GUESTS LOOK AT STATIC DISPLAYS OF AIRCRAFT DURING NAF ATSUGI’S OPEN BASE EVENT. (PHOTO BY MC2 (SW) MICHAEL DOAN)
LEADERSHIP CORNER
WITH NAFA’S INFORMATION SYSTEMS SECURITY MANAGER

For the May edition of Leadership Corner, I would like to share some common, or not so common realities with Information Technology, Cyber Security and what you can do as a user.

Let’s start with our quality of life and daily routines. They are all supported by essential systems. I’m talking about electricity, banking, transportation, the list goes on. All of these are deeply dependent upon the vast interconnected cyber terrain. Attacks on these may have serious consequences, and are all being attacked daily! In fact, in one month, the DoD ourselves experienced more than 41 Million attacks! If I break that down, we are looking at 1.4 million attacks per day or 58,000 attacks every hour! The average cost to resolve a single cyber attack is now 1.6 million dollars!

How are we being attacked? Well, right now the fastest growing tool is “Phishing” which is the attempt to obtain sensitive information such as usernames, passwords, and credit card details (your money), often for malicious reasons, by hiding as a trustworthy entity in an electronic communication. In other words, the bad guys are using bait in an attempt to catch a victim. In the span of 12 months, a study found 12 million login credentials stolen via phishing, for commercial and DoD sites.

We hold IT Representative training monthly here on Atsugi for the ITReps (formally known as TASOs) within the command and on base. Although, all personnel interested in Information Technology are more than welcome to attend.

If you are interested in becoming an ITRep or just want more info, please call me! DSN: 264-4435 or email me at Zebulon.brackman@fe.navy.mil.

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NAVAL HISTORY

MAY 4, 1942
Battle of the Coral Sea begins when TF 17 attacks the Japanese Tulagi Invasion Force at Tulagi, Solomons.

MAY 8, 1945
The unconditional surrender of Germany was ratified by Allies in Berlin. This event is remembered as V-E Day!

MAY 16, 1965
The first US naval gunfire support in Vietnam is performed by USS Henry W. Tucker (DD-875) as she fires upon the Viet Cong coastal concentrations southeast of Saigon.

MAY 25, 1985
USS Alabama (SN 731) is commissioned at Naval Submarine Base New London, Conn.
South of Tokyo and lying within the shadow of Mount Fuji is an area of Kanagawa that is an anomaly compared to the rest of the region, Enoshima. Soaked in sunlight, with salt from the ocean in the air, palm trees lining the streets and art deco architecture, visitors might mistake it for South Beach in Miami or Southern California instead of Japan.

Enoshima lies at the edge of the city of Fujisawa and next to Sagamai Bay on the coast. The area consists of the town on the coastline, the beaches and the namesake of the location, Enoshima Island. The island was originally dedicated to the Buddhist goddess of music and entertainment, Benzaiten or Benten. Legend has it that the goddess is the one who rose the island from the sea and in turn a shrine on the island was dedicated to her. In 1880, after the Shinto and Buddhism separation order of the new Meiji government had made the land available, much of the uplands was purchased by Samuel Cocking, a British merchant, in his Japanese wife’s name. Today, the area is a part of Shōnan, a popular resort destination along the coast which is centered on Enoshima.

Visitors can reach Enoshima by taking the Odakyū Enoshima Line from Yamato Station and traveling to Katase-Enoshima Station. Once outside the station, visitors will first notice the unique design of the station itself which resembles a Ryūgū-jō, or Dragon palace of the sea. The station square is populated with tourists from all over Kanagawa, local eateries serve Hawaiian inspired food, and many surfboard rental shops are available for anyone needing gear to surf the waves of Sagami Bay.

Going south from the train station is the main strip of the city. Next to the beach is the Enoshima
Aquarium. The Aquarium is open year-round to guests and features various exhibits that detail the importance of the ocean and the creatures that inhabit it. Special exhibitions highlight sea life native to the local Sagami Bay and the Pacific Ocean, one featuring the study of local sea life by the late Emperor Hirohito and his son, the reigning Emperor, Akihito. Special times throughout the day have different shows where visitors can feed and pet dolphins or see the Enosui Treaters, the facility’s animal trainers, with the different animals and sea life at the aquarium.

On the other side of the aquarium lies the beaches of Enoshima. The beaches are separated by the pier leading to Enoshima Island. The first feature that will be noticed by visitors almost immediately is the black sands of Katase Higashi-hama Beach which is the result of volcanic eruptions. Enoshima is also known for its warm waters due to Sagami Bay receiving both warm and cold water currents from the ocean. Surfing and sailing are the most notable hobbies in the area, with Enoshima being so known for its waves it was selected as a site for the inaugural surfing competition events for the Olympics during the 2020 Tokyo games. During the summer, many bars and restaurants are set up in makeshift storefronts on the beach but watch out, Enoshima is also home to a large volume of Taka, or Hawks, who have a habit of snatching food from guests or taking small animals.

Further out in the bay is Enoshima Island, the namesake of the area. The island is accessible both by boat and a bridge that goes from the port to the shores of the island. Notable features of the island are the shrine to the patron Buddhist goddess, the Samuel Cocking Garden which also features a 197 foot observation tower. Visitors can also go below the island into the southern Iwaya Caves and explore the coast. For couples stands the Love Bell on the island’s hill. The local legend says that Benten married a sea dragon in order stop him from ravaging the island with waves. Couples ring the bell twice and write their names on locks left on a gate by the bell.

For visitors looking to escape the hustle and bustle of modern day Tokyo and just enjoy a more laid back and casual place, Enoshima is it. From the good food, the local sights or just having a nice day at the beach, Enoshima has everything that a lone guest or family could want to relax and enjoy the season but just watch out for hawks!
Q. Is there anything you would like to say to the people who showed up for the town halls?
A. First and foremost...Thank you! I appreciated the turn-out, especially from our families. It was evident that everyone was engaged and they had many questions, establishing the need to have more town halls in the future.

Q. What were the objectives you hoped to achieve through hosting these town halls? Did you achieve them?
A. I wanted to update the NAF Atsugi community on the status of the base and communicate the point that -- if you live and work on NAF Atsugi -- you have a voice and we will hear you. I also wanted to communicate the need for us to continue the dialogue and to participate in making our community better.

Q. Can you talk a little bit about what you saw as the “highlights” from the event?
A. First, the participation and eagerness of our families, military members and employees was tremendous. The greatest highlight was the question and answer session because it really allowed me and the other base leaders to interact directly with our residents. Most importantly, no one was afraid to engage and ask questions.

Q. Were any issues brought up at the town hall that were resolved?
A. One issue we were able to solve within a few days was the ability of our MLC’s to access Camp Zama using their vehicles. This is just one example, but it demonstrates the value of the town hall and my priority to increase the frequency and quality of communication on NAFA Atsugi, for everyone.
TOPICS DISCUSSED AT TOWN HALLS

- Private Organization tents for Spring Fest
- Guest Passes
- Base Taxi/Uber
- High School Football Games
- Base Marquees
- Base Housing
- Dental/Medical Billets
- Outside Caterers
- Outdoor Pool

TO HEAR MORE FROM OUR TOWN HALLS

CHECK OUT OUR APRIL 19TH EDITION OF CAPTAIN’S CALL

SUBMIT QUESTIONS TO CAPTAIN’S CALL@SKYWRITERATSUGI@GMAIL.COM
COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE
LIVING PATTERN SURVEY

PARTICIPATE BY USING THE LINK BELOW

HTTP://WWW.DEFENSETRAVEL.DOD.MIL/SITE/COLASURVEY.CFM

THE COST OF LIVING INDEX IS BASED ON DATA FURNISHED BY UNIFORMED MEMBERS ASSIGNED TO EACH OVERSEAS LOCATION. DEFENSE TRAVEL MANAGEMENT OFFICE’S (DTMO) ALLOWANCES BRANCH USES TWO SURVEYS TO DETERMINE THE RELATIVE COST OF LIVING: A LIVING PATTERN SURVEY AND A RETAIL PRICE SCHEDULE.


USING INFORMATION FROM THE LIVING PATTERN SURVEY, PRICE COLLECTORS IN MANY OVERSEAS LOCATIONS CONDUCT A MARKET BASKET SURVEY [RETAIL PRICE SCHEDULE] EACH YEAR, PRICING ABOUT 120 GOODS AND SERVICES.

THE PRICES FROM EACH OVERSEAS SURVEY ARE COMPARED WITH PRICES IN THE AVERAGE CONUS FOR EQUIVALENT GOODS AND SERVICES AT THE SAME POINT IN TIME. IF THE OVERSEAS MARKET BASKET COST IS GREATER THAN THE AVERAGE CONUS COST, A COLA IS PAID.

SURVEY RESULTS MAY SHOW, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT IN SEPTEMBER THE MARKET BASKET ITEMS ON AVERAGE IN CONUS COST $100 WHILE AT YOUR OVERSEAS DUTY STATION THE SAME ITEMS COST $130.00 INDICATING THAT THE COST OF LIVING IS 30% HIGHER IN YOUR AREA. AS A RESULT AND YOU WOULD RECEIVE COLA TO HELP PAY THE EXTRA COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE HIGHER COST OF LIVING OVERSEAS.

THE COST-OF-LIVING ALLOWANCE, OR COLA, IS PAID TO SERVICE MEMBERS TO PARTIALLY OFFSET HIGH COSTS WHEN STATIONED OVERSEAS (INCLUDING ALASKA AND HAWAII). COLA HELPS MAINTAIN PURCHASING POWER SO YOU CAN PURCHASE ABOUT THE SAME GOODS AND SERVICES OVERSEAS AS IN CONUS. IT DOES NOT REIMBURSE EXPENSES, BUT IS DESIGNED TO OFFSET HIGHER OVERSEAS PRICES OF GOODS AND SERVICES. IT DOES NOT COMPENSATE FOR REMOTENESS, HARDSHIP, OR NON-AVAILABILITY OF GOODS AND SERVICES.
Lt. Cameron Dann, HSM 51

I check my LES and I know it fluctuates. I can see how if you are a lower paygrade how much it factors in. A few dollars can really make a difference. It is really going to grocery shopping. I do most of my shopping off base because they have more of what I am looking for.

CS1 Rodnel Balaga, Unaccompanied Housing

Before I got here, people from my last ship were telling me that the COLA here was really nice, but when I got here it was really low and it is really not enough for me. I hope for future Sailors over here that it will go up and help them a lot. It does help a lot with my groceries, I usually shop off base for my groceries.

Ashley Martin, Stay-at-home mom

To me right now I think it seems fairly appropriate. I know some months are a little heavy while others are a little light. I am pretty content with where it is right now. We spend a lot of it at the Commissary trying to get produce for our kids and dairy and things that seem to be a little inflated. We try to keep our shopping on base but we do go off base to get the things we can’t get here.

MA1 Alicia Wright, NSF Atsugi

I think it is too low. It needs to be higher because of shopping here for groceries and other necessities. My COLA goes towards groceries and baby stuff. I live on base and that’s where I do most of my shopping to get supplies for my new baby and the pets I have.
Showa Day - April 29
Showa Day honors the birthday of Emperor Hirohito, the reigning Emperor before, during, and after World War II (from 1926 - 1989).

Constitutional Memorial Day - May 3
A holiday since the current Japanese constitution came into effect on May 3, 1947, Constitution Memorial Day is often chosen as a day to reflect on the meaning of democracy and Japanese government.

Greenery Day - May 4
It is a day to commune with nature and to be thankful for blessings. The day was renamed to "Greenery Day" from "Birthday of the Emperor" to acknowledge the controversial wartime emperor’s love for plants without directly mentioning his name.

Children’s Day - May 5
The final celebration in Golden Week. It is a day set aside to respect children’s personalities and to celebrate their happiness. It was designated a national holiday by the Japanese government in 1948. It has been a day of celebration in Japan since ancient times.
How would you describe your department’s primary mission?
NAF Atsugi’s Fleet and Family Support Center’s (FFSC) mission is to provide quality customer service through information, resources, and programs which support and enrich the lives of our military members, civilians, retirees, and their families. This supports Navy Directives, combat readiness, and the retention of service members, while fostering healthy lifestyles.

What primary services do you provide and who are your primary customers?
NAF Atsugi’s Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) offers a wide range of services to military members, DoD civilians, retirees, and their families. Through the Work & Family Life Program, life skill education classes include Anger and Stress Management and Effective Communication. Transition assistance is offered to those retiring and separating. The Sexual Assault Prevention & Response (SAPR) Program is designed to increase public awareness and reduce incidents of sexual assault. We have a 24 hour victim advocacy available, as well as regularly scheduled training for Victim Advocates and Commands. FFSC’s Counseling and Assistance Program provides confidential individual and family counseling. The Family Advocacy Program offers domestic violence and child abuse education, outreach, and intervention.

How do the services you provide support the command’s mission?
NAF Atsugi’s FFSC supports the Command’s mission of “providing for the health, welfare and quality of life of all personnel” by providing quality education and support programs that strengthen families and promote a healthy work/life balance.

What can you tell us about your department that others may not know?
Fleet and Family Support Center offers many volunteer opportunities. Volunteering allows family members to maintain and increase their skillset while providing a valuable service to the community.

Something Special?
May 11 is Military Spouse Appreciation Day. Stop by the Center, meet the staff, and pick up a special treat.

How can your customers reach you?
We are located on the first floor of building 949. Phone: DSN: 315-264-3372/3628 Email: M-AT-FFSC-DUTYOFFICE@fe.navy.mil
MEMORIAL DAY
REMEMBERING THOSE LOST

USS AARON WARD (DD-483) 20 USS JOHNSTON (DD-557) 186 USS RICH (DE-695) 27
USS ABNER READ (DD-526) 22 USS LAFFY (DD-459) 59 USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS (DE-413) 90
USS BARTON (DD-599) 208 USS LANSDALE (DD-426) 47 USS UNDERHILL (DE-682) 112
USS BEATTY (DD-640) 11 USS LEARY (DD-158) 98 USS ASTORIA (CA-34) 219
USS BLUE (DD-387) 9 USS LITTLE (DD-803) 62 USS CHICAGO (CA-29) 62
USS BORIE (DD-215) 27 USS LONGSHAW (DD-559) 86 USS HOUSTON (CA-30) 1,138
USS BRISTOL (DD-453) 52 USS LUCE (DD-522) 126 USS INDIANAPOLIS (CA-35) 900
USS BROWNSON (DD-518) 108 USS MANNERT L. ABELE (DD-733) 84 USS NORTHAMPTON (CA-26) 50
USS BUCK (DD-420) 95 USS MEREDITH (DD-434) 192 USS QUINCY (CA-39) 370
USS BUSH (DD-529) 109 USS MONAGHAN (DD-354) 94 USS VINCENNES (CA-44) 332
USS CALLAGHAN (DD-792) 47 USS MONSSEN (DD-436) 165 USS ALBACORE (SS-218) 60
USS CHEVALIER (DD-451) 54 USS MORRISON (DD-560) 152 USS AMBERJACK (SS-219) 60
USS COLHOUN (DD-801) 34 USS PEARY (DD-226) 88 USS ARGONAUT (SS-166) 102
USS COOPER (DD-695) 191 USS PERKINS (DD-377) 9 USS BARBEL (SS-316) 80
USS CORRY (DD-463) 24 USS PRESTON (DD-379) 116 USS BONEFISH (SS-223) 60
USS CUSHING (DD-376) 70 USS PRINGLE (DD-477) 11 USS BULLHEAD (SS-332) 84
USS DE HAVEN (DD-469) 167 USS REID (DD-369) 103 USS CAPELIN (SS-289) 80
USS DREXLER (DD-741) 158 USS REUBEN JAMES (DD-245) 100 USS CISCO (SS-290) 80
USS DUNCAN (DD-485) 85 USS ROWAN (DD-405) 202 USS CORVINA (SS-226) 82
USS EMMONS (DD-457) 76 USS SPADE (DD-512) 312 USS DORADO (SS-248) 60
USS GLENN (DD-620) 25 USS STRONG (DD-467) 46 USS ESCOLAR (SS-294) 80
USS GWIN (DD-433) 61 USS TRUXTON (DD-229) 110 USS FLIER (SS-250) 60
USS HALLIGAN (DD-584) 169 USS TUCKER (DD-374) 3 USS GOLET (SS-361) 60
USS HAMMANN (DD-412) 80 USS TURNER (DD-648) 138 USS GRAMPUS (SS-207) 60
USS HOEL (DD-533) 253 USS TWIGGS (DD-591) 152 USS GRAYBACK (SS-208) 60
USS HULL (DD-350) 6 USS WALKER (DD-416) 76 USS GRAYLING (SS-209) 60
USS INGRAHAM (DD-444) 197 USS WARRINGTON (DD-383) 233 USS GRENADE (SS-210) 68
USS JACOB JONES (DD-130) 83 USS WORDEN (DD-352) 14 USS GROWLER (SS-215) 60
USS JARVIS (DD-393) 233 USS EVERSOLE (DE 40) 40 USS GRUNION (SS-216) 60
USS JOHNSTON (DD-557) 186 USS FECHTLE (DE-157) 29 USS GUDGEON (SS-211) 60
USS LAFFY (DD-459) 59 USS FISKE (DE-143) 33 USS HARDER (SS-257) 60
USS LANSDALE (DD-426) 47 USS FREDERICK C. DAVIS (DE-136) 115 USS HERRING (SS-233) 60
USS LEARY (DD-158) 98 USS LEOPOLOD (DE-319) 171 USS KETE (SS-369) 80