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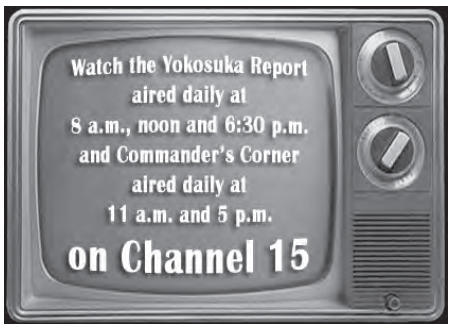

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Community announcements/Action line

Marriage Enrichment Workshops – Marriage Enrichment Workshops provided by the *USS George Washington* (CVN 73) (GW) Command Religious Ministries Department will be held April 21 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Chapel of Hope. Contact the GW Chaplain's Office at 243-7454 or by e-mail to howardb@cvn73.navy.mil to sign up or for more information. These workshops directly contribute to family resiliency and help promote healthy relationships.

Travel Advisory for Japan's Golden Week Celebration – Japan's Golden Week celebration begins April 29 and ends May 5. Traditionally, the majority of Japanese employees take vacation during this period and Government of Japan (GOJ) offices are closed. U.S. Embassy Tokyo is closed April 29 and May 3 to 5. It is very difficult to conduct business in Japan during the Golden Week holiday period. Second only to the Japanese New Year holiday period, Golden Week is one of the busiest and most congested travel periods in Japan. The U.S. Defense Attaché Office Tokyo advises Department of Defense (DoD) personnel to defer official travel to Japan during golden week to ensure availability of hotels, transportation and access to GOJ officials. Furthermore, it is also recommended that DoD members and their families located in Japan take extra caution when traveling on roads and trains during this holiday period.

Life After Kinnick Resource Room to Open – A ribbon cutting ceremony will open Kinnick High School's new Life After Kinnick (LAK) Resource Room April 21 at 5 p.m. on the school's campus. Kinnick's Continuous School Improvement co-chair Chey Hickey sought to significantly enhance the school's support for students preparing for life after high school. Kathleen Thomas, a Kinnick substitute teacher recently toured the Bahrain School and shared her observations of a resource room there designed to help students plan for college. Their collaboration resulted in this new LAK Resource Room, a place where students can come to find inspiration, motivation, information, resources and guidance, to begin to continue and to finalize their individual post-secondary planning. From ninth-grade to 12th-grade, students will find appropriate self-assessment tools, career and college preparation information in publications and online. Most importantly, the resource room provides a permanent and dedicated space for students to work on their plans for the future with guidance from teachers. E-mail to Cheytoria.Hickey@pac.dodea.edu for more information.

BZ: I would like to send out a Bravo Zulu to Kiara Lozada and PSSN Roberto Hernandez, who provided outstanding service in the Personnel Support Detachment Yokosuka ID Card Section. Keep up the outstanding job. We need more personnel like these. Thanks again.

BZ: Who rocks the house? The CFAY community! The CFAY Community donated $11,768.69 through the Yokosuka Red Cross to support the Japanese Earthquake and Pacific Tsunami Relief. The $11,768.69 is the three days total prior to the authorization for voluntary military assisted family departures. We are confident more was raised with online and texting donations. If you would like to donate, visit the American Red Cross Office Yokosuka branch located in the Fleet and Family Support Center in the Community Readiness Center or you may make your online donation at http://american.redcross.org/site/PageServer?pagename=ntld_main&JServSessionIdr004=p7x7hklpf1.app293a. Thanks again for all your efforts! – CFAY Command Master Chief Greg Vidaurri

Q: Is it true that there is a speed zone that has no identification markings that do not tell people that it is a zone, by the commissary and school? I have been on this base since 1998 and I have worked with base Security for three years. I know if there is any modification to the base car zones the people of the base are to be notified to be made aware of, and now CFAY has speed traps and parking traps for all cars. I have been told about all these tickets being issued the driving school being over booked and people losing there license for 12 months, and it is not there fault. I know of some people have contacted Department of the Navy secretary and their Congressman about this problem. This is a problem that is not just on the base, it has gotten the attention of the U.S. Government back in Washington, D.C. The E1 to E5 petty officers are only follow orders and we know where the orders come from. Please help us to make things better on this base. I understand the base commanding officer can modify things, but why modify what has been working for years? A show of force is good to make people aware and issue first-time warnings, but to be like this is causing major problems with the families. I don't have a car, I walk a lot, but I hear a lot... Thank you.

A: Thank you for sharing your concern as it is very important to Security and the base that our community let us know their thoughts as we try to improve this wonderful installation. Please understand that the Security Department here strives to improve the safety of the community and to ensure our CFAY family remains comfortable at all times. Security does not set or participate in any speed traps at all. Security constantly works to show the law enforcement presences that you the community expects to see. With that, there are many locations on the installation that have been noted and brought to our attention to have speeders, and with that information Security patrol officers are placed in these areas to help eliminate speeding and any accidents. With this show of presence, we expect to lesson the amount of accidents on the installation and injuries, should there be any. Our goal is to ensure that child, mother, father and yes pets are safe as they cross the street while enjoying the overseas life. Signs are posted in the areas that you had concern, in and around the school and they clearly state that from 0700-1500 (7 a.m.-3 p.m.) the speed limit is 15 kph. Please assist Security and CFAY in spreading this word to anyone that may have an incorrect misconception of Security's role and dedication to our community.

Ignorant Oil

By Capt. David Owen,
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Alcohol use is a common topic of discussion among the local leadership and rightfully so. I heard the actor Andy Griffith years ago refer to alcohol as "ignorant oil" because those who drink too much of it develop a tendency to act ignorantly. I'm certainly in the minority of today's culture in that I do not drink and never have.

Therefore, preaching about responsible alcohol use might not seem to carry as much credibility from me as it would from someone who indulges in an adult beverage at least every now and then. However, what can not be dismissed are the laws which regulate the use of alcohol; one of which has recently been frequently violated is that pertaining to underage drinking. The legal drinking age for all hands in Japan is 20 and there is no disputing it.

Additionally, there have already been four cases of Driving Under the Influence/Driving While Intoxicated (DUI/DWI) this year. That sets a pace for Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka to exceed last year's total by more than 33 percent. Sobriety check points are in place and active, so you are rolling the dice whenever you get behind the wheel after having consumed alcohol.

Consider this interesting and often repeated exchange from an alcohol related incident Non-Judicial Punishment (NJP):

Me: Did it taste good?
Sailor: Not really.
Me: Did it cost a lot?
Sailor: Yes.
Me: Why did you drink so much?
Sailor: I don't know.
Me: Was it worth it?
Sailor: No.

If you are under the legal drinking age limit or are planning to drive, next time you are tempted to consume "ignorant oil" ask yourself these same questions. In most cases you'll probably determine that it really isn't that good of an idea.

DON'T DRINK TO EXCESS, DON'T DRINK IF YOU'RE DRIVING and DON'T DRINK IF YOU'RE UNDER 20.