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CFAY Festival of Trees
UPCOMING EVENTS

Snow Monkey Tour
4:45 a.m. | MWR Building
Visit Snow Monkey Park located in the Nagano Prefecture, home of the Japanese Snow Monkeys. This tour will give you a chance to see the monkeys take a dip in the natural hot springs to take a break from the snow. After that you’ll get the chance to see the historic Matsumoto Castle, dating back to 1504! Tours are $85 for adults, $67 for juniors (15-17), $57 for youth (6-14), $37 for child (3-5), $22 for infants and $43 for Bluejackets. Call ITT for details at 243-5056.

Lunch Buffet with Santa
11 a.m. to 3 p.m. | Officer’s Club
Prices: Adult • $22.95 / Child (8-11) • $11.95 / Child (4-7) • $9.95
Come enjoy a traditional Christmas buffet featuring Santa in the Kosano Dining Room. Due to limited seating capacity, reservations are recommended. Call 243-5030 for more information.

Christmas at the Galley
Dinner 3-5:30 p.m. | Jewel of the East Galley • Meal Price - $9.05
Come enjoy Christmas dinner favorites at the Jewel of the East Galley from 3 to 5 p.m. on Christmas Day. The galley will be open to the entire community so bring your friends, bring your family!

LECRAE
SATURDAY, JANUARY 13
6 p.m. | Purdy Gym, 2nd Floor
Come see recording artist Lecrae at Purdy Gym, presented by Armed Forces Entertainment! Concert is free to all and doors open at 5 p.m. Just head up to the 2nd Floor and enjoy the show!

Ski Season 2017-2018
JAN 13
SATURDAY
2:45 a.m. | Outdoor Rec Center
Hit the slopes with an MWR Ski Tour. The tour will take you to the town of Hodagi. You can either use your own gear or rent it from the Outdoor Rec Center. Be sure to bring along yen for the day and your lift ticket. All ID cardholders may bring two guests on this day-long ski trip. Visit the Outdoor Rec center for details. Cost is $65 plus lift ticket.

Shrine Etiquette
Wash your hands at fountain at the entrance to the shrine.
At the shrine building, stand in front of the offering box.
Throw a coin into the offering box.
Bow twice.
Clap twice and recite a wish in your mind.
Finally, bow again.
Come to the annual countdown in Verny Park. There will be food, live music, and fireworks featuring both U.S. and Japanese Navy ships as a backdrop. Ring in the New Year with this year’s theme of “Sound and Light”

Yokosuka Countdown 2018
Dec. 31, 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. | Verny Park, Yokosuka

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Hetsunomiya Shrine
24 hours | Enoshima Island

Hetsunomiya Shrine is the biggest of the three shrines on Enoshima Island. Hetsunomiya shrine has been the heart of religious sites on Enoshima Island since the Edo era. To worship the Benzaiten goddess here was a boom among the residents of Edo, and is often crowded with worshipers.

Hase-dera Temple
Dec. 31, 10 p.m. to Jan. 1, 8 a.m. | Enoshima Island

Hase-dera Temple opens at 11 p.m., overnight will be a special candle illumination called Manto Kigan-e on the temple grounds. Arrive by 10 p.m. for a chance to participate in Joya no Kane the 108 tolls of the temple bell. The temple distributes numbered tickets for first 108 arrivals near the entrance gate. After the Buddhist ceremonies around 11:45 p.m., you can sound a bell if you were lucky enough to get a ticket.

Kotokuin Temple Daibutsu
Dec. 31 Midnight to 5 p.m. Jan. 4 | Kotokuin Temple, Hase Kamakura

Tsurugaoka Hachimangu Shrine
Dec. 31, Midnight to Jan. 4, 9 p.m. | Kamakura

Tsurugaoka Hachimangu Shrine is one of the most popular and crowded New Year’s destination shrines, not only in Kamakura, but also in Japan. The shrine is open 24 hours from Dec. 31 to Jan. 4, at 9 p.m. Entrance restrictions are often enforced depending on the congestion of the area, expect lengthy waits, dress warm.

Emperor’s New Year Message
Jan. 2, 9:30 a.m. to 2:10 p.m. | Imperial Palace, Tokyo

Akemashite Omedeto Gozaimasu is the traditional New Year’s greetings in Japan. This is a rare opportunity to see the Emperor directly. The Emperor and his family will wave to the crowd from Cho-wa Den Palace (a part of the Imperial Palace) balcony with New Year’s greetings. (*You may have to stand on line for about 45 minutes before entering the event grounds).
NEWS AND NOTICES

HOLIDAY GYM CLASS SCHEDULE
There will be no Group Fitness or Martial Arts classes at Purdy, Fleet & Hawks Nest Gyms on:
Dec 25, Monday – Christmas Day
Jan 1, Monday – New Year’s Day

IKEGO ELEMENTARY STEM VOLUNTEERS
Ikego Elementary is looking for volunteers who have expertise in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math who are willing to share your knowledge with Ikego students. Must be available for sessions on Feb. 23, 2018. Register via Google @ goo.gl/Hi6s2i

VA VONAPP WEBSITE MOVED
If you are applying for education benefits (Post 9/11 GIBILL or MGIB-SR) and requesting a certificate of eligibility from the VA, the VA has retired the VONAPP website and will be redirecting members to the following sites: www.vets.gov and www.ebenefits.va.gov. For questions, call (888) 442-4551.

AOB/ICR NOTICE
There will be no AOB/ICR classes the weeks of Dec. 25-29, Jan. 1-5, and Jan.15-19, due to holidays. Additionally the classes held during Jan. 8-12 and Jan. 22-26 will be held at the Benny Decker Theater.

POST OFFICE EMAIL NOTIFICATIONS
The Post Office has started utilizing a new package processing system. Customers will now receive an e-mail notification when packages are ready for pick up. Additionally the Post Office will be open Sunday, December 24 for parcel pick up from 11 a.m to 6 p.m.

Parking and Road Closures
Bowling Alley Parking Lot: Dec. 21, 2017 - Feb. 10, 2018 The north portion of the bowling alley parking lot will be closed.
Road by Navy Exchange Closed
Green Bay Drive between Leahy Street and NEX parking lot is closed until February 2018.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE MY CFAY WEEKLY TEAM!
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