

Japan-America Air Force Goodwill Association

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Greeting from the President of JAAGA

I am Yoshinari Marumo, President of Japan-America Air Force Goodwill Association (JAAGA). Since its establishment in 1996, JAAGA has been committed various activities to contribute to further cooperation and mutual understanding between the Koku-Jieitai (Japan Air Self-Defense Force) and U.S. Air Force, as an organization composed of Koku-Jieitai veterans and supporting members.



Unfortunately, the security environment surrounding Japan has become increasingly severe. In these circumstances, at the end of 2022, the so-called "three strategic documents" were formulated including "the National Security Strategy". As stated in these documents, no country can protect its own security alone nowadays, and Japan will continue to cooperate with the United States regarding the U.S.-Japan Alliance as the cornerstone of its national security.

The document also noted that the Air Self-Defense Force will evolve into the "Aerospace Self-Defense Force". In the United States, the U.S. Space Force, another counterpart of Koku-Jieitai, has been developing continuously.

JAAGA will continue to support active-duty servicemembers of U.S. Air Force, U.S. Space Force, and Koku-Jieitai so that cooperation and collaboration between the U.S.- Japan Air and Space Services will proceed more smoothly.

Purpose of establishment of JAAGA (Gist of "Letter of founding spirit of JAAGA, May 1996")

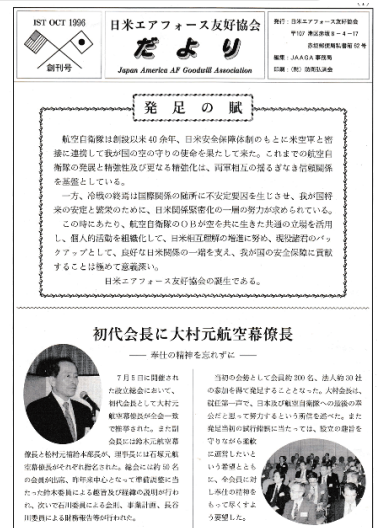
For more than 40 years since its establishment, Koku-Jieitai, together with USAF, has kept securing sovereignty of Japan in the sky. It is no exaggeration to say that the power of Koku-Jieitai depends on the relationship of trust between the two air forces.

On the other hand, there is no denying that Japan-US security relations has been relatively scarce because of changes to the international environment after the end of the Cold War as well as changing economic relations between Japan and the US. Unfortunate event made government-level formalities complicated and the reaction of Japanese citizens has largely been affecting the morale of US military personnel and their families.

In these severe situation, it is very important for those who share the experience of being in the air force to strive for more reliable Japan-US relations, which tend to weaken when neglected.

We, the thankful Koku-Jieitai veterans who feel indebted to USAF and believe that strong ties between Koku-Jieitai and USAF is indispensable for national security, have determined, under "Tsubasa-kai", to powerfully back active duty Koku-Jieitai and USAF personnel, by organizing individual efforts, encouraging and raising morale of the members of USAF, deepening mutual trust between Koku-Jieitai and USAF, and hoping to impart on US citizens a greater feeling of trust.

This is the birth of JAAGA.



The first edition of "JAAGA DAYORI" semiannual report on Oct 1st, 1996

Outline of JAAGA Organization

JAAGA consists of Regular members of Koku-Jieitai veterans, Individual associate members, Group associate members, and Corporate associate members. Current number of each membership is Regular members: 258, Individual associate members: 94, and Group/ Corporate associate members: 33. (as of Aug. 2023) Those who have served as Fifth Air Force commanders and /or Pacific Air Forces commanders since the establishment of JAAGA, and who accept the President's request to join, are welcomed as Honorary members.

JAAGA is operated by the President and other headquarters officers who have obtained approval of the General Assembly, and holds regular meetings of the General Assembly, Board of Trustees, and Secretariat Council. Also, JAAGA reports its activities regularly in the JAAGA DAYORI semiannual report and updates its Web site as information becomes available.

Major activities to meet JAAGA's goal

- Encourage the members of Koku-Jieitai and USAF/USSF
- Support USAF/USSF members in their study of Japanese culture
- Promote good relationship between JAAGA, Koku-Jieitai and USAF/USSF
- Conduct and support public information activities
- Hold general assembly and conduct other related activities



Encourage participants in overseas joint trainings



Lecture by Commanders and Generals of Koku-Jieitai and USAF



Conduct study tours of USAF Base in Japan



Visit the US for participating in AFA general meeting, exchanging views with Generals, reuniting with honorary members, etc.



Commend Koku-Jieitai & USAF Brilliant Airmen



Encourage participants in Japan-US Bilateral Exchange program



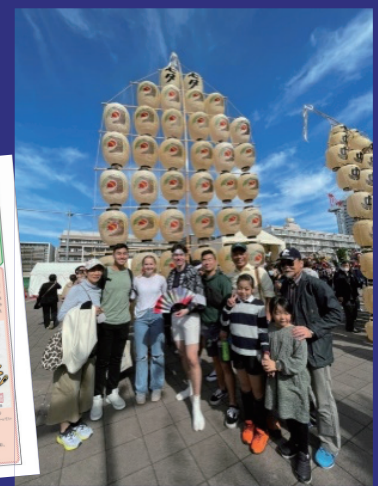
Support USAF members to organize local activities "Special Olympics"



Conduct friendship golf competition "SPORTEX"



Publish the JAAGA DAYORI



Support USAF members in their study of Japanese culture

Note

JAAGA : Japan-America Air Force Goodwill Association

Koku-Jieitai (or JASDF) : Japan Air Self-Defense Force

USAF : United States Air Force USSF : United States Space Force

Tsubasa-kai : Koku-Jieitai Veterans Association

Guide to admission

JAAGA welcomes anytime application for membership of you who agree with its objective. If you are ready to be a member or you have information about those who are interested in membership, please let JAAGA know through nearby member or at the contact address below.

Type of personal membership is as follows.

Regular member	Former member of Koku-Jieitai who volunteers to join JAAGA	annual membership fee 5,000 yen
Individual associate member	Non-former member of Koku-Jieitai who agrees to JAAGA's goal and supports its activities. Recommendation by three regular members and admission by the board of trustees are required.	annual membership fee 10,000 yen

Contact Address

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※ You can also access JAAGA from the Tsubasa-kai homepage
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