



JUMP Presents

Force Design 2030: The Importance of Marines in the U.S.- Japan Security Alliance

Date & Time:

Wednesday, August 6, 2025, 17:00 – 19:00

Venue:

Paradise Point All Hands Club, 2615 Seth Williams Blvd, Camp Lejeune, NC 28547

RSVP:

Please email RSVP by August 1 to Ms. Julie Robertson

(MCIEAST_CAMLEJ_PROTOCOL@usmc.mil), for questions please contact Mr. Dustin Hinkley (dhinkley@spfusa.org)

Welcome and MC:

Mr. Michael Scalise, Assistant Chief of Staff, G7

JUMP Introduction:

Dr. Satoshi Akimoto, President and Chairman, Sasakawa USA

Keynote Remarks:

LtGen Wallace “Chip” Gregson (USMC, Ret.), former Commanding General, III Marine Expeditionary Force and Distinguished Senior Fellow (Non-Resident), Sasakawa USA

BGen Ralph Rizzo (USMC), Commanding General, MCIEAST-MCB Camp Lejeune

COL Satoshi Masaka (JGSDF), Military Attaché, Embassy of Japan

Agenda

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| 17:00 | Cocktails and passed light hors d'oeuvres |
| 17:20 | Welcome remarks by Mr. Michael Scalise |
| 17:30 | JUMP introduction by Dr. Satoshi Akimoto |
| 17:40 | Keynote remarks: <i>Force Design 2030: The importance of Marines in the U.S.-Japan Security Alliance</i> |
| 18:20 | Reception with food and drinks |
| 19:00 | Reception concludes |

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Lieutenant General Wallace "Chip" Gregson (USMC, Ret.) is a Distinguished Senior Fellow (Non-Resident) of Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA. He most recently served as the assistant secretary of defense, Asian and Pacific security affairs from May 2009 to April 2011. From 2006 until assuming the duties of assistant secretary of defense, LtGen Gregson was owner and president of WCG & Associates International, a foreign policy and military affairs consulting organization.

From 2003 to 2005, he was commanding general of Marine Corps Forces Pacific and Marine Corps Forces Central Command, where he led and managed over 70,000 marines and sailors in the Middle East, Afghanistan, East Africa, Asia, and the United States. From 2001 to 2003, he served as commanding general of III Marine Expeditionary Force in Japan. He received the Japanese Order of the Rising Sun – Gold and Silver Star, the Korean Order of National Security Merit Gukseon Medal, and the Republic of China Order of the Resplendent Banner with Yellow Sash for his active-duty service in Asia. Just prior to his service in Japan, he was director of Asia-Pacific policy in the Office of the Secretary of Defense from 1998 to 2000. A combat veteran of the Vietnam conflict, he earned the Bronze Star with Combat "V" device for valor and heroism, and the Purple Heart.

He is a senior advisor to General Atomics Electromagnetic Systems Group. He serves as executive advisor for Akira Corporation and Marubeni Corporation. He serves as a board member of the Japan America Society of Washington, DC; the Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology Foundation; and Peace Winds America. He serves as an advisor to the Global Taiwan Institute. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. He served as a trustee at the Marine Corps University Foundation. He is a past board member of the U.S. Naval Institute, where he has been a member for over 50 years.

LtGen Gregson graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1968 and served in Vietnam for 18 months in 1969 and 1970. He later obtained a master's degrees in strategic planning from the Naval War College and in international relations from Salve Regina College. He was awarded an honorary doctorate from the University of Maryland Global Campus in Okinawa.



Brigadier General Ralph J. Rizzo (USMC) was born in Charlestown, Massachusetts. He graduated from Western New England College in 1989 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and a minor in Criminal Justice.

After working in local law enforcement, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, and graduated from MCRD Parris Island in 1990. After completing Recruit Training, he reported to the School of Infantry where he attained the MOS of 0341 Mortarman.

In January 1991 he received orders to MarBks Ground Defense Force, Subic Bay, Philippines where he participated in Operation Fiery Vigil in June 1991. Upon the deactivation of MarBks, Subic Bay he received orders to 3rd Battalion, 9th Marines, 1st Marine Division as an 81 MM Mortar Platoon Section



Leader and promoted to the rank of Sergeant.

In August 1994 he was accepted for the Enlisted Commissioning Program and attended Officer Candidate School, The Basic School (with Honors), and Infantry Officer Course, obtaining the MOS 0302. Brigadier General Rizzo accepted augmentation in November 1998 in conjunction with the supplementary MOS program and reported to Logistics Officer School where he received the MOS of 0402.

Brigadier General Rizzo's operational assignments include: Platoon Commander, 81MM Mortar Platoon Commander, and Executive Officer, 1st Battalion, 3rd Marines; Weapons Company Commander, 1st Battalion, 3rd Marines; Company Commander, 2nd Maintenance Battalion, 2nd Force Service Support Group (Operation IRAQI FREEDOM); Battle Major/Senior Watch Officer, CJTF-76 (Operation ENDURING FREEDOM); Commanding Officer, Combat Logistics Battalion-6 (Operation ENDURING FREEDOM); and CJ4, CJTF-HOA.

His staff and joint assignments include: S-4 Officer, Camp Johnson Area/MCCSSS; Recruit Station Commanding Officer, Recruiting Station Detroit, MI; Program Analyst, Joint Fires Div., J6, CJCS; Global Force Management Future Operations Officer, Current and Future Operations Branch, PP&O; Commanding Officer, MARCOR Det. Fort Leonard Wood, MO; AC/S G4, III MEF; Chief of Staff, III MEF; Deputy Commander, Marine Corps Installations East-Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, NC; and Commanding General, Marine Corps Installations East-Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, NC.

Brigadier General Rizzo is a graduate of The Basic School (with Honors), Infantry Officers Course, Logistics Officers Course, U.S. Naval War College (with Honors), Marine Corps War College, and High Command and Staff Course at the United Kingdom Defence Academy.

Brigadier General Rizzo assumed the duties of commander, MCIEAST-MCB Camp Lejeune, in May 2024. Following U.S. Senate approval, he was promoted to his current rank of Brigadier General on Jan. 13, 2025, making him the tenth commanding general of MCIEAST-MCB Camp Lejeune.



Colonel Satoshi Masaka (JGSDF) serves as the Military Attaché at the Embassy of Japan in the United States. He has made his career as an infantry officer in the Japan Ground Self-Defense Force (JGSDF) with 20 years of service. Recently, he served as a general staff officer in the Intelligence Division of the C4 Systems & Intelligence Department at the Ground Staff Office for the Japan Ministry of Defense in Tokyo. From 2017 to 2020, Masaka served as a budget planning officer at the Department of Finance in the Administration Division of the Ground Staff Office at Camp Ichigaya, Tokyo. He was in charge of both requesting and allocating the budgets for all components of the JGSDF. Masaka then attended the United States Marine Corps University in Quantico, Virginia as an international military student. Upon his return to Japan, he continued his studies first through the Joint Staff Course at the JSDF Joint Staff College and then at the National Institute for Defense Studies.



Mr. Michael L. Scalise is a native of Hampton, Iowa and currently serves as the Assistant Chief of Staff, G7, Marine Corps Installations East-Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune. Mr. Scalise is a graduate of Buena Vista College Storm Lake Iowa with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration and Management. He was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps in 1988 and has served in a multitude of billets in both the Fleet Marine Force and Headquarters staffs.

Mr. Scalise's Marine Corps Installation experience includes, Commanding Officer of Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Barstow California; Assistant Chief of Staff for Logistics (G-4); and Chief of Staff and Deputy Commander for Marine Corps Installations East-Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune. Mr. Scalise retired from active duty in 2019 and assumed the duties as the Assistant Chief of Staff for Government and External Affairs (G-7), prior to his current position.

Mr. Scalise also holds a master's degree in Strategic Studies from the Air War College in Montgomery, Alabama.



Dr. Satoshiro Akimoto is chairman of the board and president of Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA (Sasakawa USA). He joined the organization in January 2019 and brings with him experience in the areas of business, research, dialogue, and exchanges between Japan and the United States.

Prior to joining Sasakawa USA, Dr. Akimoto was senior vice president of Mitsubishi Corporation, and his career has included roles at Mitsubishi International Corporation, Hughes Electronics, DirecTV Japan, Massachusetts Corporation for Educational Telecommunications, Keidanren USA, Japan Society and Mt. Fuji Dialogue.

On top of his responsibilities at Sasakawa USA, Dr. Akimoto is a contributing writer for The Japan Times, associate fellow at the International Institute for Strategic Studies in the UK, a contributing commentator for the Okazaki Institute in Japan, and a Japan Advisory Committee member of the Salzburg Global Seminar in Austria.

Dr. Akimoto received a PhD in sociology and a MA in East Asian studies from Harvard University, as well as a BA in law from Keio University. He also received a certificate in Russian studies from Leningrad State University (currently St. Petersburg State University).



JAPAN US MILITARY PROGRAM

*The Japan US Military Program
requests the pleasure of your company at the*

JUMP Annual Dinner
Upgrading the Alliance:
Reviewing Japan's National Security Strategy for a New Era
on Friday, February 28, 2025

At the St. Regis Hotel
923 Black Lives Matter Plaza NW, Washington, DC 20006
Cocktail Reception from 5:00 p.m.
Dinner from 6:15 p.m.

With Greetings from
Ambassador Shigeo Yamada
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan
to the United States of America

And Keynote Address by
GEN Ryoichi Oriki (JGSDF, Ret.)
Third Chief of Staff, Joint Staff (2009-2012), Japan Self-Defense Forces

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By Friday, February 21, 2025

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His flag assignments included director of strategy and policy, U.S. Joint Forces Command; deputy director, joint force coordinator, the Joint Staff; commander, Carrier Strike Group 2 aboard USS GEORGE H.W. BUSH (CVN-77); director of maritime operations, U.S. Pacific Fleet, deputy chief of naval operations for operations, plans and strategy; and commander, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command/U.S. Fifth Fleet/Combined Maritime Forces. Prior to his assignment to U.S. Indo-Pacific Command, Aquilino served as the 36th commander of U.S. Pacific Fleet.

Aquilino graduated from Navy Fighter Weapons School (TOPGUN) and the Joint Forces Staff College. He completed Harvard Kennedy School's executive education program in national and international security.

He is entitled to wear the Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Air Medal as well as several other personal unit and campaign awards. He accumulated more than 5,100 mishap free flight hours and over 1,150 carrier-arrested landings.



JUMP Annual Dinner

Upgrading the Alliance: Reviewing Japan's National Security Strategy for a New Era

February 28, 2025

The St. Regis, Washington, D.C.

5:00 PM Cocktail Reception in Astor Salon

6:15 PM Dinner in Astor Ballroom

Welcome: Dr. Satohiro Akimoto | President and Chairman, Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA

Greetings: Ambassador Shigeo Yamada | Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the U.S.

Toast: Admiral John C. Aquilino (USN, Ret.) | Former Commander, U.S. Indo-Pacific Command

Introduction of Keynote: Rear Admiral Takaaki Hayamizu (JMSDF) Defense and Naval Attaché, Embassy of Japan

Keynote: General Ryoichi Oriki (JGSDF, Ret.) | Third Chief of Staff, Joint Staff, Japan Self-Defense Forces

Master of Ceremonies: Ms. Shanti Shoji | Director of Programs, Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA

Dr. Satohiro Akimoto

President and Chairman, Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA



Dr. Satohiro Akimoto is chairman and president of Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA. He is also contributing writer for *The Japan Times*, associate fellow for the International Institute for Strategic Studies in London and contributing writer for the Okazaki Institute in Tokyo. Dr. Akimoto received his PhD in sociology and MA in East Asian studies from Harvard University, a certificate of Russian studies from Leningrad State University, and a BA in law from Keio University. In addition, Dr. Akimoto studied at London University in the UK and at Georgetown University.

Ms. Shanti Shoji

Director of Programs, Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA



Ms. Shanti Shoji serves as the director of programs at Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA. She has spent her entire career in U.S.-Japan relations, including six years in Japan and 16 years in Washington, D.C., covering issues from grassroots diplomacy to foreign policy. Most recently, she launched the Sasakawa USA Women's Advancement Network (SWAN) as well as activities that focus on Women, Peace and Security (WPS) within the framework of the U.S.-Japan alliance. Previously, Ms. Shoji taught English in Japan on the JET program and co-founded the educational non-profit Kizuna Across Cultures. Ms. Shoji earned her master's degree in international communication from American University's School of International Service and received bachelor's degrees in Japanese language and international studies from the University of Oregon.

About JUMP

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General Ryoichi Oriki, JGSDF (Ret.)**Third Chief of Staff, Joint Staff, Japan Self-Defense Forces**

General Ryoichi Oriki (JGSDF, Ret.) joined the Japan Ground Self-Defense Force (JGSDF) after graduating from the National Defense Academy in 1972.

After serving as Chief of the JGSDF in 2007, he assumed Chief of the Joint Staff in 2009 and retired in 2012. As Japan's Joint Chief, he led the JSDF for the response to North Korea's Nodong missile launches in 2009, the deployment of Counter-Piracy Operations off the coast of Somalia, and the Disaster Relief Operations during the Great Eastern Japan Earthquake in March 2011, which is widely known as Operation

Tomodachi.

Since retiring from the JSDF, General Oriki served as Policy Advisor to the Minister of Defense, Special Advisor to the National Security Secretariat, and a Member of Space Policy Committee of the Cabinet Office.

General Oriki currently serves as Senior Advisor to Fujitsu Ltd.

Ambassador Shigeo Yamada**Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the U.S.**

Ambassador Shigeo Yamada assumed his post as ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary of Japan to the United States of America in December 2023.

Ambassador Yamada is a long-time veteran of the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs. His very first posting was as a second secretary in Washington, D.C. in 1989. In 2012, he returned to Washington as political minister. Prior to assuming his current post, Ambassador Yamada served as senior deputy minister for foreign affairs. In that capacity, he was political director for Japan's 2023 G7 Presidency, supporting the G7 Summit in Hiroshima and the G7 Foreign Ministers' Meeting in Nagano-Karuzawa.

Ambassador Yamada's previous positions in Tokyo include deputy minister for foreign affairs for foreign policy, deputy director general for North American affairs, director for Northeast Asia, director for Southeast Asia, and director for the Status of U.S. Forces Agreement. He also serviced as a cabinet councilor in the National Security Secretariat in the Prime Minister's Office.

In addition to his postings in Washington and Tokyo, over the course of his career he was in charge of the public and cultural affairs at the Embassies of Japan in London and Beijing. The ambassador's broad diplomatic assignments have led him to the realization, "The Japan-U.S. alliance is no longer just a bilateral relationship, but a global partnership." It is this conviction that informs his perspective as Japan's ambassador to the United States.

Ambassador Yamada earned a BA in law from Keio University in 1987 and a BA in political science from Carleton College in Minnesota in 1989. He is married to Maki Yamada, who is currently a judge in Japan. Ambassador Yamada enjoys outdoor activities and is an avid runner.

Rear Admiral Takaaki Hayamizu, JMSDF**Defense and Naval Attaché, Embassy of Japan**

Rear Admiral Takaaki Hayamizu is a native of Ibaraki Prefecture and a March 1998 graduate of the National Defense Academy with a bachelor's degree in system engineering. His career began in March 1998 when he joined the Maritime Self-Defense Force as an officer candidate.

RADM Hayamizu became an ensign in March 1999, and assumed the role of lieutenant commander in January 2009. In July 2011, he joined the Plans and Program Division of the Maritime Staff Office (MSO). In July 2012, RADM Hayamizu was elevated to the rank of commander. In May 2013, he joined Air ASW Helicopter Squadron #25, and assumed the role of chief of Air ASW Helicopter Division #251 in March 2014.

In March 2015, RADM Hayamizu joined the Assignment Division at MSO, and was elevated to chief of the Assignment Division at MSO in December 2018, where he led projects that applied Artificial Intelligence (AI) to human resource management. In April 2021, RADM Hayamizu served as the commanding officer of the Air ASW Helicopter Squadron #22.

RADM Hayamizu's overseas travel experience includes his time at the U.S. NWC (Maritime Staff Operators Course) from July 2010 – June 2011, and continues with his current assignment as the defense and naval attaché at the Embassy of Japan in the United States of America beginning in August 2023.

Admiral John C. Aquilino, USN (Ret.)**Former Commander, U.S. Indo-Pacific Command**

Retired Admiral John Aquilino served at the 26th Commander of the United States Indo-Pacific Command, the nation's oldest and largest combatant command. USINDOPACOM includes 380,000 Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, Airmen, Guardians, Coast Guardsmen and Department of Defense civilians and was responsible for all U.S. military activities in the Indo-Pacific, covering 36 nations, 14 time zones, and more than 50 percent of the world's population.

A native of Huntington, NY, he graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1984, earning a Bachelor of Science in physics. He subsequently entered flight training and earned his wings in August 1986.

Operationally, he served in numerous fighter squadrons flying the F-14 A/B Tomcat and the F-18 C/E/F Hornet. His fleet assignments included the Ghostriders (VF-142) and Black Aces (VF-41). He commanded the famous Red Rippers (VF-11) and Carrier Air Wing 2. His extended deployments were in support of Operations Deny Flight, Deliberate Force, Southern Watch, Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom, and Iraqi Freedom.

Ashore, Aquilino's assignments included duties as an adversary instructor pilot flying the A-4, F-5, and F-16N aircraft for the Challengers (VF-43); operations officer for the Strike Weapons and Tactics School, Atlantic; flag aide to the vice chief of naval operations; special assistant for weapons systems and advances development in the officer of legislative affairs for the U.S. secretary of defense; director of air wing readiness and training for the commander, Naval Air Forces, U.S. Atlantic Fleet; and executive assistant to the commander, U.S. Fleet Forces Command.



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JUMP EVENTS

JUMP provides opportunities for U.S. military personnel and veterans to deepen their understanding of the strategic importance of the U.S.-Japan security alliance and to network amongst themselves, as well as with their Japanese counterparts in the Self-Defense Forces, to build trusted, personal relationships. JUMP accomplishes this by providing panel discussions with policy experts, keynotes by high-level military and diplomatic officials, and social engagements at military bases, service academies, and institutions across the United States. Past events have been held at locations such as the Air Force Academy, Camp Lejeune, Camp Pendleton, the Marine Corps University, Naval Station Norfolk, West Point, and in Honolulu and Seattle.

ANNUAL DINNER

The JUMP Annual Dinner brings together prominent leaders from the JUMP community to connect and engage with one another. Held in Washington, DC, it is a yearly highlight on the JUMP calendar. The 2025 JUMP Annual Dinner featured distinguished guests and speakers, including General Ryoichi Oriki (JGSDF, Ret.), Third Chief of Staff, Joint Staff of the Japan Self-Defense Forces; Ambassador Shigeo Yamada, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the United States of America; and Admiral John C. Aquilino (USN, Ret.), former Commander of the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command.



JUMP event in Honolulu in 2024 with Admiral Samuel Paparo (USN) and Admiral Katsutoshi Kawano (JMSDF, Ret.)



JUMP Annual Dinner in 2025 with General Ryoichi Oriki (JGSDF, Ret.), Admiral John C. Aquilino (USN, Ret.) and Admiral William Fallon (USN, Ret.)

PAST SPEAKERS AND PARTICIPANTS

- Admiral Samuel Paparo, USN, Commander of the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command
- Admiral John Aquilino, USN (Ret.), former Commander of the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command
- Admiral Dennis Blair, USN (Ret.), former Chairman, Sasakawa USA
- Admiral Philip Davidson, USN (Ret.), Advisory Committee on Projects, Sasakawa USA
- Admiral William Fallon, USN (Ret.)
- Admiral Patrick Walsh, USN (Ret.)
- General Douglas M. Fraser, USAF (Ret.)
- General Gary North, USAF (Ret.)
- Vice Admiral Scott Van Buskirk, USN (Ret.)
- Lieutenant General Xavier T. Brunson, USA
- Lieutenant General Chip Gregson, USMC (Ret.)
- Lieutenant General Lawrence Nicholson, USMC (Ret.)
- Lieutenant General John Dolan, USAF (Ret.)
- Lieutenant General Burton Field, USAF (Ret.)
- Lieutenant General Leonard Kosinski, USAF (Ret.)
- Major General Matthew McFarlane, USA
- Brigadier General Mark Clingan, USMC
- Brigadier General Walker Field, USMC
- Brigadier General Maura M. Hennigan, USMC
- Brigadier General Matthew Tracy, USMC
- Rear Admiral Stephen Barnett, USN
- Rear Admiral Carl Lahti, USN
- Rear Admiral Kyle Cozad, USN (Ret.)
- Rear Admiral Robert Girrier, USN (Ret.)
- Rear Admiral Jamie Kelly, USN (Ret.)
- Admiral Katsutoshi Kawano, JMSDF (Ret.), former Chief of Staff, Joint Staff, Japan Self-Defense Forces
- General Ryoichi Oriki, JGSDF (Ret.), former Board Member, Sasakawa USA
- Vice Admiral Yoji Koda, JMSDF (Ret.)
- Lieutenant General Koichi Bansho, JGSDF (Ret.)
- Lieutenant General Koichi Isobe, JGSDF (Ret.)
- Rear Admiral Takaaki Hayamizu, JMSDF, Defense and Naval Attaché, Embassy of Japan
- Major General Hiroyuki Sugai, JASDF, former Defense and Air Attaché, Embassy of Japan
- H.E. Ichiro Fujisaki, Ambassador of Japan to the United States (Ret.)
- H.E. Shinsuke Sugiyama, Ambassador of Japan to the United States (Ret.)
- H.E. Koji Tomita, Ambassador of Japan to the United States (Ret.)
- H.E. Shigeo Yamada, Ambassador of Japan to the United States

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About Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA

Sasakawa USA is a non-partisan 501(c)(3) organization located in Washington, D.C. dedicated to deepening the understanding of and strengthening the relationship between the United States and Japan for the benefit of a free and open international community. Its activities primarily focus on security and diplomacy, through exchanges, dialogue, analysis, publications, and networking.



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JAPAN US MILITARY PROGRAM

Friday, June 27, 2025

Registration - 5:30 PM

Program - 6:00 PM

Official Residence of the Consul General of Japan in Honolulu

1742 Nuuanu Ave. Honolulu, HI 96817

ALOHA ATTIRE

You are invited to a night of networking with U.S. service members who have served in Japan, Japanese officers of the Japan Self-Defense Forces and members of the community with an interest in U.S.-Japan defense and security issues. Space is limited and registration will be taken in the order received. We recommend you sign up early.

Parking at the Official Residence of the Consul General of Japan in Honolulu is limited. Parking information will be provided separately to those who confirm their attendance.

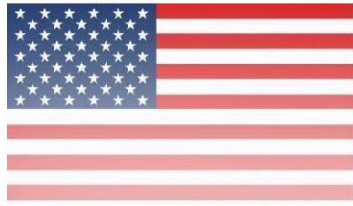
RSVP by June 15, 2025

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Questions? Contact Lila Frisbie at lfrisbie@jashawaii.org or 808-524-4450.



JAPAN US MILITARY PROGRAM

Friday, June 27, 2025

Official Residence of the Consul General of Japan in Honolulu

- 5:45 PM **Music Performance by Japan Training Squadron Band**
- 6:00 PM **Opening Remarks by Ms. Reyna Kaneko 3 min**
President, Japan-America Society of Hawaii
- Welcome Remarks by Consul General KODAMA Yoshinori 3 min**
Consul General of Japan in Honolulu
- Welcome Remarks by Governor Josh Green 3 min**
Governor, State of Hawaii
- Welcome Remarks by Dr. AKIMOTO Satohiro 3 min**
Director of JUMP (Chairman & President, Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA)
- Speech by General Kevin Schneider 10 min**
Commander, United States Pacific Air Forces
- Kanpai Toast by Rear Admiral HAYAMIZU Takaaki 3 min**
Defense and Naval Attaché, Embassy of Japan in the United States of America
- 6:30 PM **Dinner**
- 7:00 PM **Entertainment by Japan Training Squadron**
- Greetings by Rear Admiral WATANABE Hiroshi 3 min**
Commanding Officer, Japan Training Squadron
- 7:50 PM **Closing Remarks by Ms. Karen Knudsen 3 min**
Chair, Japan-America Society of Hawaii

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VISION

A stable, peaceful, and prosperous Indo-Pacific.

MISSION

Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA (Sasakawa USA) is a non-partisan 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to deepening the understanding of and strengthening the relationship between the U.S. and Japan for the benefit of a free and open international community. Its activities mainly focus on security and diplomacy, through exchanges, dialogue, analysis, publications, and networking.

SASAKAWA USA PROGRAMMING

Sasakawa USA has four areas of programming, each consisting of various activities, with focus placed on high-level, thought-provoking engagement.

1) Policy Engagement & Research

Sasakawa USA hosts Diet members from Japan to engage with Washington through the [U.S.-Japan Integrated Security Dialogue](#), holds monthly [Policy Briefings](#), and provides frequent analysis on the current political situation in Japan through [Japan Political Pulse](#). In addition, [Commentary & Analysis](#) showcases articles and books authored by distinguished leaders, and the [U.S.-Japan Research Exchange](#) provides emerging and high-level experts with the opportunity to deepen their understanding of the U.S.-Japan alliance through research in Japan. Lastly, Sasakawa USA is active in promoting the integration of Women, Peace and Security (WPS) into the U.S.-Japan alliance.

2) Grassroots Outreach & Exchange

Sasakawa USA deepens the understanding of and strengthens the relationship between the U.S. and Japan through high-level dialogue and networking programs, such as the [Japan-U.S. Military Program \(JUMP\)](#), [Sasakawa USA Women's Advancement Network \(SWAN\)](#), and [Rising Indo-Pacific Security Experts \(RISE\)](#). In addition, our [partnership with USJETAA](#) engages American's who have served in Japan, [Sasakawa USA Emerging Experts Delegation \(SEED\)](#) brings up-coming U.S. policy practitioners to meet with Japanese policymakers and experts in Tokyo, and the [U.S.-Japan Regional Alliance Series](#) brings high-level dialogue and engagement on the U.S.-Japan alliance to universities around the U.S.

3) Congressional Engagement

Sasakawa USA believes engaging with Congress is critical to strengthening cooperation between the U.S. and Japan. To that end, Sasakawa USA partners with the U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress for the [Congressional Study Group on Japan](#), which takes a delegation of current members of Congress to Japan to connect with top Japanese leaders in government, industry, and academia. Sasakawa USA also partners with the East-West Center in Washington for the [Congressional Program on U.S.-Japan Relations and the Indo-Pacific](#), which engages congressional staff in a certificate program to deepen their understanding of the role of the U.S.-Japan alliance within the Indo-Pacific.

4) U.S.-Japan NEXT Alliance Initiative

The [U.S.-Japan NEXT Alliance Initiative](#), launched in 2021, is a forum for bilateral dialogue, networking, and the development of joint recommendations involving a wide range of policy and technical specialists, in and out of government, to stimulate new alliance connections across foreign, security, and technology policy areas. The purpose is to help improve the alliance and how it serves shared interests, preparing it for new challenges.

SASAKAWA USA LEADERSHIP

Dr. Satohiro Akimoto, Chairman and President

Mr. James Schoff, Senior Director, U.S.-Japan NEXT Alliance Initiative

Ms. Misa Imanaka-Miller, Director of Administration

Ms. Shanti Shoji, Director of Programs



Dr. Akimoto



Mr. Schoff



Ms. Miller



Ms. Shoji

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