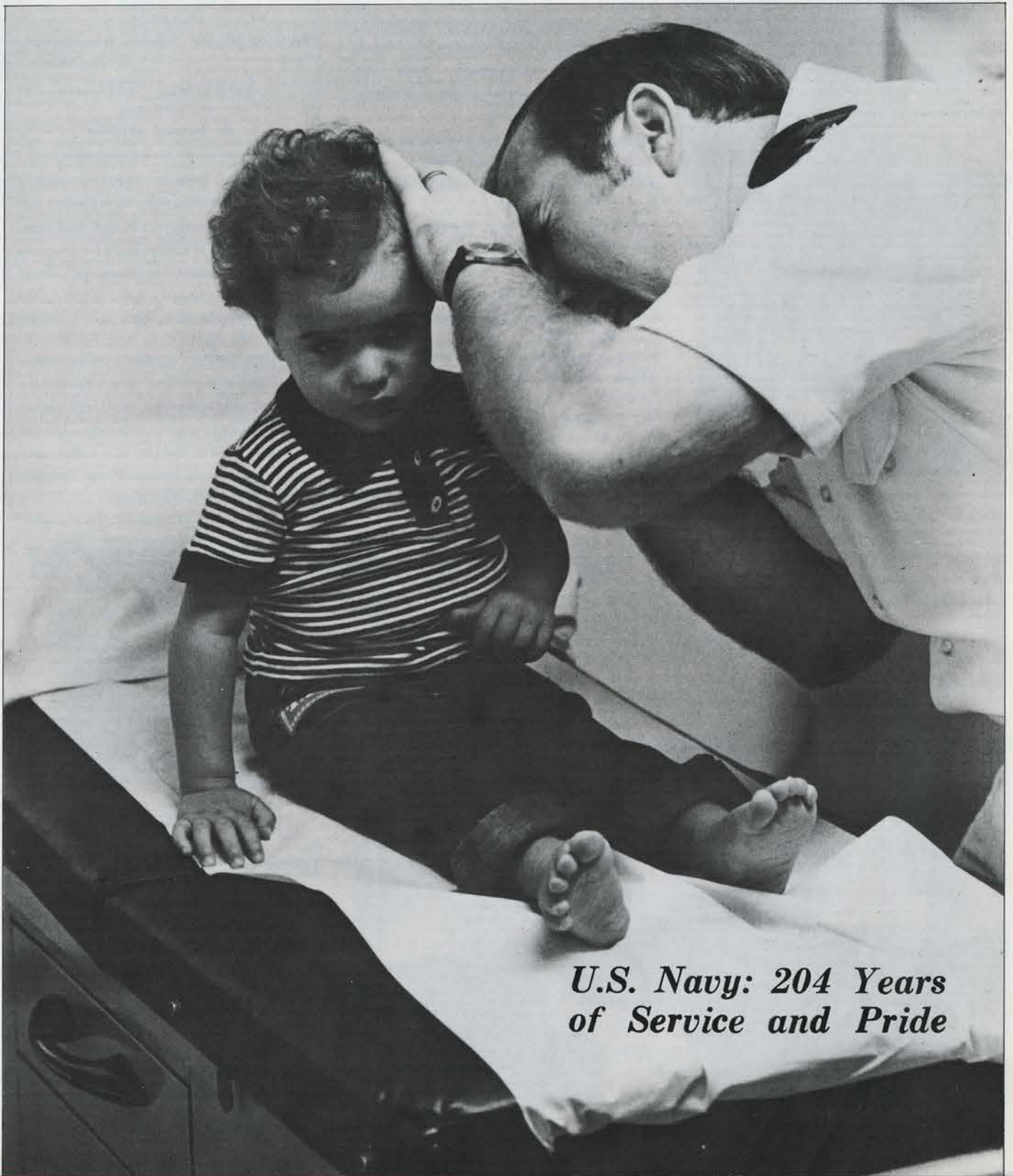


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*U.S. Navy: 204 Years
of Service and Pride*

U.S. Navy Observes 204th Year

Story and Photos
By SSgt. Jim Gladkowski



Navy Captain Charles R. Diem, a dentist with the 11th Dental Company aboard the Air Station performs some dental work on a Marine. The Navy celebrates its 204th anniversary October 13.

For More than 200 years they've been sailing the seven seas, taking care of our sick and wounded, and transporting us around the world.

They've died beside us in battle and cried with us in our pain.

October 13 marks the U.S. Navy's 204th anniversary. Navy men and women, standing watch on ships in the Mediterrean Sea, in port in South America or huddled in a small weather station in Alaska, will celebrate this founding day of the Navy's beginning.

Here at Iwakuni it will be no different. Ceremonies will take place, cake will be cut and dances will be danced. In fact, the festivities will last three days. And rightfully so.

The celebrations, as in the past, are held as a time for its sailors to remember their comrades both past and present and to reflect on their service's heritage.

Navy servicemen here play a vital role and contribute significantly to the daily operation and maintenance of the Air Station. They handle everything from a simple chest x-ray at the Branch Hospital to building the new Passenger Terminal.

Everywhere you turn, Navy people can be seen. They may be wearing a "hard hat" if they work with the Seabees (The Navy Mobile Construction Battalion) or wearing green fatigues if they works with The Navy Air Support Unit, supply sections or Navy Boat House.

However, whether they're armed with a stethoscope, filling material for your teeth or paperwork for your child's identification card, you can be sure they'll get the job done right.

A hearty thanks is in order from the Marines at MCAS Iwakuni to all Navy servicemen, women and their families for a job well done.

Happy Birthday.



CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS

As we celebrate Navy Birthday 1979 on Oct. 13, we again have an opportunity to reflect upon the contributions and achievements of the men and women of the United States Navy.

In recent years, we have been retrospective in our Navy Birthday observances, looking back to pay homage to our history, traditions and heritage. While this remembrance is entirely appropriate, I take personal pride and satisfaction, as I'm sure you do, in my associations with today's Navy people—people who work long hours under extremely demanding circumstances at sea and ashore.

Each of you today continues to demonstrate a commitment and a devotion to duty which has made our Navy the strongest and finest in the world—qualities which you have inherited from your predecessors who served selflessly in times of peace and war. And, each of you is making your own special contribution today—contributions upon which the Navy will build in the future.

Our 204th anniversary celebration would be incomplete, however, if we failed to recognize the many other members of our Navy "family"—our wives, husbands and children, our civilian Navy employees, our Reservists and retirees. Each of these people has shared in our sacrifices and our successes, giving the support and encouragement which enables us to do our jobs well.

I offer to each member of the Navy family my appreciation for your efforts to help preserve peace and freedom throughout the world, and I send my best wishes as we celebrate Navy Birthday 1979.

T. B. Hayward
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Admiral, U.S. Navy



Seaman Apprentice Kim Davis, a member of the Navy Administrative Department here at the Air Station, shows Yoko Gonzalez a dependent identification card. The Navy Administrative Department is responsible for processing ID cards for family members of service people.

Holiday Festivities Set

Navy servicemen and their families aboard the Air Station are celebrating their service's birthday with three days of festivities which began Oct. 11 and culminates in a Birthday Dance to be held Oct. 13 commemorating the official 204th anniversary.

First on the agenda was the Navy Birthday Meal and Cake Cutting Ceremony held 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Oct. 11 at Dining Facility One. All active duty service people, dependents and authorized guests were invited.

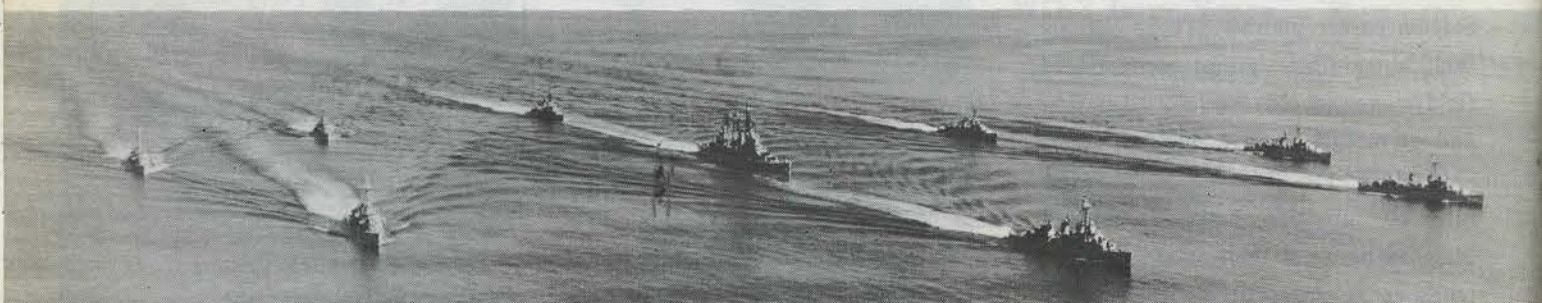
The "Navy Day Bill of Fare" featured such nautical delicacies as char-grilled sea bat steak, battleship round of beef, cut - of - the - jib mashed potatoes and Barnacle Bill's cherry pie to mention only a few. The meal was free with a meal card, \$1.30 for those on commuted rations, \$1.60 for officers, dependents and guests and \$.95 for children under 12.

A dress blue inspection was held this morning at 8 a.m. on the mainside parade field. The celebration resumed at noon with a field meet and picnic.

The anniversary highlight will be a Birthday Dance from 7 to 11 p.m. tomorrow at the Tomodachi Club for Navy people and their guests. Cost is \$4.25 per person. Various types of music will be offered and appropriate civilian attire is authorized.



Construction Engineer Third Class George F. Letourneau (L), puts the final touches on an outside light at the Air Station's new Passenger Terminal last month. CE3 Mike D. Scott steadies the ladder.



A Navy task force in the Caribbean Sea forms up during a Naval exercise. (Official USN photo)

Passenger Terminal Opens

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The new single-story Passenger Terminal officially opened here October 5 ending nearly ten months of construction by a Navy Seabee unit and Public Works officials.

"It's a large step into the future for the Air Station's population," remarked Colonel S.F. Shea, MCAS commanding officer, following a 10:30 a.m. ribbon-cutting ceremony. "We can now offer our servicemen and their families the better passenger service they deserve."

The \$430,000 pre-fabricated structure was a joint labor effort by 22 Seabees from the Mobile Construction Battalion here and Japanese and American members of the Air Station's Public Works Department. The Seabees were responsible for the external and internal construction, while the Public Works Department aided them with plumbing and electrical work.

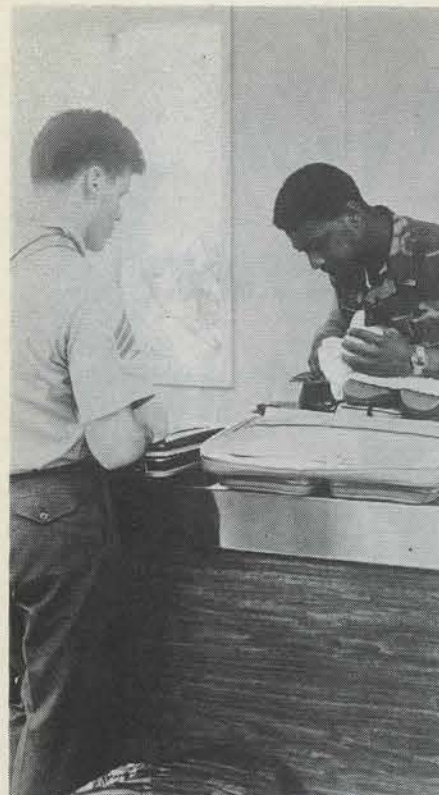
"This new terminal will allow for much faster and more comfortable

passenger processing service," said Commander Don Hunter, Air Station logistics officer. "The old terminal was capable of processing only 75 people comfortably. The new one can accommodate up to 300."

Modernized in numerous areas, the terminal offers its travelers an "under-one-roof" processing center. "Inside the terminal a traveler going outbound will have a centralized processing desk, customs and an anti-hijack area all conveniently colocated," Hunter explained. "An inbound traveler will be ushered into a processing room for an orientation brief, his luggage will be placed in a sheltered area of the terminal until required checks have been accomplished by the terminal officials."

Some of the features of the new terminal include centralized heating and air conditioning, built-in snack bar, large modern restrooms, piped-in music and a child-care area separated from the main lobby.

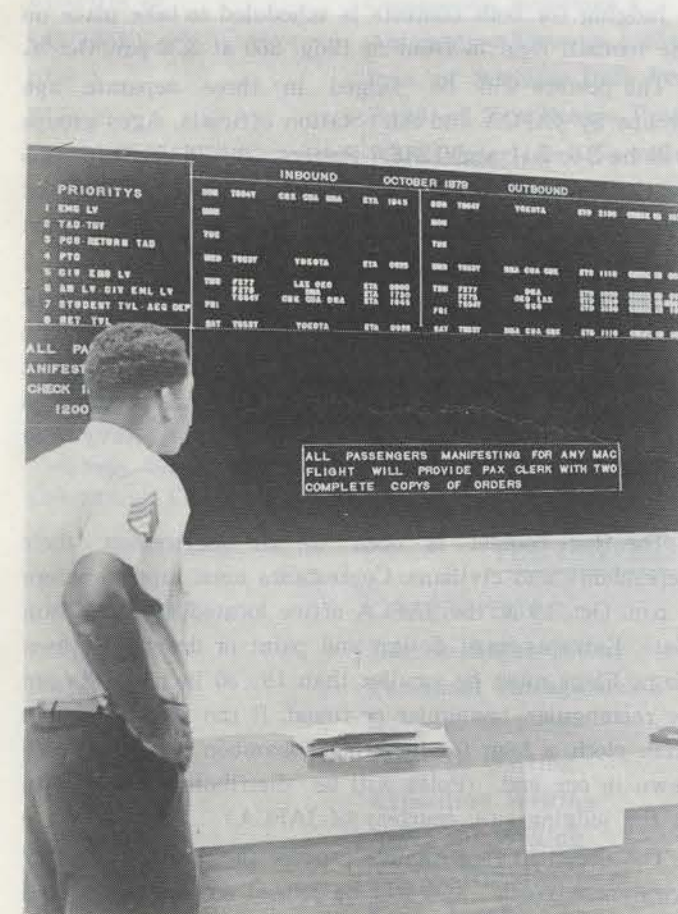
At left, Col. S. F. Shea, CO MCAS (R) cuts the ribbon opening the new Air Terminal. He is aided by Sr. MSgt. Paul Clark, from the 316th Tactical Air Group at Yokota (L) and Cdr. Don Hunter, Station Logistics officer.



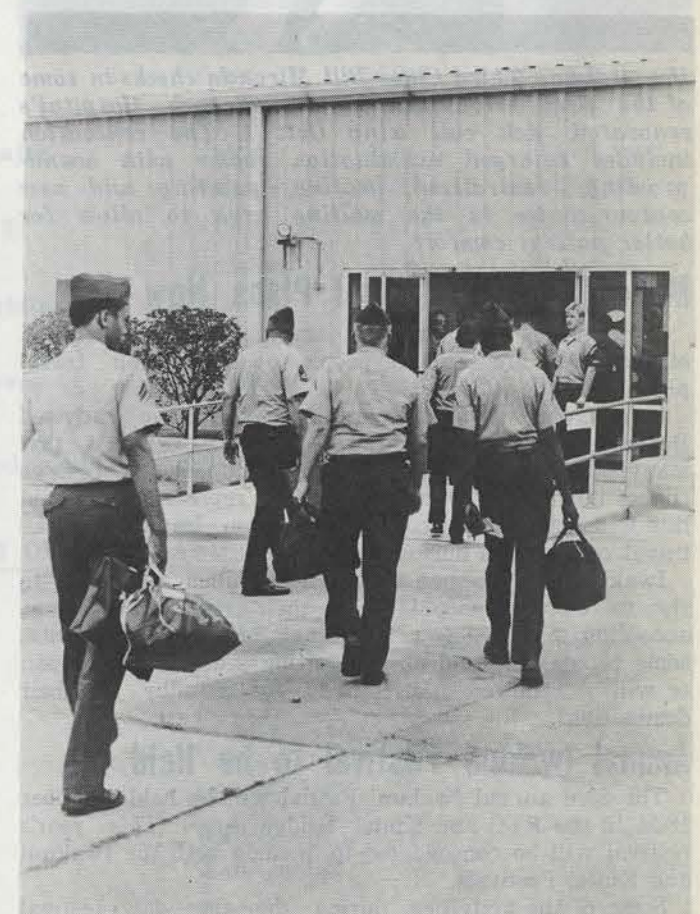
Lance Corporal Zanda Bell, Passenger Terminal official, checks a Marine's personal belongings. The new Passenger Terminal will reportedly accommodate 300 people comfortably.



Iwakuni servicemen relax in the new terminal's spacious waiting area. The \$430,000 terminal offers service people and their families year around comfort, a built-in snack bar and piped-in music while waiting for their flight.



Staff Sergeant John Lewis, Noncommissioned officer-in-charge of the Air Station's Joint Reception Center, checks the flights board in the new Passenger Terminal. The terminal opened Oct. 5 after nearly ten months of construction by Navy Seabees and Facilities officials here.



These Marines were some of the first servicemen to utilize the new Passenger Terminal as they arrived at MCAS Iwakuni recently. The Passenger Terminal officially opened Oct. 5 ending nearly ten months of construction on this modern facility.