



Retiree Activities Office

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A publication of the Yokota Retiree Activities Office (RAO) whose mission is to support the base commander in providing information and assistance to military retirees, their family members, and surviving spouses residing in the local area. Articles appearing in this newsletter are compiled from various government sources. Information has been edited and reprinted for the benefit of our retiree population. While every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information herein, no absolute guarantee of accuracy or currency can be given nor should be assumed.

The Yokota Tax Center is Closing: The Tax Center located in building 315, 1st floor will remain open until June 15th. Operating hours are Monday through Thursday. Closed Fridays, holidays and family days.

Morning appointment schedule - 0900, 1000, 1100
Closed for Lunch - 1200-1300

Afternoon appointment schedule - 1300, 1400, 1500

Telephone numbers to call for an appointment: DSN 225-4926/4927, from off base 552-2510 ext. 54926/54927

The tax filing deadline of April 18th has come and gone. Those of us required to file a U.S. tax return and living overseas received an automatic extension to June 15th to file.

If you haven't filed yet, stop by before the center closes. Just remember, if you owe taxes to the IRS you will mostly likely be assessed an interest penalty for not filing by the April 18th deadline. (Source: Yokota Tax Center, IRS.gov)

Dental Care in Japan: The RAO staff is frequently asked by retirees if we know of any English speaking dentist in the local area. It has recently been brought to our attention by a fellow retiree that he has used a dental clinic in Tachikawa City where English is spoken.

The name of the clinic is Nagata Dental Clinic located in near one of the monorail stations. They have a web site in English www.nagatadental.com which lists their services and a map to their location. The telephone number as listed on their site is 042-536-4605.

Any questions you may have concerning what types of insurance they may accept should be directed at the clinic.

If any of our fellow retirees are using a dental clinic off base that they would like to recommend please let the RAO know so that we can add it to our listing. (Source: Yokota RAO)

2019 TRICARE Retiree Dental Program (TRDP) Transition:

TRDP will end December 31, 2018. Retirees will be able to enroll in the Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP) during Open Season this fall (**Nov 12 - Dec 10, 2018**). **There is NOTHING that current TRDP enrollees need to do right now**, but in order for them to continue with dental coverage for 2019, they **MUST** select a FEDVIP plan during Open Season; **they will not automatically be rolled into a FEDVIP dental plan.**

There are up to 10 Dental Carrier options in FEDVIP from which to choose, one of which is Delta Dental who has administered the TRDP since 1998. New enrollments in the TRDP will be accepted until October 31, 2018 and current TRDP enrollees should continue to use their TRDP benefits with confidence throughout the rest of the year.

Under the FEDVIP program, there are no waiting periods (except for orthodontics in most plans), and you will receive your full FEDVIP benefits beginning on January 1, 2019 with whichever FEDVIP plan you select during the November/December 2018 open season. Beneficiaries are encouraged to periodically visit www.trdp.org for transition updates and should also sign up to receive more information at www.TRICARE.benefeds.com. (Source: TRICARE Benefeds.com)

Retiree Appreciation Day: A Retiree Appreciation Date event is scheduled to be held on 28 July (Saturday) at the enlisted club. This event will be open to all retirees and surviving family members of retirees. More information will be forthcoming in the near future as plans for this event are finalized. (Source: Yokota RAO)

374th Medical Group Closure Dates:

17 May - MDG Training
Day 28 May - Memorial Da
29 May - Family Day

The Urgent Care Clinic and Inpatient Unit will remain **open**. (Source: 374th MDG Facebook page)

As of this writing there was no information available for any projected closures in June.

Widows Support Luncheon: The next luncheon is scheduled for 15 June 2018 in the auditorium of the Airman & Family Readiness Center (A&FRC) in building 535. Invitations will be mailed out when the date approaches. If anyone knows of a widow that is not on the mailing list please invited her to attend. (Source: A&FRC & Yokota RAO)

How to Contact the Retiree Activities Office:

Located: Airman & Family Readiness Center, Building 535, 1st Floor

Office hours: 0900-1500 Monday through Friday

Telephone: DSN: 225-8324

Telephone from off base: (042) 552-2510 ext. 58324

Voice mail: Leave a message if calling after normal operating hours

E-mail: yokota.rao@us.af.mil

Yokota Military Retiree Association

(YMRA): The YMRA will be holding its next business breakfast meeting on Saturday, 2 June 2018 in the Yokota Enlisted Club dining room. All retirees, their spouses and widows of retirees regardless of branch of service are invited.

The business side of things starts at 0900. If you want to enjoy a free breakfast please order by 0830. (Source: Yokota RAO)