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# CFAY Celebrates Yokosuka's Naval History at 70<sup>th</sup> Verny-Oguri Memorial

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he 70<sup>th</sup> Verny-Oguri Memorial Ceremony, a blend of historical reflection and modern military diplomacy, was held at Yokosuka City's Verny Park, commemorating the pivotal contributions of François Léonce Verny and Oguri Kozukenosuke Tadamasa to Japan's naval modernization. This landmark event, attended by prominent leaders such as Rear Adm. Carl Lahti, Commander, Navy Region Japan; Rear Admiral Christopher J. Cavanaugh, Commander, Submarine Group Seven; and Capt. Les Sobol, Commander, Fleet Activities Yokosuka, underscored the enduring legacy of the Yokosuka Arsenal, a symbol of Franco-Japanese cooperation.

Mayor Katsuaki Kamiji of Yokosuka paid tribute to the historical figures: "This ceremony honors the achievements of Kozukenosuke Tadamasa Oguri and François Léonce Verny, who devoted themselves to the construction of the Yokosuka Arsenal and contributed greatly to the development of modern Japan," Kamiji stated.

François Léonce Verny, a French naval engineer, was instrumental in directing the construction of the Yokosuka Naval Shipyard and Arsenal in the late 19th century, completing the construction of Japan's first dry dock in 1871. His expertise in modern naval architecture and engineering, honed in the arsenals of France, was pivotal in introducing advanced shipbuilding techniques to Japan.

Oguri Kozukenosuke Tadamasa, a visionary statesman of the Tokugawa government, recognized the urgency of modernizing Japan's naval capabilities. His decision to construct the Yokosuka Arsenal, in collaboration with Verny, marked a significant leap in Japan's journey towards industrialization and military strength.

H.E. Ambassador Philippe Setton, French Ambassador to Japan, reflected on the deep-seated relationship forged through this collaboration: "The establishment of the Yokosuka Naval Arsenal was a major influence on the relationship between our two nations that extended across the military, technological, and industrial sectors," Setton remarked.

Yoko Kamikawa, Japan's Minister for Foreign Affairs, acknowledged the historical significance of Verny and Oguri's partnership: "We owe the present-day cooperation we enjoy between our two nations to those who came before us, to the collaborative spirit of Verny and Oguri," Kamikawa said.

Fortuné Pellicano, Deputy Mayor of Brest, highlighted the role of international cooperation in fostering peace: "Our mutual understanding, our collaboration, sharing our ways of doing things, and the cultural exchange between our young people, these all form the foundation which shows that we can be architects of a peaceful world," Pellicano observed.

The ceremony not only commemorated the achievements of Verny and Oguri but also served as a reaffirmation of the enduring Franco-Japanese partnership in naval strategy and broader international relations. The presence of critical U.S. Navy and other military leaders underlined the ceremony's significance in contemporary naval affairs, symbolizing a legacy that continues to inspire and guide modern maritime cooperation.

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## American Red Cross Autumn Classes

- Adult and Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED
- Babysitter's Training with Pediatric First Aid/CPR
- Basic Life Support (BLS)

All classes are blended learning courses including an online portion, and an instructor-led classroom skill session. The online portion must be completed prior to the skills test.





### **CPR/AED/First Aid Course (\$55)**

- Saturday, Nov. 18, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, Dec. 6, 1 to 4 p.m.
- Wednesday, Dec. 20, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

### **Basic Life Support Course (\$55)**

• Wednesday, Jan. 3, 1 to 4 p.m.

### **Babysitting Basics (\$70) Recommended for ages 11-17)**

• Sunday, Dec. 3, 1 to 4 p.m.

Additional classes available by request for group of plus three.

To register, email: <u>Yokosuka@redcross.org</u> with the class and preferred date/time. You will receive a payment link and be asked to send your receipt in order to guarantee a spot in the course.

## FFSC WEEKLY



More details on FFSC YOKOSUKA FB page

### AOB/ICR

Nov 20-22 at 0800

**My Entrepreneurship** 

Nov 20-21 at 0800

**Interview Techniques** 

Nov 21 at 0900 (Virtual)

**Active Parenting 5-12** 

Nov 20 at 1000

**Basics of Japanese** 

Nov 20 at 1030 (Ikego)

**Ikego Cultural Exchange Club** 

Nov 21 at 1000

**Basics of Japanese** 

Nov 21 at 1030

**Ikego Japanese Language Series** 

Nov 21 at 1200

**Sponsorship Training** 

Nov 22 at 0900 (Virtual)

**Active Parenting Teens** 

Nov 22 at 1030

**Reducing Reintegration Stress (Virtual)** 

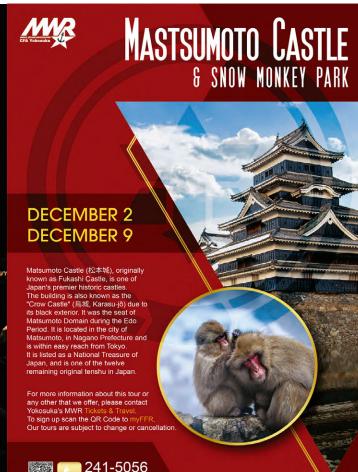
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# BEYOND THE GATE



### The Jewel of Shonan Nov. 23 (Friday) - Feb. 29 (Thursday)

5 to 8 p.m. (Weekdays, including the end of the year to the new year); 5 to 9 p.m. (Weekends, Dec. 22 to 30); 5 to 9 p.m. (Jan. 6 to Feb. 29) | Enoshima area (20-minute walk from Enoden Enosima Station, EN-06)

The Enoshima area is brightened with illuminations at several locations to include the 200-foot-tall symbolic observation tower called the Enoshima Sea Candle (center of the photo) and in the Samuel Cocking Garden area. The Jewel of Shonan festival is one of the top three greatest winter illuminations in the Kanto Region.

## Tokyo Comic Convention Dec. 8 (Friday) - 10 (Sunday)

11 a.m. to 8 p.m. (Dec. 8);10 a.m. to 8 p.m. (Dec. 9);10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Dec. 10) | Makuhari Messe (3-minute walk from the north exit of JR Kaihin Makuhari Station, JE-14) Even if you're not a fan of comic books and manga, you'll have heard of Comic Con. It started out in 1970 in San Diego as the Golden State Comic Book Convention, and the original event now attracts over 130,000 visitors annually. Holding a sister event in the home of manga was long overdue and Tokyo Comic Con finally came in 2016 attracting about 50,000 visitors. Advance tickets not necessary but preferable. What celebrities will be there? Tom Felton of Harry Potter fame will be on the bill, as well as Christopher Lloyd (Back to the Future), Evangeline Lilly (Lost and The Hobbit Trilogy), and Mads Mikkelsenm. Go to https://tokyocomiccon.jp/ en/ticket for more info.



# **Tokyo Harvest Festival**Nov. 18 (Saturday) - 19 (Sunday)

11 a.m. to 7 p.m. (Nov. 18); 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Nov. 19) Tokyo International Forum (3-minute walk from JR Yuraakucho Station, JK-25)

This two-day free food festival is jam-packed with authentic Japanese experiences for kids and adults to eat, make, play, learn, and shop. The event is held to promote Japan's "harvestars" with a unique only-in-Japan harvest festival.



## Philippine Festival

Nov. 25 (Saturday) - 26 (Sunday)

9 a.m. to 8 p.m. | Tokyo International Forum (9-minute walk from JR Harajyuku Station, JY-19/10-minute walk from Tokyo Metro Yoyogi-Koen Station, C-02)
This festival promises to be Japan's biggest Philippines event of the year. Taking place in Yoyogi Park, this Philippines Embassy-supported festival will feature domestic entertainers as well as those flown in from the Philippines. Given the large Filipino population in the Kantō area this is sure to be a popular event.

# **NEWS AND NOTICES**

### **TRAFFIC DELAYS**

Expect traffic delays on the race route (on the Yokosuka Seaside Street from Yokosuka Emergency Medical Center to Kannonzaki) and in the vicinity of the Mikasa Park on Sunday, Nov. 19. Also, between Maborikaigan and Sahara Interchanges of Yokohama-Yokosuka Express Way will be closed from 12 a.m. to 12 p.m.

#### **DRIVER'S LICENSE CLASS**

Driver's Class for the week of Thanksgiving day, Wednesday, Nov. 22 due to holiday. **Time:** 12:30 to 4 p.m. (Sign-up starts at 12 p.m.)

**Location:** 4th Floor, building 3365 **What to bring:** 

- DOD ID
- AOB/ICR certificate
- A valid U.S./GOJ driver's license
- Safe Talk certificate (Active Duty member only)

For questions, call 243-9089/6721/5647, or email: Ilcense@us.navy.mil 8 a.m. to 12 p.m./1 to 3 p.m., Monday-Friday except holidays.

### 2023 HOLIDAY SHIPPING DATES FOR MILITARY MAIL

Recommended send-by dates for expected delivery before Dec. 25.

Addressed to and from	USPS Retail Ground Service	First-Class Mail Service	Priority Mail Service	Priority Mail Expreess Military Service (PMEMS)
APO/FPO/ DPO AE ZIPs 090-092	Nov. 6	Dec. 9	Dec. 9	Dec. 15
APO/FPO/ DPO AE ZIPs 093	Nov. 6	Dec. 9	Dec. 9	N/A
APO/FPO/ DPO AE ZIPs 094-099	Nov. 6	Dec. 9	Dec. 9	Dec. 15
APO/FPO/ DPO AE ZIPs 340	Nov. 6	Dec. 9	Dec. 9	Dec. 15
APO/FPO/ DPO AE ZIPs 962-966	Nov. 6	Dec. 9	Dec. 9	Dec. 15

PMEMS is available to selected military/ diplomatic Post Offices. Check with your local Post Office to determine if this service is available to an APO/FPO/DPO address.

### MCDONALD'S TEMPORARY CLOSURE

McDonald's will be temporarily closed until Nov. 19 due to renovations. Please visit Main Street Food Court for other dining options.

## EARLY REFILL FOR NON-CONTROLLED MEDICATIONS

To help reduce pharmacy wait times now and during the implementation of MHS Genesis (our new electronic health record system), all refills for non-controlled medications are authorized for early refill. Please contact the pharmacy for eligibility and details. DSN: 243-4689. Off-base: 046-816-4689.

## IKEGO DETACHMENT LEGAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES

JAG services were moved to bi-weekly.

When: Every other Wednesday

Where: Ikego Command Liaison Office

**Where:** Ikego Command Liaison Office, first floor, building #831 (door to the left of Security)

## Walk-in notary services offered 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

- Please bring two forms of ID
- Special powers of attorney may be created at: <a href="https://www.jag.navy.mil/legal services/">https://www.jag.navy.mil/legal services/</a>
   SPOA.htm

## Civil Law Attorney Services offered by appointment, 1 to 4:30 p.m.

- Forms for legal assistance appointments: https://www.jag.navy.mil/legal services/ rlso/rlso japan.htm
- Submit completed forms to: yokosukalegalassistance@us.navy.mil.

### MINDFUL MOVEMENT FAMILY CLASS

Dec. 9, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Free class for ages 5 to 12 with an adult. Learn movement, breathing and relaxation techniques. To register, email: <a href="mailto:yokosuka@redcross.org">yokosuka@redcross.org</a>. \*Ages are approximate and suggestions based on the content in the class.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

## **VOLUNTEER NOW FOR THE AMERICAN RED CROSS**

- Volunteer Appreciation Lead (Help us show love to our volunteers)
- Preparedness Training (Youth K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade)
- Red Cross Message Management (Support service members who have initiated a Red Cross Emergency Message)
- Hospital Volunteers (Scheduling appointments/admin; Nursing or other medical volunteering)
- Youth Engagement (Pillowcase Project, International Humanitarian Law)
- Social and Print Media (Facebook, Twitter, Flyers, Posters)
- How to volunteer:
- 1. Use a desktop or laptop computer.
- 2. Search and go to Red Cross Volunteer Connection.
- 3. Use the Yokosuka FPO zip code 96349.
- 4. Complete the online training.
- 5. If you have any problems, email: <a href="mailto:yokosuka@redcross.org">yokosuka@redcross.org</a>, or call 243-7490.

### **CONSTRUCTION AND CLOSURES**

**Howard Street Intersection:** Traffic diversion every Saturday from Nov. 23 to Dec. 23, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. No pedestrian access through area.

Howard Street and Forrestal Street Intersection: Road closure and pedestrian detour due to CSG-7 Joint Drill. Effective date, Dec 1, Dec 8, Dec. 15, from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. No sidewalk access, or use of Fleet Rec Center bridge. No pedestrian traffic on water facing side of Howard Street, Fleet Rec side open as usual.

Sampson Avenue and Nimitz Boulevard: Inbound Lane at Womble Gate will be closed Nov. 29, from 7 to 9 p.m. due to unused data line removal work.

**McCormick Street and Leahy Street:** Full road closure for underground utility works until Feb. 28, 2025.

**Sampson Avenue:** Sidewalk will be closed partially until Nov. 30.

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