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Capt. Daniel L. Weed, Commander, Fleet Activities Yokosuka

CMDCM Wayne E. Smith, Command Master Chief

**CFAY soliciting ideas for award money use** – Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka (CFAY) is requesting ideas on how to spend the award money that CFAY will get in conjunction with receiving the Commander in Chief Installation of the Year Award. If you have any ideas on how the money can be best utilized for the benefit of Sailors, civilians, contractors and families aboard CFAY, please send your suggestions to cfay.pao.watch@fe.navy.mil.

**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, 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 afloat units are required to register in DBIDS. Personnel that are currently registered in DBIDS but have had 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7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 Housing Office, best customer service on the base. it's always a nice experience to be treated with respect and recieve quality service. I can honestly say that I have never been dissatisfied with the customer service at the housing office. Good job.

**BZ:** Dear Capt. Daniel Weed, I just want to take this moment to pass on a Bravo Zulu to the Yokosuka Housing Office for the continued excellent support and service to the fleet. I Specifically would like to mention Miki Ceselsky, Hiroyuki Hayashi and Otis Giddens for their absolutely outstanding support and assistance to all the fleet Sailors moving in and out of the area. Very respectfully, U.S. 7th Fleet Command Master Chief CMDCM(SW/AW) Marc F. Sibal

**Q:** I have a question regarding the lack of legal help on base for local hire Department of Defenses (DoD) civilians. As local hires, we are required to change our visa status in order to take a job on base. Some of us may have had spouse visa status. We, generally, had more rights as American citizens in Japan while on a spouse visa. Some of us may need to get an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) for our spouse or children, whom are not American citizens. Navy legal helps active duty service members with this issue, but they turn local hires away. Additionally, under the Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) visa we are subject to the same military laws as active duty, however, we are not eligible for legal help from Navy legal, because we are local hires. Some of us are veterans. Retirees get legal help, but veterans who didn't retire don't. In the states, it wouldn't be a problem. We wouldn't be subject to SOFA and could easily find legal help off base. However, overseas, we surrender our spouse visas and then we are left in "no-man's land." Can this policy be changed to either let us maintain our spouse visas, or at least offer us legal assistance?

**A:** The Navy Legal Service Office (NLSO) is responsible for the provision of these types of services. Eligibility for legal assistance services is governed by federal law. Legal assistance services for the armed forces is specifically outlined under 10 U.S.C. 1044 and further explained for the Navy in JAGINST 5800.7E, which specifically precludes the NLSO from extending legal assistance to local hires. The NLSO works arduously with each potential client to find some other basis for eligibility (retiree, dependent of a retiree, etc), but these exceptions do not always exist. Specifically for ITINs, there are other Internal Revenue Service (IRS) acceptance agents within the Kanto Plain that can issue them. Visit the U.S. Embassy Web site at http://tokyo.usembassy.gov/e/acs/tacs-7126b.html for more information.

Action Line correspondence may be edited for length and readability. Your questions, suggestions and "Bravo Zulu" comments are appreciated. Address concerns with your chain of command or directly with the parties involved, at the lowest level possible. If you don't get results, send an e-mail to cfay.pao.watch@fe.navy.mil. We welcome your feedback, especially if it is of a general nature and can help others. To contact the Seahawk, call 243-5607/3003 or send an e-mail to: Seahawk-Umitaka@fe.navy.mil.

# Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month

## – Leadership to meet the challenges of a changing world –

**By Navy Office of Information**

*"We see Asian-Pacific Americans in our military leading the way to bridge cultural and communication barriers between the various countries in this region. We see great Americans doing everything they can for our country as we prosecute the global war on terrorism. And, we see statesmen, scholars and future leaders developing before our eyes. Asian-Pacific Americans contribute immeasurably to the success of the U.S. Pacific Command and this region."*

– Rear Adm. William Van Meter Alford Jr., USNR (Ret.), Former Chief of Staff, U.S. Pacific Command

After 14 years celebrating a national Asian/Pacific Heritage Week, 1992 legislation officially designated May as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month. Choosing May commemorates the immigration of the first Japanese to the United States on May 7, 1843, and the anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869 – constructed largely by Chinese immigrants. The 2009 national theme is "Leadership to meet the challenges of a changing world."

**Asian/Pacific American Sailors – Contributions to the U.S. Navy.** Since very early in our nation's history, tens of thousands of individuals of Asian or Pacific Island heritage have served in the Navy. The Navy story would not be the same without these men and women, including the Filipinos who have served a significant role since the late 1800s, the Japanese-Americans who joined the armed forces in evidence of their extraordinary patriotism during World War II, numerous other groups' contributions and the approximately 55,000 individuals of Asian/Pacific heritage serving in the Navy total force today. Some interesting stories are recounted below:

• Conjee Rustumjee Cohoujee Bey (a.k.a. Antonio Frank Gomez), a member of Indian royalty who enlisted during the Civil War (after changing his name), worked for the Navy for many years, and was buried at the Presidio.

• Rear Adm. Eleanor "Connie" Concepcion Mariano, M.D. (Ret.) was the first Filipino American to attain the rank of rear admiral, and the first military woman in American history to be appointed White House physician.

• Navy SEAL Quartermaster 2nd Class James E. Suh, of Korean-American heritage, was awarded the Bronze Star with Combat "V" for Valor (along with a Purple Heart) posthumously for his actions during a counter-insurgency operation in Kunar province, Afghanistan in 2005.

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**Professional and Personal Development – Contributing to the whole person.** Professional and personal development can help individuals respond appropriately in an emergency, be more sure as a leader, develop skills in a unique area that helps increase productivity, become more physically fit, emotionally content or financially secure; in short, a more diverse and more effective member of the team. Some professional and personal development events this year include:

• Federal Asian/Pacific American Council (FAPAC) annual symposium, May 11-15, Houston

• Information on a broad variety of affinity groups and events is available on the Navy Diversity Web site.

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