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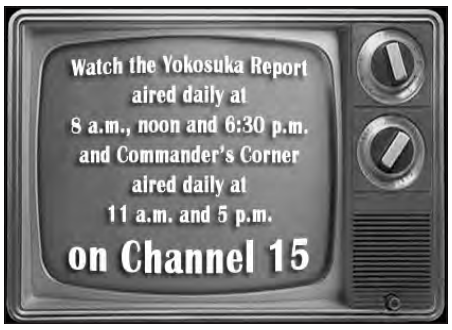

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Community announcements/Action line

Visa I-130 Interviews Site Visit – The U.S. Embassy Visa Section will be at the Fleet and Family Support Center Dec. 3 to provide a briefing on the Immigrant Visa process and to conduct appointment only interviews for applicants whose visa packages have been completed. If you want to file an I-130 petition during the U.S. Embassy Visa Section, send an e-mail to Kashetah.Bedford@fe.navy.mil to make an appointment. You need to make appointments for all beneficiaries and each beneficiary needs a separate I-130 petition. You must come to the appointment with your beneficiaries. The submission fee for each applicant is $335 by U.S. postal money order made payable to U.S. Embassy, Tokyo. Visa applicants must bring all required paperwork and must provide their own photocopies of proof documents. Photocopies can be made at the library or at the Navy Exchange Pack and Wrap Center. Contact Scott Keehn at 243-9626 for more information.

U.S. Embassy Passport Services Site Visit – U.S. Embassy Passport Services will be at the Fleet and Family Support Center Dec. 3 from 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m., receiving appointment only renewal and first-time passport applications. To schedule an appointment, FAX your information (name, phone number, e-mail address and desired appointment time) to the U.S. Embassy at 224-5914 and they will contact you with an appointment time. Passport applicants must bring all required paperwork and must provide their own photocopies of proof documents. Photocopies can be made at the library or at the Navy Exchange Pack and Wrap Center. Contact Scott Keehn at 243-9626 for more information.

Christmas Disco Party Community Relations Event – Volunteers are needed to participate in a Christmas Disco Party community relations event for people with disabilities from the Yokosuka area Dec. 3 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at Yokosuka Sogo Fukushi Kaikan Hall, located between Yokosuka base and Daiei Shoppers Plaza. To volunteer, send an e-mail with your full name, rate, rank (including warfare qualification), command name, phone number and the last four digits of your social security number to fumiyo.sato.ja@fe.navy.mil.

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.

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 National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 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 Jan. 1, 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. While driving, it is 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.

Residential Hazardous Material Safety – Residential Hazardous Material (Hazmat) safety is important in preventing fires in and around your home. Hazmat safety involves the proper handling and storage of combustibles and flammable liquids such as gasoline, kerosene, propane, oil, aerosols, certain household cleaning products and painting supplies. The following are some safety tips you can follow to avoid a hazmat emergency:

- Use proper storage containers for flammables and combustibles.
- Never store flammables in direct sunlight or near an open flame.
- Inspect storage areas regularly and be on the lookout for leaking containers, poor ventilation and the smell of fumes.
- Store hazardous materials out of reach of children and pets.

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。

NWU mandatory wear deadline nears

By CFAY Public Affairs

The mandatory wear date for the Navy Working Uniform (NWU) is approaching quickly and all Navy personnel are reminded to have all components of the new uniforms.

According to Navy Administrative Message NAVADMIN 299/10, the fleetwide availability of the NWU had been reached six months ahead of schedule and the new mandatory wear date is Dec. 31.

The NAVADMIN states by Dec. 31 all commands should verify that Sailors have all components of the NWU in their sea bags.

The complete sea bag contains:

- Five pairs of blue, 100 percent cotton T-shirts
- Five pairs of boot socks
- Four NWU blouses and trousers
- Two eight-point utility caps
- One pair of NWU boots
- One mock turtleneck sweater
- One fleece liner
- One Gore-Tex parka

According to Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka (CFAY) Command Master Chief Gregory Vidaurri, every CFAY departmental leading chief petty officer will ensure that their Sailors have obtained the required uniforms. They will report compliance prior to our first holiday leave period.

"It is important to have this inspection to verify the Sailors have a complete sea bag and to make sure they know how to wear the uniform correctly," Vidaurri said.

According to NAVADMIN 358/10, the only personnel that are not required to have a complete NWU component are those who went through basic training between Oct. 1, 2007 and April 26, 2009. Those personnel will receive a one-time targeted clothing replacement allowance. They will be expected to have all required components by June 13, 2013.