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This Week at Fleet Activities Yokosuka



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CFAY Honors Fallen Sailors and Gold Star Families with Bells Across America Ceremony

**Story and photos by Sheryl Sullivan,
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Sailors, Gold Star families and community members gathered in the Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka (CFAY) Headquarters auditorium Sept. 24 for the annual Bells Across America for Fallen Service Members ceremony, a tribute honoring Sailors who died on active duty and supporting the loved ones left behind.

Organized by the Fleet and Family Support Center and the Navy Gold Star Program, the ceremony brought the community together to remember and reflect.

As each fallen Sailor's name was read aloud, a ship's bell tolled across the park. The U.S. 7th Fleet Band played taps, adding to the reverence of the morning. Commander, Fleet Activities Yokosuka Capt. Jonathan Hopkins spoke about the bond shared by families living on the installation, far from home.

"Our community in Yokosuka is unique," Hopkins said. "Living overseas and far from home, we



become each other's family. We work together, we raise our children together, and we depend on one another every single day. That is why when we lose a Sailor, the loss is profound. It impacts our neighborhoods, our schools, our workplaces, and every single one of us living on this installation."

He also shared a message of ongoing care and commitment with the survivors in attendance.

"To our Gold Star families and survivors who are with us, please know that you are never alone," Hopkins said. "Your Navy family has not forgotten you, nor will we ever forget your service member. We stand beside you today and every day, offering our love, our respect, and our unwavering support."

Hopkins was joined by Cmdr. Thomas Falconer, CFAY chief staff officer and master of ceremonies, and Cmdr. Yoon Choi, CFAY command chaplain. Together with Gold Star families, Sailors and guests, they walked forward during the service to place flowers on a memorial table in honor of the fallen.



Bells Across America has been held every year at Navy installations around the world since 2015, in conjunction with Gold Star Mother's and Family's Day, observed the last Sunday in September. The event draws on a long-standing naval tradition of ringing a ship's bell for significant moments. Each toll represents a life lived in service and a promise to keep that Sailor's memory alive.

The Navy Gold Star Program, established in 2014, provides long-term support and resources to the spouses, children, parents and siblings of fallen service members, ensuring that families always have a support system within the Navy community.

"As each bell tolls today, the names we read remind us of the sacred bonds we share as a Navy family," Hopkins said in closing. "May their memories bring us comfort, and may we always remember and honor their sacrifice."

As the last name was read and the final bell



echoed, those gathered stood together in a moment of silence, bound by shared loss, community strength and the promise to never forget.

CFAY provides, maintains and operates installation facilities and services in support of the U.S. 7th Fleet's forward-deployed naval forces, 71 tenant commands, and more than 27,000 military and civilian personnel and their families.

CFAY Holds Ombudsman Appreciation Luncheon



Commander, Fleet Activities Yokosuka (CFAY) leadership, command ombudsmen, and community members gathered at the Officer's Club for the 2026 Ombudsman Appreciation Luncheon to honor the selfless dedication of the region's volunteer Ombudsman. The annual recognition event highlighted the critical role these volunteers play as vital liaisons between Navy commands and families, directly sustaining the operational readiness and quality of life for Forward-Deployed Naval Forces stationed in Fleet Activities Yokosuka. Highlighting the luncheon was a traditional ceremonial cake cutting featuring the base's longest-serving and newest ombudsmen, a symbolic passing of the blade that celebrated the enduring legacy of mentorship, continuity, and renewed commitment within the local family support network. (Photos by MC1 James R. Mitchell, CFAY Public Affairs)



NAVY TRANSITION FROM ATHOC TO DOD ALERT! - EFFECTIVE 1 OCT

REGISTER YOUR FAMILY NOW AT [DOD.ALERT.MIL](https://dod.alert.mil)

30 SEPT
ATHOC SUNSETS

1 OCT
DOD ALERT! GOES LIVE

All military personnel, civilian employees, contractors, and tenant commands onboard CFAY must register and verify their contact information in accordance with (DoDI) 6055.17

Don't wait until an emergency happens to update your information. Complete your registration in 3 simple steps:

1. Access Dashboard: Go to <https://dod.alert.mil> (CAC login required).
2. Accept the USG Warning and Consent Banner
3. Select PKI Login
4. On the Client Account Dashboard, select "Edit" under Associations and update military location to CFAY.
5. Update Personal Information:
 - a. Add Home/ Work email, Teams/ Work phones and Home phone.
 - b. Mark test-capable phones "Receives Text Messages."
 - c. Enter "+" followed by your country code.
 - d. For shared phones, select "Shared/ Non-Confirming."
6. Add Family Members:
 - a. Select "Family Members," then select "Yes."
 - b. Add each family member's phone and email.
 - c. Check the consent box, then select "Save."
7. **IMPORTANT:** Changes are not saved until you click "Save."
8. Review and verify your contact information every **90 days**.

24/7 Alert! Help-desk:

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elp-desk@army.mil.

CAC holders



<https://dod.alert.mil>

Non-CAC holders



<https://go.mil/dod-alert>

Sponsor deployed or unavailable?
Visit our walk-in registrations starting September 28:

- CFAY Library | 10am-12 noon | Monday-Friday
- Ikego Housing FFSC | 2-4pm | Monday-Friday

(DoW ID Card Required)





TCCOR

DEFINITIONS
RESPONSES
GUIDELINES

TCCOR 4

DESTRUCTIVE WINDS
POSSIBLE WITHIN

72 hours



STOCK UP

- water
- food
- supplies

TCCOR 3

DESTRUCTIVE WINDS
POSSIBLE WITHIN

48 hours



CONDUCT
general clean up

CHECK
emergency kits
and fuel

TCCOR 2

DESTRUCTIVE WINDS
POSSIBLE WITHIN

24 hours



SECURE
outside items



TCCOR 1

DESTRUCTIVE WINDS
ANTICIPATED WITHIN

12 hours



All nonessential
activities **SHOULD** be
discontinued.
Commanders may
curtail activities.
DODEA close

FINAL CHECK
food and emergency
supplies

TCCOR 1

CAUTION

HIGH WINDS OCCURRING
OR ANTICIPATED WITHIN

12 hours



SECURE
ALL ACTIVITIES

except those in support of
urgent military or civil missions.

DODEA
REMAIN CLOSED

TCCOR 1

EMERGENCY

DESTRUCTIVE WINDS ARE
OCCURRING



All but emergency
personnel remain
in quarters.

DODEA
REMAIN CLOSED

TCCOR 1

RECOVERY



Destructive winds are no
longer occurring or
forecasted to occur but
hazards may exist from
typhoon aftermath.
Nonessential functions
remain closed, until All
Clear is established. All but
emergency personnel
remain in quarters.

DODEA
REMAIN CLOSED

TCCOR

STORM WATCH



High winds may include gusts
exceeding 50 knots and/or
sustained winds meeting
TCCOR-1 C criteria. The storm
is also close enough to the
area that a heightened alert
status is necessary in order to
rapidly establish elevated
TCCOR conditions.

Nonessential functions
remain closed, until All Clear
is established. All but
emergency personnel
remain in quarters.

DODEA
REMAIN CLOSED

TCCOR

ALL CLEAR

THE STORM IS OVER

The storm is over and not
forecasted to return and
recovery efforts are
complete.



RESUME
normal activities

BEGIN
general clean up

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**



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

Halloween BOWLING PIN DECORATING CONTEST

OCTOBER 1-25
BOWLING CENTER

Parents can pick up the bowling pins at Yokosuka Bowling Center beginning October 1. Pins can be decorated with any Halloween theme and must be turned in by October 25.

Four winners will receive family bowling and pizza passes. One winner is guaranteed to be a contestant aged 5 or under. Winners will be announced at the Bowling Center on October 31 at 1 p.m. during the Spooky Fun Halloween Bowling.

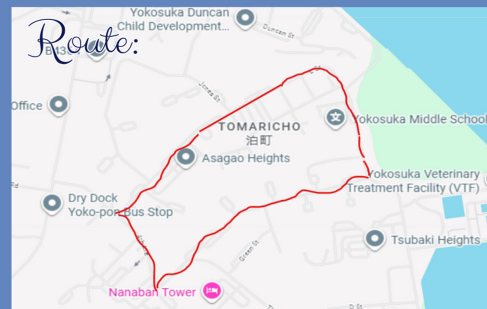


For more information, call
046-816-4200



Friday October 2

Homecoming Parade
Starts at 1700



Homecoming Game
Kinnick vs. Humphreys
Kickoff at 1830

BEYOND THE GATE



Tamagawa Fireworks

Oct. 3 (Saturday)

6 to 7 p.m. | Tamagawa Green Space (1-minute walk from Tokyu Denen-Toshi Line Futako-Shinchi Station, DT-08, or Futagotamagawa Station, DT-7)

Kawasaki City and Tokyo's Setagaya Ward join forces to stage their annual fireworks festival. From the right viewing spot, you can catch both shows at once. Around 6,000 fireworks are expected to go off.



Miura Marathon

March 7, 2027 (Sunday)

Starts 8:20 a.m. | Miura Beach (7-minute walk from Keikyu Miurakaigan Station, KK-71)

The 42th Miura International Marathon is accepting applications for entry until Nov. 24. For more information, <https://miura-marathon.com/guide/>

Miura Night Market (scheduled Oct. 3 and 4), which was featured last week, has been canceled due to significant damage across the city caused by Typhoon No. 25 and concerns about the potential impact of Typhoon No. 26.



Tokyo City Flea Market

Oct. 3 (Saturday)

9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. | Ooi Racecourse Parking Lot No. 1 (10-minute walk from Keikyu Tachiaigawa Station, KK-06/3-minute walk from Tokyo Monorail Ooi Keibajo-mae Station, MO-03)

Tokyo City Flea Market is one of the largest flea markets in Japan. Held almost every weekend, the market attracts around 10,000 visitors and features approximately 700 vendors. More than half of the visitors come from overseas, making it a truly international event. The event also features a lively food area packed with a wide variety of food trucks, making it the perfect place to spend an entire day browsing, shopping, eating, and enjoying the atmosphere.



Yokosuka Fish Festival

Oct. 4 (Sunday)

7 a.m. to 12 p.m. | Yokosuka Fish Market (9-minute walk from Keikyu Horinouchi Station, KK-61)

Come check out a tuna filleting show (10:10 a.m.), fish auctions and taste fresh local seafood at the annual Yokosuka Fish Festival. A free shuttle bus will be available from in front of Tokyo-Kyushu Ferry near Ichigo Port Market or DoCoMo shop Yokosuka leaving every 10-15 minutes from 6:30 to 10:10 a.m.

NEWS AND NOTICES

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, 6:30-7:30 a.m.
- Fridays, 4-6 p.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, 6:30-7:30 a.m. at Yokosuka Main Gate Pedestrian Entrance through Dec. 1.

FLU SHOT SEASON IS HERE

USNH Yokosuka will offer flu vaccines during mass vaccination events this October and November for all SOFA-status individuals.

Fleet Recreation Center Gym, 4th Floor

- Oct. 15-16, 1-6 p.m.
 - Oct. 17, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
 - Nov. 5-6, 1-6 p.m.
 - Nov. 7, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Ikego Elementary School
- Oct. 30, 2:30-6 p.m.
 - Oct. 31, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Flu vaccines are available for everyone ages 6 months and older, with high-dose vaccines available for patients age 65 and older. Personnel and family members must be registered as patients at USNH Yokosuka before attending. Flu vaccines will not be available at the Immunization Clinic until all mass vaccination events conclude, except for elderly individuals, people with disabilities, or

those with extenuating circumstances. Questions or concerns? Call 243-5521. Protect yourself, your family, and our community this flu season!

BASIC FOOD HANDLER'S COURSE

Planning to prepare, handle or serve food at a fundraiser, volunteer activity or special event? Attend the Basic Food Handler's Course.

- Wednesday, Oct. 7 | 1-2 p.m. | MWR Building 1559
 - Wednesday, Oct. 14 | 1-2 p.m. | MWR Building 1559
 - Wednesday, Oct. 21 | 1-2 p.m. | MWR Building 1559
 - Wednesday, Oct. 28 | 10-11 a.m. | MWR Building 1559
 - Friday, Oct. 30 | 1-2 p.m. | Hospital, Building E-22, Room 212
 - Friday, Nov. 20 | 1-2 p.m. | Hospital, Building E-22, Room 201
 - Friday, Dec. 18 | 1-2 p.m. | Hospital, Building E-22, Room 201
- Courses at MWR Building 1559 are first come, first served. Seating may be limited; standing room will be available until the room reaches capacity. Registration is available for courses held at the hospital in Building E-22. Scan the QR code to register.



Private associations may request an additional TFH course by email. Requests are considered case by case based on operational commitments. For questions, contact U.S. Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Command Yokosuka's Preventive Medicine Department at DSN 243-

2649, or dha.nmrtcy_prevmed@health.mil.

STUDENT SPORTS PHYSICALS

U.S. Naval Hospital (USNH) Yokosuka will host a Student Sports Physical Rodeo on Oct. 24 to help students complete the physicals required for participation in DoWEA-sponsored athletics.

- Oct. 24, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
 - USNH Yokosuka Pediatric Clinic
- Appointments are open to USNH Yokosuka TRICARE beneficiaries and Space-Available patients. Before your appointment:
- Complete the required Sports Physical History Form before your appointment.
 - Unaccompanied minors age 14 and older must have parental consent on file within the past year, or have a consent form completed before the appointment, to be seen without a parent or guardian present.
 - Scan the QR code to download the required Sports Physical History Form. To schedule an appointment, call 243-5352.

CONSTRUCTION AND CLOSURES

Yokosuka: 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 Shiphandling Trainer construction.
- Ikego:** Imatsumi Road partial closure until Dec. 30.

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