



# Retiree Activities Office

## Yokota AB, Japan

### Newsletter

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### myPay Two-Factor Authentication

**Mandatory April 2021:** In late April, two-factor authentication will become **mandatory for all myPay users**. Users will need to select how to receive the random one-time PIN the first time they log in to myPay after that date.

Simply put, two-factor authentication uses your mobile phone number or email address to provide a means to verify that you are, well, you and not someone who has discovered your myPay Login ID and password.



myPay accounts are secured with Login IDs and passwords. When an account holder enters this information, a unique one-time PIN is sent to the individual's mobile phone via text message or as an email message to an address contained in the user's myPay profile. Once the one-time PIN is entered on the myPay login screen, access to the account is provided.

The one-time PIN verification code remains valid for 10 minutes so it will be important that the user have access to the mobile phone or email account previously selected by the user to receive the information.

More Information on two-factor authentication is available via the Defense Finance and Accounting Service website at <https://www.dfas.mil/mypayinfo/2FA/>.

*(Source: DFAS myPay)*

## Tax Updates:

**Extension of filing date:** The Treasury Department and Internal Revenue Service announced earlier this month that the federal income tax filing due date for individuals for the 2020 tax year will be automatically extended from April 15, 2021, to May 17, 2021.



Individual taxpayers can also postpone federal income tax payments for the 2020 tax year due on April 15, 2021, to May 17, 2021, without penalties and interest, regardless of the amount owed. This postponement applies to individual taxpayers, including individuals who pay self-employment tax. Penalties, interest and additions to tax will begin to accrue on any remaining unpaid balances as of May 17, 2021. Individual taxpayers will automatically avoid interest and penalties on the taxes paid by May 17.

This change will not affect the automatic extension to June 15 that individual overseas filers have. However, any taxes owed will need to be paid by May 17, 2021 in order to avoid any interest and penalties as stated earlier in this article.  
(Source: IRS.gov)

**Yokota Tax Center:** Since the 12th of February the Tax Center has been up and running Monday through Friday from 0830 to 1630. The Tax Center will remain open for business until June 30 of this year. Volunteer tax preparers have been busy

assisting active duty military, civilian employees, military retirees and surviving spouses.

Appointments can be made by calling: DSN 225-4926/4927 or from off base: 042-52-2510, and when prompted 54926 or 54927

**Veterans Affairs (VA):** Starting with this issue of our newsletter we will post articles that are aimed at military veterans living here in Japan.

## Foreign Medical Program (FMP)

The (FMP) is a U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) health care benefits program for U.S. Veterans who are residing or traveling abroad and have VA-rated, service-connected disabilities. Under FMP, VA assumes payment responsibility for certain necessary health care services received in foreign countries and associated with the treatment of service-connected disabilities, or any disability associated with and held to be aggravating a service-connected condition. Additionally, VA may authorize necessary foreign medical services for any condition for a Veteran participating in the VA Vocational Rehabilitation Program (38 U.S.C. 31).

For more information, to include submitting claims for reimbursement, please visit:

<https://www.va.gov/COMMUNITYCARE/programs/veterans/fmp/index.asp>

## Have Questions about your VA Benefits?

If you would like to speak to a VA representative about VA benefits send your contact information to the email address listed below to set up a virtual appointment with an Overseas Military Service Coordinator.

OMSCJAPANOK.VB@VA.GOV

**The Survivors and Burial Benefits Kit:** This kit contains an excellent source of pre-need planning information and record storage for Veterans and their families. When you are no longer here and your survivors are applying for benefits there are basic forms that must be completed. The Survivors and Burial Benefits Kit contains a list of the forms required to apply for the various VA benefits, as well as what additional documents may be required to show eligibility. This kit should be part of the survivors checklist you should all be maintaining. [Click here to download the kit.](#)



**New Vehicle Decals:** Base decals for non-SOFA personnel will be available after April 1, 2021 at the Base Pass and Registration Office located inside the Supply Gate (Gate 5). The Office is open from 0730 to 1500 Monday through Friday.

Be sure to bring your car registration paperwork including proof of liability insurance.

**374 Medical Group (MDG) Closures:**  
The following is a list of up-coming closures that we



currently aware of. If anything changes we will post updates to our RAO Facebook page. Please plan your visits to the MDG accordingly.

- April 15th (Thursday) MDG Training Day
- May 20th (Thursday) MDG Training Day
- May 31st (Monday) Memorial Day Holiday
- June 1st (Tuesday) Family Day
- June 17th (Thursday) MDG Training Day

**The Urgent Care Clinic will remain open during these dates.**

**Yokota Military Retiree Association (YMRA):**

The YMRA will be holding it's first meeting since the start of the covid-19 pandemic on Saturday the 1st of May at the Yokota Enlisted Club. All Public Health measures currently in place will be followed to include the wearing of masks when we are not consuming food. Remember, not everyone has been fully vaccinated yet. We will follow whatever rules the Enlisted Club has in place.

Mr. Ruben Garza the new Mortuary Affairs Officer has been lined up to be the guest speaker and should have some good information as to the services his office will provide to our retiree community here in Japan.



**New Volunteer at RAO:** Lloyd Jack is the newest member to join RAO staff. He currently is in the office on Fridays from 0900-1200. Stop by and say hello.

**There is always room for additional volunteers.**

## **RAO Contact Information:**

**Located:** Building 535 (A&FRC), room 108

### **Office Hours:**

0900 - 1200 Monday, Wednesday, Friday

1200-1500 - Tuesday

Closed Thursday, U.S. Holidays and Base Family Days

**Telephone:** DSN 225-8324, from off-base 042-552-2510, extension 58324

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