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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.

USNH Yokosuka Haunted Hospital – U.S. Naval Hospital (USNH) Yokosuka is sponsoring a Haunted Hospital Oct. 30 from 5 to 9 p.m. at the USNH Yokosuka warehouse, building E-18. Designed for children ages 5 to 12 but all are welcome to enter at your own risk. Admission is $1.00.

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.

Veterans Day Ceremony – A Veterans Day Ceremony will be held Nov. 11 at 10 a.m. in the CFAY C-2 Auditorium. Guest speaker will be VFW Post 1054 previous post commander FCCM (Ret.) Mike Lutman. Call 243-8309 or 243-2549 for more information.

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.

Seahawk/Umitaka Community Announcements and Article/photo Submissions – Deadline for community announcements and article/photo submissions for the Seahawk is the Friday before the next Seahawk edition. E-mail your submissions to Seahawk-Umitaka@fe.navy.mil. Please include your telephone contact information in the body of the e-mail. Contact the Seahawk editor at Seahawk-Umitaka@fe.navy.mil or call 243-2567/3003 for specific submission requirements or for more information.

BZ: Bravo Zulu to FISC Personnel Property Office, specifically John Ganley and staff of the Inbound Office, for their excellent support during my household goods and unaccompanied baggage shipment packouts. They really helped me and my family during this time by answering all our questions and helping us deal with unforeseen events without any issues whatsoever. We are grateful on how they take care of personnel.

BZ: Keri Embry and Ava Baksh are extraordinary Child Development Center (CDC) providers and teachers! My daughter recently transitioned out of their toddler classroom at the Ikego CDC and continuously refers to Keri and Ava throughout the day. Both Keri and Ava show a genuine affection for all of the children in their classroom. They have an exceptional ability to maintain structured order in their classroom while, at the same time, providing attention and warmth to each individual child. While in the toddler classroom with Keri and Ava, my daughter, at times, found it difficult to be dropped off in the mornings. However, Keri's routine morning hugs always seemed to make the morning transition much easier. Almost three weeks after transitioning out of the toddler class and into the preschool class, my daughter still tells me, "I want Keri to hold me," when she's having a difficult morning being dropped off at the CDC. Upon picking her up at the end of the day, my daughter always wants to check in with Ava now that she's no longer in her class. As a parent, I would not be able to properly function at work if I had concerns regarding the type of child care being provided to my children. It's because of the exceptional care provided at the Ikego CDC by teachers like Keri and Ava that I am able to concentrate on my responsibilities at work in supporting the military mission.

Q: Why are residents not allowed to paint the interior of their on base homes? I live in a townhouse and know that some paint would certainly brighten up the house and make it feel more like home - a feeling not easily achieved when overseas and away from family and friends. Regardless of the condition of the home when a family moves out, the housing office paints the entire interior of the home. I'm aware that some locations allow their residents to paint, but Yokosuka, Ikego and Negishi do not. Is there any way to change this policy?

A: The Yokosuka Housing Welcome Center and Negishi and Ikego Site Offices do allow residents to conduct minor alterations to government quarters. Please stop by your nearest housing office to fill out a Military Family Housing New Construction/Alteration Request form. Be advised that the quarters must be restored to original condition prior to vacancy otherwise the resident will be charged the cost for restoration based on the current contract cost. Contact your nearest housing office for more details.

Q: Is there anyway a credit/debit card machine could be installed in the enlisted galley on base? This would be helpful in the event an active duty member does not have cash on hand.

A: The only card machine available for Sailor use is what is installed in most Navy ships, the Navy Cash Card. Enlisted personnel receiving Rations in Kind (RIK) does not warrant installation of a bank debit/credit card machine to an enlisted dining facility. All ashore dining facilities are dedicated for single sailors receiving RIK. Cash diners are invited guests of these RIK Sailors and must comply in paying by cash not debit or credit for their meals. The Commodore Perry General Mess is located with an accessible ATM available nearby at the Navy Federal Credit Union, Personnel Support Detachment, Navy Exchange and the commissary.

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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