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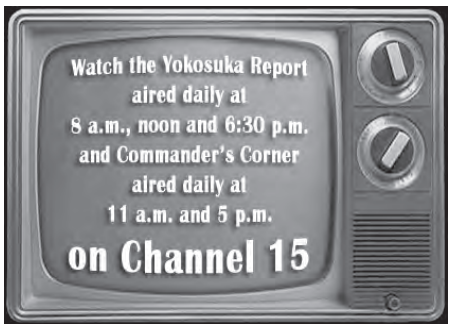

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Heads Up Yokosuka!

Community announcements/Action line

Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) Workshop – The ASIST workshop will be held May 11-12 and June 1-2 at the Community Readiness Center. ASIST teaches suicide first-aid intervention skills. During the two-day, 15-hour workshop, attendees will learn specific skills that help you identify those at risk and how to better listen to and care for those having thoughts of suicide. The May workshop is for *USS George Washington* (CVN 73) Sailors and family members but all adult members of the community may sign up as a standby. The June workshop is open to all military, civilians, contractors, ombudsman and adult family members. Contact Capt. John Swanson by e-mail to john.swanson@fe.navy.mil or RPC Alan Dagg at alan.dagg@fe.navy.mil or call 243-6931 to register for either workshop or for more information. Pre-registration is required in order to attend.

Summer Adventure: Navy Teen Scholarship Program – Navy and Child Youth Programs is accepting applications for its 2011 Navy Teen Summer Adventure Scholarship Program, which will allow 180 eligible Navy teens, ages 13-17, to attend one of eight all expenses paid summer camps, schools and workshops. To apply, complete and submit the online application available at http://www.cnic.navy.mil/navycni/groups/public/@hq/@ffr/documents/document/cnicp_a198940.pdf. Teens are required to write an essay about the adventure they want to experience. Participates must be: eligible to enroll in Navy Youth Programs, must be dependent of Navy active-duty or reserve personnel, must be between the ages of 13-17 by June 1, 2011, must possess a valid passport if traveling from a foreign country or applying for sailing camp and. Applications must be received NO LATER THAN May 20, 2011. Contact Brent A. Edwards at 901-874-6897 or e-mail to brent.a.edwards@navy.mil for more information.

Road Tax Payment Due Date Extension – Due to high operational tempo associated with Operation Tomodachi and the concurrent Voluntary Authorized Departure of family members from Japan, United States Forces Japan (USFJ) has granted a one-time extension of road tax payment from May 31 to July 31 for all SOFA registered privately owned vehicles and motorcycles. The 2011 version of USFJ Form 15 (base decal) should be displayed on all SOFA registered vehicles and motorcycles by that date. Service components retain authority to provide more restrictive guidance on this issue for their installations and facilities in Japan. This extension is for calendar year 2011 only and expires Aug. 1. Contact the Vehicle Registration Office at 243-5011 for more information.

Bicycle Helmets – Effective May 2, all bicycle riders must wear an approved bicycle helmet in usable condition when entering the gates on Yokosuka base. No hard hats will be allowed for use on bicycles from the base entry point to the work centers nor from the work centers to the base exit points. Hard hats are only allowed for use by personnel after they report to the work place and their work requires use of a hard hat to perform their duties. Bicycle helmets that are found not safe must be replaced before being allowed to ride a bicycle on base. This is in accordance with CFAY instruction 5800.2G. Contact CFAY Traffic Safety at 243-7354 for more information.

自転車用ヘルメットに関するお知らせ – 横須賀基地並びにその関連施設での入出門の際、平成23年5月2日以降は正規の自転車用ヘルメットを着用してください。ゲートから職場までの経路上では、作業保安帽（作業用保安ヘルメット）を自転車用ヘルメットとして代用することは禁止されます。勤務中に職場と業務上作業保安帽の着用が義務付けられている区域、またはその区域を自転車で通過する場合のみ、作業保安帽の代用が認められます。自転車用ヘルメットが安全な使用状態に無い場合は、適切なヘルメットと交換されるまで基地内における自転車の運転は認められません。上記の違反者は横須賀基地指令書第5800.2G号の規定により取り締まりを受けることになります。詳しくは243-7354、CFAY交通安全課までお問い合わせください。

Navy Zero Tolerance Policy of Drug and Alcohol Abuse – Drug and alcohol abuse is costly in terms of lost man hours and unnecessary administrative and judicial processing and is a critical draw down on morale and esprit de corps. Zero tolerance recognizes that drug and alcohol abuse is incompatible with the maintenance of high standards of performance, military discipline and readiness, and is destructive to the Navy effort to instill pride and promote professionalism. Navy policy states "There will be zero tolerance of drugs and alcohol abuse. The abuse of alcohol and the illicit or improper use of drugs by Navy members can seriously damage physical and mental health, may jeopardize their safety and the safety of others, and can lead to criminal prosecution and discharge under less than honorable conditions." All personnel are responsible and fully accountable for their personal activities relating to drug and alcohol abuse and for any substandard performance or illegal acts resulting from such activities.

Kinnick High School Hosts Ja-Pun – Kinnick High School (KHS) will host two Ja-Pun shows, the crazy comedy-music show that's been making Kanto Plain audiences laugh for 25 years, May 27-28 starting at 7 p.m. at the KHS Little Theatre. Tickets can be reserved on-line by clicking on the "Tickets" link at www.highenergyunlimited.com. All proceeds from the shows will go to the KHS Scholarship Fund. If you're leaving Japan this summer, this might be your last chance to see this long-running show, as the curtain will close Nov. 12 at the Benny Decker Theatre when the grand finale takes place. Contact Steve Parker at 243-4783/7336 for more information.

Asian Pacific American Heritage Month Observance – The CFAY Multi-cultural Heritage Committee will host the 2011 Asian Pacific American Heritage Month Observance May 18 from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Commodore Matthew Perry General Mess (CFAY Galley). The event will feature opening remarks by CFAY Commanding Officer Capt. David Owen, guest speaker Lt. Cmdr. Victoriano Naval from SPAWAR, Pacific Islander music and dancing performances, and Asian song performances. Contact RPC Kisha Madison at 243-7320 or BM1 Nathaniel Crichton at 243-5713 for more information.

Deadline for Seahawk submissions – Deadline for submissions to the Seahawk is the Thursday before the next Seahawk edition. E-mail your submissions to Seahawk-Umitaka@fe.navy.mil. 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.

Save the electrons

By David A. Owen,
Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka

Since the devastating tsunami in March, electrical power has been a major issue in Japan. Not only the initial loss due to the damages, but the rolling blackouts that followed as well. Many of those associated with Yokosuka base experienced these at their homes in places such as the Ikego Housing Detachment. Recently, there has not been the need for the Tokyo Electrical Power Company (TEPCO) to enforce these electrical outages, but this does not mean there will not be a need to do so in the future.

Yokosuka base has done an outstanding job in doing our part in conserving energy. During the month of March 2011, we used only 24 percent of the electrical power that we used in March 2010. The empty basin and voluntary departure were contributing factors, but your conservation efforts made a great impact. Turning lights out when not being used or needed in the office and home helped. No night events at Berkey Field and securing electrical signs at facilities such as the Main Street Food Court have also been key contributors to our use reduction efforts.

As the hot and humid summer months approach, the chance of experiencing rolling blackouts will increase. Even prior to the tsunami, Tokyo would occasionally experience summer power outages. The electrical grid is still not 100 percent of where it was and might not be for a very long time. As a result, we need to continue to be very conservation minded. TEPCO has asked that we reduce electrical use by 25 percent from previous years. This will not prevent rolling blackouts, but it will certainly help reduce the need for them. So, I ask everyone to please continue aggressive energy conservation practices and to be more understanding when and, or if, power outages do occur. We are in this together with our host nation friends and they have been overwhelmed with our willingness to assist in any way possible.