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NAVFAC, PWD Introduce CFAY Designer Manhole Cover

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Yokosuka's Naval Facilities, or NAVFAC, Far East unveiled a designer manhole cover last week carrying on a modern Japanese tradition that's grown in popularity over the last 50 years.

The Public Works Department Production Team fashioned the cover after the Commander, Fleet Activities Yokosuka command crest with the hiragana for "osui," or sewage, near the cover's edge.

Satomi Furuno is a Production Control Specialist at NAVFAC. She said her team believe the manhole covers are a good item to help build deeper relationships within the community because it can go beyond language barriers and cultural differences. It was also fun project.

The covers being replaced were nearing the end of their service life and "NAVFAC was looking for a manufacturer who could provide products in a timely manner," Furuno said.

"I knew that designer manhole covers were very popular in Japan because my sister-in-law enjoys collecting cards of manhole covers produced by Japanese cities and had actually gone out to take pictures of them," Furuno said.

Japan's designer manhole covers began in Okinawa's Naha City in 1977. The covers were crafted with "happy fish in water that had been cleaned by the new sewer system," according to a Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan article.

The initiative promoted the infrastructure's installation and helped to bring awareness to the sewage system's need. Other cities soon followed and, by 1981, city government's added fluorescent and reflective paints to the covers for safety and aesthetics. Today, it's estimated more than 90-percent of Japan's municipalities maintain at least one designer manhole cover.

The customized covers have become more elaborate over the years and highlight the area's claim to fame. They feature castles, local crops, sports teams, anime characters, ancient battles, and anything else imaginable.

They've become so entrenched in Japanese society, that there are enthusiasts – like Furuno's sister-in-law – who travel

the country to visit each one and build large photo galleries in their phones. These hobbyists are called "manholers" and many local governments have taken notice.

Cities will occasionally retire manhole covers and auction them off to collectors interested in owning a heavy piece of local culture. National organizations devoted to the metal art coordinate annual conventions. In Kansai, a region famous for raising wagyu cattle, it's possible to find vendors at festivals who grill steaks on replica covers to sear the street ornament's unique patterns on each cut.

NAVFAC and Public Works plan to install at least three of the colorized manhole covers outdoors "somewhere around the Main Gate and Kosano Park," Furuno said.

The non-color versions will be installed at random and finding them will be like an "Easter Egg Hunt around base," she said.

The one that is installed is in a spot that is about as random as possible on Main Base. CFAY's only installed designer manhole cover is tucked away behind the Yokosuka Base Water Treatment Plant on the edge of Mitscher Street, a narrow side street only accessible off of E Street.

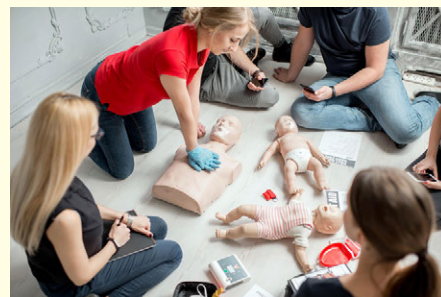




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American Red Cross Summer Classes

All classes are blended learning courses including an online portion, and an instructor-led classroom skill session. The online portion must be completed prior to the skills test.



CPR/AED/First Aid Course (\$55)

- Saturday, June 1: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- Monday, June 3: 3 to 6 p.m.
- Saturday, June 22: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Basic Life Support Course (\$55)

- Thursday, July 11: 1 to 4 p.m.

- Thursday, July 25: 1 to 4 p.m.

Babysitting Basics (\$70) Recommended for ages 11-17)

- Saturday June 2: 2 to 5 p.m.

Additional classes available by request for group of plus three.

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 FFSC YOKOSUKA FB page



AOB/ICR

May 28-30 at 0800

Million Dollar Sailor

May 28-30 at 0830

Ikego Japanese Language Series

May 28 at 1200

SAPR Admin VA Training

May 30 at 0900

Supporting Children and Deployment

May 30 at 1300 (Virtual)

Retirement Symposium

May 31 at 0800

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Resiliency Bootcamp

Date & Time:

1130-1230

Every 1st & 3rd

Thursday of the month

Apr 4.18

May 2.16

June 6.20

Let's
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Health

Location:

Library
Meeting Room
at CRC Building

About the Class

This course is designed to help you build resiliency to and
achieve your best SELF.

Let's work out
elements of meditation and self-care that will help you enhance
your mental fitness.

Registration Required:

Contact: FFSCinfo@us.navy.mil, DSN: 243-7878

TEEN SUMMER EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

June 3 - Aug 16



Come
work for
CYP!

Teens, are you stuck in Yokosuka all Summer?
Do you Need a job? Come work for CYP!

Summer Teen Employment Program

High School Students: 15-18 years old.

Dates: June 3 through Aug 16

Salary: \$15 per hour (up to 40 hours a week)

"Whaaaaaaat? Potential to earn \$6000+ over the
Summer?! Yes!

Must attend two pre-employment
trainings on April 8 from 9 a.m. - Noon at the
CRC Bldg. # 3365, 4th floor AOB/ICR auditorium.

For more information or to signup
call or email our School Liaison Officer at
MWR_Yokosuka_School_Liaison@us.navy.mil or
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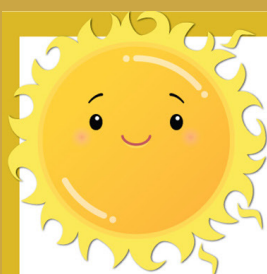


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OPERATING HOURS
1000-1800
27 MAY 24

SIDEWALK SALE



Sidewalk sale savings coming to your Yokosuka Commissary!
You can stock up on your favorite items at sale prices during the sidewalk sale, 24-26 May 2024.



KIDS Summer CAMP

June 10- August 16 • 6 A.M. - 6 P.M.

Week 1: June 10 - 14
The Great Outdoors



Week 2: June 17 - 21
Mission Impossible



Week 3: June 24 - 28
Time Travel



Week 4: July 1 - 5
We Got the Beat



Week 5: July 8 - 12
Out of this World



Week 6: July 15 - 19
Ninja Warriors



Week 7: July 22 - 26
Let's Get Physical



Week 8: July 29 - Aug 2
Animal Planet



Week 9: Aug 5 - 9
Under the Sea



Week 10: Aug 12 - 16
Field Day
Blast from the Past



CYP Registration



Military Childcare.com



Child and Youth Programs



YOKOSUKA



Call Third Avenue SAC @ 243-3439, Green Street SAC @ 241-4100, or Ikego SAC @ 246-8301

IKEGO WEST VALLEY RECREATION AREA



Cabin & Campsite Rentals

The Ikego West Valley Recreation Area is the place to spend a fun-filled weekend with family and friends!

Campsite reservations can be made at the Outdoor Recreation Center Thursdays to Tuesdays from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Each site holds a maximum of twenty people. Cabin reservations can only be made at the Outdoor Recreation Center along with payment. There are five rustic cabins available for rent. Three of these cabins offer solar powered heat and air-conditioning. None of the cabins have running water. Cabin rentals start at \$40/day.

All cabins and campsites have a designated BBQ grill.

Paintball Paradise

Weekend Open Play

Whether you prefer the mission-based teamwork of Saturday's Woodball games or the fast-paced action of Sunday's speedball games, Ikego's Paintball Paradise is the place to be!

Don't have your own equipment? On weekends, rent a marker and mask for \$20 including unlimited air and field fees. For players with their own gear, the cost is only \$10 for field fees and unlimited air. Paint sold separately.

Weekday Group Reservations

MWR offers a special package for private weekday reservations of its paintball field. The package includes a marker, mask, unlimited air, and 200 paintballs.

Field Reservations

Available Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. A minimum of ten players and seven days advanced notice are required.

Paintball Prices

Case (2,000 paintballs) \$65
Bag (500 paintballs) \$20

Weekday Reservation Fees

2 hours: \$20 per player (mask & marker)
4 hours: \$36 per player (mask & marker)

CONTACT US:

243-5732 (on-base)

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243-5624/5002



UP TO \$5000 COVERALL JACKPOT

May 29 • Officers' Club Admiralty Room
Doors Open 4:30 p.m. • Games Starts at 6 p.m.

Games packages are \$30 and include special games and additional packages for purchase.
Limited menu and beverages available for purchase.

Ages 18 and under are not allowed to play.

Seats cannot be reserved. Seats are on a first come, first serve basis.

There is limited seating (174 seats); please arrive early.



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Officers' Club • 243-5624/5002



BEYOND THE GATE



Yokosuka Downtown Summer Kickoff Festival

May 25 (Saturday) - 26 (Sunday)

1 to 4 p.m. | Yokosuka Blue Street (7-minute walk from Yokosuka Main Base)

Yokosuka's seasonal festival, which marks the beginning of summer, will feature a mikoshi and float parade on Sunday. The festival is a joint event between the three shrines around Yokosuka Chuo station.



Iris Festival

June 1 (Saturday)

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. | Yokosuka Shobuen Iris Garden (Direct bus from Keikyu Shioiri Station, KK-60, or #25 bus from JR Yokosuka station, JO-03)

Yokosuka Shobuen is one of Japan's renowned iris gardens in Japan. It boasts 140,000 irises of 412 varieties covering approximately 9 acres. Free permission on the day.



Zushi Beach Fireworks

May 30 (Thursday)

7:30 to 8:15 p.m. | Zushi Beach Zushi Beach (15-minute walk from east exit of JR Zushi Station, JO-06, or south exit of Keikyu Zushi-Hayama Station, KK-53)

This early summer fireworks festival takes place over the ocean adjacent to Zushi Beach. During the 45-minute display, 7,000 fireworks will be dispatched.



Hama Fes Y165

May 25 (Saturday) - 26 (Sunday)

Sakuragi-cho (JR Sakuragicho Station, JK-11/ Bashamichi (JR Kannai Station, JK-10/ Yamashita Park (4-minute walk from Minatomirai Line Motomachi-Chukagai Station, MM-06/ China Town, Yokohama Park (Yokohama Stadium) areas

A two-day festival celebrating the opening of the Yokohama port. There will be concerts, dance performances, food booths and various events around the Yokohama port area.

Free Poppy Picking

May 25 (Saturday) - 26 (Sunday)

2 to 4 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)

NEWS AND NOTICES

DRAGON DAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

DODEA Yokosuka Middle School is requesting adult volunteers for the school's field day, called Dragon Day, scheduled Monday, June 3. Volunteers must have base access and have a volunteer registration packet on file at the school. Volunteer Registration Packets are available in the school office and take a few minutes to fill in. For more information, please contact Yokosuka Middle School.

POST OFFICES CLOSURE

The Yokosuka and Ikego Post Offices will be closed Monday, May 27 in observance of Memorial Day. Building G-59 and Ikego Pitney Bowes lockers remain available 24/7. All services will resume on May 28. If you have any questions, call 243-6711, or send email: to YokosukaPostOffice@fe.navy.mil.

RLSO WESTERN PACIFIC LEGAL ASSISTANCE REDUCED SERVICES NOTICE

The Legal Assistance Office will be closed from May 24 to 27 in observance of Memorial Day. We will resume office hours on Tuesday, May 28 at 8 a.m. We can be reached at yokosukalegalassistance@us.navy.mil, or Local: 090-6181-4375 or, from U.S.: 011-81-90-6181-4375.

YOKOSUKA CLEAN-UP WITH LOCAL COMMUNITY

Thursday, May 30 from 1:20 to 2:30 p.m. Come join the Yokosuka city's annual clean-up (Waste Zero Campaign) event! You will be picking up trash in downtown Yokosuka with local community members. Open to Active Duty and SOFA members.

- Meeting time: 1:20 p.m.
- Meeting place: Park across from the Yokosuka City Hall
- Attire: Navy PT uniform or appropriate civilian attire with Command ball cap
- The city will provide cleaning equipment

- The event will be cancelled if it rains
- How to sign up: Email: cfaycomrel@gmail.com through your command COMREL coordinator. We take 30 volunteers on a first-come and first-serve bases by Thursday, May 23.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY FOR JUNIOR SAILORS (E6 AND BELOW)

CFAY Public Affairs Office is looking for 13 U.S. volunteers who would like to interact with Japanese guests at our "Navy Awesome Café," an event where you can enjoy conversation over tea or coffee in a relaxed atmosphere.

Date: Wednesday, June 5

Time: 9:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Place: The U.S.-Japan Cultural Exchange Center by the Main Gate (Next to Gate Pass Office)

Attire: Navy Working Uniform

Note: This is not an English class. This event is for Japanese people who are interested in communicating with U.S. Sailors, but their English skills vary. Japanese media might come to cover the event.

Sign-up: Email your name, rank, command name and phone number to cfaycomrel@gmail.com. Please sign up through your COMREL coordinator)

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- Post Office

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.

CONSTRUCTION AND CLOSURES

Yokosuka Red Brick Area: Full road closure on weekends and holidays until July 2024 due to underground electrical repair. Taxi stand remains operational.

Sherman Avenue and Forrestal Street: Partial closure until June 30 due to asphalt replacement work.

Defense Logistics Agency Parking

Lot: 50 percent of DLA parking lot until February 2025.

Ikego NEX/MWR Parking Lot: 50 percent of NEX/MWR parking lot until October 2025.

McCormick Street and Leahy Street: Full road closure for underground utility works until Feb. 28, 2025.

Vandegrift Lane: Full road closure until October 2025.

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