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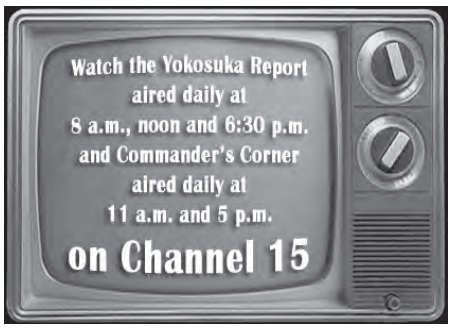

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Community announcements/Action line

Housing Early Application Tool (HEAT) – The Navy has launched HEAT – the Housing Early Application Tool. Service members and their spouses can now begin the application process online – even before receiving orders. Service members, who might be PCSing to one of the five Beta test sites or just want to know more, can visit the HEAT website at: www.cnic.navy.mil/HEAT

Hospital bills: Your responsibility – Pay patients seen at military treatment facilities, have bills generated and sent to the patient's insurance carrier. Often, after payments are made by the patient's insurance carrier, there is a remaining co-payment that is the responsibility of the patients. These co-payments if unpaid leave a negative balance on the patient's account generating late notices 30 days after payment is due. If payment isn't made within an additional 30 days, a second notice is sent. A third and final notice will be sent at the 90-day mark if the bill remains unpaid. If, at the 90-day mark, the bill has not been paid or arrangements have not been made to pay the bill, patients with an outstanding balance will not be able to schedule routine appointments, or obtain non-urgent care. If you suspect you may have unpaid medical bills or have any questions on the billing process, please call the U.S. Naval Hospital Yokosuka Billing Office at 243-8574.

Unauthorized political activity – The Department of Defense (DoD) maintains a policy that DoD personnel acting in their official capacity may not engage in activities that associate the DoD with any partisan political campaign or election, candidate, cause, or issue. All military personnel, including National Guard and reserve forces, are prohibited from wearing military uniforms at political campaigns or election events. Military members may not:

- Fundraise
- Speak
- Canvass or advocate on behalf of a partisan candidate or cause.
- Military members are disallowed from placing partisan political signage in military housing onboard military installations.

Acceptable political activities:

- Members are allowed (in a private capacity) to support their candidate or cause in limited scope, as long as it is never in uniform and is not serving a large role within the cause (i.e., supervisory position).

Bicycle Helmets – 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 – 横須賀基地及び関連施設に入出門する際、正規の自転車用ヘルメットを着用してください。通退勤時におけるゲートから職場までの区間、作業用保安帽を自転車用として代用することはできませんが、勤務中に職場及び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、代用可能です。自転車用ヘルメットが安全な使用状態に無い場合、適切な物と交換されるまで基地内での自転車の運転は認められません。上記違反者は横須賀基地指令書第5800.2G号により取り締まりを受けます。詳しくは243-7354、CFAY交通安全課までお問い合わせください。

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 on board Yokosuka base or assigned to forward-deployed 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. Additional DBIDS registration locations are at the Community Readiness Center and Personnel Support Detachment Yokosuka.

指紋認識データシステム – 横須賀基地に関わる軍人、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。既に登録済みで、データに変更がある方は、1495ビル登録事務所でデータを更新してください。受付は月～金曜の午前7時から午後4時まで。

BZ: I would like to give a resounding BZ to Takumi Chiba and his crew at the Ikego Housing Detachment. Chiba-san is an utmost professional who never seems to mind helping others, and his positive attitude permeates through to his people. Just the other day, Chiba-san had one of his people spraying for bugs around our home; that individual found that the screen of our screen door had ripped and fixed it – without a question or even a mention of it to us. We were pleasantly surprised! These individuals are unsung heros – thank you for your great work!

BZ: I would like to thank Pauline O'Reilly at the housing office for going out of her way to assist me with a problem I encounter she went out of her way to help me and I'm grateful for what she did. Again, thank you Pauline for your outstanding customer service.

Deadline for Seahawk submissions – Deadline for submissions to the Seahawk is the Thursday before the next Seahawk edition. Email your submissions to Seahawk-Umitaka@fe.navy.mil. Contact the Seahawk editor by email at Seahawk-Umitaka@fe.navy.mil or call 243-2567/3003 for specific submission requirements or for more information.

Getting in base Security's face leads to suspension

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Recently as outlined below a worker at Norfolk Naval Shipyard was suspended for his behavior with base security:

"The appeals court has upheld the indefinite suspension of an employee whose security clearance was suspended after he got in an altercation with security personnel at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard. (Fuller v. Department of the Navy, CAFC No. 2011-3180 (nonprecedential), 2/13/12)

Fuller, a Marine Machinery Mechanic, "became disruptive and aggressive" at the security building at the shipyard and as a result he was "physically removed…his badge was confiscated because his disruptive behavior raised concerns about the potential for workplace violence."

Our security forces here at Commander Fleet Activities, Yokosuka, and throughout the military, first and foremost, are here to keep the bad guys on the outside of the fence line. That's why they are called the Anti-terrorism/Force Protection department vice the Police. Probably over 80 percent of their time, however, is spent doing police-type actions, such as speeding tickets, responding to loud noise complaints, drunk and disorderly behaviors, etc… As you can imagine they are faced with numerous situations and a full range of personalities. Security personnel are not always right, but it's pretty incredible the number of times they are. There are plenty of avenues to appeal or raise an objection, especially through an individual's chain of command, if there is a dispute. Getting overly upset at or taking it out on the Security member is not the way to resolve the issue and can make matters much worse. The system is not perfect and never will be due to the human factors involved, but please allow those wearing the badges to do their jobs the best they know how and refrain from the emotional confrontations that can lead to "disruptive behavior" and being "physically removed".