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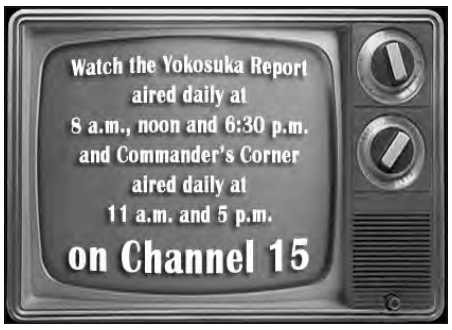

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Heads Up Yokosuka!

Community announcements/Action line

CFAY 34th Annual Navy Friendship Day – Yokosuka Base will hold the 34th annual Navy Friendship Day Aug. 7 from 10 a.m. to 8:10 p.m. Friendship Day is a great opportunity to enhance our relationship with our host nation and local communities by showing our appreciation for their support. Join us for a day of fun and fellowship with our host nation guests. The event includes:

- Car show from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Games and air toys from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Yokosuka City fireworks display from 7:30 to 8:10 p.m.

If cancelled due to weather, only the fireworks display will be held Aug. 8 at 8 p.m. Call 241-2209 for more information.

Bank Closure – Community Bank and Navy Federal Credit Union will be closed Saturday, Aug. 7 for the annual Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka Friendship Day.

International Water Balloon Fight – Yokosuk City, Yokosuka City Board of Education and Kanagawa Prefecture is sponsoring the 9th Annual International Water Balloon Fight for children 10 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 14 at Umikaze Kouen (park near Livin Department Store). Cost is free and lunch is provided. Call (046) 852-7648 for more information. Bring your children out to enjoy this great summertime event with the local community!

U.S. Naval Hospital (USNH) Yokosuka Sports Physicals – USNH Yokosuka will hold a special Saturday clinic to conduct sports physicals for the upcoming school year Aug. 28. Students can walk in according to incoming grade level starting with freshman at 8 a.m., sophomores at 9 a.m., juniors at 10 a.m. and seniors at 11 a.m. All students must be accompanied by parent or guardian, be eligible for care and be enrolled in DEERS. This special clinic is for sports physicals only and students should arrive wearing gym clothes. All required forms can be picked up in the USNH Yokosuka Pediatric Clinic and should be filled out prior to arrival. Call 243-5505 for more information.

American Red Cross Community Courses and Training – American Red Cross Yokosuka will be offering the following courses and training to the Yokosuka Base community:

- Babysitter's Training, Aug. 7 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Yokosuka Red Cross needs volunteers. Whether you want to serve in a leadership capacity, teach a class, read to a child or offer a helping hand, Yokosuka Red Cross is the place for you. Call Yokosuka Red Cross at 243-7490 or e-mail to Yokosuka@usa.redcross.org for more information about volunteering or to sign up for classes.

U.S. Naval Hospital Yokosuka Appointments – Don't be a no-show! Please call U.S. Naval Hospital Yokosuka appointments hotline at 243-5352 to reschedule or cancel your medical appointments at least 24 hours in advance if you can't make it so we can offer the appointment to another patient. Last year 1,560 medical appointments were wasted due to patients who missed appointments without canceling.

Online Academic Skills Course – Peterson's Online Academic Skills Course (OASC) is designed for Sailors who want to build their reading comprehension, vocabulary and math skills to pass their exams, excel in their jobs, advance their careers or continue their education. Effective Sept. 30, Navy College Program will no longer provide the Academic Skills Course Instructor-led and the Navy College Learning Center computer-based programs. Students can prepare for ASVAB, SAT/ACT, GED, ASSET Test or college placement tests through OASC online. Certificates are issued upon completion of the course for Sailors requiring to retake ASVAB testing to meet qualifications for a new rating. Access either through www.NKO.navy.mil, www.militaryonesource.com or https://www.navycollege.navy.mil and click on the OASC logo. The final two Instructor – led Academic Skills courses still have seats available for the Aug. 9-20 and Sept. 13-24 courses. No cost temporary additional duty (TAD) orders are required to reserve your seat. Contact Navy College Office at 243-8131 or e-mail to navycollege_yokosuka@fe.navy.mil to make a reservation or for more information.

Navy Tuition Assistance Brief Online – WebTA Brief is now available online to all active duty Sailors. Effective Aug. 1, Navy College Office will discontinue the weekly WebTA brief presentation. All Yokosuka command Sailors are required to annually review the online WebTA Brief, complete the certificate and submit the certificate by e-mail to navycollege_yokosuka@fe.navy.mil. The Online WebTA Brief can be found at the Navy College Program Web site https://www.navycollege.navy.mil/. Contact Navy College Office at 243-8131 for more information.

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.

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。

BZ: Bravo Zulu to the Yokosuka Base Housing Office and Scott Otsuki, we couldn't be happier with your service! Outstanding, thank you for everything. You made our move to Ikego very enjoyable and easy. Thank you for answering all our need and questions.

"Don't Ask, Don't Tell" forums held for Yokosuka family members

From the Department of Defense

Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates established a Defense Department Comprehensive Review Working Group to begin a review of the issues associated with implementing a repeal of the law commonly known as "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" should repeal occur.

Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Manpower and Reserve Affairs), Karl F. Schneider; Deputy Judge Advocate General, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C., Maj. Gen. Steven J. Lepper and Senior Enlisted Advisor, Office of the Administrative Assistant to the Secretary of the Army, Sgt. Major Jeffery Seidel will host an Information Exchange Forum (IEF) for Yokosuka family members Aug. 3 from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the Benny Decker Theater.

During this forum leaders encourage participants to engage in an open and honest discussion about issues associated with repeal of the law, including impacts, if any, on military readiness, military effectiveness and unit cohesion, recruiting/retention and family readiness.

Following the IEF, working group members will conduct small focus groups with family members to focus on specific questions. Participants should understand the law commonly known as "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" remains in effect and they should not disclose confidential information at this event.

The working group's mission is not to engage in debate about whether to repeal the law. The mission is to gain a better understanding of how repeal might affect service members and their families should repeal occur.

A plan of action to address the issues involved with implementation of a repeal of the law will be submitted to the Secretary of Defense no later than Dec. 1, 2010.

Service members and their families can provide comments to the working group by using the online inbox at http://www.defense.gov/dadt. This website is common access card (CAC)-enabled and is another way to communicate with the working group on issues associated with the repeal.