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November Is National Aviation Month

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The U.S. forward-deployed naval forces' strength can be traced to the ability to place an aircraft carrier anywhere in the Indo-Pacific area of operations within a number of days. The Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76), homeported at Commander, Fleet Activities Yokosuka (CFAY), has the ability to carry more than 70 aircraft anywhere in the region, an ability that has been a mainstay of the U.S. to project power abroad since World War II. Though the importance of air power has only developed over the last century, the history of naval aviation is long and storied.

From the first makeshift gliders to advanced modern jets, aviation has opened up myriad possibilities beyond simply changing the face of conflict: connecting people, bridging cultures, and driving transportation and warfighting innovation in the modern world. On Aug. 19, 1939, President Franklin D. Roosevelt established Aviation Day to celebrate achievements in aviation. However, a call for a more prolonged observance saw the month of November set aside to dedicate the numerous advancements and exemplary aviation achievements over the years. The U.S. Census Bureau declared National Aviation History Month as being, "dedicated to exploring, recognizing and celebrating America's great contributions and achievements in the development of aviation."

However, the most significant innovation in design was attributed to Orville and Wilbur Wright. After many years of aviation studies and countless trials, the Wright



(Photo courtesy of Naval History and Heritage Command)

brothers made the first controlled and sustained flight on their glider, which flew over Kitty Hawk, North Carolina on Dec. 17, 1903. In search of a capable aircraft, the United States Army contracted the Wright brothers in early 1908 to create an airplane that met their requirements for field operations. On July 27, 1909, Orville Wright and Lt. Frank Lahm set a new record by exceeding expectations for a manned flight during a flight demonstration at Fort Myer in Arlington, Virginia. The successful flight attracted large crowds, including President William Howard Taft who, "Missed dinner for a show that was well worth it," according to the National Archives.

Then Secretary of the Navy George von Meyer took notice of the significant feats of aviation, which led to a series of firsts for the Navy. While the Wright brothers continued to fulfill the Army's contracts, the Navy contracted Glenn Curtiss, who pioneered the development of naval aviation. On Nov. 14, 1910, Eugene Ely, a Navy test pilot, became the first aviator to successfully demonstrate the launch of an airplane from a Navy ship while aboard the light cruiser USS Birmingham (CL 2) and also landed aboard the armored cruiser USS Pennsylvania (ACR 4). Due to the continued success, Lt. Theodore Ellyson submitted a request for flight training to the Secretary of the Navy and on January 6, 1911, his request was approved with orders to report to North Island in San



(Photo courtesy of Naval History and Heritage Command)

Diego Bay to begin learning the complexity of the Navy's Curtiss biplane under Curtiss' guidance. Ultimately, Lt. Ellyson became the first naval aviator to go aloft in a seaplane, the first aviator to fly at night, the first to fly an airplane launched from a wire cable and the first pilot of a seaplane launched from a catapult.



(Photo courtesy of Naval History and Heritage Command)

Although the construction of the first ships primarily built to be aircraft carriers was more than a decade away, Glenn Curtiss's innovations launched a revolution for naval aviation. The historic flights prevailed in Congress in regard to the strategic importance of future aeronautical developments, which led to the enactment of the Naval Appropriation Act in 1912. As the United States entered both World Wars, naval aviation became a decisive factor leading to countless American victories at sea. Many years later, Naval aviation bred the first astronauts who contributed to NASA's manned space flight programs. Alan Shepard, a naval aviator, became the first American in space on May 5, 1961, and commanded the Apollo 14 mission. Neil Armstrong, the first man to set foot on the moon on July 21, 1969, was also a naval aviator who notably served during the Korean War. Today, naval aviation dominates the skies with evolving unmanned aircraft systems and the latest 5th-generation fighters, keeping with the Navy's mission of maintaining freedom of navigation.

The thrill of adventure has always been aviation's driving force, and Cmdr. Bryon "Rasta" Yamaji, Future Plans Director for U.S. Seventh Fleet, understands exactly this. "I wanted to fly off an aircraft carrier," said Yamaji. While working in Kaneohe, Hawaii as a federal contractor,

Yamaji had the opportunity to experience his first flight in January 2000 when his close friend took him flying in a Cessna 152 airplane around the islands. After being given control of the aircraft, he was hooked, leading him to join the U.S. Navy.

He continued pursuing his new passion for aviation and applied to be a Student Naval Aviator. After he earned his commission, he went through Aviation Preflight Indoctrination (API) training. This extensive course included understanding aerodynamics, flight training, weather effects, and water survival training. He followed up with more advanced instruction after being selected for tactical aviation training. After over three years of training, he finally became a naval aviator and has since flown with a variety of aircraft along the way which included the T-6, T-39 Sabreliner, T-1 Jayhawk, T-45, F-16, EA-6B, and EA-18G. Later on in his career, Cmdr Yamaji also became an instructor for T-39 and T-45 aircraft for three years, passing on his legacy to future aviators.

"Flying all over the United States as a copilot in a T-39 is the best experience I've had. It is a relaxing and calming experience, and it's unlike anything else."

In the U.S. 7th Fleet, pilots and maintainers from naval airfields and bases throughout Japan embark aboard USS Ronald Reagan for each patrol of the region, continuing the tradition of naval aviation at sea, pushing new innovations in the air, and ensuring a free and open Indo Pacific through naval air power.

For more than 75 years, CFAY has provided, maintained, and operated base facilities and services in support of the U.S. 7th Fleet's forward-deployed naval forces, tenant commands, and thousands of military and civilian personnel and their families.



(Photo courtesy of Naval History and Heritage Command)



DEEP FRIED CAJUN STYLE TURKEY

Order in person at Popeyes, payment due upon ordering.
Order a minimum of 5 days in advance.
Limited quantities available.

16-20 lb Turkey

\$90.00 Turkey Only
\$105.00 Turkey & 2 Large Sides

12-14 lb Turkey

\$65.00 Turkey Only
\$80.00 Turkey & 2 Large Sides

CHOOSE ANY
2 SIDES



Thanksgiving Dinner

Commodore Matthew C. Perry General Mess

Waiting on Christmas to get back to the states for a home cooked meal?
Too busy or not enough space to cook Thanksgiving Dinner for your family?
Come out and eat dinner on Thanksgiving Day at the Far East Galley.
We will do all the hard work while you enjoy all the fine home style
Thanksgiving favorites.

Thursday, November 24 • Noon - 4 p.m.

ALL HANDS ARE WELCOME • CASH ONLY (\$)

For more information please call 243-5741

Captain's Cup Event



TURKEY TROT 5K



Friday, Nov. 18 @ 11 a.m.
Purdy Pavilion

1st Place: Turkey
2nd Place: Ham
3rd Place: Cornish Hens

Prizes will only be awarded to Active Duty & SOFA Members.
Registration on-site, starting at 10:30 a.m.
Open to all community runners!
For more information, please call 241-2955.



Turkey-to-Go

Accepting Orders • November 7 - 23 / Pick-up • November 10 - 26

Packages Includes:

Roast smoked turkey, cranberry sauce, stuffing, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, and dinner rolls.

Half Turkey Package (Serves 3 - 4) - \$70

Whole Turkey Package (Serves 7 - 12) - \$130

Additional Items:

Cooked Ham • \$8 / lb.

Pumpkin Pie • \$15 each

Waldorf Salad • \$9 / lb.

Additional side items are available upon request.

Thanksgiving Buffet

November 24 • 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. • Officers' Club and CPO Club

A traditional Thanksgiving buffet featuring roast turkey with stuffing, honey glazed ham, candied yam, pecan pie, and more.

Reservations are highly recommended.
Adults \$27.95 / Ages 6 - 11 \$15 / Ages 5 and Under Free

Open to all hands.

Thanksgiving Buffet

November 24 • 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. • Club Takemiya

Adults \$25 / Ages 6 - 11 \$12.50 / Ages 5 and Under Free

Prepayment is required before the pick up date. Each day will have a limited number of time slots for pick-up. The Officers' Club, Club Alliance, and Club Takemiya will take orders by phone or in person, Monday - Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. While supplies last.



Officers' Club • 243-5002
CPO Club • 243-5506
Ikego Club Takemiya • 246-8075





Kellie Pickler



FLEET THEATER

Saturday, November 12 @ 6 p.m.

For details call 243-5215

GOOD TIMES, FRONT AND CENTER



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Tickets & Travel
TOUR OF THE MONTH

SHIRAKAWA-GO
World Heritage Site

Thursday, November 24

The Shirakawa-go (白川郷, Shirakawagō) and neighboring Gokayama (五箇山) regions line the Shogawa River Valley in the remote mountains that span from Gifu to Toyama Prefectures.

Declared a UNESCO world heritage site in 1995, they are famous for their traditional gasho-zukuri farmhouses, some of which are more than 250 years old.

Gasho-zukuri means 'constructed like hands in prayer', as the farmhouses' steep thatched roofs resemble the hands of Buddhist monks pressed together in prayer. The architectural style developed over many generations and is designed to withstand the large amounts of heavy snow that falls in the region during winter. The roofs, made without nails, provided a large attic space used for cultivating silkworms.

(source: www.japan-guide.com)



For more information about this tour or any other that we offer, please contact Yokosuka's MWR **Tickets & Travel**. To sign up, scan the QR Code to get to **MyFFR**. Tours are subject to change or cancellation.

241-5056 (on-base)
046-896-5056 (off-base)



Yokohama Zoorasia Tour

Saturday, November 19
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

PRICE: \$6.00/Blue Jacket \$14.00/E6&Up

Zoorasia was established in 1999 and is one of Japan's largest and best kept zoos. Whether you want to see the exotic or local wildlife, Zoorasia has it all, with over 700 animals and over 100 different species. Be sure to bring enough Yen to cover all the goodies you'll want to bring home.

Price Includes:
Transportation, Guide & Admission

Signup Deadline: Tuesday, November 15th

HOLIDAY
market



Vendor Booth Registration. NOW OPEN
Event Date: December 1 & 2.
Register now through November 17.

Interested in being a vendor (homemade goods / crafts*) at our Holiday Market? Register your home business to participate in Yokosuka & Ikego's Holiday Market during their Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremonies. This is a great opportunity for CFAY approved home businesses to showcase their talent & skills.
* Non food & beverage based businesses only.



Register at www.navymwryokosuka.com/special-event-registration For more information please call 243-5212

BEYOND THE GATE



Kurihama Food Festival Nov. 12 (Saturday)

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. | Kurihama Shopping District (1-minute walk from Keikyū Kurihama Station)

Who will reign supreme as Fall Food King this year? You get to decide among the many dishes brought out by different groups from the Yokosuka area competing for your vote! Enjoy stage performances and meet Admiral Sukarin!



Chrysanthemum Exhibition Until Nov. 23 (Wednesday)

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. | Yokohama Sankeien (From Keikyū or JR Yokohama Station, East Exit Bus Station, Bus Platform No.2. Take the municipal bus (Route No.8 or 148) to the bus station "Honmoku Sankeien Mae"; 5-minute walk to the Garden)

Did you know that the Imperial Seal of Japan is a Chrysanthemum? The seal features 16 petals with another set of 16 petal tips behind it. It can be seen on official documents, such as a passport, and represents longevity and rejuvenation. The Chrysanthemum is also the symbol for Autumn.



Misaki/Jyogashima Fireworks Display Nov. 12 (Saturday)

6:30 to 6:45 p.m. | Misaki Port/Misaki Fish Market (20-minute bus ride from Keikyū Misakiguchi Station. Can see from Jyogashima)

Misaki/Jyogashima Fireworks Display is back for the first time in three years!



Tokyo Comic Convention Nov. 25 (Friday) - 27 (Sunday)

10 a.m. to 8 p.m. (Until 6 p.m. on Nov. 27) | Makuhari Messe (3-minute walk from the north exit of JR Kaihin Makuhari Station)

Even if you're not a fan of comic books and manga, you'll have heard of Comic Con. It started out in 1970 in San Diego as the Golden State Comic Book Convention, and the original event now attracts over 130,000 visitors annually. Holding a sister event in the home of manga was long overdue and Tokyo Comic Con finally came in 2016 attracting about 50,000 visitors. Advance tickets not necessary but preferable. Go to <https://tokyocomiccon.jp/en/ticket> for more info.

NEWS AND NOTICES

BICYCLE IMPOUNDMENT ENFORCEMENT

CFAY Security will be impounding bicycles not properly registered and/or abandoned Nov. 14 and 15 in the following areas: Shobu Heights, Tsubaki Heights, Sanban Tower, Niban Tower, Ichiban Tower, Himawari Heights, Navy Lodge, Bara Heights, Ume Heights.

VETERANS DAY GATE HOURS

Carney (Main) Gate

- Vehicles and pedestrians: 24 hours
- Boardwalk Gate (Pedestrian only): 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

No high traffic pattern in-bound

Womble Gate

- Outbound pedestrian daily: 24 hours
- Inbound pedestrian daily: 5 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Inbound Vehicles/Buses/Trucks daily: 5 a.m. to 6 p.m.

No high traffic pattern in-bound or outbound

Verny Pedestrian Gate

- Exit only: 24 Hours

Ikego Main Gate

Vehicles and pedestrians: 24 Hours

Jimmuji Gate

Pedestrian only: 5 to 1 a.m.

Visitor Control Center

Open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Vehicle Registration Office

Closed

REMAIN UP-TO-DATE

IN THE FIGHT AGAINST COVID-19

Pediatric Bivalent COVID-19 Boosters available now. Available by appointment only in Immunization Clinic. Call 243-5352 to schedule. The bivalent COVID-19 booster shot offers added protection against Omicron variant. Available for anyone 5 years of age or older who:

- Has completed their primary COVID-19 series.
- It has been at least 2 months since their last COVID-19 shot (primary series or booster), regardless of brand.
- No recent COVID-19 infection in last 90 days.

CDC recommends anyone ages 5 years and older receive 1 bivalent mRNA booster dose after completion of any FDA-approved or FDA-authorized monovalent primary series or previously received monovalent booster dose(s). This new booster recommendation replaces all prior booster recommendations for this age group.

NMRTC YOKOSUKA VETERANS DAY OBSERVANCE

In observance of Veterans Day, all Routine Lab, Pharmacy, and Clinical Services will close Friday, Nov. 11 all day. Services will reopen for normal operating hours the following week Monday morning, Nov. 14. The Emergency Department will remain open. For non-urgent questions, you may call the Nurse Advice Line (NAL) to access a nurse for triage services, self-care advice, and general health inquiries. Patients can call the NAL after regular appointment hours at toll free from DSN line: 94-888-901-7144. This number also works from base housing. Toll free number from cell: 00-66-3382-1820. This number works for all carriers. Internet: <https://mhsnurseadvice.com>. This does not work from hospital workstations. Patients can call, chat, or video chat with a nurse.

TRICARE/FEDERAL BENEFITS OPEN SEASON 2022

- **TRICARE:** Nov.14 - Dec. 13
 - **Federal Benefits:** Nov. 14 - Dec. 12
- Active Duty Service Member** – You don't need to take any action during TRICARE Open Season. Your family members do have options for TRICARE Prime® and TRICARE Select®, as well as vision insurance.
- Active Duty Family Member** – You can enroll or switch health plans during TRICARE Open Season. If eligible, your family members have options for TRICARE Prime® and TRICARE Select®, as well as vision insurance. For more information, visit: www.tricare.mil/OpenSeason.

POST OFFICE SERVICES NOTICE

The Yokosuka Post Office will be closed in

observance of Veterans Day Holiday, Nov. 11. G-59 Parcel Locker pickup remains open 24/7. Normal business hours will resume Nov. 14.

USPS is initiating a temporary rate increase from Oct. 2 to Jan. 22. The increases for Priority Mail (PM), Priority Mail Express (PME), Parcel Select Ground, USPS Retail Ground are as follows:

- \$0.95 increase for PM and PME flat rate boxes and envelopes.
- \$0.30 increase for zones 1-4, 0-10 lbs.
- \$1.00 increase for zones 5-9, 0-10 lbs.
- \$0.95 increase for zones 1-4, 11-20 lbs.
- \$3.20 increase for zones 5-9, 11-20lbs.
- \$3.25 increase for zones 1-4, 21-70 lbs.
- \$6.45 increase for zones 5-9, 21-70 lbs.

Note. Zones 1-4: Between 1-600 miles shipping distance/Zones 5-9: Between 601-1801 miles or greater.

A reminder that per OPNAVINST 5112.6, post offices cannot hold mail over 30 days unless a mail hold is placed by the addressee due to leave, TDY, etc. Mail not picked up in 30 days must be returned to sender. It is recommended customers pick up mail frequently, and at least weekly. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Yokosuka Post Office, call 243-5486 or send an email to: yokosukapostoffice@fe.navy.mil.

CONSTRUCTION AND CLOSURES

Traffic Regulation: There will be traffic regulations from Ogawachi through Heiseicho to Maborikaigan due to the Yokosuka Seaside Marathon from 8 to 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 20. Please act accordingly.

Kanagawa Dental University

Construction: Possible traffic delays due to construction outside Womble Gate at the Kanagawa Dental University until Dec. 31. Large trucks will be operating along the road in front of the dental university, and will utilize the road in front of Womble Gate. Expected hours for delays: 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m./9 p.m. to 6 a.m. Womble Gate hours of operation will not be impacted.

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