Happy Holidays, CFAS!
Armistice Day Centennial Remembrance Ceremony Held in Sasebo to Honor Fallen of the Great War

SASEBO, Japan (Nov. 9, 2018) Though they fell a century ago on field and in seas far from home, the American and Japanese dead of World War I were remembered in a ceremony held in Sasebo Nov. 9, 2018.

Commander, Fleet Activities Sasebo held the Armistice Day Centennial Remembrance Ceremony with participation from Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force, Japan Ground Self-Defense Force and Sasebo City to honor the servicemen of both nations who fought 1914-1918. To make it uniquely Sasebo it was held in a hall originally built in 1923 by the Imperial Japanese Navy to commemorate their part in World War I.

Japan joined the war Aug. 23, 1914 as an ally of Great Britain and was instrumental in driving the Germans from the Pacific, its navy pursuing the German East Asia Squadron and its army defeating Germany at their Far Eastern stronghold, Tsingtao. In 1917 a Sasebo-based squadron was dispatched to the Mediterranean to protect allied convoys.

Joining with Americans across the world over the next few days, the bell of peace was rung 21 times in remembrance of the more than 116,000 American and 700 Japanese service members who died in the conflict. The 21 rings alludes to the 21 gun salute fired over fallen service members. It was followed by the “Ode of Remembrance.”

Capt. Brad Stallings, CFAS commanding officer, Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force Capt. Naonori Yoshikawa, and Sasebo City Vice Mayor Hiroshi Kawata gave remarks. This was followed by a reading of the places American and Japanese forces served, from the Pacific and Tsingtao in 1914 to the last battlefields of France in 1918, by U.S Navy and E.J. King High School Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps personnel and the playing of “Taps.”

“The world still is not at peace, but I am proud that today we still carry out the mission as the Navy did in 1918,” said Stallings. “Today, as then, Sasebo-based Sailors and ships of both our navies still go into harm’s way, protecting allies and securing the sea lanes of communication against antagonistic forces, and with the soldiers of the Japanese Ground Self Defense Force, we render critical aid to disaster stricken areas and contribute to stability in East Asia. Though the world in 1918 may be nearly unrecognizable to today’s Sailors, our mission remains the same and we must follow in their footsteps and continue to work together to ensure a better and more peaceful world.”

Now Veterans Day in the U.S., Nov. 11 was originally Armistice Day and was a day of remembrance for those who died in World War I. It became a day to honor all veterans in 1954. It is honored in Britain and the Commonwealth, France, the Netherlands, Belgium and other former allied powers as Remembrance Day or Armistice Day.
Recycling in Japan is different than it is in the States and people often have questions. If you do have questions about how to recycle or dispose of items, please leave PWD Environmental a note at the main base Recycling Center. There is a box with pen and paper at the entrance to the facility. All questions will be answered on the CFAS Facebook page. For immediate concerns please contact the Recycle Center at DSN 252-3685.

Knitting Group
Main Base CEC Fellowship Hall
Monday, December 3rd and 17th
10:00AM - Noon
Crafting group dedicated to making blankets for the Budget for Baby participants. Learn from others, get new ideas, and share! Family friendly!

Budget 4 Baby
Main Base CEC 2nd Floor
Thursday, December 20th
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Learn what expenses to plan for and how to make wise financial decisions when expecting a baby. Participants receive a special gift and a baby blanket handmade by a Society volunteer.

What to Expect When Expecting in Sasebo
Main Base CEC 2nd Floor
Monday, December 17th
11:00 AM - 12:30 PM
NMCRS Visiting Nurse Program discuss what to expect and plan for when delivering a baby in Sasebo.

Breastfeeding Support Class
Main Base CEC 2nd Floor
Monday, December 17th
12:30PM - 2:00 PM
Provided by NMCRS Visiting Nurses

CFAS REL MIN
- Dec. 8 0800
Angel Tree Delivery
CEC
Bring the joys of the holidays to children in Japan.
From LNSC

ONE-Net users should never connect any device to a workstation via USB connection unless it has been pre-approved through a ONE-Net Request for Change (RFC). It is OK to unplug and plug in the USB keyboard and mouse that come with the computer, and Web Cams that are listed on the ONE-Net Approved Products List may be connected to ONE-Net workstations without a change request. Other devices such as external hard drives require pre-approval. USB memory sticks (aka thumb drives) and cell phones should never be connected to ONE-Net workstations. If questions arise, please consult an ITR within your respective command, or contact the ONE-Net Far East Service Desk at 315-243-3883.

Access the NMCI Global Address List (GAL) through Microsoft Outlook has been restored for ONE-Net users. Software Center can be used to install the NMCI address book and obtain contact information for personnel using NMCI (as well as other DoD networks). An alternative also available for ONE-Net users is the DoD 411 Global Directory Service (GDS) located at https://dod411.gds.disa.mil/. If questions arise, please consult an ITR within your respective command, or contact the ONE-Net Far East Service Desk at 315-243-3883. The Local Network Support Center (LNSC) has received reports of ONE-Net users experiencing issues after creation of PIV certificates to comply with NAVADMIN 200/18. If this problem arises, perform a full shutdown of the workstation. Ten seconds after the unit has been powered off, power it on again, and attempt to log in. If this does not resolve the issue, please consult an ITR or the N6 department within your respective command.

CRIME PREVENTION

It is the season for holiday shopping and many of you will most likely be buying or receiving presents. While Japan is generally very safe, there are always opportunities for a crime to occur. Take simple steps to safeguard these presents and your property, such as locking doors and windows, not leaving spare keys outside, etc. DON'T provide enticing opportunities for criminals! Avoid flaunting flashy accessories, don't advertise the valuables in your home by keeping windows wide open, be mindful of the company you allow in your home, and be alert for security risks around your home! You've worked hard for what you have, safeguard what's yours!

CFAS Security Department’s Criminal Investigations Division offers free crime prevention surveys, upon request. Investigators will come out to you at a scheduled date and time and conduct a survey of your residence or work space to identify any areas which may present a security risk. Call investigators at 252-3306/3307, or 0956-50-3306/3307 from a cell phone, to schedule your appointment!

CFAS VEHICLE REGISTRATION OFFICE

During the holidays the Vehicle Registration Office will have adjusted hours and work days, listed below.
CLOSED: 25DEC18/26DEC18 – 03JAN19
ADJUSTED HOURS: 26DEC18 - 0800-1600 / 27DEC18 – 0800-1500

If your command would like a note in the CFAS newsletter, simply give the CFAS Digital Media Center a call at 252-3204!

From Security

In This Corner of Kyushu

See Kumamoto the Old-Fashion Way: Steam Locomotive Hitoyoshi
By David K.

If Nagano has the Japanese Alps and Shizuoka has the Japanese Highlands then Kumamoto has the Japanese Appalachians. And my favorite way to enjoy this particular view is the old fashion way, by 102-year old steam engine SL Hitoyoshi.

Watching it in action is like a scene from America’s past, a gleaming black steam engine streaming clouds of smoke as it barrel down the line, following the course of a fast flowing river that snakes through the bottom of a deep green valley cutting through Appalachian hills, except this is Kumamoto not Kentucky, so it takes passengers to a quiet onsen town hidden in the mountains.

The trip was memorable from the moment the engine backed into Kumamoto Station to begin our journey. An active steam engine has a palpable vitality to it that modern trains don’t have; they constantly blow off steam and smoke, sometimes heavy, sometimes light but there’s always action from pent up energy just waiting to be released. There’s also a bit of energy on the platform as the steam engine was treated like an old rock star, getting swarmed by groups of all ages with cameras as soon as it arrived.

Besides passing through beautiful country scenery the train ride also stops at two century-old wooden railway station passengers can spend a few minutes looking around, buying souvenirs and taking pictures of the train in different settings. A smoking old train at one of these old stations just fits more than Kumamoto Station. Then the conductor rings her large hand bell signaling everyone to get back aboard.

The conductors are cheerful, helpful and operating at 120% I don’t know how they do it and walk in heels on a very bouncy train all day. Almost all of them speak some English and one was kind enough to give me an English map and short version of a tour guide-like presentation that had been given in Japanese in the observation car.

When not sightseeing in the observation car or at a station I was trying out locally produced food and drink from Kumamoto beer and sochu to non-alcoholic banchan (side dishes). I’d not had banchan before; it’s a citrus unique to Japan that grows in Kumamoto.

Though the journey ends at Hitoyoshi Station and two hours later the train returns to Kumamoto there’s enough time to down a chestnut bento from the traditional station bento seller, check out the national treasure of Aoi Aso Shrine and come back to watch the engine get rotated on a turntable in preparation for its return leg. A practical necessity, but the turntable was also a show with an audience so it was given an extra spin for us to get all our photos, videos and selfies.

This train makes one round trip run a day on weekends and holidays most of the year. If you want to spend time in Hitoyoshi, which has a few days worth of traditional Japanese houses, ruins and onsens to experience, you may have to take a regular train back to Kumamoto during the week.

Getting tickets for SL Hitoyoshi can be accomplished at any JR West station and they cannot be purchased online. The ticket was about 2500 yen for the one-way ride and I was able to get seats just two days before my trip.
Excessive Foreign Travel
Suspicious meetings and contacts with foreign entities
Unauthorized and unexplained network access or computer activity
Transmitting classified information by unsecured or unauthorized means

See Something? Say Something.
Report Suspicious Behavior
315-252-3407

Holding a security clearance is a privilege, not a right and it comes with a lot of responsibility. Did you know that you are required to report potential risk indicators? Talk to your supervisor, security officer, or Insider Threat Program office to learn more about suspicious behavior and reporting requirements.

Congratulations NBU7!
Naval Beach Unit SEVEN was awarded The Navy Fiscal Year 2017 Safety Excellence Award in the “Expeditionary” category.

If your command would like a note in the CFAS newsletter, simply give the CFAS Digital Media Center a call at 252-3204!