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Navy Ball Committee July Fourth Event – The Navy Ball Committee will provide a dunk tank during the Yokosuka base Independence Day Celebration to be held at the bowling alley parking area and Kosano Park. Participants from various tenant commands, to include Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) Rick West, have volunteered to participate in this event by getting a little wet, thereby supporting this year's Navy Ball. A table set up at Kosano Park and, as always, your participation at these events will assist the Navy Ball Committee in making this year's Navy Ball a successful event for all to enjoy. Contact MACM(SW) David Aguilera by e-mail to david.agulera@fe.navy.mil, or visit the Yokosuka Navy Ball Web site at www.yokosukanavyball.com for more information.

Area Orientation Brief/Intercultural Relations (AOB/ICR) Program Relocated - Effective July 6, the AOB/ICR Program has been relocated and will be presented in the 4th floor auditorium of the new Community Readiness Center in building 3365. For more information, directions, class start times, etc., contact the Fleet and Family Support Center at 243-3372.

Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Office Relocated – Commander U.S. Naval Forces Japan Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Office has moved and is now located on the second floor of building 1555 (formally the Fleet and Family Support Center). Our phone numbers and mailing address remains the same. For directions or more information, contact us at 243-7092/7092.

Navy Federal Credit Union (NFCU) Closure – NFCU Yokosuka Branch will be closed July 4 in observance of Independence Day but will be open for regular business hours July 3.

Navy Ball Bazaar – The 2009 Navy Ball Committee will hold a bazaar July 17-19 from 9 a.m to 6 p.m. in the Yokosuka Middle School cafeteria to help raise funds to support the 2009 Yokosuka Navy Ball. Furniture, appliances, Japanese dishware, kimono, obi, paintings and jewelry are just some of the items available for purchase. Contact a Navy Ball Committe member or visit the Web site at www.yokosukanavyball.com for more information.

GSA OUTREACH Asia 2009 Conference – General Services Administration (GSA) will hold its GSA OUTREACH Asia 2009 conference July 21-23 at Yokota Air Base. The conference is free and open to all military, DoD civilians, MLC and IHA employees. More than 55 hours of training will be offered. A free shuttle bus will run to and from Yokosuka to the conference each day. Visit their Web site at outreachasia.gsa.gov for more information.

Q: My wife and I were coming on base this morning through Womble Gate as we usually do from Ikego. Just like every morning when we come in, I showed my retired ID card and my wife's family member ID card. The Japanese guard refused to let us through and repeatedly asked if I have another ID card. I stated that I have been using my retired ID card every time I come on base. It was only after I produced my Common Access Card (CAC) that he let us through. I am offended and very concerned that my retired card was not honored when it is one of the accepted identification cards for base access. It is what I have been using and accepted whenever I come through Yokosuka, Ikego, Atsugi, Camp Zama and Yokota Air Base.

A: We regret any delay or inconvenience this incident might have caused you. Your service in the military should never go unrecognized. We have taken corrective action with our guards to ensure that there is no confusion with CAC and the military retiree's ID cards.

Q: I have been walking my dog along the water front behind Berkey field and have noticed an increase in people walking their pets without leashes and not picking up behind their dogs. I know that there are families that live off base and bring their animals to the base to walk them. Is it possible to have a few signs posted about the policy of leashes and the need to pick up behind their pets at the waterfront? Could we also post the policy at the vet clinic to remind everyone?

A: Thank you for your question. Security will look into having signs posted reminding pet owners of their responsibilities. Additionally, a friendly reminder has been placed in the base newspaper, Seahawk, that will run periodically.

Q: My family and I will be traveling to Japan near the end of June. I am retired military and my family and I have military IDs. I was stationed in Yokosuka in the late 1980s and my wife and I were married at the base chapel. While in Japan, we would like to go back to Yokosuka for a visit. Could you tell me if our military IDs will allow us to get on base, and if not, is there anything I can do to arrange for base access? I also have a Common Access Card (CAC) as I am a Department of Defense civilian working for Commander Navy Region Northwest. Thank you for any assistance you can provide.

A: You are authorized with your retired military ID card to enter Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka. You are not authorized to drive on the base but there is very reliable public transportation here in Japan both on and off the base.

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.

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