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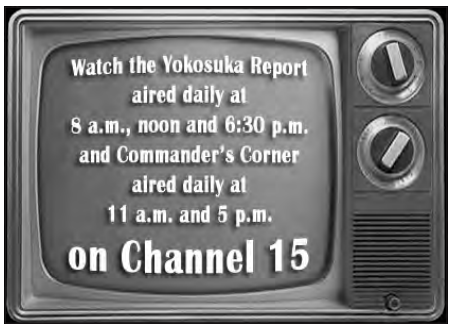

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Community announcements/Action line

Rickert Drive Tunnel Repairs – The tunnels on Rickert Drive will be under repair Jan. 11 to Aug. 9. Usage will be reduced to single lane, two-way traffic during the day with total tunnel road closure in the evenings from Feb. 26 to May 17 and July 13 to 31. Alternate routing of traffic during the evening will be provided. Stock Yard area parking will be secured. Temporary fleet parking will be provided by Gridley Tunnel exit. Call Public Works Department Lt. Andrew Cline at 243-5062 for more information.

Second Hand Rose Temporary Closure – Second Hand Rose has temporarily closed its doors for relocation and donations cannot be accepted at this time. Families wishing to make donations are asked to hold on to those items until such time as to when they can be accepted. Please refrain from dropping off large items such as furniture and TVs at the previous location. The base has a designated bulk trash area for these items. As soon as the new location is operational, another announcement will be made and those donated gently used items that are so appreciated will again be welcomed. Contact Yokosuka Officers' Spouse Club President Christie Wood at 241-2407 for more information.

UMUC Asia Book Award, Scholarship Programs – UMUC Asia offers the following book award and scholarship programs for military services members and their family members:

• Orkand Family Military Book Award. Active duty enlisted service members attending UMUC Asia can apply to receive a $100 award to help pay for textbooks. Eligibility requirements are: active duty enlisted service members of the armed forces; undergraduate students maintaining a minimum 2.5 grade point average (GPA) at UMUC; graduate students maintaining a minimum 3.0 GPA at UMUC; enrolled in a minimum of six or more credit hours for the session; admitted as UMUC Asia campus student; and be a degree-seeking UMUC student.

• Orkand Family Military Scholarship fund. Eligible spouses of active duty service members can enroll in the scholarship to receive $1,000 per semester towards the cost of tuition. Eligibility requirements are: must be the spouse of an enlisted active duty member of the armed forces; undergraduate students maintaining a minimum 2.5 GPA at UMUC; graduate students 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.

Contact your local field representative or the UMUC Asia Associate Director of Financial Aid Lisa Marrin at 225-3680 for more information.

Navy College Office (NCO) Web Tuition Assistance (TA) Brief – The NCO WebTA process is now required as of Jan. 1. WebTA briefings are conducted every Thursday at 11 a.m. at the NCO located in room 333 on the 3rd floor of the Fleet Recreation Center. Command WebTA briefs can be arranged for groups of eight or more at your location. Contact NCO at 243-8131 or by e-mail to navycollege_yokosuka@fe.navy.mil for more information.

National Military Family Association (NMFA) Scholarship Fund – NMFA scholarship funds are awarded only to military ID card carrying uniformed services' spouses of active duty, retiree, reserve, National Guard and, or surviviors. Scholarships of up to $10,000 are awarded to obtain professional certification or to attend post-secondary or graduate school. To apply, submit your online application at www.militaryfamily.org/our-programs/military-spouse-scholarships/ between now and Jan. 31. Contact Navy College Office Senior Education Technician Cynthia Cross by e-mail to cynthia.cross@fe.navy.mil or call 243-8131 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 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. 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。

Yokosuka Officer Spouse Club Charities Season – The Yokosuka Officer Spouse Club charities season has begun. Applications are now available for charitable contributions to local groups and organizations at Takusan Treasures Gift Shop, the Officer's Club, or by e-mailing to yosccharities2010@yahoo.com. The deadline to submit applications is Feb. 10. Call Tamara Calandra at 241-3907, or e-mail to tamaracalandra@yahoo.com for more information.

Home-to-Work Bus Priority Seating Policy Reminder – In accordance with Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka Instruction COMFLEACTINST 11240.3F, priority seating on the Ikego and Negishi Home-to-Work buses is given to active duty military and Department of Defense civilian employees. Family member children may only board the bus at the last stop by U.S. Naval Hospital Yokosuka only after all adults have boarded the bus.

BZ: I would like to commend Daniel Rourke, Yukie Asakawa and Naomi Kamesaki from the Housing Office for performing above and beyond the limits of their duties to accomodate our housing requests. Daniel responded to my numerous inquiries with accurate information. Yukie and Naomi were very professional, they keep calling to inform me of what I needed and they were very efficient and showed commitment with their job. It is easy to see they want to help. It was a positive experience for myself and my wife. These folks made it happen for us. We are very happy and we appreciate everyone's assistance.

BZ: I was in a situation where I needed on base housing right away for myself and my daughter. Housing Manager Daniel Rourke met with me right away and was very thoughtful and understanding of my situation, and said he would do everything he could to help me out. Few people are true to their word when it involves them going out of their way for someone, but that same day, Dan set me up with an appointment the next day with Naomi Kamezaki. I was able to move on base the very next day. Dan and Naomi were both extremely nice and helpful, and I was surprised at how well they accomplished everything so quickly and smoothly. Thank you!

Q: I have noticed an increasing amount of people using cell phones while driving on base. I recently witnessed a vehicle entering Womble gate during the busy morning hours and almost hit a second vehicle coming in from the far lane. The second vehicle was waved in by the sentry. As soon as the first vehicle was waved in, he went back to talking on his cell phone. A few days later, I saw two more drivers talking on cell phones while driving. One of the drivers from the second experience was driving so slowly and impeding traffic (I was standing on the sidewalk) that I thought she was going to stop and ask me something. As she passed me by, I saw her text messaging. Eventually, someone is going to get hurt. Is there some action we, as witnesses can take to get these drivers off the road while on the phone?

A: Thank you for your question. You can contact the CFAY Security Office concerning safety violations. The important information to obtain is the license plate number to include if it is a 500Y, 300Y, or "A" plate. Additionally, the color, make and model of the vehicle if possible, and the time and location of the violation. Security has the ability to identify the owner of the vehicle from that information. As a reminder to all, it is your responsibility to follow the laws and rules of the installation and our host nation. It is illegal to talk on a cell phone when operating a vehicle, drivers must turn on head lights when entering a tunnel, bicycle operators must use the pedestrian walk way when going through the two tunnels by the piers and pedestrians must use crosswalks and should always stop and look both ways to ensure traffic has stopped for them. Rules are not put in place for inconvenience they are there to keep us all safe.