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This Week at Fleet Activities Yokosuka



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CFAY Honors Kosano Legacy



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Capt. Jonathan Hopkins, Commander, Fleet Activities Yokosuka (CFAY), welcomed two family members of Minakichi Kosano to lunch in the Officers' Club Kosano Dining Room on Jan. 27.

The installation commander had an opportunity at lunch to learn more about the base's history and how the friendship between the Japanese and U.S. communities developed.

Keizo Kosano, the son of Minakichi Kosano, was joined by Mitsuyo Fukushima, the elder Kosano's granddaughter. The older Kosano is an important figure to both the installation's history and the redevelopment of the city. His name lives on in Kosano Park and in the dining room that hosted the meal. Both spaces have connected the base to its host city over the last four decades.

From 1955 to 1982, Minakichi Kosano served as president of the Yokosuka Chamber of Commerce. Much of this 27-year term was during an era when the relationship between the installation and the surrounding community was being forged. Kosano became a de facto representative, serving as a familiar, steady presence. He was a civic leader who moved between cultures and helped keep communication open. His influence on the U.S. Navy presence in Japan was so widely felt that he was playfully – and respectfully – given an honorary title

that does not exist in the naval register: Commander, U.S. Eighth Fleet.

Some major festivals held both on and off base were at least partially accredited to Kosano. The annual Yokosuka Mikoshi Parade, generally held in October, was first held in 1977. Kosano played a role in making it a joint celebration. CFAY Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (MWR) famously participates and is often one of the highlights of the parade. The team is comprised of volunteers throughout the base community wearing traditional Japanese ceremonial clothing and carrying a portable shrine over their shoulders called a mikoshi while dancing to the drumbeats and whistles. A year earlier, in 1976, the Yokosuka Friendship Festival was held for the first time. The creation of this event was credited in part to Kosano's efforts to strengthen the relationship between the city and base. Today, this festival typically aligns with the city's Kaikoku Matsuri, or Opening of the Country Festival. The Kaikoku Festival started in 2003, commemorating Commodore Matthew C. Perry's Black Ship Fleet's arrival.

Kosano died in January 1984 at the age of 80. Within months, the Navy moved to preserve his memory. According to a non-credited June 8, 1984 article in The Seahawk base newspaper, Adm. Sylvester R. Foley Jr., then Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet and a friend of Kosano's, presided over the dedication of Kosano Park on June 1, 1984. Kosano's family attended, including his son Keizo, who watched the unveiling of the plaque and marker that remain on base today. The tribute extended to the Officers' Club as well, where the main dining room was formally named the Kosano Dining Room following the ceremony in the park.

Both of these dedications occurred hours after the Commodore Matthew C. Perry General Mess, then simply named the Enlisted Dining Facility, held a grand opening and hosted its first meal service. It was a busy day for the installation commander, Capt. Walter T. Dziedzic Jr., Photographer's Mate 3rd Class Marla Taylor, and the U.S. 7th Fleet Band, who all attended the three events that morning.

Today, base community members know Kosano Park as





the green space near the installation's aforementioned General Mess. The park is famed for its cherry blossoms in spring and often serves as a popular site for reenlistment ceremonies. On clear nights, the park offers a unique view of Mikasa Park and Yokosuka's skyline. It's also home to the USS Oneida International Peace Memorial, Badger Square, a living cherry blossom tree memorial honoring the victims of 9/11, and a commemoration celebrating the 1st Japan-America Cherry Blossom Festival.

Long before his name was carved into plaques, Kosano's daily life played out in the city itself. He owned and ran a traditional kimono shop, Osano Shoten, located in the Mikasa Building. The Mikasa Building has a storied history and legacy deserving

of its piece. It's the covered shopping street near Yokosuka-Chuo Station. It opened in 1959. The structure was a glimpse of where modern Japanese urban planning was headed, and it became the heartbeat of this port city. Today, Sailors might call the area Mikasa Shopping Plaza, Mikasa Tunnel, Mikasa Shopping Street, or Mikasa-dori, but for Kosano, it was simply where he put in the work.

It's from this complex – home to dozens of shops and vendors – which Kosano practiced and preached his style of personal diplomacy out of his storefront. His leadership helped to build trust, smooth friction, and was critical to ensuring the base's relationship with its host city remained steadfast when it mattered most.

Kosano's contributions were formally recognized with the U.S. Navy Public Service Medal, the highest award the Department of the Navy can bestow on a private citizen. He was the first non-U.S. citizen to be honored with the award.

More than 40 years later, Kosano Park remains what it has always been. It's a place to breathe, gather and mark milestones. It's also a place for thought and remembrance.

Take a walk through Kosano Park today and remember that alliances are upheld not only by policy and posture but also by the daily work of people willing to bridge the distance.

Did You Know: Traffic Safety Trivia

A. Crosswalk

B. School zone

C. Pedestrian only

D. Temporary work zone

1.



2.



3.



4.



Answers: A-3, B-1, C-4, D-2



PLANNING YOUR FINANCIAL FUTURE

January 30 at 9:00 a.m.
Virtual

This course provides the background and tools to develop financial goals and a written plan to achieve your goals. Taught by an accredited financial advisor.



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or email FFSCinfo@us.navy.mil



Department of Labor (DOL) Workshops

February 3
Fleet Rec. Center, 3rd Fl.

Interview Skills – 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.

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

Salary Negotiations – 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

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

Linked-In Profiles – 2:15 – 4:15 p.m.

Learn how to create a LinkedIn profile that markets your professional brand, uses keywords to attract recruiters, and utilizes LinkedIn for skill endorsements and recommendations from their networks.

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FFSC WEEKLY

More details on CFAY FFSC YOKOSUKA FB page



TAP Core Curriculum

February 2-4 at 8:00 A.M.

Single Service Members & Deployment

February 2 at 9:00 A.M. (Virtual)

AOB/ICR

February 3-5 at 8:00 A.M.

DOL - Interview Skills

February 3 at 8:30 A.M.

7 Lucky Gods Tour

February 3 at 8:45 A.M.

Private Organization

February 3 at 9:00 A.M. (Virtual)

DOL - Salary Negotiations

February 3 at Noon

Ikego Japanese Language Series

February 3 at Noon

Symptom Reduction Group

February 3 at 2:00 P.M.

DOL - Linked-In Profiles

February 3 at 2:15 P.M.

Youth ICR (ELEM)

February 3 at 2:30 P.M.

Surviving in Japan

February 4 at 10:00 A.M. (Ikego)

Active Parenting 0-5

February 4 at Noon

My Education Track

February 5-6 at 8:00 A.M.

Sponsorship On-Demand

February 5 at 8:00 A.M. (Virtual)

Paying for College

February 5 at 9:00 A.M. (Virtual)

Active Parenting 5-12

February 5 at 10:30 A.M.

Resiliency Bootcamp

February 5 at 11:30 A.M.

Smooth Move

February 6 at 9:00 A.M.

Military Spouse 101

February 6 at 1:00 P.M.

Enjoying Japanese Food at Home

February 6 at 1:30 P.M.

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

1° OF SEPARATION

"1 Degree of Separation" is not your average mental health talk — this one comes with punchlines.

Blending real talk with big laughs, it brings tough topics like depression, education, and suicide prevention into the spotlight. Come for the laughs, stay for the feels — it's comedy that hits... and heals.

All shows are **FREE**.



MWR Website

Benny Decker Theater - February 25
 10 a.m. • USS George Washington (Ships' Company Only)
 2 p.m. • Active Duty Only
 6 p.m. • All Hands (Family Friendly 12+)





Kosano Dining Room

WEEKLY SPECIALS

FEBRUARY 2 - 7
Eggplant & Zucchini Parmigiana
FEBRUARY 9 - 14
Chicken Normandy
FEBRUARY 16 - 21
Steak Frites w/ Parmesan Fries & Peppercorn Sauce
FEBRUARY 23 - 28
NY Style Reuben Hot Dog

Breakfast: 6 - 11 a.m. • Lunch & Dinner: 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.
 CALL 243-5002 / 5624 TO PLACE AN ORDER

Officers' Club

Chopsticks

ASIAN FOOD TO GO

WEEKLY ENTRÉE SPECIALS

Monday - Friday
 6:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
 Saturdays, Sundays & Holidays
 Closed

We offer five entrée choices daily, alternating between Japanese, Filipino, Korean, Chinese, Thai and other Asian cuisines.

February 2 - 6
 Beef Chingao Rose Green, Chicken Oyako-Don, Pork Zingang, Shrimp Mayo, Happosai

February 9 - 13
 Thai Beef with Basil, Honey Garlic Chicken Kebabs, Pork Adobo, Salt & Pepper Shrimp, Happosai

February 16 - 20
 Chicken Curry, Pork Spare Rib Kaldereta, Szechuan Beef, Shrimp w/ Chili Sauce, Happosai

February 23 - 27
 Chinese Sesame Chicken, Miso Minced Pork Stir Fry, Beef Bulgogi, Potato-Shrimp Clemenceau, Happosai



Shrimp Mayo



Beef Bulgogi

SOUL FOOD night

February 2 & 16
 \$11 / person



Fried Chicken
 Mac & Cheese
 Collard Greens
 Honey-Butter Cornbread

Club Takemiya

Mardi Gras Special

VISIT CLUB TAKEMIYA & RECEIVE A FREE

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WITH THE PURCHASE OF ANY MEAL

February 17



FEBRUARY 9

DOORS OPEN @ 7 A.M.
 ALL LOCATIONS

Officers' Club

Kurofune Lounge*
 Breakfast Buffet & Finger Foods • \$15 / person

CPO Club

Major Room & Cove Bar*
 Breakfast Buffet • \$15 / person
 A la carte Chicken Wings
 \$6 / 6 pcs • \$11 / 12 pcs

Club Alliance

Sharky's Roadhouse
 7 - 10 a.m. • Breakfast Buffet • \$15 / person
 20% off from halftime until end of game on Sharky's limited menu.

Patrons under 20 will not be allowed to enter the Kurofune Lounge, Cove Bar, Sharky's Roadhouse or Club T's Lounge.
 *For authorized patrons only.

Club Takemiya

Dining Room & Lounge
 Breakfast & Lunch Buffet
 \$15 / adult • \$10 / child (6-11) • Free (5 & under)

Bowling Center

Big Game Bowling Pack includes all the bowling you want throughout the duration of the game, one large single topping pizza per lane, and fountain drink.
 \$25 / person (shoe rental included)

All clubs will have a limited menu also available for customers.

Enjoy Watching the Big Game with CFAY-MWR!

Valentine's Day

Run / Walk Challenge

February 1 - 28

Using any run app, create a run route that looks like a heart, flowers, chocolate, or anything Valentine's Day related. Prizes will be awarded to participants who complete the challenge successfully.

Steps:

1. Record your activity using any run app that shows your route.
2. After you complete the activity, take a screen shot of your distance and your Valentine's Day route art.
3. Turn in your art at the Fleet Fitness office to claim your prize.

For more information, call MWR Fitness office at 046-896-4486.

NAVY OPERATIONAL FITNESS & FUELING SYSTEM

NOFFS

SANDBAG SERIES WORKOUT
February 28 • 10 a.m. • Purdy Pavilion



Register at the Fitness Office on the 3rd floor of the Fleet Recreation Center from now through February 27.

\$10 /person

VALENTINE'S DAY

SPECIALS

CLUB ALLIANCE
6 Course Dinner • \$90 / couple
February 14 • 5 - 9:30 p.m.

Oyster Rockefeller
(paired w/ White Wine)
French Onion Soup
Mixed Baby Greens
w/ Cranberry Vinaigrette
Lobster Thermidor
w/ Beurre Blanc Sauce
Over Risotto
(paired w/ Moscato)
Roasted Lamb Chop
& Filet Mignon Steak
w/ Balsamic Reduction
& Fond de Veau Sauce
(paired w/ Red Wine)
Chocolate Dessert
(paired w/ Champagne)

OFFICERS' CLUB
Wine & Dine • \$90 / couple
February 14 • 5 - 9 p.m.

Complimentary Rose
Smoked Salmon Terrine
w/ Balsamic Eggplant & Cucumber
served w/ a Brioche Roll
Roasted Sweet Potato Bisque,
served w/ Sesame Crostini
Lobster Thermidor
w/ Fresh Greens
(paired w/ White Wine)
Beef Wellington w/ Red Wine
Demi-Glace, served w/
Mashed Potatoes & Asparagus
(paired w/ Red Wine)
Crème Brûlée w/ Fresh Strawberries

Tickets & Reservations Required
for O'Club, CPO Club & Club A.
Ticket Sales Start January 26.
Reservations Recommended for Club T.

CPO CLUB
7 Course Dinner • \$90 / couple
February 14 • 5 - 9 p.m.

Complimentary Rose
Tomato Mousse
w/ Lemon Oil Sauce
Harvest Pumpkin Medley w/ Shrimp
Mixed Vegetables served
in a Roasted Pumpkin
Garden Salad Bouquet
Wonton Paper Fried into a
fan bouquet w/ Salad
(paired w/ Champagne)
Onion Soup
Beef Filet w/ Scallop
& Seasonal Vegetables
(paired w/ Red Wine)
Pineapple Sherbet
Chocolate Mousse

CLUB TAKEMIYA
Special Plate • \$25 / plate
February 14 • 4 - 9 p.m.

Rib-eye Steak w/ Sautéed Onion
& Mushroom Demi-Glace
& Creamy Spinach Stuffed
Cod Fillet, served w/
Loaded Potato & Vegetable Medley
Chocolate Strawberry Cream Cake

WALK OF FAME HALL OF FAME

February 27

11:30 a.m.

Meet and Greet at CFAY Galley

1:30 p.m.

Meet and Greet at Liberty Center

For more information
call 046-896-5060.



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BEYOND THE GATE



Miura Sakura Festival

Feb. 5 (Wednesday) - March 2 (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.



Nostalgic 2 Days

Feb. 21 (Saturday) - 22 (Sunday)

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. | Pacifico Yokohama (5-minute walk from Minato Mirai Line Minato Mirai Station, MM-03)

The biggest classic car show in Japan. Various shop demo cars and 10 selected cars will run through venue. Enthusiasts who could never afford to buy a retro car of their own do not go home empty-handed. Same-day ticket: ¥4,000, advance ticket: ¥3,000 both including ¥500 cash voucher. Elementary school age and below, free admission. <https://nos2days.com/pc/ticket.html>

Setsubun (Bean Throwing)

Feb. 3 (Tuesday)

Feb. 3 is Japanese "Setsubun," which means spring division. People in Japan celebrate the arrival of the new season scattering beans in a special ritual to leave behind the evil of the former year and chase away evil spirits in the year to come. Yokosuka has several Setsubun events on Feb. 3 at shrines near the base. Suwa Shrine (2-minute walk from Keikyu Yokosuka Chuo Station, KK-59) at 2 p.m., 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. and Suwa Daijinja (3-minute walk from the main gate, on the hill in front of the base) at 4 p.m. Free "amazake" (a sweet drink made from fermented rice) will be served.



Winter Wonder Festival

Feb. 8 (Sunday)

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. | Makuhari Messe Hall1 -8 (3-minute walk from the north exit of JR Kaihin Makuhari Station, JE-14) Wonder Festival is one of the world's largest festivals dedicated to figure modeling and sculpture. Since relocating its venue to Makuhari Messe in the summer of 2009, the event has grown into a major festival that welcomes approximately 2,000 exhibitors and more than 30,000 attendees each year, attracting significant interest not only from fans in Japan but also from enthusiasts around the world. Ticket: <https://l-tike.com/st1/wf-inbound/Tt/Ttg010agreement/index>

The Jewel of Shonan

Until Feb. 28 (Saturday)

Weekdays: 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.; Weekends and Holidays: 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. | Enoshima Sea Candle (25-minute walk from Enoshima Station, EN-06)

The Enoshima-Katase Coast's winter event attracts guests from all over the country and has been the scene of many holiday romantic dramas and comedies. The one-of-a-kind scenery highlights Shonan's natural beauty and is considered one of the three major illuminations in Kanto Region. For more information, please visit <https://enoshima-seacandle.com/event/shonannohoseki>.

NEWS AND NOTICES

SAVE THE DATE

U.S. Embassy Tokyo is coming to CFAY, Friday, Feb. 20.

What Services:

1. Consular Reports of Birth Abroad (CRBA) Applications
2. Tourist Passport Application for: Minor passports and First Time Adults
3. I-130 Visa Petitions

Where: Admiralty Room, 2nd floor of Officer's Club, Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka

How: By appointment after completing an application screening at RLSO WESTPAC Yokosuka Legal Assistance Office, 2nd floor of building 1555, CFAY. Lookout for more info on checklists for each service and when screening will be available.

WINTER-TIME WOMEN'S HEALTH DAY

Winter-time Women's Health Day is Coming! U.S. Naval Hospital Yokosuka (USNH Yokosuka) OB/GYN Clinic invites all TRICARE beneficiaries and Space-A personnel to our Walk-In Women's Health Day Clinic on Jan. 29, from 8 to 11 a.m./1 to 3 p.m. Join us for convenient, comprehensive women's health services – no appointment needed.

Services Offered:

- Full Contraception Services (IUD/ Nexplanon placement and removal, OCPs, Depo shots)
- PAP Smears
- STI Screenings
- HPV Vaccines

Please note: Walk-in contraception services will not be available on Jan. 27 as we prepare for this event. Take charge of your health this winter – your readiness matters.

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.

- Feb. 3 (Tuesday) from 4 to 5 p.m. in the library at the Community Resource Center

- March 3 (Tuesday) from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. in the USNH Yokosuka Command Auditorium

- April 7 (Tuesday) from 4 to 5 p.m. in the library at the Community Resource Center

If there is a specialty or any medical personnel you are hoping to meet, please let us know so we can try our best to ensure attendance. You can also send in questions beforehand to our distro email: dha.yokosuka.yokosuka-nh.list.pfpc@health.mil

INFLUENZA VACCINATION

USNH Yokosuka's Immunization Clinic will offer flu vaccines at the hospital during regular walk-in hours.

- All Eligible Patients (including Space A) Walk-In: From 8 to 10 a.m., Monday - Friday
- Active-Duty Only Walk-In: From 1 to 3 p.m., Thursday and Friday

VOLUNTEER WITH US

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

- Youth Clubs

Email: yokosuka@redcross.org

ANIMAL VISITATION PROGRAM

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

CONSTRUCTION AND CLOSURES

Yokosuka: Rickert Drive partial road closure to remove and install a new high voltage cable until March 31. Work will be conducted on the weekends to minimize impacts to the community.

- Radford Road partial road closure to remove and install a new high voltage cable until March 31.

- Vandegrift Lane full road closure until 5 p.m., Jan. 29.

- 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.

- The parking lot immediately in front of ATG is secured through 2027 in support of the NSST Shiphhandling Trainer construction. Additionally, half of the 12-hour parking lot is also secured to support NSST construction material laydown and management.

Ikego: Imattumi Road partial closure for general excavation work until Dec. 30, 2026.

 Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka

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