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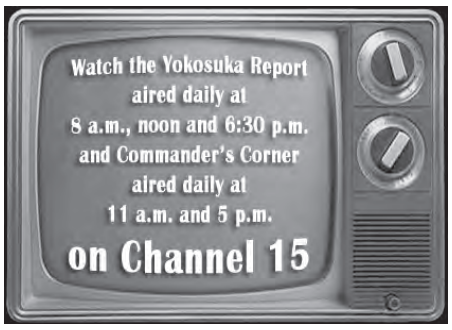

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Road Tax Payment Due Date Extension – Due to high operational tempo associated with Operation Tomodachi and the concurrent Voluntary Authorized Departure of family members from Japan, United States Forces Japan (USFJ) has granted a one-time extension 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.

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.

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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.

Travel Advisory for Japan's Golden Week Celebration – Japan's Golden Week celebration begins April 29 and ends May 5. Traditionally, the majority of Japanese employees take vacation during this period and Government of Japan (GOJ) offices are closed. U.S. Embassy Tokyo is closed April 29 and May 3 to 5. It is very difficult to conduct business in Japan during the Golden Week holiday period. Second only to the Japanese New Year holiday period, Golden Week is one of the busiest and most congested travel periods in Japan. The U.S. Defense Attaché Office Tokyo advises Department of Defense (DoD) personnel to defer official travel to Japan during golden week to ensure availability of hotels, transportation and access to GOJ officials. Furthermore, it is also recommended that DoD members and their families located in Japan take extra caution when traveling on roads and trains during this holiday period.

Network Security Awareness – ONE-Net users are reminded that information assurance is a team effort. Here are some everyday security measures that every user must follow for information assurance: Do not allow anyone access to your computer without the proper credentials, authorization, or need to know. Do not allow anyone into your space without the proper credentials. Do not hesitate to question or challenge anyone whom you don't know about what they are doing in your space. Do not hesitate to call your local Security Manager or NCIS office if you have any concerns regarding personnel wandering your spaces without proper identification. Remember to maintain control of your CAC when departing your work space. Contact the One-Net Service Desk at 243-3883 or your command security manager for more information.

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.

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.

BZ: Thank you for installing the updated bus stop signs on base. Not only has the route information been corrected, it is more legible and appears to be waterproofed! The base bus is an important resource to newcomers who need a reliable method of getting to all points on base. I always recommend to newcomers that they take a ride on the bus to allow themselves to get familiar with the base. Thank you for making the updates as well as the improved design of the schedules placed at each stop.

Why I walk

By Capt. David Owen,
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I have been asked several times why I am always walking and why I have not yet purchased a car. I hear that, according to the rumor mill, I am too cheap to buy a car and am just trying to save money. There are several reasons as to why I walk, but that is certainly not one of them.

For starters, I simply do not need a car. There is no place on this base or, thanks to the public transportation system off base, which, I can not get to by either walking or riding a bicycle.

Another reason is that my situational awareness of the base improves while walking, jogging or bicycling instead of driving a car. I see the trash, recognize the abandoned bicycles and, or cars and hear the inappropriate language that I would otherwise overlook.

There is also a leadership by example aspect to my walking. Not everyone is allowed to drive and have a vehicle on this installation. If I am truly to expect others to get around without the luxury of owning or operating a vehicle, then I should be willing to do the same.

Finally, approximately two years ago, I suffered a cardiac attack and was flown off a ship and into a hospital in the Azores Islands. Every step I make and breath I take now is a blessing that almost never was.

So, if you see me on foot, now you know why. I am out there for situational awareness, to set the example and to just be glad to be alive.