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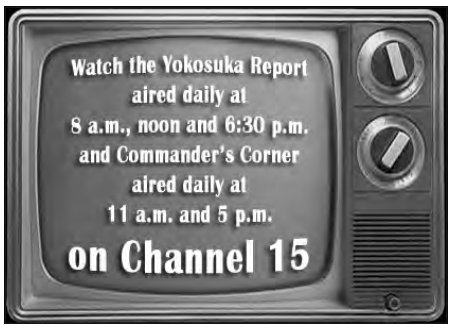

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Community announcements/Action line

Takusan Treasures Rug Auction – The Yokosuka Officers' Spouses' Club (YOSC) and Takusan Treasures are sponsoring a Rug Auction Sept. 18 at the Officer's Club. Preview will begin at 2 p.m., auction starts at 3 p.m. All hands are welcome to attend. Beverages and finger foods will be provided. All profits benefit the local community. Call Takusan Treasures at 243-3357 for more information.

CFAY Employee Association Rug Auction – A rug auction, sponsored by the CFAY Employee Association will be held Sept. 18 at The Sullivans Elementary School gymnasium. Preview will begin at 2 p.m., auction starts at 3 p.m. All hands are welcome to attend. Beverages and finger foods will be provided. Call MMSC Milton McDonald at 243-7368 for more information.

American Red Cross (ARC) Courses and Training – ARC offers the following courses and training:

- Sept. 18: Babysitter's Training, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Sept. 22, Oct. 20: Dog and Cat First Aid, 4 to 6:30 p.m.
- Sept. 25, Oct. 9 and 23: Infant, Adult and Child CPR/AED and First Aid, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Yokosuka Red Cross needs volunteers. Whether you want to serve in a leadership capacity or offer a helping hand, the Yokosuka Red Cross is the place for you. Call Yokosuka Red Cross at 243-7490, or e-mail to Yokosuka@usa.redcross.org for more information.

Base Communication Office Closure – The Base Communication Office located in building C-20, will be closed 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 22 for a command function. Contact Satomi Tsukano at 243-5538, or e-mail to satomi.tsukano.ja@fe.navy.mil for more information.

AFCEA 4th Annual Golf Tournament – The Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association (AFCEA) will hold their 4th annual golf tournament Sept. 24 at Camp Zama. You do not need to be an AFCEA member to play. Cost is $60 or ¥6,000. Lunch and dinner will be served and free beverages will be available throughout the day. Proceeds go to support school scholarships. Visit the Web site http://tokyo.afceachapter.org to sign up. E-mail to VP-Industry@tokyo.afceachapter.org for more information.

Defense Media Agency Holiday Greetings Video – The Defense Media Agency will be in Yokosuka Sept. 25 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Red Brick area in front of the Navy Exchange to film service members and their families' holiday greetings. Bring your family out and prepare a holiday greeting video.

Boy Scouts of America 100th Anniversary Gala Celebration – The Far East Council of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) will celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the establishment of the scouting movement Oct. 2, from 6 to 9 p.m. in the Empire Room of the New Sanno Hotel in Tokyo.The keynote speaker for the event is Jim Terry, who is the BSA Assistant Chief Scout Executive and Chief Financial Officer. His biography is available at: http://www.scouting.org/Media/MediaKit/Bios/CFO.aspx. Contact Capt. Mike Brenyo at 243-3504/5484, 090-9789-3088, or e-mail to michael.brenyo@med.navy.mil for further information, or to receive post event pictures and synopsis.

Military Family Housing (MFH) Resident Satisfaction Survey – All MFH residents will receive a resident satisfaction survey by mid October. The survey will be hand delivered to your residence. Each survey will include a Web link located at the top giving you the option of completing the survey online or by mail. Participation from all MFH residents is critical. Residents' cooperation and candid responses allows the MFH Office to continue to improve services to all residents. The survey only takes about 10 minutes to complete. The survey ends Nov. 12. Contact CFAY Housing Customer Relations Specialist Pauline O'Reilly at 243-9067 for more information.

CFAY Public Works Department Environmental Division Mobile Inspections – Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka (CFAY) Public Works Department Environmental Division will be mobilized to conduct environmental-related inspections to prevent and, or minimize findings within your area of responsibilities. Do not be surprised when we show up at your door to further assist you to comply with all environmental laws and regulations and still accomplish our mission and strive for continual improvement in our environmental performance as required by CFAY Policy Statement on Enviromental Compliance. Your cooperation and assistance are greatly appreciated. Call 243-2732 for more information.

BZ: I am writing to commend an outstanding Personnel Support Detachment Yokosuka staff member, PS2 Mohammed Talukder. In a chance meeting with this individual, I happened to mention an unresolved pay issue that has been a concern of mine for a few years now. About a year after I was commissioned in 2007 it became apparent to me that I was not being paid for the appropriate years of service. I had eight years of prior naval reserve service that initially was not being reflected on my leave and earning statement. In September of 2008 when I went above 10 years of active service, the Defense and Finance Accounting Service (DFAS) automatically updated me to 18 years for longevity which was great but it left me wondering about the 10 previous years. Talukder had no shortage of good advice to offer on how to best go about getting it taken care of. Before I even had a chance to follow his advice, he sent me an e-mail to let me know that he had taken my case for action. As I understand it, military pay is not even his department. A multitude of e-mails later to include a request for documents from DFAS going all the way back to 1998 and even asking me to produce records of my reserve service from 1989 to 1997 and we were on our way. Once everything was compiled, he sent off a final e-mail to DFAS asking for a base pay correction. In his humble words he told me that if all is well, I should see a deposit in my account for that 10-year time period in about two weeks. Needless to say, my wife and I were checking our account balance and mypay on the evening of Sept. 3 to discover that we had been back paid $24,000 for those 10 years. On all of my previous attempts at correcting this matter, no one was else was able to help. The issue was either too complex for them to understand as I explained it or they were not willing to go the extra mile to help figure it out. I did get a partial explanation at one point as to how and why my years of service was updated for longevity in 2008 but it did not account for the 10 prior years of active service that I felt that I was not properly paid for. We are due to transfer out of Japan in about eight months which offers some new financial challenges. Not only will we be losing our cost of living allowance, we will also need to purchase two vehicles upon our return to the states and possibly be required to pay private school tuition for our children. Talukder's actions in making things right has given a nice little boost to our personal economy. For that, he should be commended for his professionalism and devotion to duty.

Q: I want to express my concern and disappointment over hearing American Forces Network (AFN) Spectrum will be airing HBO and Showtime comedies and series 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday evenings to all non-paying TV viewers. This programming will be uncut, unedited and uncensored. It is one thing for people to be paying for this type of adult programming to come into their homes and another when the decision is made for us. I went online and read a little about just a few of these shows and was greatly disturbed to find out one is about a high school coach who resorts to male prostitution, a man with multiple wives and a group of guys experiencing the wild life in Hollywood. It is one thing when people are paying for this type of programming, but this will be coming into everyone's home and teenagers do stay up past 10 p.m. I have contacted AFN by e-mail and received a reply saying this programming is breaking a long tradition of offering nothing rated over TV-14. One of the greatest harms to our society has been the immoral lifestyles portrayed on TV and children then assume that they must be normal or at least acceptable.

A: The AFN Broadcast Center at March Air Reserve Base, Calif., is responsible for acquisition and distribution of all television and radio programming aired on AFN outlets and services worldwide. They received such a positive response to the recent airing of "The Pacific" series, aired uncut and in its entirety, that they decided to expand these types of programs. The airing times are aimed at a specific segment of the audience in what is considered in the industry to be adult viewing/late evening time periods. There has been a great deal of demand from audience members for these programs in recent years. The broadcast programmers are taking a proactive approach to reach more audience members and maximize the effectiveness of our command information initiatives across the board. Command information is the number one mission priority for AFN worldwide.