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T his year's Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) kicked off Oct. 3 at Naval Air Facility (NAF) Atsugi and will continue until Dec. 2.

The CFC, created through efforts within the Eisenhower administration to establish standards and coordination on federal workplace solicitations, was first conducted in 1964. It allows federal employees to donate to more than 2,600 different national and international charities, ranging from small community organizations to some of the largest and most well-known global charities.

"By donating through the CFC, Sailors have an opportunity to not only help various charities but affect change in local and global communities as well," said NAF Atsugi CFC Community Area Project Officer, Chief Petty Officer Allan Rosete.

Those who choose to participate are able to donate to the charity, or charities, of their choice. There are representatives in every department and tenant command aboard Atsugi that can provide information and catalogues detailing what charities are available.

"I have a friend who was just treated for cancer so charities that aid cancer research and animal welfare programs are the charities I like to donate to," said Petty Officer 2nd Class Kelona Adorno. "I feel like I'm helping by donating through the CFC."

Rosete said that last year, through the CFC, NAF Atsugi Sailors were able to raise almost \$15,000 for charities of their choosing and donating to the CFC is easier than ever. Interested service members can go to https://cfcoverseas.org/ and make their donations online.

Those who are unable to donate online can speak with the CFC key workers or representatives within their respective commands who can provide a pledge card to fill out. Members can also donate through the payroll deduction method, which allows them to specify a certain amount to be withheld from their payroll each month from January to December.

"We still have five weeks until the deadline so Sailors have plenty of time to speak with their command representatives," said Rosete. "Everyone should do their part and donate to help others."

For more information, contact your unit CFC representative or go to https://cfctoday.org/.

