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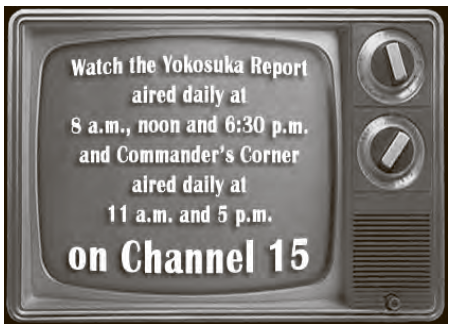

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Heads Up Yokosuka!

Community announcements/Action line

Overseas Housing Allowance Survey – The triennial Overseas Housing Allowance (OHA) Utility and Move-In Housing Allowance (MIHA) Expenses Survey for Japan has begun and will run through May 14. Full input and participation from Sailors and family members in this survey is essential as allowances will be updated based on the results. The target population for this survey is all service members currently in private leases under the OHA program. To prepare for the utility portion, members receiving OHA should collect their actual bills or records of utility and maintenance expenses for the last 12 months. To prepare for the MIHA portion, members should collect all receipts for expenses incurred when initially moving into their private leases. This includes refrigerators, non-refundable hook-up costs for electricity, et cetera. The survey is available online only, no paper copies are available. The link to the electronic survey is https://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/oha/survey/aprumemie1.html. This is the only link to be used by Japan survey respondents. Contact PSC(SW) Robert Feliciano at 243-8444, or by e-mail to Robert.feliciano@fe.navy.mil for more information.

CFAY to participate in Exercise "Reliant Gale" – In preparation for this Year's typhoon season, Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka (CFAY) will participate in the annual typhoon ready exercise Reliant Gale April 19-23. The exercise is designed to train naval installations in emergency preparedness, personnel accountability, evacuation and recovery operations from a catastrophic natural disaster. The CFAY Emergency Operations Center (EOC) will be activated and its staff will coordinate typhoon condition of readiness efforts and emergency responses with base tenant commands. Commands are highly encouraged to practice their internal typhoon readiness procedures. Several announcements related to the exercise will be broadcast through the base media and emergency vehicles may be activated throughout the duration of the exercise. Contact the CFAY Training and Readiness Office at 243-1794 for more information.

Earth Day Eco-Tours – To celebrate Earth Day, two Eco-Tours will be held at the cogeneration plant in building 3030 April 22. The first tour will be held at 10 a.m. and the second tour will begin at 2 p.m. The cogeneration plant, located on Nimitz Boulevard behind the James D. Kelly Fleet Recreation Center, is an energy-efficient power plant that provides environmentally friendly, "clean" electrical power to Yokosuka Base. Call 243-3814 to sign up for the tour or for more information.

USO Calendar of Events for April 16-23 – The following is the USO Yokosuka calendar of events:

• April 17: Movie Night. Catch the newest movies released on DVD starting at 4 p.m. with free pizza and popcorn offered at 5:30 p.m.

• April 21: Game Night. Challenge your friends to a variety of board and video games starting at 5 p.m.

• April 23: TGIF Night. Save some cash and enjoy a free meal courtesy of the USO. Buffet starts at 5:30 p.m. until supplies last. Only single and unaccompanied active duty military are eligible. USO Yokosuka hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 2 to 10 p.m. and 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Contact USO Yokosuka at 241-3030/4894 to volunteer or for more information.

Marriage Enrichment Workshop – A Marriage Enrichment Workshop will be held April 22 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka Chapel of Hope for any married Sailor and spouse. Based on the book, "The Five Love Languages" by Gary Chapman, the workshop will examine each of the five love languages: Words of affirmation; Acts of service; Quality time; Gifts; and Physical touch. The workshop will teach couples how to identify and speak each other's love language and rekindle love. E-mail to yangd@cvn73.navy.mil or john.swanson@fe.navy.mil, or call 243-6931 to sign up for the class or for more information. Seating is limited. Sailors are encouraged to sign up early.

Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka Town Hall Meetings – CFAY Town Hall meetings for Ikego Housing Detachment will be held April 29 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Kyoto Tower. Contact the Ikego Officer in Charge Office at 246-8042 for more information.

Local Rugby Players Wanted – Experienced men and women rugby players, as well as those with no experience who would like to learn to play rugby wanted. Practices are held at the CFAY Berkey football field every Tuesday and Thursday from 5 to 7 p.m. Rugby is a physical sport that builds conditioning and requires teamwork, aggression and endurance, which are all qualities that are compatible with military service. Contrary to what people may think, injuries are rare in rugby. We teach the laws and skills necessary to play the game properly, which helps to prevent injury. Most practices are devoted to skill building with some contact drills. Contact Cmdr. John Swanson at 243-6931 or e-mail to john.swanson@fe.navy.mil for more information.

Child Care for Chapel of Hope Religious Services – Beginning April 17, paid child care will no longer be provided for Chapel of Hope weekday events. The Chapel of Hope will continue to provide child care for Saturday and Sunday religious services. Child care will be provided through Morale, Welfare and Recreation Child Development Center certified caregivers. Call 243-6773 for more information.

Road Closure – The service road behind building H-20 will be closed periodically from now to July 2 due to construction to replace an underground hot water tank behind the Navy Exchange. Please exercise caution when traveling in and around this area.

BZ: Bravo Zulu to Randy Mills, Wendel Dunn, Charter Delzatto, Douglas Knight and Keith Tuskey for their involvement in the Motorcycle Rodeo held April 10 at Yokohama North Dock. The event was a great success; the folks of Cape Fox Professional Services did an outstanding job. There were nearly 50 motorcyclists present. All the events were done safely with no incidents. It was a fun-packed day that was put together by true motorcycle safety professionals. Bravo Zulu and thank you!

Q: I use the library quite often and find it very hard to find parking around the Community Readiness Center. To my understanding the lane around the back of the building (fire-lane) is off limits to privately owned vehicles. However, within the last few months, I've seen many cars parking behind the building. I'm not sure who these people are but this space should be open to everyone else as well.

A: I apologize for any inconvenience you may have encountered in your visit to the Community Readiness Center. The location behind the Community Readiness Center is parking designated for emergency vehicles only, and will be closely monitored. Base security personnel along with the staff of the center will monitor any and all illegal parking in designated parking. Should you observe any non-emergency vehicles in this parking area, we ask your support in contacting base security as soon as possible for immediate attention.

Navy takes first step in NSPS to GS transition

By Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Civilian Human Resources Communications Office

The Department of Navy (DoN) begins its transition from the National Security Personnel System (NSPS) April 25 with a small group representing various commands.

This initial launch will be followed on May 9 with the transition of almost 5,000 civilians including employees from Naval Supply Systems Command and the U.S. Marine Corps.

"The initial step in the transition process is to ensure there is a properly classified position description for each transitioning employee," said Tony TorresRamos, director, DoN Transition Management Office (TMO). "General Schedule (GS) classification is driven by the duties and responsibilities of the positions and the qualifications required by that position. If the position was previously classified under GS and has not substantially changed, the position will be classified as it was before. If the position was never classified under GS, then GS classification standards will be applied."

More than 70,000 DoN employees will transition from NSPS. The majority of these employees will transition by the end of 2010; with most transitioning to the GS personnel system.

The DoN TMO provides classification guidance and an NSPS transition simulator online at https://www.donhr.navy.mil/NSPS. Questions can be sent to DONhrfaq@navy.mil.