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## Back to School 2025: Fresh Faces, Familiar Traditions, and a Strong Start Across CFAY Schools

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Excitement filled the air this week as students across Commander, Fleet Activities Yokosuka (CFAY) stepped onto campus for the start of the 2025–2026 school year. From kindergartners beginning their very first day to high school seniors marking their final first day, the mood across all CFAY's schools was one of energy, optimism, and community.

The morning began with a familiar scene to many military families, buses pulling up, backpacks slung over shoulders, and students hurrying through the gates with a mix of nerves and excitement. Parents paused for hugs and last-minute photos before watching their children head off into a new year. Teachers lined the entrances to greet students, offering smiles and encouragement to ease the first-day jitters.

At Sullivan's Elementary School and Yokosuka Primary School, students were welcomed with a special tradition, the Ring-In Ceremony.

"Good morning Yokosuka Primary School and The Sullivan's Elementary School. Welcome to this new school year," said Mary Fisk, the Yokosuka Primary School principal. "The teachers and staff have planned many exciting activities and are so happy to be able to welcome you. We wanted to make it special by honoring our tradition of the Ring-In Ceremony."

That tradition was explained by Dwayne Jefferson, the principal of The Sullivan's Elementary School.

"It has been a longstanding tradition to ring in new students at The Sullivan's, and now at Yokosuka Primary, just like on our ships. We will announce each grade level one at a time, ring the bell, and announce

each grade's arrival by saying, 'First grade arriving.'"

Cmdr. Patrick "Güt" Gutierrez, the installation's Chief Staff Officer, joined the principals for the ceremony, ringing the bell as each grade was called forward. Kindergartners and first graders were announced by Fisk, and Jefferson announced second through fourth grades. With each ring of the bell, cheers erupted as students proudly stepped into the new year, creating a moment of unity that reflected both tradition and community pride.

"The Sullivan's School staff look forward to helping our military-connected students 'SWIM to Success' by creating a culture of learning that embraces the 'Whole Child,'" Jefferson said.

The Sullivan's and Yokosuka Primary joined the other Department of Defense Education Activity (DODEA) schools onboard CFAY – Ikego Elementary School, Yokosuka Middle School, and Nile C. Kinnick High School – all welcomed students back on the same day.

At Kinnick, the first day focused on students who had recently moved to Japan. Many are both adjusting to a new school and to life overseas.



"It's always nice to see the new kids that have just moved to Japan mix and find their way at Kinnick," said Robert Stovall, a basketball coach at Kinnick. "I like that about DoDEA schools. There is a group feeling and understanding of what the kids have in common."

This school year also brings transitions across the base community.

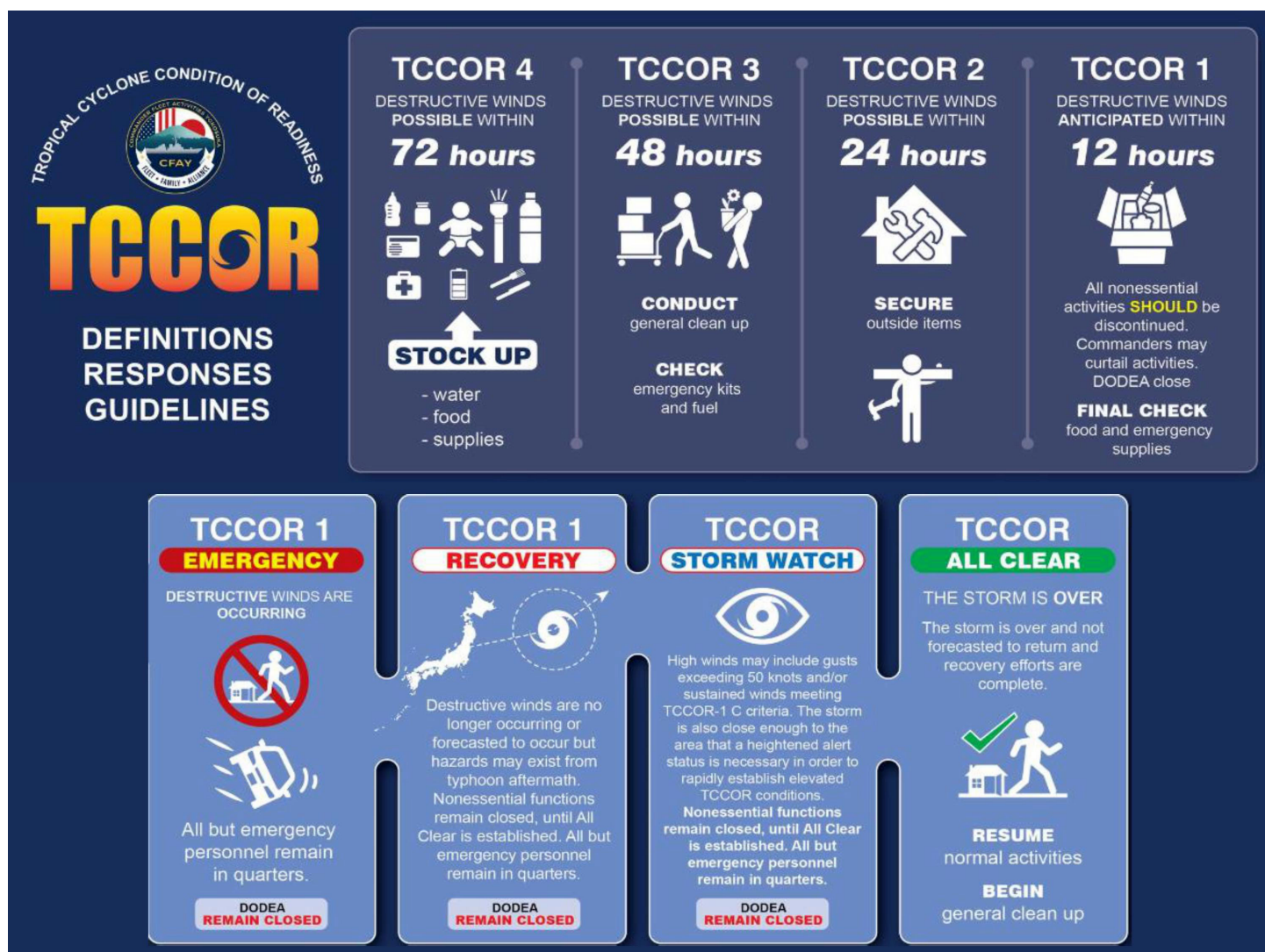
Grade realignments, such as the move of fifth graders from Sullivans to Yokosuka Middle School, schools are adapting while continuing to create supportive environments for students and families. For some, the change represents not just a shift in classrooms but also an opportunity for students to step into new leadership roles. Fourth graders at Sullivans, for example, are now the oldest in the school, giving them the chance to serve as role models for younger classmates.

As the first week turns into the first month, classrooms

begin to settle into routine and students find their rhythm. Just as the ringing of the bells at Sullivans and Yokosuka Primary marked the beginning of the school year, the opening days across the installation signal a new chapter filled with opportunities, challenges, and growth. Together, with the support of dedicated staff, families, and the broader military community, CFAY's students are off to a strong start in 2025–2026.

For more information on DODEA schools, homeschooling, and other educational opportunities for children, please contact the CFAY Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (CFAY MWR) School Liaison Officer at 046-816-5542 or [mwr\\_yokosuka\\_school\\_liaison@us.navy.mil](mailto:mwr_yokosuka_school_liaison@us.navy.mil).

For more than 80 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.





# FFSC WEEKLY

More details on CFAY FFSC YOKOSUKA FB page



## **TAP Core Curriculum**

August 25-27 at 8:00 A.M.

## **Emergency Evacuation Program Overview (EEP)**

August 25 at 10:00 A.M.

## **Everyday Japanese**

August 25 at 10:00 A.M.

## **Emergency & Disaster Preparedness**

August 25 at 11:30 A.M.

## **AOB/ICR**

August 26-28 at 8:00 A.M.

## **CFS Forum**

August 26 at 9:00 A.M. (Virtual)

## **Volunteer Orientation**

August 26 at 11:00 A.M.

## **Debt Destroyer**

August 27 at 9:00 A.M.

## **Surviving in Japan**

August 27 at 10:00 A.M. (Ikego)

## **Volunteer Orientation**

August 27 at 11:00 A.M. (Virtual)

## **ESL/EFL**

August 27 at 1:00 P.M. (Ikego)

## **Home Based Business 101**

August 27 at 1:00 P.M. (Virtual)

## **SAPR VA Advisor**

August 27 at 1:00 P.M.

## **My Vocational Track**

August 28-29 at 8:00 A.M.

## **Financial Planning for Transition**

August 28 at 9:00 A.M.

## **Sponsorship Training**

August 28 at 9:00 A.M. (Virtual)

## **Ombudsman Advanced Training**

August 28 at 10:00 A.M.

## **Helping Children**

August 28 at 10:00 A.M.

## **Navigate Homecoming**

August 29 at 9:00 A.M. (Virtual)

See something you like? Sign up via email: [ffscinfo@us.navy.mil](mailto:ffscinfo@us.navy.mil)

**Registration Required!**

**August 22nd 1000-1400**  
**Meet at Ikego-FFSC Office**

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

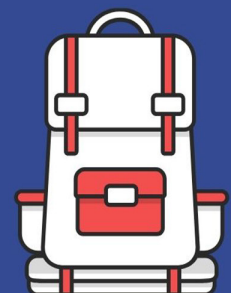


For more information, please call 243-3372 or email [FFSCinfo@us.navy.mil](mailto:FFSCinfo@us.navy.mil)

# ARE YOU READY?



To prepare for the possibility of an evacuation, join our workshop to discuss the MANDATORY USFJ Emergency Evacuation Program (EEP) checklist and packet and what to do with it.



**August 25**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**Bldg. 3365, 4th FL,**  
**HIMAWARI RM**

Please call 243-3372 or email [FFSCinfo@us.navy.mil](mailto:FFSCinfo@us.navy.mil) to sign up!





# DEBT DESTROYER<sup>®</sup> WORKSHOP

**AUGUST 27TH**  
**9 A.M.**  
**HARU ROOM**



For more information  
or to register:  
call DSN: 243-3372 or  
email: FFSCInfo@us.navy.mil

Our new Debt Destroyer workshop is designed to empower you and your family to get out - and stay out of debt.

You will learn proven techniques to overcome your high interest rate consumer debt, make the most of the money you have coming in and get on track to a more secure financial future.



# FINANCIAL PLANNING FOR TRANSITION



## Separating or retiring soon?

Learn about the impact this transition will have on you and your family. Start creating an action plan now!

### Topics covered include:

- Reviewing income
- Changes in expenses
- Managing Credit & Debt
- Utilizing Assets

**August 28th**  
**9 am - 12 pm**  
**CRC BLDG 4<sup>th</sup> FL**  
**HARU RM**



**Registration required:**  
Please call 243-3372/046-816-3372  
or e-mail FFSCInfo@us.navy.mil

SCAN HERE TO REGISTER  
VIA E-MAIL



Taught by an Accredited Financial Counselor

## ENGLISH AS A SECOND/FOREIGN LANGUAGE (ESL/EFL)

ALL NON-NATIVE ENGLISH SPEAKERS  
ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US.  
LEARN EASY CONVERSATIONAL  
ENGLISH.

CFAY IKEGO  
NIKKO COMMUNITY ROOM  
AUGUST 27 AT 1:00 P.M.  
CFAY MAIN BASE  
AUGUST 8 & 22 AT 1:00 P.M.  
VIRTUAL  
AUGUST 13 AT 1:00 P.M.



TO REGISTER  
243 3372 / 046 816 3372 | FFSCInfo@us.navy.mil

## RESILIENT *and* READY

### DEPLOYMENT SUCCESS VIRTUAL CLASSES

**AUG 2025**



Gain tools to manage emotions and challenges associated with deployment.

- ▶ POSITIVE ASPECTS OF DEPLOYMENT
- ▶ CONSTRUCTIVE COMMUNICATION
- ▶ MAINTAIN STRONG CONNECTIONS

### DATE & TIMES

**AUG 4 - SUPPORTING CHILDREN  
DURING DEPLOYMENT @ 1300**  
**AUG 29 - HELPING CHILDREN NAVIGATE  
HOMECOMING @ 0900**

COMMAND REQUESTS AND ONE-ON-ONE  
CONSULTATIONS ARE AVAILABLE.

## REGISTRATION IS EASY!

EMAIL:  
FFSCInfo@us.navy.mil  
OR CALL:  
243-3372 / 046-816-3372





# CPO CLUB



## Shrimp Alfredo • Mondays 4 - 8 p.m.

Shrimp and pasta tossed in creamy Parmesan Alfredo and served with a slice of garlic bread. \$16



## Smoked Prime Rib Night • Tuesdays • 4 - 8 p.m.

Juicy hickory smoked prime rib seasoned to perfection, cooked to your liking and served with hearty vegetables, soup, salad, baked potato and dessert. \$19



## Mongolian BBQ • Wednesdays • 4 - 8 p.m.

Treat yourself to a Mongolian BBQ with a wide selection of meats, fresh vegetables and variety of sauces. Meal comes with soup, steamed rice, pancit, and garlic rice. 85¢ / ounce.



## Texas Style Smoked Brisket • Thursdays • 4 - 8 p.m.

Juicy and tender, melt in your mouth brisket slow cooked and smoked to perfection with our blend of spices. Served with pulled pork, white bread, and your choice of side. \$12.50



## Salmon Fish & Chips • Fridays • 4 - 8 p.m.

Delicious Pacific salmon breaded and fried to perfection served with your choice of side. \$23



## New York Street Chicken Over Rice • Saturdays • 4 - 8 p.m.

A quintessential staple of New York City street vendors! Well-seasoned and slightly charred chicken served on top of yellow rice with lettuce, tomato and onion, and topped with our house sauces. Regular or spicy is available. \$12



## Saturday Brunch • 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

An all-you-can-eat buffet that includes a breakfast section, special carving stations and Japanese food station. Reservations not required but highly recommended.



## Cruise Inn • Monday - Friday • 6 a.m. - 2 p.m.

### Saturdays, Sundays & Holidays • Closed

Stop by and experience our world-famous breakfast menu, only here at Cruise Inn!



## Cove Bar

The only full-service standing Chiefs' Club in the world is right here in Yokosuka! Relieve some of that work stress as you socialize with friends and enjoy complimentary finger food every Friday from 5 - 7 p.m. Authorized patrons only.

For details call 046-816-5506. Bon Appétit!

\*The Department of the Navy does not endorse any company, sponsor or their products or services. Drink responsibly. Do not Drink and Drive.

# Mt. Fuji

## Online Safety Brief

<https://www.navymwr.yokosuka.com/recreation/mt-fuji-climbing-season>

Interested in climbing Mt. Fuji? Our Mt. Fuji online safety briefing is designed to prepare you, and make your hike up Japan's highest mountain a memorable experience! After completing this mandatory safety brief, print out the certificate and bring it to Outdoor Recreation Center to sign up for Mt. Fuji trips.

## Mt. Fuji Day Hikes

What a story to tell back home! Trek, climb, and taste the victory of climbing Japan's tallest mountain, an absolute must-do when visiting Japan! The hike begins at Mt. Fuji's 5th station and challenges even the fittest and most experienced hikers. Bring ¥4000 for admission fee and extra yen to purchase a Fuji Stick and/or stamps for your stick. Minimum age is 10 years old.

**August: 23, & 30**

**\$80 / person • \$60 / Blue Jacket**

## Mt. Fuji Sticks

Head over to Outdoor Recreation Center and purchase a Fuji Stick branded with our very own stamp to start your journey.



For more information, call 046-816-5732.

# FUJI YOSHIDA FIRE FESTIVAL



**TUE. 26  
AUG. 26**

Named one of Japan's Three Most Unique Festivals, the Yoshida-no-Himatsuri has long mesmerized spectators who come from far and wide to witness the towering torches set ablaze along the main thoroughfare in the heart of the city.

It is an autumnal festival held on August 26 & 27 every year at Kitaguchi Hongu Fuji Sengen Shrine and Suwa Jinja Shrine to mark the end of Mt. Fuji climbing season.

**PEGASUS 154**

# Curry Day

**AUGUST 29 • 11 A.M. - 8 P.M.**

**Officers' Club • CPO Club • Club Alliance\* • Club Takemiya**

A delicious curry collaboration between our JMSDF partners and MWR.

Available at all MWR clubs. \*Not available for delivery.



**\$6**



# BEYOND THE GATE



## Uraga Port Festival Aug. 23 (Saturday)

3 to 8 p.m. | Uraga Historic Port Area (10-minute walk from Keikyu Uraga station, KK-64)

Uraga, the famous place where diplomacy between Japan and the U.S. began, hosts its traditional festival in the historic port area. A dedication opens the festival. Traditional attractions lend entertainment to the evening and fireworks over the lantern festooned port conclude the evening.



## Kanazawa Fireworks Festival Aug. 30 (Saturday)

7 to 8 p.m. | Uminokoen (3-minute walk from Kanazawa Seaside Line Uminokoen Minimiguchi Station, or Uminokoen Shibaguchi Station)

This festival sees more than 3,200 fireworks launched into the skies above the only swimming beach of the city of Yokohama. Umi no Koen is a great location as there is plenty of space to settle in with a picnic and wait for the show.

## Kitashitaura Summer Hometown Festival Aug. 24 (Sunday)

2 to 7 p.m. | Miura Shiratorien (12-minute walk from Keikyu Nagasawa Station, KK-69)

A festival day full of music and dance is back for the first time in four years. There will be Bon dance, Tiger Dance, mikoshi and dashi (Japanese festival float) parade. There will also be food stalls for a delicious and enjoyable festival day out in the sun.

## Minato Mirai Bon Odori Festival

Aug. 29 (Friday) - 30 (Saturday)

4:30 to 8:30 p.m. (Aug. 29)/4 to 8:30 p.m. (Aug. 30) | Rinko Park South Square (5-minute walk from Minato Mirai Line Minato Mirai Station, Keyaki-dori Exit 5, MM-03)

Looking out over the evening waters of Yokohama Bay, Rinko Park provides one of the most pleasant locations for one of Japan's most-loved summer traditions.



## International Tokyo Toy Show 2024

Aug. 29 (Friday) - 31 (Sunday)

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Aug. 29 and 30)/9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Aug. 31) | Tokyo Big Sight (3-minute walk from Yurikamome Line Tokyo Big Sight Station, U-11)

This event has been going since 1962 and today sees about 200 vendors (from both within Japan and abroad) gather to showcase more than 35,000 products – from board games to electronic gadgetry. There will be a stage with entertainment for the kids including appearances from various characters. <https://www.tokyotoyshow.com/event/8682/users/login>



# NEWS AND NOTICES

## 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.

- Sept. 9 from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. at USNH Yokosuka 3rd floor Command Auditorium.

- Oct. 7 from 4 to 5 p.m. at CRC, 4th floor, AOB Auditorium

- Nov. 4 from 9 to 10 a.m. at CRC, 4th floor, AOB Auditorium

- Dec. 9 from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. at USNH Yokosuka, 3rd floor, Command Auditorium

To learn more, email: [dha.yokosuka.Yokosuka-NH.list.pfpc@thehealth.mil](mailto:dha.yokosuka.Yokosuka-NH.list.pfpc@thehealth.mil), visit <https://yokosuka.tricare.mil/Patient-Resources/Patient-and-Family-Partnership-Council>

## WOMAN'S HEALTH DAY

The USNH Yokosuka OB/GYN Clinic is hosting a walk-in Women's Health Day Clinic on Sept. 30. No appointment needed!

**Time:** 8 to 11 a.m./1 to 3 p.m.

**Location:** USNH Yokosuka OB/GYN Clinic  
We're offering:

- Full contraception services (IUD/Nexplanon placement/removal, OCPs, Depo shots)
- PAP Smears
- STI Screenings
- HPV Vaccines
- Open to all TRICARE beneficiaries and Space A personnel.

## FLU SHOT SEASON IS ALMOST HERE

U.S. Naval Hospital Yokosuka is holding mass influenza vaccination events this fall. Protect yourself, your family, and your shipmates – mark your calendar now!

### Ikego Detachment

- Oct. 17, 2:15 to 6 p.m. | Ikego Elementary School

- Oct. 18, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. | Ikego Elementary School

### Main Base

- Oct. 23, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. | Fleet Rec Gym

- Oct. 24, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. | Fleet Rec Gym

- Oct. 25, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. | Fleet Rec Gym

- Nov. 13, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. | Fleet Rec Gym
  - Nov. 14, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. | Fleet Rec Gym
  - Nov. 15, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. | Fleet Rec Gym
- Open to all TRICARE Beneficiaries and Space A personnel.

## ANIMAL VISITATION PROGRAM

If you have a dog, Red Cross Yokosuka needs you! For program requirements and questions, email [jacee.maldonado@redcross.org](mailto:jacee.maldonado@redcross.org) or [yokosuka@redcross.org](mailto:yokosuka@redcross.org). All participating dogs must successfully complete the AKC Canine Good Citizen Evaluation.

## VOLUNTEER WITH US

Use the Yokosuka FPO zip code 96349.

- Military Treatment Facility
- Disaster Team
- Special Events
- Office Support
- Youth Preparedness
- Youth clubs

Email: [yokosuka@redcross.org](mailto:yokosuka@redcross.org)

## RED CROSS YOUTH CLUB

Join us this summer to discover more about the Red Cross mission and contribute to your community. Mondays from 10 to 11 a.m., Community Resource Center 3rd floor room 331, American Red Cross training room. Ages 13-18, no pre-registration required.

## LOOKING FOR GIRL SCOUT VOLUNTEERS

Make new friends, have fun, and make a difference at Yokosuka! Email: [amiller@girlscouts.org](mailto:amiller@girlscouts.org).

## CONSTRUCTION AND CLOSURES

**Yokosuka:** Nimitz Boulevard partial closure from Aug. 23 to Sept. 7. Closure will only occur from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the weekends only.

- JM22 South Side partial closure from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Sept. 12. Pedestrians and Vehicles to be routed around work area. Posted security personnel and safety observers.

- Howard Street and Nimitz Boulevard partial closure until Sept. 28. Closures will only be on the weekends. Two way traffic will be maintained. Flagmen will be posted around work areas.

- Vacant Lot full closure until Dec. 30. The

vacant lot between the Post Office and NMCRS Thrift Shop will be used as a laydown area for contractors doing various work around base.

- C Street full closure until Sept. 25. The Yokopon bus will be re-routed down Leahy street, stops will remain the same. Pedestrian routes will be open on either side of the project.

- Gridley Tunnel closure. First closure (until February 2026) is for temporary high voltage power bypass. Second closure is for permanent high voltage power repairs. The second closure (from Feb. 1, 2026 to July 31, 2028) is only for vehicular traffic. Tunnel will be open for pedestrian and bicycle traffic.

- Carney Gate water line replacement. Construction period until Nov. 26. Expect detours and periodic closures for waterline replacement construction. Two-way traffic to be maintained. Most of the work will occur overnight.

- Nimitz Boulevard and Gridley Lane partial road closure. Closure period from Sept. 20 to Nov. 26, 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. Two-way traffic will be maintained with flagmen.

- Vandegrift Lane full road closure until October.

- 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.

**Ikego:** Yasakayato Street will be partially closed from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. until Dec. 25. Installation of communication and electrical lines. Connect water main to new Child and Youth programs building. Flagmen will be posted on both sides to allow two-way traffic.

- Ikego CDC parking lot partial closure until Sept. 30. 14 additional parking spots and Five parallel spots will be closed for the new CDC construction area.

- 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.

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