



Chapter Spotlight: Japan Chapter

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The NSCF's Japan Chapter is located just 26 miles south of Tokyo in Yokosuka, Japan. Fighting back against the COVID-19 pandemic, the Japan Chapter events have continued onward—sometimes finding a new format that has never been tested.

In February 2021, we hosted our first virtual Navy Supply Corps Ball, spanning 14 locations and highlighted by Guest Speaker RADM **Dion English**. The Ball was the first time the Japan-based Supply Community could come back together. The event was complete with toasting, cake cutting and a special shout out to our Japanese Maritime Self Defense Force partners. We are already planning next year's event. The 227th Supply Corps Ball will be hosted in person on 26 February 2022, at the Admiral Arleigh A. Burke Officer's Club in Yokosuka. If you're in Japan at that time, please reach out early to get on the Chapter email list and receive the latest event information.

Capitalizing on our teleconferencing tools, the Japan Chapter began offering quarterly Professional Development Video Conferences. The events bring together 7th Fleet Supply Officers with Flag Officers and Senior Supply Officers to discuss varying perspectives on the Supply Corps and help Junior Officers begin their mentorship network.

Now, with the relaxation of the COVID liberty policies, we are operating full speed ahead with in-person gatherings. Hiking events, golf tournaments, and professional breakfast events are all back on the schedule.