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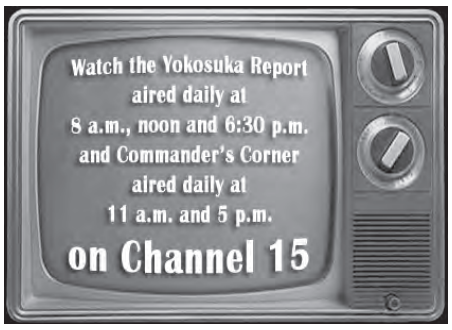

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Heads Up Yokosuka!

Community announcements/Action line

NEX Pack and Wrap – The Navy Exchange (NEX) Pack and Wrap in building 1823 will discontinue postal shipping services Nov. 20. Patrons who desire to mail their parcels may still do so at the main post office located across the street from the pack and wrap. Call 243-3096 for more information.

Christmas Disco Party Community Relations Event – Volunteers are needed to participate in a Christmas Disco Party community relations event for people with disabilities from the Yokosuka area Dec. 3 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at Yokosuka Sogo Fukushi Kaikan Hall, located between Yokosuka base and Daiei Shoppers Plaza. To volunteer, send an e-mail with your full name, rate, rank (including warfare qualification), command name, phone number and the last four digits of your social security number to fumiyo.sato.ja@fe.navy.mil.

The Sullivans Elementary School Theme Basket Fundraiser – The Sullivans Elementary School will hold their annual Theme Basket fundraiser during parent conferences Nov. 18-19. As this charity event has becomes more successful, the amount of fundraising received now allows donations to go to two orphanages, Kobo Cottage in Hayama and Shunkou Gakuen in Kinugasa. Each year, classes from the school voluntarily sign up for a theme basket. Parents and teachers then donate items that match their theme and the baskets are auctioned off by silent bidding. The baskets will be placed in the lobby of building "B" at the school Nov. 18 and will be available for browsing Nov. 18, 19 and 22 from 7:15 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. The highest bid determines who wins each basket. Bidding on the baskets will officially close Monday, Nov. 22 at 2:15 p.m. and the winners will be notified. You do not have to be present to win and anyone over the age of 18 can bid. We have more than 20 baskets signed up at this time. Some of the baskets themes currently being planned are: Birthday Basket, Fashion for Passion, Pre-school Educational Activity, iFiesta, Hina Dolls, Christmas and Baby's Bath. The Sullivans School Theme Basket Fundraiser is a great way to help raise money for a good cause. Another way to contribute to this worthy cause is to send something to be included in one of the baskets. Any new items can easily be added to one of the baskets. To drop off items to be included in a basket or for more information about the fundraiser, contact Vicky Araki at 243-4757/7336, or e-mail to victoria.araki@pac.dodea.edu.

American Red Cross Courses and Training – The American Red Cross Yokosuka Branch is offering the following courses and training:

- **Nov. 19:** First Aid/CPR/AED Instructor Course, 4 to 8 p.m.
- **Nov. 20, 21:** First Aid/CPR/AED Instructor Course, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Call the Yokosuka Red Cross at 243-7490, or e-mail to Yokosuka@usa.redcross.org for more information.

Odyssey of the Mind is coming to The Sullivans Elementary School – Odyssey of the Mind is an international creative problem-solving competition involving students from kindergarten through college. Team members work together at length to solve a predefined problem and then will present their solution to the problem at an Odyssey of the Mind competition at the school April 2, 2011. Participation encourages creative thinking, innovation and teamwork. We would like to invite your child to participate in this creative opportunity. Sign-ups are desired now as students will need time to prepare for the competition. Students will be assigned to a team of five to seven students with a parent serving as a coach. We also need parent volunteers willing to serve as coaches. To find out more about Odyssey of the Mind, visit their website at www.odysseyofthemind.com. For more information about The Sullivans Elementary School Odyssey of the Mind competition or to participate in the event, send an e-mail to jan.jensen@pac.dodea.edu or kanell.mings@pac.dodea.edu.

Residential Hazardous Material Safety – Residential Hazardous Material (Hazmat) safety is important in preventing fires in and around your home. Hazmat safety involves the proper handling and storage of combustibles and flammable liquids such as gasoline, kerosene, propane, oil, aerosols, certain household cleaning products and painting supplies. The following are some safety tips you can follow to avoid a hazmat emergency:

- Use proper storage containers for flammables and combustibles.
- Never store flammables in direct sunlight or near an open flame.
- Inspect storage areas regularly and be on the lookout for leaking containers, poor ventilation and the smell of fumes.
- Store hazardous materials out of reach of children and pets.

DBIDS Registration – Don't forget to register in the Defense Biometric Identification Data System (DBIDS)! Due to the updated Non-combatant Evacuation Operation (NEO) plan and increase in force protection and random anti-terrorism measures, all military, civilian employees, Navy contractors and their family members including children 10 years of age and older, Master Labor Contract (MLC) employees and local contractors onboard Yokosuka Base or assigned to afloat units are required to register in DBIDS. Personnel who are currently registered in DBIDS but have changes to their profile must come in and update their information. The DBIDS registration office is located at the main gate inside building 1495. Customer service hours are Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.
横須賀基地に関係する軍人、軍属、契約従業員及び10歳以上のご家族、MLC従業員、契約業者の方は全て指紋認識データシステム（DBIDS）に登録する必要があります。既に登録された方で、データに変更がある方は、1495ビルのDBIDS登録事務所でデータの更新を行って下さい。受付は月～金曜の午前7時から午後4時まで。

Seahawk-Umitaka Community Announcements, Article and photo submissions – Deadline for community announcements and article and photo submissions for the Seahawk is the Thursday 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 so we can contact you if necessary. Contact the Seahawk editor by e-mail to Seahawk-Umitaka@fe.navy.mil or call 243-2567/3003 for specific submission requirements or for more information.

Slow down and get off the phone!

By Capt. David A. Owen,
Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka

Speeding has become rampant on this base and is a continuous safety issue. The posted limits are there for reasons and are required to be observed. With the number of personnel on this base walking and riding bicycles, it is wholly inappropriate for motor vehicles to be traveling at twice the posted speed. It happens everywhere including residential areas where the limits are 20 kilometers per hour (kph), thus endangering families and children.

The most common comment when pulled over by base security is "I was not speeding," even when they were clocked at 45 kph in a 20 kph zone on a radar gun. One of my options is to direct a 20 kph speed limit basewide, which I am seriously considering implementing.

Additionally, I frequently see drivers talking on cell phones. This is also against base regulations and dangerous. One afternoon, I noticed a woman doing it and I shouted out to her to get off the cell phone. In return, she yelled back "who do you think you're talking to?" Note that I was in uniform.

Keep in mind, there is an attitude that security needs to enforce these two areas more. The problem is that they cannot be everywhere all the time. Plus, it is not their primary job. The reason we have security is to keep the bad guys on the outside of the fence lines, not to chase down speeders and those talking on cell phones.

Yokosuka base is supposed to be a safe place to live, and inappropriate driving habits are inconsistent with that goal. I ask all those who operate motor vehicles on and off base to SLOW DOWN AND GET OFF THE PHONE!