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CFAY D.A.R.E. promotes drug abuse, crime prevention training during National Night Out

Story and photo by Greg Mitchell, CFAY Public Affairs

Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka (CFAY) Naval Security Force and Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) teamed up to sponsor the 29th Annual National Night Out event for Sailors and their families in front of the Commissary red brick area Aug. 7.

National Night Out is an event designed to generate support for both drug and anti-crime prevention programs and strengthen neighborhood spirit and police community partnerships.

This was the twelfth year CFAY has conducted the event.

CFAY Security Department, CNRJ Fire Department, Fleet Anti-Terrorism Security team Pacific (FASTPAC), Explosive Ordinance Disposal Mobile Unit (EODMU) 5 Det. Japan, American Red Cross and others were all on hand participating with special attractions, activities and displays. Booths were also set up to provide free food and beverages to all in attendance.

"The main purpose of today's event is to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness while generating support for and participation in local anti-crime programs," said Master-at-Arms 2nd Class Tara Valli, coordinator of the event and D.A.R.E. officer for elementary schools in the Kanto Plain. "We want to strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community relationships, while showing an organized force capable of defending everyone."

Those in attendance were also treated with a double-header concert by guitarists Eric Baker and Edwin McCain. McCain and his band previously performed on tours with Hootie and

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Children stand and observe the movements of the Talon Robot bomb disposal unit during a demonstration by Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit (EODMU) 5 Det. Japan at the 29th Annual National Night Out event, which focuses on the base communities heightened crime and drug prevention awareness while generating support for and participation in local anti-crime programs.

USS George Washington holds change of command

Story and photo by MC3 Marissa Beasley, *USS George Washington* Public Affairs

The U.S. Navy forward-deployed aircraft carrier *USS George Washington* (CVN 73) held a change of command ceremony in the hanger bay of the ship Aug. 11.

During the ceremony, Capt. Gregory J. Fenton relieved Capt. David A. Lausman to become the 11th *George Washington* commanding officer.

"We stood on this same stage 40 months and 2 days ago," said Lausman. "Since then, we have both watched from different vantage points -- you the crew have excelled in both operational deployments and maintenance, and answering our country's call for tasking as the Flagship of our Navy's permanently, forward-deployed naval force."

Lausman assumed command of *George Washington* in April 2009.

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(Left) Capt. David A. Lausman, commanding officer of the U.S. Navy's forward-deployed aircraft carrier *USS George Washington* (CVN 73), shakes hands with Rear Adm. J.R. Haley, commander, Carrier Strike Group 5, during a change of command ceremony in the ship's hangar bay Aug. 11. Lausman was relieved by Capt. Greg Fenton as *George Washington*'s commanding officer.

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USS George Washington successfully tackles INSURV

The U.S. Navy forward-deployed aircraft carrier *USS George Washington* (CVN 73) and its crew completed and passed its Board of Inspection and Survey (INSURV) Aug. 10.

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Kinnick football players return after conquering Mount Fuji

Nile C. Kinnick High School football team returned from a week of training at Camp Fuji which culminated with a climb of Mount Fuji Aug. 11.

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