

WELCOME ABOARD!
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WELCOME ABOARD

Congratulations on receiving orders to USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (CVN 73), the strongest carrier in the fleet, home ported at Commander, Fleet Activities Yokosuka at Yokosuka, Japan. You are about to embark on a challenging and rewarding tour of duty. Our carrier exemplifies the proud tradition and heritage of her namesake, the 1st President and the leader who procured a Navy for the United States, initially as “Washington’s Fleet.” We look forward to your arrival and are certain you will become an integral part of the “Spirit of Freedom.” This will be a very gratifying experience for both you and your family. If you have any questions about your move or need a sponsor, please contact the command sponsor coordinator at gwsponsor@cvn73.navy.mil

To quote President Washington, “It is infinitely better to have a few good men, than many indifferent ones.” Welcome aboard, Shipmate!

Note: Bring all records, orders, endorsements, travel-related receipts, new address, etc. After hours, please make sure you leave a valid contact phone number (e.g., cell phone/relative/friend) in case we need to reach you prior to the next workday.

Mailing Address
RATE/RANK FIRST M.I. LAST (DEPT/DIV)
USS GEORGE WASHINGTON CVN 73
UNIT 100148 BOX XXXX
FPO AP 96607





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RECEIVED YOUR ORDERS! NOW WHAT?

- Read your orders in their entirety.
- Request a sponsor at gwsponsor@cvn73.navy.mil and complete your Prospective Gain Questionnaire in NSIPS.
- Complete your Overseas Suitability Screening early. Ensure your CPPA reports completion in BOL.
- Have Dependents? If they will be accompanying you to Japan, they will also require an Overseas Suitability Screening and will have to apply for a No-Fee Passport (passport receipt can be a long wait so start early!).
- Review the Foreign Clearance Guide for any additional travel requirements.



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FLEET ACTIVITIES YOKOSUKA / MISAWA AIR BASE

DEPENDENT ENTRY APPROVAL (DEA) CHECKLIST

Ref: (a) MILPERSMAN 1300-316
(b) DOD 4500.54-G, DOD Foreign Clearance Guide
(c) OPNAVINST 4650.15

Per ref (a), The request must be submitted within 30 days of receipt of orders and no later than 4 months prior to arrival.

O Detaching command submits DEA request message via official naval message traffic on C2OIX.

O Command POC (CPPA or Admin) submits below Key Supporting Documents (KSD)* to the DEA distro listed on the My Navy HR page CFAY-DEA@us.navy.mil:

- NAVPERS 1070/602
- PCS Orders
- Member and Dependent Overseas Screening
- No-Fee Passports for dependents and/or proof of submission

O CFAY confirms receipt of documents. Upon receipt of both the Naval Message and Documents, CFAY Admin will initiate the approval process.

O 3-5 business days after receipt of documents, approval is released via official naval message on C2OIX.

O Originating POC verifies receipt of DEA approval.

* All document requirements based on MyNavyHR SOP ([Dependent Entry Approval \(navy.mil\)](#))

CFAY Command Admin processes Dependent Entry Approval (DEA) requests for members and families who desire to transfer to a command/unit located at Fleet Activities (FLEACT) Yokosuka, or a Navy unit located at Yokota Airbase, Yokohama, or Tokyo. Commander, FLEACT Yokosuka is designated as the Local Area Commander for these locations in regards to Command Sponsorship matters.

Method of Submission:

Prospective Gain must request DEA via their Command's CPPA. Request may be emailed to CFAY-DEA@us.navy.mil. Requests must contain all Key Supporting Documents (KSD) required by the below directives. Ensure prospective gain's name is in the subject of the email submission.

Required Key Supporting Documents:

DEA request message released via message traffic to PLAD:
COMFLEACT YOKOSUKA JA

Member's Permanent Change of Station/Assignment Orders with Modifications

Member's updated NAVPERS 1070/602 (Dependency Application)

Complete NAVPERS 1300/16 (Report of Suitability for Overseas Assignment)



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ARRIVING IN JAPAN

You will begin your check in process at Patriots Landing (see the photo to the right) regardless of the ship's underway status. A member of the Patriot's Landing team will meet you at the shuttle drop off point upon arrival to Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka, and escort you to the building. Please ensure your orders are endorsed on the day of arrival to ensure accurate pay entitlements.

Arriving in Yokota via Patriot's Express

For those traveling via AMC flight, you will be arriving at Yokota AFB. After completion of the customs screening, a member of the terminal's staff will announce various departing shuttles. Please board the shuttle headed to Yokosuka. No reservations are required to board the shuttle. They will be tracking you based off the AMC manifest. (Be advised, pets are not authorized on the shuttle. **If you are traveling with a pet, communicate this to your sponsor and a duty van will be arranged to transport your pets).**

Arriving in Tokyo via commercial air

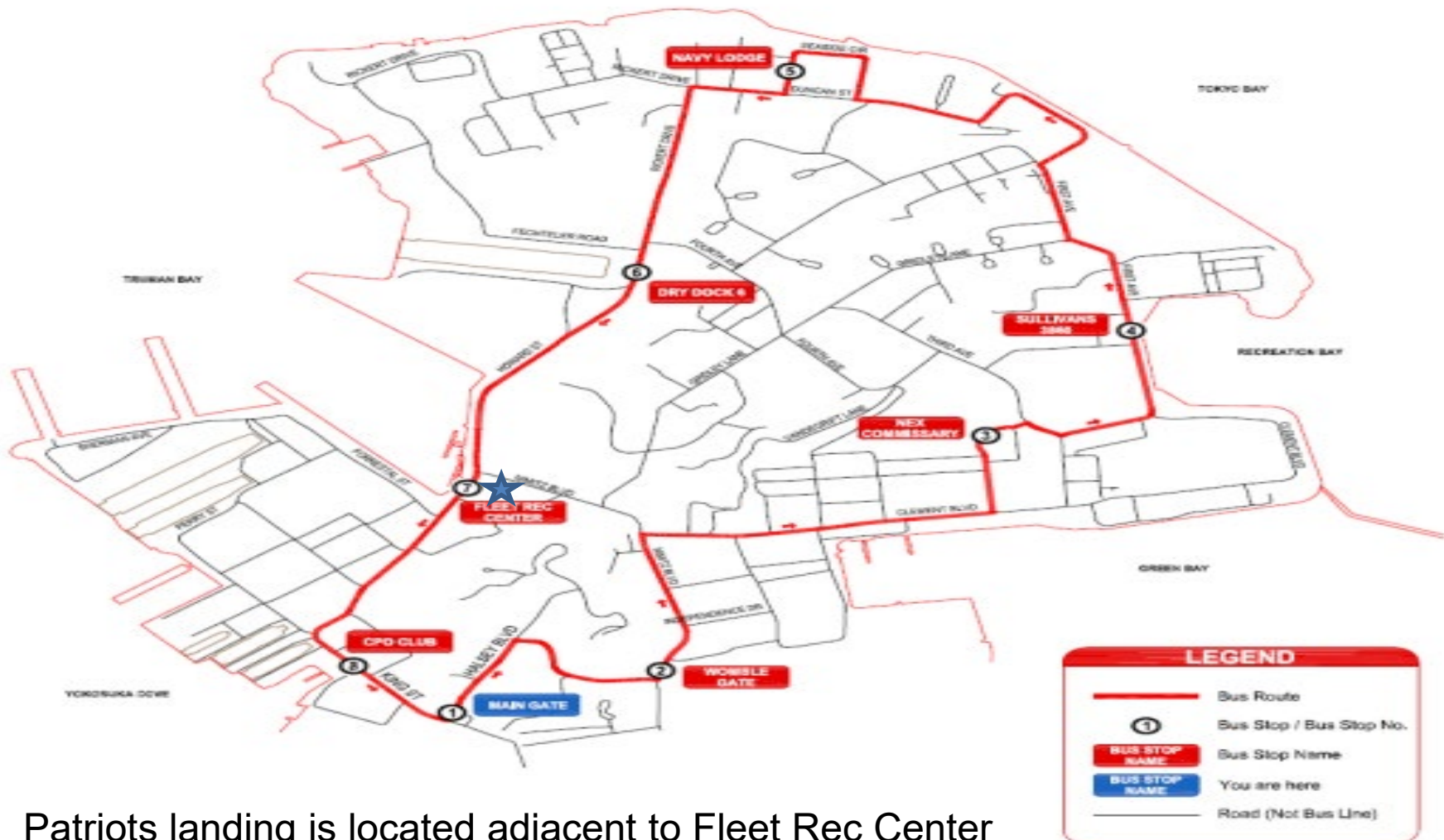
See the following slide for shuttle information and reservations. If you arrive after hours, provide your itinerary to your sponsor to arrange for a duty driver to meet you at the airport.

Patriot's Landing is located at building B48 (USO building). Duty personnel can be reached at +81-468-19-9900/5082 between the hours of 0700-2200 JST daily or via the duty cell at 080-8017-9194.





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★ Patriots landing is located adjacent to Fleet Rec Center



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CFAY AIRPORT SHUTTLE

Personnel on orders have priority. Space A considered. No pets.

<https://cnrj.cnic.navy.mil/Installations/CFA-Yokosuka/About/Installation-Guide/Airport-Shuttles/>

NARITA

Daily

CFAY to NRT

Check in	Departure
0930	1000
1230	1300

NRT to CFAY

Terminal 1 Departure	Terminal 2 Departure
1630	1640
2000	2010

More Information
&
Sign-up



HANEDA

Daily

CFAY to HND

Check in	Departure
1130	1200
1630	1700

HND to CFAY

Terminal 3 Departure	Terminal 1 Departure
1500	1510
2000	2010

YOKOTA AIR BASE

CFAY to YJ

Wednesday - Saturday

Check In	Departure
0800	0830

No sign-up required.

Verify documents
with CFAY FFSC Bus Desk.

YJ to CFAY

Wednesday & Friday

Departure times dependent on
Patriot Express arrival and deboarding



For more information, please contact the CFAY FFSC Bus Desk at 046-816-7777 or CFAY_Bus@us.navy.mil.



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Narita Terminal 1

Yokosuka Bus Location Guide

Yokosuka
Bus Parking





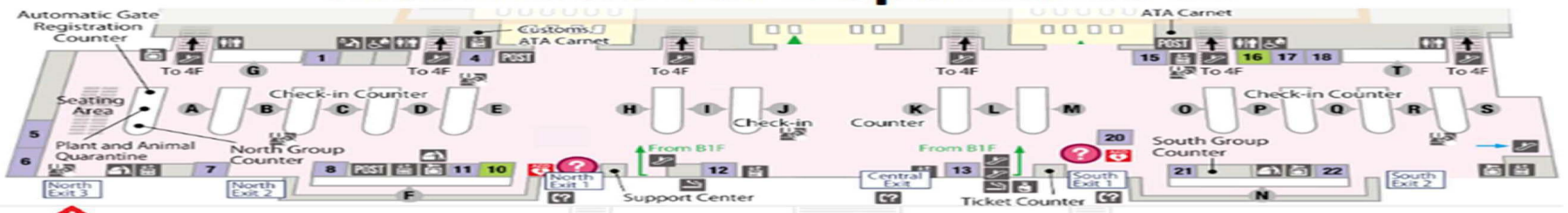
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Narita Terminal 2 Yokosuka Bus Location Guide

Make your way up to **International Departures** located on **Floor 3**



International Departures 3F



North Exit 3

Adapted from <https://www.narita-airport.jp/en/map?terminal=2&map=11>

Locate North Exit 3

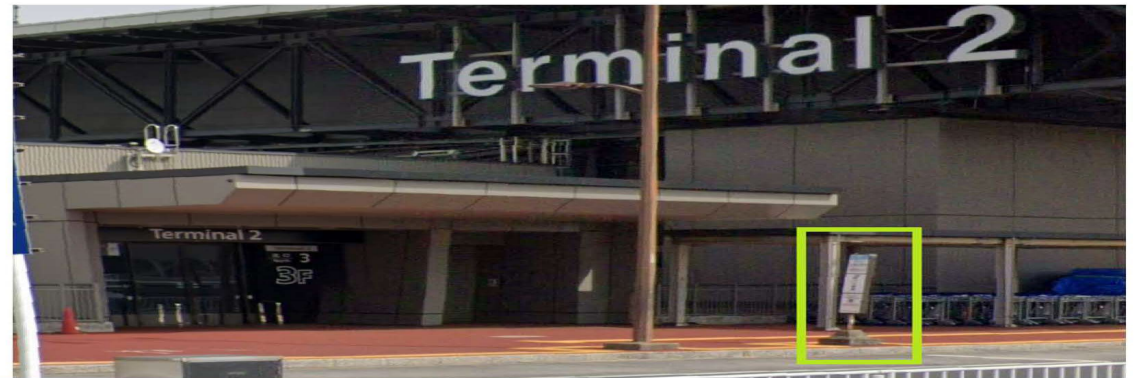




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The bus for Yokosuka will arrive at Bus Stop 1.

It is located right outside North Exit 3.



Ignore what it says on the bus stop sign.

The Yokosuka bus *will* pick up passengers from here.

Look for a bus to arrive with a Yokosuka sign in the Windshield.



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Haneda Terminal 1 Yokosuka Bus Location Guide

From 1F Arrivals, take an elevator or escalator to 2F Departures.

Exit to the street

Locate bus stop **South 1**

The bus will pull up to one of the spaces at **South 1**

Look for a bus with a Yokosuka sign in the windshield



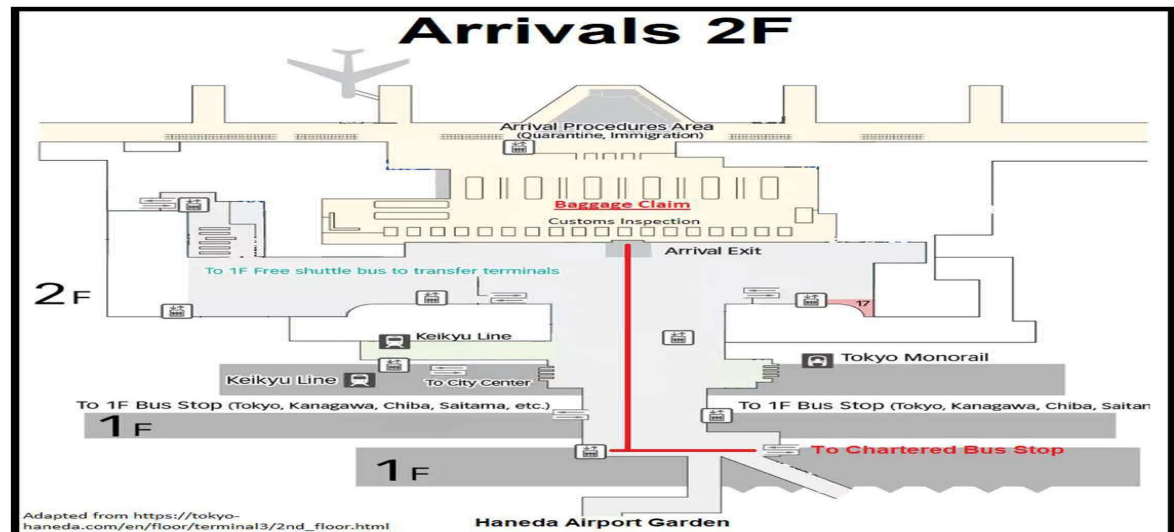


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Haneda Terminal 3 Yokosuka Bus Location Guide

Exit Customs and
head straight

Be on the lookout
for the **Chartered
Bus** sign



Locate the
Chartered Bus sign

Take the **escalator**
or **elevator** down
to the Bus Parking
Area



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You should now be in the Yokosuka Bus Parking Area

The Yokosuka bus will pull up to one of the parking spaces

Look for a bus with a Yokosuka sign in the windshield





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THINGS TO CONSIDER

- Cell Phone Plan
 - Some people prefer to keep their cell phone number instead of getting a Japanese number. Bear in mind, international phone plan can be expensive. Switching over to Google Fi is also an option, but the SIM Card can only be mailed to a CONUS address. Verifying you're Military with Google will also save you even more money.
- Passport
 - You're leaving the United States! Your military ID works as a form of identification but doesn't allow you to travel across borders. If there's any reason, good or bad, that you need to leave the ship through foreign ports, it won't happen. Do not procrastinate on getting it. Ordering a passport isn't impossible when you're in Japan but it requires flexing the ship's schedule, your schedule, and the transit time to the American Embassy. It's much easier if you get the order in and receive it before you depart or have it mailed here to meet you when you arrive. Same goes for your dependents. They require a no-fee passport as well.
- Government Travel Credit Card (GTCC)
 - This is mandatory. You will get it eventually. But once again, it's a lot easier to process before you move to Japan.
- Japanese Homes
 - Japanese homes can at time be small. Before you schedule your HHG move, understand that your King size bed and sofa will most likely not fit through the door to where you are moving.
- American Vehicles
 - Cars/vans are very cheap in Japan. Driving laws and rules of the road are very different, and the streets are very narrow. It might be better to keep your current vehicle in storage or sell. Most homes have their cars parked on the street or by it. Don't expect a garage for you to park in. Whatever you own will be sitting in the Japanese elements all the time.
- Sponsorship Representative
 - Your sponsor is your main contact to the ship. Use them. Reach out to the sponsor distro if you feel you're not getting the support you need. However... this also goes both ways.



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FINANCIAL PLANNING FOR PCSING

- Startup cost for off base housing – minimum \$5,000 up to \$10,000
- Lodging expenses – Temporary Lodging Allowance (bill must be paid in full every 10 days) Note: TLA is only authorized for accompanied Servicemembers. Single/unaccompanied Servicemembers will reside on the ship or government quarters. (Pets are not authorized in government quarters)
- Vehicle purchase plus additional expenses including base inspection, base insurance, JCI, and road tax
- Mobile phone startup fees
- Dining out
- Taxi cost



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GUIDE TO HOUSING ENTITLEMENTS

I will be executing an unaccompanied tour, what am I entitled to?

If you are reporting as a Geographic bachelor, your entitlement is BAH/OHA at your dependent’s location. Upon arrival onboard, submit your request for Designated Place or Continuation of Station Allowance to your departmental Admin. CONUS housing entitlements are approved by CO, while OCONUS entitlements are endorsed by the command and are sent to OPNAV N130 for approval (OHA at Dependent Location).

My dependents will be arriving a couple of months after my report date, what do I need to receive BAH while they’re still at my last PDS?

You need to submit a Delayed Dependent Travel (DDT) request to PERS-451 prior to your detachment from your current command. Upon reporting onboard, bring a copy of the approved request from PERS-451 to the Personnel Office so your BAH can be continued. NOTE: If your last PDS was OCONUS/HI, DDT is submitted to OPNAV N130C.

My dependents will be arriving to Yokosuka before me due to my Intermediate stops, what will be my entitlements?

You need to submit an Advanced Dependent Travel (ADT) request to N130 prior to your detachment from your current command. Ensure that your dependent (s) have an approved Dependent Entry Approval prior to your detachment. NOTE: ADT may be approved but if dependents do not have an approved command sponsorship, housing will not be provided and station allowances (TLA & OCOLA) will not be paid. Also, keep in mind that you need to submit the approved ADT and DEA to your Intermediate command for the entitlements to be processed as we will not have access to your pay account until you report onboard.

I will be getting married prior to reporting to the GWA, how can I bring my spouse with me?

Ensure that you contact your detailer to let them know about your intentions. Once married, you will need to update your PG-2. Once completed, your spouse needs to be added on your orders and your orders need to reflect a minimum of 36 months tour in order to be approved for command sponsorship. Follow the DEA checklist on pg. 5 to gain command sponsorship. Make sure you are in contact with your sponsor and CPPA to ensure they provide you with assistance and answers to your questions.



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HOUSING

Navy Housing in Yokosuka is to provide housing support for Service Members and their families assigned to Commander, Fleet Activities (CFA) Yokosuka. Our goal is to assist our customers in locating suitable, safe and affordable housing. We have a range of housing options to meet your needs, whether accompanied or unaccompanied.

Contact Housing Center

The Housing Service Center (HSC) maintains a current database of available off-base community rental properties for homes, apartments and townhomes. Housing referral professionals inspect these rental properties for suitability. The HSC assists with locating off-base housing in the local area.



NAVY HOUSING SERVICE CENTER (HSC):

Yokosuka Housing Services Center
Main Housing Service Center Bldg, 1441

Mailing Address:

Commander, Fleet Activities Yokosuka
PSC 473 Box 131
FPO AP 96349-0131

DSN: 243-9037

DSN Fax: 243-7415

Fax: 011-81-46-816-7415

Email: Yokosuka_Housing@us.navy.mil

Hours: Monday - Friday: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

1st Wednesday of every month: 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.



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CHILDCARE

Quality child care is available in a variety of forms in the Commander, Fleet Activities Yokosuka. The Child Development Center and Family Child Care both offer full day care and hourly care based on availability. There is also School Age Care available for Children in Kindergarten through 12 years old for before and after school, holidays/summer camps and hourly care. Developmental child care and youth recreational programs are available to all Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) sponsored active duty military, activated reservists and guardsmen, DoD civilian personnel, and DoD contractors. Youth recreational programs are also available to military retirees and DoD Civilian retirees.



Yokosuka Main Child Center
Building 4300
Duncan Street

Building 4477
Gridley Lane
Yokosuka, Japan

011-81-46-816-3219
011-81-46-816-3303
011-81-46-816-3304
315-243-3219



Gridley Lane and Duncan St. Mon-Fri 6:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Sat- Sun – Closed Holidays- Closed



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BRINGING PETS???

Service members who are bringing their pets with them to Japan must know the processing summary for entry into Japan:
<https://seahawkumitaka.com/preparing-to-bring-your-pets-to-yokosuka/>

Microchip (THIS MUST BE DONE FIRST)

- International Standards organization (ISO) or ISO compatible chip
- Include the microchip number on the subsequent rabies and health certificate and FAVN test result form

Rabies Vaccinations

- Complete history of two vaccinations...AFTER MICROCHIPPING
- Most recent vaccination given not less than 30 days and not more than 12 months
- Given in series (not less than 30 days between vaccinations) and within their recognized life-span (ie. 1 year vaccine versus a 3 year rabies vaccine) to be considered valid.

Fluorescent Antibody Viral Neutralization (FAVN) Test

- After microchipping and 2 rabies vaccinations (inactivated)
- A passing level ≥ 0.5 IU/ml.
- Sent to an approved Laboratory

DOD Veterinary Food Analysis and
Diagnostic Laboratory
PHCR-South
2899 Schofield Rd., Building 2630 Fort
Sam Houston, TX 78234-7583
Phone: (210) 295-4605/4010/4387
FAX: (210) 270-2559

Kansas State University

Rabies Laboratory
1800 Denison Avenue,
Manhattan, KS 66506
Phone: (785) 532-4483
FAX: (785) 532-4522

Advance Notification (If arriving via COMAIR)

- Send notification to Port of entry Animal Quarantine Service as soon as travel arrangements are known AND AFTER THE FIRST 3 STEPS.
- Receive Notification Approval
- Advance Notification Form:
 - MAFF Website: <http://www.maff.go.jp/aqs/english/index.html>
- Ports of Entry contact information: <http://www.maff.go.jp/aqs/english/contactus.html>



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Health Certificate:

- Obtain within 10 days of arrival
- Military Veterinarians may use the MDJ OP 2209 (without USDA Certification)
- Civilian Veterinarians: require USDA Certification from a Federal USDA Veterinarian http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/area_offices/ form is valid for 30 days, however, a second 10-day health certificate may be required for the airlines.
- Both health and rabies certificates must be endorsed with raised seals

Age Requirement

- Japan discourages importation of dogs and cats < 12 months old
- Microchip and Vaccination at ≥ 91 days old
- Vaccination at ≥ 121 days old
- FAVN test at ≥ 151 days old

<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/pet-travel/by-country/pettravel-japan>

Note: Service members can be reimbursed up to \$2000 for transporting up to one pet, as long as those expenses are authorized by Joint Travel Regulations.





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USS GEORGE WASHINGTON FAMILY READINESS GROUP

The George Washington Family Readiness Group provides family members of GW Sailors with information and emotional support. The group organizes social events, informative meetings, and other fun activities designed to build bonds of camaraderie and friendship while fostering an understanding of the Navy and the requirements it places on its Sailors and families. The group also helps improve and increase the flow of communication between the command and its families. Contact the GW FRG at email: cvn73frg@gmail.com.

USS GEORGE WASHINGTON OMBUDSMAN

The Navy Family Ombudsman Program is designed to provide better and faster communications between Navy families and Navy officials. As official representatives of the George Washington families, our Ombudsmen are primarily liaisons between our Commanding officers and families. They can speed up communications between the command and families by passing along information so that families are always informed.

In addition, our Ombudsmen can give you information on services, upcoming events or help with a crisis in the event you are unable to resolve the crisis within your own capabilities or resources. The Ombudsman program may include confidential information. This is defined by the CO as sensitive information about a service member or his/her family that is kept within the system for official use only and is relayed only on a need-to-know basis. You can put your trust in your Ombudsmen!

An Ombudsman reaches out to individual families with friendship, information, problem solving and a helping hand. Although your Ombudsmen may sometimes act as an advocate, they do not get involved in chain-of-command matters. Use your Ombudsmen as a resource that can quickly direct you to the right people to provide help for your specific concern.

MEET OUR OMBUDSMEN

Amanda Smith
KC Carter

Email: ombudsmancvn73@gmail.com
080-2197-1586/080-2200-7298



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MyNavy Family Mobile Application

An Official U.S. Navy mobile application, produced by the Navy PMW 240 Program.

MyNavy Family mobile application is the first tool by the U.S. Navy developed for Navy spouses and Sailors' families that combines authoritative information from about two dozen websites into a single, convenient application. Available information and resources cover a wide variety of topics within the following categories:

- New Spouse
- Mentorship &Networking
- Employment & Adult Education
- Family Financial Planning
- Parenthood
- Special Needs Family Support
- Moving &Relocation
- Service Member Deployment
- Emotional Support Services
- Recreation, Lodging, Shopping & Travel
- Family Emergencies
- Transition &Retirement
- Parents & Family Members of Sailors
- Survivor's Resources

This app connects Navy families to information and resources to help them successfully navigate the complexities of the Navy lifestyle. In addition to a wealth of useful content, the app offers several features:

- Military Installation Search – Find information about every military installation around the world with contact information, base map, programs and services, plus an overview of its mission.
- Emergency Contacts – Access a list of Navy websites and phone numbers for immediate support from a range of organizations: National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, Sexual Assault Crisis Support, National Domestic Violence Hotline, and American Red Cross Emergency Hotline).
- MyNavy Career Center – Get help and information with this 24/7 resource, with in-app ability to call or send an email to a customer service representative.
- Calendar – Add dates and events to a calendar associated with users' mobile devices.
- Content Sharing – Share information by using other mobile device applications, such as email, SMS text, and iMessage.
- Feedback – Provide input about the app content and use.

The MyNavy Family app was developed by a Spouse Advisory Tiger Team that was established by the Navy Sailor Experience team. The Tiger Team included Navy Spouses, along with the Ombudsman at Large, Navy organizations that provide services to Navy families, and several nonprofit organizations.

The app is part of a larger effort by the Navy to improve the experiences of spouses and families in order to promote strong Navy families and support them in every way possible. Download the app today!



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YOKOSUKA SPONSORSHIP ON-DEMAND

PCS-ING TO YOKOSUKA?

Ask the Experts!

CFAY representatives will be available to answer your questions!

MORE INFORMATION

- 📞 243-3372/046-816-3372
- ✉ FFSCinfo@us.navy.mil
- 📘 facebook.com/ffscyokosukajapan



**EVERY 1ST & 3RD
THURSDAY**

0800-0900 JST



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MICROSOFT TEAMS MEETING
GO TO: [HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/2297PM75](https://tinyurl.com/2297PM75)

OR CALL IN (AUDIO ONLY)
+1 410-874-6751 ID: 814 971 239 #

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