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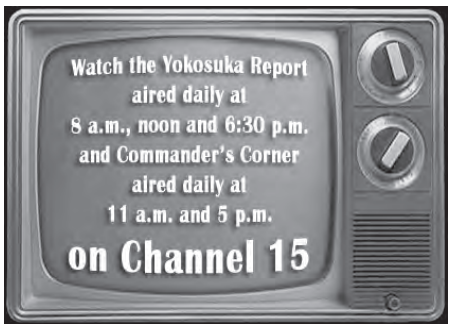

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Community announcements/Action line

Berkey Field Tennis Court Facility Renovation – The Berkey Field Tennis Court Facility will be closed for renovation from Jan. 27 through May 12. For safety reasons, the entire facility including the skate park will be enclosed by a construction barrier and unavailable to the public during the renovation time period. Call 243-7250 for more information.

Carney Gate (main gate) Construction – There will be lane closures near guard house area due to a current construction project from now through Feb. 5, 2011. Additionally, the boardwalk pedestrian gate will be closed from Feb. 3-5. Dates on this project are tentative and may change due to site conditions and work progress. Please plan ahead and obey posted traffic signs during this construction period.

現在、正面ゲートでは建設プロジェクトが進んでおり、ガード小屋付近で車両レーン規制が行われています。規制は来年2月5日まで行われる予定です（月～金：午前8時30分～午後4時45分。週末・祝日：午前8時～午後4時45分）。また、ボードウオーク側歩行者用ゲートは2月3日から5日まで終日閉鎖となりますのでご注意下さい。上記の日程は現場の状況や工事の進捗により変更されますのでご了承下さい。時間に余裕を持ち、ゲートの標識に従うようお願いします。

Navy Exchange Fitness Author Book Signing – Fitness guru and personal trainer Tony Horton, best known for the Power 90 Extreme home fitness program, will be signing copies of his new book "Bring It" – The revolutionary fitness plan for all levels that burns fat, builds muscle and sheds inches, at the Yokosuka Navy Exchange Jan. 30 from 1 to 3 p.m. Contact Lisa Ballejo at 243-4455 for more information.

Earth Day Part 64 – Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka, Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) is looking for volunteers to participate in Earth Day Part 64 to help "Green Up" the base Feb. 5 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. An international barbecue will be offered to participants after the event. Sign up by Jan. 31. Call 243-4731, or visit the MWR website at http://www.cnic.navy.mil/yokosuka/mwr for more information.

The Orkand Family Military Scholarship Fund – University of Maryland University College (UMUC) Asia offers scholarships for military service members and their family members for the spring sessions. Spouses of active-duty enlisted service members can enroll in the scholarship to receive $1,000 per semester towards the cost of tuition. The eligibility requirements are: must be the spouse of an enlisted active duty member of the armed forces, a undergraduate student maintaining a minimum 2.5 grade-point average (GPA) or a graduate student maintaining a minimum 3.0 GPA at UMUC, enrolled in a minimum of six or more credit hours for the semester and demonstrate financial need. For an application, log on to http://www.asia.umuc.edu/finaid/. Contact your local field representative or the UMUC Asia Financial Aid Office at 225-3680 for more information.

Retreat

By Capt. David Owen,
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Every evening, a song called "Retreat" is played over our loud speaker system here on board Commander, Fleet Activities, Yokosuka (CFAY). When you hear it, you are listening to a beautiful melody that has come to symbolize the finest qualities of soldiers for nearly 900 years.

We sound "Retreat" each day at sunset as we retire the Colors. Out of respect, those who hear it are expected to salute in uniform, come to attention in civilian clothing, or pull their vehicle over and stop until we sound "Carry on." If a flag is not within sight, then we should render our honors toward the music.

Retreat has always been sounded at sunset and its purpose was to notify the sentries to start challenging those who approached until sunrise, and to notify the rank-and-file that is was time to retire to their quarters. It is one of several bugle calls which were first believed to be used by the American Continental Army during the Revolutionary War. At that time, it was sounded by drums – a common musical instrument used in the infantry units of that period.

The bugle also became essential to military communications until it was replaced by electronic communication devices. The primary bugler was assigned to the headquarters staff, and kept close to the commander at the front. Soldiers were quick to learn the calls of the bugle, and on a routine day at least four, and as many as 10 calls, were made. I actually discovered via the internet at least 30 different times and meanings for when bugle calls could be used to include: "Reveille, Stable Call, Fatigue Call, Tattoo and Taps."

We'll just stick to "First call to Colors" and "Retreat" here at CFAY. I hope that you enjoyed this short history lesson and please remember the importance of honoring our military and traditions.

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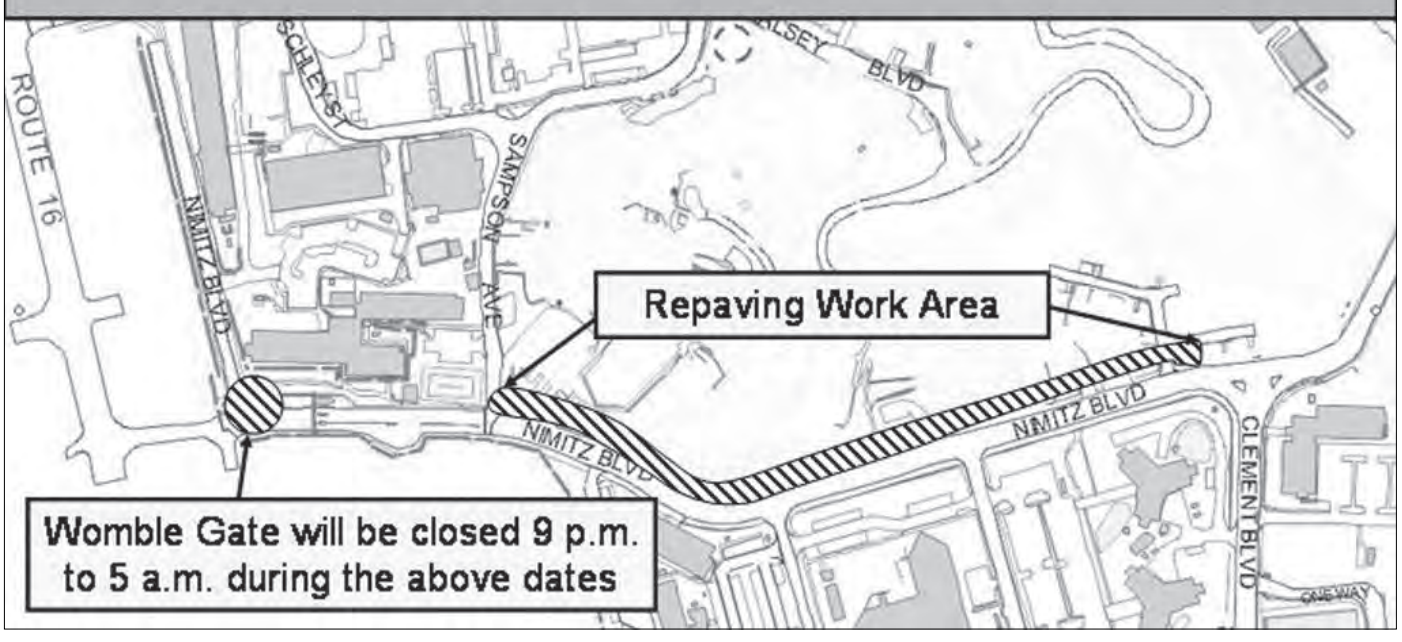
Construction and repaving of Nimitz Blvd. will begin Jan. 27 and continue until April 5. Womble Gate will close at 9 p.m. Feb. 24-25 and March 9-11 and 14. Traffic control will be conducted during this period to ensure the continual flow of vehicles in this area.