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Official Ombudsmen Newsletter

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Greetings to all U.S.S. REEVES families!

We wish to extend our sincere apologies for the long delay between newsletters. We hope you and yours had a fine Christmas, and we wish you a most prosperous New Year.

YOU ARE INVITED to the home of Mrs. Helen Egerton immediately following the departure of the ship on February 23 at #3 Halsey, Yokosuka Naval Base, for coffee and conversation.

NEWSWORTHY NOTES from the Ombudsmen's Council meeting:

- We have had incidents of dependent's being detained by Japanese officials for not having their passport in their possession. As of now, we have had no official answer to our questions about this, so we suggest that you do carry your passport with you until further information can be obtained, especially when you travel to places away from either of the Base areas.
- We were asked to remind parents not to leave small children in a parked car unattended. It was also mentioned that parents need to exhibit more control over their children in the Exchange and Commissary stores.
- Well children should not be brought into Pediatric Sick Call when a brother or sister has an appointment.
- We have had several discussions regarding child abuse. It is everyone's responsibility to report incidents to the authorities immediately.
- The Community Center will be sponsoring a Cherry Blossom Jamboree in the early part of April. Those who wish to display handicrafts

at this event are reminded to start early on lengthy projects. Further information can be obtained from the Community Center, YNB.

---In the near future the DAT office will be temporarily moving to Building G-110; their phone number will remain the same.

---The Family Services Center is now open for business. The Red Cross and Navy Relief Offices are located in the same building across the street from the Commissary parking lot. An eight-week Red Cross "Parenting Class" will begin March 9. For further information and registration, please call the Family Services Center, 234-6717. Their hours are 8:00-4:45 weekdays & 8-12 noon Saturdays.

---Beginning in the Fall of 1981 Navy Relief will be sponsoring a two-year pilot program for educational loans for spouses. For further information, please contact the Navy Relief Office.

---Remember to notify the Housing Office regarding any changes in your housing eligibility; i.e., rank, number and ages of your children, etc. Also inform them of a change in your phone number.

---Navy Relief is willing to present a Budget Workshop for individual Commands who have a minimum of 8 people sign up for it. Anyone interested in this program should call one of your ombudsmen to coordinate this workshop: Patti Stalion (0468) 75-2605, and Mary Barnette (0468) 73-6418.

---Chaplain Hathaway and Chief Hastings are still in need of volunteers for emergency child care. If you are interested, please call the Chapel or DAT immediately.

---Navy Relief is a system for transportation in the case of death or illness only, and should not be considered for loans in non-emergent situations.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION People living off-base who wish to call friends or relatives overseas can reach the International Operator by dialing 03-211-5511 and asking for an English-speaking operator.

The CPO Wives Club meets every second Tuesday of every month at the CPO Club from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. All CPO Wives are invited!

The Red Cross, Navy Relief, Sullivan School, and Medical Center are always in need of volunteers. If you have some spare time which needs filling, we urge you wisely volunteer some hours helping others.

The Navy Relief Office has a form which can be signed by your husband before a deployment which authorizes Navy Relief to initiate a loan to a dependent wife for emergency situations. If they do not have this form signed, valuable time can be lost when Navy Relief has to send a message to the ship requesting authorization. NAVY RELIEF CANNOT AND DO NOT ACCEPT A POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR THIS PURPOSE.

The DAT office can cut a set of EML orders for the family while the husband is deployed. Since this type of orders has to be used within seven days, they cannot be cut in advance. Please have your husband leave you a note stating that he would authorize EML orders whenever and wherever the family requested. DAT can help with the wording.

ROAD TAX for everyone's car is due in April. During this up-coming deployment, make sure the wife knows how, where, and has the funds to pay the road tax to PMO in April. Also, if the number on the sticker in the middle of your windshield is less than a 6, your car will have to go to the Land Transportation Office in Yokohama before June. Please make sure the wife knows how to take care of this.

The Overseas Transfer Information Service (OTIS) is a centralized source of information which a Navy spouse can call to find out about a new overseas duty station. OTIS was designed to answer some of those questions that pop up before a major overseas move. This service has all the Navy Department's resources available to help answer your questions. OTIS is an official Navy service, established last February by the Naval Military Personnel Command (NMPC), and as such it can officially request information and pass it on to you.

There are various information sources for families about to embark on an overseas move; both the Wifeline Association and the Armed Forces

Hostess Association provide invaluable service, but not everyone is willing to pay for a long-distance call to contact these organizations. OTIS can be called long-distance -- collect -- from the continental United States between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Washington D.C. time at 202-694-8392/8393. The office can also be reached by AUTOVON at 224-8392/8393.

OTIS can also arrange a personal contact by putting you in touch with a person at or near your current duty station who returned in the last six to nine months from your future duty station.

The folks at OTIS suggest that before you call, have the exact name and location of your new duty station ready. It would be helpful, too, if you compiled a list of questions before calling. That will save time. OTIS can provide detailed information on some areas; so detailed, in fact, that it includes the description of symbols used on hot and cold water faucets in some foreign countries. OTIS will do its best to answer your questions even when little data is seemingly available.

If you are in the States coming overseas, or if you are changing overseas duty stations, do yourself a favor and give OTIS a call. Let the experts answer your million and one questions and your overseas move can go smoothly.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU Paula Salinas was born and raised in Haddon Heights, New Jersey. She attended college in Delaware and worked in Washington, D.C., where she met and married her husband, Dan, in April, 1979. In January, 1980, Kristin was born in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. In August, 1980, Paula came to Japan when the REEVES changed homeports. Paula likes it here very much. She volunteers with the Red Cross at the hospital; she also enjoys sewing, and teaching English in her "spare" time.

Tzun Ying Hardy is from Taiwan where she met her husband, Mike, fifteen years ago. She has spent 4 months in San Diego, and 1 year and 4 months in Hawaii, but she helped her parents in their store in Taiwan until their retirement 2 years ago. Tzun Ying has two

children: Angel is 18 and Jason is 14 years old. Since coming to Japan in August, Tzun Ying keeps busy in their house in Zushi Numama, and she takes lessons in cooking, sewing, flower arranging, and the Japanese language.

Nobuko Frazier can say she has come back home since coming to Japan in September of 1979. Nobuko was born and raised here, and her parents are living in the Tokyo area. Nobuko has traveled to the States, living in Long Beach, San Francisco, and San Diego for tours of duty, as well as Okinawa. Nobuko has three children: Cecilia is 16, Joe is 15, and Jimmy is 14. Nobuko's husband Don served on the Worden as Career Counselor before he cross-decked to the REEVES in the same capacity. Nobuko keeps busy with her family, school activities, and sports. Nobuko also works outside the home in an import/export business in Yokohama.

**PLEASE NOTE THESE CHANGES** for your Ombudsmen:

Patti Stalion is moving on base on February 26. Her new phone number will be 234-4310.

Mrs. Ebey has resigned as Ombudsman. The call tree has been, and will be, undergoing changes, so please bear with us until we get slightly organized again. THANK YOU!

Sincerely,

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