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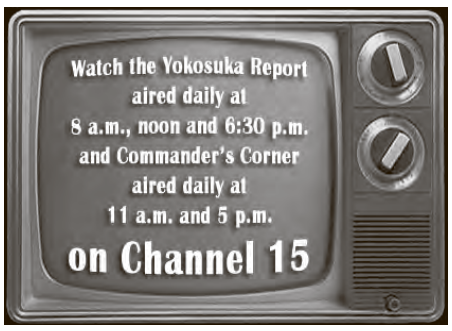

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Community announcements/Action line

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.

Air Conditioning turn on Schedule – In support of Navy and National Energy policies, Public Works Department will begin turning on air conditioning in accordance with the following schedule:

- **May 24-25:** Living areas to include family housing, officer and enlisted bachelor quarters, and schools
- **May 25-29:** Common areas to include retail shops, clubs and gyms
- **May 31-June 2:** General office and administrative areas
- **June 2-6:** Industrial areas to include warehouses and shops, buildings or areas that have individual air conditioning controls should turn on their units in accordance with the above schedule. Set thermostats to 78 F or 25.5 C.

COMPASS Yokosuka Spouse Mentoring Program – The next COMPASS Yokosuka Spouse Mentoring Program begins May 25 through 27 at the Community Readiness Center in room 223 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. All spouses are welcomed. Lunch is provided and childcare will be reimbursed. Call Shelle Napier at 264-7270 for more information, or log onto the Web site www.gocompass.org to register for the class.

USNH Yokosuka Caregiver Appreciation Day – U.S. Naval Hospital (USNH) Yokosuka Pastoral Care Office will host the first Caregiver Appreciation Day in the USNH Yokosuka Command Auditorium May 12. Kids are invited to a magic show and ice cream social with "Magic Mike" at 11:30 a.m., while adults are invited to a symposium on managing operational stress, self-care and spirituality at 1:15 p.m. Symposium panelists will present coping mechanisms and healing philosophies from the various spiritual perspectives. If you help those in need, then you are a caregiver. Please join us. Contact Chaplain Michael Anderson at 243-8736 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.

Sakura Heights Renovation Project – The first phase of a complete renovation of Sakura Tower has begun and will continue through July 1. The first phase consists of several actions including updating current resident's housing files, conducting a town hall style Q&A meeting with tower residents, the stoppage of assignments to Sakura for incoming personnel, the moving out of residents who have reached their projection rotation dates and finally the relocation of the remaining residents. The actual work will start December 2011 and is scheduled to be completed November 2012. The scope of work to be completed includes:

- Replacement of kitchens including replacement of flooring, base and wall cabinets, countertops, sinks, dishwashers, range hoods, duct work and mechanical piping.
- Replacement of bathrooms including replacement of tubs, showers, lavatories, medicine cabinets and associated piping.
- Replacement of ceiling boards and doors and whole house interior painting.
- Upgrading of electrical systems and provision of new lighting fixtures.
- Window replacement to energy efficient type.
- Replacement of centralized Air conditioning with individual systems.
- Replacement of domestic water/hot water, drainage and sanitary sewer lines.
- Replacement of elevators.
- Replacement of fire sprinkler system heads.
- Replacement of tower front entrance doors with automated doors.
- Upgrade of lobby and common areas

The schedule for the project is as follows:

- May: Send out questionnaire to residents about projected rotation dates, follow on orders to a Yokosuka command, tour extension, and et cetera.
- June: Hold Q&A meeting with all residents.
- July: Start date for units going off-line. Stop housing assignments.
- July 2010 to May 2011: Remove appliances from units. Relocate residents.
- May 2011: Move-out date of the last tenant.
- June 2011: Contract award (design build).
- July 2011: Survey and design.
- December 2011: Start of construction.
- November 2012: Project completion.

Every effort will be made to relocate existing residents to a similar unit in their category on Yokosuka Base. Residents wishing to relocate to Ikego or Negishi Housing Detachments, or off-base will be accommodated. Since the move is for the convenience of the government, it will be a government funded move. Contact the Yokosuka Housing Office at 243-9037/4663 for more information.

BZ: I would like to extend a Bravo Zulu to CFAY Public Affairs Office (PAO) staff members Dan Bowen, Ronald Hill and Ben Avey for the great job they did hosting the Tiger Cub Scouts of Den 16 at the CFAY PAO Channel 15 studio March 10. The guys went out of their way to involve the boys in all aspects of the production and to include them in a promotional spot. Really a first class effort and very patient with five 6 and 7 year olds. Thanks again!

BZ: This past Wednesday, during a torrential rain, I lost my wallet. Any women can understand the anxiety this causes because we often carry our lives in our wallets. My wallet was found and returned wet but intact by Robert Purdy. I am grateful that I get to dodge the stress and anxiety it would have caused replacing all my important ID, credit cards and et cetera. Thank you Robert Purdy, you are my hero for the week!

Q: Two weeks ago my wife was stopped at the gate for a random inspection and it was discovered that her license had expired the week before. I'm glad it was caught so soon! She was also informed that the vehicle we drive was not up to date on insurance, inspection and et cetera. I checked my paperwork and sure enough, the paper that they give you at the Vehicle Registration Office that tells you when everything expires had the wrong dates on it. They were actually inputted incorrectly, and I accept full responsibility for not checking the paperwork. My question is: If Security personnel can tell when a vehicle has passed expiration dates without looking at the paperwork, then they must have everything on computer. If that is the case, then wouldn't it be possible to add something to the program to alert them when a license is close to expiring, so a warning could be issued to the driver?

A: Driver's licenses are issued by the Drivers License Office. The standard length of time a base issued driver's license is valid is four years. Unfortunately your suggestion is not possible, as the patrolman on the road receive the information from the Regional Dispatch Office, which is responsible for all emergency services on the base. If you remember to check your drivers license every time you pay road tax or get a new Identification (ID) card than you should not have to experience this situation again. You must always verify that your vehicle is adequately insured and in good operating order. Also, as a reminder, it is considered a privilege, not a right, to drive in Japan and on the installation.