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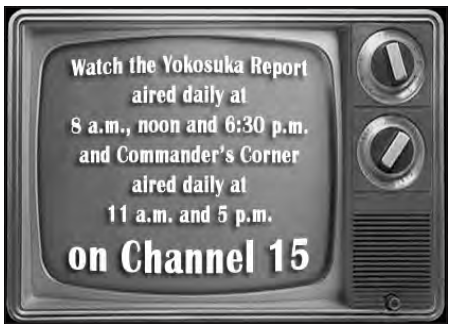

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National Safety Month Dangers of Cell Phone Use While Driving – Crashes from cell phone use are on the rise. An estimated 28 percent of all traffic crashes – or 1.6 million each year – are caused by drivers using cell phones and texting. Cell phone use has increased dramatically during the last 15 years. According to NHTSA, an estimated 11 percent of drivers are talking on cell phones at any point of the day. Both handheld and hands-free devices increase driver reaction time and are equally as dangerous. As of January 1, 2010, seven states have implemented handheld cell phone bans and 19 have text messaging bans for all drivers. Don't wait for legislation to drive safely. We need to reverse this alarming trend. Even if you aren't using your phone while driving, it's important to be aware of others who are and to drive defensively.

It's important to:

- Silence your phone before you begin your drive
- Set up a voice mail message that explains you're on the road, practicing safety to protect yourself and fellow drivers
- Stop texting while driving. Research shows drivers who text are 8 to 23 times as likely to be involved in a collision
- Pull over and park if a call is absolutely necessary
- Encourage your friends and family to leave their phones out of reach while driving

Yokosuka USO Calendar of Events for June 25 - July 1:

June 25: TGIF Night. Save some cash and enjoy a free meal courtesy of the USO. Loaded Baked Potato and Chili buffet starts at 5:30 p.m. while supplies last. Only single and unaccompanied active duty military are eligible.

June 26: Movie Night. Catch the latest flicks released on DVD starting at 4 p.m. with FREE pizza and popcorn served at 5:30 p.m. while supplies last.

June 29: Birthday Bash. Individuals who were born in June, may enter to win a USO Birthday Prize valued at $25. Drawing will be held at 5:30 p.m., and afterwards we'll cut the cake and share it with everyone!

June 30: Game Night. Challenge your friends to a variety of board and video games starting at 5 p.m.

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 to volunteer or for more information.

Road Construction – Contractors will replace the asphalt, gutter and curb along Independence Drive and San Diego Street from now through July 16. San Diego Street will have one-lane alternating traffic from June 14 through July 16. Please exercise caution during road construction in these areas:

Sakura Heights Residents' Town Hall Meeting – There will be a town hall meeting in the Sakura Heights Party room June 18 at 6 p.m. Housing personnel will be on hand to discuss issues related to upcoming relocations associated with the Tower Renovation. Individuals who are unable to attend can have a neighbor ask a question for them, or submit the question via e-mail to daniel.rourke@fe.navy.mil prior to the meeting and the question will be answered at the meeting.

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. 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.

CFAY Drivers License Office and the Cape Fox Professional Services Motorcycle Safety Office Relocation – The Driver Licensing Office and Motorcycle Safety Office have moved to Building J196 as a part of the base-wide vehicle service consolidation.

HP Notebook PC Battery Pack Replacement Program – HP expanded a worldwide voluntary recall and replacement program in cooperation with various government agencies, adding battery packs to the replacement program May 19. HP and the battery manufacturers believe that certain battery packs shipped in HP notebook PC products manufactured between August 2007 and May 2008 may pose a potential safety hazard to customers. The batteries can overheat, posing a fire and burn hazard. HP customers affected by this program will be eligible to receive a replacement battery pack for each verified, recalled battery pack at no cost. Visit http://bpr.hpordercenter.com/hbpr/ for more information.

CNFJ Fire Department Fireworks Safety – Every year in the United States, the Fourth of July is celebrated with community parades, picnics, barbecues, and fireworks – the things of which fond memories are made. But sadly, Independence Day also includes tragic events resulting from fireworks use. The safest way to enjoy them is through public displays conducted by professional pyrotechnicians hired by communities.

Here are some statistics on fireworks mishaps, according to the National Fire Protection Association, and Consumer Product Safety Commission:

- 30,100 Estimated number of fires caused by fireworks each year
- 7,000 Estimated number of injuries caused by fireworks in 2008
- 7 Fireworks-related deaths occurred in 2008
- $34 million Amount of direct property loss caused by fireworks

All types of fireworks are illegal in all military installations.

BZ to Capt. Daniel Weed: Have we ever had a captain who has considered so much about Japanese employees as Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka (CFAY) Commanding Officer Capt. Daniel Weed has in the past? On behalf of the Japanese employees of CFAY, I would like to sincerely thank Weed for all he has done, not just for us the employees, but for the local community as well. He stood up and started building the bridge between the American and Japanese workforce with various events for more interaction between the two leading to a better understanding of each other. He made a great effort to improve the working environment for the Japanese workers and I know there were many of them who have been saved by him doing so. I am truly saddened that he is leaving us, but I would like to carry on his spirit and maintain the strong team work of the Japanese Quality Of Life team and provide support for better working environments.

こんなに日本人従業員のことを思ってくださったキャプテンは今までいたでしょうか？従業員のみならず、地域社会とも密接に関わりをもってくださったウイード大佐、従業員を代表して心から感謝したいと思います。アメリカ人従業員と日本人従業員の架け橋となり、いろいろな交流の場を数多く与えてくださいました。又、職場環境改善に惜しみなく力を注いでくださり、それに救われた日本人従業員が沢山いることを私は知っています。このCFAYから去ってしまうことを本当に悲しく思いますが、ウイード大佐の意思を引き継ぎ、これからもJQOLメンバー一同団結してより良いよい職場環境を提供できるようにサポートして行きたいと思います。

5th Annual Shirobai Training – The event, which is sponsored by Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka, Cape Fox Professional Services, NAF Atsugi and United States Army Japan Zama Safety Offices, will be held July 2 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at U.S. Army Garrison North Dock Yokohama. The event is open to all licensed SOFA personnel who are interested in learning riding techniques used by the "White Knights and White Angels" Japanese motorcycle police. Participants must ride their own, street legal motorcycle. Advance registration is required due to limited seat availability. For more information , or to register , contact Douglas Knight at dknight@capefoxit.com

Correction: The first paragraph of the Eel Grass planting article that appeared on page 8 of the June 18 edition of the Seahawk should have read: "Local Girl Scouts, Kanagawa Prefectural Fisheries Technology Center, Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka (CFAY) Public Works Department (PWD) and volunteer divers from the Yokosuka Bubble Club all teamed up to help better the environment during the annual Eel grass Planting event at CFAY Green Bay Marina June 5."