

Introduction of USFJ Installations

Asked USFJ employees who work as Public Affairs representative on USFJ installations about the attractive points of each installation.



We can realize difference between American culture and Japanese one through the work on base and US-Japan exchange events.
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<https://www.facebook.com/mcasiwakunijp/>

MCAS Iwakuni Air Base Government & External Affairs Office
 Community Relations Specialist

Mr. Kunikiyo Mitsuhiro

It is very exciting to work at base since there are many opportunities impossible to experience outside the base ranging from operation of the base, interaction between US and Japan to coordination with Government of Japan and local municipalities. Furthermore, it is so encouraging when your spouse is also a full-time worker that there is enough welfare to support child care and favorable environment to work at US base.



Iwakuni Air Base is like...



"Friendship Day" which has been taking place since 1973 is one of the biggest events of Iwakuni in which over 200,000 visitors participate. Many visitors enjoy exhibition of aircrafts and aerobatics, genuine American hamburgers and pizzas.

Many runners regardless age or gender, participated in various costumes and got a positive feedback at Iwakuni Friendship Relay Marathon.



NAF Atsugi is located over Ayase and Yamato Cities, Kanagawa Prefecture and has the site of 5,000,000m² and a runway of 2.4km. It is in charge of important mission for operation of US Navy Japan.

https://www.cnrc.navy.mil/regions/cnrj/installations/naf_atsugi.html
<https://www.facebook.com/naf.atsugi>

Naval Air Facility Atsugi, US Navy, Office of the Commander
 Community Relations Specialist

Ms. Akimoto Nobuko

My workplace is a Little American town existing in Japan to protect our country based on the US-Japan Alliance. The Commanding and Executive Officers are like a Mayor and a Vice Mayor of this Little American town. I always try to proactively support the Officers in order to enable them to execute their demanding duties without any hitch.

Naval Air Facility Atsugi is like...



Entering the main gate, stands the statue of General MacArthur. Many cherry blossoms are planted around there and are in lovely bloom in spring.

At the Bon-odori festival held in every summer, the commander beats the drum and the members of the US Military Personnel Women's Association play as Bon-odori dancers to arise the festival.



The big tree on the Friendship square is decorated with a lot of illumination. Many children gather at the switching ceremony and enjoy it very much.

Annual events on base

NAF Atsugi and JMSDF Atsugi Air Base Spring Festival (the end of April)
 US-Japan Bon Odori Festival (mid-August)



There are some Marine corps bases spotted in Okinawa. Among them, Camp Foster is the most populated base; about 9,000 of military personnel and their families and about 1,600 of USFJ employees are living and working there.

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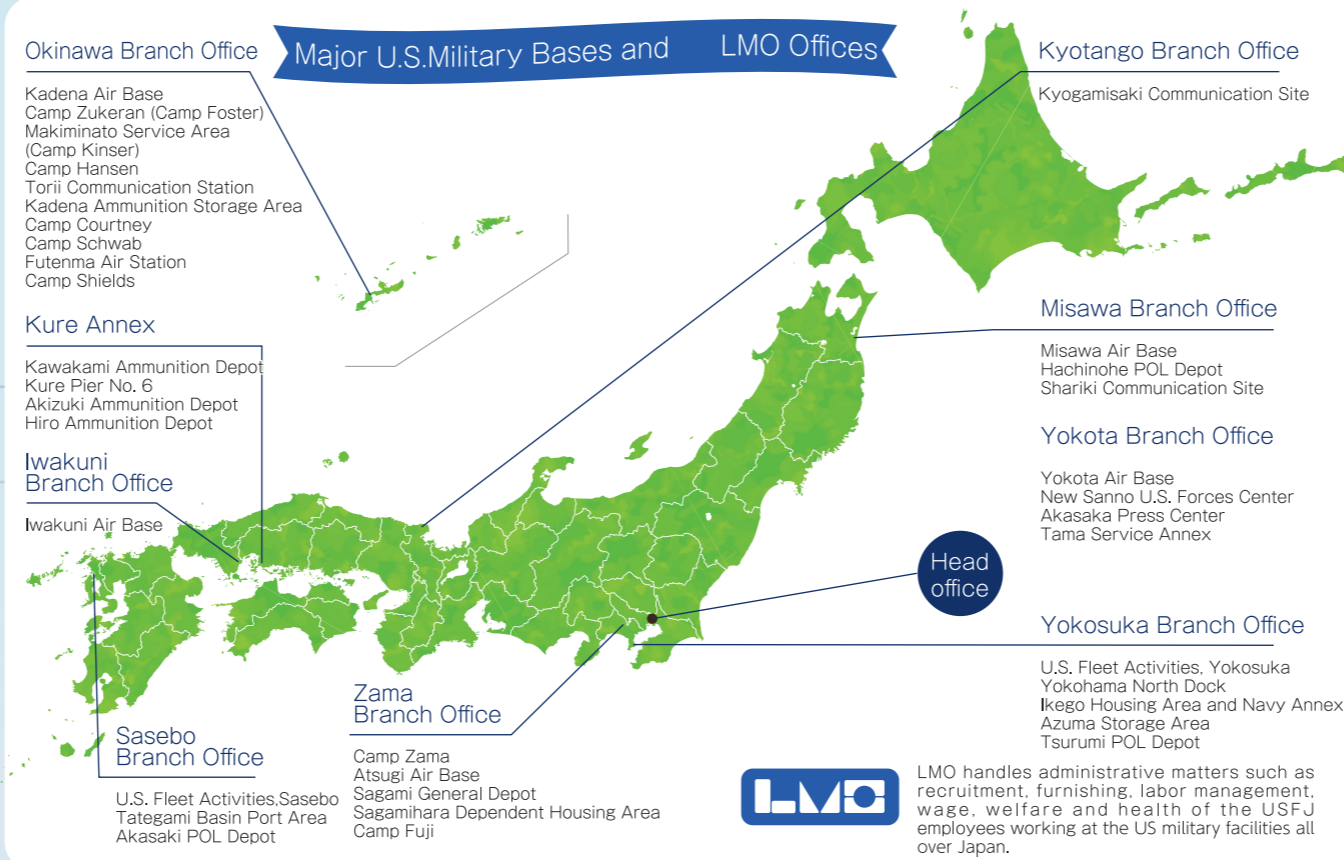
Ms. Tomimura Hiroko

I am engaged in liaison and coordination work between Camp Foster and local municipalities. I meet many new people as the base commander, military personnel, and local parties change often upon the end of their tenure. I have a sense of achievement by being pleased by both US side and Japan side as I coordinate volunteer work with the service members.

Camp Foster is like...



Once a year, Appreciation Day for USFJ employees is held at Camp Foster. It is popular among USFJ employees because they can introduce their working environment and co-workers to family and friends who do not usually have a chance to come inside the facilities.



LMO LMO handles administrative matters such as recruitment, furnishing, labor management, wage, welfare and health of the USFJ employees working at the US military facilities all over Japan.



Camp Zama is located over Zama and Sagami-hara Cities, Kanagawa Prefecture. Camp Zama is the keystone of US Army in Japan with both Commander, US Army Japan and Commander, US Army Garrison, Japan.

<https://www.usarj.army.mil/>
https://twitter.com/USARJ_PA0
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Headquarters US Army Japan / Public Affairs Office
 Technical Information Specialist

Mr. Kawada Hideo

We tour five regional Japan Ground Self-Defense Force (JGSDF) installations and meet with JGSDF public relationship section to coordinate, plan, and implement joint activities. Through US-Japan Joint exercises prepared for emergency, we realize the importance of the US-Japan security alliance. We appreciate cooperation of all parties very much, since Public Affairs Office cannot accomplish its mission without the support of various units.



Camp Zama is like...



Building of Headquarters US Army Japan-So called "Little Pentagon"

Annual events on base

US-Japan Cherry Blossom Festival (late March or late April)
 Independence Day Festival (early July)
 US-Japan Bon-odori Festival (early or mid-August)
 October Fest (late September or early October)

During the Sakura Festival held every spring, Military Band plays and enhances the festival.



US Air Force Misawa Air Base is located in Misawa City, Aomori Prefecture about 643km away from Tokyo. Misawa Air Base is mainly used by US Air Force, US Navy, as well as the Japan Air Self-Defense Force.
<https://www.misawa.af.mil>

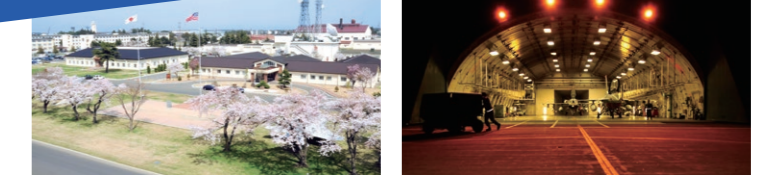
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Mr. Todate Yasuaki

I serve as a bridge between Misawa Air Base and the local community so that the service members and the residents can build a good relationship.



Misawa Air Base is like...



"Risner Circle" with cherry blossom and the building of the Commander

Hangar



The largest US Naval facility where 13 USS including USS Ronald Regan belonging to U.S. 7th Fleet are stationed. Along with military support, we offer a wide range of life support so that family members of service members can live with comfort.
https://www.cnrc.navy.mil/regions/cnrj/installations/cfa_yokosuka.html
https://twitter.com/fleact_yokosuka

Commander Fleet Activities, Yokosuka
 Military Liaison and Civil Affairs Office

Mr. Shimizu Yoshihiro

I have been involved in negotiations with the government and the local municipalities, settlement of the local matters, planning and implementation of the local interaction around Atsugi and Yokosuka for many years.



Yokosuka Naval Base is like...



There remains precious heritage of modernization such as the dry dock built in Meiji through Showa era.

Commander Fleet Activities, Yokosuka It uses the building of Yokosuka Chinju-fu period.

Annual events on base

US-Japan Spring Festival (late March or late April)
 Yokosuka Friendship Day (early August)
 Yokosuka Mikoshi Parade (October)
 US-Japan Historical Tour (twice in spring and twice in autumn)



Aircraft Carrier USS Ronald Regan sailing into Yokosuka Naval Base leading crew of over 5,000 members.



You can obtain more information about USFJ installations from LMO website.
https://www.lmo.go.jp/recruitment/syokuba_hatarakikata/pamph.html