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Halloween Trick or Treating – Halloween trick or treating will be conducted on board Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka and the Ikego and Negishi Housing Detachments Oct. 31 from 4:30 to 8:00 p.m. Families and guests are reminded to be respectful to those homes not participating in Halloween activities. Master Labor Contract (MLC), Indirect Hiring Agreement (IHA) and Hourly Payment Temporary (HPT) employees are authorized up to six guests. Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) sponsored personnel are authorized up to 10 guests. To bring a guest on board, a request form obtained from the Industrial Security Office (ISO) must be filled out and submitted to the ISO no later than Oct. 23. When entering the base with your guests, please show your gate pass, the request form and your guests' ID such as passport, Japanese driver's license or resident card with picture to the main gate guard. Children under 12 years of age are not required to show their ID. The gate guard will issue a Halloween sticker to each guest. Call 243-5330/5125/9523 for more information.

Military Family Housing (MFH) Resident Satisfaction Survey – All MFH residents will receive the REACT Resident Satisfaction Survey (RSS) by mid October. The RSS 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. The resident's cooperation and candid responses, allows the MFH Office to continue to improve services to all residents. The end date for the survey is Oct. 31. Your thoughts and opinion really matter. If you lose or misplace your survey, send an e-mail to DONFHSurvey@celassociates.com and provide your mailing address to receive your survey code to complete the survey online at: http://www.celassociates.com/231-29Navy.htm.

AAA Driver Improvement Program Training – Want to improve your driving skills and help reduce your risk of being involved in an accident while stationed in Japan? Sign up to participate in the AAA Driver Improvement Program training session and gain the knowledge and skills to improve on your driving capabilities. The course is designed for all drivers wishing to improve their knowledge and understanding of driving and risk management/collision avoidance skills. The AAA driver program is recognized in most states for insurance premium reductions and/or violator point reductions and is conducted by AAA-certified instructors. The training is designed to be given as a six-hour session and is geared to provide drivers with practical guidance for preventing traffic accidents. The CFAY Safety Office offers these classes every third Thursday of the month in Building 39B classroom beginning at 8 a.m. Call 243-7354 for more information or to sign up for a class.

Compass Program Class – The next available class will be held Oct. 28 - 30 in the Community Readiness Center in room 223 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day. Free lunch provided and childcare reimbursed. Compass is a peer-to-peer mentorship program designed to help Navy spouses adapt to military life. Contact Shelle at 264-7270, Shannon at 246-7920 or visit the Web site www.gocompass.org for more information or to register for the class.

Direct-to-Home Program – Satellite dishes are now available at the Housing Self-Help Center for active duty military and Department of Defense civilians with transportation agreement residing off base. Due to the limited number, dishes will be issued on a first-come-first-serve basis. Call 243-5042 for more information.

College 101 for Spouses – Starting or continuing college? Navy College is offering a free course to help you in your pursuit of higher education Oct.22 at 9 a.m. at the Fleet Recreation Center on the 3rd floor in room 347. Call 243-8131 or e-mail to cynthia.cross@fe.navy.mil to sign up or for more information.

BZ: Bravo Zulu to Mike and Aaron for a superb ASA Keel Boat Sailing Course Sept. 25-27. I appreciate the great attitude as well as their patience and willingness to work with us, regardless of our skill level and lack of previous experience. They really made it fun. I have a better appreciation for the resources we have at Green Bay Marina, both the equipment and staff, and look forward to more activities throughout the season.

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.

The Chief says:

"Did you know the Yokosuka Iron Foundry was established in 1865, and the French engineer Léonce Verny spent the next 10 years supervising the development of shipbuilding facilities?

Yokosuka became the first modern arsenal to be created in Japan. The construction of the arsenal was the central point of a global modern infrastructure that was to prove an important first step for the modernization of Japan's industry.

Modern buildings, the Hashirimizu waterway, foundries, brick factories and technical schools to train Japanese technicians were established.

If you didn't know, now you know." - MCC(SW/AW) Eric Hannah, CFAY Public Affairs

MCPON stresses heritage in birthday message to fleet

From the Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy

In recognition of the Navy's 234th birthday, Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) Rick D. West released the following message to the fleet:

"Very recently I had the honor of visiting Mrs. Ima Black. For those of you who don't know, she is the widow of our first Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy, Del Black.

In honor of our 234th birthday as a service, I'd like to tell you a little bit about this amazing lady because she represents so much that is right about our Navy and her life so closely parallels our history.

Ima's 88 years old, an honorary master chief, a proud chief petty officer's wife and an amazing supporter of the American Sailor. From the minute we sat down to lunch she asked about you, about our men and women at sea and about the Sailors serving in Iraq, Afghanistan and other dangerous places around the world.

I told her that I'd never seen so many men and women in uniform with so much passion to serve, so much enthusiasm to represent our nation. We talked about today's Navy and she told me some stories about the Navy she joined in 1943.

Mrs. Black lives in a retired community down in Florida, in a small apartment overlooking a little lake. She's surrounded by friends and is quick to point out that every once in a while a few Sailors drop by to see how she's doing. Her apartment is a tribute to our first MCPON. Pictures, uniform items, anchors… all mementos from Del Black's amazing career. But if you look closely, you'll see that it's much more. It's a living history of our Navy.

There are pictures of a young Seaman Del Black when he was aboard *USS Maryland* in Pearl Harbor, just before the fleet was attacked Dec. 7, 1941. Photo albums hold letters written from several more ships over the course of his career. One picture shows MCPON Black, Ima and Adm. Elmo Zumwalt, the chief of naval operations from 1970 to 1974. Look closely at another and you'll see him at his most comfortable, surrounded by Sailors on the mess decks of a ship.

He took care of Sailors at a time when our Navy had no idea what or who a MCPON was. He went where the fight was, to Vietnam. And he went where the fleet was, to our ships at sea.

On our 234th birthday, I ask that you remember MCPON Black and you consider that there are thousands of men and women just like his wife Ima who keep our Navy's history alive. Seek them out. Talk with them and your lives will be richer for it.

Happy birthday shipmates. You are part of a legacy that grows stronger each day due to your effort, your initiative and your willingness to serve.

HOOYAH Navy."

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