Yokosuka Community Enjoys Joyous Holiday Events

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Photos by MC2 Conner Houghtaling, CFAY Public Affairs/MWR Yokosuka
Beginning life in Japan can be entertaining as much as it is challenging, and a large part of the difficulty of transitioning from life in America to being stationed at Commander, Fleet Activities Yokosuka, (CFAY) is adapting to the ways of life that Japanese culture cultivates. This is most commonly experienced when first arriving in Japan and setting out to find somewhere to call home.

Naturally, this is what introduces most to CFAY’s housing services center. The housing office here in CFAY provides newly-arrived families with a step-by-step process on how to attain housing on and off base.

“When it comes to family housing, there’s a couple of different ways it could go,” said Mr. Esteban Abreu, the program director for CFAY’s installation housing. “If there’s availability on base, we will work as hard as we can to get you directly into a home on-base. If there isn’t any available housing, then that’s when we would start looking at off-base housing.”

One of the biggest hurdles when house hunting off-base is the language barrier, for some it may seem like an insurmountable task. This is an area where the housing office can step in and offer their support and services.

“For living off-base, that process is pretty different from what we’re used to,” said Abreu. “If there are any properties in the area, we can show them to you, and then reach out to the agents and can set up appointments for you, translate documents for you, we can do all the heavy lifting.”

Another hurdle to leap past in regard to life in Japan is size. Houses are smaller. Americans may be used to the ‘bigger is better’ mentality, but that does not apply here. With such a high population, and, relative to America, small amount of land, even more costly homes will inevitably be physically smaller. While servicemembers are waiting for their furniture to arrive or out shopping for Japan-sized furniture, the base housing office can provide temporary loaner furniture.

Yet another important factor to bear in mind is the large up-front monetary payment for housing that is very common across Japan. Most landlords require the payment of first month’s rent, key money, a deposit, and a realtor’s commission – typically totaling four times the monthly cost of rent. According to Military OneSource, the Department of Defense’s official website to assist with military-related life issues, initial housing expenses range from $4,000-$10,000, to possibly even more. It is easy to see all of this and be filled with a stark sense of trepidation.

As a result of this high move-in cost, the housing office can assist the servicemember with filling out
an application for an Overseas Housing Allowance (OHA) Loan, which covers the upfront move-in expenses, and is repaid by the servicemember over 12 months. In addition to Move-In Housing Allowance, MIHA, this can offset the financial burden of moving into a home in Japan.

“There are many options out there,” said Abreu. “Our team is here to support everybody. That’s another thing we’re there for. We can help you and encourage you to negotiate for fair prices. If the price to entry for off-base housing is above what you’re able to provide, we can speak to landlords, real estate agents, and try to work out what’s best for everyone.”

All in all, it is clear that despite the similarities between Naval bases all around the world, there are culture-specific challenges that need to be addressed. It is important to note that these stressors can be resolved much more efficiently by maintaining contact with CFAY’s housing office. Staying informed is a big factor in maintaining a smooth and comfortable arrival in Japan.

If you have any more questions about how to prepare for your arrival, head over to https://ffr.cnic.navy.mil/Navy-Housing/Housing-By-Region/Japan/CFA-Yokosuka/ for more information about all of CFAY’s housing opportunities.

For more than 75 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.

Out and About

Chief Sonar Technician (Surface) Caleb Noordmans speaks with a passerby to spread awareness about road safety practices, crosswalk safety and general street safety. (Photo by SN Darren Cordoviz, CFAY Public Affairs)

Chief Warrant Officer 5 Dan Ayars Jr., Director, Navy Food Management Team San Diego, addresses Sailors during a Captain Edward F. Ney Award evaluation at Commodore Matthew C. Perry general mess onboard Commander, Fleet Activities Yokosuka (CFAY). (Photo by MC2 Zenaida Roth, CFAY Public Affairs)
ON-BASE EDUCATION SERVICES
The Yokosuka Navy College Office closed its doors in October 2021, but Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (ERAU) and University of Maryland Global Campus (UMGC) are still available in the Education Center to support your commands with on-site classes, academic advising, and more.

Contact us or stop by and see us in the Fleet Rec building on the 3rd floor.  
*We look forward to helping you reach your educational goals!*

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**EMBRY-RIDDLE Aeronautical University**
ERAU Contact information:
Bldg. 3008, Room 351B
DSN: 241-4880 / Comm: 046-896-4880
Cell: 1-386-241-1922
yokosuka@erau.edu

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**UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND GLOBAL CAMPUS | ASIA**
UMGC Contact information:
Bldg. 3008, Room 331
DSN: 243-4613 / Comm: 046-816-4613
yokosuka-asia@umgc.edu

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**FFSC WEEKLY**
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Bowl with the GRINCH
Saturday, December 10
Yokosuka Bowling Center
Noon – 2 p.m.

Come meet, bowl and have your picture taken with Whoville’s most infamous resident, The Grinch! For just $9.95, kids can have 30 minutes of bowling, rental shoes, a snack and a fountain drink!

For more information, please call the Bowling Center at 243-3130.

Best Holiday Decoration Contest
December 5 - 16 • No Registration Required

Judges will be on site December 16, to determine winners for each category. Display lights must be turned on by 5:30 p.m. Winners will be notified by phone. Contest results will be announced, with award presentation, on Sunday, December 18, at C-2 Auditorium Festival of Trees event.

Categories* Include:
• Afloat Command
• Shore Command
• BBQ Door
• Town House
• Tower Balcony

All winners will receive recognition displays and plaques.

For details, please call 243-6713

School Age Care
Winter Camp
Offered at Ikego & Yokosuka SAC
Week 1: December 19 - 23
Week 2: December 27 - 30
For ages 5 - 12 years old

Registration starts on December 9
Register online at https://militarychildcare.com
Spaces are limited based on priority placement.
For more information call Ikego SAC at 246-5301, Yokosuka Third Avenue SAC at 243-3439 or Green Street SAC at 241-4100

Additional Hours
Cafeteria - 11:00 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Whole Turkey Package (Serves 8) - 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Whole Turkey Package (Serves 7 - 12) - 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Christmas Day Brunch with Santa
December 25 - Buffet
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Senior Recreation - 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
S2-25 Office (215) 466-7877

Christmas Day Buffet
December 25 - Buffet
8:00 a.m. - 4 p.m.
S2-25 Office (215) 466-7877

Contact
243-6285/6258
243-3439/243-5506

MWR NAVY
Child and Youth Program
**SWIM with Santa**

**Purdy Fitness Center Pool**
Friday, December 16
5 - 7 p.m.
FREE!
No registration required
All ages are welcome!

Help decorate Santa's underwater X-Mas tree.
For more information, contact the Aquatics Department at 243-2051.

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**UGLY Sweater RUN**

**Purdy Fitness Center**
Saturday, December 17 • 9 a.m.

No pre-registration required; register on site. 241-4486

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**DIVE-IN MOVIE NIGHT**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17**
Doors Open @ 4:30 p.m.
Movie Starts @ 4:45 p.m.
Enter pool via Purdy parking lot staircase.

- No floats allowed
- Adults must stay with children without swim licenses at all times.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL 243-5620

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**A Very BIG! (Band) HOLIDAY CONCERT**

U.S. SEVENTH Fleet Band presents

with special pre-concert music by
Kinnick High Instrumental Department

**December 15**
Benny Decker Theater
Doors open @ 4:30 p.m.
Concert begins @ 5 p.m.

Tickets will be available free of charge thru MyFR website starting December 5. Scan the QR Code to access MyFR. For details call 243-6703.

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**STORY TIME GUEST READER:**
**CMC Robert Beachy**

December 22 • 3 - 5 p.m.
at the Yokosuka Library

Bring the family over and listen as Fleet Activities, Yokosuka
CMC Robert Beachy reads, "The Navy's Night Before Christmas".

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**Santa Visit**
We will also have a visit from Santa and have some photo opportunities with "Kris Kringle" himself. Holiday crafts will be available, while supplies last.

For more information, please call 243-9606 / 5574.
BEYOND THE GATE

Harry Potter Christmas Illumination 2022
Until Dec. 25 (Sunday)
7 to 12 a.m. (Lighting show: 4 to 11 p.m. in every 30 minute) | Yokohama Landmark Tower, Mark’s Minato Mirai (4-minute walk from Minato Mirai Line Minato Mirai Station)
Inspired by the world of Harry Potter, special Christmas decoration and illumination is held at Yokohama Landmark Tower and Mark Is Minato Mirai.

Kurihama Christmas Festival
Dec. 17 (Saturday)
10 a.m. to 4 p.m. | Kurihama Shopping Street (1-minute walk from Keikyu Kurihama Station)
Santa Sukarin is coming to town! Celebrate Christmas in Kurihama with fun activities such as brass band performances by local junior high schoolers, pony rides for children, soccer kick target, and photo ops with Santa Sukarin! There will also be special food and drink booths!

Yorunoyo Illumination
Until Jan. 3 (Tuesday)
5 to 9:05 p.m. | Yokohama Oosanbashi International Passenger Terminal/Minato Mirai 21 Area (7-minute walk from Minatomirai Line Nihon Oodori station)
Yorunoyo Illumination is a special art illumination that can be enjoyed while touring around the port city of Yokohama.

Pride of Yokosuka: Exhibition of Souvenir Jacket “Sukajan”
Until Dec. 25 (Sunday)
10 a.m. to 6 p.m. | Yokosuka Museum of Art (20-minute drive from Main Base)
“Sukajan” were initially created as souvenir jackets for members of the American military. The name sukajan is a combination of Yokosuka’s “suka” and “jan” from “janpaa”, a Japanese word for jacket. The exhibition offers a comprehensive view of the fascinating sukajan. Visitors wearing Sukajan get 20% discount. Ask at the ticket counter. Closed Dec. 5 (Monday)
• Adults: ¥1,300 (¥1,040)
• High school and university students, persons 65 and older: ¥1,100 (¥880)
**NEWS AND NOTICES**

**OFFICERS’ CLUB CLOSURE**
The Officer’s Club will close at 6 p.m. on Dec. 9, 17 and 22 for command holiday parties.

**UPCOMING MOTORCYCLE TRAINING**
A Motorcycle Safety Foundation Basic Rider Course 2 class is scheduled for Dec. 17. You must have your own motorcycle for this class. Enroll through the Global Training tab on the ESAMS website, https://esams.cnic.navy.mil/ESAMS_GEN_2/Login. For enrollment inquiries, please contact the CNRJ Safety Program Director at 243-9635. All enrollees will be waitlisted until all pre-requisites identified in ESAMS are met. Active duty personnel have priority. For Motorcycle licensing requirements, please contact the Base Safety Office at 243-7354/2471.

**CHANGES TO VCC/VRO SCHEDULE**
Visitor Control Center (VCC)/Vehicle Registration Office (VRO) will be closed every 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 1 p.m. for training effective Jan. 18, 2023.

VCC Normal hours of operation: Monday – Sunday, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- For personal and vehicle pass section (Window 4): 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- For contractor and official pass section (Windows 1-3): 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

VRO normal hours of operation: Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Closed on federal holidays. For any questions, call VCC at 243-1838 or VRO at 243-5011.

**POST OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS**
Last days to ship first class letters, priority mail and priority express mail.

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Click-N-Ship/Prepaid Postage only. Place an extra completed address inside the parcel prior to sealing the package. Fill out a Customs Declaration form for all parcels. Beginning Dec. 27, Normal hours of Yokosuka Post Office will be:
- **Monday-Friday**: Finance, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Pick-up, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Saturday**: Pick-up, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

G-59 (next to Food Court) Prepaid Drop-off, Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. If you have any questions or concerns, please don’t hesitate to contact the Yokosuka Post Office at 243-5486, or email: yokosukapostoffice@fe.navy.mil.

**NOTICE TO ALL ON BASE TELEPHONE CUSTOMERS**
Base Communication Office Customer Service hours of operations will be from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Lunch time 12 to 1 p.m.) from Dec. 27 to Jan. 3. Customer Service will be closed on Dec. 26, Jan. 2, Saturday and Sunday. Normal business will resume on Jan. 4. Please contact 243-4600 for further information.

**REMAIN UP-TO-DATE IN THE FIGHT AGAINST COVID-19**
Pediatric Bivalent COVID-19 Boosters available now. Available by appointment only in Immunization Clinic. Call 243-5352 to schedule. The bivalent COVID-19 booster shot offers added protection against Omicron variant. Available for anyone five years of age or older who:
- Has completed their primary COVID-19 series.
- It has been at least two months since their last COVID-19 shot (primary series or booster), regardless of brand.
- No recent COVID-19 infection in last 90 days. CDC recommends anyone ages five years and older receive one bivalent mRNA booster dose after completion of any FDA-approved or FDA-authorized monovalent primary series or previously received monovalent booster dose(s). This new booster recommendation replaces all prior booster recommendations for this age group.

**COVID-19 VACCINE PRIMARY SERIES UPDATE**
To minimize waste of vaccine, beginning Jan. 27, 2023, only Moderna will be offered for ages five and above for primary COVID-19 vaccine series.* Therefore, first doses of primary series of Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine will not be administered after Dec. 30. Those who need a second dose of primary series of Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine should get it by Jan. 27, 2023. To make an appointment, call 243-5352. *Novavax will still be available for those who prefer a non-mRNA COVID-19 vaccine formulation.

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Your feedback lets Fleet & Family Services know how to best support you and what changes are needed. Survey completion time is less than five minutes. Available through Dec. 30. No sign up required. All responses are anonymous and confidential.

**CONSTRUCTION AND CLOSURES**
**Kanagawa Dental University Construction**: Possible traffic delays due to construction outside Womble Gate at the Kanagawa Dental University until Dec. 31. Large trucks will be operating along the road in front of the dental university, and will utilize the road in front of Womble Gate. Expected hours for delays: 9:30 am. to 4:30 p.m./9 p.m. to 6 a.m. Womble Gate hours of operation will not be impacted.

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# CFAY/IKEGO Gate Hours

## IKEGO
- **Inbound/Outbound Daily** 24 hours
- **Jimmiji**
  - Inbound/Outbound Monday-Friday 0500-0100
  - Inbound/Outbound Weekends and Holidays 0500-0030

## Womble Gate
- **Outbound Pedestrian Daily** 24 hours
- **Inbound Pedestrian Daily** 0500-2200
- **Inbound Vehicle Daily** 0500-1800
- **Inbound High Traffic Pattern Monday-Friday** 0500-0830
- **Outbound High Traffic Pattern Monday-Friday** 1530-1800

## Verny Pedestrian
- **Outbound Daily** 24 hours
- **Inbound Monday-Friday** 0600-2000
- **Inbound Saturday** 0700-0800
- **Inbound High Traffic Period Sunday and Holidays** CLOSED

## Carney Gate
- **Outbound Pedestrian Daily** 24 hours
- **Inbound Pedestrian Daily** 24 hours
- **Inbound Vehicle Daily** 0600-2100
- **Inbound High Traffic Period Monday-Friday** 0500-0830

## Carney Boardwalk Pedestrian Gate
- **Inbound/Outbound Daily** 0600-2100
CFAY TOWN HALL
13 Dec. 1800 -1930
Fleet Theater
Visitor Control Center and Vehicle Registration Update

Changes to VCC/VRO Schedule

Effective 18 Jan 2023

Training Days

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Non Training days

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- For Contractor and Official pass section (Windows 1-3): 0700-1630

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27 Dec 2022 thru 3 Jan 2023 BCO Customer Service hours of operations will be from 08:00 to 16:00 (lunch 12:00 to 13:00). Customer Service will be closed on 26 Dec 2022, 2 Jan 2023, Saturday & Sunday.

Normal business will resume on Jan 4th 2023. Please contact 243-4600 for further information. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.
Driver’s License Renewal/Update are WALK-IN ONLY
For questions, please call
243-9089 / 6721 / 5647
0800-1200/1300-1500, Monday-Friday except holidays

Driver’s License Renewal:
CFAY issued USFJ FORM (4EJ/POV)/(OF-346 GOV) with expiration date within 90 days are eligible to renew/update.

You MUST present:
- Orders/Letter of Employment
- A current Stateside Driver License
If it is expired, you must provide proof that it remains valid while on active duty.
THE GIANT VOICE is an informational podcast focusing on issues and concerns from personnel assigned to Commander, Fleet Activities Yokosuka (CFAY). Episodes can be found on CFAY's DVIDS page as well as most of your favorite streaming platforms such as Spotify, Apple, Amazon and Stitcher.
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AOB (Area Orientation Brief) is required when transferring to CFAY, and this presentation gives everyone the necessary information to facilitate a safe & enjoyable tour here in Yokosuka.

See the flyer for details on our 3-day offering, including the all-new BUS TOUR available on Wednesdays after ICR (Inter-Cultural Relations)!

Please register for your star-studded 3-day Live AOB experience with Fleet & Family Services!

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☎ 243-3372 / 046-816-3372
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Fleet & Family Support Center

Location: Community Resource Center Bldg. 3365

Hours of operation: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 0800–1630
Tuesday 0800–1430

Email: FFSCinfo@fe.navy.mil

- Ikego Detachment: 246–8052/ 046–806–8052
- To report Domestic Violence or Child Abuse: 243–7878/ 046–816–7878
  After hours Family Advocacy Duty Phone: 080–5511–4498

★ To sign up for AOB/ICR, please email AOBICR@fe.navy.mil and be sure to include requested date, name, rank, command, email address, and adult dependents.
YOKOSUKA FAMILY ASSISTANCE SUPPORT TEAM

**FAST CONNECT: MON-FRI 0800-1700**
- 315-243-5770
- FAST_Connect@fe.navy.mil
- [https://www.facebook.com/CFAYFAST](https://www.facebook.com/CFAYFAST)

**AIRPORT SHUTTLE TRANSPORT TEAM: DAILY 0730-0100**
- 315-243-7777
- CFAY_Bus@fe.navy.mil

**RAPIDS/ DEERS ID LAB: MON-FRI 0800-1700**
- 315-243-9303/ 9304
- FAST_Connect@fe.navy.mil
- Community Resource Center, 4th FL, RM 438
YOKOTA SHUTTLE BUS

For the Yokota AB Shuttle – please confirm flight status before going to the Shuttle Service Bus Desk

DELAYS DUE TO WEATHER CONDITIONS/MECHANICAL ISSUES MAY RESULT IN FLIGHT DELAYS

Please be proactive and aware before traveling:

• Review the terminal’s website for mission delays  https://www.amc.af.mil/AMC-Travel-Site/Terminals/PACOM-Terminals/Yokota-AB-Passenger-Terminal/
• Delays for inbound flights results in outbound delays
• Shuttle service (Bus) on Thursday/Saturday to Yokota AB is outbound only.
• Passengers seeking Space Availability on Patriot Express will not have access to shuttle bus service back to CFAY on outbound only shuttle days.
• During Shuttle Service Check-in, please show: 1-Orders and 2-Itinerary
IKEGO

IKEGO FIRST CLASS PETTY OFFICER ASSOCIATION

KIDS HOLIDAY PARTY

DECEMBER 1200-1500
IKEGO SCHOOL CAFETERIA

OPEN TO ALL CFAY/IKEGO COMMANDS. KIDS CAN ENJOY GAMES, FOOD, AND A VISIT FROM SANTA WHO WILL BE GIFTING EVERY CHILD A TOY.

NO LATER THAN 26 NOV, RSVP WITH YOUR CHILD’S NAME, AGE, GENDER, AND FOOD ALLERGIES BY CONTACTING CS1 DIAZ AT ERICSON.DIAZ@FE.NAVY.MIL OR LN1 VILLAREAL AT CARLOS.VILLAREAL@FE.NAVY.MIL

Parade will start at Noon and last approximately one hour.
The Family Housing shuttle to/from Ikego provided by Public Works Transportation due to COVID will permanently cease operations

Last day: Friday 2 December

Note: AM/PM Ikego Home-to-Work busses are unaffected for both authorized users and space available passengers.
HISAGI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
CLEANUP

SATURDAY | DEC 10, 2022 | 08:45 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.

- Meet at Ikego Detachment Building 831 (No transportation provided)
- Open to All Hands (Active, Civilians, DoD etc.)
- Uniform: Navy Pride, or any Proper PT gear.
- To sign-up email AM1 Dinh, Thachbich.n.dinh.mil@us.navy.mil or call 246-8042
OFFICE OF THE STAFF JUDGE ADVOCATE
COMMANDER, FLEET ACTIVITIES YOKOUSKA

Building C-31, Mon- Fri: 0800 to 1130 and 1230 to 1600

CFAY.JAG@FE.NAVY.MIL

or by phone at:
DSN: (315)243-7335/7916 or COMM: 046-816-7335/7916

Contact our Office for assistance with:
- Private Employment Requests
- Fundraiser Requests
- Claims
- Private Organization Audits
- Privacy Act Requests/FOIA
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Yokosuka Holiday Parade Route

Parade will start at 5 p.m. and last approximately two hours.
Week One
DEC. 1 • IKEGO TREE LIGHTING & HOLIDAY MARKETPLACE
DEC. 2 • YOKOSUKA TREE LIGHTING & HOLIDAY MARKETPLACE
Start the holiday season watching the tree lighting ceremony at Ikago & Yokosuka. Enjoy live music, hot cocoa and for the first time ever, an open air holiday marketplace, featuring private home businesses from our community.

Week Two
DEC. 11 • HOLIDAY PARADES AT YOKOSUKA & IKEGO

Ikego • Noon - 3 P.M.
Yokosuka • 5 - 8 P.M.
Guess who is coming to town? Watch Santa bring Holiday cheer to CFY at the Holiday Parade. For the safety of everyone watching the parade, please follow the guidelines listed below:
- Viewers are requested to stay on the sidewalk.
- Do not cross the street while vehicles are passing by.
- Parental supervision is required for minors.
- Do not run along the sidewalk to chase the parade.

Week Three
DEC. 17 - 18 • FESTIVAL OF TREES
Meet Santa and enjoy the sparkling lights that create a magical holiday atmosphere. These special holiday trees are decorated from various commands and organizations throughout the base and you can vote for your favorite tree. Santa will be available for photo opportunities. The festival will also have hot cocoa, cookies and holiday music.

For more information, please call 243-5212

Yokosuka & Ikego

BEST HOLIDAY
DECORATION CONTEST
December 5 - 16 • No Registration Required

Judges will be on-site December 16, to determine winners for each category. Display lights must be turned on by 5:30 p.m. Winners will be notified by phone. Contest results will be announced, with award presentation, on Sunday, December 18, at C-2 Auditorium Festival of Trees event.

Categories* include:
- Afloat Command
- Shore Command
- PQ Door
- Town House
- Tower Balcony
All winners will receive recognition displays and plaques.

For details, please call 243-6713

*Yokosuka Buildings C1 and C2, Senior Officers Quarters (0-6 and above), CFAY/MWR and NEX Facilities will not be judged.
Bowl with the GRINCH

Saturday, December 10
Yokosuka Bowling Center
Noon – 2 p.m.

Come meet, bowl and have your picture taken with Whoville’s most infamous resident, The Grinch! For just $9.95, kids can have 10 minutes of bowling, rental shoes, a snack and a fountain drink!

For more information, please call the Bowling Center at 245-3136.

SWIM with SANTA

Friday, December 16
5 - 7 p.m.

FREE!
No registration required
All ages are welcome!

Help decorate Santa’s underwater X-Mas tree.
For more information, contact the Aquatics Department at 243-2051.

UGLY Sweater RUN

PURDY FITNESS CENTER
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17 - 9 A.M.

No pre-registration required, register on site. 241-4486
STORY TIME GUEST READER:
CMC Robert Beachy

December 22 • 3 - 5 p.m.
at the Yokusuka Library

Bring the family over and listen as Fleet Activities, Yokosuka CMC Robert Beachy reads, “The Navy’s Night Before Christmas”.

Santa Visit
We will also have a visit from Santa and have some photo opportunities with “Kris Kringle” himself. Holiday crafts will be available, while supplies last.

For more information, please call 243-9606 / 5574.
U.S. SEVENTH Fleet Band presents
A Very BIG! (Band)
HOLIDAY CONCERT
with special pre-concert music by
Kinnick High Instrumental Department

December 15
Benny Decker Theater
Doors open @ 4:30 p.m.
Concert begins @ 5 p.m.

Tickets will be available free of charge thru
MyFFR website starting December 5.
Scan the QR Code to access MyFFR.
For details call 243-6703.

MWR

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17
Doors Open @ 4:30 p.m.
Movie Starts @ 4:45 p.m.
Enter pool via Purdy parking lot staircase.

• No floats allowed
• Adults must stay with children without swim licenses at all times.
Join us at our Annual Festival of Trees!

Help us bring cheer and joy to our community while fighting for bragging rights in having the best decorated Holiday Tree on base.

Fill out our application online to get your organization into our annual Festival of Tree Event. Open to all CFAY approved private organizations, associations, and commands. Registration is open from now till Friday, December 9.

Event Date: December 17 & 18

Register at www.navymwryokosuka.com/special-event-registration

For more information please call 243-5212
ARMY-NAVY GAME

December 11 • 4:30 a.m. - 9 a.m.
Officers’ Club Kurofune Lounge

Join us for 120th Army-Navy Game. A breakfast buffet will be served starting at 4:30 a.m. with complimentary appetizers during halftime, and prize giveaways throughout the game. $15 Adult / $7.50 Ages 6 - 11.

Open to all hands.

School Age Care
WINTER CAMP

Offered at Ikego & Yokosuka SAC
Week 1: December 19 - 23
Week 2: December 27 - 30
For ages 5 - 12 years old

Registration starts on December 9
Register online at https://militarychildcare.com
Spaces are limited based on priority placement.
For more information call Ikego SAC at 246-8301,
Yokosuka Third Avenue SAC at 243-3439 or
Green Street SAC at 241-4100
# 2022 Holiday Shipping Dates for Military Mail

Recommended send-by dates for expected delivery before December 25

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*PMEMS* is available to selected military/diplomatic Post Offices. Check with your local Post Office to determine if this service is available to an APO/FPO/DPO address.
## POST OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

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*Click-N-Ship/Prepaid Postage only

Place an extra completed address inside the parcel prior to sealing the package. Fill out a Customs Declaration form for all parcels.

*** Beginning 27 Dec***

Normal Hours Yokosuka Post Office will be:
- Monday-Friday: Finance 0830-1800; Pick-up 0830-1700
- Saturday: Pick-up 1000-1400
- G-89 (next to Food Court) Prepaid Drop-off M-F 0830-1630

Happy Holidays! If you have any questions or concerns, please don’t hesitate to contact the Yokosuka Post Office at 243-5486 or email YOKOSUKAPOSTOFFICE@F.E.NAVY.MIL.

vfr,
Postal Manager
To Our Valued Customers,

A reminder that per OPNAVINST 5112.6, post offices cannot hold mail over 30 days unless a mail hold is placed by the addressee due to leave, TDY, etc. Mail not picked up in 30 days must be returned to sender.

It is recommended customers pick up mail frequently, and at least weekly.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Yokosuka Post Office, call 243-5486 or send an email to YOKOSUKAPOSTOFFICE@FE.NAVY.MIL

Very Respectfully,
Postal Manager
To Our Valued Customers,

Effective 02 OCT 2022 through 22 JAN 2023, USPS is initiating a temporary rate increase. The increases for Priority Mail (PM), Priority Mail Express (PME), Parcel Select Ground, USPS Retail Ground are as follows:

- $0.95 increase for PM and PME Flat Rate Boxes and Envelopes
- $0.30 increase for Zones 1-4, 0-10 lbs.
- $1.00 increase for Zones 5-9, 0-10 lbs.
- $0.95 increase for Zones 1-4, 11-20 lbs.
- $3.20 increase for Zones 5-9, 11-20lbs.
- $3.25 increase for Zones 1-4, 21-70 lbs.
- $6.45 increase for Zones 5-9, 21-70 lbs.

*Note: Zones 1-4: Between 1-600 Miles Shipping Distance / Zones 5-9: Between 601-1801 Miles or Greater.

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Very Respectfully,
Postal Manager
To Our Valued Customers,

To avoid Global Trade Compliance (GTC) holds and delaying of your mailed packages, please follow the below United States Postal Investigative Service (USPIS) guidance:

To alleviate GTC holds, please ensure that customers are very descriptive when listing items on the customs form. For example (2 shirts, 1 pants, 5 bars of soap, etc.).

Listed below are the common "vague descriptions" and non-mailable items identified by USPIS that has created numerous GTC holds.


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Very Respectfully,
Postal Manager
Fall 2022 HVAC Changeover

In support of Navy/National Energy policies and completion of preventative maintenance, Fleet Activities Yokosuka maintains an HVAC changeover period as follows:

- **Cooling shutoff**: No sooner than **20 October**
- **Heating turn-on**: No later than **23 November**
- **Expect four weeks of no heating/cooling.**
- **AC turn-off/Heating turn-on** order of operations:

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- Users are advised to open doors and windows as needed and to use natural ventilation to the maximum extent possible.
- If you have a user controlled unit in your space, you are required by CNIC policy and COMFLEACTYOKOSUKAINST 11300.2H to secure your heating at the time period listed above.
- Dates are estimates in anticipation of average weather and may vary slightly due to actual weather conditions and/or PMI schedule availability.
- For Facility Services, dial DSN 243-5555 or COMM 046-816-5555.
PATIENT ADVISORY
VACCINE DELAYS

Due to shipping delays with COVID-19 vaccines, we currently do not have any Pfizer monovalent vaccines for ages 5 and up.

We're still working to identify the exact cause of delays as we're not the only entity impacted.

We have Moderna for 18 years and up.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

NMRTC YOKOSUKA
MEDICALLY READY FORCE. READY MEDICAL FORCE.
REMAIN UP-TO-DATE* IN THE FIGHT AGAINST COVID-19!

Pediatric Bivalent COVID-19 Boosters available NOW!

Available by appointment only in Immunization Clinic.
Call 243-5352 to schedule.

- The bivalent COVID-19 booster shot offers added protection against Omicron variant.
- Available for anyone 5 years of age or older who:
  - has completed their primary COVID-19 series;
  - it has been at least 2 months since their last COVID-19 shot (primary series or booster), regardless of brand;
  - No recent COVID-19 infection in last 90 days

** CDC recommends anyone ages 5 years and older receive 1 bivalent mRNA booster dose after completion of any FDA-approved or FDA-authorized monovalent primary series or previously received monovalent booster dose(s). This new booster recommendation replaces all prior booster recommendations for this age group. **

NMRTC YOKOSUKA
MEDICALLY READY FORCE. READY MEDICAL FORCE.
If you’re eligible to take part in TRICARE Open Season, you have three choices:

- **Stay in your plan**: If you want to stay in your current TRICARE health plan, you don’t have to take any action. You’ll continue in your current health plan through 2023—or as long as you’re eligible.

- **Enroll in a plan**: If you’re eligible for TRICARE Prime® or TRICARE Select® but not enrolled, you can enroll in a plan now.

- **Change plans**: If you’re already enrolled in a TRICARE Prime option or TRICARE Select, you can switch health plans and switch between individual and family enrollment.

For more information, visit: [www.tricare.mil/OpenSeason](http://www.tricare.mil/OpenSeason)
TRICARE ONLINE (TOL) PATIENT PORTAL

NEED TO REFILL YOUR PRESCRIPTION?

Enrolled TRICARE Beneficiaries can manage prescriptions online, including filling new and active prescriptions for yourself or for an authorized family member through the TRICARE Online (TOL) Patient Portal at www.TRICAREOnline.com

Please see the attached instructional pages on how to manage your prescriptions online today.

NMRTC YOKOSUKA
MEDICALLY READY FORCE. READY MEDICAL FORCE.
PRESCRIPTIONS FAQ

What is TRICARE Online Patient Portal (TOL PP) Prescriptions?
TOL PP Prescriptions allows you to view all of your active prescriptions with associated status information, quickly select one or more prescriptions to fill, and choose your preferred military hospital or clinic pick-up location.

Can I fill prescriptions on behalf of my family members?
Yes, you can fill prescriptions for your family members! Select your MTF where the prescription was last filled, then select your family member from the drop down list, select the prescriptions to fill, choose your preferred pick-up location, and click “Send Request Now.”

Can I set up reminders to alert me my prescription is ready for pick up?
Yes, you have the ability to receive email and test message notifications, including international numbers, for military hospital or clinic prescription fills. The notifications will let you know when your prescriptions will be ready for pick up as well as how long you have to pick up your prescriptions. Set up prescription notifications in your “Profile” on the TOL PP home page.

Can I renew my prescriptions using the TOL PP?
Yes, you can request prescription renewal using the Secure Messaging feature to send a message requesting your prescription renewal to your healthcare provider team.

Find more information at www.TRICAREOnline.com.
DECEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

USO Yokosuka
DSN: 241-3030 | 046-896-3030
@USOYokosuka

NEW YEARS EVE PARTY: 1800-0030
**LOCATION THE USO YOKOSUKA CENTER**
**ACTIVE DUTY ONLY**

Join the USO for a New Year's Eve event for Active Duty service members. Ring in the New Year's USO style with games, food and fun to bring in 2020!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Have ideas or feedback to share for programs and events? Email, message or give us a call!

FOLLOW US!

Volunteer of the month
Volunteer at the Quarter
Volunteer of the Year

Volunteer at the Quarter
4th Quarter

PANCAKES WITH SANTA: 0830-1130
**LOCATION THE USO YOKOSUKA CENTER**

Start your morning off with your favorite dishes as you enjoy a delicious meal with Santa and his helper! Sign-up required.

NEW VOLUNTEER OPEN HOUSE: 1000-1600
**LOCATION THE USO YOKOSUKA CENTER**

Ever thought about volunteering with the USO? Come to our Open House and get everything done at one time! Get your account activated, participate in orientation, and even complete your first shadow shift. Sign-up to pick your time slot and start your volunteer journey. Walk-ins Welcome

KIDS CONNECT COOKIE DECORATING: 0900-1200
**LOCATION THE USO YOKOSUKA CENTER**
**SIGN-UPS REQUIRED**

USO Yokosuka is decorating cookies for Santa! Sign-up for a spot to come down and decorate your own cookies for Santa, plus make a fun Christmas ornament for your tree.

CHRISTMAS EVE DINNER: 1500-1700
**LOCATION THE USO YOKOSUKA CENTER**

USO is celebrating Christmas eve with a delicious spread for our Active Duty Sailors. Spend your holiday with us and be apart of our merry little Christmas. If you are on shift we can even prepare a box to go!

HOLIDAY BINGO: 1600-1800
**LOCATION THE USO YOKOSUKA CENTER**
**E-6 & BELOW, 1B+**

USO Yokosuka is playing Bingo! Come out and play bingo with us for a chance to win some amazing prizes. This event is only for E-6 and below. 1B+ Filing in the New Year with BINGO! Doors open at 1USO.

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COFFEE CONNECTION: 0900-1100
**LOCATION THE USO YOKOSUKA CENTER**

Join us for an Ugly Sweater Coffee Connection and share your favorite things with us! We will share, enjoy snacks and make a holiday ornament. Sign-up today and reserve your spot.

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