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## Order in the Court! Kinnick High School Mock Trial Teams Complete in 2025 Annual Competition

#### Story by Cynthia Abel, Journalism Student at Nile C. Kinnick High School

wo teams from Nile C. Kinnick High School claimed first and second place awards in the annual Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) High School Mock Trial Competition Saturday, April 12 at the Yokosuka Naval Base courthouse. Proceedings began bright and early at 8:30 a.m.

Attorneys and legal professionals from Yokosuka and Sasebo joined five teams composed of around 10 students each took to the stand to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that they delivered the best case in the courthouse.

Kinnick's Defense Team 1, led by coaches Charles Moore and John Aguon, took first place in the competition, and Kinnick's Prosecution Team 1, led by coaches Regina DiMaggio and Drake Stobie, took second place.

Part of Defense Team 1, playing not only the case's defendant but also an attorney, high school senior Nicole Cornejo emphasized, "I feel very satisfied to know my team won the mock trial competition. My team had a few setbacks, with some people needing to take on a few more roles at the last minute, but we powered through and had a few more meetings leading up to the competition." Although she had to take up new roles to fill in gaps within her team, Cornejo believes, "our trust in each other is what helped us win!"

Kinnick 11th grader Erick Ricardo, who played a key role as an attorney part of Prosecution Team 1 stated, "Second place is a really big accomplishment considering we won all of our rounds! I'm really proud of my team and the work they put in -- extra practices, lunch meetings, and many trial runs."

On top of the hope of winning the competition as a whole, students participating were grateful for all the things they've gained from the experience.

Freshman and first-year mock trial student Gabby Strauss highlighted, "First year overall, I absolutely loved it. Next year I'll probably want to be an attorney, but I built relationships and now I have a bunch more friends who share the same interests as me, and then next year as an attorney, I hope to build even more skills. But this year as a witness, I think I just focused on public speaking and built so many skills that I never thought I would use."

Senior Samuel Montgomery, who had a role as an attorney part of Kinnick's Prosecution Team 2 added, "I think the best part of the mock trial competition is kind of the way it throws you out in front of a jury and it kind of forces you to grow your voice, you know, you can't talk quietly when you're up on the stand and it really puts you in the spotlight, you kind of become a better talker and presenter through that pressure."

As to what is coming for the mock trial competition next year, lead mock trial coordinator Dominique Lapole underlines, "I hope the students will realize that it's a lot easier than it looks on TV and that more people will go into the practice of law. I think that a lot of people are afraid that it's a profession that, for some reason, they may not be qualified to do or might be too tough. I wasn't a particularly good student in school, and I figured it out, and I think that every student can as well, so, I hope that students will be encouraged to participate more. Next year, I hope to see a lot of new faces in the mock trial competition. It will be stronger than ever, we think bigger than ever, and we're ready to support the needs of the students in learning about the law."



High School participants pose alongside their attorney coaches and advisors marking the end of the 2025 Mock Trial competition. (Photo courtesy of Annika Farin)









Appointment required and 1-130 Petition acceptance is only available for Active Duty Members

• Step 1: Print out the I-130 checklist and I-130, I-130A, 1-864. Try to prepare documents and fill out those forms.

- Step 2: Attend the Virtual Seminar for filing tips and Q&A.
  - Where: It will be held via Microsoft Teams
  - When: Every Thursday on April 3, 10, 17, 24, May 1 and 8, from 1 to 3 p.m.
  - How: Please email us to yokosukalegalassistance@us.navy.mil with the subject "I-130 Virtual Seminar Request".
- After attending the seminar, you'll make an appointment for Step 3.
- Step 3: Attend in-person for 1-130 application screening with a Legal Advisor, after the screening, you'll receive an appointment for the Outreach Event.
- Step 4: Attend your scheduled appointment.



\*\*\* We have only 26 slots available on a first come, first serve basis!\*\*\*

## U.S. Embassy Tokyo Outreach Thursday, Mar

### Admiralty Room, 2nd floor of Officer's Club, Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka Accepting: CRBA // First-Time Passport and Minor Passport Renewal// I-130 Petitions

Please refer to the CRBA, first-time tourist passport, minor tourist passport renewal, and I-130 checklists using the QR codes below to ensure you meet the requirements and are able to submit complete applications for CRBAs, passports, and/or I-130s.

Note: At this time, the U.S. Embassy is not accepting adult passport renewals during this event. You are encouraged to renew by mail with an online payment if you meet all criteria to renew by mail. For more details please scan the QR code below.

• For I-130 Petitions, eligible petitioners are U.S. citizen, Active Duty Service Members assigned to a unit in Japan. Petitions must be for a spouse, child(ren), or parent(s) who is currently in Japan and able to remain in country for the time it normally takes to process the visa.

- For I-130 Petition screening, you must first attend the virtual I-130 info seminar.
- Email yokosukalegalassistance@us.navy.mil to sign up for the seminar link.

#### Individuals must have their applications screened by the RLSO WESTPAC Yokosuka Legal Assistance by Thursday, May 15 to obtain an appointment.

After your application is screened, the Legal Assistance team will schedule you for a time slot for the U.S. Embassy Outreach.

Starting Tuesday, April 1, walk-in hours to screen CRBA and Passport applications are Monday - Thursday, 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Yokosuka Legal Assistance office located on the 2nd deck of building 1555.



Adult passport renew by mail



CRBA Checklist



1st time adult passport checklist





I-130 Visa petition checklist



Minor passport checklist

## American American Red Cross Spring Classes

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

- Thursday April 24, 8 to 11 a.m.
- Saturday April 26, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.
- Thursday May 1, 1 to 4 p.m.
- Thursday May 8, 1 to 4 p.m.
- Thursday May 29, 1 to 4 p.m.

#### Basic Life Support (\$12)

- Thursday April 24, 1 to 4 p.m.
- Thursday May 15, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.





Classes may be added based on community need and instructor availability. All classes are Blended Learning Courses with an online and an instructor led classroom skills session

To register, email: <u>Yokosuka@redcross.org</u> 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.

# APPRECIATION EVENT

APRIL 30, 2025 1130 - 1330 PURDY PAVILION

JOIN US FOR LIVE ENTERTAINMENT, FOOD & BEVERAGES, GAMES AND MORE!

### PLEASE RSVP



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- prevent future problems with drugs, alcohol, and sex
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and now, so can you!

edition A video & discussion program for parents of children ages 5 to 12 For more information and sample videos, go to www.ActiveParenting.com/AP4-parents

## **CLASS SCHEDULE**

6 CONSECUTIVE SESSIONS TUESDAYS@ 10:00-11:30am

APRIL 15, 22, 29

May 6, 13 and June 3



Multiple Intelligence & Me **MIME DAY 2025** Thursday, May 22, 2025 8:00 - 2:10 PM

The Sullivans Elementary School is seeking Volunteer Presenters to share their skills and talents with our students on MIME Day!

Past Sessions included Woodworking, Hula Dance, Juggling, Zumba, Kids Yoga, Mindfulness and more! Volunteers will have choice of 5 different sessions to share with our students in Kinder-5th. Each session is 35-40 minutes.

Please pick up a Form today @Sullivans Elementary Main Office, or scan code if you would like to Volunteer!

> POC: Ms.Tamara Choate (tamara.choate@dodea.edu) for details

### You're invited to attend

## The Fleet & Family Support Active Parenting of Teens :

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The challenge of successfully ushering children through their teen years has always been among parents' hardestwon achievements. But in today's society where children seem to become adults overnight, and where they often make decisions about drugs, sexuality, and violence before they understand the consequences, a parent's job is more important than ever. So how can you ensure that your teens develop the skills and character they need to not only survive but to thrive as they gain independence?

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need to turn the challenges of raising

How to be an encouraging parent

, and much more, plus insight into important issues such as teens online, bullying, and depression



Teens:)

#### CLASS SCHEDULE **REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

Join us at the next session and see the difference!

6 Consecutive Sessions Wednesdays @ 10:30-12:00pm

April 16, 23, 30

May 7, 14 and June 4

For more information & to sign up contact: DSN 243-7878 or

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## C-2 BUILDING



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Saturday, May 10 @ 9 a.m.

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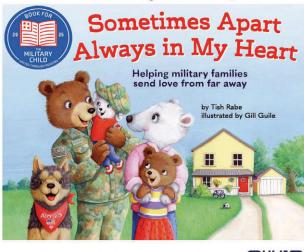


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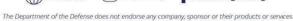
## 2025 Book for the Military Child

One Book. One Mission. One Community. Because military kids serve, too!



Scan the code to learn more about United Through Reading and how your family can get FREE books!

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Area Orientation Brief APR 1-3, 8-10, 15-17, 22-24, 29-May 1 peployment General Pre-Deployment Brief APR 7 at 1300 (Virtual) Preparing Children for Deployment APR 25 at 0900 (Virtual) Exceptional family Member EFMP Command POC Training APR 18 at 1000 (Virtual) family Employment APR 10 at 0900 (Civilian) APR 15 at 0900 (Federal) (Virt Modeling in Japan APR 11 at 1300 Navy Spouse in Transition APR 22 at 1000 Volunteer Orientation APR 16 at 1100 (Virtual) family Readiness Emergency and Disaster Prepa APR 28 at 1130 ency Evacuation Program (EEF APR 28 at 1000 Intercultural Relations Active Japanese Language APR 9 and 23 at 1500

Enjoying Japanese Food at Home APR 25 at 0930 Everyday Japanese APR 14 and 28 at 1000

ICE Club (Ohanami APR 3 at 1000

Ikego Japanese Language Se APR 8, 15, 22 and 29 at 1200

Shogi Workshop APR 16, 23, 30 at 1730 APR 1 (ELEM), 8 (MS/HS) at 1430

APR 23 at 1000

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**FFSC CALENDAR** 

Life Skills Communication Skills APR 11 at 1000 (Japanese) alish as a Second/Foreign Language (ESL/EFL) APR 9 at 1300 (Virtual) APR 11, 25 at 1300 APR 30 at 1300 (Ikego) Japanese Spouse Grou APR 9 at 1030 (Hybrid) APR 2 at 0930 (Virtual) Resiliency Bootcamp APR 17 at 1130 Symptom Reduction Group APR 1 at 1400 Ombudsman Ombudsman Advanced Training APR 9 at 1600, 24 at 1000 Ombudsman Basic Training APR 30 - MAY 2 at 0900 (Virtual) Parenting Active Parenting 5-12 APR 15 at 1000 Active Parenting Teens APR 16 at 1030 Infant Massage APR 14, 16, 21, and 23 at 1030

Prenatal Families APR 19 at 1000

Pensonal finance

CFS Training APR 14-18 at 0800

Debt Destroyer APR 24 at 0900 First Duty Station APR 8 at 1300 (Virtual)

Home Buying APR 2 at 1300

Private Organization APR 1 at 0900 (Virtual) Raising Financially Fit Kie APR 23 at 0900 (Virtual)

APR 8 at 0900

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The Fleet & Family Support Center

Relocation Assistance

Space A/EML Flights Brief APR 14 at 1100 (Virtual)

Sponsorship On-Demand APR 3, 17 at 0800 (Virtual)

APR 9 at 1300 (Virtual) APR 24 at 0900 (Virtual)

SAPR

SAPR VA Resident Advisor APR 23 at 1300

My Education Track APR 24-25 at 0800

APR 7-9 at 0800 APR 21-23 at 0800

Modeling Fair APR 12 at 1000

Retirement Syn APR 28 at 0800

Volunteer Appre APR 30 at 1130

Strike Out Child Ab APR 24 at 1600

My Employment Track APR 10-11 at 0800

My Entrepreneurship Track APR 3-4 at 0800

April Events

Transition Assistance

Military Spouse 101 APR 4 at 1300

Smooth Move APR 4 at 0900

SHOGI Master the Art of Japanese Chess





MEET ROBERT UYEYAMA AND SON

- Fun fact, the son is ranked 2 kyu by the Japan Shogi Association and studied under a 6-dan pro.
- For western chess, he took 2nd place in the Japan Chess Federation's National UI2 tournament.

Whether you are a beginner or have some experience with chess, Shogi offers a fun challenge for anyone looking to improve their strategic thinking or enjoy the art and culture of Japan.







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# BEYOND THE GATE



## **67<sup>th</sup> Kamakura Festival** April 13 (Sun), 19 (Sat) and 20 (Sunday)

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. | Tsurugaoka Hachimangū Shrine (10-minute walk from JR Kamakura Station, JO-07) Expect performances such as traditional dancing. The shrine invites tourists to an outdoor tea ceremony to try matcha, as well as a display of yabusame (horseback archery, from 1 p.m., April 20).



## Kurihama Flower Park Historic Car Day April 19 (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) 10 year anniversary this year! 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. Poppy and Nemophila Festival is now held until May 25.

## Yokosuka Downtown Kids Festival

## April 20 (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!

## Kinugasa Hometown Festival April 20 (Sunday)

1 to 3 p.m. | In the vicinity of JR Kinugasa Staton (1-minute walk from JR Kinugasa Station, JO-02) There will be mikoshi, festival floats, and junior highschoolers armored-samurai parade.

## Ootawa Azalea Festa

## April 12 (Saturday) - 20 (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.



## Yokosuka Iris Garden Wisteria Festival

## April 19 (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.

# **NEWS AND NOTICES**

#### U.S. EMBASSY TOKYO REDUCED SERVICE NOTICE

Due to infrastructure improvement projects at the U.S. Embassy Tokyo, the following Embassy services will be unavailable during the listed dates.

• April 25 - May 6: No routine passport, Consular Report of Birth Abroad (CRBA), and notary services.

• May 2 - 13: No routine immigration petition and visa processing.

For more info, please visit their Facebook at "American Citizen Services, U.S. Embassy Tokyo" or website: https://jp.usembassy.gov/ services/

#### STUDENT SPORTS PHYSICALS

The next round of student sports physicals will be held on May 3. Appointments are available for booking with USNH Yokosuka's Pediatric Clinic.

**How to schedule:** Call the appointment line at 243-5352 or Pediatric Clinic at 243-5505. Open to all TRICARE beneficiaries and Space A personnel.

• Physicals are for students participating in DoDEA sponsored sports.

• Sports Physical forms need to be completed prior to the appointment.

• Unaccompanied minors over the age of 16 must have consent completed by time of appointment to be seen without a parent.

• These physicals are not required for CYP sports. To access the required Student Sports Physical Forms Packet, please scan the QR code, or visit: https://yokosuka.tricare.mil/ Patient-Resources/Forms.



#### MASS CASUALTY DRILL

To strength U.S. Naval Hospital (USNH) Yokosuka's capabilities in responding to a catastrophic emergency, USNH Yokosuka will conduct an all-day Mass Casualty Drill on April 22. During this drill, routine Lab, Pharamacy, and Clinical services will be limited. Please plan accordingly. Normal services will resume on April 23. The Emergency Department will remain open.

#### 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. May 6 from 4 to 5 p.m. at Community Resource Center AOB Auditorium. • June 3 from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. at USNH Yokosuka Command Auditorium 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. To learn more, please email: dha.yokosuka. Yokosuka-NH.list.pfpc athealth.mil, visit https://yokosuka.tricare.mil/Patient-Resources/Patient-and-Family-Partnership-Council

#### EARLY CLOSURE OF TACO BELL AND BAYSIDE FOOD COURT

Taco Bell and Bayside Food Court will be closed at 6 p.m. on Saturday, April 26 for the scheduled NEX associate appreciation event. Business will resume on Sunday, April 27.

#### VOLUNTEER NOW FOR THE AMERICAN RED CROSS

#### **Disaster Action Team**

Help provide immediate assistance on scene of an emergency, and participate in base exercises. Help with emergency messages and during large scale emergencies.

### Also available:

- Youth Preparedness Team
- MTF Professional and Admin Help
- CPR/BLS/Babysitting Instructor
- Library
- PAWS
- Vet Clinic
- Post Office
- Youth Clubs

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.

 Complete the on-line training.
If you have any problems, email: <u>vokosuka</u> <u>atredcross.org</u>, or call 243-7490.1

#### **CONSTRUCTION AND CLOSURES**

Yokosuka: Carney Gate road closure. Due to construction, all vehicular traffic at Carney Gate will be secured from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. with the exception of Sundays. Gate open for daily operations from 5 a.m. to 8 p.m. Pedestrian traffic will not be affected. Please utilize Womble Gate for vehicular traffic. • Carney Gate water line replacement. Construction period March 24 to Nov. 26. Expect detours and periodic closures for waterline replacement construction. Two-way trafficto be maintained. Most of the work will occur overnight.

• Nimitz Boulevard and Gridley Lane partial road closure. Closure period from March 24 to April 19 and 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 2025.

• 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.

• Vandegrift Lane: Full road closure until October 2025.

**Ikego:** Yasakayato Street will be partially closed infront of Club Takemiya for underground electrical work from June 11 to Aug. 5.

. Flagmen will be posted on both sides to allow two-way traffic.

• Ikego CDC parking lot partial closure, from April 1 to Sept. 30. 14 additional parking spots and 5 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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