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Sept. 11 Remembrance Day Ceremony Parade Road Closure – The following is the route and the roads that will be temporarily closed during the Sept. 11 Remembrance Day Ceremony parade: The parade will start at 11:30 a.m. from the Chapel of Hope and proceed down Third Avenue, making a left turn onto Gridley Lane, then turning right on Nimitz Boulevard. The parade will turn left from Nimitz Boulevard onto Howard Street, passing in front of the James D. Kelly Fleet Recreation Center, before turning left onto King Street and coming to a stop in front of the Chief Petty Officer's (CPO) Club. Security vehicles will lead and trail the parade. Roads will be reopened after the parade has cleared them. The longest temporary delay will occur on King Street in front of the CPO Club for a wreath laying ceremony and moment of prayer. The event will end at approximately 12:30 p.m. For more information on road closure, contact MACS Paula Necaise from CFAY Security at 243-7864. Contact RPC Lisa Wimbush from the CFAY Chapel of Hope at 243-6773 for more information on the Sept. 11 Remembrance Day Ceremony and parade.

20th Annual Ekiden Friendship Road Race – The 20th annual Ekiden Friendship Road Race will be held Oct. 4 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Sagami General Depot Sagamihara. Call Bob McKeta at 263-7980/5995 or e-mail to robert.mcketa@us.army.mil for more information or to obtain a registration form.

Ikego Track Night – Ikego Track Night is held every Wednesday at 6 p.m. Workout with people at your level. Run, walk, get fit, enjoy and meet new people. This workout is perfect for advanced runners and those interested in learning to run distances from 5k up to a marathon. Call 241-4486 for more information.

Q: I have reviewed Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka Instruction COMFLEACTINST 4601.1T – "Administration and Operation of the Commodore Matthew C. Perry General Mess, The Jewel of the East" and reference (a) of the instruction; NAVSUP P-486 – "Food Service Management for General Messes – Volume I." With that said, please favorably consider allowing military retirees and their family members, federal civilian employees and their overseas authorized dependents to use the mess. If not, please explain the reason(s) why. Additionally, please consider publishing my question and your response in the Seahawk Action Line section, as this question "is of a general nature and can help others" to understand and be better informed regarding the governing policies of the general mess. Thank you.

A: Thank you for your question about our award-winning galley. The rules are very clear in regards to General Mess patronage. Commander Naval Installations Washington D.C. General Administrative Message GENADMIN R 222105Z NOV 04 on the clarification of meals sold for cash states: "Ashore general messes are designed, staffed and operated specifically to provide meals to enlisted personnel authorized rations in kind. The funding that supports the ashore galley mission is congressionally authorized for the purpose of feeding active duty enlisted members. Blanket authorization to feed civilians (i.e., federal employees, dependents, guests, etc.) and retirees is not justified and does not support the congressional intent for funding the feeding of Sailors." Furthermore, Commander Naval Installations Command Instruction CNICINST 4061.1 of July 24, 2009, paragraph 4(a) states "All waiver requests must provide justification against the following criteria: The shore galley is the only food operation on the installation and the nearest adequate civilian food operation outside the gate is 15 minutes by car or 10 miles from the installation." Additionally, a policy statement I previously issued on galley patronage clearly explains my position and states: "As Commander Fleet Activities (COMFLEACT), Yokosuka, it is my responsibility to identify the costs associated with operating the COMFLEACT Yokosuka Galley and ensure our scarce resources are applied appropriately to execute the galley's primary function: to provide quality meal service for active duty enlisted military personnel."

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.

Senior Enlisted Continuation Board

By Navy Office of Information

"The idea of senior enlisted continuation boards is absolutely awesome. I wish we would have implemented them 10 years ago to retain some of our senior, top-performing Sailors who resigned due to limited opportunities. By retaining valuable experience and advancing top performers in the senior enlisted ranks, we will maintain the energy and drive necessary to keep our Navy strong."

– Command Master Chief (SW/AW) Billy Hill, Command Master Chief Detailer

As part of the Navy's continued effort to optimize the quality of the force and enable our end strength to meet future challenges, a performance-driven senior enlisted continuation board will be conducted beginning Sept. 21. Chiefs are regarded as the backbone of the Navy, and by retaining those with demonstrated and sustained performance, we strengthen both the chiefs' mess and the fleet.

Eligibility.

• The senior enlisted continuation board will review records in order to retain senior enlisted leadership who exemplify the professionalism, deckplate leadership, character, institutional and technical expertise associated with chief petty officers.

• As announced in NAVADMIN 030/09, the senior enlisted continuation board will review the records of chief, senior chief and master chief petty officers with more than 20 years of service and three years time in grade.

• Sailors approved to transfer to the Fleet Reserve with an effective date before June 30, 2010 will not be reviewed. Also, command master chiefs and command senior chiefs are exempt from this continuation board due to the performance factors considered during their selection process.

Board considerations.

• Navy leadership fully recognizes the benefit of the senior enlisted community to the entire force. Records will be carefully evaluated in order to sustain a senior enlisted force that possesses a broad spectrum of experience on diverse platforms and warfare communities while ensuring rate and paygrade rotational requirements are met.

• The continuation board is performance-based and will operate without quotas. The primary period of record review will encompass the previous five years of performance or advancement to current grade, whichever is later. Documented misconduct and substandard performance are the primary reasons a chief petty officer will not be continued.

• Senior enlisted continuation boards will meet annually to maintain a senior enlisted force that remains committed to developing Sailors, enforcing standards and advising the fleet.

• By removing under-performing Sailors, the board provides earlier advancement opportunity within the enlisted khaki ranks and to stellar first class petty officers.

Key messages.

• The enlisted continuation board will focus on retaining the Navy's top performers to sustain a quality force that embodies the chief petty officers' mission, vision and guiding principles.

• Quality performance is the priority.

• There are no quotas for the enlisted continuation board.

Facts and figures.

• Approximately 6,000 personnel will be reviewed by the Senior Enlisted Continuation Board.

• About 70 board members are expected to convene Sept. 21 for a period of three weeks to conduct the fiscal year 2010 board.

• Reference NAVADMIN 030/09, 096/09 and 211/09 for more information.

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