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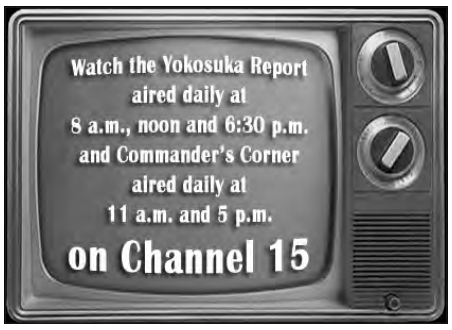

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Community announcements/Action line

Halloween Trick or Treating – Halloween trick-or-treating will be conducted here on base and at the Ikego and Negishi Housing Detachments Oct. 31 from 4:30 to 8 p.m. Families and guests are reminded to be respectful to those homes not participating in Halloween activities. Master Labor Contract (MLC), Indirect Hiring Agreement (IHA) and Hourly Payment Temporary (HPT) employees are authorized up to six guests. Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) sponsored personnel are authorized up to 10 guests. To bring a guest on board, a request form obtained from the Industrial Security Office (ISO) must be filled out and submitted to the ISO no later than Oct. 27. When entering the base with your guests, please show your gate pass, the request form and your guests' ID such as passport, Japanese driver's license or resident card with picture to the main gate guard. Children under 12 years of age are not required to show their ID. The gate guard will issue a Halloween sticker to each guest. Contact ISO at 243-5330/5125 or CSC Rufino Valdez at 243-5741 for more information.

Odyssey of the Mind is coming to The Sullivans Elementary School – Odyssey of the Mind is an international creative problem-solving competition involving students from kindergarten through college. Team members work together at length to solve a predefined problem and then will present their solution to the problem at an Odyssey of the Mind competition at the school April 2, 2011. Participation encourages creative thinking, innovation and teamwork. We would like to invite your child to participate in this creative opportunity. Sign-ups are desired now as students will need time to prepare for the competition. Students will be assigned to a team of five to seven students with a parent serving as a coach. We also need parent volunteers willing to serve as coaches. To find out more about Odyssey of the Mind, visit their website at www.odysseyofthemind.com. For more information about The Sullivans Elementary School Odyssey of the Mind competition or to participate in the event, send an e-mail to jan.jensen@pac.dodea.edu or kanell.mings@pac.dodea.edu.

CFAY Thanksgiving Adopt-A-Sailor Program – The CFAY Thanksgiving Adopt-A-Sailor Program provides the opportunity for Sailors to enjoy Thanksgiving dinner with a local host family. Applications are now being accepted for those families interested in hosting a Sailor for Thanksgiving dinner. Applications are being accepted now and must be received no later than 3 p.m. Nov. 16. Approved applicants will be notified sometime during the week of Nov. 16. Application forms are available for download at https://www.cnic.navy.mil/Yokosuka/index.htm located under the Public Announcements section. Fax the completed application to 243-9901. E-mail to adoptasailor2010@fe.navy.mil for more information.

CFAY Employee Association Bazaar – The CFAY Employee Association is hosting a bazaar Oct. 30-31 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Yokosuka Middle School. Items for sale include: furniture, appliances, traditional Japanese dishware, kimonos, obis, Japanese paintings and artwork, pearls, jade and more. Deliveries available. Contact ETC Eric Estanislao at 243-5086 for more information.

American Red Cross Courses and Training – The American Red Cross Yokosuka Branch is offering the following courses and training:

- **Nov. 6:** Infant, Adult and Child CPR/AED and First Aid, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Nov. 3:** Infant and Child CPR at Ikego, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- **Nov. 13:** Babysitter's Training, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- **Nov. 16:** I'm In Charge (ages 10 to 12), 3 to 5 p.m.
- **Nov. 17 and 18:** Infant, Adult and Child CPR/AED and First Aid, 4 to 8 p.m.
- **Nov. 19:** First Aid/CPR/AED Instructor Course, 4 to 8 p.m.
- **Nov. 20, 21:** First Aid/CPR/AED Instructor Course, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Call the Yokosuka Red Cross at 243-7490, or e-mail to Yokosuka@usa.redcross.org for more information.

CFAY Town Hall meeting Q&As

The following are the questions and answers from the CFAY Town Hall meeting held here Oct. 14:

Q: I was told by the security force member who stopped me to issue a citation that I would be informed on when to appear for traffic court. I was never notified and missed the date. I received a letter in the mail regarding the points that were deducted.

A: All issued tickets are now stamped with a contact number for traffic court. The member receiving the ticket must contact the number for his or her court date and instructions.

Q: Points deducted for traffic violations on base are not in line with punishment given off base. This appears to be double jeopardy and inconsistent.

A: The awarding of points is derived from Chief of Naval Operations instruction OPNAVINST 11200.5D. The base instruction is in line with this instruction.

Q: Why was information about the recent vandalism [at The Sullivans Elementary School] not shared with the community and only told at this forum with a small gathering?

A: Information was disseminated immediately via social media and Stars and Stripes due to the base newspaper Seahawk weekly news cycle. Information released is dependant on varying issues to include what is readily known and if it would impede an ongoing investigation.

Q: I am a family member of a civilian here on temporary additional duty (TAD) from Puget Sound Naval Shipyard and my family members don't have access to necessities to include the commissary - is there a process to request a waiver? Additionally, because the family members are not on the person's TAD orders, base access passes have to be continually updated, is there a way to simplify the process?

A: Unfortunately family members of TAD personnel here cannot be added to the TAD orders of the sponsor. Your sponsor received several briefing on what they are authorized during their indoctrination briefs and numerous other briefings they attend prior to their TAD period.

Q: Why are IDs checked at the entrance of the commissary and not at the register and why can't I bring guests into the commissary? The commissary in Sasebo allows it.

A: The Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA) policy is to check IDs at the register. This can and, in the overseas area, often is superseded by the host installation command. The base commander at Sasebo has decided to allow guests and not check IDs at the entrance, as it was his right to do so. It is current policy and the decision of the previous CFAY installation commander to check IDs at the entrance of the store and to not allow guests. The current policy is being reviewed.

Q: Is Chili's restaurant closing?

A: No.

Q: When is the Chief Petty Officer's Club reopening?

A: Nov. 22.

Q: Can bus signs be refurbished, they are hard to read?

A: The Public Works Office has this item for action. Installation of new bus schedules will be placed over the current faded schedules during the next couple of weeks as a temporary measure. There is also a project scheduled to replace several of the bus stop signs, and that project will be going on later this year.

Q: There are instances throughout the base where there is a drop in service for cell phones and internet. Is there anything being done to improve this situation?

A: Cell phone continuity on base is different because of the base topography (hills and valleys). Carriers have varying degrees of service because of the location of their signal towers. The Base Communications Office (BCO) and U.S. Naval Facilities Engineering Command Far East are in the contracting phase for installing cell phone repeaters that will help improve base cell phone service. Residents can expect improved cell phone service by early next year. Additionally, phones will be located at the Ikego camp grounds and paint ball fields.

Q: In regards to getting dental and doctor appointments at U.S. Naval Hospital (USNH) Yokosuka, the excuse is manpower - can't more people be sent here to alleviate the manpower shortage?

A: A top priority at USNH Yokosuka is improving patient's access to timely medical and dental care. Staffing has improved following a traditionally tough personnel change of station (PCS) season and several efficiency initiatives are in progress to increase the number of appointments available for patients. We are also working to decrease our "no-show" rate, which is the number of appointments wasted when a patient fails to show for a scheduled appointment. Each month hundreds of appointments are lost to "no-shows" resulting in hours of lost opportunity for other patients appointments. By working together on this no-show rate and other initiatives, we hope that your ability to get the medical or dental appointment you need in a timely manner will improve.

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