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Negishi Friendship Day sets record attendance

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Chief Gunner's Mate Alonzo Tate hands out barbecue samples at the *USS Fitzgerald* (DDG 62) Chief Mess' booth at CFAY Negishi Housing Detachment Friendship Day April 15. This year's event set the record for the number of guests coming on base due in part to the food like the Chief's barbecue.

Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka (CFAY) Negishi Housing Detachment held its annual "Friendship Day" celebration April 15. This is the 28th Friendship Day on Negishi and marks 67 years that the military and the detachment have been part of the Yokohama community.

"Every area on CFAY is unique and has different relationships with their community," said CFAY Commanding Officer Capt. David Owen. "[On the main installation] it's with the city of Yokosuka and here it's with Yokohama and the different wards up here. We see it as important to do community relations and keep our relationship good with them as well."

This Friendship Day is the first that a U.S. Navy chief petty officer was officer-in-charge of the detachment. Chief Logistics Specialist De'Andre Allen took charge of the base from Lt. Asa Kim in January.

"I was excited and a little nervous. I'm glad the commanding officer gave me the chance to run this base and trusted me to put on a Friendship Day. It's an incredible honor," said Allen. "This was a good chance for us to take in some Japanese culture and for the Japanese to take some American culture with them and a whole bunch of Anthony's Pizza."

The food is always one of the main attractions at friendship day and this year there were turkey legs, hotdogs, the Hawaiian themed loco moco, yakitori, and many others. Displays and games also gained long lines throughout the day. Commander Navy Region Japan Fire Department brought one of their fire trucks and raised people in its basket to 100 feet in the air.

"I used to live in Negishi, so I knew about this festival. I wanted to bring my son to see what Friendship Day was like," said Akiko Ishii, who traveled from Tokyo to enjoy the events. "I wanted to experience American culture. My favorite part was getting to take a picture with the firefighters."

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PACOM commander visits *USS George Washington*

Adm. Samuel Locklear III, Commander, U.S. Pacific Command, congratulates Sailors for their superior performance after an all-hands-office call aboard the Japan-based Nimitz-class aircraft carrier *USS George Washington* (CVN 73) April 12. Locklear took questions from Sailors and spoke about his expectations of the forward-deployed naval forces. *George Washington* is currently pier side in Yokosuka and making preparations to return to sea.

U.S. Navy photo by Lt. Cmdr. Dave Hecht

From *USS George Washington* Public Affairs

More than 4,000 Sailors from Pacific Fleet welcomed Adm. Samuel J. Locklear III, Commander, United States Pacific Command (PACOM), for a town hall aboard the Japan-based Nimitz-class aircraft carrier *USS George Washington* (CVN 73) April 12.

"What you represent, what these ships represent is the forward presence of the most powerful nation on Earth, responsible for helping our allies in a way that ensures a security environment that is good for the future," said Locklear.

Locklear assumed duties as PACOM commander March 9 and is touring various commands throughout his area of responsibility in order to communicate his expectations and get feedback from Sailors.

"While it is usually customary for admirals to visit major commands in their area of responsibility upon their appointment, it's still commendable that he took time out of his busy schedule to come and talk with us and allow us to ask questions," said Religious Programs Specialist 2nd Class Daniel Wise from Warrenton, Va.

"Some of these questions could have been asked and answered at a much lower level, but he still answered their questions and answered them in the most informative and relevant way possible," said Wise.

Topics of discussion included issues relevant to the U.S. Navy in the Pacific theater as well as issues like the Defense of Marriage act, Early Retention Board, sexual harassment and hazing.

"I can tell you from my perspective, that this ship, this crew, the ships that support it, the staff that supports it, those that are on the front lines, on the front edge of our forward presence are making a big, big difference," said Locklear. "I couldn't be more proud of you and I couldn't be happier to be your PACOM."

"I think the visit was very beneficial to the Sailors," said Chief Machinist's Mate Ralph Galvan, from Corpus Christi, Texas. "They get to hear a lot of information on current events and get a lot of answers to questions they have straight from the source."

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Yokosuka community seeks answers at town hall meeting

Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka held a Town Hall meeting held at the Benny Decker Theater April 4 to address questions from members of the community.

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Zushi Japan-America Society cooks up tempura for Ikego residents

Zushi Japan-America Society and CFAY Ikego Housing Detachment officer-in-charge office hosted a cultural exchange, tempura and barbeque picnic, at the Ikego campgrounds April 6.

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