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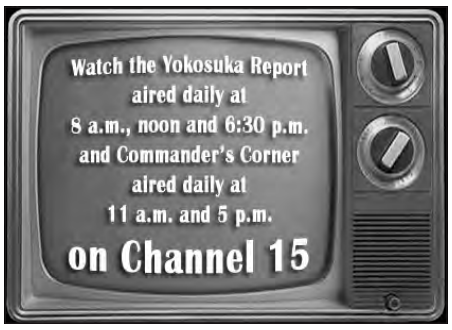

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Community announcements/Action line

Benny Decker Theater Closure – Due to mechanical difficulties beyond our control, The Benny Decker Theater is closed until further notice. All movies will be shown at the Fleet Theater. Contact the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Entertainment Office at 243-5215 for more information.

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

• 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.

ARC Dental Assistant Training Program – The Yokosuka American Red Cross is accepting applications for the Dental Assistant Training Program. Interested individuals can apply through Oct. 7 for this highly competitive learning experience conducted by the Yokosuka Dental Clinic. Applicants must be 18 years or older and a Department of Defense ID card holder and have at least 6 months remaining at Yokosuka. For more information, stop by the Red Cross Office in building 3365, room 305, or call 243-7490/(046) 816-7490.

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.

Heroes 2011 Submissions Now Being Accepted – Stars and Stripes is calling for nominations for its 2011 Heroes edition, a special supplement honoring U.S. service members who have made outstanding contributions to their country. Past editions of Heroes have exceeded one million copies in circulation and have been distributed in the Washington Post, as well as both the U.S. Senate and the House of Representatives. The foreword is traditionally penned by the president. There are two ways that service members can be accepted for a profile in the Heroes edition. One type of profile tells the story of a service member who exhibited uncommon bravery in the face of adversity. The service member will have the opportunity to tell their story, as well as recognize other service members in their unit who helped them achieve their distinction. To qualify, a service member must have been awarded, at minimum, a bronze star with a valor device. The second type of profile does not require a specific award, but requires an extraordinary achievement or sacrifice. One example of this type of profile from the 2010 edition was Petty Officer 1st Class and Navy SEAL David Goggins, who raised more than $250,000 for the Special Operations Warrior Foundation by competing in ultra-endurance events. To nominate a service member, send an e-mail to Stars and Stripes Yokosuka bureau reporter Erik Slavin at: slavine@pstripes.osd.mil. Please include the service member's name and rank, as well as a description of the service member's accomplishments. The nominations will be taken worldwide and are competitive, but all nominations meeting the criteria will be considered.

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 always enjoy the Seahawk, particularly the last page and especially the "Konnichiwa" feature. The Sept. 10 issue was particularly well done. Highlighting the Military Working Dogs (MWD) and their trainers was spot on, treating them both as the military professionals they are. I actually teared up upon reading Ssandor's life goal – "To find bombs to save lives." Thank you and may God bless our MWDs as well as all those who stand in harm's way.

Q: One night after the Navy Exchange Gas Station on Yokosuka base closed, I had no way of getting gas, except out in town. But I ended up at the Ikego Housing Detachement where they have a gas station there with 24-hour access because of automated credit card purchase. Can we get the same gas purchase capabilities for the gas station in Yokosuka?

A: We have plans in the works to make the gas pumps in the NEX Yokosuka AutoPort available 24 hours. We are in the planning stages with CFAY Public Works Office to make this happen. We anticipate completion 2012.

NWU: No out-of-pocket expenses for Sailors

By Chief of Naval Personnel Public Affairs

Following a recent fleet reminder of the Dec. 31 Navy Working Uniform (NWU) mandatory wear date, the chief of naval personnel (CNP) is ensuring Sailors who have not received a full set of uniforms or allowances will not be expected to use their own money to meet uniform requirements.

The Navy recognized that Sailors who started recruit training Oct. 1, 2007, through April 26, 2009, were not issued NWU components due to a delay in uniform production, nor did they receive the full enhanced clothing replacement allowance due to their time in service.

As a result, the Navy is reviewing the issue and will provide a solution that will not require Sailors to use their own money for uniforms.

Sailors will not be expected to have four sets of the NWU while the Navy weighs several courses of action to compensate them. He also extended their deadline until June 30, 2013, to allow these fixes to be identified and implemented.

With the exception of those identified, fleetwide availability of the NWU was achieved six months early and Sailors are expected to use the allowances provided over the past several years to purchase a full sea bag ahead of the mandatory wear date.

The NWU seabag requirements are as follows: four NWU blouses and trousers, one pair of NWU boots, two eight-point utility caps, five 100 percent blue cotton t-shirts, five pairs of boot socks, one mock turtle neck sweater, one fleece liner one Gortex parka.

For more information on Navy uniforms visit http://www.npc.navy.mil/CommandSupport/USNavyUniforms/.