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CFAY FFSC Hosts "Poetry Slam"



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2025 Road Tax Season

Effective June 1, all Vehicles **MUST** display the 2025 (Reiwa 7) USFJ Decal. Displaying 2024 decals after June 1 will result in denial of access and possible impoundment. Pay the Japanese road tax to receive your new decal(s).

One Stop Shop

When?

- March 17, 18 and April 10, 11 from 9 to 11:45 a.m./1 to 3:15 p.m. and for 100, 300 through 529 plates only. Pay Road Tax and get USFJ decal at Fleet Theater.
- This event is **NOT** for yellow plate car and motorcycle. Road Tax for yellow plate cars and motorcycles must be paid off base at Yokosuka City Hall starting April 1
- If you have a yellow plate car or motorcycle as an additional vehicle, you must wait until April 1 to receive decals.
- If you miss the events, pay your Road Tax at the Kanagawa Tax Office for normal and large vehicles, or pay your Road Tax at the Yokosuka City Hall for mini cars and motorcycles 125cc and above. Bring your documents to receive decal at VRO.

What to bring to pay road tax?

- 2024 Road Tax Receipt (last years)
- Japanese Vehicle Title
- Applicable Fees in YEN
- **2023 USFJ Decal is required by June 1, 2023.**

What to bring to get decal?

- ID Card
- 2025 road tax receipt

- Japanese Vehicle Title
- Base Inspection Sheet (if applicable)
- JCI Insurance
- Liability Insurance
- Parking Certificate with current residence (must be re-registered at LTO with the current address)
- Valid Drivers license (if you own more than one vehicle, bring all additional driver's license)
- Other than Spouse are required a Power of Attorney (POA)

How much am I going to pay?

- Mini Car (Yellow plate): ¥3,000
- Motorcycle, 126cc and above: ¥1,000
- 125cc and above: ¥500
- 400/500/501/529: ¥7,500
- Y300/301/329 (Less than 4.5L): ¥19,000
- 300/301/329 (More than 4.5L): ¥22,000
- 100: ¥32,000
- **CASH ONLY FOR PAYMENT (Yen)**

Notes: Representatives other than Spouse are required to present a Power of Attorney (POA) to receive decals. If member owns more than one vehicle, all vehicles **MUST** be registered at the **SAME TIME** to receive decals.



American Red Cross

American Red Cross Winter Classes

CPR/AED/First Aid Course (\$18)

- Thursday March 20, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Saturday March 22, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Friday April 4, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Monday April 7, 3 to 6 p.m.
- Thursday April 10, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- Thursday April 17, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- Thursday April 24, 8 to 11 a.m.
- Saturday April 26, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Basic Life Support (\$12)

- Thursday March 20, 1 to 4 p.m.
- Thursday April 24, 1 to 4 p.m.

Babysitting Basics and First Aid/CPR (\$15)

Recommended for ages 12-17

- Thursday April 31, 12 to 1 p.m.

Classes may be added based on community need and instructor availability. All classes are Blended Learning Courses with an online and an instructor led classroom skills session

To register, email: Yokosuka@redcross.org 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.



FFSC WEEKLY

More details on CFAY FFSC YOKOSUKA FB page



TAP Core Curriculum

Mar 10-12 at 0800 (Retiree)

Everyday Japanese

Mar 10 at 1000

Space A/EML Flights Brief

Mar 10 at 1100

AOB/ICR

Mar 11-13 at 0800

DOL Federal Hiring

Mar 11 at 0900

DOL Interview Skills

Mar 11 at 1110

Ikego Japanese Language Series

Mar 11 at 1200

Money On The Move

Mar 11 at 1300 (Virtual)

DOL Salary Negotiation

Mar 11 at 1410

Youth ICR (MH/HS)

Mar 11 at 1430

ESL/EFL

Mar 12 at 1300 (Virtual)

Make Tomodachi

Mar 12 at 1630 (Beginner)

Shogi Workshop

Mar 12 at 1700

My Employment Track

Mar 13-14 at 0800

Effective Resume Writing

Mar 13 at 0900 (CIV)

Tax Prep 101

Mar 13 at 0900 (Virtual)

Sponsorship Training

Mar 13 at 1300 (Virtual)

ESL/EFL

Mar 14 at 1300

See something you like? Sign up via email: ffscinfo@us.navy.mil



EDUCATION ASSISTANCE

Grants & interest-free loans for Navy-Marine Corps dependents & Active Duty students with MECEP/MECP orders so they can reach their education goals with **less financial stress.**

HOW IT WORKS

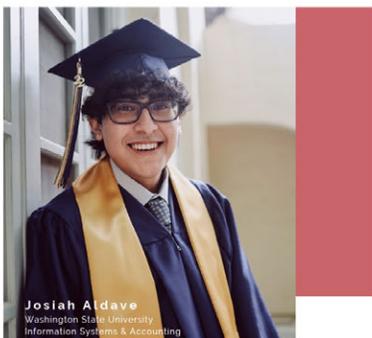
- Apply during open window
- Grants & Loans awarded once per year
- Funds sent to schools
- Split between Fall & Spring semesters

AWARDS

- Range between \$500-\$3,000
- Needs-based determined by FAFSA SAI and school's Cost of Attendance

This scholarship is important to my schooling because it is allowing me to continue my education without needing to take out excessive high interest loans to pay my tuition. It is also allowing me to be financially responsible, and pay my tuition bills on time.

ESMERALDA CARRANZA
Marine Corps Spouse
University of Houston | Psychology



Josiah Aldave
Washington State University
Information Systems & Accounting

ELIGIBILITY

Spouses & children of active duty, retired or deceased Sailors & Marines may apply. Children must be DEERS eligible & under age 23 by September 30, 2025. Surviving dependents are eligible if the service member passed on active duty or once retired. Active Duty on MECEP or MECP orders are eligible for loans only.

AREAS OF STUDY

NMCRS Scholars may use funds for full or part-time programs working toward career & technical programs, associate's or bachelor's degrees. Spouses are eligible while completing first undergraduate or master's degree.

2025 TIMELINE

March 10 - May 15

Open window to create student NMCRS account, upload qualifying documents & complete application.

Late June 2025

Award announcements sent to all applicants via email and decisions also available on NMCRS account.

Early July 2025

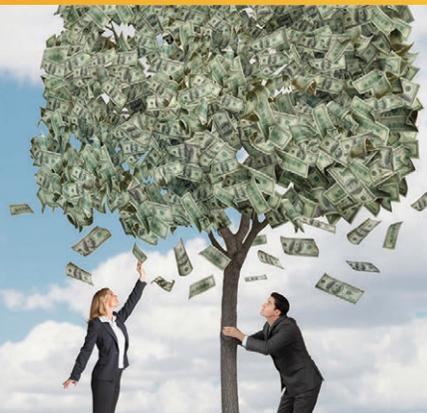
Scholarship and loan acceptance deadline.

Late July 2025

Funds dispersed to Scholar's schools.



SCAN TO VISIT OUR WEBSITE OR
EMAIL US AT EDUCATION@NMCRS.ORG



Million Dollar You

A personal wealth building program for sailors and family members

- Strengthen Career
- Manage Money
- Build Wealth



March 25-26, 0800-1630
Fleet Rec, 3rd Floor, Rm 336

For more information or to register,
call 243-3372/046-816-3372 or email FFSCinfo@us.navy.mil

SCAN TO REGISTER





Department of Labor (DOL) Workshops

March 11th

Fleet Rec. Center, 3rd Fl

Federal Hiring – 0900

Learn how to use online resources to explore federal employment opportunities and navigate the application process.

Interview Skills – 1110

Learn how to improve the way you communicate your strengths and answer challenging questions so you can ace your next interview.

Salary Negotiation – 1410

Learn from the experts how to improve your salary negotiation skills and gain the confidence to negotiate with potential employers.



Register Now

☎ 243-3372 / 046-816-3372

✉ FFSCinfo@us.navy.mil



TAX PREP 101

MAR 13 AT 0900

VIRTUAL

Filing taxes can be confusing – but understanding basic tax filing terminology makes filing easier. Join our Tax Prep 101 class to learn more and feel confident when you prepare your taxes!

To register, please call or 243-3372 or email FFSCinfo@us.navy.mil



ZUSHI-HAYAMA TOUR

Tour Guided by: Jazmin Zeman & Darlene Hernandez-Purvis

Registration Required!

March 28th 1000-1400
Meet at Ikego-FFSC Office

- Intro to local transportation
- Explore Morito-Damyoin Shrine
- Discover Zushi area shops & groceries
- Shop Kamegaoka Shrine flea market



For more information, please call 243-3372 or email FFSCinfo@us.navy.mil



Make Tomodachi

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WITH SENSEI KOI:

MAR 12 & 26 (BEGINNER)
MAR 5 & 19 (INTERMEDIATE)
FLEET REC CENTER, 3RD FL
TIME: 1630 - 1715



"I am born and raised in Yokosuka. I have been teaching English to the Japanese people and Japanese to the foreign people in Yokosuka.

I am excited to teach Japanese as a volunteer and I want everyone to make Japanese friends."

Please register by email: FFSCinfo@us.navy.mil or call 243-3372.

March 1 - 31 • 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. • Fleet Gym

LUCKY LADDER

WORKOUT CHALLENGE

Fitness Challenge:

Climb your way to new fitness heights in a high-energy event that's as exciting as it is challenging!

Whether you are aiming to improve endurance, build strength, or simply enjoy a dynamic workout with others, this ladder-style routine will keep you moving and motivated.

Suitable for all fitness levels!



Instructions:

Start at the bottom of the ladder and work your way up, and then back down again.

You must have a MWR Fitness Specialist monitor you to complete the challenge.

Register at the Fleet Fitness office to lock in the day and time you want to complete this challenge.

For more information, call 241-4486 or email mwr_yokosuka_fitness@us.navy.mil

OFFICERS' CLUB

National Chicken Parmesan Day

March 11 • 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. • Kosano Dining Room
Order a Chicken Parmesan and receive a Caesar side salad on us!

National Reuben Sandwich Day

March 14 • 11 a.m. - 8 p.m. • Kosano Dining Room
Receive a 10% discount on our delicious Reuben Sandwich.

Oatmeal Cookie Day

March 19 • 6 a.m. - 6 p.m. • Chopsticks
Buy one oatmeal cookie and get the second one free.

National Cheese Steak Day

March 24 • 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. • Kosano Dining Room
Order a Philly Cheese Steak Sandwich and receive a free cup of soup.

OLD SCHOOL BINGO

Saturday, March 8 & 29
Officers' Club Admiralty Room (2F)
Doors open at 4:30 p.m. • Games start at 6 p.m.

Game packages are \$30 and includes special game. Additional packages are available for purchase. Must be 18 years or older to enter. Seating is on a first come, first served basis and cannot be reserved. Food and drinks will be available for purchase.



Chopsticks

Monday - Friday • 6 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Closed on Saturdays, Sundays & Holidays

Start your day with us at Chopsticks! We offer breakfast burritos, egg, sausage, bacon and potatoes plates and freshly baked biscuits with gravy, all available to-go. Or try our homemade fresh pastries, blueberry cream cheese scones, Siopao, Spanish breads and more, made daily by our own bakers. During lunch we offer grab-and-go sandwiches, healthy salads, and several Asian hot entrées to choose from.



Teen Trips

Ikego & Yokosuka Teen Centers



Fuji-Q - March 8 & April 3

Time: 6 a.m. - 7 p.m. Register before March 5 & 31 respectively. Cost: \$50.

Cosmo World - May 17

Time: 7 a.m. - 9 p.m. Register before May 14. Cost: \$20. Age: 13 - 18 years old. Minimum of 10 participants. Field trips and / or dates are subject to change. For more information, call 241-2098 or 046-896-2098



Visit us on the web.



Yokosuka

SPRING

Festival SATURDAY, MARCH 22
9 A.M. - 5 P.M.

OPEN BASE EVENT

CARNIVAL • LIVE MUSIC • VENDORS
AMERICAN FOOD • BEVERAGES • SHIP VISITS

Enjoy the sights and sounds during Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka's Spring Festival. For more information please, email MWR_Yokosuka_Special_Events@us.navy.mil.

BEYOND THE GATE



Nostalgic Car Festa in Yokosuka

March 9 (Sunday)

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. | Verna Park (2-minute walk from Yokosuka Main Base Coaska Gate)

There will not only be exhibition of historic cars, but also food trucks and a local products fair.



Miura Sakura Festival

Until March 9 (Sunday)

Along the road from Keikyu Miurakaigan Station (KK-71) to Misakiguchi Station (KK-72).

Come see the Miurakaigan's Kawazu Sakura trees. Enjoy Sakura Festival food such as cherry Dorayaki (pancake-like confectionery), cherry rice cookies and radish shochu. The Kawazu cherry tree in front of the Miurakaigan station is also illuminated.



Disaster Prevention Fair March 8 (Saturday)

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. | Mikasa Park (5-minute walk from Base)
There will be various events like U.S. and Japanese fire engines and ambulances display, earthquake experience car, fire extinguisher experience, firefighters band performance, kids photo session and more.



St. Patrick's Day Parade March 15 (Saturday)

12:30 to 4 p.m. (Parade starts at 2 p.m.) | Motomachi Shopping Street (2-minute walk from JR Ishikawacho Station, JK-09, or Minato-Mirai Line Motomachi-Chukagai Station (Motomachi Exit), MM-06)

Join the celebration for Ireland's most famous spring festival by donning the color green and coming to Motomachi. Listen to Irish music and enjoy the welcoming atmosphere under a collection of green, white and orange balloons, the colors of the Irish flag.

Mimosa Festa 2025

March 16 (Sunday)

11 a.m. to 5 p.m. | La Cittadella (7-minute walk from Keikyu Kawasaki Station, KK-20)

Mimosa Festa 2025 will be offering various mimosa-related events on March 8.

NEWS AND NOTICES

2025 ROAD TAX RODEO

Attention CFAY community! Don't miss the annual Road Tax Rodeo at the Fleet Theater! Join us on March 17 and 18, and again on April 10 and 11. Doors open at 9 a.m. Enjoy the convenience of sorting your road taxes with the support of the City of Yokosuka. Just bring last year's road tax receipt, your Japanese vehicle title, and remember, it's cash only. Make tax time a breeze at the Road Tax Rodeo. See page 2 for details.

USNH YOKOSUKA PATIENT FAMILY PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL

Want to effect change and be a part of healthcare solutions that affect our Sailors and their families? Join the Patient and Family Partnership Council at USNH Yokosuka. Engage directly with hospital leadership in matters that concern the health and welfare of CFAY. Join us at the upcoming meetings.

- April 1 from 9 to 10 a.m. at Community Resource Center 4th floor Haru Room.
- May 6 from 4 to 5 p.m. at Community Resource Center AOB Auditorium.
- June 3 from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. at USNH Yokosuka Command Auditorium 3rd floor.

To learn more, please email: dha.yokosuka.Yokosuka-NH.list.pfpc@health.mil, visit <https://yokosuka.tricare.mil/Patient-Resources/Patient-and-Family-Partnership-Council>

VOLUNTEER NOW FOR THE AMERICAN RED CROSS

Disaster Action Team

Help provide immediate assistance on scene of an emergency, and participate in base exercises. Help with emergency messages and during large scale emergencies.

Also available:

- Youth Preparedness Team

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

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: yokosuka@redcross.org, or call 243-7490.

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.



RED CROSS MONTH

Help us make origami cranes for the Peace Memorial outside the NEX Barbershop.

- March 12, 12 to 3 p.m.
- March 19, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- March 26, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

OFF BASE TRAFFIC CONTROL

The roads between Yokosuka City Hall Kitashitaura Branch and Kurihama Pier will be controlled from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Sunday, March 16 due to Kitashitaura Hometown Marathon.

CONSTRUCTION AND CLOSURES

Yokosuka: Due to maintenance, vehicular traffic at Carney Gate will be secured from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., March 7. Pedestrian traffic will not be affected.

- Vandegrift Lane: Full road closure until October 2025.
- The parking lot immediately in front of ATG is secured through 2027 in support of the NSST Shiphandling Trainer construction. Additionally, half of the 12-hour parking lot is also secured to support NSST construction material laydown and management.
- Vandegrift Lane: Full road closure until October 2025.

Ikego: Shisagi Street partial closure. 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. until March 7. Install communications conduit. Partial road closure of Shisagi Street, full closure of adjacent parking spaces.

- A Government of Japan Contractor will perform excavation work on Shisagi Street until Aug. 31, 2025. Working hours will be between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m., Monday through Friday. Excavation site will be controlled as one-way alternating traffic control road during the daytime work. After daily working hours, road should be re-opened.

- 50 percent of Ikego NEX/MWR Parking Lot secured until the end of February 2025.

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