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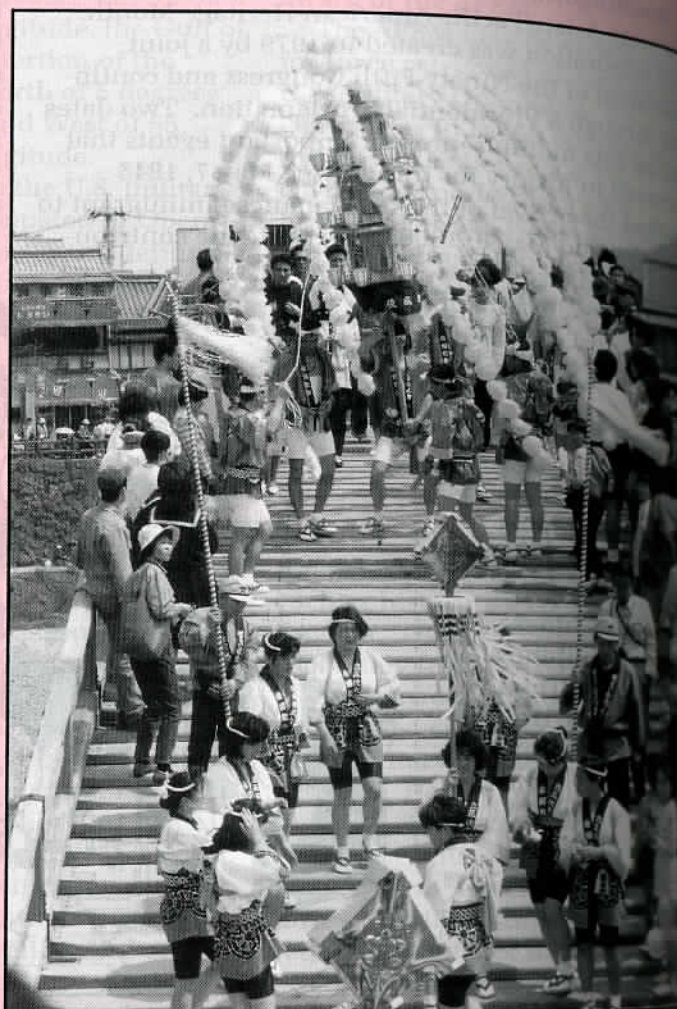
Many participants cheer the Kintai Festival

By LCpl. Michael D. Moon

Americans and Japanese alike donned traditional Japanese clothing and fun spirits to participate in Iwakuni's annual Kintai Festival April 29th. The main activity of the festival was a parade, which started about one mile away from Kintai and finished on the other side of the bridge. 卩



Cpl. Patricia D. Rubin-Berak, a broadcaster for FEN, poses for the camera.



Participants in the day's activities cross the bridge en route to the end of the parade.



LtCol. Edward J. Hamilton, MALS-12's CO, leads his perspective American Samurais.

A tribute to both nations...

By GySgt. George D. Bieber

HONSHINO VILLAGE, Japan — On May 7, 1945 a B-29 Bomber and a Japanese aircraft collided near this peaceful village and each year a ceremony is held in honor of both nations' crew members. The actual crash site is located less than half-a-mile from the Mount Hachimen Peace Park, which is dedicated to their memory and many's hope for peace.

Adorned with hundreds of azaleas, as well as many monuments which speak of loss and peace, the park serves a two-fold purpose. Its large granite map of America, has a number of states highlighted in each state's native stone. The 11 U.S. servicemen came from California, Michigan, Illinois, Tennessee, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Missouri, Kansas and Colorado.

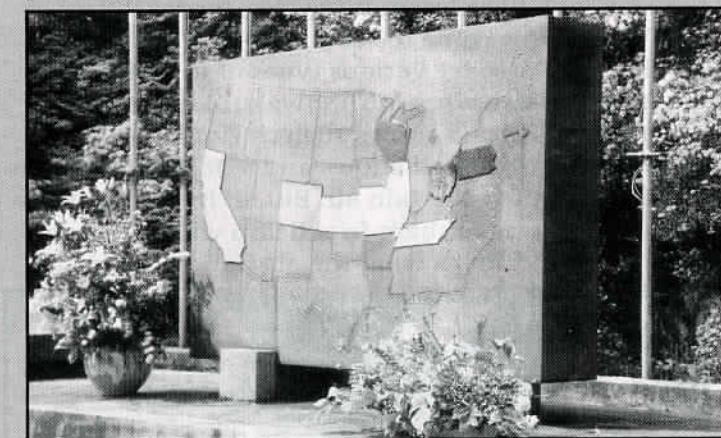
Members from the air station have attended this annual ceremony for a number of years now and this year's ceremony marked the 25th Anniversary of the event.

A Japanese Girl Scout troop raised state and national flags and runners from the village lit the sacred fire to begin the ceremony. There was a moment of silent prayer, Catholic Mass and a recital of Sutra and incense offering, prior to assorted speeches and gifts given to many in attendance. One young girl scout read her composition on Peace and received an award from the community.

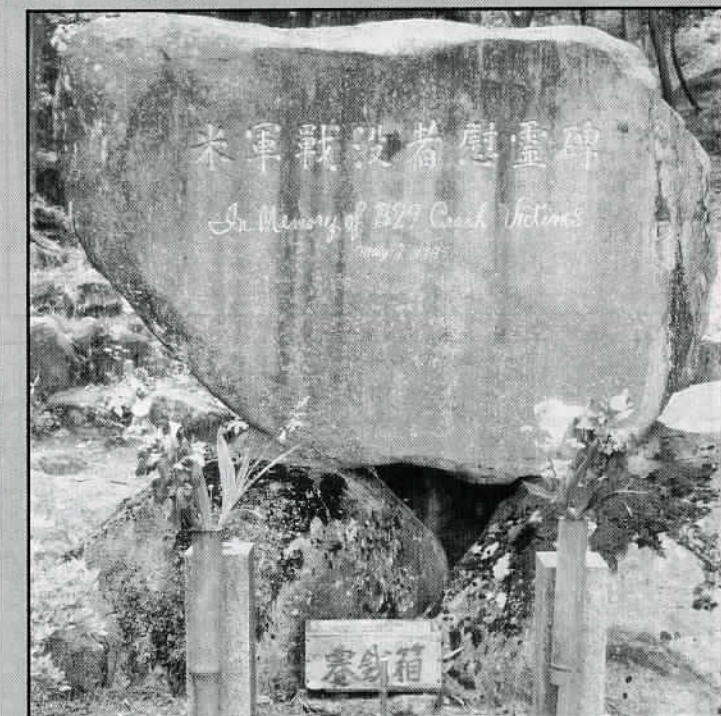
Col. Slade A. Brewer, MCAS Iwakuni's CO, briefly spoke on the cost of Peace and planted two American Dogwood trees near two of the park's monuments. A

group of women then wrapped-up the three hour ceremony with a peace dance.

Many of the hundreds in attendance then took a closer look at the park's monuments before attending a special lunch for the participants. The permanent fire tower, which was dedicated last year, not only houses the park's eternal flame, but it continues to serve as a somber reminder of peace and its price. 卩



A granite map with raised shapes of states depicts the U.S. Servicemen's home states.



The monument recognizes those who lost their lives on May 7, 1945.



Col. Brewer throws a shovel of dirt near a freshly planted American Dogwood tree.

Sony 27" TV...

Sony Mini-Stereo System...

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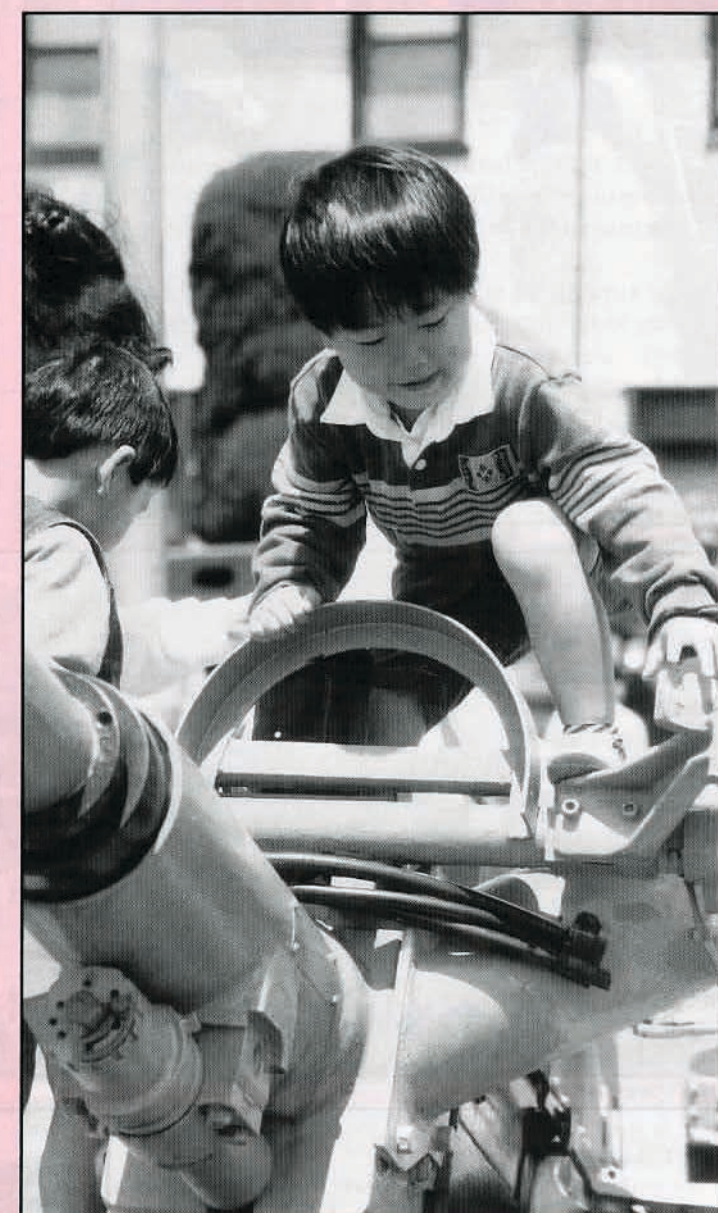
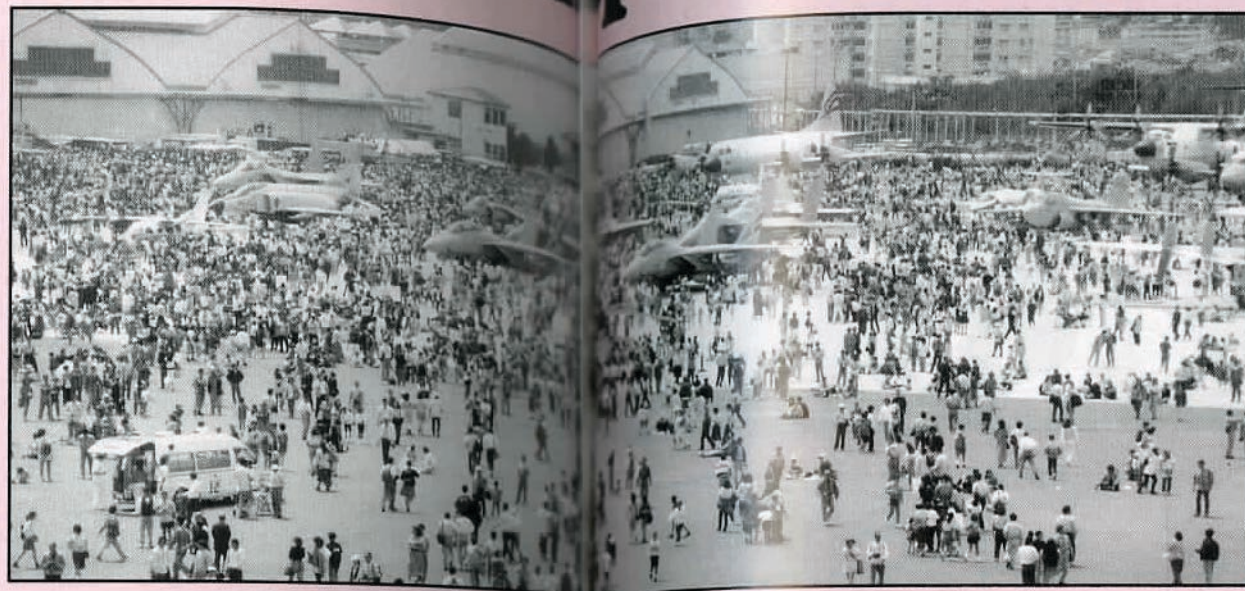
What do you get when you combine Armed Forces Day with Golden Week at MCAS Iwakuni? Friendship Day '94!

And as far back as anyone can remember, Armed Forces Day or Open House/Friendship Day, have all been one in the same. Whatever you may call it, it's a day of friendship and lots of activity. How much? Try 18 different types of entertainment ranging from drums, karate, dog-handling, choirs, aerobics, magic and music to the finale of an aerobatic show by Japan's elite, "Blue Impulse".

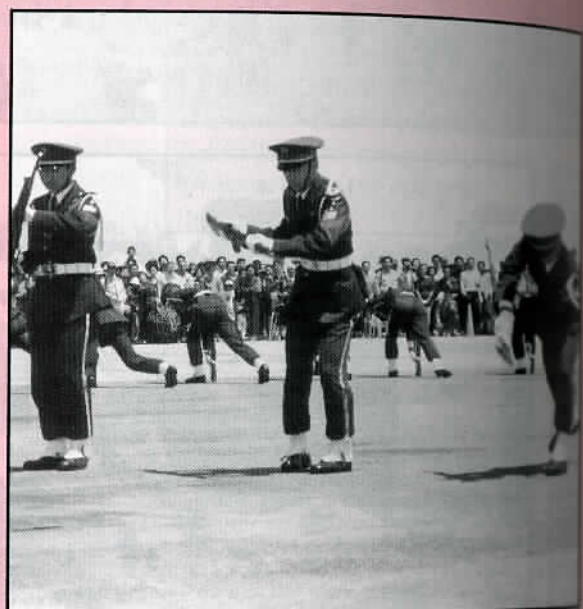
More than 150,000 Japanese guests entered the base via foot, bicycles, motorcycles, ferries, buses or car. Why? Some came to see the 30 plus aircraft on display, others to try various types of food and still others to just see what MCAS Iwakuni had to offer.

Of course certain shows such as Hofu's drill unit, III MEF's band, the air shows and a host of other acts did their part to entertain all. But all in all, the day's key mission was to share friendship with our Japanese hosts and that's what the air station did best. ㊦

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JASDF'S BLUE IMPULSE

