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# CFAY earns Chief of Naval Operations Shore Safety Award

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Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka (CFAY) and Naval Ship Repair Facility-Japan Regional Maintenance Center (SRF-JRMC) Yokosuka received the 2008 Chief of Naval Operations Shore Safety Award in March.

Commands are awarded for their significant contributions to Navy safety and occupational health.

The criteria for the award include initiative in mishap reduction, comprehensive safety programs, traffic safety and off-duty safety, according to CFAY Safety Manager Kristin Hamon.

"We have a very aggressive mishap reduction program," said Hamon. "During fiscal year 2007 we identified slips, trips and falls as the number one mishap category, so we really targeted work centers. We conducted awareness training and added safety inspections and then tracked our deficiencies and made sure things were corrected."

"This resulted in a 14 percent decrease in mishaps," she added.

CFAY also decreased traffic accidents through programs and campaigns such as "None for the Road" and "Clear Vision," created to prevent drunk-driving and promote awareness behind the wheel. The base also targeted motorcycle safety by providing a basic rider course conducted by members of CFAY Safety Office, as well as members of the elite Japanese motorcycle police.

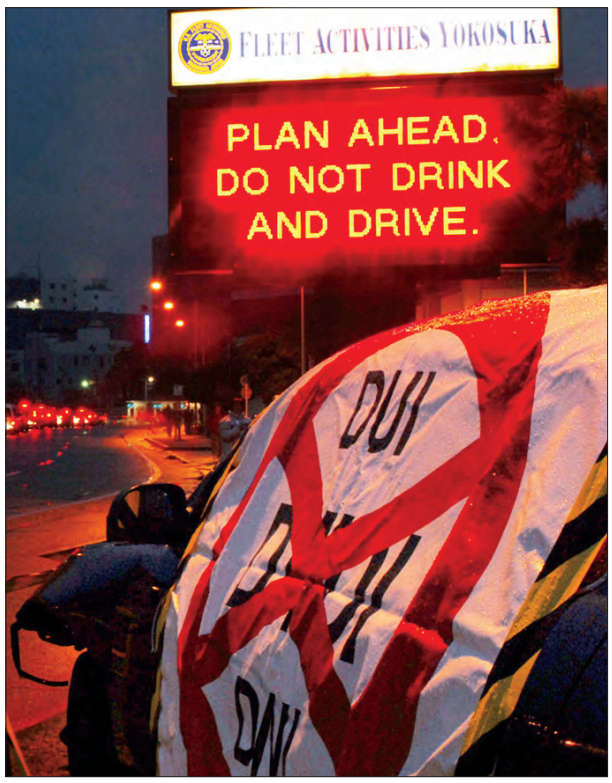
Risk management and safety awareness displayed by family members, civilians and Japanese nationals who work or live on CFAY were instrumental in winning the award. It also helps that every CFAY safety program was pushed to the base through the Enterprise Safety Application Management System (ESAMS). With more than 90 percent of all base employee duties and tasks assigned through ESAMS, it proved to be a solid vehicle for promoting safety in the workplace.

"ESAMS covers all Navy safety guidelines pertaining to the work environment, such as the use of respirators or hearing protection," said Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class Paul Turner, safety petty officer for CFAY Port Operations. "It also pertains to anything involved with safety, including traffic safety and off duty safety. ESAMS makes the training easily accessible, so Sailors don't have to go out of their way to get trained. They just use a computer [and] complete the training."

"ESAMS helps Sailors know what they're supposed to do and avoid situations that could be unsafe," added Turner.

The award will be presented at the 17th Annual Safety Professional Development Conference in San Diego. More than 20 commands will receive awards at the event, which recognizes outstanding support and achievement in safety and occupational health.

Both command and individual winners excelled in directly supporting the Secretary of Defense's goal of reducing mishaps by 75 percent by promoting safe leadership, innovative safety marketing and a culture of safety within their commands.




**A damaged vehicle displays a "None for the Road" anti-drinking and driving message at the main entrance of CFAY. "None for the Road" was just one of the many programs and campaigns that helped CFAY earn the CNO Shore Safety Award for 2008.**
**U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Bryan Reckard**

# Welcome aboard! CFAY Sunday returns to Yokosuka Base

**By Ben Avey, CFAY Public Affairs**

With the first signs of spring appearing all around, Mikasa Park Gate was re-opened after a long winter break to welcome the public back on board Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka (CFAY) for a day of family, fun and American culture March 22.

**Visitors to Yokosuka Base during "CFAY Sunday" read posters detailing historical sites located around the base. The posters are used to show historically significant sites of the base before and after the U.S. assumed control of the base in the 1940s.**

**Photo by Dan Bowen**

CFAY Sunday is a simple event in which a portion of the base is opened to the public for a few hours each month. Guests have the opportunity to visit restaurants on Main Street USA, enjoy the bayside beauty of Kosano Park or bring their kids to enjoy the playground near the waterfront.

Designed to be a relaxed event which lowers the barriers to intercultural interaction, the event allows guests to learn about American culture while simultaneously empowering base residents to meet host-nation residents.

"I think it betters our relationship," said event coordinator Transient Personnel Unit Senior Chief Culinary Specialist David Deadwiley. "We open the base for [our guests to] interact with the American military, civilians, everyone who is on the base."

"When we step out the gate, we constantly see their culture. When they come inside the gate, they get to see part of our culture and how we live…they get to experience the little differences [between our cultures]," said Deadwiley.

Once on base, guests had the opportunity to stroll through Kosano Park and see the Cherry Tree blossoms as they start to bloom while reading about the various historical places aboard CFAY. Highlighted by historical posters positioned throughout the park, guests are given detailed accounts of historical places aboard CFAY complete with pictures and their locations.

After passing through Kosano Park, visitors are able to enjoy lunch at Main Street USA and Mean Gene's Burgers inside the bowling alley. Main Street USA has eight different American style dining options and became a destination location for many visitors.

Further inside the opened area of the base, guests visited Berkey Field and other athletic fields that are regularly opened to base residents. This also includes the playground equipment located near the waterfront picnic areas.

In addition to CFAY Sunday, CFAY works to maintain and build a strong relationship between U.S. and Japanese residents and to facilitate a better understanding about what goes on aboard CFAY through seven major open base events in Yokosuka and at housing detachments in Zushi and Yokohama. The events draw more than 100,000 guests annually.