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This Week at Fleet Activities Yokosuka



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CFAY QRP Contributes to Environmental Protection and Cost Reduction



Story by CFAY Public Affairs

A green initiative that brings in the green! In 2025, the Qualified Recycling Program (QRP) generated an impressive \$1.1 million in funds. A revenue record due to process improvements implemented by the QRP team. Under the leadership of QRP and Solid Waste Manager Jason Cornelison, the program successfully diverted thousands of tons of materials, like light metal, brass, copper and aluminum, from landfills.

"We want to promote long-term environmental stewardship by fostering education, awareness, regional collaboration, and continuous improvement in waste management practices to reduce overall waste generation, enhance resilience, and contribute



Scrap metals sit separated from other solid waste materials at Commander, Fleet Activities Yokosuka's Qualified Recycling Program (CFAY QRP) Yard April 2, 2026. (Photo by James Kimber, CFAY Public Affairs)

to Navy-wide sustainability goals," Jason Cornelison, QRP Manager stated.

"The cornerstone of the base's environmental effort is the Qualified Recycling Program," Cornelison said. The program provides collection, disposal and recycling services in compliance with U.S. and Japanese environmental laws. "A key objective of this initiative is to divert at least 50% of non-hazardous solid waste from landfills and incinerators," Cornelison said. He added that all proceeds gained from the QRP are invested back into environmental, safety and quality-of-life initiatives on base.

To achieve these objectives, the program relies on the cooperation of all commands and residents within the CFAY area of responsibility. The base's environmental efforts underscore the commitment to reducing pollution at its source by integrating cost-effective strategies into daily operations. Through these structured programs and the active participation of the base community, CFAY continues to address the complex challenge of waste management in a forward-deployed environment.



A bicycle frame sits on a heap of scrap metal at Commander, Fleet Activities Yokosuka's Qualified Recycling Program (CFAY QRP) Yard April 2, 2026. CFAY QRP collects materials including scrap metal, used cooking oil, batteries, and other hazardous solid waste that can be sold to for reuse in industrial environments. In 2025, CFAY QRP generated approximately \$1.1 million in funds by diverting eligible solid waste from landfills and into recycling centers. The raised funds are invested back into the installation's environmental, safety and quality-of-life programs. (Photo by James Kimber, CFAY Public Affairs)

Good Stewards: CFAY's Commitment to Sustainable Waste Management

Story by CFAY Public Affairs

Every time you toss an item into a bin at Commander, Fleet Activities Yokosuka (CFAY), you trigger a complex industrial process designed to protect the environment and support the community. Our waste management system ensures that "trash" becomes a resource rather than a burden.



Two Yamaki Arm-Roll Trucks pass each other in front of Commander, Fleet Activities Yokosuka's (CFAY) Solid Waste Incinerator Plant April 2, 2026. The Solid Waste Incinerator Plant manages the base's "burnable" refuse internally, reducing reliance on Japanese landfills by incinerating typical household and office waste at high temperatures. (Photo by MC2 Quinton A. Lee, CFAY Public Affairs)

The journey begins when base contractors transport your discarded items to the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF). There, automated machinery and manual labor meticulously segregate waste to ensure recyclable items find a second life. Once sorted, the base sells these recyclables, and the resulting revenue flows directly into the Qualified Recycling Program (QRP). This program reinvests those funds back into the base, supporting the very services and facilities you use every day.

Powering the Base Solid Waste Process Through Incineration

Items that cannot be recycled move to the on-base incinerator. This facility does more than just reduce waste volume; the CFAY Incinerator Plant captures the thermal energy generated during the combustion process to provide the plant with its own heating and hot water.

The sustainability cycle continues even after the fire goes out. Contractors transport 80% of the ash produced by the incinerator to an off-base partner where the material is repurposed into durable construction materials specifically used for building and repairing roads. Literally turning base waste into the pavement beneath your tires.

Safety Alert: Keep Hazards Out of the Bin

While our systems are efficient, improper disposal poses a significant threat to our personnel and facilities. Our solid waste contractors frequently discover hazardous materials – including batteries, aerosol cans, and household chemicals – mixed into general trash containers.

While tossing these items in the nearest bin may seem convenient, it creates a risk for fires. Our contractor currently identifies and diverts these items to the HAZ Yard during their daily rounds, but we need your help to eliminate the hazard at the source. Please ensure all hazardous materials are taken to the proper collection points.

Environmental Notice: Unwanted Household Hazards

Did you know that everyday household items are considered hazardous if they contain corrosive, toxic, ignitable, or reactive ingredients? Improperly disposing of these chemicals – such as pouring them down the drain, dumping them on the ground, or letting them run into storm sewers – severely harms our local environment and endangers human health.



Commander, Fleet Activities Yokosuka (CFAY) community members visit CFAY's Household Hazardous Product Reuse Program April 3, 2026. The program reduces disposal costs and environmental impact by circulating usable hazardous materials – such as paint, cleaners, and automotive products – for free base-wide use while ensuring strict compliance with Japanese environmental regulations.

To combat this and help our community save money, CFAY offers a free drop-off and pick-up program for excess or unwanted household hazardous products. Rather than throwing away a half-used cleaner or a can of paint, you can safely drop it off for a community member to use, or you can browse the inventory to pick up supplies for your next project at absolutely no cost!



Driving the Product Reuse Program

Employee Spotlight: Fumie Nisaka
Division: CFAY Environmental Division
Roles: Pesticide Coordinator, Household Product Reuse, & Solid Waste Program Manager

If you've ever visited the Household Hazardous Waste Product Reuse Program, chances are you have been greeted by the friendly and welcoming face of Fumie Nisaka. Nisaka oversees the collection of household hazardous products dropped off by community members, which includes everyday items like cleaners, automotive fluids, and sprays. Instead of simply disposing of these materials, Nisaka ensures that usable items are organized and made available for free pickup.

This fantastic initiative provides a safe disposal method while directly helping to reduce household costs for our community members. "My goal is to make it as easy as possible for our community to do the right thing. By safely reusing these household products, we not only protect our local environment here at CFAY, but we also help our families save money," Nisaka said. Nisaka's hard work and dedication pay massive dividends for the installation. By expertly managing the solid waste and reuse programs, she ensures that CFAY is fully optimizing every opportunity to be environmentally friendly and responsible.

Thank you, Fumie, for your outstanding commitment to our community and our environment!

Common Waste Turn in Guide

Here are the specific CFAY recycling locations:

Location	Accepted Items	Hours of Operation	Contact	Location
Household Hazardous Material Reuse Program	Stains, wood finishes, pesticides, herbicides, odor remover spray, oven cleaner, multi-purpose cleaner, sanitizing spray, hand sanitizer, bar soap, isopropyl alcohol, bleach	9-11 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Friday; 1-3 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday, excluding holidays	243-4100	Parking lot at Duncan and Rickert streets (behind the government gas station).
Qualified Recycling Program	Mixed metal items, 100% metal items, white goods/appliances (freon-free), lithium-ion and nickel-metal hydride batteries, lead-acid batteries, cooking oil, car oil, kerosene, clean white paper, cardboard, textiles, good condition crates and pallets, scrap metal	8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, excluding holidays	243-3817 or 243-5806	Building 4856 (behind the NEX Depot Store)
Car Care Center	Flares, 5-gallon propane gas tanks, car batteries, coolant, kerosene, diesel, engine oil	7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday; 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, excluding holidays	243-4778 or 243-5826	Building 1314 (behind the NEX Auto port)
Auto Skills Center	Tires, all automobile oils (engine, brake, transmission), coolant, car batteries	11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday, Thursday, Friday; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sunday, excluding holidays	243-5456	Building 1288 (behind the NEX Auto port)
Hazardous Waste Storage Area (HWSA) or battery collection area between the Exchange and Commissary	Lithium ion, lead acid (damaged), alkaline and button batteries, lithium manganese oxide, nickel cadmium, other vehicle batteries (contact HWSA before turn-in)	HWSA, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday – Friday, excluding holidays. Reservation recommended. Drop-off point between Commissary and Exchange, 24/7	243-5777	Building 1822

Product Acceptance Guidelines

To ensure everyone's safety and maintain environmental compliance, the exchange program requires that all donated items meet specific criteria before they can be accepted.

Condition	Requirement
Product Origin	Must be U.S. products only.
Container State	Must be in the original, closed, clean, and non-leaking container.
Volume Remaining	Product should be brand new or at least half full.
Documentation	Please bring the product's Safety Data Sheet (SDS) with you, if available.

Did You Know: Traffic Safety Trivia

A. Road closed for 4-wheeled vehicle

1.



B. Road closed for motorcycle and moped

2.



C. Road closed for bicycle

3.



D. Road closed for motorcycle and passenger

4.



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.

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





SY 26-27 RE-REGISTRATION

Re-Register online @
DoDEA Student Information System- Aspen

Required
Information:

- Updated Orders
- Updated Lease or Housing Letter
- Updated Contact Information & Emergency Contacts
- Physical & Mailing Address Required

Questions? Contact the Ikego Elementary registrar at:
Yukiko.abe@dodea.edu



Ikego Elementary School
STEAM DAY
Friday, May 15, 2026



CALL FOR PRESENTERS

Dear Ikego Community,

Do you have a background or expertise in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, or Mathematics)? Does your career or hobby rely on STEAM knowledge and skills? If so, we would love to invite you to participate as a presenter at **Ikego Elementary School's STEAM Day on Friday, May 15, 2026!**

We are currently seeking enthusiastic volunteers to host engaging STEAM sessions for our students in Kindergarten through 5th grade. Presenters may:

- Share information about their career and how STEAM plays a role in their work
- Lead hands-on, interactive activities
- Perform demonstrations that spark curiosity and creativity

This is a wonderful opportunity to inspire young learners, showcase your expertise, and help students see the real-world applications of STEAM.

Commands, dependents, and host nationals are all welcome to participate. Whether you are a professional in a STEAM field or simply passionate about a STEAM-related hobby, your knowledge and experiences can make a lasting impact on our students.

If you are interested in volunteering as a presenter, please reply to Aaron.Shiver@dodea.edu with a brief description of your proposed activity or presentation.

We look forward to partnering with you to make this year's STEAM Day an exciting and memorable experience for our students!

Warm regards,

Aaron Shiver
STEAM Day Chair
Ikego Elementary School

**America's
Armed Forces
KIDS
COLOR
RUN**
MAY 16 • 9 A.M.
Purdy Pavilion • Free Event

Register at the Fitness office or Purdy Gym through May 15th.

For more information, please call
046-896-4486

It's Time to Get Dirty!

**MUD
RUN
MAY 9**

9 a.m. • Ikego Fitness Center

Join us for a day of fun, fitness and muddy excitement!
Be sure to bring comfortable workout gear and prepare to get muddy!

Sign up in person at the Fleet Fitness Center Office on the 3rd floor of the Fleet Recreation Center.
Registration fee includes a T-shirt (while supplies last).

Adults: \$15 • Kids: \$10

For more information, please call
046-896-4486

May 2 • 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Kosano Park



PICNIC IN THE PARK

Lawn Games • Activities • Music
Complimentary Food*

Rain Date: May 9 | *Complimentary food available while supplies last.

For more information, please call
046-896-5060



Golden Week 2026

"Golden Week," a period of Japanese national holidays and weekends, begins on Saturday, April 25. As many families and friends are expected to travel by car, train, or plane throughout Japan, please allow time for traffic congestion. This year, Golden Week 2026 is split in two, effectively giving most people two consecutive five-day weekends. The holidays begin Saturday, April 26 through Tuesday, April 29 and resume Saturday, May 2 through Wednesday, May 6. Drivers should expect more traffic than usual during the week. Personnel who prefer to use local public transportation off base should plan to use the Weekends and Holidays Timetables. Flights and bullet trains may be especially crowded. Popular tourist destinations and amusement parks will likely have significantly larger crowds. Hotels may be sold out or be unusually expensive and many restaurants may have long wait times during the holiday break.

Showa Day

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.

Constitution Memorial Day

May 3 (Sunday)

Constitution Memorial Day is a public holiday in Japan. It takes place on May 3 in celebration of the enactment of the 1947 Constitution of Japan. Constitution Memorial Day is a time to reminisce about the events of Japan's history. Wednesday, May 6 is a substitute holiday this year.

Green Day

May 4 (Monday)

The present observation of Greenery Day stems from the celebration of the birthday of the Emperor Shōwa on April 29. In 1989, following the ascension of the Emperor Akihito to the Chrysanthemum Throne, the name of the holiday was changed to Greenery Day. Officially, as its name suggests, it is a day to commune with nature and to be thankful for blessings.

Children's Day

May 5 (Tuesday)

Children's Day takes place annually on May 5. It is a day set aside to respect children's personalities and to celebrate their happiness. Children's Day is a day to wish for the happiness of all children since 1948, but its origin was a day for boys from the Kamakura period in the 12th century, and the customs of Children's Day still retain vestiges from that time.

BEYOND THE GATE



Kanrinmaru Festival

April 25 (Saturday) and 26 (Sunday)

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. | Sumitomo Heavy Industries, Uraga Factory (10-minute walk from Keikyu Uraga Station, KK-64)
This festival celebrates the Kanrin-maru, the first Japanese ship to sail across the Pacific Ocean. Here you can learn about the ship, enjoy a variety of activities, and more! U.S. 7th Fleet Band performance, 12 to 1 p.m. on April 25. Some portions of the event will require fees for light meals.



Wisteria Festival

Until 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.



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.



Ryogoku Vibrant Festival

April 20 (Saturday) and 26 (Sunday)

10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. | Kokugikan Street (Infront of JR Ryogoku Station, JB-19)
Sumo Town Ryogoku is also the home to some major museums. This festival focuses on the unique characteristics of the Ryogoku area – sumo wrestling and the textile industry – and offers a wide variety of new events for everyone to enjoy. How about trying sumo wrestlers' traditional food "chanko nabe"?

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: Howard Street partial road closure from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for the following days. May 15, May 23 - 29 and June 5 -30.

- Clement Boulevard partial road closure from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on May 16.
- 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.
- Ikego:** Sasagayato, Imattumi, and Takenoshiro Street full road closure for asphalt road paving restoration work from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on April 27.
- Perry Avenue and Macdonough Avenue: May 7 - June 10.
- Imattumi Road partial closure for general excavation work until Dec. 30.

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