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Event to unite veterans, celebrate U.S.-Japan alliance

Japan-America Society of Northwest Florida partnering with Japan-US Military Program for program

PENSACOLA — American service members will foster friendship with their Japanese allies on Saturday, October 22, at a special event celebrating U.S.-Japan camaraderie at the National Naval Aviation Museum. For the second consecutive year, the [Japan-America Society of Northwest Florida](#) is partnering with the [Japan-US Military Program \(JUMP\)](#) and the Consulate-General of Japan in Miami to bring together those who have served in Japan.

This year's event will kick off with an opening welcome from Japanese Taiko Drums and dancers in the Blue Angels Atrium starting at 1 p.m. A reception will follow at the USS Cabot flight deck until 4 p.m. The event is free and open to the public, and all are invited to join in as we honor veterans and active duty forces while celebrating the deep friendship between the United States and our allies in Japan.

JUMP is excited to welcome distinguished guests to the program including:

- Admiral **Patrick Walsh**, USN (ret.), Senior Vice President, iSIGHT Partners; Senior Fellow in National Security and Defense, John Goodwin Tower Center for Political Studies, Southern Methodist University; and Chairman, Dallas Committee on Foreign Relations
- The Honorable **Ken Okaniwa**, Consul General of the Consulate-General of Japan in Miami
- The Honorable **Mark Jackson**, Honorary Consul General of Japan
- The Honorable **Robert M. Orr**, Ambassador to the Asian Development Bank (2010-16), Member of the Board of Governors of Pacific Forum/CSIS
- Captain **Mark A. Truluck**, USN, Commanding Officer of the Naval Aviation School Command in Pensacola
- LtCdr. **David Rozanel**, USN, Chaplain
- Mr. **Peter Kelley**, President, National Association of Japan America Societies
- LtCol. **James Kendall**, USMC (ret.), Director of the JUMP Program and Fellow at Sasakawa USA

About JUMP: www.JUMProgram.org

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-America Society of Northwest Florida: <http://jasnwfl.org/>

The Japan-America Society of Northwest Florida, Inc. is a private, non-profit, tax exempt 501(c)3 organization, with membership consisting of both individuals and interested organizations. The Society's mission is to work toward fostering and promoting stronger ties of friendship and understanding between the U.S. and Japan. In its pursuit to formalize a productive partnership between the U.S. and Japan, the Society provides an avenue to increase personal and professional dialogue between Northwest Floridians and Japanese people.

About Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA: www.SPFUSA.org

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.