

## Yokosuka Teen Center grant shines light on recreational reading

Story and photo by Joe Schmitt,  
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The Yokosuka Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Teen Center has received a \$10,000 grant from the Wal-Mart Foundation and the Boys and Girls Club of America (BGCA) to improve teen recreational reading as part of their "Bright Spot on Reading" program.

Before the BGCA approved the teen center for the grant, Lee Leach, MWR teen and youth programs coordinator, had to explain their need for the money and how the center would use it to make the place better for teen reading. Now that the grant has been awarded, Leach plans on doing as much as he can with the funds.

"We will use the money to buy books, supplies or use it on staffing and marketing," said Leach. "We were given 10,000 bucks to implement a reading program and the idea at the end of the day is to get kids reading more."

Leach has used some of the grant to refurbish a room and turn it into a "Bright Spot on Reading" area. The term comes from the "Bright Spot" campaign and refers to a place that is designated for teen reading.

"We have used a lot of the money on

equipment," said Leach. "We got new couches, chairs, tables and a bookshelf. It's an area for when they want to, they can go there, grab a book and read."

The new reading space is the first step of Leach's plan on how to use the grant to get more teens reading. He thinks that programs and other initiatives would

help take the program further.

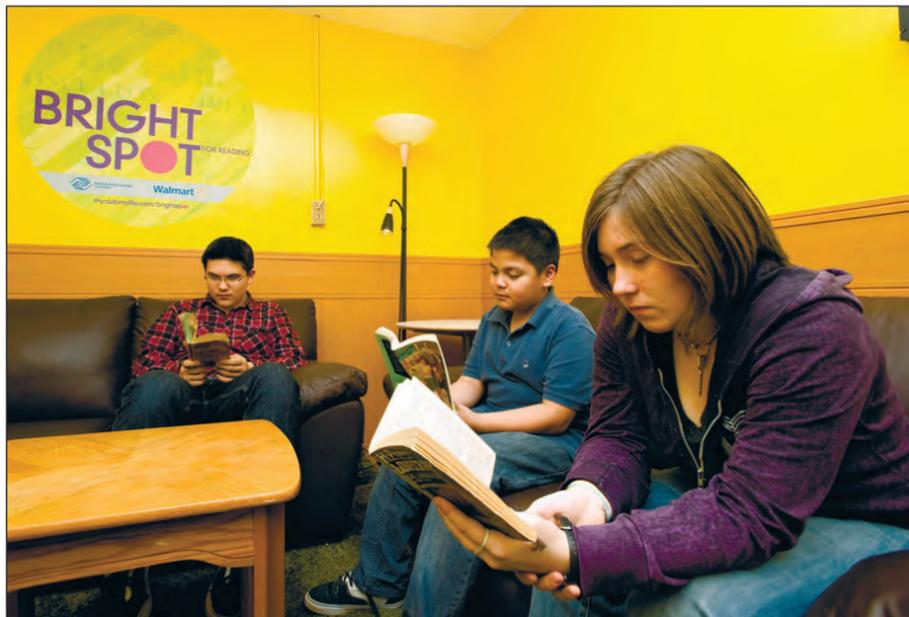
"Next week, we are having our first book club meeting. We will start by picking a book and use money from the grant to get the books that the kids are interested in reading," said Leach. "There are also reading initiatives for rewarding kids that read a certain number of books at their age level. Again, just trying to get kids to have books in their hands and start reading."

The teen center has some books of its own and to increase the amount and variety of the books available for the teens to read, they have partnered with the base library.

"They [the library] have some of the same initiatives that we have," he said. "They are also looking for ways to increase reading so it's easy to work with them and maintaining that partnership is also part of requirements to receive the grant."

Any boys and girls club can apply for the grant. Both civilian and military groups applied for the grant this year but, according to Leach, the Yokosuka Teen Center is one of a few in the military to receive it and the only one in Japan to be approved for the money.

"We've already done a lot with the grant," said Leach. "And we're going to keep making this place better and better."



Marrisa Bennett, Landon Duke and James Kemper read books in the new "Bright Spot on Reading" room at the Yokosuka Teen Center. The room was remodeled with money from the "Bright Spot on Reading" program grant that the center recently received.

## Despite arduous environment, GW Sailors earn college degrees

Story and photo by MC2 William Pittman,  
USS George Washington Public Affairs

Sailors stationed aboard the aircraft carrier *USS George Washington* (CVN 73) (GW) received their college degrees at a ceremony at the base chapel in Yokosuka, Japan, Jan. 27.

GW, the Navy's only permanently forward-deployed aircraft carrier, goes underway more frequently than any other carrier in the Navy, creating an arduous work day with little personal time for the ship's crew to work toward a college degree.

"We have had more than 20 Sailors from *George Washington* graduate from college in the last 12 months," said Atzal Santiago, the education boss aboard GW. "While that may not seem like a large number from an aircraft carrier, this is significant because of the rigors that come with working toward a degree from a forward-deployed carrier."

With work days aboard GW lasting at least 12 hours while underway and traditional methods of study impractical, Sailors are forced to find alternate routes to earning their degree.

"As a chief petty officer aboard *George Washington*, my job allowed me little time to work on a college degree, especially underway," said Chief Electronics Technician Michael Woodworth, one of the GW Sailors who earned a degree and took part in the ceremony. "A lot of the Navy College Office programs require classroom sessions and that's not possible to do underway, so they recommended a distance learning program for me."

"The main program Sailors aboard *George Washington* use to get their degree is the Navy College Program for Afloat College Education (NCPACE) because of its distance learning program," said Santiago. "Sailors receive several CDs and DVDs of their course material that don't require any Internet use, so they can use them on their computers without that hassle. They can also correspond with a course professor through e-mail if they need more assistance with the course."

NCPACE is part of the Navy College Program and allows deployed Sailors and Marines to continue their education while at sea, providing them equal opportunity to get a college degree while on shore duty. Sailors and embarked Marines assigned to U.S. Navy vessels and sea duty commands are eligible to apply for NCPACE, while personnel attached to a ship in a non-deployable status must request a waiver to participate in NCPACE while in that status.



Sailors stand at the ready as an honor guard parades the colors during a graduation ceremony held at the Chapel of Hope Jan. 27. Despite the rigors that come with working in an arduous environment aboard a forward-deployed aircraft carrier, more than 20 *USS George Washington* (CVN 73) Sailors have graduated from college in the past 12 months.

"I recommend that you don't delay getting your degree," said Woodworth. "It took me three years to get my bachelor's degree, but it took me 16 years to get my associate's degree. While it is not easy by any means to get your degree while being forward-deployed, applying for NCPACE was a lot easier than I expected and I am kicking myself for taking so long. If I didn't drag my feet I'd have a doctorate by now."

For more information on the Navy College Program, contact the Yokosuka Navy College Office, located on the third floor in room 347 of the James D. Kelly Fleet Recreation Center at 243-8131 or by e-mail to navycollege\_yokosuka@fe.navy.mil.



### Blue Ridge earns award for food service excellence

SECNAV congratulated *USS Blue Ridge* (LCC 19) in a message Jan. 27 for earning the 2011 Capt. Edward F. Ney Award for outstanding food service.



### Workout program creator Tony Horton "brings it" to Yokosuka

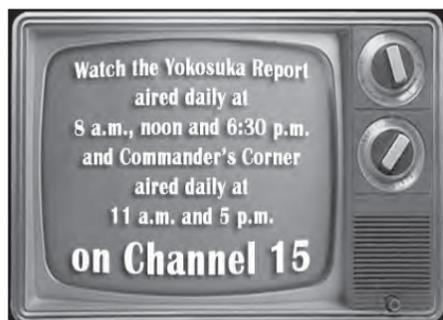
Tony Horton, celebrity fitness guru and creator of the popular workout program "P90X," held a free physical training session here at the Purdy Fitness Center, Jan. 31.



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**Base Shuttle Bus/Home-to-Work Bus Changes** – Beginning March 1, one base shuttle bus (counter-clockwise) will run during the day and two base shuttle buses (clockwise and counter-clockwise) will continue to run during the peak morning hours of 6:30 to 9:50 a.m. and peak afternoon hours of 3:25 to 5:50 p.m. Additionally, due to budget cuts, the Ikego Home-to-Work bus shuttle services will be reduced from six to four bus runs. The 6 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. shuttle bus runs will be discontinued. The Home-to-Work bus stops on Yokosuka base for Negishi and Ikego are: (1) Human Resources Office, (2) Main Gate, (3) Ship Repair Facility, (4) Harbor Master Pier, (5) Berth 6, (6) Berth 9, (7) Port Operations, (8) Navy Exchange and (9) U.S. Naval Hospital Yokosuka.

**Network Security Awareness** – ONE-Net users are reminded that information assurance is a team effort. Here are some everyday security measures that every user must follow for information assurance: Do not allow anyone access to your computer without the proper credentials, authorization, or need to know. Do not allow anyone into your space without the proper credentials. Do not hesitate to question or challenge anyone whom you don't know about what they are doing in your space. Do not hesitate to call your local Security Manager or NCIS office if you have any concerns regarding personnel wandering your spaces without proper identification. Remember to maintain control of your CAC when departing your work space. Contact the One-Net Service Desk at 243-3883 or your command security manager for more information.

**USNH Yokosuka Disaster Drill** – Routine and walk-in services will not be available at USNH Yokosuka March 1 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. due to a scheduled disaster preparedness drill. The Emergency Room will remain open and emergency ambulance response will not be affected. Scheduled surgeries will proceed as scheduled. Contact the hospital information desk at 243-5247 for more information.

**New Slide Submission Policy for Base Channel 15** – CFAY Public Affairs is implementing a new slide submission policy that will ensure content and information on the channel is up-to-date and presented according to television standards. Effective Feb. 1, all slides on the channel which have not been submitted and, or resubmitted to yokosukareport@gmail.com with a submission form will be removed. The form can be found on the main page of the CFAY Web site at www.cnic.navy.mil/yokosuka. Please call 243-3003 for more information.

**New Stop Sign, Crosswalk Added** – For all personnel who utilize Halsey Avenue, between Sampson and King Street, a stop sign and crosswalk has been added to Halsey Avenue to protect pedestrians when crossing the street. Please exercise caution when traveling in this area.

**Volunteer English Teacher Needed** – An active duty or SOFA sponsored member is needed to volunteer as an English teacher to teach a five-week beginner English class for local Japanese residents at the Japan-U.S. Cultural Exchange Center. E-mail to fumiyo.sato.ja@fe.navy.mil to sign up or for more information.

**Travel Advisory for Japan's Golden Week Celebration** – Japan's Golden Week celebration begins April 29 and ends

May 5. Traditionally, the majority of Japanese employees take vacation during this period and Government of Japan (GOJ) offices are closed. U.S. Embassy Tokyo is closed April 29 and May 3 to 5. It is very difficult to conduct business in Japan during the Golden Week holiday period. Second only to the Japanese New Year holiday period, Golden Week is one of the busiest and most congested travel periods in Japan. The U.S. Defense Attaché Office Tokyo advises Department of Defense (DoD) personnel to defer official travel to Japan during golden week to ensure availability of hotels, transportation and access to GOJ officials. Furthermore, it is also recommended that DoD members and their families located in Japan take extra caution when traveling on roads and trains during this holiday period.

**CFAY PWD Environmental Division Essay Contest** – The CFAY Public Works Department Environmental Division is sponsoring the Earth Day Environmental Essay contest March 1 through 15 for all fourth-grade students (The Sullivans Elementary School only). The theme for the essay contest is "What can you do to help save Earth?" Two winners will be chosen and announced at a date to be determined. Essays should be no longer than one page and submitted to The Sullivans School teachers Steve Parker or Tanya Chambers no later than March 15. The first-place winner will receive a \$10 Navy Exchange Gift Card and environmental items. The second-place winner will receive environmental items. Call Lily Mow at 243-2732 for more information.

**Berkey Field Tennis Court Facility Renovation** – The Berkey Field Tennis Court Facility will be closed for renovation from Jan. 27 through May 12. For safety reasons, the entire facility including the skate park will be enclosed by a construction barrier and unavailable to the public during the renovation time period. Call 243-7250 for more information.

**BZ:** I just want to express my heartfelt thanks for the proactive actions of Paul Calhoun and IT3 Jessica Posey of CFAY N6 – both during their visit to our workspaces and in the outstanding summary of actions they provided us via e-mail – for a situation in which we had little knowledge, for which we obviously needed help, and for which we did not know enough to ask for help (I suppose the phrase "ignorance is bliss" comes to mind). Your professionalism is not only impressive, but is truly indicative of the ongoing high level of customer service you have running in N6. Once again, thank you for going out of your way – above and beyond! – to help us, and I look forward to receiving the help you are providing!

**BZ:** I just wanted to take this moment to give the Yokosuka Seahawk base newspaper staff – particularly Jeffrey Doepp, the Seahawk editor – a resounding BZ! At every turn, Jeff has been extremely accommodating, providing me with a multitude of opportunities to publish praise for my people, publish informational articles for our customers, and even help our Sailors in their journey through Perform-to-Serve by publishing their articles for conversion to the mass communication specialist rating. Whether you realize it or not, the Seahawk is a force multiplier, a leadership enabler and a catalyst for Sailor stewardship. Thanks for all you do for us out here in Yokosuka, Seahawk staff: You truly support our forward-deployed naval forces and all of us stationed overseas. – Lt. Cmdr. Jed R. Espiritu, officer in charge, Personnel Support Detachment, Yokosuka.

## No Hitting!

**By Capt. David Owen,  
Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka**

As I celebrated the New Year, I realized that an old problem is on the rise – domestic violence.

The number of spouse or child abuse incidents has been increasing over the past few months. This problem is not isolated to married families, but is also occurring between couples and significant others.

In one of the most unfortunate cases, a six-month-old baby lost her life. In another case, a service member was savagely beaten and hospitalized by her boyfriend.

Frustration occurs, tempers flare and the "fight or flight" instinct kicks in, resulting in these violent incidents. However, violence is not the answer and always makes the

situation much worse.

So, when the urge to strike starts to build, think of something else to calm down or remove yourself from the situation. There is no shame in walking away to get your thoughts organized and hostilities in check. There is shame (and a lot of trouble too) in striking someone you love.

Additionally, if things get heated and one individual goes to leave, it is best to just let him or her do so. Chasing after him or her or blocking the exit will not make it better.

Leave the fighting to the Ultimate Fighting Championship professionals and do your hitting slugging a homerun on the softball field or smashing 10 in the pit at the bowling alley.

Bottom line: please refrain from the physical assault resolution and No Hitting!

## Sailors receive care packages from Colorado school students



Sailors aboard *USS George Washington* (CVN 73) dig through boxes of snacks and candy donated by children from the Bennett School District in Bennett, Colo. More than 15 boxes of candy and other non-perishable items, weighing approximately 260 pounds, were placed on the mess decks and quickly disappeared.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 William Pittman

By MCSN Cheng S. Yang, *USS George Washington* Public Affairs

*USS George Washington* (CVN 73) (GW) Sailors received care packages totaling more than 260 pounds from Bennett School District students in Bennett, Colo.

Children of all ages and grades donated to GW Sailors. Elementary school students donated candy, middle school students wrote personalized letters and high school students donated non-perishable items such as beef jerky, cheese and crackers and packs of gum.

Jennifer Goodnight is a Bennett School District volunteer who helped organize the delivery to the Navy's only forward-deployed aircraft carrier.

"The goal of this project is to increase physical activity in our schools, as well as to give back to our men and women in uniform; to thank all of them for what they do," said Goodnight. "When we informed the district administrators of the idea, all of the schools got involved and pitched in."

Goodnight said the elementary school students donated some of their Halloween candy to their classroom teacher, and as an incentive, they received an additional minute of recess for every pound of candy donated.

Aboard the carrier, the candy and other gifts were placed on the mess deck for Sailors to enjoy throughout their day.

Lt. Cmdr. Sean Ricks, GW assistant intelligence officer, served as the liaison between the ship and the school district.

"I think that this is a win-win situation for both us and the kids," said Ricks. "The kids get extra time at recess and learn about healthy living; our Sailors receive these gifts, as well as the knowledge that people back in the United States are thinking of them."

Several Sailors passing by the forward mess deck read the letters and ate the snacks. Afterwards, they expressed their gratitude by banding together to create a thank-you video for the children.

"We're very appreciative of the time and effort put forth by these kids to reach out to us," said Aviation Ordnanceman Airman Apprentice Theodore Robinson. "Personally, it makes me feel appreciated, and it reminds me why I'm here and why I wear the uniform."

"The Bennett School District would love to make this a yearly event," said Goodnight. "We at home take for granted how much the men and women in uniform sacrifice help to keep us safe and free, so we want to thank them for everything they do for us."

*George Washington* is forward-deployed to Yokosuka, Japan, ensuring security and stability across the western Pacific Ocean.

## Message from Fleet Minyard

Hello shipmates, by now I hope you've all had the chance to read my article "*Running Rust*," available on the Commander U.S. Pacific Fleet website at <http://www.cpf.navy.mil/misc/ask/newsletter/2010/november2010.pdf>, and have given some thought to my theory and how it might apply to your own situation. Hopefully this has caused you to look at things from a new perspective and identify potential problems within your command or other commands you've visited. Maybe you've even noticed little things within your own work center and thought to yourself, "Hmm, I never noticed that before, but it could become a problem if we don't fix it now."

That's the thing about running rust, it can be found doing its subtle dirty work at every level of an organization, but it can also be stamped out at every level if we're constantly on the lookout and fixing problems as they occur. Now, I realize no one person can reasonably be expected to find and fix all of the problems at any given command - but, an entire crew, working together, can accomplish just about anything!

In order to do this effectively, you'll need the right tools to detect and rid yourself of running rust. So, this month I want to suggest a few ideas for spotting it and open the topic up for discussion about proven methods you've used to identify and to rid yourselves of it.

I know you have heard the master chief petty officer of the Navy, the fleet and force master chiefs and other leaders talk about being brilliant on the basics, but what does that mean to you? Brilliant on the basics is all about taking care of Sailors and this starts with understanding the needs and challenges they face. You can accomplish this in a number of ways, the first of which is good old-fashioned leadership. This means talking to them and knowing details of their lives. For example, what their goals are and what challenges they are facing, and making sure you are providing them the right mentorship and guidance. Second, you can also utilize some of the tools that the Navy has provided you, like the Command Climate Survey. This is an extremely powerful tool if used correctly and it can provide the command a host of information about Sailors' perceptions, morale and feelings toward the command and the Navy. Remember, these concerns were voiced by our Sailors, and this is where the first spot of running rust can begin. The challenge of leadership is to take that information and make effective changes that address these specific problems.

Part of the running rust theory is based on lack of ownership, and the solution to it is simple - everyone must take back ownership of their unit. I remember overhearing a conversation between an officer and chief that has stuck with me and I'd like to share it with you. The officer said, "But chief, that's not your responsibility; it's not even your department, why do you care?" The chief responded, "Ma'am, I'm a chief petty officer, everything that happens at this command is my responsibility." That's the kind of attitude we all need to foster in the United States Navy. It is up to each of you to not look the other way when you see something that you know is wrong. Whether on liberty with your shipmates, family, friends or in the work place, it is "your" responsibility.

Now with all this talk about stopping running rust, I think it's time we start using it on one of the challenges we are currently facing. You may have heard about several recent cases of service members being busted for using Spice and similar designer drugs. I talked about this problem in my March 2010 newsletter, but unfortunately it is still with us today.

I can't say this any more clearly, service members caught using, possessing or distributing Spice, or similar drugs, shall be disciplined as appropriate under the Uniform Code of Military Justice and processed for administrative separation, according to Navy regulations, period!

Don't go down this path, shipmates. Stop this obvious case of running rust now, before it does any more damage to our Sailors and our Navy.

Fix the running rust - take care of each other. Thanks for your time shipmates, and thanks for all you do. - Fleet Minyard



CPF Fleet Master Chief  
John Minyard.  
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# 咸臨丸太平洋横断航海150周年を迎えて⑪ 王政復古と鳥羽伏見の戦い

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## 王政復古のクーデター勃発

慶応三年十月十四日、徳川幕府第十五代将軍慶喜は家康による江戸幕府開闢以来二百六十五年続いた政権を返上した。土佐藩主の山内容堂が慶喜へ進言した大政奉還の発案者は諸説あり、大久保一翁から勝海舟や坂本龍馬を経由して土佐藩士後藤象二郎に伝わった可能性などが指摘されている。いずれにせよ武力討幕を回避し、行き詰った局面を打開する時世の必然であったといえる。慶喜とすれば大政を奉還しても、後三条天皇以来八百年、後醍醐天皇の建武新政を数えても五百年の長きにわたり久しく政治を担当していない朝廷に政権運営能力はなく、いずれ開始されるであろう新しい政治体制の中心には、今までと同じように自分をはじめとする諸侯が就くと予想したであろう。しかし政権奪取をもくろむ西郷隆盛や大久保利通、木戸孝允(桂小五郎)ら薩長藩士や岩倉具視など一部の公卿たちは、それでは自分たちの出番はなくなり、どんなことをしても武力闘争に持ち込みたいという思惑があった。

十二月八日、朝廷は京都に長州兵千人を入洛させた。老中板倉伊賀守勝静はこれを実力で阻止しようとするが、慶喜に反対されてしまう。しかしこれを静観したことが、歴史を大きく変えることになった。翌九日王政復古の発令が発せられ、朝廷によって慶喜の「辞官納地」が決定され、京都守護職松平容保(会津藩主)と京都所司代松平定敬(桑名藩主)が解任される。朝廷による一連のクーデターで窮地に立たされた慶喜は、二条城から大阪城に退いた。



オランダで建造された幕府旗艦開陽丸。慶応四年一月七日、鳥羽伏見の戦いで大敗を喫した前将軍徳川慶喜は密かに開陽丸に乗艦し、副官の澤太郎左衛門に出航を命じて江戸に逃げ帰ってしまい、艦隊司令官矢田堀讃岐守鴻と艦長榎本和泉守武揚は大阪に取り残された。

## 泡と消えた小栗上野介の構想

勘定奉行小栗上野介は以前から長州征伐には反対で、国内紛争で無駄な出費をするより国を富ませて近代化を進め、外国の侵略に備える、というのが基本的な考えであった。小栗は十二月七日の兵庫開港に合わせ、大阪の豪商に出資させて商社を設立した。今までのような外国資本による独占を防ぎ、関税を財源としてガス燈、郵便、鉄道を導入する計画で、大阪表駐在の勘定奉行並・星野豊後守の後任として小野内膳正(友五郎)が兵庫開港御用取扱の実務を担当することになっていた。しかし小栗の構想もクーデター勃発によって泡と消えてしまう。

## 鳥羽伏見の戦いと大阪城からの逃亡

西郷隆盛は江戸の薩摩藩邸に指令を出して五百人近い無頼浪人を集めさせ、江戸市中に放火、略奪、暴行などを行わせ、市井の人々を恐怖に陥れていた。また江戸城に忍び込ませ、二の丸を炎上させるなど、騒乱による挑発を繰り返した。小栗は浪人の総検挙を主張するが、我慢の限界を超えた一部旗本や江戸市中の治安を見廻る庄内藩士は、薩摩藩邸を焼き討ちする。大阪城にこの報がもたらされると、極悪非道を重ねる薩摩を打つべしと、幕臣の憤激は一気に高まった。翌慶応四年正月二日、周りの声に押された慶喜はついに全



鳥羽伏見の戦いの絵図

軍の発動を命じ、幕府軍は「幼天皇を擁して謀略を行う君側の奸・薩摩を取り除くべし」と「討薩の表」掲げ、京都に向かう鳥羽街道と伏見街道へと進軍した。三日午後、鳥羽街道に構える薩摩軍の大砲が火を噴き、西郷が待ちに待った戦いの火蓋が切られた。薩摩・長州軍五千に対し一万五千と圧倒的な兵力を有する幕府軍であったが、予想に反し緒戦から苦戦を強いられた。細い街道での戦いで数的優位が生かされず、薩長の最新兵器の前に劣勢を余儀なくされる。はじめは戦況を窺っていた朝廷側は仁和寺宮嘉彰親王を征討大將軍に任じ、西陣に織らせてあった錦の御旗を翻させると、幕府軍は大いに動揺した。明治以来の歴史書が述べるような「尊王」対「佐幕」といった図式など実際にはなかつ



横須賀・横浜両製鉄所に設置する機械類を買い付けに渡欧した肥田浜五郎とオランダ留学生らの記念写真。肥田と榎本は長崎海軍伝習所第二期の同窓生である。前列左から澤太郎左衛門(伝習所三期生・砲術、火薬製造法留学)、肥田浜五郎(オランダ出張)、赤松則良(伝習所三期生・造船、理学留学)、西周(自然法、国際公法留学)。後列左から伊藤玄伯(医学留学)、林研海(医学留学)、榎本武揚(伝習所二期生・造船、軍事、国際公法留学)、布施鉉吉郎(出張)、津田真道(自然法、国際公法留学)。

たことは近年の研究で明らかで、当時の日本人は基本的に皆尊王であり、孝明天皇が絶大な信頼を置いていたのは幕臣の会津中将・松平容保であったことはよい例である。幕府軍は薩長軍が突如官軍の旗印を挙げたことで、自分たちが賊軍になってしまうことに驚愕し、寝返る者も相次いだ。五日には大勢が決し、六日大阪城に続々逃げ帰ってきた。出迎えた慶喜は、たとえ一騎になろうとも戦い抜くと全軍を鼓舞するが、その夜、頼りとする武將・松平容保と定敬、そして板倉勝静などわずかな側近らに命じ、夜陰に乗り愛妾を引き連れて密かに大阪城を抜け出した。暗闇の大阪湾で幕府艦隊を見つけれず、アメリカ艦隊のイロコイ号に一夜の世話になり、翌朝西宮に停泊していた幕府旗艦開陽丸に乗艦した。艦隊司令官・矢田堀讃岐守鴻(景蔵)と艦長・榎本和泉守武揚は戦況を調べる為に上陸していたが、慶喜は副官の澤太郎左衛門に命じて無理矢理出航させ、江戸に向かわせた。

その頃幕府上洛軍の兵站を担当していた小野内膳正が淀から大阪城に戻ると、すでに主君のいなくなった城内は混乱状態になっていたが、西軍が迫る大阪城から軍用金十八万両を大阪湾の幕府艦隊まで急遽搬出する手はずに奔走した。小野の判断は資金不足に悩む西軍の進軍を遅らせる結果となる。また負傷兵たちの搬送には和歌山藩が協力し、江戸に帰った幕臣や会津藩士らは和歌山藩邸の前で低頭したという。

【\*艦隊司令官の矢田堀は長崎海軍伝習所一期生で、艦長候補として永持享次郎(途中で他に栄転)、勝麟太郎(海舟)とともに生徒監(学生長)を務め、オランダ人教授ライケンの下で厳しい訓練を受けた一人である。伝習終了後、矢田堀はじめ小野や中島三郎助たち粒ぞろいの一期生は、観光丸を操舵して華々しく江戸に戻り、築地軍艦操練所の頭取や教授方などに就任した。(成績不振などの理由で尚も伝習が必要とされた勝をはじめ数名は長崎に残された。)

二期生の榎本は三期生の澤や咸臨丸で小野の助手を務めた赤松大(則良)とともにオランダに留学した成績優秀なエリートで、慶応三年オランダで建造された開陽丸を回航して帰日した。こうしてみると幕府海軍の中心は長崎海軍伝習所出身者で占められ、彼等が日本海軍の礎を作ったことがわかる。】

## 江戸城の大評定

慶応四年一月十三日から江戸城内では連日、大阪城から逃げ帰った慶喜の面前で大評定が開かれ、幕臣たちは主戦か恭順で激論を交わしていた。大阪に置いてきぼりを喰った血気盛んな榎本武揚は、西軍と戦うことを恐れる慶喜に向かって、「慶喜公は腰が抜け申したか。」と怒鳴り散らす始末であった。榎本は自分が艦長を勤める開陽丸で勝手に逃げ帰

った慶喜に対する怒りは収まっていなかった。

主戦論と恭順策が議論を戦わせたといわれるが、もし慶喜自身が薩長の横暴は許さじと檄を飛ばせば、幕臣から恭順策など出ようはずはなかった。朝敵の烙印を押された慶喜はただ狼狽するばかりであったが、長年朝敵とされた長州がいまや官軍を名乗っていることに對し憤りを抱く幕臣たちは、皆西軍を迎え撃つ覚悟であったことは間違いないだろう。

## 小栗の引退

小栗はここでひとつの作戦を提案する。それは、西軍に対し圧倒的優位を保つ幕府海軍を駿河湾に派遣し、西軍先頭部隊が箱根へ入ったところで東海道を進む後続部隊を艦隊から艦

砲射撃を浴びせて退路を断ち敵を分断させ、小田原に待ち構えた精鋭の陸軍が一気に叩くという策であった。しかしすでに戦意消失した慶喜は青ざめるばかりで、奥へ引きこもろうとするが、小栗はなおも袖を引いて食い下がった。小栗は翌十五日、老中酒井雅楽頭から慶喜の意向による勘定奉行及び陸軍奉行の罷免を言い渡された。後日談になるが、西軍総大将の西郷隆盛が手を焼いた彰義隊を、たった一日で壊滅させた長州の軍事顧問・大村益次郎は後にこの作戦を聞いて「もし小栗の策を実行されていたら、我々の首はなかったであろう。」と述べたといわれる。

小栗は主君の命令ならば、それに従って命を賭けて戦うのが武士であり、すでに主君が恭順を示している以上、家来がそれに叛いて戦うのは武士道に反すると考え、引退を願い出て知行地・上州権田に向かった。小栗はもう幕府に未練はなく、次世代の人材を育てる道を選び、いずれこの地から太政大臣を出してみせるといった意気込みであった。

## 勝安房守の陸軍総裁就任

慶喜は自らの命乞いのために、十三代将軍家定の御台所・篤姫と十四代将軍家茂の御台所・和宮に朝廷への執り成しの文を書いてくれるよう懇願する。篤姫の養父で薩摩藩主であった島津斉彬は下級武士の西郷隆盛に目をかけて取り立てた縁があり、孝明天皇の妹の和宮は、明治天皇の叔母に当たる。慶喜は藁にも縋る思いであったが、二人の書いた手紙は皮肉にも「慶喜はどうなってもかまわないから、徳川宗家だけは取り潰さないで残してほしい。」という内容であった。

慶喜の恭順によって、旧幕府内の勢力図は大きく変わることになった。新政府の議定となった松平春嶽や山内容堂と関係が深く、西郷にも繋がりを持つ勝安房守(海舟)が陸軍総裁に任命される。勝は嵐の咸臨丸太平洋横断航海で船酔いばかりでなく、海軍士官としての能力と適性を欠くとして一度は海軍を追われたが、旧知の大久保忠寛による引き立てで復活し、軍艦奉行などの役職を得て加増を重ねていた。海軍の要職は名目上のことで、その実体は類まれなる巧みな交渉術という天賦の才能を高く評価され、幕府の交渉事に春嶽らの片腕として活躍した。そしてこの最終局面で、徳川家を代表する新執行部のメンバーのひとりに抜擢されたのであった。慶喜は勝の交渉力にわが身を託すが、勝自身は旧幕府首脳の一掃を願い、新政府に大きな期待をかけていた。

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慶応四年一月十二日から連日、江戸城大広間に於いて幕臣たちは主戦か恭順で激論を交わしたといわれる。しかし慶喜自身が戦うつもりであれば、幕臣から恭順策など出るはずはなかったであろう。

## Blue Ridge receives 2011 Ney Award for food service excellence

By MC1(SW/AW) Jerry Foltz,  
USS Blue Ridge Public Affairs

The secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) congratulated the USS Blue Ridge (LCC 19) Food Service Division in a message Jan. 27.

SECNAV Ray Mabus recognized the division for earning the 2011 Capt. Edward F. Ney Award for large afloat ships outstanding food service in the Pacific Fleet.

Blue Ridge Commanding Officer Capt. Rudy Lupton announced the accomplishment to the crew during an all hands call shortly after receiving the message, expressing his gratitude for their commitment to service.

"To compete for, and win a second consecutive Ney award, just weeks after completing a very demanding DSRA (Dry-docking Selected Restricted Availability), speaks to the professionalism I see every day from the Sailors aboard the command ship," said Lupton. "These Sailors and their leadership have set a new standard of service and excellence while making a significant contribution to the combat readiness of the ship."

Culinary Specialist 2nd Class Leah Josefina Bongbonga was vital in the records management that helped earn the

award.

"We were barely open a week before the inspection, so we had a lot of catching up to do," said Bongbonga. "But in the end, it all paid off."

The Capt. Edward F. Ney Memorial Award program

is co-sponsored by the secretary of the Navy and the International Food Service Executives Association. The awards encourage excellence in Navy food service programs, with the objective of improving quality of life for Navy personnel.

"They have worked very hard during the 2011 Ney competition and deserve the recognition of the most prestigious food service award in the Navy," said Roxanne Hauman, Ney Award program manager. "They all did a wonderful job and are to be commended."

This award marks Blue Ridge's fourth Ney victory in the ship's history, and the second consecutive recognition.

First-place winners, runners-up and honorable mention commands will be recognized during a ceremony during the Joint Military and International Food Service Executives Association conference April 2, in Schaumburg, Ill., marking the 53rd anniversary of the program.

Blue Ridge serves under Commander, Expeditionary Strike Group 7/Task Force (CTF) 76, the Navy's only forward deployed amphibious force.

Blue Ridge is the flagship for Commander, U.S. 7th Fleet. CTF 76 is headquartered at White Beach Naval Facility, Okinawa, Japan, with an operating detachment in Sasebo, Japan.



CSCM Michael Carter, an inspector for the Capt. Edward F. Ney Award for Food Service Excellence, speaks to culinary specialists aboard U.S. 7th Fleet command ship USS Blue Ridge (LCC 19). Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus recognized the Blue Ridge Food Service Division for earning the 2011 Capt. Edward F. Ney Award for large afloat ships outstanding food service in the Pacific Fleet.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Cynthia Griggs

## USS Cowpens makes historic return to Palau with new mission

By Ensign Christopher Lowe,  
USS Cowpens Public Affairs

Some 67 years after her predecessor's initial visit to the country of Palau, USS Cowpens (CG 63) returns. The first two times were during a time of war with a mission to support the United States presence in the South Pacific. The mission is still the same,

except this time Cowpens was armed with goodwill and ambassadorship that continued to build on an already rich relationship with the residents of the island nation.

During World War II, the Light Aircraft Carrier USS Cowpens (CVL 25) and her aircraft were assigned to provide air and antisubmarine patrol for raids on Palau and surrounding islands from March 30 – April 1, 1944. Later that same year, starting Aug. 29, Cowpens returned to Palau to provide pre-invasion air strikes in support of the amphibious assault on the Palau island chain. Once taken, these islands opened a vital supply lane that supported the liberation of the Philippines.

Palau, located 2,400 miles southwest of Tokyo, Japan, is home to some 18,000 residents, and is comprised of 16 states. Following Germany's defeat in World War I, the islands were formally passed to the Japanese under the 1919 Treaty of Versailles.

In 1922, Koror, Palau became the administrative center for all Japanese possessions in the South Pacific. Following Japan's defeat in World War II, the Caroline, Marianas and Marshall Islands became United Nations trust territories under United States administration, with Palau being named as one of six island districts.

As part of its mandate, the United States was to improve Palau's infrastructure and educational system in order for it to become a self-sufficient nation. This finally came about on Oct. 1, 1994, when Palau gained its independence upon the signing of the Compact of Free Association with the United States.

Now in 2011, Cowpens and her crew returned as ambassadors to show, and improve upon, the relations between the United States of America and the Republic of Palau. During the port visit, the crew enjoyed the culture and attractions, such as the beautiful local reefs, diving opportunities, world class beaches and the famous Jellyfish Lake. There was also a community service event working with the U.S. Civic Action Team and local elementary school.

Cowpens is a Ticonderoga-class guided-missile cruiser assigned to the George Washington Strike Group and currently deployed for independent steaming and training operations.

**African-American History Month  
Observance**

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**Chaplain Sharon Reives will  
serve as guest speaker**

## Workout program creator Tony Horton “brings it” to Yokosuka

Story and photo by MC3 Charles Oki,  
Navy Public Affairs Support Element Japan

Tony Horton, celebrity fitness guru and creator of the popular workout program “P90X,” held a free physical training (PT) session at Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka’s Purdy Fitness Center, Jan. 31.

Horton, sponsored by Armed Forces Entertainment, was in Yokosuka as part of a tour that will make stops at nine bases throughout Japan. During his stop in Yokosuka, Horton held two PT sessions and signed autographs for service members and their families.

“I’m having a great time being overseas,” said Horton. “I’ve never been to this part of the world and I’m having a great time with the troops sharing what I know. I have spent some time at the bases in Italy and had a blast. When Armed Forces Entertainment came to me again and asked if I’d like to tour some of the bases in Japan I couldn’t wait. I was excited to share what I know with the service members here.”

According to sales numbers in 2010, more than three million people around the world have taken Horton’s advice and made a commitment to a healthier, fitness-based lifestyle.

With naval operations spanning the globe and Sailors supporting ground operations in Iraq and Afghanistan,

the Navy is dedicated to supporting a lifestyle of fitness by making the semi-annual physical fitness assessment (PFA) an important part of enhancing a Sailor’s career.

“With physical fitness becoming a bigger part of perform to serve (PTS), visits by people like Horton show the Navy really cares about helping our careers,” said Personnel Specialist 3rd Class Oscar Abreu, from Mexico City, Mexico. “This gave everyone a great opportunity to workout and boost morale.”

As the Navy does more to help Sailors stay fit, Horton believes it’s about educating the Sailors on how they can maximize their success in the PFA that will help the military maintain itself as a consistent deployable force, always ready to go.

“Service members shouldn’t feel like the fitness tests are a rite of passage,” said Horton. “I know that some service members stress out about passing and I’m here to break that state of mind. I want to help service members

**(Left) Tony Horton, fitness guru and inventor of the workout system “P90X,” motivates Sailors as they perform cardio kickboxing exercises during a command physical training session at the Purdy Fitness Center Jan. 31. Horton is in Japan on tour with Armed Forces Entertainment, holding free workout sessions and book signings for service members and their families.**

become healthier and more efficient as a fighting force. I think it’s great that the Navy recognizes how important this is.”



## New additions to Spectrum enhance single-Sailor experience

Story and photo by MC2(SW) Devon Dow,  
Navy Public Affairs Support Element Japan

For the single Sailor here on Yokosuka base, Spectrum, a recreational facility and lounge located on the first floor of the James D. Kelly Fleet Recreation Center, serves as a place of rest and relaxation. For 2011, this single-Sailor destination has equipped itself with new additions to better serve its clientele and raise morale.

Sailors now have at their hands new computers, massage chairs, video gaming centers and Wi-Fi throughout Spectrum at a cost that any Sailor can appreciate... free of charge.

“More is better for our Sailors,” said Dan Moses, Spectrum coordinator. “We are always trying to update our inventory to keep things current for our Sailors, they really do deserve it. Our goal here is to give these Sailors a place to come and enjoy themselves and to promote an environment for them that is stress free.”

Spectrum increased its video game stations by adding eight new big screen televisions, new Xbox 360 video game machines and gaming chairs equipped with speakers in the headrest of the chairs to increase the gaming experience.

Along with a new layout for its computer station that gives Sailors free internet access, there will be eight new Apple computer work centers at their disposal, as well as printer services in the coming months.

“I am impressed with the improvements the Spectrum has made, the massage chairs are a nice plus,” said Operations Specialist 3rd Class (SW) Eduardo Gonzales, assigned to *USS George Washington* (CVN 73). “When a new single Sailor first arrives to CFAY, the Spectrum is very convenient. They have everything here. I know for a fact a lot of Sailors come over here

to use the phone services they provide.”

According to Spectrum staff members, their phone station is a popular feature that provides Sailors with the chance to call home to the United States free of charge and is used by the Sailors heavily on a daily basis.

To improve the precious time Sailors spend with their family and friends when calling home, Spectrum will be replacing the current phone stations with replica British-style phone booths that will provide a seat and more privacy when Sailors are making their calls.

“This is a great place for the single Sailors,” said Seaman Jeremiah Williams, assigned to *USS George Washington* (CVN 73). “While it will be nice to have more privacy

when I’m using the phone, it just feels great to have the opportunity to call back home for free. I really would like to thank the Navy for that; it is a blessing and good for morale, especially for those of us who are living outside of the [United States] and away from our family and friends for the very first time.”

As Spectrum improves its facilities, it continues with its tradition of putting Sailors first. Whether it is a movie night, video game tournaments with door prizes, or offering discounts on Moral, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) tours, the staff at Spectrum said they are committed to giving the Sailors a place to unwind.

“I believe that we are reaching our goal, which is to meet the Sailors needs,” said Emily Narvaez, recreational aide for Spectrum. “While it can be difficult for single Sailors to be away from home, we offer them a place to come and congregate with other single Sailors and to reconnect with friends and love ones back home. We hope that with the improvements we have made and will continue to make, Spectrum will better enhance the single-Sailor experience with MWR and their time here in Japan.”



**SN Anthony Vergara relaxes in a massage chair at The Spectrum, a single-Sailor recreational facility Feb. 1. To kick off the New Year, Spectrum updated its facilities with new massage chairs, computers, free Wi-Fi and video gaming equipment to better meet the needs of its single Sailors.**

# The Sullivans school makes transition seem like child's play

Story and photo by Steve Parker,  
The Sullivans Elementary School Public Affairs

*Editor's note: This is part two of a three-part story.*

As children, we are too young to notice our teachers as they weave the threads through the loom of their service into the rich and varied tapestries that eventually become our lives. As adults, we have a more reflective outlook and in some cases, the opportunity to cherish our past relationships. As you read these words, perhaps you will pause and reflect on the teachers in your lives who have woven their threads through your tapestry and helped you in a time of need.

The other side of the transition coin is not nearly as exciting or stimulating as being the incoming new kid with all their new friendships and acquaintances to juggle. Often, transition is accompanied with a deep sense of loss. Adults, who have been through transitions multiple times often minimize or harden themselves to forget. We should take the time to remind ourselves of our initial gut-wrenching feeling of being torn from our friends and family, and the colossal unfairness of having no control. More so because our children haven't yet developed our adult coping skills and may need our help. It can be hard for the child who is leaving but it can be equally hard for those who are staying. Everyone has a hole to fill when a friend leaves. Sullivans teachers do their best to be there in that time of need.

When a child from Kathleen Seigny's second-grade class is transferring, everyone sits in a circle. Each student says at least one nice thing about that person, shares a story or a happy memory. Then the kids all write a letter to wish the person good luck at their new school and let them know they will miss them. They also draw a colorful picture. The whole class then shares a special treat on their last day and goes downstairs to ring them out.

Nicki Salter asks her morning meeting question on her departing student's last day. "What will you miss about...?" It seems so simple and sometimes it really is just that

simple. As simple as asking the students a question and giving them time to respond.

"What a hit! You'd be surprised at some of the responses from kindergarteners and how it helps the departing student know they will be missed and will always be a part of our kindergarten family," Salter said. "I personally think it also lets the departing student know they've left some special memories in another person's heart."

In Susan Davidson's Looping Class (to read more about looping and the transitional benefits it offers, see part three of this story in the "Seahawk" next week), time is set aside for the student to share where he or she is moving to by finding the new location on a map and discussing similarities and differences from living in Yokosuka. The class then enjoys a celebration for the student who is leaving. At the celebration, students in the class share what they are going to miss about the student. All students wish the transferring student well. Everyone discusses how to make new friends when they move. Each transferring student receives a special keepsake card from the class and a *Sayonara* (goodbye) doll. A *Sayonara* doll is a Japanese tradition. They can be bought at stores both off base and on base. They are small dolls with a paper *kimono* scroll wrapped around the middle of the doll. Unrolling the scroll presents a high quality scroll of paper where friends can write their names and a message for a wonderful keepsake memento.

In Monica Maravilla's first-grade Spanish immersion class, the children make a *piñata* when they first arrive at school or in the first few weeks of the year. As the year progresses, the students will break their *piñatas* (filled with candy) on their birthdays or before they transfer. They then share their goodies with all their classmates and a potentially sad occasion suddenly becomes instead, a celebration of the times they were able to spend together.

As with any welcoming, the counseling department is not to be outdone by a transfer. Each child is presented with a "Fair Winds and Following Seas" certificate, and a *Sayonara* book they can have their teacher and friends

sign as they begin their new adventure. Whether leaving or staying, Sullivans students are given multiple tools to handle their transitions with style. But transitions are not all about staying or leaving. There are other ways to mark transitions and The Sullivans Elementary School is doing their best to help with them.



The Sullivans Elementary School students from Nicki Salter's kindergarten class sing "Welcome to our Kindergarten" as student Kennedy Crable rings the Sullivans Ship Bell to officially welcome in a new dolphin to the school.

Photo by Nicki Salter

## TRICARE to extend family member health care coverage to age 26

By Donna Miles,  
American Forces Press Service

TRICARE plans to roll out its new Young Adult Program by spring and to provide an option to make coverage retroactive to Jan. 1, to ensure military families don't get left out as the new national health care reform law extends parent's health insurance to children up to age 26.

The new program will allow qualified, unmarried military children up to age 26 to buy health care coverage under their parents' TRICARE plans through age 26. That's up from the current maximum age of 21, or 23 for full-time college students whose parents provide more than half their financial support.

"The fiscal 2011 National Defense Authorization Act President Barack Obama signed Jan. 7, gave the Defense Department

the authority it needed to extend TRICARE coverage to young adults," TRICARE spokesman Austin Camacho said.

This ensures benefits extended under TRICARE are in line with those all American families receive under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act that took effect last March.

"We've been working hard to make sure we could put [the] TRICARE Young Adult [program] on a fast track," said Rear Adm. Christine Hunter, TRICARE Management Activity. "Fortunately for our beneficiaries concerned about health care coverage for their adult children, the law signed by the president includes opportunities for military families to elect this new premium-based plan retroactive to Jan. 1."

According to Camacho, qualified young adults who do not have access to employer-sponsored health care coverage will be

eligible to purchase it through TRICARE on a month-to-month basis.

"Details about how much those premiums will cost under the new program still are being finalized. But because the 2011 defense authorization specifies that the rates must cover all program costs, premiums will be based on commercial insurance data about the costs of providing care," Camacho said.

Once the new program is in place, Hunter estimated that it could extend TRICARE coverage to several hundred thousand additional beneficiaries.

"The premium allows us to provide the excellent benefit to our military families while responsibly addressing the impact of health care costs on the DoD (Department of Defense) budget," she said.

The TRICARE staff has moved into overdrive to iron out the program details:

determining eligibility and coverage criteria and costs; designing, testing and implementing the required software and systems changes; updating eligibility databases; and crafting education efforts.

"Officials plan to roll out the new program in two phases, first offering a premium-based TRICARE Standard/Extra benefit," Camacho said. "Then, later this year, they plan to introduce the TRICARE Prime and TRICARE Prime Remote plan, including overseas options, and the Uniformed Services Family Health Plan."

Once the program is in place, eligible young adults may submit an application and premium payment to the appropriate regional or overseas contractor for processing. Cost shares, deductibles and catastrophic caps will vary, based on the plan selected and the sponsor's status.

"Young adult beneficiaries will receive an enrollment card after they buy coverage, and their payment is reflected in the Defense Eligibility Enrollment Reporting System," Camacho said.

The new beneficiaries may choose to pay premiums back to Jan. 1, which will entitle them to file claims for any health care costs they have accrued since that date. To do so, officials advise that they save all receipts to ease claims processing.

For adults who need health insurance coverage but no longer qualify for TRICARE coverage, officials advise exploring the Continued Health Care Benefit Program. This premium-based program offers temporary, transitional health coverage for 18 to 36 months.

Coverage must be purchased within 60 days of losing TRICARE eligibility. For more information, visit the TRICARE website at <http://www.tricare.mil/>.

## Blue Ridge hosts JMSDF medical professionals

By MC1 Josh Huebner,  
USS Blue Ridge Public Affairs

Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF) medical professionals visited *USS Blue Ridge* (LCC 19) for a tour of the ship and medical spaces during a subject matter expert exchange with U.S. Navy Sailors, Feb. 1.

Fourteen medical officers and enlisted medical specialists toured the ship's medical and operational spaces, including digital X-ray facilities, main battle dressing station and dental offices.

"I've had the chance to visit their ships before, and it's similar but also different," said Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Philip Keehn, a tour guide during the visit. "I really think it's important to show them how we do things and share our cultures so we can keep our link strong."

*Blue Ridge* medical staff explained standard examination and treatment processes and the ship's medical equipment sterilization procedures before the JMSDF medical personnel, to provide their insights on shipboard medical care.

"They have never been aboard a ship before," said Lt. Shinya Yufune, U.S. Naval Hospital Yokosuka divisional officer. "We want to show them what some of the equipment and facilities that operate at sea look like."

Yufune said the students completed their residency training during the spring of 2010, and are in their final stage of training before deploying to hospitals and temporarily aboard JMSDF ships.

"This strengthens an already very strong relationship any time we are able to share fellowship," said Senior Chief Hospital Corpsman Christopher Moore, a presenter during the visit. "It just continues to build that relationship."

# SRF-JRMC conducts internal VPP audit

Story and photo from SRF-JRMC Occupational Safety, Health and Environmental Department

The U.S. Naval Ship Repair Facility and Japan Regional Maintenance Center (SRF-JRMC) is committed to fully implementing the Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) and achieving VPP Star status by Dec. 31, 2011. This noteworthy goal is part of SRF-JRMC 2011 Strategic Plan. VPP Star status is awarded in recognition of a command having an effective safety and health management system, which in turn reduces injury and illness rates. To join the VPP Star community, SRF-JRMC must undergo a rigorous on-site assessment by a team of health and safety professionals.

The SRF-JRMC VPP steering committee recently conducted an internal VPP audit to help prepare for the VPP Star assessment. The audit identified areas that could delay improvement to SRF-JRMC commandwide safety and health management programs, which are required for earning VPP Star status.

To assist with launching SRF-JRMC VPP journey in 2009, Concurrent Technologies Corporation (CTC), the Department of Defense VPP Center of Excellence (VPPCX) and Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet (COMPACFLT) conducted a "gap analysis" of SRF-JRMC safety and health programs at Yokosuka and Sasebo. The gap analysis identified vulnerabilities that must be corrected to achieve VPP Star status. Since the initial analysis, SRF-JRMC has

worked to close the gaps, in part, by implementing VPP.

The steering committee planned and conducted the internal audit to ensure continual improvement as SRF-JRMC prepares for VPP Star status recognition. The audit team represented a cross-section that included SRF-JRMC U.S. civil service, Sailors and master labor contract personnel from production shops and support codes, managers and "deck-plate" workers. To prepare for the audit, the audit team developed audit checklists, surveys, procedures as well as plans and schedules. Pre-audit meetings were conducted in late 2010 to discuss audit strategies for the audit that was conducted during the second week of January 2011.

The January VPP audit provided a snapshot of the command's progress towards implementing VPP. The steering committee conducted the audit to prepare for the mock VPP audit expected in February or March 2011. The focus of the Audit was to determine how effectively VPP is being implemented. VPP has four elements: management, leadership and employee involvement; work site analysis; hazard prevention and control and safety and health training. The audit team looked for objective quality evidence (OQE) that the four elements are being effectively established, implemented, and communicated to the workforce. SRF-JRMC commandwide policy statement on safety and occupational health makes all employees responsible for VPP implementation.

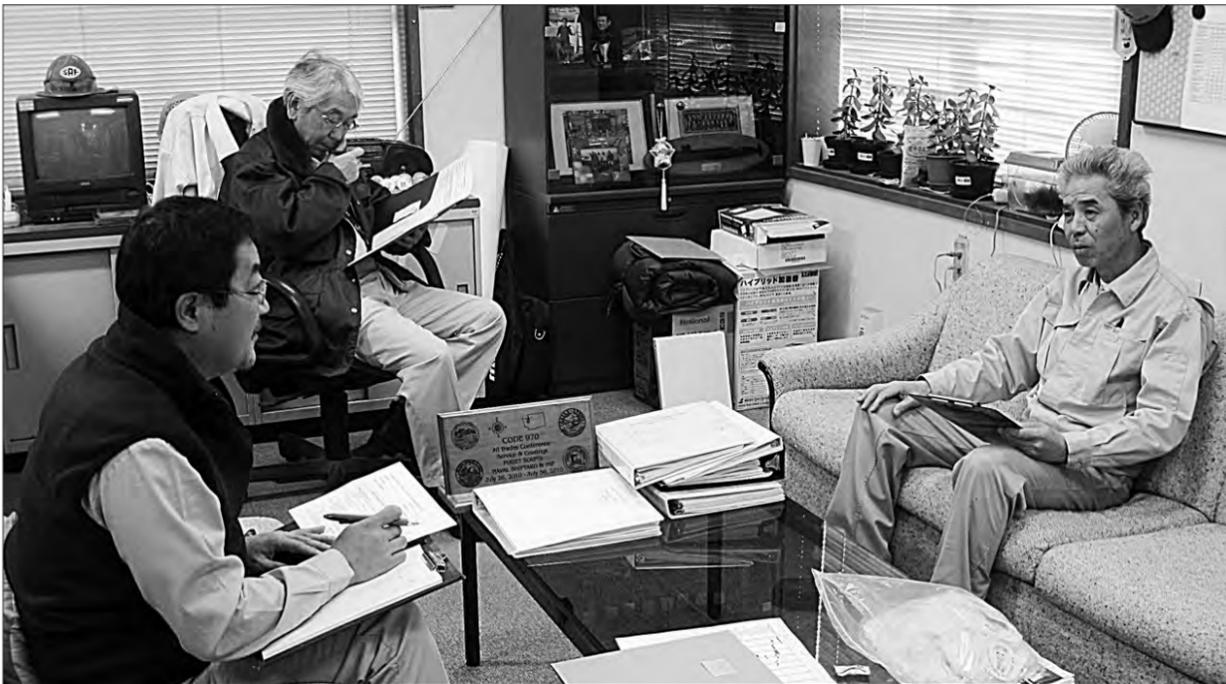
The audit team worked in two groups. One group was responsible for reviewing

documentation, and the other for interviewing SRF-JRMC managers and employees and observing working conditions. To ensure two-way communication and information flow during the audit, approximately 100 people in Yokosuka and Sasebo representing a cross-section of SRF-JRMC shops and codes, and contractors were interviewed with audit team members providing constructive feedback to help people better understand VPP policies, issues and goals.

The internal audit identified SRF-JRMC various occupational safety and health weaknesses. One major, but not unexpected finding was that not all personnel were aware of the command's VPP goals and the safety and health rights for all employees. The steering committee will address these weaknesses, including the lack of commandwide awareness, to improve the workforce's occupational safety and health.

The audit was a great learning experience for both the audit team and the employees who were interviewed. The audit team learned what VPP areas are working well and identified areas needing improvement. The internal VPP audit also helped the steering committee communicate the need for a culture of safety consciousness because VPP makes everyone responsible for their own safety and for their safety of their co-workers.

The internal VPP audit was a resounding success and is serving the command well in preparing for VPP Star status, but most importantly, by improving the overall safety and health of SRF-JRMC personnel.



VPP auditors, Group Master Norikazu Chikuda and Tomomi Ishikawa of the VPP Promotion Office, ask Norio Sone, a Paint Shop foreman, about his knowledge of VPP at SRF-JRMC and job related safety and health hazards, during the SRF-JRMC internal VPP audit in January.

1月に行われたVPP内部監査で監査員のグループマスター筑田則和さんとVPP推進室の石川芳美さんが、塗装工場のフォアマン・曾根規夫さんに、SRF-JRMCでのVPPの知識と作業場での安全衛生危険因子を尋ねる。

## SRF-JRMC、VPP内部監査を実施する

文・写真:SRF-JRMC労働安全衛生部

自主的安全保護プログラム(VPP)を導入した米海軍艦船修理廠および日本地区造修統括本部(SRF-JRMC)は、戦略計画の一環として2011年12月31日までにVPPスターステータス獲得をゴールに掲げている。VPPスターステータスとは、効果的な安全衛生管理システムの導入を認定された部隊に付与される名誉あるステータスである。VPPコミュニティーに加わるためにもSRF-JRMCは安全衛生の専門家チームにより、厳しく職場を評価されなければならない。

その評価の準備として、SRF-JRMCのVPP運営委員会はVPP内部監査を実施した。安全衛生管理プログラムで遅延している分野を特定することはVPPスターステータスの取得に不可欠だ。

VPPのスターステータス獲得の旅立ちに向け、2009年、SRF-JRMC横須賀および佐世保分所における安全衛生プログラムの「ギャップ」分析がコンカレント・テクノロジー社(CTC)と国防省VPP研究本部(VPPCX)そして太平洋艦隊司令(COMPACFLT)により行われ、VPPスターステータス取得に向け改善すべき点が特定された。この分析以来、SRF-JRMCではギャップを埋めることに取り組んできた。

SRF-JRMCのVPP運営委員会はVPPステータス認証への準備として、継続的な改善を確実にするためにVPP内部監査を計画、実施した。軍属、軍人、日本人従業員を含む造修部門工場や支援事務所の従業員、管理者、職人など、あらゆる立場からメンバーを選出し、監査チームを結成。監査に向けてチームはトレーニングを受け、監査用チェックリスト、調査報告、手順書、監査計画やスケジュールを作成した。更には2010年後期に監査事前会議を開催、2011年1月の第2週に実施された内部監査の戦略的議論を行った。

1月のVPP内部監査で、SRF-JRMCのVPP導入の進捗状況を垣間見ることが出来たがこれは2011年2・3月に予定されている「模擬」監査に向け、VPP導入の効果の確認に焦点を合わせた下準備である。VPPは「管理能力、リーダーシップと従業員の参加」、「作業現場における危険因子の分析」、「危険の防止とコントロール」、「安全衛生トレーニング」という4つの要素がある。監査チームは、VPPの要素が効果的に定められ、

導入されているか、また従業員に伝達されているか、という客観的証拠を探索した。SRF-JRMCの労働安全衛生に関する部隊の方針では全従業員がVPPを実施する責任を担う。

監査チームは2つのグループに分けて監査を行った。1グループは、チェックリストを使用して書類確認を、また、もう1グループは管理者、従業員に対して面接を行った。面接では質問以外にも作業状況の観察を行った。監査では双方のコミュニケーションと情報の流れを確立するために、SRF-JRMC横須賀および佐世保分所の工場、事務所、契約従業員の中から選ばれた約100名の従業員に対して面接を行った。面接中に監査チームは建設的な情報提供を行い、従業員がVPPの方針や問題、ゴールなどを理解できるよう支援を行なった。

VPP内部監査の結果から様々な労働安全衛生面の弱点が特定された。そして重要な弱点は、全ての従業員が安全衛生

に関する「権利」およびVPPの部隊目標を認識していないことだ。SRF-JRMC運営委員会は部隊全体認識の欠落を含め、これらの弱点を公表して従業員の労働安全衛生を改善していく。

今回の監査は、面接を受けた従業員と監査チーム双方にとって大変貴重な勉強の場となった。監査チームはVPPの活動で順調な分野と改善を要する分野を確認することができた。内部監査の実施は、VPPは全従業員に自分自身と同僚の安全に責任をもたせるといった趣旨からも、VPP運営委員会が従業員に安全意識に関する文化の必要性を伝達させるのに役立つと言える。

こうして内部監査は成功を収め、SRF-JRMCは最重視する従業員の日々の安全衛生の改善に成果を収めつつVPPスターステータスの取得に一步前進したのである。



During a part of the SRF-JRMC internal VPP audit, Sadayoshi Sato of the VPP Promotion Office discusses with Ship Superintendent Lt. Mark Boseman about the need for employees to wear personal protective equipment on the job.

安全保護具着用の必要性を話し合うVPP推進室の佐藤貞義さんと艦船修理監督者のマーク・ボーズマン大尉。

## Some thoughts on civility

By Chaplain Douglas Vrieland

Last month, in the aftermath of the tragic shooting in Tucson, Ariz. of 19 Americans (including Representative Gabrielle Giffords and Judge John Roll), President Barack Obama called all of us as Americans to more civility in our public discourse. "The loss of these wonderful people should make every one of us strive to be better in our private lives - to be better friends and neighbors, coworkers and parents," said the president. "And if, as has been discussed in recent days, their deaths help usher in more civility in our public discourse, let's remember that it is not because a simple lack of civility caused this tragedy, but rather because only a more civil and honest public discourse can help us face up to our challenges as a nation, in a way that would make them proud."

I applaud these words coming from our president. The national debate has certainly been acrimonious in recent years. According to an article I read this week in the "Stars and Stripes," six percent of Americans think bipartisan cooperation is the most important issue currently facing our nation - more important than the economy or the war. But the need for civility in our conversations is not limited to the political arena. Religion is also an area where deeply held convictions can result in interactions with others that are less than gracious. The challenge of being civil toward people with different religious perspectives has increased in recent decades with the rise of the number of Americans who adhere to faiths outside the Judeo-Christian tradition.

But what is civility? It is important for us to remember, civility does not mean that we gloss over our differences. In his excellent book, "Uncommon Decency: Christian Civility in an Uncivil World," Richard Mouw writes, "Civility does not commit us to a relativistic perspective. Being civil doesn't require us to approve of what other people say and do. It is one thing to insist that other people have the right to express their basic convictions; it is another thing to say that they are right in doing so." As a Christian, I have some very strong beliefs about Jesus Christ, for example, beliefs that differ significantly from my atheist brother or sister. This is a non-negotiable for me; at the same time the oath of allegiance I took to the Constitution when I was commissioned requires me to do all I can to support the right of the atheist to hold and express his views. The atheists have my support, even though I might disagree with what they say.

Civility is really more of an attitude than anything else. Civility begins with humility, recognizing that none of us has a monopoly on the truth. It calls us to respect people who are much different than we are, people who come from different backgrounds and therefore have different perspectives. This is basic to being a good citizen. Mouw reminds us of the teaching of Aristotle, who said that when we learn the skills of citizenship we have begun to flourish in our humanness.

But civility includes more than just tolerance and respect for those who are different from us. It includes a genuine love and care for others. The president said it well in his speech in Tucson: "At a time when our discourse has become so sharply polarized - at a time when we are far too eager to lay the blame for all that ails the world at the feet of those who think differently than we do - it's important for us to pause for a moment and make sure that we are talking with each other in a way that heals, not a way that wounds."

The biblical writer James writes about the power of the tongue. In a metaphor that we as Sailors can relate to he writes: "Take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. Likewise the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts" (James 3:4-5 NIV).

A very wise person once said, "Always keep your words soft and sweet, just in case you have to eat them." That's good advice. What kind of words are coming from my mouth? How do we approach that junior Sailor with whom I am frustrated? Or the civilian contractor who doesn't seem to be helping me solve my problem? Or my shipmate who passionately holds religious or political views that are significantly different than mine, and seems to constantly want to remind me of that fact. Am I talking in a way that heals, or a way that wounds?

## The editor asks:

**"Did you know,** The Navy is seeking submissions for the 2010 Spirit of Hope award, which recognizes an individual or organization that epitomizes the values of Bob Hope: duty, honor, courage, loyalty, commitment, integrity and selfless dedication?

"Since 2005, the Navy has nominated one outstanding individual or support organization to receive the distinguished Spirit of Hope Award. Nomination criteria and instructions were announced in NAVADMIN 410/10.

"Nominations should describe extraordinary achievements and contributions during 2010.

"Originally commissioned by the United Services Organization (USO), the Spirit of Hope Award was inspired by Hope's dedication to the men and women of the U.S. armed forces for five decades.

"The Spirit of Hope Award is open to active duty, reserve, veteran and civilian Navy employees or an organization. Members of the civilian community or non-governmental organizations supporting the Navy and embodying the Navy's core values are also eligible.

"Submissions for the 2010 Spirit of Hope award must be submitted by March 18, to Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Manpower, Personnel, Training and Education, through OPNAV N135D."

## Annual road tax, vehicle decal issuance season begins

From CFAY Security

Annual road tax for your vehicle is paid every spring. Payments, which must be made in yen, can be made at the Kanagawa Tax Office for regular sized cars and trucks. Payments for motorcycles and mini-cars can be made at the local city hall or ward office, starting April 1. In accordance with U.S. Forces Japan (USFJ) Policy Letter, vehicles are to be registered at the closest military installation of which vehicle owners are assigned.

To provide a better service to our base community, Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka (CFAY) has arranged for the representatives of the Kanagawa Tax Office to collect this year's road tax on board CFAY at the Fleet Theater, March 24, 25 from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 - 2:30 p.m. and April 12, 14 and 15 from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 - 2:30 p.m. This service on board Yokosuka is also intended for Ikego residents. Road tax collection for those vehicles registered in Negishi will be at the Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) classroom, Bldg. 19045, in Negishi Housing March 29 from 9 - 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 - 2 p.m. It is highly recommended that personnel who require only normal registration services come on times other than road tax payment days due to the high volume of customers.

Vehicle owners can obtain the 2011 U.S. Forces Japan (USFJ) base decal at the respective Vehicle Registration Office (VRO) after road tax has been paid for all vehicles registered to that owner.

In order to obtain the base decal the following documents must be presented:

- Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) ID card
- Proof of payment of the 2011 road tax
- Military Registration and Certificate of Title of Motor Vehicle (DD Form 430)
- Japanese title
- Current Base Inspection sheet
- Japanese Compulsory Insurance (JCI)
- Liability Insurance (a minimum of \$300,000 or 30,000,000 yen for bodily injury and \$30,000 or 3,000,000 yen for property damage)
- SOFA Driver's license, USFJ form 4EJ (additional driver's license will be necessary if member has more than one vehicle)
- Parking Certificate (if applicable)
- Registration with the Defense Biometrics Identification System (DBIDS) completed.

Vehicle owners who have not updated their residency information at VRO must provide the address of their current residence and a valid parking certificate before being issued a 2011 USFJ decal. This means the above mentioned personnel now living in base housing will need an approved Parking Certificate Residence Verification form from the Yokosuka Housing Office. Those personnel now living in off base housing will need an approved parking certificate from the appropriate police station. Off base residents will then need to come to the Vehicle Registration Office (VRO) to receive the necessary documents to be taken to the Land Transportation Office (LTO) in Yokohama to change the residence address. For further information concerning the need for a parking certificate prior to decal issue, please contact VRO.

Vehicle owners with more than one vehicle will have to present the above documents for each vehicle before a base decal can be issued. Vehicle owners with unfinished paperwork on any registered, sold or junked vehicles will not be able to receive a new decal for their vehicle until these matters are resolved.

We are making every effort to accommodate those deployed and their families during this road tax season. We are encouraging spouses and friends to pay road tax, however, an original power of attorney will be required to obtain a base decal for anyone other than a sponsor.

The amount of road tax to be paid depends on the type of vehicle, which can be determined by the number shown on the top of the license plate. The respective tax amount is as follows:

- 40/400Y and 50/500Y plates - 7,500 yen
- 30/300Y plates 4.5L and below - 19,000 yen and 22,000 yen for 4.6L and above
- 11/100Y plates - 32,000 yen

**Mini cars and motorcycles** - Road tax for mini cars and motorcycles must be paid at the local city hall or ward offices starting April 1.

Their respective tax amount is as follows:

- Mini cars - 3,000 yen
- Motorcycles 1cc-125cc - 500 yen
- Motorcycles 126cc and above - 1,000 yen

Vehicle owners may check to see if their documents are up to date by looking at the Motor Vehicle Registration Report, which should be in each vehicle registration package. This report lists all the expiration dates of your paperwork.

It is highly recommended that you check to see that all requirements are met and up to date prior to standing in line, as this will ensure expeditious service. Simple questions can be answered by telephone by calling VRO at 243-5011/5896, but for detailed questions our staff will be required to look at your paperwork. Once the road tax has been paid and all paperwork is verified to be in order, vehicle owners, spouses and/or persons with powers of attorney, must remember to stop by VRO to get your 2011 decal.

Base decals must be affixed to the top center of the front windshield, next to the Japanese inspection sticker. The current Japanese inspection sticker, current base decal, installation sticker and rank decals (if applicable) should be the only decals affixed to the windshield. All other decals and inspection stickers from the previous years must be removed.

## MWR Positions

**Come join the MWR team!** Are you a customer service and team oriented individual who possesses the qualifications for any of the positions listed here? Then come visit us in the MWR Building, room 225, or call 243-1246.

### Club Operations Division

- Bartender** – NA-05, \$10.94/hr. Club Alliance (1 RFT).  
**Waiter/Waitress** – NA-03, \$9.48/hr. Club Takemiya (1 RFT), Officers' Club (1 RFT/6 Flex).  
**Food Service Worker** – NA-03, \$9.48/hr. Officers' Club (1 RFT)  
**Supply Clerk** – NF-02, \$8.71-\$9.71/hr. CPO Club (1 RFT). Open to current MWR/NAF employees only.  
**Club Operations Assistant** – NF-02, \$8.71/hr. CPO Club (1 Flex), Officers' Club (3 Flex).  
**Cashier** – NF-01, \$7.50-\$9.50/hr. O' Club (1 Flex), CPO Club (2 RFT).  
**ID Checker/Security** – NF-01, \$7.25/hr. Club Alliance (3 Flex).

### Support Activities

- Electrician** – NA-08, \$13.06/hr. Maintenance (1 RFT).

### Child Development Program

- Program Assistant** – CY-01/02, \$9.59-\$11.75/hr. Hourly CDC (5 Flex), Ikego CDC (1 Flex), Main CDC (7 Flex), Pre-School CYP (4 Flex), Negishi CDC (1RFT/1 Flex).

### Community Activities Division

- Auto Worker Helper** – NA-05, \$10.94/hr. Auto Hobby Shop (2 Flex).  
**Program Assistant** – CY-01/02, \$9.59-\$11.75/hr. Yokosuka SAC (4 Flex), Negishi Youth Sports (1 Flex), Yokosuka Teen Center (2 Flex), Yokosuka Youth Sports (1 RFT/2 Flex), Ikego Teen Center (1 Flex) Ikego SAC (1 RFT).  
**Food Service Worker** – NA-03, \$9.29/hr. Bowling Center (1 RFT).  
**Operations Clerk** – NF-02, \$8.71/hr. Ikego Youth Center/SAC (1 RFT).  
**Recreation Aide** – NF-01, \$7.25/hr. Bowling Center (5 Flex).  
**Cashier** – NF-01, \$7.25/hr. Bowling Center (1 RFT).

### Recreation Division

- Projectionist** – NA-07, \$12.35/hr. Theater (1 Flex). Open to current MWR/NAF employees only.  
**Food Service Worker** – NA-03, \$9.48/hr. Theater (1 Flex).  
**Ticket Seller** – NF-01, \$7.25/hr. Negishi Theater (1 Flex).

### Athletics Division

- Swim Instructor** – NF-02, \$10.00/hr. Aquatics (10 Flex).  
**Head Lifeguard** – NF-02, \$9.50-\$12.00/hr. Aquatics (2 RFT).  
**Lead Lifeguard** – NF-02, \$8.71-\$10.00/hr. Aquatics (2 RFT).  
**Duty Manager** – NF-02, \$8.71/hr. Athletics (1 Flex).  
**Clerk Typist** – NF-01, \$7.52/hr. (1 Flex).  
**Lifeguard** – NF-01, \$7.25/hr. Aquatics (6 Flex).

\*Due to publishing timelines, some jobs listed may not be available. For the most up-to-date listing check out:

<https://www.cnic.navy.mil/yokosuka/mwr>

## HRO USCS Positions

Applications and forms for local/Japan-wide vacancies must be received at the HRO, Yokosuka customer service desk, or through the mail at HRO, PSC 473 Box 22, FPO AP 96349-0022 by 4 p.m. on the closing/cut-off date of the announcement. Applications may also be submitted through the drop box located at the front entrance of the HRO, Yokosuka building. These applications must be in the drop box by close of business (4 p.m.) of the closing/cut-off date of the announcement.

Postmark dated, faxed or e-mailed applications will not be accepted.

Call 243-5725/8168 for more information.

### New

- Health Technician** – GS-0640-07, NH-14-11. Open: 01-28-11, Close: 02-18-11.  
**Health System Specialist** – GS-0671-11, NH-15-11. Open: 02-02-11, Close: 02-18-11.  
**Workforce Management Specialist** – GS-301-11, NH-16-11. Open: 02-02-11, Close: 02-23-11.

### Continuing

- Educational Aide/Technician (Child Youth Programs)** – GS-1702-2/3/4, CFAY-120-10. Open: 11-03-10, Close: 04-29-11. \*Open register – Yokosuka/Ikego.  
**Educational Aide/Technician (Child Youth Programs)** – GS-1702-2/3/4, CFAY-121-10. Open: 11-03-10, Close: 04-29-11. \*Open register – Negishi.  
**Family Advocacy Support Specialist (Yokosuka)** – GS-0101-09, CFAY-105-10. Open: 09-30-10, Close: 03-24-10 (Cutoffs in two weeks interval).

## NEX Positions

**Join a winning team.** The NEX has RFT, RPT and Flex positions to fit your schedule. Applications are accepted Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the NEX Human Resources Office, MWR building room 226, or visit our Web site at [www.navy-nex.com](http://www.navy-nex.com). Come and work for us! Call us at 243-5150 or 243-4418 for more information.

\*Salary based on experience. Positions are open until filled.

- Department Manager, NF-3** – Main Store. \*\$32,415-\$36,830/yr. (1 RFT)  
**Dispensing Optician, NF-3** – Main Store. \*\$11.02-\$14/hr. (1 RFT)  
**Supervisory Sales Clerk, NF-2** – Ikego/Mini Mart. \*\$8.71-\$10/hr. (2 RFT)  
**Supervisory Personalized Services Clerk, NF-2** – Main Store. \*\$8.71-\$10/hr. (3 RFT)  
**Sales Clerk, NF-1** – Various locations. \*\$7.25-\$8/hr. (13 Flex/1 RPT)  
**Sales Clerk (Specialty), NF-1** – Main Store (Watch/Shoes/Jewelry). \*\$7.25-\$9/hr. (5 Flex)  
**Customer Service Clerk, NF-1** – Main Store Service Department. \*\$7.25-\$8/hr. (1 RFT/1 RPT/1 Flex)  
**Computer Sales Technician, NF-1** – Main Store. \*\$7.25-\$8/hr. (1 RPT)  
**Hair Stylist (Hair Care Shop), NA-7.** \*12.45/hr. plus commission (1 RFT)  
**Warehouse Worker, NA-4** – Distribution Center. \*\$10.22-\$10.65/hr. (3 Flex. Day and Night shifts available)  
**Store Worker, NA-2** – Main Store/Auto Port. \*\$8.77-\$9.13/hr. (1 RPT/6 Flex)  
**Room Attendant, NA-2** – Navy Lodge. \*\$8.77-\$9.13/hr. (1 FFT)  
**Food Service Worker, NA-2** – School Lunch. \*\$8.77-\$9.13/hr. (2 Flex)  
**Food Service Worker Supervisor, NS-2** – Main Street Food Court/Bayside. \*\$11.38-\$11.85/hr. (2 RFT, 2 FFT)

CFAY Chapel seeks for

**Roman Catholic Youth Director of Religious Education  
 Organist for Gospel Praise service**  
 Closing date: March 31, 2011 12 p.m.

\* Applicants shall be fluent English speaker and be able to work a flexible schedule dependent upon religious service needs.

\* Prior experience preferred.

\* Government employees are not eligible.

For details, call Masami Kobayashi/FISC Contracting at 243-6835 or (046)-816-6835.

Immediate Job Opportunities with Alutiiq Japan. For applications, please go to our Web site: <http://www.alutiiq.com>; click on careers to search for openings. Current positions available in Yokosuka are listed below:

- ESL Instruction Support
- Program Analyst IV
- General Laborers (Must have SOFA sponsorship prior to applying). Janitor Area Orientation Liaison and Quarters Referral Support. \*Work Schedule and pay, discussed upon hiring\*

All positions are open until filled. For all other information, please follow instructions on our Web site. We are looking forward to working with you!

# Worship Schedule

## YOKOSUKA: Chapel of Hope

• 243-6773/ 6774

**Note:** In the event of an emergency, the Chaplain on Duty can be reached by calling CFAY Security at 243-2300.

### Roman Catholic

SUN	Mass, Main Chapel	0800
SUN	Mass, Main Chapel	1100
TUE, THU AND FRI	Weekday Mass	1145
TUE	ACTS	1730
WED	USNH Yokosuka Chapel	1200
WED	Perpetual Help Novena, Main Chapel	1700
WED	Mass, Main Chapel	1730
THU	Choir Practice, Main Chapel	1700
THU	Women's Bible Study	1730
FRI	Holy Hour Adoration Mass (Tsubaki Tower party room)	1700
FRI	Choir Practice	1700
1 <sup>st</sup> FRI	Mass, Main Chapel	1700
SAT	Vigil Mass, Main Chapel	1700
SAT	Confession, Blessed Sacrament Chapel (or anytime by request)	1600
1 <sup>st</sup> SAT	Baptism, Main Chapel	1400

### Roman Catholic Ministries

SUN	RCIA Class (Ayame Tower)	0930
SUN	CCD (2nd Deck Community Center)	0930
2 <sup>nd</sup> /Last WED	Pre-Baptism Class	1800

### General Protestant

SUN	Worship Service, Main Chapel	0930
THU	Choir Practice, Main Chapel	1815

### Gospel Praise Service

SUN	Worship Service, Main Chapel	1230
WED	Choir Practice, Main Chapel	1730

### Contemporary Evangelical Christian

SUN	Worship, Main Chapel	1700
THU	Praise Team Rehearsal, Choir Room	1600

### Church of Christ

SUN	Worship, Community Center Auditorium 2nd deck	0900
SUN	Bible Class	1030
WED	Bible Study (Community Center Auditorium 2nd deck)	1800

### Protestant Liturgical

SUN	Communion Service (Community Center Auditorium 2nd deck)	1100
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### Filipino Christian Fellowship

SUN	Worship Service (Community Center Auditorium 2nd deck)	1230
WED	Prayer Meeting, room 3	1800

### Latter-Day Saints

SUN	Priesthood/Relief Society	0900
SUN	Sunday School	1000
SUN	Sacrament	1050

**Location:** Directly across the street to the west from the Yokosuka City Post Office (Off base)

## Seventh Day Adventists

1 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> SAT	Seventh Day Adventists	1000
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## Jewish Faith Community

FRI	Shabbat and Kiddush, Jewish Chapel (Chapel of Hope)	1800
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## Soka Gakkai (Buddhist)

2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> THU	Classroom 10	1800
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## Protestant Ministries

### Yokosuka Student Ministries (Middle School and High School)\*

WED	High School – One Way	1730
THU	Middle School – Quest	1630

## Protestant Women of the Chapel

1 <sup>st</sup> MON	Fellowship Program	1600
TUE	Bible Study, Classroom 10	0900
TUE	Bible Study	1800

## Japanese Women's Bible Study

TUE	Main Chapel/Fellowship Hall	0900
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## Men's Christian Fellowship

TUE	Study Group (Fleet Rec 3 <sup>rd</sup> Deck)	1130
3 <sup>rd</sup> SAT	Breakfast (Location varies)	0800

## Bible Study

THU	Christian Bible Study	1730
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## Negishi: Chapel of the Rising Sun

• 242-4183

### Roman Catholic

SUN	Mass, Main Chapel	0900
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### Negishi Protestant Service

SUN	General Service	1030
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### Ikego: Religious Services

(Kyoto Tower Party Room, 243-6773/6774)

### General Protestant

SUN	Worship Service	1000
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### Ikego Protestant Service

SUN	General Service	1000
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### Adult Bible Study

WED	Nikko Tower Party Room	1800
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### A.W.A.N.A. Children's Ministry

WED	Ikego Elementary School	1630
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# Fleet and Family Support Center

## Congratulations on the birth of your baby!

Paolo and Sheila Ramboyong are the proud parents of Drake Trigger Ramboyong born, Jan. 8, 2011 at 2:06 p.m., weighing 7 pounds 6 ounces.

Christopher and Elizabeth Williams are the proud parents of Maximilian Joseph Williams born, Jan. 6, 2011 at 9:43 p.m., weighing 9 pounds 8 ounces.

*If you'd like to see your baby announcement published in the Fleet and Family Support Center section of the Seahawk-Umitaka, stop by our New Parent Support Office in building 1558.*

## Upcoming Classes

### Monday, Feb. 21

No classes

### Tuesday, Feb. 22

Your Japanese Home: 8:30 a.m. (4 hrs.)

Interview Techniques: 10 a.m. (2 hrs.)

NMCR'S Budget for Baby: 9 a.m. (2 hrs.)

Ikego – Kids Class: 10 a.m. (1 hr.)

### Wednesday, Feb. 23

Saving and Investing: 2 p.m. (1.5 hrs.)

Getting Started Teaching English: 10 a.m. (2 hrs.)

### Thursday, Feb. 24

English Teaching Networking Group: 10 a.m. (2 hrs.)

Ikego – Play Morning: 10 a.m. (1.5 hrs.)

### Friday, Feb. 25

Home Buying Basics: 1:30 p.m. (1.5 hrs.)

Yokosuka – Play Morning: 9:30 a.m. (1.5 hrs.)

\*\*\*Please visit our website for more details about our classes.

Negishi FFSC  
242-4125

Fleet and Family Support Center  
243-FFSC (3372)

Ikego FFSC  
246-8052

Visit our Web site: [www.cnic.navy.mil/Yokosuka/CommunitySupport/FFSC/index.htm](http://www.cnic.navy.mil/Yokosuka/CommunitySupport/FFSC/index.htm)

Find us on Facebook! Search "FFSC Yokosuka" from your Facebook account.

# Regional Workforce Development Training Schedule

- **Word 2003 Level 2 (in Japanese):** Feb.15-16
- **Briefing on Military Spouse Employment Program:** Feb. 17, no cost
- **Word 2003 Level 2 (in English):** Feb. 23-24
- **Excel 2003 Level 2 (in Japanese):** March 1-2
- **Customer Service Course (in Japanese):** March 3, no cost
- **Excel 2003 Level 2 (in English):** March 3-4
- **PowerPoint 2003 Level 2 (in Japanese):** March 8-9
- **PowerPoint 2003 Level 2 (in English):** March 15-16
- **Briefing on Military Spouse Employment Program:** March 18, no cost
- **Cross-Cultural Understanding in the Workplace:** March 22-23
- **Access 2003 Level 2 (in Japanese):** March 22-23
- **Access 2003 Level 2 (in English):** March 28-29
- **Assertiveness Training (Non-Native English Speakers):** March 24-25

For more information, call 243-7328, e-mail to [rwd-student-services@fe.navy.mil](mailto:rwd-student-services@fe.navy.mil) or visit the website <https://www.cnic.navy.mil/japan/programs/rwd/index.htm>.



(Left) The Sullivans Elementary School teacher and DoDEA Japan District Teacher of the Year Michelle Foust shakes hands with Secretary of the Army the Honorable John M. McHugh during a ceremony held at the Pentagon honoring DoDEA Teacher of the Year and District Teachers of the Year recipients. McHugh applauded their achievements, underscoring the impact teachers have on the lives of military children whose mother or father may be deployed.  
U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Matthew E. Clifton



(Left) Reenlisting officer CWO3 Jeff Lindaman reenlists EN1(SW/AW) Jacob Hodges during a ceremony held at CFAY Port Operations Jan. 28. Hodges, who is the chief engineer aboard the tug boat *USS Massapequa* (YTB 807), reenlisted for five years.  
U.S. Navy photo courtesy of CWO3 Richard Mortimer

## Pet of the Week



The Pet of the Week this week is Kuro. Kuro means black in Japanese, but her fur is actually black with white spots all over, which is rare to see. She came to us as a stray but has become loving and gentle. She is laid back and loves sitting next to you, on warm blankets. Kuro would love a quiet home where she can relax and enjoy being a housecat. To find out more about Kuro or any animal at Pets Are Worth Saving (P.A.W.S.), contact them at 243-9996, by e-mail to [usskittytalk.yokosuka@gmail.com](mailto:usskittytalk.yokosuka@gmail.com) or visit the P.A.W.S. website at [www.pawsyokosukajapan.com](http://www.pawsyokosukajapan.com).

Photo courtesy of P.A.W.S.



Members of the 7th Fleet Band Far East Edition review music sheets as they prepare for practice Feb. 3. The 7th Fleet Band fosters goodwill in the 7th Fleet area of responsibility through music.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Devon Dow

## Konnichiwa



CFAY community relations specialist Kazuyuki Takagi straightens photographs of previous CFAY commanders in the C-2 headquarters building. There have been 74 Japanese and American commanders since being established in Yokosuka in 1884.

Photo by Yuji Kawabe

- Where is your home town? Kawasaki City.
- How long have you worked on base? Twenty-two years.
- What is your favorite food? Suiton (dumpling soup).
- What is your life goal? To travel in space.