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Social event to bring together those who have served in Japan

Event organized by Japan Society of New Orleans aimed at strengthening U.S.-Japan relations

NEW ORLEANS — American service members who have served in Japan will have the opportunity to continue strengthening the bond between both nations on July 14, when the Japan Society of New Orleans partners with the Japan-US Military Program (JUMP) for a free event at the National World War II Museum.

The social, hosted by Donna Fraiche, the Honorary Consul General to Japan, is designed to celebrate America's strong military partnership with Japan and keep service members engaged with that relationship. The event will be hosted at the historic museum's Stage Door Canteen from 6 to 9 p.m. and will include food, beverages, and entertainment. The event is free and open to U.S. service members who have served in Japan and other active or retired military personnel who are interested in the U.S.-Japan relationship. Anyone who would like to attend should register in advance here. Spouses also are welcome, and the dress for the evening is business casual or equivalent service attire.

JUMP is pleased to welcome distinguished guests to the program including LtGen Burton M. "Burt" Field, USAF (ret.), former Commander of U.S. Forces Japan and Commander 5th Air Force, and current Vice President, Strategic Planning at Lockheed Martin Aeronautics; Ms. Donna D. Fraiche, former President of the World Trade Center of New Orleans and Honorary Consul-General of Japan in New Orleans; Consul General Masami Kinefuchi, Consulate General of Japan-Nashville, TN; Captain Mike Turner SC USN (ret.), President of the Japan Society of New Orleans; Lieutenant Colonel James Kendall, USMC (ret.), Director of the JUMP Program and a Fellow at Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA; and others who will be announced soon.

About JUMP
The Japan U.S. Military Program (JUMP) connects past and present service members, families, and government civilians who have served in Japan. Through social networks and events, JUMP builds relationships and provides opportunities for service members to engage with each other. JUMP provides a powerful foundation for sustaining the solid alliance between the U.S. and Japan. JUMP is a collaborative venture of Sasakawa USA, the Embassy of Japan in the United States, and the National Association of Japan-America Societies.

About The Japan Society of New Orleans
The Japan Society of New Orleans was founded in 1928 to foster friendly relationships with Japan through the study of Japanese art and culture as well as social and trade contacts between the two countries. The organization provides a formal setting to bring together community leaders who have a vital interest in Japan, and aims to foster understanding, commerce, and goodwill between Japan and the United States.

About Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA
Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA is an independent, American, non-profit, non-partisan institution devoted to research, analysis, and better understanding of the U.S.-Japan relationship. Through research and education programs, Sasakawa USA facilitates people-to-people exchanges and dialogue between American and Japanese policymakers, influential citizens, and the broader public.

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