

Japan stop movement lifted for Navy's military personnel

WASHINGTON (NNS) -- Navy released NAVADMIN 123/11 April 8th announcing the movement of Navy military personnel to commands and activities in Japan is authorized, effective immediately.

"America's Navy has been committed to supporting our long-time ally, as well as keeping the safety of our Sailors, civilians and families a top priority during this difficult time," explained Vice Adm. Mark Ferguson, chief of naval personnel. "We can now sustain the movement of our Sailors to units throughout Japan, but will continue to hold families from moving to certain areas until we can ensure they can be fully supported."

The stop movement order will remain in effect for all military dependents whose sponsors are under orders to report to commands or activities on Honshu Island, which includes bases in Atsugi, Misawa, Iwakuni and Yokosuka. For those family members with orders to areas outside Honshu, such as Sasebo and Okinawa, they may be authorized to accompany their Sailor with an updated dependent entry approval by the base Com-

manding Officer (CO).

For dependents of service members with orders to the island of Honshu (e.g. Atsugi, Misawa, and Yokosuka), the impact of this stop movement on allowances will be highly dependent on their individual circumstances. These families should read NAVADMIN 123/11 to learn what types of support they may be eligible for and should contact their local Personnel Support Detachment or Navy Personnel Command's Customer Service Center with questions based on their specific circumstances.

Sailors, families and commands with questions may contact the NPC Customer Service Center at 1-866-U-ASK-NPC (1-866-827-5672).

To read the updated stop movement message (NAVADMIN 123/11) and learn what support may be available to those families still affected, visit www.npc.navy.mil.

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