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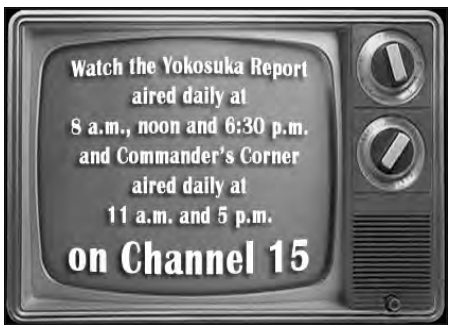

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Community announcements/Action line

Rickert Drive Tunnel Repairs – The tunnels on Rickert Drive will be under repair Jan. 11 to Aug. 9. Usage will be reduced to single lane, two-way traffic during the day with total tunnel road closure in the evenings from Feb. 26 to May 17 and July 13 to 31. Alternate routing of traffic during the evening will be provided. Stock Yard area parking will be secured. Temporary fleet parking will be provided by Gridley Tunnel exit. Call Public Works Department Lt. Andrew Cline at 243-5062 for more information.

Traffic Advisory – Clement Boulevard will be reduced to one lane between McCormick Street and Kauffman Street from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Feb. 1 to April 1. Traffic controllers will direct traffic during this repair period. Clement Boulevard will be open to two-lane traffic after 6 p.m. each day. Leahy Street will be completely closed to vehicle traffic between McCormick Street and Green Bay Drive from March 15 to April 5.

None for the Road – We often don't think about the potential consequences until it is too late to change the situation. The Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka (CFAY) Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Designated Driver Program provides free sodas, a free T-shirt and a $5 gift card to participants of the program. If you are going to drink, have a plan, do it responsibly, and DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE not even ONE! Contact CFAY Drug and Alcohol Program Advisor MAC(SW) Michael Marino at 243-9901 or by e-mail to Michael.Marino@fe.navy.mil for more information.

USO Yokosuka Calendar of Events for Feb. 19-26 – The following is the USO Yokosuka calendar of events for Feb. 19-26:

• Feb. 19: TGIF night featuring a free food buffet for single and unaccompanied active duty Sailors starting at 5:30 p.m.

• Feb. 20: Movie night with free pizza and popcorn starting at 5:30 p.m.

• Feb. 23: Birthday Bash. If you were born in February, enter to win a USO Birthday gift. After the drawing, share cake with everyone.

• Feb. 24: Game night starting at 5 p.m.

USO Yokosuka hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 2 to 10 p.m. and 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Contact the USO Japan Director of Programs and Marketing Vernichel Tharps at 241-3030/4894, or by e-mail to vtharps@uso.org for more information.

Home-to-Work Bus Priority Seating Policy Reminder – In accordance with Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka Instruction COMFLEACTINST 11240.3F, priority seating on the Ikego and Negishi Home-to-Work buses is given to active duty military and Department of Defense civilian employees. Family member children may only board the bus at the last stop by U.S. Naval Hospital Yokosuka only after all adults have boarded the bus.

MWR Facilities Closure – Most Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) facilities will be closed at 6 p.m., Feb. 22 in support of an MWR employee function. The Fleet Theater, Fleet Gym and the Single Sailor Liberty Center will remain open. Call 243-1215 for more information.

Adopt-a-Monument Participation – Adopt-a-Monument participates are reminded that March through September is the period designated to take care of your adopted monuments on board CFAY by picking up trash and pulling weeds from around the adopted area. Thank you for your continued support and participation in protecting our historical monuments. Call 243-2732 for more information.

Chili's Restaurant Limits Breakfast to Weekends – Starting immediately, breakfast at Chili's Restaurant will only be available on Saturday and Sunday from 8 to 11 a.m. Call 241-3847 for more information.

UMUC Asia Book Award, Scholarship Programs – UMUC Asia offers the following book award and scholarship programs for military services members and their family members:

• Orkand Family Military Book Award. Active duty enlisted service members attending UMUC Asia can apply to receive a $100 award to help pay for textbooks. Eligibility requirements are: active duty enlisted service members of the armed forces; undergraduate students maintaining a minimum 2.5 grade point average (GPA) at UMUC; graduate students maintaining a minimum 3.0 GPA at UMUC; enrolled in a minimum of six or more credit hours for the session; admitted as UMUC Asia campus student; and be a degree-seeking UMUC student.

• Orkand Family Military Scholarship fund. Eligible spouses of active duty service members can enroll in the scholarship to receive $1,000 per semester towards the cost of tuition. Eligibility requirements are: must be the spouse of an enlisted active duty member of the armed forces; undergraduate students maintaining a minimum 2.5 GPA at UMUC; graduate students maintaining a minimum 3.0 GPA at UMUC; enrolled in a minimum of six or more credit hours for the semester; and demonstrate financial need.

Contact your local field representative or the UMUC Asia Associate Director of Financial Aid Lisa Marrin at 225-3680 for more information.

BZ: Congratulations to OS1(SW) Samira McBride of *USS Lassen* (DDG 82) for being selected as a finalist for Naval Surface Forces, U.S. Pacific Fleet 2010 Sea Sailor of the Year.

BZ: I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to the great team of Cmdr. James Le, Gemma Dimafelix and Naoe Oshima from U.S. Naval Hospital (USNH) Yokosuka. I recently had regenerative surgery performed by these professionals and their team is one of kind! Their spirit of jolliness and professionalism significantly calmed my trepidation of surgeries, and brought up my level of confidence because they invigorated the enthusiasm of care that I had yet to experience. I had my final check up yesterday and the evaluation was a success! USNH Yokosuka is lucky to have this team! Bravo Zulu to you all.

Q: During the Martin Luther King Jr. weekend I observed no less than four Navy Exchange (NEX) rental vans being used by base facilities workers as work vans. After inquiring, I learned that these vans have been continually re-reserved and rented as work vans from the NEX for continual periods of more than 100 days each. As these vans are continually in high demand for families (especially during holidays), can anything be done to give priority to families when reserving these rental vans ahead of facilities workers? There are few other viable options for families trying to rent vehicles here.

A: There are three vans that we currently have out as long term rentals. All three of these vehicles were reserved and rented by authorized patrons. As of now, we do not have a policy in place that limits the period of time that any vehicle can be rented. We operate on a first come, first served basis. It is recommended that authorized patrons wanting to rent a vehicle make a reservation as far in advance as possible. This is especially important during holidays and long weekends. The size of our fleet is not based on the needs for holiday weekends. The number of both vans and sedans is established based on overall occupancy percentage for the year.

Q: When will the U.S. Embassy come back to Yokosuka Base for passport processing?

A: Generally speaking, "fee passport services" (tourist passport) are limited to U.S. Embassy, Consular Section Tokyo. On special occasions like CFAY, United States naturalization ceremony, also commonly referred to as a citizenship ceremony, the U.S. Embassy, consular Section does provide "outreach" passport services on location (Chapel of Hope). U.S. Embassy, Consular Section, Passport Branch provide a wide range of passport services to Americans in Japan. Passport services are located at 1-10-5 Akasaka, Minato-ku, Tokyo 107-8420. Appointment system for American Citizens Services are available Monday-Friday, 8:45-11:45 a.m. and 2-3:45 p.m., except Wednesday afternoons and on Japanese or U.S. public holidays. If you can produce your current passport, it was issued to you for full validity after age 16, and was issued within the last 15 years, we strongly recommend that you apply by mail. If this category describes your situation but you still wish to apply in person, you must nevertheless fill out and submit the DS-82 Application for Passport by Mail. Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka, Fleet And Family Support Center representatives have scheduled a key meeting with the U.S. Embassy, Consular Section, to review the possibility for Family Assistance Support Team office personnel to process tourist passports.