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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.

U.S. Embassy Tokyo Outreach: Staff from the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo will be at the Taiyo Recreation Center, Bldg. 3260, Yokota AB, Japan on Wednesday the 7th of November to provide assistance in the following areas:

Tourist Passports: Main Ball Room. They will be accepting applications for Tourist Passports and Consular Report of Birth Abroad (CRBA) between 1000 and 1300 on a Walk-in-basis.

Arrive before 1300 with the appropriate outreach checklist and all required items (completed form, passport photo, postal money order, original and copies of supporting documents, return envelope, etc.)

Renew by mail: If you have a tourist or government passport issued after the age of 16 and within 15 years, see the Embassy website or outreach checklist for mail-in information.

Download outreach checklists from the Yokota home page <https://www.yokota.af.mil> or pick-up outreach checklists at 374 FSS MPF, Bldg. 316, Rm 121.

Federal Benefits: Room 207. They will be accepting applications for Social Security Number, Replacement card, Name change, etc. between 1000 and 1300 on a walk-in-basis; and will answer questions about **Federal Benefits** (Social Security, VA, OPM, etc. also on a walk-in-basis)

You can E-mail FBU.Tokyo@ssa.gov in advance to verify required documents for any applications.

Call the MPF at DSN 225-9900/8651/7460 or from off base 042-552-2510 ext. 59900/58651/57460 if you have any questions. (Source: 374 MPF FSS)

374th Medical Group Pharmacy Hours:

Effective 15 October the pharmacy hours will be Monday through Friday 0730-1630. As always, you can request refills on existing medications by calling DSN 225-6386 or from off base 042-552-2510 ext. 56386. (Source: 374MDG)

Flu Shot Availability: Flu shots are now available for all DoD ID card holders and dependents (ages 6 months+), at the Yokota AF hospital immunization clinic. Note: Immunization clinic will be closed November 1st and 2nd due to the Base Training Exercise.

Another opportunity to get your flu shot will be at the Just in time Flu Line that will be held on 5 November 2018 at the Main entrance of the Hospital (Building 4408) from 1600-1800. This will be the front of the building facing the parking lot. (Source: 374MDG)

374th Medical Group Closures Dates:

- 30 October - 5 November: The 374th Medical Group will be participating in the Wing Training Exercise. During this time, medical services will be limited, and those offered could be disrupted or delayed.
- 12 November: Veterans Day
- 15 November: Training Day
- 22 November: Thanksgiving Day
- 23 November: Family Day

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

The Urgent Care Clinic and Inpatient Unit will remain OPEN (Source: 374MDG)

Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP):

Just a reminder that the current TRICARE Retiree Dental Program (TRDP) will end on December 31, 2018 and be replaced by the FEDVIP on January 1, 2019. However, enrollment is not automatic and you will have to enroll under FEDVIP during the open season which runs from November 12th to December 10th of this year. For more information and to check out the various plans go to: TRICARE.benefeds.com (Source: TRICARE.com)

Yokota Military Retiree Association

(YMRA): The YMRA is holding its next meeting this coming Saturday the 3rd of November in the Enlisted Club dining room. The business side of things will begin at 0900. As usual, we will be offering a free breakfast to those that arrive and order prior to 0830.

The YMRA meeting for December is scheduled for the 1st of December at the same location and time.

Quarterly Widows Support Lunch: The next luncheon will be held on Friday the 14th of December from 1200 to 1400 in the auditorium of the Airman & Family Readiness Center (AFRC), building 535.

This luncheon is sponsored by the AFRC and is open to all surviving spouses of military retirees and those whose spouse passed away while on active duty. This luncheon serves as a venue for the widows to get together, share experiences, and to let them know that they are still part of the overall military family.

If you know of a widow who is not aware of this luncheon please pass this information on. For additional information call the AFRC at DSN 226-8725 or 042-552-2510 ext. 58725 if calling from off base.

Income Tax Season is just around the

corner: I've been informed that the Yokota Legal Office will again be sponsoring an income tax preparation center. Exact opening dates and other details have not been firmed up yet, but as soon as this information is available we will get the word out. Although we are still a couple of months away from the end of the year; now is a good time to start preparing for the 2018 income tax season.

This will be the last newsletter for 2018. It has been the pleasure of all the retiree volunteers at the Retiree Activities Office to have served the retiree community this pass year, and we look forward to doing it again in 2019.



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