



# Retiree Activities Office

## Yokota AB, Japan

# Newsletter



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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.*

**Greetings from the RAO:** I and the rest of the RAO staff are looking forward to supporting the retiree community in the coming year as we have done in the past. We are here to provide the information and assistance you may need to help with whatever questions or problems you may have.

### Tax Season is Right Around the

**Corner:** The word is out that the Yokota Tax Center is scheduled to open in February, and will operate until June. It will be located in building 315, 1st floor as it has been in previous years. The exact time schedule as to hours of operations and days of the week the center will be opened has not been provided as of this writing.

The number of volunteers and their availability will determine the exact schedule. This information, and when the center will start taking appointments will be provided when it becomes available.

The Yokota Tax Center will be opened to assist Active Duty military, DoD Civilians, Retired Military, and their respective family members in the preparation and e-filing of their 2017 income tax returns. This service is free to all eligible members.

Depending on your particular tax situation, these are documents to bring to your appointment. You may have forms and documents not listed below; so, if in doubt, bring them with you.

- Photo ID
- A copy of last year's tax return if available
- Social Security Cards/ITIN letters for yourself, spouse and dependents
- Form W2 Wage and Tax Statement
- Form W2G Gambling Winnings
- All Form 1099s
- Form 1042S
- All Form 1098s
- Income and expenses related to Rental Property, Child Care, Education

(Source: Yokota Tax Center, IRS)

### Notify DFAS When Life-Changing

**Events Happen:** As you move through your retirement years, be sure to keep DFAS informed whenever changes happen that could affect your retired pay. Keep your contact information and check payment information in **myPay** current, and if your experience a life-changing event, contact DFAS direct at Retired and Annuitant Pay to let them know. The following are life-changing events and how they could impact your account.

**Marriage:** Survivor Benefits Plan (SBP), Arrears of Pay (AOP) beneficiary, federal income tax.

**Divorce:** SBP, AP{, federal income tax.

**Death of Spouse:** SPB, AOP, federal income tax.

**Birth of Child:** SPB, AOP, federal income tax.

**Moving to a new place of residence:** 1099-R and retiree account statement mailing.

**Opening, changing or closing a bank account:** net pay and allotment direct deposit.

**Changing your e-mail address stored in myPAY:** **myPay** notifications for 1099-R and retiree account statement availability, retiree newsletters, and various DFAS notifications.

**Paying off and/or closing an insurance policy:** net pay and allotment direct deposit.

If you keep your information current in **myPay** and submit the appropriate paperwork when a life-changing event occurs, you will help DFAS improve the service they provide to you and your loved ones. By reporting these events when they happen, your beneficiaries will have fewer issues and concerns to resolve later. Remember to report changes to the new mailing address:

Defense Finance and Accounting Service  
U.S. Military Retired Pay  
8899 E 56th Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46249-1200

You can also report life-changing events by using fax number: 800-469-6559, or by calling the Customer Care Center: 800-321-1080. (Source: DFAS.mil)

## Upcoming 374<sup>th</sup> Medical Group Closure

### Dates:

- 1 January: New Year Holiday
- 2 January: Family Day
- 15 January: Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
- 16 January: Family Day
- 18 January: MDG Training Day

The Urgent Care and Inpatient Unit will remain open.

**For all medical emergencies, dial 911 on-base and 119 off-base. If dialing from a cell phone on base, dial 042-552-2510, wait for a dial tone, then dial 911.**

(Source: 374 MDG Facebook page)

## Yokota Military Retiree Association

**(YMRA):** The YMRA will hold its next two monthly breakfast meetings on 6 January and 3 February at 0900 in the enlisted club dining room. These meetings are open to all military retirees regardless of branch of service, their spouses, and widows of retirees. Membership is free to all those who are eligible

Breakfast is provided free when you order before 0830 (no exceptions). The business side of things starts at 0900.

The elected Officers of the YMRA for the coming year are:

President: Eldon Finuf

Vice President: Manuel De Paiva

Secretary/Treasurer: Carl Howard

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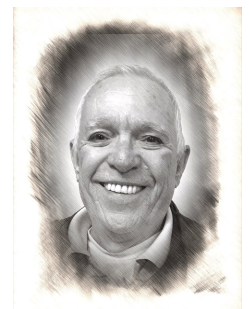
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