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Volunteers Assisting the Retiree Community

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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.

New Year's Greetings: The staff and I at the Retiree Activities Office want to wish all of you a happy and successful 2019, as we look forward to serving the retiree community in the year ahead. When you get a chance, stop by and say hello. If you can't do that, send us an email and let us know how we are doing. We like to hear from you, and any suggestions you may have that can help us better assist you.

Tax Center Will Open Soon: The Yokota Tax Center operated by the 374 AW Legal Office is gearing up for the 2018 tax season. The call for volunteer tax preparers has gone out and hopefully there will be enough volunteers available that all categories of DoD ID holders will be able to get assistance in preparing and electronically filing their 2018 tax returns.

Volunteers under the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA) will receive classroom training by an Internal Revenue Service (IRS) agent during the week of January 14th. They will also be required to successfully pass various certification tests before they will be allowed to prepare tax returns.

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. (Source: 374 AW Legal Office)

Preparing For Your Tax Appointment: Depending on your particular tax situation, these are documents to bring to your appointment at the Tax Center. Depending on your tax situation, you may have forms and documents not listed here; so, if in doubt, bring them with you.

- DoD ID card
- Social Security Cards/ITIN letter for you, your spouse and dependents
- A copy of last year's tax return if you did not prepare your taxes at the Yokota Tax Center.
- Any Form W2, Wage and Tax Statement
- Any Form 1099 (1099-R, 1099-INT, 1099-DIV, 1099-SSA), 1099-MISC)
- Any Form 1098
- Any Form 1042
- Form W2 Gambling Winnings
- Income and expense documents related to Rental Property
- Documents related to child care and dependent education expenses.
- Any other documents you have that might apply to your income taxes. (Source: Yokota Tax Center)

Agent Orange Newsletter: The newest Agent Orange newsletter is out. You can find it at: www.publichealth.va.gov or simply search Agent Orange Newsletter 2018. It contains articles on Disability Compensation for Vietnam Veterans exposed to Agent Orange and Camp Lejeune Health Care and Benefits as well as helpful websites and phone numbers. (Source: www.va.gov)

374th Medical Group Closure Dates:

Upcoming closure dates for January 2019. Please plan accordingly.

17 January: MDG Training Day

21 January: Martin Luther King Day

22 January: Family Day

The Urgent Care Clinic and Inpatient Unit will remain Open. (Source 374th MDG)

Yokota Military Retiree Association

The YMRA will be holding its next two monthly breakfast meetings on Saturday, January 12 and Saturday, February 1 at the Yokota Enlisted club. The monthly meetings are open to all retired members, their spouses, and surviving spouses of deceased retired. The business side of things will start at 0900. Prior to the meeting you can socialize over breakfast, courtesy of the YMRA. Breakfast can be ordered until 0830.

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