American High School students, teachers and alumni celebrate the school's 50th anniversary with a tree planting ceremony June 5, 2009.



Colonel Garland Williams, U.S. Army Garrison Japan commander, presents Toma Rusk, Zama lodging general manager, with the Army 2004 Lodging Operation of the Year Award Oct. 21, 2004.



Demolition of the Camp Zama outdoor swimming pool facility continues Sept. 19, 2002, as work crews tear up concrete and plumbing. This pool was no longer needed when the Yano Fitness Center opened with its year-round indoor swimming pool.



Richard Felices (center), U.S. Army Japan's Military Police Battalion commander, is promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel Sept. 2, 2009, by Maj. Gen. Shizuo Kase, Japan Ground Self-Defense Force military police commanding general; Master Sgt. Chris Dozier, battalion sergeant major; and Felices' wife, Karine.



Sergeant Robert Swanson, assigned to Yokohama North Dock, takes off his self-contained breathing apparatus during chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosives hands-on training Nov. 12, 2003, at Camp Zama.



Matthew Zackschewski has his teeth screened by Dr. (Capt.) William Lin as part of the fourth back-to-school social Aug. 25, 2000.



A Soldier casts off mooring lines to get the Army watercraft Fort Stanwix underway at Yokohama North Dock June 16, 2008, supporting *Pacific Reach 2008*.



Mitsuo Onozaki, Camp Zama's Japanese Headstart course instructor, slices a rolled tatami with his katana Oct. 22, 2004, during the post's Community Day at Dewey Park.



Staff Sgt. Andre White supervises the move of the last 78th Aviation Battalion UH-1 helicopter for disposal in March 2000.



Chaplain (Col.) Allen Boatright, U.S. Army Japan command chaplain, leads in the singing of carols as part of the annual Camp Zama holiday lighting ceremony Dec. 3, 2008.



Staff Sgt. Juan Garza (second from right) explains radio communications during training with Japan Ground Self-Defense Force members Nov. 9, 2007, at Dewey Park.



Eighty-nine Zama American High School graduates of class 2003 await to receive their diplomas June 7, 2003, at a ceremony held at Zama City's Harmony Hall.



More than 5,000 runners took part in the annual East Japan International Friendship Half Marathon held at Sagami General Depot May 14, 2000.



Zama American High School track team member Tre Williams leaps over a hurdle during the 400 meter hurdle race March 14, 2009, at Camp Zama.



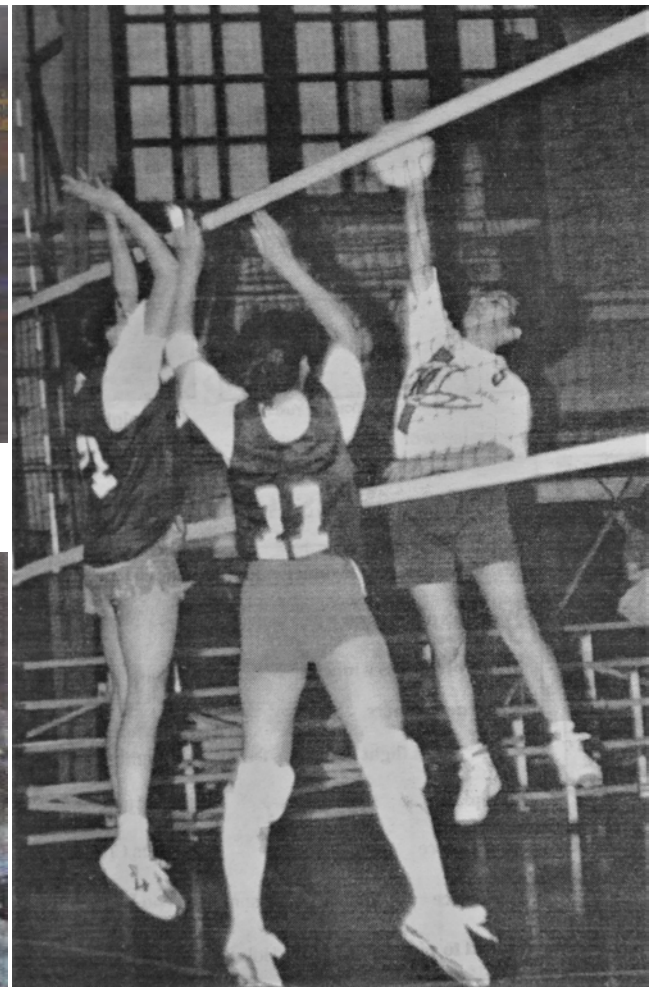
(Above) Private 1st Class Gemma Brown, a paralegal assistant, examines the new Sergeant Audie Murphy Club information board that went on display March 19, 2004, in the U.S. Army Japan headquarters building.

(Right) The 13th Sergeant Major of the Army, Kenneth O. Preston, visited and talked with U.S. Army Japan's enlisted Soldiers July 15, 2005. Topics included the Army's Realignment Plan and the much anticipated new uniforms that were available in the U.S. Preston also answered the many questions that Soldiers had on their minds.





Soldiers and family react at seeing the 623rd Movement Control Team Soldiers enter Yano Fitness Center Aug. 26, 2009, after completing a yearlong deployment to Iraq.



Diggers' Sonomi Carlson goes up for a spike against two Titan volleyball players at the mid-May 2000 season championship. The Diggers won the set taking top honors between the two top Camp Zama teams.



I Corps commander Lt. Gen. Charles H. Jacoby Jr., is surrounded by Japanese news media answering questions about the activation of I Corps (Forward). The ceremony was held in December 2007 in the Yano Fitness Center with more than 200 civilian and military guests attending.



(Above) Soldiers cut a cake marking the 234th birthday of the U.S. Army Chaplain Corps July 31, 2009, at the Camp Zama chapel. More than 100 attended.

(Left) An 88th Military Police Detachment officer pulls security during a mock hostage crisis June 22, 2004. U.S. Army Garrison Japan's building was used for the bilateral training with Japan Ground Self-Defense Force security members.

(Right) Sergeant 1st Class Saa Manu scrapes cement in April 2000 for a new slab behind the vehicle registration office.





Attendees salute the Japan and U.S. flags as the 296th Army Band plays the national anthems during a bilateral ceremony celebrating the Japan Ground Self-Defense Force's 38th anniversary of the Zama Sub-post and the 37th anniversary of the 4th Engineer Group Oct. 10, 2009, in the Yano Fitness Center.



In mutual respect and understanding, the Japan, U.S., and United Nations flags on Camp Zama flew at half-staff in September 2001 during the period of mourning in the wake of terrorist attacks in New York, Washington D.C., and Pennsylvania.