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CMDCM Gregory Vidaurri, Command Master Chief

The Chief says:

"Did you know "*Semper Fidelis*" ("*Always Faithful*") was adopted about 1883 as the motto of the U.S. Marine Corps?

"Before that, there had been three mottoes, all traditional rather than official. The first, prior to the war of 1812, was "*Fortitudine*" ("*With Fortitude*"). The second, "*By Sea and by Land*," was a translation of the Royal Marines "*Per Mare, Per Terram*." Until 1848, the third motto was "*To the Shores of Tripoli*," in commemoration of the capture of Derna in 1805. In 1848, after the return to Washington of the Marine battalion that took part in the capture of Mexico City, this motto was revised to: "*From the Halls of Montezumas to the Shores of Tripoli*" – a line now familiar to all Americans. This revision of the corps motto in Mexico has encouraged speculation that the first stanza of "*The Marines' Hymn*" was composed by members of the Marines who stormed Chapultepec Castle.

"To learn more about U.S. Marine Corps history, visit the U.S. Marine Corps History Division Web site at www.tecom.usmc.mil.

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

Commissary 2009 Holiday Schedule – The following is the commissary schedule for the holiday season:

- Early closure Dec. 19 at 5 p.m.
- Early closure Dec. 24 at 5 p.m.
- Closed Christmas Day
- Reopen Dec. 26 at normal hours
- Closed New Year's Day
- Reopen Jan. 2 at normal hours
- Early opening Dec. 13, 19, 20, 26 and 27 at 8 a.m.

Holiday Video Greetings – Come share your holiday cheer this year on the CFAY base channel 15. CFAY Public Affairs will record your holiday greetings for broadcast on channel 15 for all hands to include SOFA family members and MLC personnel by appointment from now through Dec. 18 at the CFAY Production Studio, building C-5 (3154), room 217. Appropriate dress such as working or Service Dress Blue and civilian business casual required. Contact Tony Hill at 243-5109 or by e-mail to ronald.hill@fe.navy.mil to make an appointment or for more information.

CFAY 3rd Annual Grand Illumination – Yokosuka Base will open its gates to our host nation and local communities to show our appreciation for their support while sharing the holiday spirit during the 3rd annual Grand Illumination Dec. 5 from noon to 6 p.m. Food booths, game booths, Santa's Village, live entertainment and a ship tour of *USS George Washington* (CVN 73) will be offered. Call the event hotline at 046-823-3555 for more information.

CFAY Festival of Trees – Come join us for the community holiday Festival of Trees viewing complete with Santa Claus, entertainment and holiday treats Dec. 5 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Dec. 6 from 3 to 7 p.m. in the CFAY headquarters building C-2 Auditorium. Specially decorated holiday trees from commands and organizations throughout Yokosuka Base will be on display for all to see!

College 101 for Spouses – Starting or continuing college? Navy College is offering a free course to help you in your pursuit of higher education Dec. 9 and Jan. 13 at 9 a.m. at the Fleet Recreation Center on the 3rd floor in room 353. Call 243-8131 or e-mail to cynthia.cross@fe.navy.mil to sign up or for more information.

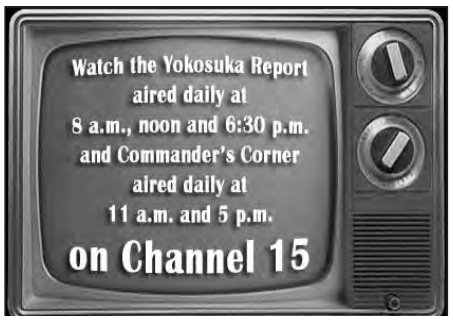
Seahawk/Umitaka Community Announcements and Article/photo Submissions – Deadline for community announcements and article/photo submissions for the Seahawk is the Friday before the next Seahawk edition. E-mail your submissions to Seahawk-Umitaka@fe.navy.mil. Please include your telephone contact information 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: A Bravo Zulu to all who were working to give flu vaccines at The Sullivans Elementary School Nov. 24. My daughter was so afraid to get the vaccine and it took a long time. However, the people administering the shots were not upset and very professional and were able to calm her down. The gentleman who gave her the shot was outstanding! At that moment I was unable to show my appreciation. I really do thank you and appreciate everything you did for us!

Q: Are there any plans to fix the signs at the bus stops on base? Most are severely faded and you really can't make out the times. This would really help out a lot to the newcomers on base.

A: Thank you for your question. A project was initiated earlier this year to replace all the bus stop signs and we will have them replaced by Jan. 31, 2010.

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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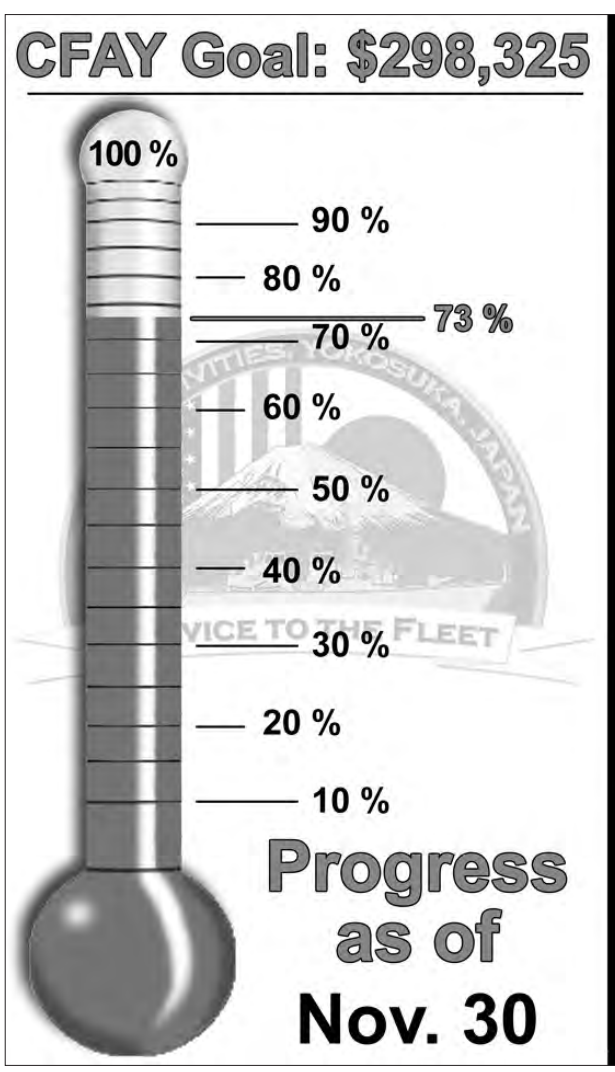
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