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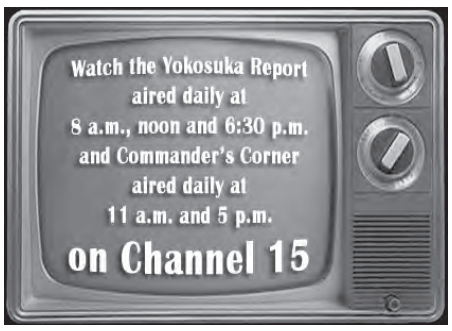

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Community announcements/Action line

Summer Adventure: Navy Teen Scholarship Program – Navy and Child Youth Programs is accepting applications for its 2011 Navy Teen Summer Adventure Scholarship Program, which will allow 180 eligible Navy teens, ages 13-17, to attend one of eight all expenses paid summer camps, schools and workshops. To apply, complete and submit the online application available at http://www.cnic.navy.mil/navycni/groups/public/@hq/@ffr/documents/document/cnicp_a198940.pdf. Teens are required to write an essay about the adventure they want to experience. Participates must be: eligible to enroll in Navy Youth Programs, must be dependent of Navy active-duty or reserve personnel, must be between the ages of 13-17 by June 1, 2011, must possess a valid passport if traveling from a foreign country or applying for sailing camp and. Applications must be received NO LATER THAN TODAY. Contact Brent A. Edwards at 901-874-6897 or e-mail to brent.a.edwards@navy.mil for more information.

USNH Yokosuka Sports/Scouting Physical Exams – U.S. Naval Hospital Yokosuka Pediatrics Clinic will be conducting sports and scouting physicals exams May 21 for the upcoming school year. To conduct these physicals, the following are a few guidelines to help the clinic run as smoothly as possible:

- All students must be accompanied by parent or guardian, eligible for care and enrolled in DEERS.
- Physical forms should be completed prior to arriving for the physical. You can get the sports physical forms from the school nurse or Pediatric Clinic prior to the examination. Other forms provided by sponsoring organization.
- Sports physical paperwork will be signed and returned at the end of the physical. Scouting paperwork will be ready for pick-up within five days.
- Students must be wearing PE or gym clothes for the physical. No long pants or skirts are allowed and will be turned away.
- The special clinic is for sports and scouting physicals only. Any other specific concerns will not be addressed at this time and will require a separate medical appointment.

The following times are set to streamline the process and avoid long wait times. Students are organized according to incoming grade level.

- 8 a.m.: 9th-grade students
- 9 a.m.: 10th-grade students
- 10 a.m.: 11th-grade students
- 11 a.m.: 12th grade students
- Noon: 5th through 8th-grade students

For 4th-grade students and under, please schedule a routine appointment by calling 243-5352. Call the USNH Yokosuka Pediatric Clinic at 243-5505 for more information.

Yokosuka Commissary Closure – The Yokosuka Commissary will be closed May 23 and 24 for its annual formal accountable inventory. This is an important requirement that all commissary stores must do. No special orders can be placed or picked up. Please plan accordingly and stock up in preparation for this two-day closing. Call 243-7562 for more information.

CFAY Safety, Health and Environmental Fair – The CFAY Safety Office will hold its annual Safety, Health and Environmental Fair May 25 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the red brick area in front of the commissary. The purpose of the fair is to reiterate the commanding officer's Safety Policy and to minimize mishaps through awareness as the community prepares for the change in season and begins to take part in more outdoor recreational activities. The event is held annually and supported by various organizations on base and Japanese police off base. Among these organizations include: the American Red Cross, USNH Yokosuka Health Promotions and Preventive Medicine Department, Fleet and Family Support Center Services, CNFJ Regional Fire Department, CFAY MWR Recreational Activities, HAZMIN Center, and NAVFAC Far East Environmental Department to name a few. Every year, we offer something unique and entertaining as well as informative. This year and in conjunction with the fair, we prepared Safety Standown slides and briefs at Benny Decker Theater for tenant commands and its members. School children from on base schools are invited to join in the fun and excitement of learning safety at an early age. The staff of CFAY Safety Office encourages the community to participate next week and to be aware of the summertime risks which are often overlooked by pool parties, long distance driving and barbeque grilling. Call the CFAY Safety Office at 243-7095 for more information.

Kinnick High School Hosts Ja-Pun – Kinnick High School (KHS) will host two Ja-Pun shows, the crazy comedy-music show that's been making Kanto Plain audiences laugh for 25 years, May 27-28 starting at 7 p.m. at the KHS Little Theatre. Tickets can be reserved on-line by clicking on the "Tickets" link at www.highenergyunlimited.com. All proceeds from the shows will go to the KHS Scholarship Fund. If you're leaving Japan this summer, this might be your last chance to see this long-running show, as the curtain will close Nov. 12 at the Benny Decker Theatre when the grand finale takes place. Contact Steve Parker at 243-4783/7336 for more information.

Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) Workshop – The ASIST workshop will be held June 1-2 at the Community Readiness Center. ASIST teaches suicide first-aid intervention skills. During the two-day, 15-hour workshop, attendees will learn specific skills that help you identify those at risk and how to better listen to and care for those having thoughts of suicide. The May workshop is for *USS George Washington* (CVN 73) Sailors and family members but all adult members of the community may sign up as a standby. The June workshop is open to all military, civilians, contractors, ombudsman and adult family members. Contact Capt. John Swanson by e-mail to john.swanson@fe.navy.mil or RPC Alan Dagg at alan.dagg@fe.navy.mil or call 243-6931 to register for either workshop or for more information. Pre-registration is required in order to attend.

Road Tax Payment Due Date Extension – Due to high operational tempo associated with Operation Tomodachi and the concurrent Voluntary Authorized Departure of family members from Japan, United States Forces Japan (USFJ) has granted a one-time extension of road tax payment from May 31 to July 31 for all SOFA registered privately owned vehicles and motorcycles. The 2011 version of USFJ Form 15 (base decal) should be displayed on all SOFA registered vehicles and motorcycles by that date. Service components retain authority to provide more restrictive guidance on this issue for their installations and facilities in Japan. This extension is for calendar year 2011 only and expires Aug. 1. Contact the Vehicle Registration Office at 243-5011 for more information.

PACOM Health Risk Communication Survey – The Pacific Command surgeon invites you to participate in a brief survey to better understand how you would like to receive additional radiation health communication. This survey is anonymous and your feedback is critical to our successful communication efforts. The survey takes approximately 5 to 10 minutes of your time and can be accessed by clicking on the following link https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/JWK677V.

Not a whistle

By Capt. David Owen,
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The high-pitched sound heard over a ship's 1MC (announcing system) at ceremonies afloat and ashore, including the Yokosuka base Commander's Channel, is not that of a whistle. It comes from a boatswain's pipe and is commonly referred to as a boatswain's call.

The pipe consists of a narrow tube referred to as the "gun," which directs air over a metal sphere called the "buoy" with a hole in the top. The player opens and closes a hand over the hole to change the pitch. The rest of the pipe consists of a flat piece of metal beneath the "gun" that holds the pipe together, known as the "keel" and a key ring called "shackle" that connects a long silver or brass chain that sits around the collar when wearing a ceremonial uniform.

Historically, the boatswain's call was used to pass commands to the crew when a voice was not loud enough to be heard over the sounds of the sea. Because of its distinctive sound, the call could be heard over the activities of the crew and bad weather. It is now used in traditional bugle calls such as Evening Colors/Sunset, and in other ceremonies in most modern navies. The call is sometimes combined with other accompaniment such as "Ruffles and Flourishes," voice commands, announcements or even a gun salute.

The boatswain's pipe and call - part of our naval heritage.