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Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka community celebrates 36th annual Friendship Day

Children play in a gyro gym, which was one of the many attractions during the 36th annual Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka Friendship Day celebration Aug. 4. Friendship Day is an event that provides the Japanese community an opportunity to come inside the gates of CFAY and a sample of the American lifestyle.

Story and photo by Greg Mitchell, CFAY Public Affairs

Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka (CFAY) opened its gates to more than 43,000 members of the Japanese community for the 36th annual CFAY Friendship Day Aug. 4.

Although the day was overcast, the weather did not deter people from attending.

"The weather is cooperating and I hope that the Japanese have the opportunity to experience some interaction with the U.S. Sailors and there families, get to see some of our culture and I hope the U.S. folks get the same experience in return," said CFAY Commanding Officer Capt. David Owen. "Opening the base also enhances the relationship between the host nation and local communities by showing our appreciation for their support."

Friendship Day is an event wherein the Japanese community can venture inside the gates of CFAY and sample a small piece of American lifestyle.

Many of the Sailors who attended the event felt that the droves of locals signified the continued relationship between the U.S. and Japanese was as strong as it has ever been.

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Japanese honor memorial created for fallen U.S. Sailors

Story and photos by MC2 Devon Dow, Navy Public Affairs Support Element Japan

OZU, Japan – Commander, Naval Forces Japan, Rear Adm. Dan Cloyd and more than 70 members of the city of Ozu took part in a memorial ceremony to honor the memory of 14 U.S. Navy PBM-5 Mariner crew members from Patrol Squadron Eight Nine Two (VP-892) who died in a crash Aug. 8, 1952.

The event marked the 60th anniversary of the accident and was coordinated by the U.S. Seaplane VP-892 Memorial Monument Preservation Group, which is a Japanese organization that is sponsored by the city of Ozu.

During the ceremony guests paid their respects to the crash site and the monument created in the crew members honor with flowers and prayer offerings.

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Commander Naval Forces Japan Rear Adm. Dan Cloyd presents a gift to the current president of the VP-892 Memorial Monument Preservation Group, Mr. Teruo Terada, following a memorial ceremony honoring fallen U.S. service members Aug. 5. The preservation group conducted a ceremony honoring 14 U.S. Navy PBM-5 Mariner crewmembers from Patrol Squadron Eight Nine Two (VP-892) who died in a plane crash Aug. 8, 1952 and established a monument in their honor.

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U.S. Pacific Fleet chaplain visits George Washington

U.S. Pacific Fleet Command Fleet Chaplain Capt. Brent Scott visited the forward-deployed aircraft carrier *USS George Washington* (CVN 73) Aug. 2.

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CFAY Chapel of Hope 'goes all-out' for Feds Feed Families Food Drive

Since June 1, Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka (CFAY) Chapel of Hope has engulfed itself into the, currently running, 2012 Feds Feed Families Food Drive campaign.

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