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New CFAY Web site URL – Effective immediately, the new CFAY Web site URL is *www.cnic.navy.mil/yokosuka*.

The Sullivans School presents Poetry Alive – The Sullivans School presents Poetry Alive, a week-long event sponsored by the PTO, from now through March 6 at The Sullivans School. Visit the Poetry Alive Web site at www.poetryalive.com or contact Megan Cullen at 243-2583 or megan.cullen@pac.dodea.edu for more information.

Kannonzaki Beach Clean up – Volunteers are needed to participate in the Kannonzaki Beach clean up, 10 a.m. to noon, March 14. Volunteers should meet at Kenritsu Say-sho-nen no Mura across from Perry Park by 9:30 a.m. to register. Red flags will mark the location. Please bring gloves, hat, towel, sun block, etc., for this event. Please travel by train if possible as parking is available but limited. Contact CFAY Public Affairs Office Community Relations section Fumiyo Sato at 243-2566 or by e-mail to fumiyo.sato@fe.navy.mil for directions or for more information.

Higher Social Security Payment – If you have served on active duty any time from 1957 through 2001 you may qualify for a higher social security payment because of your military service. Up to $1,200 a year of earnings credited at time of application. Bring your DD214 to the Social Security Office when you apply. This benefit is not automatic, you must ask for it to receive it. Visit the Social Security Web site at www.ssa.gov/retire2/military.htm for more information.

Electronic Document Management (EDM) Seminar – Document Automation and Production Service (DAPS) will hold an EDM Seminar in building 5010 (DDYJ), March 9, from 10 to 11 a.m. Learn about EDM and the advantages on how your business can be more efficient. DAPS has implemented a number of programs and initiatives to transform Department of Defense and federal agencies from paper-based to an electronic document management environment. Contact DAPS Yokosuka Nora Gay-Snowden at 243-7890 or e-mail nora.gay-snowden@dla.mil for more information.

Wednesday Lunch Time Bowling League – Participants are needed to start up a Wednesday lunch time bowling league. Teams will consist of two or more people with up to six persons on a team roster. Cost is $6 per person per week ($4.50 for bowling, $1.50 for prize fee). All prize money will be awarded two weeks prior to the end of the league. Contact Gary Gardner or Mike Kemp at 243-6110 or Rand Lee at 243-6115 to sign up or for more information.

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 that are currently registered in DBIDS but have had changes to their profile must come in and update their information. The DBIDS registration office is located at the main gate inside building 1495. Customer service hours are Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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登録事ｱ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。

Seahawk Articles/Photos and Community Announcement Submissions – Deadline for community announcements and article/photo submissions for the Seahawk is the Friday before the next Seahawk edition. E-mail your submissions to Seahawk-Umitaka@fe.navy.mil. Please include your telephone contact information in the body of the e-mail. Contact the Seahawk editor at Seahawk-Umitaka@fe.navy.mil or call 243-2567/3003 for specific submission requirements or for more information.

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.

Celebrating Women's History Month

By Navy Office of Information

"I look forward to my command tour on USS Freedom. Commanding a combatant was not an opportunity available to female Sailors when I received my commission less than 20 years ago. I owe a debt of gratitude to the Navy women who preceded me. Thanks to their vision and perseverance, today's Navy is truly a diverse team." – Cmdr. Kristy Doyle, prospective commanding officer *USS Freedom* (LCS 1)

National Women's Day was first observed in the United States on Feb. 28, 1909. International Women's Day, now held on Mar. 8, is a time to reflect on progress made, to call for change and to celebrate acts of courage and determination by those seeking to improve the rights of women. In 1987, Congress designated March as Women's History Month, following a ground swell of interest that began with Sonoma County in California designating the week of March 8 as Women's History Week in 1978.

Women have only been able to enter the Navy for 101 years, but in that time their contributions have exponentially increased. Today, without the service of the more than 146,000 women of the Navy total force (active, reserve and civilian), the Navy would be unable to meet its missions. Too many firsts have occurred in the last hundred years for a full recounting in this limited space, but the following are just a few examples of women who led the way:

• Lelia Jefferson Harvie Barnett worked at the Naval Observatory from 1901 – 1902 and for the Cost Survey from 1903 – 1904. At a time when few women were active in the field of science, she conducted physics research and co-authored a number of papers with her husband, Samuel Jackson Barnett.

• Dr. Frances Lois Willoughby, initially commissioned in 1944 into the Naval Reserve, became the first female doctor to serve in the regular Navy (Oct. 15, 1948).

• EMCM Mary Bonnin (Ret.), was the Navy's first and only female master diver. She retired from active duty in 1996 and continued to work for the Navy as a civilian.

The Navy currently has 24 women serving as admirals or admiral selectees (the most to-date), including Vice Adm. Ann Rondeau, who became a three-star admiral July 2006. U.S. Navy file photo

• Capt. Kay Hire was the first woman in the military to be assigned to a combat aircrew (May 13, 1993; VP 62); and went on to become one of the first female Navy astronauts.

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Professional and personal development is an integral part of retaining the best and the brightest and ensuring everyone can reach his or her full potential. All personnel are encouraged to seek ways to embrace and enhance diversity in the Navy and to help individuals reach their full potential. Some events this year focus on the development of women including:

• Sea Service Leadership Association (SSLA) – Women's Leadership Symposium, June 18-19, Washington, DC

• Federally Employed Women – July 20-24, Orlando, Fla

• Society of Women Engineers (SWE) – SWE Conference, Nov. 4-6, Long Beach, Calif.

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