

**Duty Description:** USPACOM's representative in the U.S. Embassy, Tokyo, for Army and Navy technology programs in Japan. Serves as the principal advisor to the Ambassador and country team for defense technology cooperation. Directs and manages cooperative research and development (R&D) and information exchange programs between both nations. Coordinates with multiple Government of Japan ministries to ensure DoD and USPACOM meet security cooperation objectives through international armaments cooperation and acquisition programs. Facilitates communications and progress towards bilateral cooperative R&D programs and technological interoperability through project agreements (PA), data exchange agreements (DEA), and Engineer Scientist Exchange Programs (ESEP). Coordinates and participates in formal service-to-service dialogues between U.S. Senior National Representatives & Japan Self-Defense Force.

**TDY travel:**

- Frequency: I travel 2-3 times per quarter; averages about every other month
- Locations: Typical locations are Washington DC, PACOM, and various locations across both Japan and the U.S. to various DoD & Japan Research Labs and Centers
- Purpose: Support bilateral meetings, research, and testing for U.S.-Japan related S&T and R&D cooperative projects

**Rank:** LTC (official position is a LTC, but a MAJ can serve)

**AOC:** 48H

**Language utilized:** While you can adequately complete the duties of this job in English; having a strong mastery in Japanese will allow you greater access to Japan MOD organizations, greatly enhance your ability to develop strong relationships with counterparts, and allow you to be far more effective in the execution of your duties

**Training required:** DISAM

**Location:** Primary location is the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo, Japan; however, I spend a large amount of my time at Japan MOD at Camp Ichigaya also located in Tokyo, Japan

**Housing:** Officers working at the Mutual Defense Assistance Office (MDAO) Japan live off of the Embassy compound on the local economy in Tokyo. Families attend international schools in Tokyo.

**Rater:** Chief, Mutual Defense Assistance Office, Colonel (Army)

**Senior Rater:** Chief of Logistics, Engineering, and Security Cooperation, PACOM J4. Brigadier General (Joint – Currently Army)

# JGSDF LNO (LNO-D MIDDLE)

**OER Duty Description:** Serves as the United States Army Japan (USARJ) liaison officer to the Japan Ground Self-Defense Force (JGSDF) Middle Army (MA) HQ stationed in Itami, Japan, located 370 kilometers from USARJ HQs. Officer is the sole US military advisor to a Japanese Lieutenant General commanding two combat maneuver divisions, two brigades, and other organizations comprising of over 26,000 JGSDF personnel. Responsible for Japan's four regions encompassing 37 percent of Japan's total population and 30 percent of its land mass, which includes 21 prefectures and the major cities of Osaka, Nagoya, Kobe, Kyoto, and Hiroshima. Responsible for the bilateral coordination of US-Japan operations, command-post exercises, field training, disaster relief, and VIP visits within MA's area of responsibility (AOR). Advises the USARJ Commanding General on military, political, economic, and social conditions that impact regional USARJ operations. Liaises with the US Consulate General in Osaka and local municipalities to foster domestic political support of USARJ and USFJ operations within the AOR.

**TDY travel:** Not too many: maybe 5 per year. 1) At least twice-a-year to Camp Zama for *Admin Week*: for counseling, mandatory training, PHA, DLPT, APFT, commo equipment maintenance, etc. 2) In-country TDYs based on request by JGSDF: i.e. participation in bilateral disaster relief training. 3) TDY to CONUS: zero unless your Regional Army will host the Yama Sakura (YS) exercise. If such is the case, then there will be a TDY to Hawaii (summer) and JBLM (fall).

**Rank:** MAJ

**AOC:** 48H

**Language utilized:** Japanese, English

**Training required:** ILE Common Core

**Location:** Camp Itami, Hyogo Prefecture

**Housing:** Live on the economy: somewhere between Osaka (to the east) and Kobe (to the west). When selecting housing, one should mainly consider: 1) the commute from home to Camp Itami (from Kobe, it will take one hour by train and bus), 2) access to TRICARE Remote (International SOS) network facilities, 3) if applicable, availability of international schools for children.

**Rater:** USARJ DCoS G5, COL (Army)

**Senior Rater:** USARJ/I Corps Forward CG, MG (Army)

# USFJ Chief, Bilateral Operations (J32)

**Duty Description:** Responsible for bilateral coordination and enforcement of bilateral agreements with the Government of Japan to ensure operational and training requirements for all four service components are met. Negotiates and coordinates training and operational airspace issues related to US Forces and civil aviation. Advises and coordinates with the US Embassy regarding US Forces operational matters within Japan. Primary responsibility for all operational requirements within the OSD-Level Defense Policy Review Initiative (DPRI) program. Serves as US lead for multiple bilateral Subcommittees and Working Groups. Plans and implements relocation programs for artillery, aviation, carrier landing practice and parachute training with a combined annual budget of over \$70 million.

**TDY travel:** 1x month, usually 3-6 days in duration, visiting Japanese military bases throughout Japan, with occasional visits to Okinawa and Guam; purpose is to plan and assist in execution of Training Relocation events

**Rank:** MAJ or LTC

**AOC:** 48H

**Language utilized:** English is used for official meetings and negotiations, Japanese helps but is not absolutely necessary as translators are assigned to the HQ

**Training required:** JCWS (JPMEII)

**Location:** Yokota AB, Japan (west side of Tokyo)

**Housing:** Accompanied officers reside in on base housing at Yokota AB. DODEA schools available on base (2x Elementary, Middle, and High schools). Unaccompanied officers reside off post in Fussa or Tachikawa.

**Rater:** Director of Operations (J3), Col (USAF)

**Senior Rater:** Commander USFJ, Lt Gen (USAF)

# USFK J5 Pol-Mil Officer

**Duty Description:** Republic of Korea (ROK) Government Policy Chief in the United States Forces Korea (USFK). Primary USFK action officer for US-ROK-Japan Defense Trilateral Talks (DTT) Plenary and Trilateral Cooperation. Responsible for USFK policy coordination with US Pacific Command (PACOM), US Joint Staff, the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD), the Department of State, the ROK Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) J5, and the ROK Ministry of National Defense (MND). Primary USFK J5 Liaison Officer to the ROK JCS J5 during exercises and contingencies. Maintains close synchronization with the US Embassy Seoul. Responsible for other additional duties as assigned.

**TDY travel:** There are several venues that requires TDY travel depending on their locations. Defense Trilateral Talks is an annual two-day meeting and its location rotates among three countries: U.S., Korea, and Japan. On average, there are about 2 to 3 trilateral engagements at various locations.

**Rank:** MAJ/LTC

**AOC:** 48H

**Language utilized:** Both English and Korean

**Training required:** None

**Location:** USAG Yongsan, Seoul, Republic of Korea

**Housing:** Most officers with dependents reside on post (Yongsan) and attend school on post. Those who reside off post typically live in high-rise apartment complexes nearby and attend schools on post.

**Rater:** Director, USFK J5 Policy Division, Col (Air Force)

**Senior Rater:** Assistant Chief of Staff, UNC/CFC/USFK UCJ5, MajGen (Marine Corps)