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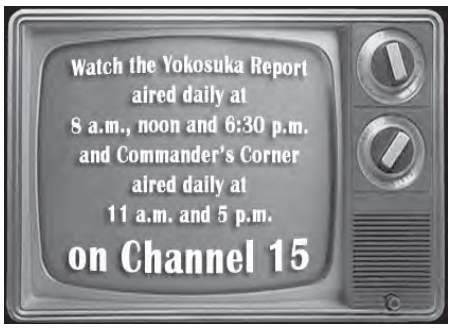

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Heads Up Yokosuka!
Community announcements/Action line

2010 USO Japan Service Salute – Join USO Japan for its fifth annual Service Salute Sept. 8 at the New Sanno Hotel in Tokyo. This black-tie event will be emceed by "DJ D-Double-J Hernandez" of American Forces Network Tokyo and feature live entertainment from "The Rat Pack and Marilyn Monroe" in special tribute to 15 Japan Self-Defense Forces and U.S. Armed Forces service men and women for their outstanding professionalism, leadership and service to country and community. Guests will hear words from a special keynote speaker and dine on a three-course meal. Additionally, one volunteer will be recognized for dedication and service to the USO mission in Japan. RSVP by Aug. 31. For more information and to purchase tickets, please call Tomoko McManus at 241-3600 or (046) 896-3600.

Relay For Life of Yokosuka 2012 – Relay For Life of Yokosuka 2012 is scheduled to start 11 a.m. at the track in the Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka Ikego Housing Detachment Oct. 6. The event is scheduled to run for 24 hours. Join a team or start your own. Team should be around 8-15 people. Every team must have at least one team member on the track for the entire 24 hours. Help to celebrate those who have beat cancer, remember those lost to it, and fight back against this disease that has taken so much already. For more information, and to sign up, please visit: www.relayyokosuka.org; or e-mail relayyokosuka@gmail.com.

Yokosuka and Ikego post offices' finance section closure – The finance sections at Yokosuka and Ikego post offices will be closed today due to a command function. Package pickup will be open during regular business hours. Normal business will resume Sept. 1.

Gate headgear policy change – Effective Aug. 1, pedestrians will no longer be required to remove headgear, sunglasses or hoods at the following gates; Daiei Gate and Fleet Activities Civil Police Gate across from Carney Gate; Womble Gate. Policy remains unchanged for entry and exit via Carney Gate. Headgear and anything covering the face or head will be removed prior to entering the Carney Gate Entry Control Point area.

歩行者のゲート入出時における頭部装着物に関する方針変更のお知らせ – 8月1日をもって、歩行者が次の各ゲートを入出する際、帽子等頭部装着物及びサングラスを外す必要は無くなりました。適用されるゲートはダイエーゲート、メインゲート向かい小ゲート、ウォンブルゲートです。なお、メインゲートに関しては方針は変更されませんので、引き続き顔や頭部を覆う物は外して通行してください。

Charity golf tournament – John C. Parker Memorial VFW Post 1054 is hosting its first charity golf tournament benefiting the Wounded Warrior Program at Camp Zama Golf Course Oct. 15. The competition is a four-person scramble, shotgun start limited to 36 teams. Registration ends Sept. 14. Call Jeff Lindaman at 243-1714 or Allen Sanders at 243-6632 for prices and additional details.

Bicycle Helmets – 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 unsafe 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 – 横須賀基地及び関連施設に入出門する際、正規の自転車用ヘルメットを着用してください。通退勤時におけるゲートから職場までの区間、作業用保安帽を自転車用として代用することはできませんが、勤務中に職場及び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、代用可能です。自転車用ヘルメットが安全な使用状態に無い場合、適切な物と交換されるまで基地内での自転車の運転は認められません。上記違反者は横須賀基地指令書第5800.2G号により取り締まりを受けます。詳しくは243-7354、CFAY交通安全課までお問い合わせください。

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 on board Yokosuka base or assigned to forward-deployed 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. Additional DBIDS registration locations are at the Community Readiness Center and Personnel Support Detachment Yokosuka.

指紋認識データシステム – 横須賀基地に関わる軍人、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。既に登録済みで、データに変更がある方は、1495ビル登録事務所でデータを更新してください。受付は月～金曜の午前7時から午後4時まで。

Hospital bills: Your responsibility – Pay patients seen at military treatment facilities, have bills generated and sent to the patient's insurance carrier. Often, after payments are made by the patient's insurance carrier, there is a remaining co-payment that is the responsibility of the patients. These co-payments if unpaid leave a negative balance on the patient's account generating late notices 30 days after payment is due. If payment isn't made within an additional 30 days, a second notice is sent. A third and final notice will be sent at the 90-day mark if the bill remains unpaid. If, at the 90-day mark, the bill has not been paid or arrangements have not been made to pay the bill, patients with an outstanding balance will not be able to schedule routine appointments, or obtain non-urgent care. If you suspect you may have unpaid medical bills or have any questions on the billing process, please call the U.S. Naval Hospital Yokosuka Billing Office at 243-8574.

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

Happy Labor Day

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As Summer starts to wind down with the approach of the month of September, most likely the hot and humid weather will not let up for awhile. The unofficial end of the season is often associated with Labor Day weekend. The holiday is celebrated on the first Monday of the month, this year being the third, and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. The first Labor Day was celebrated on Tuesday, Sept. 5, 1882, in New York City, in accordance with the plans of the Central Labor Union. By 1894 Congress passed an act making it a legal holiday each year.

The three-day weekend has typically become associated with families and friends getting together for the final major outdoors party, picnic or barbecue. Among the pick-up softball or touch football games and plates of hamburgers and potato salad, I hope that many take a moment to reflect upon what has happened the past couple of years and where we are heading. The devastating events from March 2011 continue to impact the citizens of Japan and many of us on Commander Fleet Activities, Yokosuka (CFAY). Many individuals from the affected areas still today are living in temporary dwellings due to their homes having been destroyed. Energy conservation by all of us continues to be a daily concern and we are not to the point where we can let up on it yet.

Most importantly is that everybody takes care to ensure they are being smart and do not turn a good time into something to regret. Even though it has been said many times before, please drink responsibly, absolutely do not drive after drinking and look out for one another. Stay safe!

Have a very enjoyable and fun holiday weekend CFAY!