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**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 Nov. 18. 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.

**Seasonal Flu Vaccinations Postponed** – An increased demand for this year's seasonal influenza immunization, coupled with a delay in shipment of some of the vaccines, has lead to a temporary shortage of the seasonal flu vaccine. U.S. Naval Hospital (USNH) Yokosuka expects delivery of more seasonal flu vaccines approximately the second week of November. As soon as the shipment arrives, USNH Yokosuka will make public announcements and will hold vaccination events. Contact USNH Yokosuka Preventive Medicine at 243-2608 for more information.

**CFAY Schools Closure Dates** – Upcoming school closure for all CFAY schools will be Nov. 26 and 27. Additionally, the high school will be closed Nov. 20 for Teacher/Parent Conferences. Contact Regional School Liaison Officer Ruth Russell at 243-2588 or by e-mail to ruth.russell@fe.navy.mil for more information.

**Tax Center Volunteers Needed** – Help Sailors and their families while learning a marketable skill by becoming a Tax Center volunteer. IRS training provided, no experience necessary. Prospective volunteers must attend a mandatory preparation class Jan. 11 through 14. Contact Lt. Byron Nakamura at 243-5141 or by e-mail to byron.nakamura@fe.navy.mil to volunteer or for more information.

BZ: My wife and I would like to thank and commend the Housing Office staff. Once we arrived, we took the shuttle to my wife's base (Atsugi) and checked into the lodge there. I made my way to Yokosuka where I had to take care of all of our housing duties. Our situation is unique in that I have full custody of my children who are currently in Florida waiting on command sponsorship approval. One issue we had was Atsugi refused to process my wife's Temporary Lodging Allowance (TLA) because the Atsugi Housing Office would not sign her lodging receipt telling her that Yokosuka Housing would have to sign her TLA. Well, I was introduced to Nikki McBride of the Yokosuka Housing office, and she handled that situation for me. The next situation was we were only authorized a two bedroom unit because my kids were not sponsored by the command yet. We went to the Housing Manager Daniel Rourke and talked about our situation. We then met with Naomi Hendges and she explained to us what we needed to do to move into a three bedroom unit. If it wasn't for her, we would not have known about the options available to us. Finally, we met with Kieko Farmer and she informed us that there was a unit opened in Negishi, which we accepted. We knew we did not want to live out in town due to the size of housing, so we decided that Negishi was the best place for us due to our distance from our jobs. The housing staff at Yokosuka could not have done a better job! Their expertise and hard work showed us that a family making a transition to another country can be easy and pain free. Thank you to Daniel Rourke, Naomi Hendges, Kieko Farmer, Nikki McBride and the whole front desk staff!

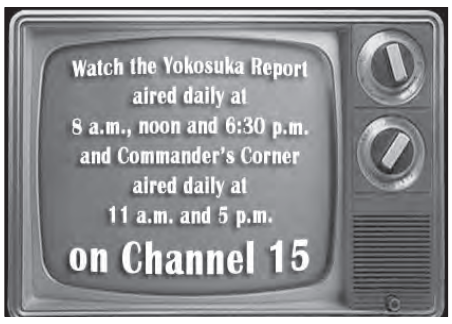
Action Line correspondence may be edited for length and readability. Your questions, suggestions and "Bravo Zulu" comments are appreciated. Address concerns with your chain of command or directly with the parties involved, at the lowest level possible. If you don't get results, ***send an e-mail to cfay.pao.watch@gmail.com***. 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:

"In regards to energy conservation, did you know, if 300,000 Navy personnel turned off their office lights during the lunch hour (four fluorescent tubes per person for 250 hours per year), annually, the Navy could save $1.2 million and reduce emissions by 51.6 millions pounds of nitrogen dioxide, 124.8 million pounds of sulfur dioxide and 13,656 million pounds of carbon dioxide?

"Did you know, replacing an incandescent bulb with a compact fluorescent bulb will save the energy equivalent of 46 gallons of oil, as well as one-half ton of carbon dioxide emissions over the lifetime of the bulb?

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

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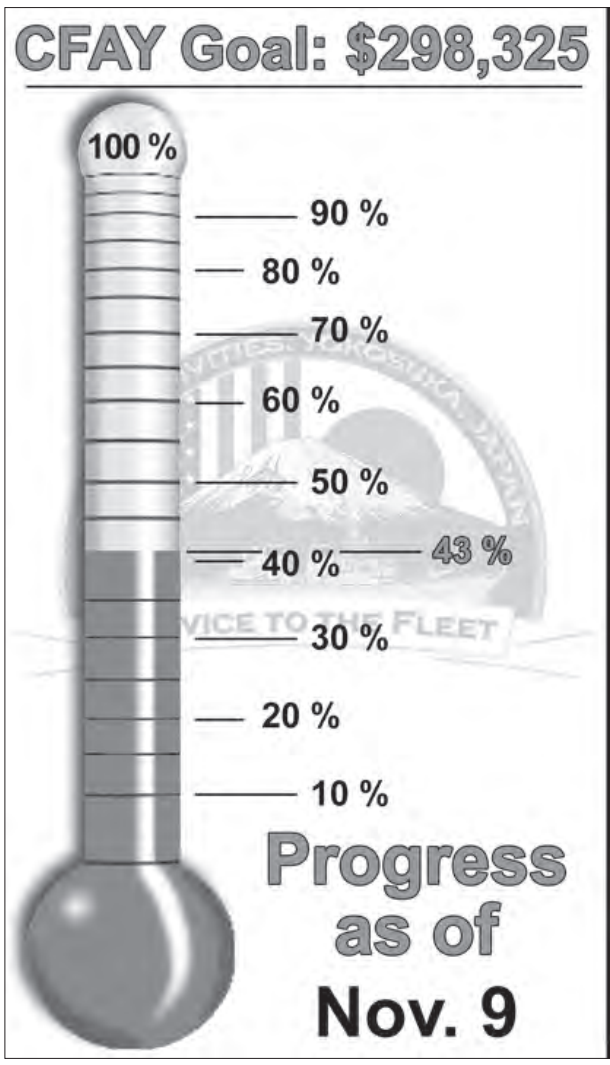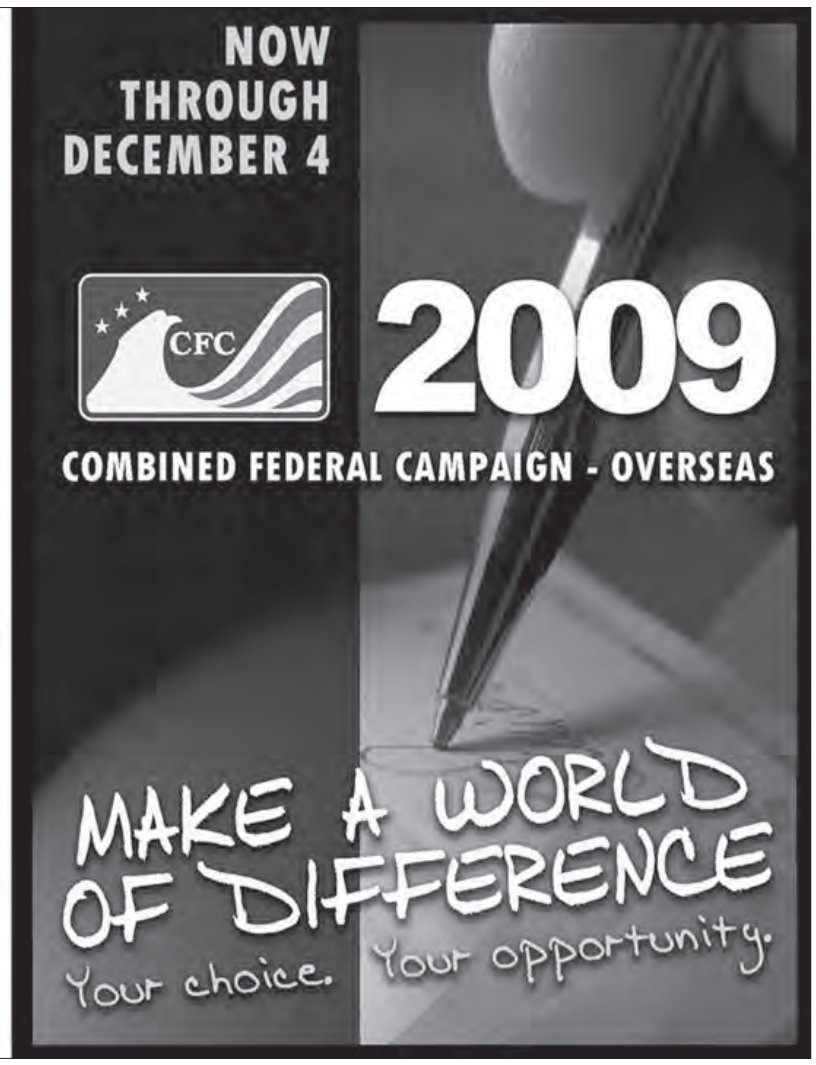
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