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This Week at Fleet Activities Yokosuka



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CFAY Joins DoWEA Schools to Kick Off Month of the Military Child

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The life of a military child is one of constant change. Alongside the everyday challenges of growing up, military connected children navigate frequent relocations, parental deployments, and the task of adapting to new environments across the globe.

To recognize this resilience, April is designated as the Month of the Military Child (MOMC). Established in 1986 by former Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger, the observance highlights the strength and sacrifices of children growing up in military families. The month is anchored by the "Purple Up!" tradition, where the community wears purple, a color representing the blend of all service branch colors to show unified support for military youth.



Joint School Kickoff

To launch the month-long celebration, Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka (CFAY) partnered with Department of Defense War Education Activity (DoWEA) schools for a kickoff ceremony featuring student leadership from both The Sullivans Elementary and Yokosuka Primary School (YPS).

The event began with YPS Student Council Secretaries Aubrey Cazares and fellow council members from both schools leading the Pledge of Allegiance. YPS Student Council President Kegan Flynn delivered opening remarks, welcoming the community and setting the tone for the month.

During the ceremony, Dr. Johnson, principal of Sullivans Elementary, addressed the audience on the importance of supporting military connected students. CFAY Commanding Officer Capt. Jonathan Hopkins also shared remarks highlighting the vital role children play in the Navy's mission.



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Capt. Jonathan Hopkins, CFAY Commanding Officer, Cmdr. Patrick Gutierrez, CFAY Chief Staff Officer, Command Master Chief Dennis Hunt, and Ikego Elementary School Principal Stacey Hull-Walsh joined the community for the march. Dressed in purple and carrying handmade banners, the students were met by families who lined the route to cheer. The event highlighted the strength and adaptability of military-connected youth, acknowledging their vital role in maintaining a stable and resilient home front for the joint force.

"Military kids are asked to do a lot, and that takes a special kind of strength," said Hopkins. "Your mom or dad wears the uniform, but you are a big part of the team. You help your family stay strong through every move, every goodbye, and every new beginning."

The ceremony concluded with remarks from Student Council Historian Eleanor Napier, followed by a performance from the U.S. 7th Fleet Band quintet. As the music played, students walked along red carpets lined with cheering military parents and Sailors, symbolizing the community's appreciation.

Ikego Purple Up! Parade

The celebrations continued April 9 at the CFAY Ikego Detachment, where students and faculty from Ikego Elementary School marched in a "Purple Up! For Military Kids" parade through Ikego Heights Family Housing.



Commitment to the Fleet

These school-based celebrations lead into the installation's signature Purple Up! Community Event, scheduled for April 25 at Kosano Park from 2 to 5 p.m. The festival will feature face painting, carnival games, inflatables, crafts, and free food, providing a final opportunity for the community to gather in support of its youngest members.

For decades, CFAY has remained committed to fostering a supportive environment for service members and their families. By providing essential services and a strong sense of community for those stationed overseas, the installation ensures that families remain resilient, allowing the fleet to stay focused on the mission.



Commander, Fleet Activities Yokosuka (CFAY) newly installed stop sign stands in front of the Ikego Navy Exchange Mini Mart and Jimmuji train station at Ikego Hills Family Housing Area in early April 2026. The sign was placed to improve traffic awareness and enhance pedestrian safety in a heavily traveled area. (Photo by Sheryl Sullivan, CFAY Public Affairs)

April is Sexual Assault Awareness & Prevention Month: Building a Stronger, Safer Navy

Every April, the Navy observes Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month (SAAPM). It is a dedicated time to reaffirm our commitment to eliminating sexual assault and strengthening a culture of respect, trust and accountability across the fleet. SAAPM is more than a series of events; it is a call to action for every Sailor, spouse and civilian employee to help create a Navy community where all individuals feel safe, valued and supported.



Capt. Jonathan Hopkins, Commander, Fleet Activities Yokosuka, signs the Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month (SAAPM) Proclamation April 10, 2026. The month of April is nationally recognized as SAAPM to raise awareness and refresh commitment to the relevant programs. (Photo by James Kimber, CFAY Public Affairs)

Why SAAPM Matters Sexual assault undermines readiness, erodes trust and impacts the well-being of our people.

SAAPM provides an opportunity to: Increase awareness of sexual assault and its impact. Reinforce prevention strategies and active intervention skills.

Highlight available resources for survivors. Encourage open dialogue about healthy command climates. Strengthen our collective responsibility to look out for one another. Prevention is not limited to a single month; it is a year-round shared responsibility, and when we work together, we strengthen not only our commands but the entire Navy by creating a climate where sexual assault is never tolerated. SAAPM also serves as a reminder that survivors are never alone.

The Navy's Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Program provides confidential, 24/7 support. The DoD Safe Helpline provides live, individualized support and can connect you with your local SAPR Program.

Services are available to the military community 24/7 via telephone at 1-877-995-5247, text at 55-247 or 001-202-470-5546, or at:

<https://safehelpline.org/>

American Red Cross Classes

CPR Training, Basic Life Support, and Babysitting Basics



All classes are blended learning classes. Classes may be added based on community need and instructor availability. Enroll today!

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

- Tuesday, April 28, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Saturday, May 2, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Thursday, May 7, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

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.

Did You Know: Traffic Safety Trivia

A. One-way



B. Left turn ok



C. Turn left



D. Turn left or go straight



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



Introduction of Blue Tickets

The Government of Japan began enforcing a new system of traffic tickets, known as "blue tickets," issued to cyclists for violations.

• Affected group

This applies to all bicycle riders aged 16 and older.

• Targeted violations

The system focus on dangerous violations such as ignoring traffic lights, failing to stop at stop signs, and riding on the wrong side of the road, etc...

• Penalties

Violators are subject to fines.

• Objective

The primary goal is to decrease the number of bicycle-related accidents and enhance overall road safety.

Violations subject to blue tickets

When identifying a traffic offence committed by a cyclist, police officers generally give a warning at the scene. However, if the offence is malicious and dangerous enough to pose a significant danger and nuisance to other pedestrians or vehicles and to create a risk of traffic accidents, police officers issue a blue tickets.

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|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Disobeying traffic signals ¥6,000 ¥5,000 for running flashing signals | Stop sign violation ¥5,000 | Driving on the wrong side of the road ¥6,000 |
| Use of mobile phone, etc. (Holding) ¥12,000 | Trespassing at a closed level of crossing ¥7,000 | Defective braking system, other brakeless bicycle, fixed-gear bicycle ¥5,000 |

These violations are examples.

In case of committing serious violations*, or causing accidents, offenders are subject to criminal procedures (issuance or reed tickets)
 *Drink driving, driving under influence of alcohol, obstructive driving, use of mobile phones (causing a danger to traffic)

In addition: If a person caused a traffic accident or is caught two or more times within three years for any of the 16 types of traffic offences including running a red light, etc, the Prefectural Public Safety Commission orders the person to attend a "Lecture for Cyclists".

For more information, visit MPD website



Strike Out Child Abuse



Thursday, April 23
CFAY Bowling Center
4 - 6 p.m.

Join FFSC for a **FREE** bowling event and raise awareness with us!

✉ FFSCINFO@US.NAVY.MIL
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- Educational Crafts
- Free Shoes & Lane Rental



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MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

PURPLE UP!

25 APRIL
KOSANO PARK
2 - 5 P.M.

FACE PAINTING
CARNIVAL GAMES
INFLATABLES
CRAFTS • FREE FOOD*

*While supplies last.

BENNY DECKER THEATER

Free kid-friendly movies open to all hands.

April 3
 • 1 p.m. | Zootopia

April 4
 • 1 p.m. | Dr. Seuss: The Lorax

April 11
 • 1 p.m. | Enchanted

April 18
 • 10 a.m. | Minions
 • 1 p.m. | Minions: The Rise of Gru

April 25
 • 1 p.m. | Lilo & Stitch (2025)

BOWLING CENTER

April 25
11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

* Free bowling package is open to all hands.

- Free Shoe Rental
- Free Bowling (2 Hours)
- One free cheese or pepperoni personal size pizza.
- One free fountain drink
- **PURPLE** pin wins!

Bowl a strike with a purple head pin and win a free game coupon!

GREEN BAY MARINA

April 25 & 26
11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

* Open to authorized MWR patrons.

\$1 Rentals

- Kayaks
- Stand Up Paddle Boards
- Bike Boats

* Children without DoD ID must be accompanied by a parent. Children who are 18 years old and still in high school are also eligible.



For more information, please call
046-896-5060



BEYOND THE GATE



Miura Clan Samurai Parade April 19 (Sunday)

1 to 3 p.m. | In the vicinity of JR Kinugasa Station (1-minute walk from JR Kinugasa Station, JO-02)

A parade recreating the heroic departure of the Miura clan's warriors takes place at a site closely associated with the Miura family.

Yokosuka Downtown Kids Festival

April 19 (Sunday)

11 a.m. to 4 p.m. | In the vicinity of Mikasa Street, Lidre Yokosuka Area and Blue Street area

There will be enjoyable events like street performances, an earthquake-simulation vehicle, flea markets, food trucks, and more!

Kurihama Flower Park Historic Car Day

April 25 (Saturday)

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. | Kurihama Flower Park (30-minute drive from Yokosuka main base/20-minute walk from JR Kurihama, JO-01 or Keikyu Kurihama Station, KK-67)

Famous, popular historical cars gather in the square in front of Poppy Garden! Please look forward to seeing these cool cars. This luxurious park utilizes the natural terrain and features seasonal flowers throughout the year. The park also offers playgrounds for children.



Ootawa Azalea Festa

Until April 19 (Sunday)

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. | Ootawa Azalea Hill (35-minute bus ride from JR Yokosuka Station/25-minute bus ride from Keikyu Yokosuka Chuo Station, KK-59. 30-minute drive from Yokosuka Main Base.)

More than 50,000 azalea will be in peak bloom between mid-April and May. There will be a farmer's market and Japanese sweets sale during the festival.



Wisteria Festival

April 18 (Saturday) - May 5 (Monday)

9 a.m. to 7 p.m. | Yokosuka Iris Garden (Take a #3 bus from JR Kinugasa Station, JO-02 and get off at Iris Garden bus stop. 2-minute walk from the bus stop)

Yokosuka Iris Garden is known for its 412 varieties of iris flowers and more than 140,000 blooms. Food trucks, a farmers' market and local ice cream are also featured. Limited parking is available. Admission is ¥320.

Showa Day (Japanese Holiday)

April 29 (Wednesday)

Showa Day honors the birthday of Emperor Showa (Hirohito), the reigning emperor from 1926 to 1989. The purpose of the holiday is to encourage public reflection on the turbulent 62 years of Hirohito's reign, ranging from totalitarianism to the post-war reconstruction and transition into a democratic state. **Public transport will operate on a holiday schedule.**

NEWS AND NOTICES

VIPRR SERVICES RETURNING FOR PHAS

The Defense Health Agency's (DHA) Virtual Integrated Patient Readiness and Remote Referral (VIPRR) program will be available again for a temporary 90-day period to assist Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka (CFAY) tenant commands with Periodic Health Assessments (PHA).

Important Update for Sailors

in Japan: While the program has been approved, some CFAY tenant command UICs have not yet been loaded into the VIPRR system. VIPRR is currently updating the database and expects Japan-based UICs to begin appearing in the system starting next week. They anticipate being caught up by the end of this week (East Coast time).

How to use VIPRR for your PHA:

1. Complete the online PHA first <https://eha.health.mil/EHA/>
2. Call VIPRR to schedule your appointment, 1-844-863-3236

Hours of operation

Monday–Friday, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Central Standard Time)

- If you already have a scheduled PHA appointment but need an earlier date, VIPRR may be able to assist once your UIC is available in the system. VIPRR access will be authorized for 90 days while DHA evaluates continuation of the program.

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 U.S. Naval Hospital (USNH) Yokosuka. Engage directly with hospital leadership in matters that concern the health and welfare of CFAY. Join us at the upcoming meetings.

- May 5 from 9 to 10 a.m. in the Community Resource Center, 3rd floor, Kumon Room

- June 2 from 4 to 5 p.m. in the Community Resource Center, 1st floor, Library
- July 7 from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. in the Naval Hospital's Command Auditorium, 3rd floor.

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

WOMEN'S HEALTH DAY AT USNH YOKOSUKA

The USNH Yokosuka OB/GYN Clinic will host a walk-in Women's Health Day Clinic on May 21 to help make preventive care easier and more accessible for our community. Clinic Hours:

- 8 to 11 a.m./1 to 3 p.m.

Services available during the event include:

- Full contraception services (IUD/ Nexplanon placement or removal, oral contraceptives, Depo shots)
- PAP smears
- STI screenings
- HPV vaccines

This walk-in clinic is open to all TRICARE beneficiaries and Space Available personnel.

Please note: The regular Tuesday walk-in contraceptive clinic on May 19 will not be available as the team prepares for this event.

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: Carney Gate night to close on April 19 from 10 p.m. to 12 a.m.

- Clement Street partial road closure from 7 p.m. to 4 a.m., June 1 to July 3.
- Howard Street partial road closure from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. until May 15.
- High traffic lane modification from 5 to 8:30 a.m. Outbound traffic merges into one lane in front of the CPO Club. Inbound traffic will shift to the two middle lanes creating a two lane inbound pattern in front of Building 1997.
- Duncan Street partial road closure until May 29.
- Partial road closure on Howard Street until May 31 on weekends.
- Partial Road Closures are required for cleaning of CHT lines at various locations on base. Two-Way Traffic will be maintained through flagmen. Partial closures will occur in one area at a time.
- Lawrence Avenue and Decatur Avenue: Until May 15.
- In front of building B-48: Until May 20.
- Turner Street: Until May 20.
- Sampson Avenue: Until May 29.
- San Diego Street: Until June 19.
- Base taxi parking area near King Street: May 7 - June 1.
- Perry Avenue and Macdonough Avenue: May 7 - June 10.
- The parking lot 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: Imattumi Road partial closure for general excavation work until Dec. 30.

 Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka

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IKEGO NEW STOP SIGN

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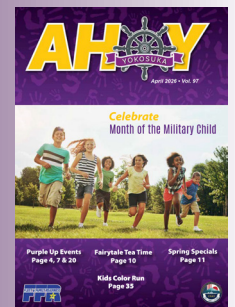


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