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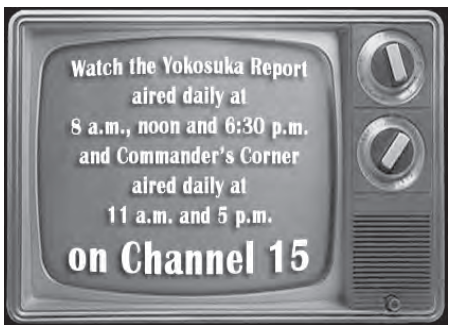


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# Heads Up Yokosuka!
## Community announcements/Action line

**American Red Cross Worldwide Telephone Number** – As part of an ongoing effort to better serve the military community, the American Red Cross announced that it has move to a single telephone number for its emergency communication services. Already in effect, all military members and their families can use one number – 877-272-7337 (U.S. Toll Free) to send an urgent message to a service member. The change means that all military members and their families can use this single number to initiate an emergency communication, regardless of where they live. This number allows Red Cross emergency communications services to put military personnel in touch with their families following the death or serious illness of an immediate family member, the birth of a service member's child or grandchild or when a family faces other emergencies. Additional Red Cross services such as case management and emergency financial assistance also are available. For those stationed overseas, the three options for calling will remain the same: calling 877-272-7337 direct, accessing the number through a military operator, or calling the local Red Cross station. The Red Cross service to the armed forces program provides assistance to more than two million service members and many of the nation's 24 million veterans. The Red Cross provides emergency communications linking service members with their families during time of crisis; comfort and care in military and veterans medical facilities; access to financial assistance in partnership with the military aid societies; information and referral and assistance to veterans.

**Second Hand Rose Closure** – Second Hand Rose will be closed from July 17 through Aug. 15 for summer break. Donations will not be accepted during this closure. Second Hand Rose will reopen and resume its regular schedule Aug. 16 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Your continued donations and support are appreciated. Contact Second Hand Rose General Manager Lindsey King at 243-4090 for more information.

**Substance Abuse Rehabilitation Program (SARP) Counselors** – Are you interested in making a career move into the counseling field after the Navy, whether it be in the field of social work, independent practice in Psychology or, working in the civil service sector in any branch of the military in the substance abuse counseling field? Then, contact the Yokosuka SARP Office for more information on becoming a Navy certified substance abuse counselor. Upon successful completion of the Navy Drug and Alcohol Counseling School, you will earn an estimated 60-plus accredited hours toward a degree. After graduation as an intern, you will log in more than 300 hours of clinical work in a one-year internship program towards certification, after having been in the counseling field for two additional years. If interested, contact your command Drug and Alcohol Program (DAPA) advisor or SARP Director John Baptiste at 243-2623 or by e-mail to john.baptiste@med.navy.mil for more information.

**Information Control Points in the Event of Power Outage** – In the event of power outages, emergent information can be found at the following locations:

**Yokosuka**
- Community Readiness Center
- Housing Office Bulletin Board
- Carney Gate Quarterdeck
- Tower first floor bulletin boards

**Ikego**
- Community Center
- OIC Office Bulletin Board
- Post Office
- Tower first floor Bulletin Board
- Mini Mart

**Negishi**
- Community Center
- OIC Office Bulletin Board
- CBQ/NGIS
- Chapel
- Veterinary Clinic
- Installation gates
- Richard E. Byrd Elementary School
- Teen Center

Emergent information includes facility and school closures, late openings and other critical information.

**PACOM Health Risk Communication Survey** – The Pacific Command surgeon invites you to participate in a brief survey to better understand how you would like to receive additional radiation health communication. This anonymous survey takes 5 to 10 minutes to complete and can be accessed by visiting the website https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/JWK677V.

**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 onboard Yokosuka Base or assigned to 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 PSD Yokosuka.

**指紋認識データシステム** – 横須賀基地に関係する軍人、軍属、契約従業員及び10歳以上のご家族、MLC従業員、契約業者の方は全て指紋認識データシステム（DBIDS）に登録する必要があります。既に登録された方で、データに変更がある方は、1495ビルのDBIDS登録事務所でデータの更新を行って下さい。受付は月～金曜の午前7時から午後4時まで。

**BZ:** Bravo Zulu and *domo arigatou gozaimasu* (thank you) to Melanie Cascio and Krystal Williamson of Personnel Support Detachment Yokosuka. These ladies clearly understand that supporting the fleet sometimes means looking past our cumbersome processes and doing the right thing for our fleet Sailors and their families. With a pending deployment hard upon us and my son's imminent return to college, these ladies made the extra effort to be sure he heads back to the continental United States with a current I.D. card and official passport. And, they did so with genuine friendly attitudes and initiative, making us feel that meeting our needs was truly important to them. Thanks to both of them for making one forward-deployed Navy family's life that much easier.

# Independence Day: July 4 or July 2?

**By Capt. David Owen,**
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Independence day, which marks the declaration of independence of the United States from the Kingdom of Great Britain, is commonly associated with fireworks, parades, barbecues, carnivals, fairs, picnics, concerts, baseball games, family reunions, political speeches and ceremonies, and various other public and private events celebrating the history, government, and traditions of our country.

The legal separation of the colonies from Great Britain occurred July 2, 1776 and Congress approved the declaration July 4, 1776. Historians claim that the document was not completely signed until Aug. 2, 1776. Prior to the signing, John Adams wrote his wife:

"The second day of July, 1776 will be the most memorable epoch in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forever more."

Adams prediction was off by two days, but he was very accurate in how the day would be recognized. The Fourth of July was made an unpaid holiday for federal employees in 1870 and then changed to a paid federal holiday in 1938. Celebrations date back to 1777 with 13-gun salutes - one for each of the original 13 colonies, and music, troop reviews, and fireworks. Today, Americans look forward to celebrating the holiday with family and friends every year as one of the biggest events of the summer.

Have a safe and enjoyable Independence Day CFAY - LET FREEDOM RING!