

# **This Week at Fleet Activities Yokosuka**



CFAY's "Sponsorship on Demand" Makes An Impact

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# Anniversary Spotlight CFAY's "Sponsorship on Demand" Makes An Impact

#### By CFAY Public Affairs

A sthe bustling PCS season commences at Commander, Fleet Activities Yokosuka (CFAY), the community marks the first anniversary of the revolutionary "Sponsorship on Demand" program. This initiative, launched a year ago, has transformed the PCS experience, providing a virtual onestop shop of personalized information and support for service members, civilians, and their families transitioning to new assignments in Yokosuka.

With the pending forward deployment of the USS George Washington (CVN 73) to Yokosuka, this year promises to be one of the largest PCS seasons in over a decade. The George Washington, which previously served in Yokosuka from 2008 to 2015, returns to replace the USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76) as the Navy's only forward-deployed aircraft carrier.

Capt. Les Sobol, Commander, Fleet Activities Yokosuka, emphasized the significance of this transition: "This isn't just a change of ships; it represents a significant transition for our entire community. We are welcoming a primarily new crew and their families, while others are transitioning out with the Ronald Reagan."

The "Sponsorship on Demand" program, developed under the leadership of Capt. Sobol and the hard work of the CFAY Work and Family Life (WFL) team, aims to alleviate the stress associated with PCS moves, especially for those going overseas. The initiative leverages the expertise of Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) who provide real-time, personalized assistance via a virtual platform and call center.

Larry Criner, acting N9 Fleet and Family Readiness Director, highlighted the program's impact, "PCS moves have always been stressful. Sponsorship on Demand alleviates this stress by connecting incoming personnel with individuals who have firsthand experience and can provide precise information."

The success of the "Sponsorship on Demand" program is attributed to the collaborative efforts of various departments within CFAY, including the Ombudsman, PAO, School Liaison, Safety, Hospital, Housing, CYP, FAST, Veterinarian, Security, Navy Lodge, and the Chapel. This collective approach ensures a comprehensive strategy that smooths PCS transitions.

Justin M. Keller, Lead Public Affairs Specialist at CFAY, shared insights on the initiative's communication strategy, "Accurate information is crucial for a smooth transition. So our communications goal with the initiative is to ensure that everyone has access to the most current, accurate, and helpful information for their journey here, directly from our subject matter experts."

As CFAY continues to support the large influx of new personnel due to the George Washington's arrival, the "Sponsorship on Demand" program, now celebrating its one-year anniversary, stands more ready than ever to assist. The initiative, already recognized for its transformative impact, has the potential to become a best practice for the entire Navy community, setting a new standard for PCS transitions.

Yokosuka "Sponsorship on Demand" sessions are held every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month from 8 to 9 a.m. Japan Standard Time (JST). The direct call-in link to join the virtual sessions can be found on the CFAY official website homepage. For more information and resources, you can email FFSCinfo@us.navy.mil, visit the CFAY "Welcome Aboard" webpage, or subscribe to the "My CFAY Weekly" newsletter. Stay connected through the CFAY official podcast, "The Giant Voice," found on your favorite podcast platforms and social media pages.



# Tropical Cyclone Conditions of Readiness and What They Mean to You

Destructive winds are possible within 96 hours. CFAY will remain in TCCOR 5 from June 1st until November 1st.

Destructive winds are possible within 72 hours. Begin stocking up on essential supplies such as food and water.

Destructive winds are possible

within 48 hours. Double check your

emergency supplies, fuel and kits.

# TCCOR 3

**TCCOR4** 

**FCCOR 5** 

TCCOR 2

Destructive winds are possible within 24 hours. Secure loose outdoor items in your yard or on your balcony.

TCCOR 1

TCCOR 1

RECOVERY

**ALL CLEAR** 

**Destructive winds within 12 hours.** Essential personnel report for duty. Facilities on base close. Outdoor activity limited to emergency & essential services.

TCCOR 1 EMERGENCY

**Destructive winds are occuring.** Only official & emergency vehicles on roads. Personnel remain indoors until All Clear is declared.

Destructive winds have subsided. Remain indoors until All Clear. Emergency vehicles on roads to inspect for damage and safety issues.

Storm is over and not expected to return.



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# American Red Cross American Red Cross Summer Classes

All classes are blended learning courses including an online portion, and an instructor-led classroom skill session. The online portion must be completed prior to the skills test.

# **CPR/AED/First Aid Course (\$55)**

- Monday, June 3: 3 to 6 p.m.
- Saturday, June 22: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

## **Basic Life Support Course (\$55)**

- Thursday, July 11: 1 to 4 p.m.
- Thursday, July 25: 1 to 4 p.m.





Babysitting Basics (\$70) Recommended for ages 11-17)

• Monday June 17: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Additional classes available by request for group of plus three.

To register, email: <u>Yokosuka@redcross.org</u> with the class and preferred date/ time. You will receive a payment link and be asked to send your receipt in order to guarantee a spot in the course.

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Fleet & Family Support Center				



Must attend two pre-employment trainings on April 8 from 9 a.m. - Noon at the CRC Bldg. # 3365, 4th floor AOB/ICR auditorium.

For more information or to signup call or email our School Liaison Officer at MWR\_Yokosuka\_School\_Liaison@us.navy.mil or scan the QR code below







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June 13th @ 1300 Virtual **Registration is Required! REGISTER AT :** ffscinfo@us.navy.mi or DSN: 243-3372



Space-A Flights Brief

June 10th @ 1100 Bldg. 3365, 4th FL, Auditorium





# Sunday, June 16

#### **Officers' Club**

Officers' Club Kosano Dining Room • 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Enjoy brunch with steaks cooked to order! Please call to make your reservation now at 243-5624/5002. Reservations are required by June 14. Open to all hands. \$27.55 Adults / \$12.50 Ages 6 - 11 Ages 5 and Under Free

CPO Club Dining Room e 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Fathers will receive a 20% discount with their meal. Reservations are highly recommended. \$25.95 Adults / \$12 Ages 6 - 11 Ages 5 and Under Free)

Club Takemiya Dining Room e 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Enjoy appetizers, soup, salads, breakfast specialties, carvings, hot dishes, desserts, and beverages with us on this special day. Adults \$25 / Ages 6 - 11 \$12.50 Ages 5 and Under Free The dining room will reopen 5 p.m.

**Club Takemiya** 

Rentals The Ikego West Valley Recreation Area is the place to spend a fun-filled weekend with family and friends! Campsite reservations can be made at the Outdoor

Recreation Center Thursdays to Tuesdays from 10 a.m. -6 p.m. Each site holds a maximum of twenty people. Cabin reservations can only be made at the Outdoor Recreation Center along with payment. There are five rustic cabins available for rent. Three of these cabins offer solar powered heat and air-conitioning. None of the cabins have running water. Cabin rentals start at \$40/day

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RECREATION

All cabins and campsites have a designated BBQ grill.

# **Paintball Paradise**

Weekend Open Play Whether you prefer the mission-based teamwork of Saturday's Woodshall games or the fast-paced action of Sunday's speedball games, Ikego's Paintball Paradise is the place to be!

Don't have your own equipment? On weekends, rent a marker and mask for 520 including unlimited air and field fees. For players with their own gear, the cost is only \$10 for field fees and unlimited air. Paint sold separately.

Weekday Group Reservations MWR offers a special package for private weekday reservations of its paintball field. The package includes a marker, mask, unlimited air, and 200 paintballs.

#### **Field Reservations**

Available Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. A minimum of ten players and seven days advanced notice are required. Paintball Prices

Case (2,000 paintballs) \$65 Bag (500 paintballs) \$20

Weekday Reservation Fees 2 hours: \$20 per player (mask & marker) 4 hours: \$36 per player (mask & marker)



# BEYOND THE GATE



# **Torigoe Matsuri** June 7 (Friday) - 9 (Sunday)

6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. | Torikoe Shrine (6-minute walk from Toei Asakusa Line Kuramae Station, A-17 or 8-minute walk from Asakusabashi Station, A-16)

The Torigoe Matsuri involves smaller shrines from the neighborhood associations, but what everybody wants to see is the huge mikoshi, weighing 4 tons, the biggest in Tokyo. The streets surrounding the shrine will be filled with food booths.



# Odawara Castle Hydrangea and Iris Festival

# Until June 16 (Sunday)

# 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. | Odawara Castle (8-minute walk from JR Odawara Station, JT-16)

The grounds of Odawara Castle are sprinkled with more than 10,000 irises and 2,500 hydrangeas. They contrast beautifully with the brilliant red bridge in Odawara Castle Ruins Park. The flowers will be lit from sunset (around 7 p.m.) till 8:30 p.m. On the weekend during the festival, food trucks and stalls will open in front of Hanashobu Square.



# Yokosuka Vehicle Festa June 8 (Saturday) - 9 (Sunday)

9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. | Verny Park, JR Yokosuka Station, JMSDF Yokosuka Base, Coaska Bayside Stores See all kinds of vehicles on display in Yokosuka. There will be a variety of automobiles, construction equipment, JMSDF ship tours, traffice safety events and more! There will also be many booths selling souvenirs and food.

# Philippine Expo 2024 June 7 (Friday) - 9 (Sunday)

10 a.m to 8 p.m. | Ueno Park Fountain Plaza (2-minute walk from JR Ueno Station, JY-5)

Experience a bit of Manila in Japan this June, when the Philippine Expo celebrates the country's independence with a three-day festival in Ueno Park. There will be food stalls, dance performances, traditional arts from Japan and the Philippines, pop, hip-hop and jazz shows (with some big names in Filipino and Japanese pop alike making an appearance), comedians, and cosplay. There will also be a karaoke and dance competition. Completely free to enter and enjoy the fesitvities, however, there will be tickets sold for seats in front of the stage (from ¥3,000) for special idol performances. https://philippine-expo.org/tokyo2024/

# Hydrangea Temple Gardens in Kamakura

Hasedera | 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (3-minute walk from Enoden Hase Station, EN-12). Admission is ¥300. Meigetsuin | 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (10-minute walk from JR Kita-Kamakura Station, JO-08). Regular admission is ¥500. Iris Garden, ¥500.

**Tokeiji** | 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (3-minute walk from JR Kita-Kamakura Station, JO-08). Admission is ¥100. Jojuin | 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (5-minute walk from Enoden Gokurakuji Station, EN-11). Admission free.

# **NEWS AND NOTICES**

### RLSO WESTERN PACIFIC LEGAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES IN IKEGO

Due to current manning and previous low to zero turnout rates, on-site legal assistance services are temporarily suspended until further notice. If you need Legal Assistance services please visit us on main base at TSC/PSD building 1555 on the second deck. Walk-in Notary Services

• Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.to 4 p.m. and Friday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

• Please bring two forms of valid photo ID

• Special Powers of Attorney may be created at the QR code



Please feel free to contact us for any questions at: <u>yokosukalegalassistance@</u> <u>us.navy.mil</u>, 243-8901 or 046-816-8901.

### **NEW HOURS OF OPERATION**

Effective Sunday, June 9, Navy Exchange Yokosuka Home Gallery new hours of operation: 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

### **STUDENT SPORTS PHYSICALS**

The next round of student sports physicals will be held on July 24. Appointments are available for booking with USNH Yokosuka's Pediatric Clinic. How to schedule: Call the appointment line at 243-5352 or Pediatric Clinic at 243-5505. Open to all TRICARE beneficiaries and Space A personnel. • Physicals are for students participating in high school sports.

Sports Physical forms need to be completed prior to the appointment.
Unaccompanied minors over the age of 16 must have consent completed by time of appointment to be seen without a parent.

#### PATIENT AND FAMILY PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL

Want to effect change and be a part of the healthcare solutions that affect Sailors, civilians and their families? Join the Patient and Family Partnership Council here at USNH Yokosuka. Engage directly with hospital leadership in matters that concern the health and welfare of the Yokosuka community. Our next council meeting is on Monday, June 3 from 12 to 1 p.m. at the Community Resource Center on the 4th floor in the Hara Room.

#### PREPARE TODAY! COMPLETE A RED CROSS CONTACT CARD

One of the main Red Cross missions OCONUS is to provide the Emergency Communication Message, AKA "Red Cross Message". If you or an immediate family member experience an emergency that requires you to request leave from your Command, the Red Cross can verify that emergency as a third party. We will then deliver that information to your command, enabling them to make an informed decision regarding your emergency leave. Fill out a contact card today to ensure your contact information is ready before an emergency arises. Filling out a card in advance helps you and your family save time in a crisis.

# VOLUNTEER NOW FOR THE AMERICAN RED CROSS

## **Contingency Team**

Help with emergency messages and during large scale emergencies. **Disaster Action Team** 

Help provide immediate assistance on scene of an emergency, and participate in base exercises

#### Also available:

- Youth Preparedness Team
- MTF Professional and Admin Help
- CPR/BLS/Babysitting Instructor
- Library
- PAWS
- Vet Clinic
- Post Office

How to volunteer:

1. Use a desktop or laptop computer.

2. Search and go to Red Cross Volunteer Connection.

- 3. Use the Yokosuka FPO zip code 96349.
- 4. Complete the on-line training.

5. If you have any problems, email: <u>yokosuka@redcross.org</u>, or call 243-7490.

### **CONSTRUCTION AND CLOSURES**

F Street: Minor detour until July 2024 due to DoDEA Kinnick High School underground utilities work. Minor detour to building 1230 Army Vet Clinic. Yokosuka Red Brick Area: Full road closure on weekends and holidays until July 2024 due to underground electrical repair. Taxi stand remains operational. Sherman Avenue and Forrestal Street: Partial closure until June 30 due to asphalt replacement work.

**Defense Logistics Agency Parking Lot:** 50 perecent of DLA parking lot until February 2025.

**Ikego NEX/MWR Parking Lot:** 50 perecent of NEX/MWR parking lot until October 2025.

**McCormick Street and Leahy Street:** Full road closure for underground utility works until Feb. 28, 2025.

**Vandegrift Lane:** Full road closure until October 2025.

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