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CFAY Marks the 25th 9/11 Anniversary with a Remembrance Ceremony

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CFAY Public Affairs**

Sailors and community members at Fleet Activities Yokosuka honored the 2,977 people killed in the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks during a ceremony on the attacks' 25th anniversary.

The observance is an annual tradition at the U.S. Navy's largest overseas installation. Participants gathered in the C2 auditorium, where bells tolled for each of the four hijacked aircraft. Capt. Jonathan Hopkins, commander, Fleet Activities Yokosuka, and Chris Soliz, acting deputy fire chief for Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka

(CFAY) Fire and Emergency Services, laid a wreath in remembrance.

"Chief petty officers are the custodians of Navy history and heritage," said Chief Electronics Technician Chanee McKoy, the event coordinator. "Involving chief selectees alongside chief petty officers emphasizes the duty to preserve these traditions and reinforces to the next generation of service members why maintaining a resilient warfighting mindset remains essential."

The attacks killed 343 New York City firefighters, along with eight emergency medical workers and 60 law enforcement officers.

"Twenty-five years is significant because we are honoring the pledge to never forget," said Soliz. "Those are easy words, but I will be doing the same thing in another 25 years, and every year in between."

Soliz, a firefighter since 1994, was assigned to Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Station in Colorado on the day of the attacks, the underground



Chris Soliz, acting deputy fire chief for Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka (CFAY) Fire and Emergency Services, left, and Capt. Jon Hopkins, Commander, Fleet Activities Yokosuka, lay a wreath during a 9/11 remembrance ceremony at CFAY, Sept. 11, 2026. The ceremony was held in remembrance of the 2,977 lives that were lost during the terrorist attacks at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, American Airlines Flight 11, American Airlines Flight 77, United Airlines Flight 93, and United Airlines Flight 175 on Sept. 11, 2001. This year marks the 25th anniversary of the attacks.

**CUP OF JOE
WITH THE CO**

OCTOBER 1 @ 8 A.M.
Nikko Tower Community Room

complex housing the North American Aerospace Defense Command's operations center. Off duty at home, he learned the installation's blast doors had been sealed for the first time in its history. Friday was his first time taking part in the Yokosuka ceremony.

Information Systems Technician 1st Class Philip Schwenk, the master of ceremonies for the event, was a fifth grader in Staten Island, New York, in 2001.

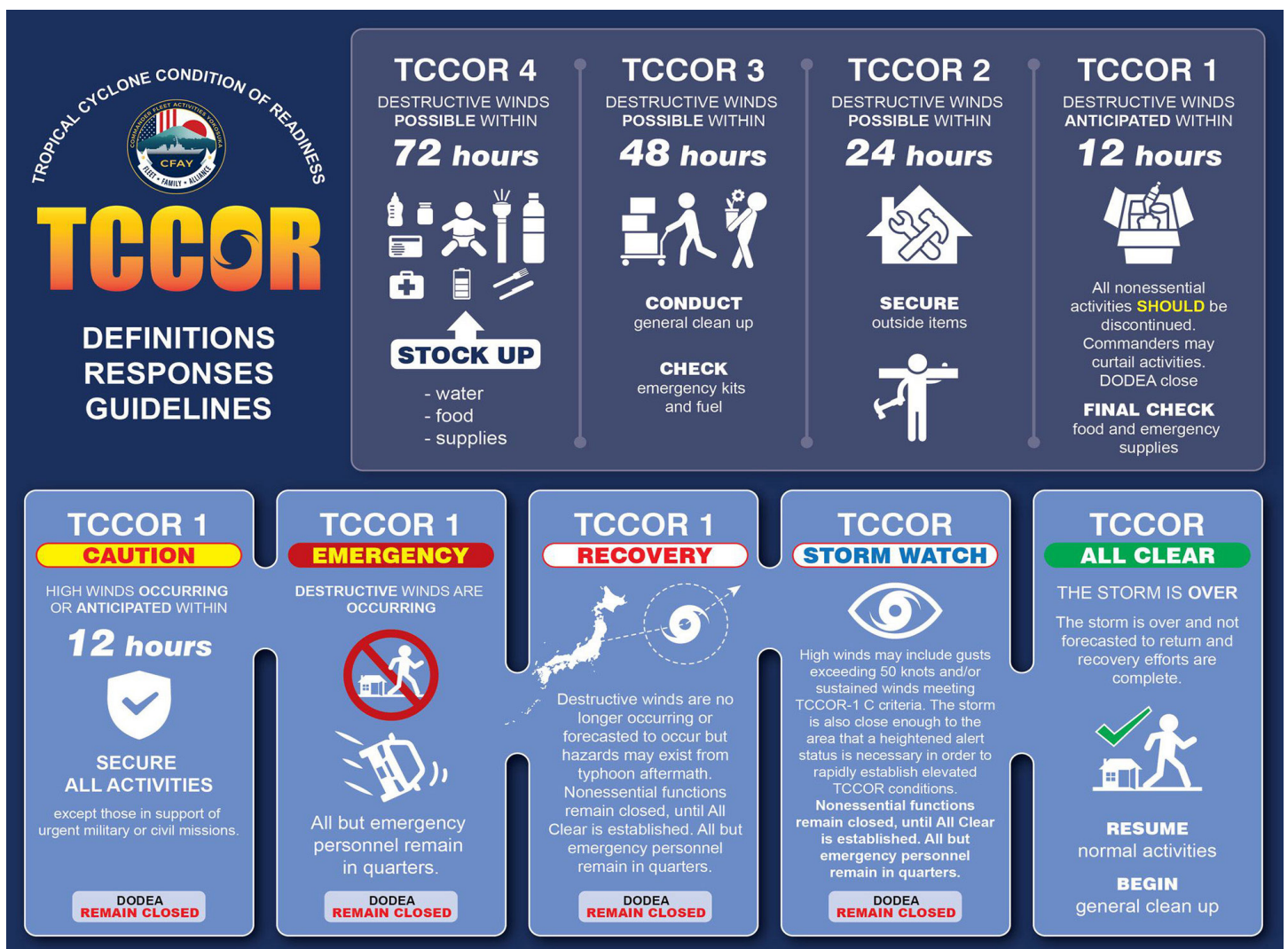
"We should pass along our stories to our junior Sailors and families," Schwenk said, "some of whom had not even been born yet on that fateful day."

Nineteen hijackers seized four commercial airliners that morning. American Airlines Flight

11 and United Airlines Flight 175 struck the World Trade Center. American Airlines Flight 77 struck the Pentagon. United Airlines Flight 93 crashed near Shanksville, Pa., after passengers and crew fought to retake the cockpit from hijackers believed to be headed for Washington.

"I want attendees to walk away understanding the magnitude of how this event affected everyone," McKoy said, "whether they were in New York or watching it unfold on an old television set."

For more than 80 years, CFAY has provided, maintained, and operated base facilities and services in support of the U.S. 7th Fleet's forward-deployed naval forces, tenant commands, and thousands of military and civilian personnel and their families.





COMMUNITY CONNECTION OFFICE HOURS

September 28 - NOON-1PM

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CHECK IN ON A TEAMMATE.

A quick conversation
can save a life.

Your outreach
matters.



Connect with a
teammate **before a crisis.**

Know the number.
Stay ready

Text 838255 | Dial 988, Press 1

SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH PLEDGE



September 2026

Strong units build trust, stay connected, and act early to prevent suicide.

This September, the Defense Suicide Prevention Office (DSPO) calls on every member of the Department of War (DoW) to speak up, support one another, and take action. Suicide prevention is force preservation, and readiness is everyone's responsibility.



Take the #SPM26 Pledge Challenge

Make it your mission to **pick** at least one action **from the list below** and commit to it this September. Share your pledge and invite a warfighter to join the fight and prevent suicide.

Sign the pledge today:

PICK ONE. MAKE IT COUNT. EVERY MISSION STARTS WITH A SINGLE ACTION.



1. KNOW THE NUMBER BEFORE YOU NEED IT

Save the Veterans/Military Crisis Line in your phone today. **Free, confidential support is available 24/7.** Dial 988 then press 1, text 838255, or chat at www.MilitaryCrisisLine.net. If you're calling from overseas, visit www.MilitaryCrisisLine.net to find the number for the region you are calling from.



2. CHECK IN WITH A FELLOW WARFIGHTER

Invite a fellow warfighter or teammate for coffee or a conversation. **Early action matters** and your outreach can make a real difference for someone who may appear to be struggling or not themselves.



3. DOWNLOAD & SHARE

Check out and download resources from DSPO's **Suicide Prevention Month toolkit** on DSPO.mil. Use the official Suicide Prevention Month 2026 Microsoft Teams background and update your email signature to include the campaign hashtags to show your support.



4. ATTEND A SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH EVENT

Join DSPO hosted Suicide Prevention Month events throughout September, including an **all-day information fair** in Apex 9/10 on the second floor of the Pentagon on September 10, 2026, as well as a **"Coffee and Connection"** event on Main Street at the Mark Center on September 23, 2026 from 8 – 11 a.m.



5. TAKE A SUICIDE PREVENTION FOCUSED TRAINING

Participate in DoW suicide prevention education through the Training Support Center (CAC required) at <https://www.dspo.mil/Home/Tools/Training-Support-Center>.



Free, Confidential Support Available 24/7

Veterans/Military Crisis Line: Dial 988 then press 1 or text 838255.

Calling from overseas?

Visit www.MilitaryCrisisLine.net to find the number for the region you are calling from.

Visit additional resources at DSPO.mil and MilitaryOneSource.mil.



Attention Active Duty:

Give It to Us Straight



Scan QR Code
to take survey

We want to hear from YOU!
Share your thoughts in this short survey and help us make Navy MWR programs even more impactful.

Simply scan the QR code and answer a few questions about what you think of MWR. Your input impacts all we do.

**Survey now available through
Oct 25, 2026**



BELLS ACROSS AMERICA FOR FALLEN SERVICE MEMBERS

Tolling in Remembrance of Our Nation's Fallen

Join us as we pay tribute to the men and women who died in service to our nation. As bells toll across the country, we remember their sacrifices and honor those they left behind.

September 24 at 10 a.m.

Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka
Kosano Park

Rain Location: C2 Auditorium



No Navy endorsement implied.



MILES of HONOR

Honoring those who served and sacrificed.

VIRTUAL MARATHON

September 1 - 30

ALL AGES ARE
WELCOME!
\$20 / PERSON



Those who complete the event will receive a unique finisher's medal and a T-shirt. Participants may complete the required mileage at their own pace and in a location of their choice.

1

Register in person at Purdy Gym or the Fleet Fitness Office, on the third floor of the Fleet Recreation Center.

2

Use any running app to track your distance and time.

3

Once you have completed the event, submit a screenshot of your miles to mwr_fitness@us.navy.mil and claim your prize at the Fleet Fitness Office.

Officers' Club presents:

Oktoberfest

October 2

5 - 9 p.m.
Kosano Dining Room

Adults: **\$29.95**
Children ages 6 - 11: **\$12.95**

Join us for a delicious traditional German dinner buffet, featuring lively entertainment from an Oompah Band from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.



046-816-5624 / 5002
For more information, please contact Officers' Club.



NAVY BIRTHDAY 5K

OCT. 16

PURDY PAVILION - 11:30 A.M.
FREE EVENT • REGISTER ON SITE
EARN CAPTAIN'S CUP POINTS!



For more information or to sign up, please call the Fitness Office at 046-896-4486

Silver Week 2026

"Silver Week" refers to a series of consecutive holidays in September in Japan, created when Respect for the Aged Day and the Autumnal Equinox Day fall close together. Unlike Golden Week, which occurs every year in roughly the same period from late April to early May, Silver Week only occurs when the national holidays line up in a particular way. This is why people sometimes talk about whether "this year has a Silver Week" or "this year does not." Strictly speaking, the term "Silver Week" is generally used to refer to years when these holidays create a five-day consecutive holiday period in September.

Respect for the Aged Day

Sept. 21 (Monday)

Respect for the Aged Day (Keirō no Hi) is a public holiday in Japan celebrated annually to honor elderly citizens. It started in 1966 as a national holiday and was held on every Sept. 15. Since 2003, Respect for the Aged Day is held on the third Monday of September due to the Happy Monday System.

Citizens' Holiday

Sept. 22 (Tuesday)

Japanese law stipulates that if there is only one non-holiday in between two public holidays, that day should become an additional holiday, known as a Kokumin no kyūjitsu (Citizens' Holiday). It is unusual for September to get this extra holiday, so the presence of a "silver week" was not widely noted before 2009.

Autumnal Equinox Day

Sept. 23 (Wednesday)

Autumnal Equinox Day (Shūbun no Hi) is a Japanese holiday on Sept. 22 or 23, marking the Southward equinox in Japan Standard Time. Established in 1948, it replaced the Shūki kōreisai, a Shinto event, and was secularized under Japan's postwar constitution.

BEYOND THE GATE



Fiesta Mexicana 2026

Sept. 20 (Sunday) - 22 (Tuesday)

11 a.m. to 7 p.m. | Odaiba Marine Park (3-minute walk from Yurikamome Odaiba-kaihinkoen Station, U-6)
This three-day festival is filled with food, fun, and entertainment. The festival aims to present Mexican traditions as well as food culture and there will be more than 30 stalls selling everything from artisanal crafts to burritos. This year marks 26th anniversary, and promises to be bigger and better than before.

Yokosuka Kaikoku Fireworks

Sept. 27 (Sunday)

6 to 6:30 p.m. | Shinko Pier, Umikaze Park (15-minute walk from Keikyu Kenritsu Daigaku Station, KK-60/ Umibe Fishing Park (20-minute walk from Keikyu Horinouchi Station, KK-61))

This year, the Yokosuka Friendship Day will not be held on the same day as the fireworks event. As a result, the fireworks launch site will be moved from offshore of Shinko to offshore of Heisei Port, allowing for a larger viewing area extending from Shinko Pier to Umibe Fishing Park. Approximately 10,000 fireworks – the largest-scale display in the Miura Peninsula – will light up the night sky over Yokosuka. Enjoy the spectacular display in the crisp, clear air of autumn.

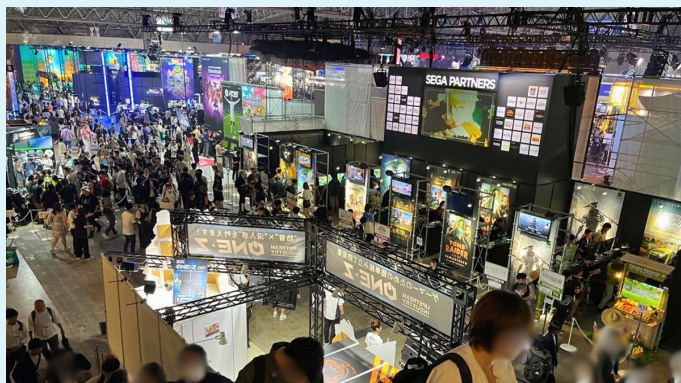


Konno Hachimangu Festival

Sept. 19 (Saturday) and 20 (Sunday)

6:30 p.m. (Saturday)/12 to 7 p.m. (Sunday) | Around Shibuya 109 Area (JR Yamanote Line Shibuya Station, JY-20, Tokyu Toyoko Line Shibuya Station TY-01)

The Shibuya's biggest festival consists of various events will be held like a Shinto-style kagura dance, a large mikoshi parade in Aoyama and Shibuya. Food stalls will also be at the shrine over the weekend. A large parade will take place on the streets of Aoyama and Shibuya. 14 Mikoshi will be in front of Shibuya 109 between 2 and 2:30 p.m.



Tokyo Game Show 2026

Sept. 19 (Saturday) - 21 (Monday)

9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Sept. 19, 20)/9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Sept. 21) | Makuhari Messe (10-minute walk from JR Keiyo Line Kaihin Makuhari Station, JE-14)

The Tokyo Game Show first launched in 1996 and celebrates its 30th anniversary this year – one of the world's largest gaming events. More than 300 exhibitors from almost 40 countries and regions gather for this annual gaming convention. Japanese game makers make up a significant number of those present, but many other international developers also join to exhibit the latest technology in areas ranging from artificial intelligence to smartphone gaming. Free admission for elementary school students and younger.

<https://tgs.cesa.or.jp/2026/en/ticket?public=>

NEWS AND NOTICES

ATTENTION CUSTOMERS

CPO Club Cove Bar will be closed on Sept. 19 from 3 to 5 p.m. to support a customer function.

E-BIKE GREEN STICKER

Starting Oct. 1, a green sticker is required for a bicycle with an electric motor (e-bike) for gate entry. How to get a green sticker? Get your bicycle inspected.

Inspection locations:

Yokosuka – Main Gate Pedestrian Entrance:

- Mondays and Wednesdays, from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m.

- Fridays, from 4 to 6 p.m.

Ikego – Building 831 (Security building):

- Saturday, Sept. 19 and 26, from 8 to 10 a.m.

What to bring: Proof of bicycle insurance, bicycle owner's manual and the required items for bicycle registration.

CFAY Safety will continue e-bike verification Mondays and

Wednesdays, from 6 to 7:30 a.m.

at Yokosuka Main Gate Pedestrian

Entrance through Dec. 1.

FLEET AND FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER BOOT DONATION DRIVE

FFSC is in need of old tattered boots for the Bells Across America Navy Gold Star event on Sept. 24. Please bring them to CRC building 4th Floor Room 407, or call 243-3372 to arrange a pick up by Sept. 18.

NOT FEELING WELL?

Not sure if you need to go to the hospital? The Military Health System (MHS) Nurse Advice Line (NAL) is here to help! U.S. Naval Hospital Yokosuka TRICARE beneficiaries can speak with a registered nurse 24/7 at no cost. They can help with:

- Choosing the right level of care
- Symptom assessment
- Scheduling medical appointments
- Locating an urgent care or emergency care facility and much more.

Contact the MHS Nurse Advice Line today:

- U.S. Cell Phone: 1-800-874-2273 (Toll Free)

- Japanese Cell Phone: 0120-996-985 (Toll Free)

- DSN: 9-4-888-901-7144 (Toll Free)

For more information, visit their website at <https://www.mhsnurseadvice.com/home>.

CONSTRUCTION AND CLOSURES

Yokosuka: Ricker Drive partial road closure from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. until Sept. 26.

- Howard Street partial road closure from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., until Sept. 30.

- Ongoing, 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 bldg. 1997.

- The parking lot in front of Afloat Training Group Western Pacific is secured through 2027 in support of the Navigation, Seamanship and Shiphhandling Trainer construction.

Ikego: Imattumi Road partial closure until Dec. 30.

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)

- Saturday Sept. 19, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Saturday Sept. 26, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Friday Oct. 9, 4-8 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.

Email to sign up:
Yokosuka@redcross.org

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