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Military Family Housing (MFH) Resident Satisfaction Survey – All MFH residents will receive the REACT Resident Satisfaction Survey (RSS) by mid October. The RSS will be hand delivered to your residence. Each survey will include a web link located at the top giving you the option of completing the survey online or by mail. Participation from all MFH residents is critical. The resident's cooperation and candid responses, allows the MFH Office to continue to improve services to all residents. The end date for the survey is Nov. 18. Your thoughts and opinion really matter. If you lose or misplace your survey, send an e-mail to DONFHSurvey@celassociates.com and provide your mailing address to receive your survey code to complete the survey online at: http://www.celassociates.com/231-29Navy.htm.

The Chief says:

"Did you know, in accordance with Title 36 of U.S. Code, selection 0176 'Display and Use of the Flag,' never fasten, display, use or store the flag where it could be easily torn, soiled or damaged in any way?

"The flag should never have anything placed upon it or have any mark, insignia, letter, word, figure, design, picture or drawing attached to it.

"Additionally, the flag should never be used for advertising. It should not be embroidered on cushions or handkerchiefs and the like, printed or reproduced on paper napkins, boxes or anything that is disposable or used as part of a costume or athletic uniform.

If you didn't know, now you know." – MCC(SW/AW) Eric Hannah, CFAY Public Affairs

Seasonal Flu Vaccinations Postponed – An increased demand for this year's seasonal influenza immunization, coupled with a delay in shipment of some of the vaccines, has lead to a temporary shortage of the seasonal flu vaccine. U.S. Naval Hospital (USNH) Yokosuka expects delivery of more seasonal flu vaccines approximately the second week of November. As soon as the shipment arrives, USNH Yokosuka will make public announcements and will hold vaccination events. Contact USNH Yokosuka Preventive Medicine at 243-2608 for more information.

CFAY Schools Closure Dates – Upcoming school closure for all CFAY schools will be Nov. 5, 6, 11, 26 and 27. Additionally, all elementary schools will be closed Nov. 12 and 13, the middle school will be closed Nov. 13 and the high school will be closed Nov. 20 for Teacher/Parent Conferences. Contact Regional School Liaison Officer Ruth Russell at 243-2588 or by e-mail to ruth.russell@fe.navy.mil for more information.

Veterans Day Ceremony – A Veterans Day Ceremony will be held Nov. 11 at 10 a.m. in the CFAY C-2 Auditorium. Guest speaker will be VFW Post 1054 previous post commander FCCM (Ret.) Mike Lutman. Call 243-8309 or 243-2549 for more information.

Tax Center Volunteers Needed – Help Sailors and their families while learning a marketable skill by becoming a Tax Center volunteer. IRS training provided, no experience necessary. Prospective volunteers must attend a mandatory preparation class Jan. 11 through 14. Contact Lt. Byron Nakamura at 243-5141 or by e-mail to byron.nakamura@fe.navy.mil to volunteer or for more information.

BZ: I would like to thank housing inspector Scott Otsuki for above and beyond services he provided during our recent move to a townhouse. His enthusiasm and a willingness to do what ever it takes to make us feel welcome is greatly appreciated. As a new comer to the country and the military base life, he made me feel that coming to Ikego community was the right thing to do. Again, big Kudo's to Scott Otsuki for a job well done!

BZ: I wanted to take the time to thank RPC Lisa Wimbush, Chaplain Donald Moss and the entire Chapel of Hope staff for their continued support of our CFAY community. Not only do you provide religious program support, you all are always the finest examples of customer service. Every task the Chapel of Hope office executes, from preparing events such as the 9-11 Memorial service, with special guest speaker Capt. (FDNY Ret) Alfredo Fuentes, to providing what may seem like the smallest of duties, are so very important to our families. Thank you to all of you for making our CFAY community that much better.

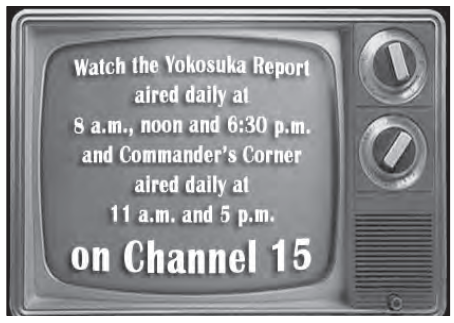
Q: Why is there no spouse (ombudsman) newspaper here? As a spouse, there are things that would be great to find out more of from others. For example; day care, coupons and special events. Thank you.

A: The decision to have an Ombudsman Newsletter is determined by the individual unit ombudsmen. Many of the fleet ombudsmen have a newsletter or send information to families via e-mail. For CFAY however, there are many and varied ways to get pertinent information about what's happening in the community. They include the weekly Seahawk newspaper, the commander's access Channel 15, the CFAY Web site at https://www.cnic.navy.mil/Yokosuka and the newly implemented social mediums such as Facebook (www.facebook.com, search for Fleet Activities Yokosuka) and Twitter (www.twitter.com/cfay_yokosuka). Additionally, coupons are available at the Community Readiness Center across from the commissary on the 4th floor.

Q: I am writing to you about a few concerns that I have on Yokosuka base. I live near The Sullivans School and every morning when colors are raised, I see people not stopping to give honor to our flag. The main reason they're not stopping is because we can't hear the national anthem over here. I have to look at the top of the hill to see morning colors performed to know that the U.S. and Japan national anthems are being played. I also see men and women in uniform walking while the national anthems are playing. Would it be possible to put a speaker system over here by the school?

A: Respect for the flag is of the utmost importance. Like on all military installations, CFAY conducts morning colors at 8 a.m. For uniformity purposes, morning and evening colors are played from command hill. Installing a speaker system that could be heard from command hill to the exchange area would cause a significant noise disruption to our local community. As a responsible member of the Yokosuka community, CFAY is committed to minimizing the effects of noise. The key is educating our community on the proper protocol for observing morning and evening colors. I urge everyone to take pride in our flag and our naval heritage, and be conscientious about observing customs and courtesies.

Action Line correspondence may be edited for length and readability. Your questions, suggestions and "Bravo Zulu" comments are appreciated. Address concerns with your chain of command or directly with the parties involved, at the lowest level possible. If you don't get results, send an e-mail to cfay.pao.watch@fe.navy.mil. We welcome your feedback, especially if it is of a general nature and can help others. To contact the Seahawk, call 243-5607/3003 or send an e-mail to: Seahawk-Umitaka@fe.navy.mil.



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