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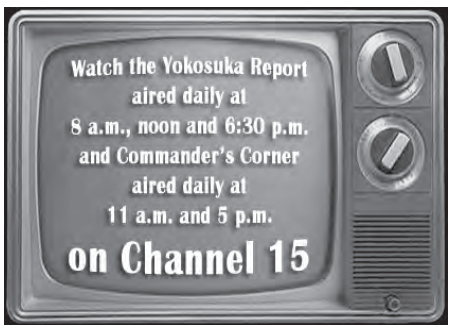

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Community announcements/Action line

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.

Post Hardship Differential for USCS Employees – Pay action for Post Hardship Differential (PHD) did not automatically discontinue in the civilian personnel database system even though PHD was terminated for Japan April 24. Therefore, many civilian employees may have noticed that they continued to receive the payment. In order to prevent further payments, the CNRJ Human Resources Office (HRO) will terminate PHD for all civilians who received it to be effective April 24. Contact CNRJ HRO at 243-8187 for more information.

Navy Zero Tolerance Policy of Drug and Alcohol Abuse – Drug and alcohol abuse is costly in terms of lost man hours and unnecessary administrative and judicial processing and is a critical draw down on morale and esprit de corps. Zero tolerance recognizes that drug and alcohol abuse is incompatible with the maintenance of high standards of performance, military discipline and readiness, and is destructive to the Navy effort to instill pride and promote professionalism. Navy policy states "There will be zero tolerance of drugs and alcohol abuse. The abuse of alcohol and the illicit or improper use of drugs by Navy members can seriously damage physical and mental health, may jeopardize their safety and the safety of others, and can lead to criminal prosecution and discharge under less than honorable conditions." All personnel are responsible and fully accountable for their personal activities relating to drug and alcohol abuse and for any substandard performance or illegal acts resulting from such activities.

DBIDS Registration – Don't forget to register in the Defense Biometric Identification Data System (DBIDS)! Due to the updated Non-combatant Evacuation Operation (NEO) plan and increase in force protection and random anti-terrorism measures, all military, civilian employees, Navy contractors and their family members including children 10 years of age and older, Master Labor Contract (MLC) employees and local contractors onboard Yokosuka Base or assigned to afloat units are required to register in DBIDS. Personnel who are currently registered in DBIDS but have changes to their profile must come in and update their information. The DBIDS registration office is located at the main gate inside building 1495. Customer service hours are Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

指紋認識データシステム–横須賀基地に関係する軍人、軍属、契約従業員及び10歳以上のご家族、MLC従業員、契約業者の方は全て指紋認識データシステム（DBIDS）に登録する必要があります。既に登録された方で、データに変更がある方は、1495ビルのDBIDS登録事務所でデータの更新を行って下さい。受付は月～金曜の午前7時から午後4時まで。

Bicycle Helmets – Effective May 2, all bicycle riders must wear an approved bicycle helmet in usable condition when entering the gates on Yokosuka base. No hard hats will be allowed for use on bicycles from the base entry point to the work centers nor from the work centers to the base exit points. Hard hats are only allowed for use by personnel after they report to the work place and their work requires use of a hard hat to perform their duties. Bicycle helmets that are found not safe must be replaced before being allowed to ride a bicycle on base. This is in accordance with CFAY instruction 5800.2G. Contact CFAY Traffic Safety at 243-7354 for more information.

自転車用ヘルメットに関するお知らせ – 横須賀基地並びにその関連施設での入出門の際、平成23年5月2日以降は正規の自転車用ヘルメットを着用してください。ゲートから職場までの経路上では、作業保安帽（作業用保安ヘルメット）を自転車用ヘルメットとして代用することは禁止されます。勤務中に職場と業務上作業保安帽の着用が義務付けられている区域、またはその区域を自転車で通過する場合のみ、作業保安帽の代用が認められます。自転車用ヘルメットが安全な使用状態に無い場合は、適切なヘルメットと交換されるまで基地内における自転車の運転は認められません。上記の違反者は横須賀基地指令書第5800.2G号の規定により取り締まりを受けることになります。詳しくは243-7354、CFAY交通安全課までお問い合わせください。

Deadline for Seahawk submissions – Deadline for submissions to the Seahawk is the Thursday before the next Seahawk edition. E-mail your submissions to Seahawk-Umitaka@fe.navy.mil. Contact the Seahawk editor by e-mail to Seahawk-Umitaka@fe.navy.mil or call 243-2567/3003 for specific submission requirements or for more information.

Memorial Day

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When Memorial Day comes around, it's a time for picnics and family gatherings – the official kick off to summer. It is also a time to remember those who have served in the armed forces before us and sadly, in many cases paid the ultimate price. What we do is not lost on anyone who has been in the military or has relatives or close friends who have served. However, many do not understand or comprehend what our military forces do or the sacrifices we are often called to make so they can live free.

The statement below is how Senator John Glenn, a U.S. Marine and astronaut, responded to Senator Howard Metzenbaum on the Senate floor in January 2004, when he was asked, "How can you run for the Senate when you've never held a real job?"

"I served 23 years in the United States Marine Corps. I served through two wars. I flew 149 missions. My plane was hit by anti-aircraft fire on 12 different occasions. I was in the space program. It wasn't my checkbook, Howard; it was my life on the line. It was not a nine-to-five job, where I took time off to take the daily cash receipts to the bank.

"I ask you to go with me, as I went the other day, to a veteran's hospital and look at those men, with their mangled bodies, in the eye and tell *them* they didn't hold a job!

"You go with me to the space program at NASA and go, as I have gone, to the widows and orphans of Ed White, Gus Grissom and Roger Chaffee… and tell them that their Dads didn't hold a job.

"You go with me on Memorial Day and you stand in Arlington National Cemetery, where I have more friends buried there than I'd like to remember, and you watch those waving flags.

"You stand there, and you think about this nation, and you tell me that those people didn't have a job.

"What about you?"

God bless John Glenn.

Happy Memorial Day, CFAY. Enjoy it, for you all certainly deserve it.