Yokosuka Fire and Emergency Services Recognized as “Navy’s Best”

YOKOSUKA, Japan (March 8) - Yokosuka’s Fire and Emergency Services Department was recently recognized as the “Navy’s Best”. The awards included: Medium Installation, Fire Prevention Program, Civilian Firefighter and Fire Service Instructor of the Year. Personnel recognized as the Navy’s best include: Civilian Firefighter of the Year: Ryo Iwashima; Fire Service Instructor of the Year: Akinori Chiba; Fire Inspector of the Year: Hiroyuki Matsunaga; Navy F&ES Lifetime Achievement Award: Cort Jamison, Deputy Fire Chief. They will go on to represent the Navy at a Department of the Defense level competition.

(Left) Commander U.S. Naval Forces Japan, Commander Navy Region Japan, Rear Adm. Gregory Fenton speaks to fire department personnel about winning this Navy award.
UPCOMING EVENTS

Horinouchi Street Clean Up
10 a.m. - 12 p.m. | Keikyu Horinouchi Station
The City of Yokosuka and a local volunteer group invite all hands to join the Horinouchi Street Clean-up event. Meet at the Keikyu Horinouchi Station, and bring your command ball cap! Call 243-5077/243-2566 for more information.

St. Patrick’s Day Event
5 - 11 p.m. | Thew Concert Field
Come out to Thew Concert Field to celebrate St. Patrick’s Day. There will be live entertainment from Irish River Dancers & Johnsons Motorcar Irish Rock Band (Show starts at 6 p.m.). Participate in shamrock games & activities for adults & children including Giant Jenga, Giant Corn Hole Toss, ‘What’s Your Leprechaun Name?’ and more! There will be Irish-themed food & beverages for sale. Audience Member Contests: Best Kilt, Best Jig, Reddest Hair, Orangest Beard, Best Irish Accent, and Best Bono Lip Sync.

Anchors Aweigh Half Marathon
8 a.m. | Purdy Fitness Center
Registration: $25
Additional Family Entry: $10/person (Sponsor or Dependents Only)
Registration includes a long sleeve t-shirt, while supplies last. The top three male and female finishers in each age group (24 and under; 25 - 34, and 35 and up) will receive medals. For registration, please stop by the Fitness Office (3rd Floor of Fleet Recreation Center) or Purdy Front Desk (1st Floor). For more information, please call 241-4486 | 046-896-4486.

2018 Road Tax Event
MAR 19, 20, 22, 23
9 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 1 - 3:30 p.m. | Fleet Theater
Come to Fleet Theater to pay your Japanese road tax. Bring the following documents:
• 2017 Road Tax receipt
• vehicle title
• exact fee in yen (cash only)
• ID card
• base inspection sheet
• JCI and liability insurance
• parking certificate
• driver’s license.
Fees by plate number:
400, 500/501.......................................................... ¥7,500
300/301(4.5L & below)..........................¥19,000
300/301 (4.6L & below)..........................¥22,000
100........................................................................¥32,000

Next Road Tax Event: April 4-6
Road tax payments for mini cars (yellow plate) and motorcycles begins April 1 and must be paid at Yokosuka City Hall. For more information, please call 243-5011.

Messlords Celebrity Chefs’ Sunday Brunch
9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. | Officer's Club
Enjoy a revamped Sunday Brunch featuring the Messlords: Chef Stretch and Chef Jeff Vanderlinde. Open to all hands with music, entertainment, and a bounce house. Please call 243-5030 for more information.
MAR 30 FRIDAY
Ikego Mutt Madness Pet Party
12:30 p.m. - 3 p.m. | Ikego Dog Park
A pet party including: food, giveaways, children’s games, pet costume contest and more. This event is open to all human and animal friends. If your animal is aggressive toward people/dogs, please leave them at home. All pets must be on a leash/harness or caged. For more information, please call 241-3030

Eggstravaganza
MAR 31 SATURDAY
9 a.m. - 12 p.m. | Purdy Fitness Center and Berkey Field
Enjoy the annual Eggstravaganza at the Purdy Fitness Center and Berkey Field. Bring your baskets and get ready for a morning of fun hunting eggs, taking photos, playing carnival games and face painting.

MAR 17 (Sat)
Classic Japan Rally 2018
7 a.m. | Mikasa Park opens for spectators and drivers
9 a.m. | Opening Ceremony
9:30 a.m. | Rally starts at Mikasa Park
9:35 -10:30 a.m. | Fleet Activities Yokosuka
10:17 -11:07 a.m. | Dobuita Shopping Street
1:45 - 2:35 p.m. | Zushi Beach
The annual Classic Japan Rally, a classic car procession down Kanagawa Prefecture Route 134, includes more than 70 cars. For more information, go to the Classic Japan Rally website: https://goo.gl/FFZ457

MAR 22 (Thu) to APR 8 (Sun)
Tsukayama Park Cherry Blossom Festival
Tsukayama Park area, Yokosuka (Keikyu Anjinzuka Station, 20-minute walk from South exit)
View the flowering cherry blossoms while enjoying local festivities, such as games and performances around this famous cherry blossom park.

APR 1 SUNDAY
Ikego Eggcellent Fun
1-3 p.m. | Ikego Ball Field #5
The whole family can participate in this holiday celebration! Admission is free and includes Easter egg run games, jellybean guessing contest, pictures with the Easter bunny and more. For more information, please call 246-8071.
Interactive Customer Evaluation (I.C.E.) allows DoD customers to rate products and services provided by DoD offices and facilities worldwide. Your comments and input are used to improve the products and services available to you.

Comment: I’m writing because I need further explanation as to why dogs aren’t allowed in housing towers on other floors (besides the first two floors) for families wanting and needing a new family member. I think this is unfair and absurd because there are many dogs that need homes and there are exceptionally great families that live in towers who would make great owners.

Response: Thank you for submitting your comment through ICE. Current policy from Commander, Naval Region Japan, restricts dogs, except for military working dogs, to the first two floors of the towers. Until recently, dogs were not allowed in towers at all. The feasibility of allowing dogs in tower residences above the 2nd floor has been researched, including contacting other installations throughout Japan to include the Air Force, Army and Marine Corps. However, all reported that dogs on higher floors in towers have created problems – primarily via pet owners who do not control their dog or clean-up after them. Allowing dogs to be above the 2nd floor wouldn’t be conducive to maintaining a good living environment for all families. If you have further questions, please feel free to contact Housing directly or through ICE.

I.C.E. Yokosuka Website


Defective Air Bag Recall
A manufacturer’s recall has been in effect for vehicles equipped with Takata air bags determined to be defective. If applying for vehicle registration or renewal after May 1st, the Japan Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism will reject inspection certificates for vehicles equipped with the defective air bags that have not been replaced or repaired. Please visit FLEACT Yokosuka’s website at https://seahawkumitaka.files.wordpress.com/2018/03/airbag-recall1.pdf to find out if your vehicle is part of this recall and what to do next.

Re-registration for School Year 2018-2019
When: March 20-23
Where: Yokosuka Middle School for all students grades 1-12 except Ikego Elementary. Ikego Elementary School students will register at Ikego ES in Room 139.
Time: 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Please observe the following schedule based on student’s last name:
A-D Tuesday, March 20th
E-K Wednesday, March 21st
L-Q Thursday, March 22nd
R-Z Friday, March 23rd
This is a MANDATORY re-registration. ALL DoDEA students must be re-registered every year.

Remove and install water pipes near Main Gate:
Partial road closure of vehicular lanes from 7 p.m. - 6 a.m. until March 31.

Repave and repaint parking lots and driveways (Hospital):
Work will be scheduled in phased closures on weekends only through April 29.

Repave and repaint parking lots and driveways between Chili’s and Bldg. J196:
Work will be scheduled in phased closures until April 30.

Bldg. F157 Re-roofing work:
Sidewalk closure on west side of Bldg. 157 from Nimitz Rd to main entry of Bldg. F157 during working hours until May 8.

Replace steam pipes at Bldg. 1557:
Phased road closures on Green Bay Drive during construction scheduled now through May 18.

Demolition and Reconstruction of C21:
Various impacts to Command Hill parking until March 2019.

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