For the April edition of Leadership Corner, I would like to discuss recycling on base and some of the options that are currently available.

- Recycling Program – The Public Works Environmental Division has recently begun implementing a recycling program in various office spaces and administrative buildings on base. The program started within the Public Works Department but is currently expanding throughout the installation, adding new buildings each quarter with a goal of eventually including all trash generating activities.

- Starting off simple – The recycling program aims to make the process of recycling as easy as possible in order to encourage everyone to participate. The program provides recycling containers and a standardized program to assist participants in recycling mixed paper as well as bottles & cans.

- Additional recycling – In addition to the recycling program currently being implemented, base residents and personnel can also participate in recycling by segregating their trash. Recyclable commodities that are segregated and placed in the non-burnable section of any trash house will be collected and recycled. Separating recyclable items from other trash greatly assists in maximizing the amount of waste recycled.

If you're interested in participating in the program or have any recycling related questions, please feel free to give me a call at DSN: 264-4093 or email me at: christopher.l.carlson@fe.navy.mil

**THIS MONTH IN NAVY HISTORY**

**APR 1, 1893**
Navy General Order 409 establishes the rank of Chief Petty Officer

**APR 6, 1917**
Following the sinking of U.S. merchant vessels by German U-boats, the U.S. declares war on Germany, entering World War I.

**APR 11, 1945**
The kamikaze attacks during the Okinawa Campaign damage eight Navy ships.

**APR 15, 1961**
The first nuclear-powered frigate, USS Bainbridge (DLGN 25), is launched at Quincy, Mass.

**APR 19, 1997**
USS The Sullivans (DDG 68) is commissioned at Staten Island, N.Y. The Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer is the second Navy ship named after the five Sullivan brothers who died when USS Juneau (CL 52) was sunk shortly after the Battle of Guadalcanal Nov. 13, 1942.
Among the urban jungle that is metropolitan Tokyo, lies a part of the megalopolis, which instead of being dominated by concrete and glass, is populated with a sea of trees and grass. Yoyogi is an area surrounded by the glitz and glamour of 21st century Tokyo but is set aside to honor not only the past of Japan but to promote rest and relaxation for all visitors and guests of the eastern capital.

Yoyogi, which means “generations of old trees,” stands on the former site where the first successful powered aircraft flight in Japan took place on December 19, 1910; the area later became an army parade ground. After the end of the World War II, the site housed the military barracks known as the “Washington Heights” for U.S. Officers during the Allied occupation of Japan. In 1964, the area was used for the Tokyo Olympics, housing the main athletes village and the distinctive building, which was designed by Kenzo Tange, hosted swimming and diving, with an annex for the basketball. In 1967 most of the area north of the gymnasium complex and south of Meiji Shrine was turned into Yoyogi Park for use by the general public.

Visitors to the area will take the JR line and disembark at Harajuku Station, staying on the station side of the street and moving past the exit towards the bridge that separates the flashiness and crowds of Harajuku from the quaint reflection and peace of the park area. After crossing the bridge, visitors will see a split in the walk way. The left walk way will lead to the main entrance of Yoyogi Park.

At the entrance, particularly on a Sunday, the Tokyo Rockabilly Club meets up and performs dances for the crowd entering the park. Past the entrance, various food trucks are set up serving
both traditional Japanese food staples like yakitori as well as western ones such as crepes and pizza.

The park measures more than 134 acres and is the fifth largest park in Tokyo with more than 10,400 trees including black pine and Sakura or cherry blossom trees as they are called in the west. Upon entering the central field, which encompasses a third of the park, visitors can sit on the grass for picnics, enjoy the sight of cherry blossoms during peak season and walk through the woods. Many different clubs meet up to either run the park, play sports or practice juggling. Towards the back of the central area is Dog Park where owners can bring their pets to play in the park unfettered. Towards the west side of the central area is a row of food vendors serving Japanese street fare to visitors and an observation bridge to allow guests a larger view of the park.

To the east of the central area is the sample garden which features flowers from around the world from countries that participated in the Tokyo Olympics. Twenty-two nations brought with them typical species from their countries. Today, fifty-one plants of ten species remain, including Norway spruce, Bhutan pine, white birch, and European larch. Next to the garden is the park’s bird sanctuary.

While it is off limits to guests, the birds that occupy the enclosure can be viewed by the general public.

To the West of the park lies Meji Jingū (Meji Shrine), a Shinto shrine that is dedicated to the first ruling emperor after the end of the Shogunate, Emperor Meji and his wife, Empress Shōken. The shrine is surrounded by a 170 acre forest and the main shrine was completed in 1926. The original shrine was destroyed during the Tokyo bombing raids in WWII, but was rebuilt with public funding in October of 1958. Large torii gates are at every entrance to the park and the path to the main gate has both wine and sake barrels sent for blessings. The Nian is the inner part of the temple with a Shinto shrine and a treasure house consisting of artifacts of the Emperor and Empress.

Yoyogi is an area of the city that allows visitors who are overwhelmed and frustrated with hustle and bustle of modern life to escape for a little bit of time and relax in a natural environment. Away from the noise and lights of ultra-modern Tokyo, you can enjoy the serenity that Japan can offer, while Meji Shrine allows visitors to connect with the past in a way reading about it will never allow.
NAF ATSUGI & JMSDF ATSUGI AIR BASE 2018 SPRING FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, APRIL 21 10 a.m. ~ 5:30 p.m.
RAIN DATE: SUNDAY, APRIL 22

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

TEA CEREMONY • LIVE ENTERTAINMENT • FOOD & DRINK CONCESSION BOOTHS
OFFICIAL SOUVENIR SALE • U.S. NAVY, JMSDF STATIC AIRCRAFT DISPLAY
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What people throw in their garbage bags might not normally raise any concerns. From plastic bottles to soup cans, it all goes in the same bag.

Little did they know about the effort put in once those bags leave their hands and are picked up by contractors on base. All bags are opened and sorted to maximize the recycling of materials.

With Earth Day around the corner it is never a better time to talk about what individuals might not be aware of when it comes to their role and responsibilities with solid waste.

“The Public Works Environmental Division recently completed our 2018 Environmental Aspect Assessment which aims to identify the most significant environmental aspects on the installation that are expected to have the greatest potential impact on the environment,” said Christopher L. Carlson, Environmental Engineer at Public Works Department Environmental Division. “This year,
solid waste generation was identified as one of our significant aspects and therefore we will be focusing our efforts on improving our current program and reducing solid waste generation.

After the identification of the solid waste as an area for improvement, the public works department has shifted their focus to education and practical solutions for solid waste management on base.

“The Public Works Environmental Division has recently began implementing a recycling program in various office spaces and administrative buildings on base,” said Carlson. “The program aims to make the process of recycling as easy as possible in order to encourage and maximize participation.”

“If sorting by generator is increased, trash amount will be decreased and recycling will be increased,” said Youhei Okuhara, supervisory quality control representative. “To recycle the pet bottles, glass bottles and cans, all plastic (labels and caps) have to be removed and rinsed.”

The efforts of the recycling program are already showing results within its three month pilot run. The public works department alone has recycled 4.6 tons of waste.

“It is required for Navy installations to meet a certain percentage of waste recycled and therefore we must require the contractor to support that effort,” said Carlson.

When contractors come to pick up waste from the designated waste receptacles, they do a preliminary sorting of waste before leaving.

“The contractor must segregate trash to burnable and non-burnable before transport to Yamato incinerator,” said Okuhara. “Also, they have to sort non-burnable trash into categories (can, glass, metal, aluminum, pet bottle etc.)”
All of the designated waste collection areas are set up to have the waste divided into their respective categories.

“Basically the trash houses are generally all divided into two sections, burnable and non-burnable,” said Carlson. “The non-burnable section is designated for any segregated recyclable items. The contractor can easily collect recyclables from there and set them aside for recycling. The burnable side is designated for any waste that cannot be recycled and will essentially go to the incinerator or a landfill.”

When the waste is not sorted beforehand it can lead to a longer sorting time for contractors as the waste must be sorted before it can be taken.

“People can help to work towards this goal of increasing recycling by segregating their trash,” said Carlson. “Recycling starts with segregation at the source. If any recyclable waste is segregated it can easily be identified, collected, and recycled by the solid waste contractor. Some common commodities recycled by the contractor are cardboard, paper, bottles and cans, wood, metal, etc.”

Recycling and leaving the environment for the better can start with simple steps. A simple sorting of your waste before it leaves your house can help those who pick up our waste more easily identify recyclable materials.
While the month of April is largely known for Earth Day, in the uniformed services community we also celebrate another important resource that is beneficial to our future, children. Month of the Military Child (MotMC) is a Department of Defense (DOD) wide initiative underscoring the important role military children play in the armed forces community.

MotM was introduced in 1986 by former Secretary of Defense Casper Weinberger to recognize the people that play an unseen part in the lives of service members - children.

“This month is to recognize and thank children from military families for the sacrifices they make living the military lifestyle,” said Peggye Wilson, vice principle of Shirley Lanham Elementary School (SLES). “Military connected youth face unique circumstances living the military lifestyle, which can be challenging for them more than those who haven’t grown up in this community.”

Celina Mathews-Stern, the New Parent Support Specialist at Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) Atsugi says that it is very significant that we recognize and celebrate the lives of military children due to the challenges they face.

“Children of the military...(live) an atypical
lifestyle for a child. Military children frequently contend with parental separation due to deployments, the dynamics and challenges of reintegration, multiple relocations, an almost endless ebb and flow of friendships and everyday reminders that come with the hazards of their parent’s service,” said Mathews-Stern. “It is significant to celebrate and recognize the military child because despite the disadvantages for them, they are an integral part of the military culture and in sustaining the longevity of duty for many of our service members. Our military children provide joy, purpose and overall lend to the health and welfare of the military family and our nation’s fighting forces.”

As part of MotMC, SLES will hold “Purple Up Day” on April 13 to honor all children of uniform service members. On this day children are encouraged to wear the official color of MotM, purple.

“Purple symbolizes all branches of the military,” said Wilson. “Coast Guard blue, Army green, Navy blue, Marine Corps. red, and Air Force blue. We believe that when a military member serves, their whole family serves, too. That includes the littlest heroes, military kids.”

In addition to “Purple Up Day”, FFSC and SLES have different theme days and activities planned throughout the month for the Naval Air Facility (NAF) Atsugi community and other bases in the area to participate and engage in with one another.

“FFSC supports month of the military child by hosting an annual event called KidzFest, a free, family oriented event, open to all local military and military affiliated children on April 14,” said Mathews-Stern. “KidzFest includes drum performances by the Taiko Kids, cup-stacking demonstrations by Child & Youth Program talent, arts and crafts, bounce houses, fitness activities, games, giveaways, hands-on interactive experiences, face painting, info booths and lots of fun.”

SLES will hold different theme days including wearing an outfit to represent a family’s branch of service and another that represents a family’s hometown in the U.S.A which will lead up to a parade around NAF Atsugi on “Purple Up Day” said Wilson.

Month of the Military child is a time when we can formally recognize and honor the strength and sacrifices made by children in the uniformed services community. This one month allows to us to show appreciation to the families for their moral support and encouragement and let them know that we appreciate everything they do to help Sailors, Soldiers, Marines, Airmen and Guardsmen in their everyday lives on military bases or on deployment, Purple up!
ENERGY RESILIENCE
THE THREE PILLARS OF ENERGY SECURITY
WITH INSTALLATION
ENERGY MANAGER
DAVID M. MOTRONI
DoN: Three Pillars of Energy Security

The three pillars of energy are: RELIABILITY-RESILIENCY-EFFICIENCY

As the Installation Energy Manager here at Naval Air Facility Atsugi, I (Mr. Motroni) live by these five reasons to be Energy efficient. If we live by these five reasons we will be successful. First, Energy efficiency saves money and supports our mission. More over, Energy efficiency improves the economy. Thirdly, Energy efficiency is good for the environment (Earth Day). Furthermore, Energy efficiency improves national security. Lastly, Energy efficiency enhances quality of life.

The Department of the Navy is pursuing energy projects which enhance its energy resilience to improve the nation’s energy security, operational capability, strategic flexibility and resource availability. These projects support the warfighter abroad by reinforcing the DON’s foundation at home. The benefits of these projects to the DON are: Cost effective, mission-compatible assets which leverage 3rd party financing, Long-term operational cost stability, Islanding capabilities using micro grid technology, and utility infrastructure upgrades.

Things to look forward to in April.

April 20, 2018 1100-1300: NAVFAC Energy Team and NAFVAC Environmental Team will be at building 958 (NEX Food Court) with displays. BRITE, the Navy’s energy mascot will also make a special appearance.

April 19, 2018: BRITE the Navy mascot and the Energy and Environmental teams will be visiting the school to hand out NEX gift cards to the annual Earth Day Poster contest winners.
PHYSICAL FITNESS ASSESSMENT

SPRING 2018 / CYCLE 1

ASSESSMENTS WILL TAKE PLACE AT HALSEY GYM UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE

BCA
ALL NAF ATSUGI ...... 7th ~ 11th MAY 2018 0700 - 1000

PRT
ADMIN / SUPPLY / PWD / AIR OPS ...... 14th ~ 18th MAY 2018 0800 - 0900
NAVAL SECURITY FORCES ...... 21st ~ 25th MAY 2018 0700 - 0800
SWIM TEST *RANGER GYM POOL* ...... 29th ~ 30th MAY 2018 1100
STRAGGLERS *HALSEY GYM* ...... 29th ~ 30th MAY 2018 0800

NAVAL AIR FACILITY ATSUGI
How would you describe your department’s primary mission?

Protecting Those Who defend America. Atsugi Fire & Emergency Services (F&ES) is a professional organization dedicated to providing quality customer service with honor, courage, and commitment to Atsugi and the surrounding communities. This is accomplished through effective leadership and teamwork while saving lives and protecting property. As an organization, we demonstrate pride, dedication, and professionalism in the protection of our members through a highly motivated and skilled emergency service that is available 24-hours a day, 7-days a week.

What primary services do you provide and who are your primary customers?

Provide world-class Fire & Emergency Services support to our Forward Deployed Naval Forces and their Families against the threat of both man-made and natural disasters.

How do the services you provide support the command’s mission?

NAFA F&ES members develop and execute firefighting and disaster readiness plans and conduct base-wide training to ensure Team NAFA readiness. Coordinates base recovery efforts to remove hazards, repair damage, generate sorties and recover aircraft assets resulting from attack or man-made and natural disasters.

What can you tell us about your department that others may not know?

Our departments’ total authorized manpower is 95, of which is comprised of 92 MLCs and that we also provide services to Naval Housing Annex Negishi, New Sanno Hotel, JMSDF Iwo To (Iwo Jima) Air Base, Defense Fuel Support Point Tsurumi, and the sole provider of live-fire aircraft rescue firefighting for the ship forces assigned to the USS Ronald Reagan.

Something Special?

This April 21st please stop by and visit us during the open base event, Spring Fest. We will have our vehicles on display, Stop-Drop-Roll, a helicopter live-fire demonstration and of course... SPARKY!

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