

This Week at Fleet Activities Yokosuka







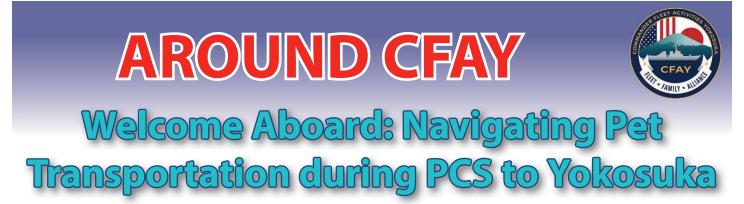


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By James Kimber, CFAY Public Affairs

This the third of our "PCSing with Pets" series. In this part, the This the third of our "PCSing with Pets" series. In this part, the Yokosuka Navy Exchange and Commander, Fleet Activities Yokosuka (CFAY) Command Admin Department's Family Assistance Support Team, or FAST, go over options to get your pet from the airport to the installation.

Both Yokosuka's and Yokota's Veterinary Treatment Facilities clarified in the first article the Government of Japan requirements for all personnel planning to bring pets in the country as part of a Permanent Change of Station, or PCS. Pets Are Worth Saving, a non-profit animal shelter authorized to operate on base, then provided guidance on how to prepare your pet for the long trip inside a crate to minimize anxiety and create as comfortable as an environment as possible.

In this part, the focus shifts from the veterinary





certificates needed to successfully navigate the Government of Japan's inspection process and the training recommendations to help your pet grow more resilient. Here, the focus is on safely transporting your pet from the airport to Commander, Fleet Activities Yokosuka.

The most common commercial airports personnel will arrive at are either Narita International Airport, the country's largest airport located in Chiba, or Haneda International Airport in Tokyo. Travelers arriving here will have guidance to utilize the CFAY Airport Shuttle Service.

However, this shuttle service is not authorized to transport pets.

Fire Controlman (AEGIS) 1st Class Mathew Wilson is the leading petty officer for CFAY Admin Department's Family Assistance Support Team. This team is more commonly called FAST within the base community. CFAY FAST is located in the James D. Kelly Fleet Recreation Center on the third floor. Fleet Rec's third floor is a wide-open space with plenty of seating, a food court, power outlets and free Wi-Fi creating a perfect environment for junior Sailors to set up their laptop – or the occasional console and TV – to game. The regulars are affectionately known as the "Third Deck Warriors." It's in this wing of Fleet Rec where CFAY FAST provides Sailors and their family members the multiple re-entry passport stamp, acts as an auxiliary military identification card lab, and is also relied on to provide guidance to transferring personnel who may not know where else to turn for help.

Among the most frequently asked topics is pet transportation.

Ideally, the sponsor can pick up the Sailor and their pet from the airport. As welcoming and hospitable as it may be, there's a reality that "it's not even possible in a lot of cases," Wilson said. "[FAST] can't provide service to Narita or Haneda, but we can offer suggestions that might help."

The team provides guidance and includes a document that outlines the alternative commercial vendors. One of those choices is Navy Exchange-contracted Van Chauffeur Services, led by a contractor who goes by one name. Her name is Pola.

"Our regular fees are \$110 for Haneda and \$170 for Narita per van, but there are additional fees for early morning and night," Pola said in a phone interview. "Most PCSing families will need more than one van, so they should plan for a higher quote."

One of the advantages to the Navy Exchange Van Chauffeur is that the driver and vehicle have base access, meaning the transferring family and pets can all be taken right up to the Navy Lodge's entrance.

Travelers should note, however, that Van Chauffeur Services only provides transportation to and from Haneda and Narita airports, the contractor only has





four vans in their fleet, and they serve other clients on a first-come-first-serve basis including those who are not authorized to use government-operated shuttle buses.

"Unfortunately, I have to turn down a lot of requests because of schedule conflicts," Pola said.

Pola also noted that there are several companies who can support even last second requests.

"I don't know much about them," Pola said, but FAST has a list of off-base vendors travelers can choose.

Those who "choose a commercial vendor have to coordinate with the [CFAY Security Department Visitor Control Center] before their own arrival to get their driver on base. Or walk through the gate with their luggage to either get a base taxi or meet a friend," Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class Cheryl Cherisma said. Cherisma is also part of CFAY FAST and is often the person greeting the office's walk-ins. Her desk is the first of the five desks in the office's main area. A counter above her desk displays multiple brochures and fliers prominently displayed next to the sign in sheets and readily available for sponsors to pick up for incoming personnel.

"These have everything they need to know," Cherisma said.

Next to Cherisma's desk is Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Aircraft Handling) 3rd Class Jessica Freeman. Personnel who have called FAST recently, likely talked to Freeman first.

A large number of personnel will also arrive at Yokota Air Base's Passenger Air Terminal.



Yokota Air Base is the Air Force's installation in the northern Kanto Plain at the foothills of the Okutama Mountains a little less than 30 miles west of Tokyo. A short drive east is the beginning of the Tokyo Metropolitan sprawl. A short drive west is farmland. A two-hour drive southeast is Yokosuka.

"If you're arriving at Yokota with your pets, we can support," Freeman said.

At the time of this writing, neither the Navy Exchange nor Army and Air Force Exchange Service offer commercial transportation from Yokota to CFAY. Due to this known gap in commercial option availability, FAST is authorized in the interim to assist by coordinating with Naval Facilities Engineering System Command (NAVFAC) Far East personnel to send additional support to Yokota.

"We ask for at least two days' notice," Freeman said. "But we can take requests as early as 30 days before arrival." However, one to two weeks' notice is preferred.

"The notice helps us with muster," Wilson said. "It makes it easier for us to be able to maintain accountability and ensure we're not wasting the driver's time or the command's resources."

NAVFAC operates the large airport shuttles that go to Yokota daily. These shuttles aren't equipped to safely transport pets, so – with appropriate coordination – NAVFAC will also dispatch appropriate smaller coach liner buses based on how many pets are on the manifest.

"They're usually able to fit an entire family including pets and luggage in one vehicle, but larger families might need to split up with some on the larger bus and some in the van," Freeman said.

All other pet owners not traveling to Yokota will need to plan for commercial expenses. According to a MyNavyHR Fact Sheet dated April 4, 2024 Sailors on PCS orders may be authorized reimbursement for costs related to one household pet during the move. Reimbursement for the actual cost of all necessary expense in connection with the movement of the pet is limited to \$2,000 per PCS move according to the latest Joint Travel Regulation (JTR), dated April 1, 2024. That doesn't necessarily include the already paid-in-full veterinary bills outside of mandatory microchipping and the already purchased crate and accessories to prepare a pet to fly to Japan. Overseas pet transportation fees can quickly reach \$2,000 or more, so keep all your receipts to receive the maximum reimbursement.

Caroline Coffer is the director of the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, or NMCRS, Yokosuka office. Her office is on Main Base in the Community Readiness Center across the street from the Commissary. It's located on the third floor to the right of the CFA Yokosuka Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (MWR) office. In May 2021, NMCRS began a program specific to pet owners in the military to provide interest-free loans covering many of the expenses two pets can incur during overseas moves.

Coffer encourages personnel to "stop by our office or give us a call so we can review their pet shipping request. This helps us provide personalized service and the appropriate assistance."

NMCRS can only provide assistance for cats or dogs and the member must be transferring to or from an overseas unit. Those who meet the criteria and are interested in the program are asked to bring their most recent Leave and Earnings Statement (LES), a pet shipping estimate, verification of pet ownership as recognized by DoD, and orders verifying the request is within 60 days of the No Later Than (NLT) date.

Resources:

• Yokosuka Navy Exchange (NEX) Van Chauffeur Services DSN 243-4511

• CFAY Admin Department Family Assistance Support Team

https://cnrj.cnic.navy.mil/Installations/CFA-Yokosuka/ Departments/Admin/FAST/

CFAY Airport Shuttle Service

https://cnrj.cnic.navy.mil/Installations/CFA-Yokosuka/ About/Installation-Guide/Airport-Shuttles/

• Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society Yokosuka https://www.nmcrs.org/locations/yokosuka

• NAVPTO | Pet Transportation Fact Sheet April 4, 2024 https://www.mynavyhr.navy.mil/Portals/55/Support/ PayPers/CPCResources/240404_FACT_SHEET_NAVPTO_ PET_REIMBURSEMENT.pdf

• The Joint Travel Regulation (JTR) April 1, 2024 https://media.defense.gov/2022/Jan/04/2002917147/-1/-1/1/JTR.PDF



American Red Cross American Red Cross Spring Classes

All classes are blended learning courses including an online portion, and an instructor-led classroom skill session. The online portion must be completed prior to the skills test.

CPR/AED/First Aid Course (\$55)

- Sunday, May5: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- Saturday, June 1: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- Monday, June 3: 3 to 6 p.m.
- Basic Life Support Course (\$55)





• Wednesday, May 1: 1 to 4 p.m.

Babysitting Basics (\$70) Recommended for ages 11-17)Wednesday May 15: 3 to 6 p.m.

Additional classes available by request for group of plus three.

To register, email: <u>Yokosuka@redcross.org</u> with the class and preferred date/time. You will receive a payment link and be asked to send your receipt in order to guarantee a spot in the course.

FFSC WEEKLY

More details on FFSC YOKOSUKA FB page



CFS Training Apr 29 - May 3 at 0800 Active Parenting 5-12 Apr 29 at 1000 AOB/ICR Apr 30 - May 2 at 0800 Infant Massage Apr 30 at 1030 Ikego Japanese Language Series Apr 30 at 1200 MBMF - Problem Solving May 1 at 0900 Pre-Marriage Seminar May 1 at 0930 (Virtual) Ombudsman Zushi-Hayama Tour May 1 at 1000 Active Parenting Teens May 1 at 1030 Sponsorship On-Demand May 2 at 0800 (Virtual) Symptom Reduction Group May 2 at 1030 Resiliency Bootcamp May 2 at 1130 SAPR VA Refresh Training May 2 at 1300 MBMF - Connection May 3 at 0900 Smooth Move May 3 at 0900 Military Spouse 101 May 3 at 1300 (Virtual) Modeling in Japan May 3 at 1300 (virtual)

See something you like? Sign up via email: ffscinfo@us.navy.mil





ns, are you stuck in Yokosuka all Summer? Do you Need a job? Come work for CYP!

Summer Teen Employment Program High School Students: 15-18 years old. Dates: June 3 through Aug 16 Salary: \$15 per hour (up to 40 hours a week) "Whaaaaaat? Potential to earn \$6000+ over the Summer?! Yes!



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The Fleet & Family Support Center

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May 3, 2024 0900 - 1100

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Are you moving within the next 6 months?

Stop by our resource fair and meet with

subject matter experts from several

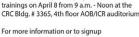
organizations to include Household Goods,

Housing, Tricare, NFCU, Navy Lodge, EFMP,

Veterinary, NAVPTO, and our

Personal Finance Manager.

Please call 243-3372 or email FFSCinfo@us.navy.mil to sign up!



call or email our School Liaison Officer at MWR_Yokosuka_School_Liaison@us.navy.mil or scan the QR code below





ATTENTION **CUSTOMERS**

The Month of the Military Child Event Celebration scheduled for Saturday, 27 April (Berkey Field) will move into the **Bowling Center due to inclement** weather.

Kids may enjoy 20 lanes of bowling, pizza and drinks, all free (kids only) from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

We thank you for your understanding and patience.







THE **ENLISTED TO OFFICER** ROADSHOW

02MAY24: Naval Base Sasebo: **MWR Showboat Theater** 09MAY24: Naval Base Yokosuka: **MWR Benny Decker Theater**

> Time: 1300-1500

Officers share lessons learned from each commissioning source and more than 30 different communities

Register at SDNNOA.org

FFSC Virtual Clinical Counseling CONNECT to GET CARE

The Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) now provides in-person and virtual clinical counseling! Sailors and families can access virtual clinical counseling from the privacy of their own homes. Virtual clinical counseling is a nonmedical, clinical, short-term solution-focused service. It is available to individuals, couples and families.

Virtual clinical counseling helps with:

- Separation
- Grief
- Relationship issues Parent-child interactions

- Deployment Relocation
- Other challenges related to military
- and family life

To schedule an appointment, call 1-855-205-6749. If calling outside of regular business hours, leave a message. Your call will be returned within one business day. You can also scan the QR code to link to a brief form to get started.



www.ffsp.navy.mil

DRIVER'S EDUCATION CLASS



ments

This is a 16-consecutive day course that includes full classroom instruction, in-car driving instruction and road test.

> As each state has different requirements, there is no guarantee that a stateside drivers' license can be obtained by presenting the certificate of completion to a State Department of Motor Vehicles. Parents and students are encouraged to research the requirements for their particular state.

Course Fee:

per person

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Minimum of 20 hours of in-classroom

instruction: Minimum of five hours of driving instruction; Minimum of the hours driving instruction with the course instructor; Minimum of 10 hours of driving practice with a properly

licensed adult; And a passing grade

on the instructor's approved written test, prior to receiving the course completion certificate.

For more information or to register, please call 241-4111 or 046-896-4111 or stop by the Yokosuka Community Center Program Office located in the Community Readiness Center (CRC) Bldg. 3365, 3rd Floor (across the street from the Commissary).



FRIDAY, APRIL 26 • 5 - 9 P.M. • CPO CLUB MAJOR ROOM

Bingo is back! Come play coverall jackpot "Old School" Bingo (no machines available). Game packages, special games, dubbers, buffet and beverages will be available for purchase. Outside food and beverages is prohibited. Open to all hands. Ages 18 & up (no children).







This class is for new drivers who have never been licensed to drive

Eligibility Requirements Students must have reached the age of 16 prior to the first day of class; Students must have permission from a parent or legal guardian; All other students (Active Duty, civilians and

spouses) must be SOFA sponsored.

IKEGO WEST VAL

Cabin & Campsite Rentals

The Ikego West Valley Recreation Area is the place to spend a fun-filled weekend with family and friends!

Campsite reservations can be made at the Outdoor Recreation Center Thursdays to Tuesdays from 10 a.m. 6 p.m. Each site holds a maximum of twenty people. Cabin reservations can only be made at the Outdoor Recreation Center along with payment. There are five rustic cabins available for rent. Three of these cabins m 10 a.m. offer solar powered heat and air-conitioning. None of the cabins have running water. Cabin rentals start at \$40/day

All cabins and campsites have a designated BBQ grill CONTACT US:

243-5732 (on-base) 046-816-5732 (off-base)

Paintball Paradise

Weekend Open Play Whether you prefer the mission-based teamwork of Saturday's Woodsball games or the fast-paced action of Sunday's speedball games, Ikego's Paintball Paradise is the place to be!

Don't have your own equipment? On weekends, rent a Don't nave your own equipment? On weekends, rent a marker and mask for \$20 including unlimited air and field fees. For players with their own gear, the cost is only \$10 for field fees and unlimited air. Paint sold separately.

Weekday Group Reservations MWR offers a special package for private weekday reservations of its paintball field. The package includes a marker, mask, unlimited air, and 200 paintballs.

Field Reservations Available Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. A minimum of ten players and seven days advanced notice are required. Paintball Prices Case (2,000 paintballs) \$65 Bag (500 paintballs) \$20

Weekday Reservation Fees 2 hours: \$20 per player (mask & marker) 4 hours: \$36 per player (mask & marker)





Mexican dishes.

May 5 • 9 a.m. - 2 p.r Join us for delicious Mexican selections and traditional brunch ite

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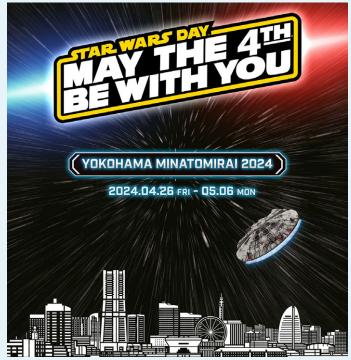
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Call Third Avenue SAC @ 243-3439, Green Street SAC @ 241-4100, or Ikego SAC \boldsymbol{a} 6-8301

BEYOND THE GATE



Star Wars Day Yokohama Minatomirai 2024 April 26 (Friday) - May 6 (Monday)

Yokohama Minatomirai area (1 or 2-minute walk from Minatomirai Line Minatomirai Station, MM-03) Expect a lot of interactive Star Wars activities around the Minatomirai area. The main attraction is a light show with scenes from the movies for you to relive the most epic moments from the series.

• Star Wars light display (Landmark Plaza): 7 a.m. to midnight, with special performances every 30 minutes between 3 p.m. and 11 p.m.

• Star Wars pop-up store (Landmark Plaza): 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. from May 3 to 5, the store will open at 11 a.m.

• Star Wars film screenings (MARK IS): May 3 to 6

Star Wars Lego building (MARK IS): 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Star Wars workshops (MARK IS): April 27 to 29, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

• Lightsaber balloons (MARK IS): May 3 to 5, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

• Star Wars art exhibition (Sky Building): 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.

• Character meet and greet (various locations): May 3 to 5



Yokosuka Iris Garden Wisteria Festival Untiil May 5 (Friday)

9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Yokosuka Iris Garden (Take a #3 bus from JR Kinugasa Station, JO-02 and get off at Iris Garden bus stop. 2-minute walk from the bus stop) Yokosuka Iris Garden is known for its 412 varieties of iris flowers and more than 140,000 blooms. Food trucks, a farmers' market and local ice cream are also featured. Limited parking is available. Admission is ¥320.

Yokosuka Downtown Kids Festival

April 28 (Sunday)

11 a.m. to 4 p.m. | In the vicinity of Mikasa Street, Lidre Yokosuka Area and Blue Street area There will be enjoyable events like street performances, slipper table tennis, cardboard maze, , flea markets, food trucks, kitchen cars and more!

Yokosuka Tsukemen Festival

Until May 6 (Sunday)

5 to 8 p.m. (Friday)/11 a.m. to 8 p.m. (Saturday, Sunday and Japanese holiday) | Mikasa Park (5-minute walk from Yokosuka Main Base)

Yokosuka Tsukemen Festival is launching a brand new edition in Yokosuka. Billed as Yokosuka's first ramen event of this scale, the Yokosuka Tsukemen festival is sure to entice ramen lovers from across the Kanto region this spring. A total of 32 ramen shops will be gathering from across Japan, likely to cover styles such as Hokkaido miso ramen, Hakata tonkotsu and even the home favourite Yokohama lekei ramen. Full details regarding which ramen shop will be attending and on which weekends are to be announced closer to the event.

NEWS AND NOTICES

HEADS UP ABOUT TRAFFIC DURING GOLDEEN WEEK

"Golden Week," a week of Japanese national holidays, kicks off on Saturday, April 29. Since a great number of families and friends are expected to travel by car, train, or plane throughout Japan, please allow time for traffic congestion. Please use "Weekends/Holidays" Time Tables for train/ bus on the following days. • Monday, April 29 (Showa Day)

Friday, May 3 (Constitution Day)
Monday, May 6 (Substitution of Children's Day)

UPCOMING MOTORCYCLE TRAINING

A Motorcycle Safety Foundation BRC class is scheduled at North Dock for May 11 and 12. Enrollment process is thru the Enterprise Safety Applications Management System (ESAMS) website. https://esams.cnic.navy.mil/ESAMS GEN_2/Login. For more information please contact CNRJ Safety at 243-9635.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY FOR JUNIOR SAILORS (E6 AND BELOW)

CFAY Public Affairs Office is looking for 13 U.S. volunteers who would like to interact with Japanese guests at our "Navy Awesome Café," an event where you can enjoy conversation over tea or coffee in a relaxed atmosphere. Date: Wednesday, June 5 Time: 9:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Place: The U.S.-Japan Cultural Exchange Center by the Main Gate (Next to Gate Pass Office) Attire: Navy Working Uniform Note: This is not an English class. This event is for Japanese people who are interested in communicating with U.S. Sailors, but their English skills vary. Japanese media might come to cover the event.

Sign-up: Email your name, rank, command name and phone number to <u>cfaycomrel@gmail.com</u>. Please sign up through your COMREL coordinator)

PREPARE TODAY! COMPLETE A RED CROSS CONTACT CARD

One of the main Red Cross missions OCONUS is to provide the Emergency Communication Message, AKA "Red Cross Message". If you or an immediate family member experience an emergency that requires you to request leave from your Command, the Red Cross can verify that emergency as a third party. We will then deliver that information to your command, enabling them to make an informed decision regarding your emergency leave. Fill out a contact card today to ensure your contact information is ready before an emergency arises. Filling out a card in advance helps you and your family save time in a crisis.

VOLUNTEER NOW FOR THE AMERICAN RED CROSS

Contingency Team Help with emergency messages and during large scale emergencies. Disaster Action Team Help provide immediate assistance on scene of an emergency, and participate in base exercises Also available:

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

Use a desktop or laptop computer.
 Search and go to Red Cross
 Volunteer Connection.

3. Use the Yokosuka FPO zip code 96349.

4. Complete the on-line training.

5. If you have any problems, email: <u>yokosuka@redcross.org</u>, or call 243-7490.

CONSTRUCTION AND CLOSURES Ikego Yasakayato Road:

Maintenance will be conducted on Ikego's barriers on April 29 from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. The entrance to Shisagi Road will remain open.

Yokosuka Red Brick Area: Full road closure on weekends and holidays until July 2024 due to underground electrical repair. Taxi stand remains operational. Sherman Avenue and Forrestal Street: Partial closure until June 30 due to asphalt replacement work. Defense Logistics Agency Parking Lot: 50 perecent of DLA parking lot until February 2025.

Ikego NEX/MWR Parking Lot: 50 perecent of NEX/MWR parking lot until October 2025.

McCormick Street and Leahy Street: Full road closure for underground utility works until Feb. 28, 2025. Vandegrift Lane: Full road closure until October 2025.

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