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By Petty Officer 1st Class Brian Reynolds, Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Japan

Commander U.S. Naval Forces Japan/Navy Region Japan (CNFJ/RJ) commemorated the 100th anniversary of its current Headquarters, historic Building C-1, during a ceremony at Fleet Activities Yokosuka, Nov. 7, 2026.

The ceremony brought together U.S. Navy leadership, local government officials, and members of the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF) to reflect on the building's history and its continuing role in supporting the U.S. – Japan alliance.

"C-1, our headquarters building, enters its second century continuing to serve as the home where we will build on the shared history of the United States and Japan,



Yutaka Mabucchi, CEO of Mabuchi Construction, the company that built Building C1; Mayor Katsuaki Kamiji, the mayor of the City of Yokosuka, Japan; Naohiro Shimada, grandson of Hideho Shimada, the architect of Building C1; Rear Adm. Ian Johnson, commander, U.S. Naval Forces Japan; and Capt. Jon Hopkins, commander, Fleet Activities Yokosuka, cut a ceremonial cake during a ceremony for the 100th anniversary of the CNFJ/RJ Headquarters Building C1at Fleet Activities Yokosuka, Japan, Nov. 7, 2026. CNFJ/RJ Headquarters was originally built as the Yokosuka Naval District Headquarters in 1926, following the previous headquarters destruction during the Great Kanto Earthquake of 1923. The Headquarters is one of the first buildings in Japan to be built to be earthquake and fire resistant. (Photo by MC2 Dyxan K. Williams)



Rear Adm. Ian Johnson, commander, U.S. Naval Forces Japan/ Navy Region Japan (CNFJ/RJ) speaks during a ceremony for the 100th anniversary of the CNFJ/RJ Headquarters Building C1 at Fleet Activities Yokosuka, Japan, Nov. 7, 2026. (Photo by MC1 Brian G. Reynolds)

working together to strengthen the alliance and step into our shared tomorrow," said Rear Adm. Ian L. Johnson, commander, U.S. Naval Forces Japan/ Navy Region Japan. "We have inherited this building and this alliance from those who came before us, both built through decades of trust, cooperation and combined commitment."

Completed in 1926 following the destruction of the previous Yokosuka Naval District Headquarters during the Great Kanto Earthquake of 1923, engineers incorporated earthquake -resistant features – making it one of the first buildings in Japan to be built with such features.

The ceremony was attended by the descendants of Mr. Hideho Shimada, one of the architects of this sturdy building, as well as the president of Mabuchi Construction, the company that completed the construction in only eight months.

Throughout history, the building has laid witness to dramatic changes within the U.S. – Japan relationship. Once adversaries, the two nations are now among the closest of allies - a beacon of strength, stability and peace in the Indo-Pacific region.

The centennial celebration provided an opportunity to



Capt. Jon Hopkins, Commander, Fleet Activities Yokosuka,, speaks outside the Commander, Navy Region Japan headquarters building onboard Fleet Activities Yokosuka celebrated its 100th Anniversary Nov. 7, 2026 in Yokosuka, Japan. The original building was constructed in 1890 and collapsed during the Great Kanto Earthquake in 1923. The lead engineers, Hideo Shimada, age 30, Ryo Higuchi, age 29, and Hideo Kikuchi, age 23, led the project to rebuild the then Yokosuka Naval District Headquarters Building. Construction was completed in 1926 just eight months after its groundbreaking. (Photo by James Kimber, CFAY Public Affairs)

acknowledge this transformation while recognizing the contributions of Japanese and U.S. personnel whose contributions have strengthened that partnership.

"As we celebrate the 100th anniversary of its completion, I am reminded that this building is more than just a structure," said City of Yokosuka mayor, Katsuaki Kamiji. "It is a presence that has witnessed the history of Yokosuka and the evolving relationship between Japan and the United States."

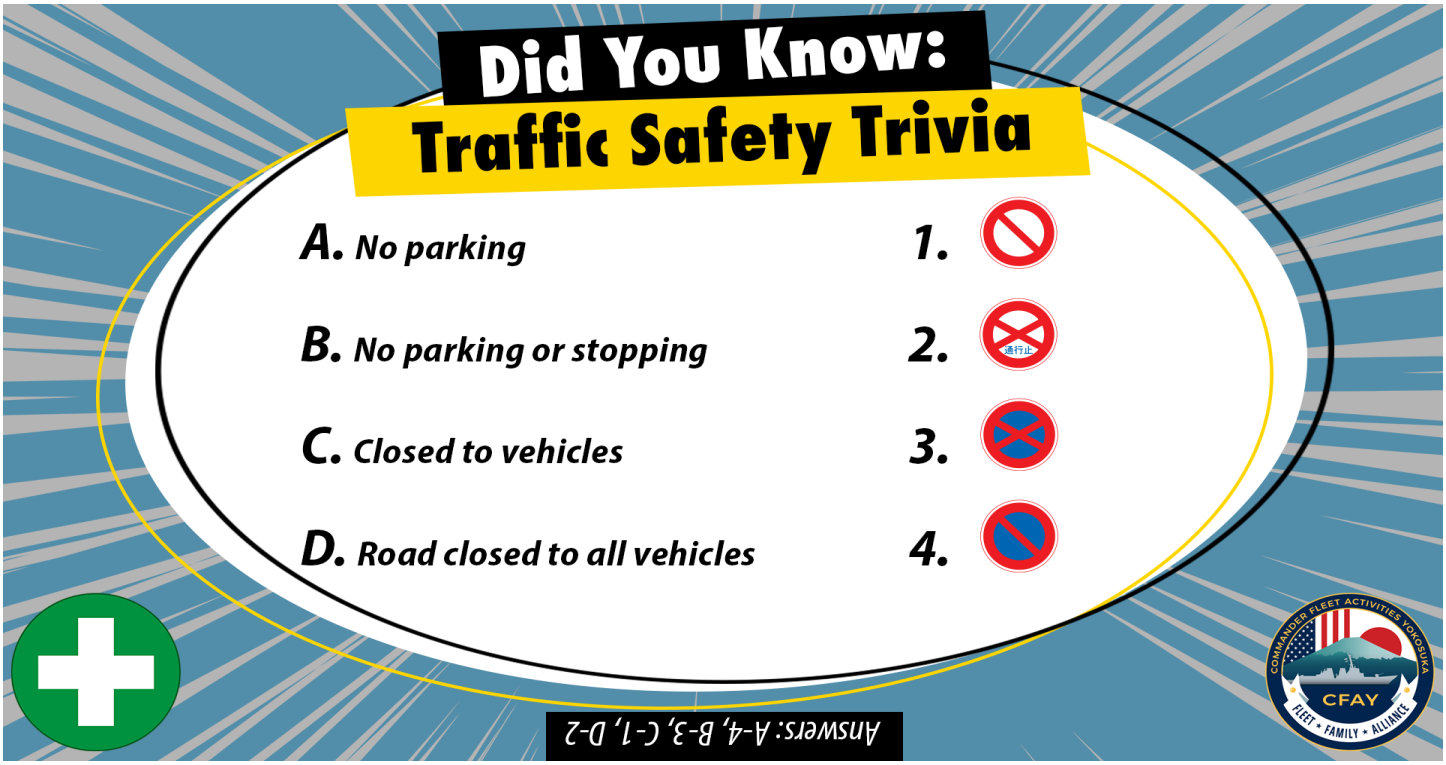
The ceremony also included the premiere of a short documentary, highlighting the construction, history, and importance of the building to the U.S. – Japan alliance. The documentary included perspectives from U.S. Navy leadership, government officials and historians in regarding the importance of the building and its role in preserving the alliance.

From Dec, 11-13, 2026, the City of Yokosuka will host "Japan Heritage Month" on the 5th floor of Haneda Airport Terminal 2. As part of this large-scale exhibition, the documentary and the panels unveiled at the ceremony will be on public display for visitors to view. Furthermore, as part of a social media campaign, 100 Japanese citizens will be selected by lottery to tour historic buildings located within the U.S. Naval Base Yokosuka.

As C-1 enters its second century, the building remains a historical centerpiece of Yokosuka's history and a working headquarters committed to the continuation of the steadfast alliance between the U.S. and Japan.

Building C-1 is owned by the Government of Japan through the Ministry of Finance and made available for U.S. Navy use in support of shared mutual defense responsibilities.

CNRJ is responsible for the Navy installations at Atsugi, Misawa, Okinawa, Sasebo, Yokosuka, in Japan and activities in Diego Garcia, Singapore and Australia.



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SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS FINANCIALLY

November 12 at 1 p.m.
Virtual

Survive and thrive this holiday season by creating a spending plan.

For more information please call 046-816-3372 or email FFSCinfo@us.navy.mil

The Fleet & Family Support Center

MODELING IN JAPAN

This class will teach you the basics of getting started modeling in Japan including applying for agencies and legal considerations.

November 17
1 - 2 p.m.
Fleet Rec. Center, 3rd fl.



For more information or to register, call 046-816-3372 or email FFSCinfo@us.navy.mil.

The Fleet & Family Support Center

Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka Retirement Symposium

November 23, 2026 · 8:00 AM
Officers' Club



Presented by the Fleet and Family Support Center Transition Assistance Program

The Fleet & Family Support Center

Please email: FFSCINFO@US.NAVY.MIL to register

NEWBORN CARE CLASS

November 20
12:30 - 3:30 p.m.
CRC Building, 4th floor
Haru/Natsu classroom

Are you expecting? Learn the basics of newborn care including:

- Diapering & swaddling
- Breastfeeding tips
- What to expect after birth
- Postpartum information
- Resources



For more information or to register, contact FFSCinfo@us.navy.mil or call 046-816-7878.

The Fleet & Family Support Center

OFFICERS' CLUB

National Sandwich Day
November 3 • 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Kosano Dining Room
Order any sandwich from the menu and get a free cup of soup.



National Doughnut Day
November 5 • 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. • Chopsticks
Buy one Okinawan Doughnut and get 50% off the second doughnut.

Thirsty Thursday Smoked Ribs
November 12 • 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Kosano Dining Room & Kurofune Lounge
Enjoy a half-rack of smoked BBQ pork spareribs, served with fries or a loaded baked potato, and your choice of coleslaw, potato salad or macaroni salad.
$21.95 per person



Mexican Lunch Buffet
November 13 • 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Kosano Dining Room
Join us for a delicious lunch buffet featuring a wide variety of traditional Mexican food.
$16.95 per person

National Spicy Guacamole Day
November 14 • 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Kosano Dining Room
Receive 10% off when you order a Spicy Guacamole Burger from the Kosano Dining Room menu.

Prime Rib Day
November 19 • 4 – 8 p.m.
Kosano Dining Room
Join us for tender, juicy, and delicious prime rib with a loaded baked potato, vegetable du jour, Yorkshire pudding, soup or salad, and dessert.
$21.95 per person



November 6 & 20
7 p.m. – midnight
Club Takemiya Lounge
Wind down after a long week while enjoying the latest hits. Bring your friends and dance the night away! Open to adults only.



Club Takemiya Veterans Day Special
November 11 • 11 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Thank you for your service! Enjoy 10% off all regular menu items, available for dine-in or takeout. Alcohol not included.



OLD SCHOOL BINGO

November 7 & 21
Officers' Club Admiralty Room (2F)
Doors open at 4:30 p.m. • Games start at 6 p.m.

Game packages are $30 and include a special game. Additional packages are available for purchase. Guests must be 18 years or older to enter. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis and cannot be reserved. Food and drinks will be available for purchase.



November 13
Club Takemiya • 7 p.m.

Trivia will be based on general knowledge. A $25 MWR voucher will be awarded to the winner, whether a team or an individual. Only one voucher will be awarded.

Enjoy Wings Wednesday pricing for wings & tenders from 6 – 9 p.m. The event is subject to change or cancellation depending on participation. Adults only.

YOKOSUKA FRIENDSHIP DAY

SAVE THE DATE
Sunday, November 15
Gates Open • 9 a.m.

Ship Visit • Live Entertainment • Food • Games

Captain's Cup Turkey Trot 5K



November 21 • Purdy Gym Pavilion • 11:30 a.m.

Celebrate Thanksgiving and compete against other commands!
Register now through November 20 or in person on the event day.
Men's & Women's Divisions:
Ages 18 – 29 • Ages 30 – 39 • Ages 40 & up

BEYOND THE GATE



Days of the Rooster Market

Nov. 19 (Thursday)

9 a.m. to 9 p.m. | Yokosuka Suwa Shrine (2-minute walk from Keikyu Yokosuka-Chuo station, KK-59)

The annual Tori-no-Ichi Festival, a beloved tradition in Yokosuka and Miura Peninsula, marks winter's start and year's end. Visitors pray for success amid chants and hand-clapping. Stalls sell kumade rakes and daruma dolls, celebrating Japanese customs and inviting good fortune.



Tokyo Comic Convention

Dec. 11 (Friday) - 13 (Sunday)

11 to 7 p.m. (Fri), 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. (Sat), 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Sun) | Makuhari Messe (3-minute walk from the north exit of JR Kaihin Makuhari Station, JE-14)

Comic Con started out in 1970 in San Diego as the Golden State Comic Book Convention. Holding a sister event in the home of manga was long overdue and Tokyo Comic Con finally came in 2016 attracting about 50,000 visitors. Advance tickets not necessary but preferable. What celebrities will be there? Nicolas Cage, Melissa Benoist, Daniel Logan and John Cena! Ticket: https://tokyocomiccon.jp/en/ticket



Ebina Citizens' Festival

Nov. 15 (Sunday)

9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. (Fireworks starts 5:30 p.m.) | Ebina Sports Park (15-minute walk from JR Sagami Line Shaka Station, free shuttle bus available from Odakyu, OH-32/ Sohtetsu, SO-18/JR Ebina Station)

More than 5,000 fireworks are launched into the night sky to dazzle the crowds. You can try some odd sports contraptions, or head to Ebina Bazaar, where you can stop at more than 100 different food and drink stalls, with local merch to round out your shopping.

Yokosuka Morning Market

Nov. 14 (Saturday) - 15 (Sunday)

9 a.m. to 12 p.m. | Ichigo Yokosuka Port Market (10-minute walk/3-minute drive from Fleet Activities Yokosuka, Womble Gate)

Experience Yokosuka's unique morning market, featuring fresh local agricultural and seafood products, carefully selected specialty foods, and charming handcrafted goods!

JGSDF Kurihama Garrison Open Base

Nov.15 (Sunday)

10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. | JGSDF Kurihama Garrison (16-minute walk from JR Kurihama Station, JO-01/14-minute walk from Keikyu Kurihama Station, KK-67)

The Japan Ground Self-Defense Force's Kurihama Garrison will host its 76th Anniversary Celebration. The garrison will be open to the public, featuring military equipment displays, demonstration rides, a children's play area, live music, and other exciting activities for visitors of all ages.

NEWS AND NOTICES

HOUSING SERVICE CENTER CLOSURE

The CFAY Housing Services Center locations on Main Base and in the Ikego Hills Family Housing Area will close early on Monday, Nov. 16, at noon for internal department operations. Both offices will reopen for normal business hours Tuesday, Nov. 17.

U.S. EMBASSY TOKYO OUTREACH

When: Monday, Nov. 30
Where: Admiralty Room, 2nd Floor of Officer's Club, Fleet Activities Yokosuka
For inquiries, please email: yokosukalaoutreach@us.navy.mil, or call 315-243-8901.
Accepting: CRBA/First-Time Passport/Adult and Minor Passport Renewal/ I-130
Please refer to the CRBA, first-time tourist passport, minor and adult passport renewal, and I-130 checklists using the QR code below to ensure you meet the requirements and are able to submit complete applications. You are encouraged to renew by mail with an online payment if you meet all criteria to renew by mail. For more details please scan the QR code below.

For I-130 Petitions, eligible petitioners are U.S. citizen, Active Duty Service Members assigned to a unit in Japan. Petitions must be for a spouse, child(ren), or parent(s) who is currently in Japan and able to remain in country for the time it normally takes to process the visa. Individuals must have their applications screened by the RLSO WESTPAC Yokosuka Legal Assistance by Friday, Nov. 13 to obtain an appointment. Starting Nov. 3, walk-in hours to screen CRBA and Passport applications are Monday – Thursday: 8 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Yokosuka Legal Assistance office located on the 2nd deck of Bldg. 1555.

CONSTRUCTION AND CLOSURES

Yokosuka: Ongoing, 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 ATG Western Pacific is secured through 2027 in support of the Navigation, Seamanship and Shiphandling Trainer construction.
Ikego: Imattumi Road partial closure until Dec. 30.

2026 Friendship Day Parking Lot Closure

Location	Close	Open
Bowling Center (Galley)	Nov. 9, 11:59 p.m.	Nov. 17, 5 p.m.
Kosano Park/ McDonalds	Nov. 10, 11:59 p.m.	Nov. 16, 5 p.m.
NMCRS Thrift Store	Nov. 10, 11:59 p.m.	Nov. 16, 5 p.m.
PSD/Community Bank	Nov. 10, 11:59 p.m.	Nov. 16, 5 p.m.
Purdy Parking (Tennis court side)	Nov. 10, 11:59 p.m.	Nov. 16, 5 p.m.
Teen Center	Nov. 12, 11:59 p.m.	Nov. 16, 5 p.m.
PSD (Green Bay Marina Area)	Nov. 12, 11:59 p.m.	Nov. 16, 5 p.m.
Parking Lot (off Nimitz Blvd side of building #1907)	Nov. 12, 11:59 p.m.	Nov. 16, 5 p.m.
USO Parking	Nov. 12, 11:59 p.m.	Nov. 16, 5 p.m.
Thew Field Helo Pad	Nov. 14, 11:59 p.m.	Nov. 15, 9 p.m.
Gazebo's (1-11)	Nov. 14, 11:59 p.m.	Nov. 15, 9 p.m.
Purdy Parking (Teen Center side)	Nov. 14, 11:59 p.m.	Nov. 15, 9 p.m.
Benny Decker Parking	Nov. 14, 11:59 p.m.	Nov. 15, 9 p.m.