Ikego & CFAY Hold Holiday Parade

Photos by MC2 Erik M. Rivera Jr., MC2 Conner Houghtaling and MWR Marketing
The third Saturday of each December in the U.S. is national Wreaths Across America day, and even thousands of miles away onboard Commander, Fleet Activities Yokosuka (CFAY), that tradition is recognized. The tradition began in 1992, when Merrill Worcester, owner of Worcester Wreaths, began the practice of laying wreaths on the graves of fallen military members at the end of December. Today that same tradition is carried out by volunteers and service members around the globe.

The Wreaths Across America program is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to remember and honor deceased veterans with a wreath-laying ceremony that began at Arlington National Cemetery and grew to be a nationwide event in cemeteries across America. The organization started when the Worcester Wreath Company of Harrington, Maine found themselves at the end of the holiday season with a surplus of unsold wreaths. Instead of throwing them out, Merrill Worcester decided to lay the extra wreaths on the older, less visited graves of veterans at Arlington National Cemetery.

The humble ceremony occurred every year until 2005 when a photo of the wreath-laying gained the attention of thousands of Americans. Requests came pouring in to Worcester from people requesting to help volunteer, giving donations and requests to include their local cemeteries in the tradition. Worcester Wreath Company quickly became overwhelmed by the scope of a project that, for several years, only consisted of transporting and laying a few dozen wreaths at one cemetery.

In 2007 Wreaths Across America was officially formed as its own organization by the Worcester family alongside veterans and other groups that were initially involved in the project. Today the organization has over 1,000 locations and lays more than 700,000 wreaths each year. They even reached their initial goal of covering every grave at Arlington National Cemetery with a wreath in 2014. And, as the organization grew over the years, the trek from Harrington, Maine to Arlington National Cemetery also became the world’s largest veteran’s parade, making stops in cities and towns along the way to remind people of the importance of remembering those who served.

The winter wreath was historically used as a reminder of sacrifice with its circular shape symbolizing never ending faith during the hard winter months. While some might think of wreaths as seasonal house decor, the meanings behind them are much more significant, and not just back in the States, but even here in Yokosuka. Shimekazari wreaths, wreaths made of rice straw usually entwined with red or gold cord, are displayed during the new year and are hung outside shrines and outside the gate of most buildings at the beginning of January. Half a world away, traditions still carry through, bringing people together and sharing common customs during the holiday season.

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.
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!

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

UMGC Contact information:
Bldg. 3008, Room 331
DSN: 243-4613 / Comm: 046-816-4613
yokosuka-asia@umgc.edu

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**Holiday Events**

**Tree Lighting Ceremonies**
- Ikego • Thursday, December 1
- Yokosuka • Friday, December 2

**Breakfast with Santa**
- Club Takemiya • Saturday, December 3
  (by reservation only)

**AFE Presents: Operation Magic All - Stars**
- Tuesday, December 6

**Bowling with the Grinch**
- Saturday, December 10

**Holiday Parades**
- Ikego • Sunday, December 11
- Yokosuka • Sunday, December 11

**7th Fleet Band Holiday Concert**
- Thursday, December 15

**Swim with Santa**
- Friday, December 16

**Ugly Sweater 5K**
- Saturday, December 17

**Dive - In Movie Night “Elf”**
- Saturday, December 17

**Festival of Trees**
- Saturday, December 17
- Sunday, December 18

**Christmas Eve Dinner**
- Club Alliance (with Santa 6-8 p.m.)

**Christmas Day Brunch**
- O’Club (with Santa 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.)
- CPO Club (with Santa 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.)
- Club Takemiya

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- Bowling Center

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- O’Club

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**LIBERTY CENTER**

**Christmas Eve**

**Pizza & Movie Marathon**
- Saturday, December 24

**Christmas Dinner**
- Sunday, December 25

**New Year’s Eve**

**Movie Night**
- Saturday, December 31
  @ Fleet Theater

**Meiji Jingu Shrine Tour**
- Sunday, January 1

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*All Events Are Subject To Change ** Liberty Center events are for single / unaccompanied active duty only.
For more information on any of these events, please visit us at www.navywmryokosuka.com

From all of us to all of you,

Happy Holidays!
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- 5:30 p.m.: 2022 CFAY Best Decorated Home & Command Winners announced

Santa’s helpers will also be there to hand out FREE cookies & hot chocolate!
*Event subject to change*

For more information, please call 243-5215

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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.

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**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
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**Yokosuka Bowling Center**

**New Year’s Eve Family Bowling Parties**

**SAT DEC 31**
- **1 - 3 P.M.**
- **OR 4 - 6 P.M.**

Parties will feature bowling under the blacklights, party favors, kid-friendly buffet with pizza, chicken fingers, fries, and a sparkling cider toast! Sign ups start now so don’t miss out! $59.95 / lane (up to 5 people / lane).

For more information, please call the Bowling Center at 243-4200
Hagoita-Ichi Fair 2022
Dec. 17 (Saturday) - 19 (Monday)
9 a.m. to 9 p.m. | Sensoji Temple (5-minute walk from Tokyo Metro Line/Toei Asakusa Line Asakusa Station)
Hagoita are wooden bats that were used to play hanetsuki, a New Year battledore and shuttlecock game. Hagoita sold at this fair are only used for inviting good luck, decoration purposes, bearing rich ornaments. On the face side, the hagoita traditionally show the portrait of kabuki actors or famous characters, and even nowadays, TV or sports stars, or anime characters.

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.

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!

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. 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-requirements 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, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Closed on federal holidays. For any questions, call VCC at 243-1838 or VRO at 243-5011.
VCC will be closed from Dec. 29 to Jan. 3. Normal hours of operation 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. will resume on Jan. 4.

POST OFFICE SERVICES NOTICE
Effective Jan. 1, 2023, to help streamline our operations, the Yokosuka/Ikego Post Office’s will no longer accept cash as a form of payment for postal service products. Acceptable forms of payment will be made via debit card and/or credit card. The following payment cards are accepted: American Express, Master Card, Visa, Discover, Apple Pay and Google Pay. There is a shift from HQ/MPSA to push for cashless payment operations across the Navy and globe. As a cash-free location, the Base Post Office will improve service levels by reducing transaction times resulting in shorter wait periods in the lobby. Money Orders can still be purchased using a Debit Card only. Credit Cards are not accepted for the purchase of Money Orders per USPS regulations. 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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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 a.m. to 4:30 p.m./9 p.m. to 6 a.m. Womble Gate hours of operation will not be impacted.
# CFAY/IKEGO GATE HOURS

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Visitor Control Center and Vehicle Registration Update

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Effective 18 Jan 2023

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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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For any questions please call VCC at 315-243-1838 or VRO at 315-243-5011. Thank you for your support.
NOTICE TO ALL ON BASE TELEPHONE CUSTOMERS

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.

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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

**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:

• 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
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
- Private Organization Audits
- Fundraiser Requests
- Privacy Act Requests/FOIA
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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.

UGLY Sweater Run

Purdy Fitness Center
Saturday, December 17 - 9 A.M.
No pre-registration required, register on site. 241-4486
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.

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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
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# 2022 Holiday Shipping Dates for Military Mail

Recommended send-by dates for expected delivery before December 25

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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 0900-1600; Pick-up 0900-1700
- 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@FE.NAVY.MIL.

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Postal Manager
To Our Valued Customers,

1. Effective **1 January 2023**, to help streamline our operations, the Yokosuka/Ikego Post Office’s will no longer accept cash as a form of payment for postal service products. Acceptable forms of payment will be made via debit card and/or credit card. The following payment cards are accepted: American Express, Master Card, Visa, Discover, Apple Pay and Google Pay.

2. There is a shift from HQ/MPSA to push for cashless payment operations across the Navy and globe. As a cash-free location, the Base Post Office will improve service levels by reducing transaction times resulting in shorter wait periods in the lobby.

3. **Money Orders** can still be purchased using a Debit Card only. Credit Cards are not accepted for the purchase of Money Orders per USPS regulations.

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Very Respectfully,
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.

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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, 11-20 lbs.
- $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
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)
PATIENT ADVISORY
PFIZER COVID-19 VACCINES NOW AVAILABLE
UPDATE AS OF 13 DEC 2022

We received shipment for Pfizer monovalent vaccines for ages 5 and up. Please call 243-5352 to schedule an appointment to receive your primary series.
PATIENT ADVISORY
FLU VACCINES AVAILABILITY UPDATE

To meet flu compliance mandates, Immunizations Clinic will be offering flu vaccine ONLY on a walk-in basis this Friday, 16 Dec from 0800-1530 for the following personnel.

- Active duty and Reservists
- DODEA students and CDC children

Flu vaccines will be available to ALL patients by appointment ONLY from 19 Dec 2022 to 13 Jan 2023. Please call 243-5352 to schedule an appointment. Flu vaccine services will resume on a walk-in basis starting 16 Jan 2023.
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.

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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/or text 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 homepage.

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

How do I access TOL PP Prescription Fill information and services?

2. Log in with your DoD CAC, Premium DS Logon, or DFAS myPay credentials. If you do not have DS Logon credentials and would like to, click “Need An Account.”
3. Click “Prescriptions” option on the TOL PP homepage.
4. Confirm the primary military treatment facility (MTF) where the prescription was originally filled from the drop-down box. To request fills for a family member, select them from the drop-down box to see an updated list of Rx’s. Choose Pharmacy pick-up location. If you have not set up a location in your profile.
5. Select the prescriptions you wish to request from the list of Active Rx’s. Enter a “Contact Phone Number” (for new fills only). Send your request.
6. To request fills not displaying on the list, select the “Manual Refill” option. Confirm the MTF where the prescription was originally filled. You may enter up to six Rx numbers. Choose Pharmacy pick-up location. Send your request.

QUICK REFERENCE CODE LINK
SIGN UP FOR TOL PATIENT PORTAL NEWS
TOL PATIENT PORTAL CUSTOMER SERVICE

Customer Service Available
24/7/365 1-800-600-9332

OCONUS Telephone Numbers located at “Contact Us”
DECEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Yokosuka

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

Join the USO for a New Years Eve event for Active Duty service members. Ring in the New Years USO style with games, food and fun to bring in 2023!

Volunteer of the month
Volunteer at the Quarter
4th Quarter
Volunteer of the Year

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

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

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.

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

Stamp is coming to the USO center! That's right you and your family can come down and enjoy pancakes and a photo with the big guy himself for fun in morning with Santa and all his helpers! **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 open and decorate your own cookies for Santa, plus make a fun Christmas ornament for your home.

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

USO is celebrating Christmas eve with a deliciousspread for our Active Duty Sailors. Spend your holiday with us and be a part 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, 18+ **

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. 18+ Ring in the New Years with BINGO! Doors open at 1630.

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