



Yokosuka / Southern Japan

MARCH 2012

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Red Cross Month
- March Safety Kits

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March is Red Cross Month

Did you know that the American Red Cross was founded by Clara Barton over 130 years ago? She founded the American Red Cross in 1881 and led it for the next 23 years. Her understanding of the needs of people in distress and the ways in which she could provide help to them guided her throughout her life. By the force of her personal example, she opened paths to the new field of volunteer service. Her intense devotion to the aim of serving others resulted in enough achievements to fill several ordinary lifetimes. With Barton at its head, the American Red Cross devoted itself largely to disaster relief for the first 20 years of its existence.



Did You Know:

The Red Cross has expanded its services to include blood collection, health and safety services, and service to armed forces while maintaining our mission of preventing and relieving suffering. Today, two people are assisted by Red Cross every second.

Red Cross core services include: Disaster Relief, Blood Collection, Health and Safety, Service to the Armed Forces, and International Services.

The Red Cross Following the Japan earthquake of 2011 stood ready and willing to assist following a magnitude 8.9 earthquake in Japan and that resulted in a tsunami that affected other countries in the Pacific region. The Japanese Red Cross Society had an extraordinary disaster response and mobilized eleven teams to heavily-damaged communities to provide assessments and first aid and prepare to supply emotional support and relief. The American Red Cross was in communication through its global partners with the Pacific nations that sustained the most damage, and stood ready to provide assistance as needed.





*Jocelyn Townsend
Senior Station
Manger.*

Senior Station Manager

Volunteers and supporters:

I just want to thank everyone for making me welcome. Also please try and get out to some of the activities we have for Red Cross Month in March. Enjoy!!

Respectfully,
Jocelyn Townsend
Senior Station Manager
American Red Cross
Yokosuka, Japan

Upcoming Classes

March 10 : Adult, Infant, and child CPR/FA/AED

March 14: I'm In Charge

March 17: Hands Only CPR —0800-1600

March 22: Pet First Aide

March 31: Babysitter's Training

March 31: Instructors Class

All classes are free and are held on the 3rd floor of the Community Readiness Center. Please call 243-7490 for more information on these or any other classes.



**Canneah Thigpen
Station Chair**



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and Important Information**
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RED Cross Volunteer Recognition Ceremony

There will be a Volunteer Recognition

Ceremony held on Fri-

day, the 30th of March

at 1100Admiralty

Room, Admiral Arleigh

A. Burke Officer's Club

Yokosuka Naval Base.

All volunteers are in-

vited to attend. Please contact 243-7490 for more information or to RSVP.



Special Happenings

Great things are happening in March around the Yokosuka Community come out and volunteer:

March 2, 16, 17, & 23 1100-1300 Red Brick Area

March 9 1100-1300 Hospital Recruiting
Fair

March 16 1030 5k, Run, No pre-registration
required

March 25 0800-1600 MWR Spring Festival

March 30 1100-1300 Volunteer Recognition
Ceremony

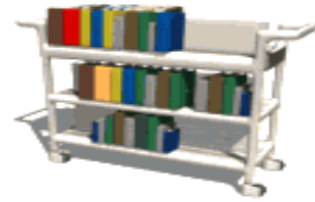


March Into Safety

It's the time of year when spring is fast approaching. The wind is blowing, the rain comes and goes, and the trees begin to bloom. As the spring weather marches in, so do bumps and bruises and scrapes and bug bite. What's the best thing to have on hand other than and First Aid Kit from your local Red Cross. They come equipped with everything from Band-Aids to gauzes, Your local American Red Cross Chapter, has First Aid kits for sale. The kits come in a variety of shapes, sizes, and include various items need for safety and wellness. Stop by our office on the 3rd floor of the Community Readiness Center Bldg 3365 and check them out.! March on into spring with your first aid kit, you'll be glad you did.

The Book Cart is on the Move!!!

If you have any new or gently used books, that you are looking to get rid of, drop them by the Yokosuka American Red Cross office. Our book cart is on the move and donations are greatly appreciated. Remember knowledge is power and power is knowledge.

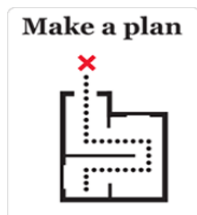


Looking Ahead

Be Red Cross Ready



Continuous Health and Safety Classes being offered monthly



Continuous Volunteer Opportunities as well as Leadership Volunteer Positions Available



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Interested In Being A Volunteer?

Yokosuka Red Cross is always looking for volunteers in various areas and departments across Yokosuka Naval Base. If you are looking to make a difference today, contact us or come by our office.

Hours are from 0730-1630 at Community Readiness Center
For more information call the Red Cross Office at 243-7490.