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Negishi opens its gates for Bon Odori Festival

Attendees of the CFAY Negishi Housing Detachment 47th annual Bon Odori Festival stand in line for American-barbeque Aug. 18. In addition to various types of food, live music air toys and carnival games provided by CFAY Morale, Welfare and Recreation, were provided for attendees. More than 4,000 people attended the event.

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Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka (CFAY) Negishi Housing Detachment opened its gates to more than 4,000 visitors on Aug. 18 for the 47th annual Bon Odori Festival.

The festival began with an opening ceremony lead by Commander, Fleet Activities Yokosuka Capt. David A. Owen.

"It's always great that we get to do these events," said Owen. "This is my third Bon Odori and every time we do an open-base event, it is always fantastic to see all the community and everybody who shows up. The Japan-American relationship and alliance is the most unique one probably in the world. I can tell you that as Americans, we don't look at you as another country, we look at you as neighbors and friends."

Distinguished guests joining Owen on stage included Yokohama City, Naka Ward Office Director General Koichi Makino; Mieko Nakabayashi and Jun Matsumoto, from the House of Representatives, Japan; Yokohama City, Asogo Ward Office Director General Muraji Sakamoto; and Kazuko Kosugi, president of AHL Company and representative of AIU Insurance.

According to Koichi Makino, speaking on behalf of Naka Ward and Asogo Ward, Negishi Bon Odori Festival is now one of the fundamental summer activities in the Negishi district.

Mieko Nakabayashi described in her speech what she sees as a part of the American culture.

"I saw beautiful boxes of pizza," Nakabayashi said. "It is so America! And I saw lots of barbeques, the size is so gigantic."

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USS Blue Ridge departs Republic of Korea

By MC3 James Norman, *USS Blue Ridge* Public Affairs

BUSAN, South Korea – U.S. 7th Fleet flagship *USS Blue Ridge* (LCC 19) Sailors and Marines assigned to Fleet Antiterrorism Security Team Pacific departed Busan, Republic of Korea (ROK) Aug. 20, after a three-day visit focused on promoting goodwill.

While in Busan, Sailors and Marines visited locals, experienced the local culture and participated in community service projects (COMSERVs) to strengthen the relationship between the U.S. and South Korea.

"I enjoy volunteering at COMSERVs because it allows me the opportunity to give back to those who are less fortunate," Chief Culinary Specialist George Wilson said. "We really enjoyed the chance to meet and play with the children at the Sung Ae Won Home for children. I had a genuine moment at the children's home when a little girl fell asleep in my arms it reminded me of my daughters back home and how much I miss them."

While some Sailors enjoyed the sights and sounds of Busan, others participated in sporting events with their ROK navy counterparts.

"I had an excellent time interacting with the South Korean sailors in our game of volleyball," said Operations Specialist 3rd Class Andrea Montanez. "After the game, everyone was invited to enjoy a barbeque and it gave me the chance to try some delicious Korean food."

QMSN Martika McKenzie reports navigational readings on the port bridge wing aboard U.S. 7th Fleet flagship *USS Blue Ridge* (LCC 19) as the ship departs from Busan, Republic of Korea Aug. 20.
U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Mel Orr

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Top-enlisted supply Sailor brings roadshow to Japan

NAVSUP top enlisted advisor visited with enlisted supply ratings Sailors during a Supply Enlisted Roadshow that toured CFAY as well as Naval Air Facility Atsugi Aug. 15-17.
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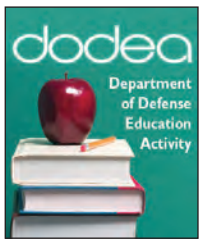

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The 2012 school year starts Aug. 27 and CFAY wants students and parents to know who are their top local educators and answers to the most frequently asked questions.
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