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Naval Air Station Jacksonville to Host Japan-U.S. Military Program

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Jacksonville, Fla. – (June 12, 2017) Naval Air Station Jacksonville *celebrates* the U.S.-Japan Alliance by hosting the Japan U.S. Military Program (JUMP) reception on June 13 organized by the Consulate General of Japan in Miami.

Through social networks and events, JUMP connects past and present service members, families and government civilians who have served in Japan, providing a powerful foundation for sustaining the solid alliance and friendship that exists between the two nations.

Following a performance by Taiko drummers, the reception will feature remarks by Consul General of Japan for Florida Ken Okaniwa and Rear Adm. Sean Buck, commander, U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command and U.S. Fourth Fleet. During his distinguished career, Buck served as the commander of Patrol and Reconnaissance Force 5th/7th Fleet and Fleet Air Forward in Atsugi, Japan. The Rear Admiral also commanded Patrol Squadron 26 and Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing 11, whose aircraft and personnel routinely deployed to the Western Pacific.

Last summer, Naval Station Mayport hosted more than 550 Japanese sailors and 200 midshipmen during a three-day port visit of the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force.

More than 55,000 members of the U.S. military are stationed in Japan at any given time. In many cases, U.S. service members are accompanied by family members, bringing the total number of those affiliated with the U.S. military bases in Japan in a given year to nearly 100,000 individuals.

Launched in 2015, JUMP is a collaborative effort between Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA, the Embassy of Japan in the United States and the National Association of Japan-America Societies.

For more information about JUMP, visit <http://www.jumprogram.org>. For more information about the Consulate-General of Japan in Miami, visit http://www.miami.us.emb-japan.go.jp/itprtop_en/index.html or call (305) 530-9090.