



# OMBUDSMAN NEWSLETTER

## OCTOBER 2004



*Hello again from USS Kitty Hawk, our fightin', bitin' Battle Cat.*

*We've been back in Yokosuka, Japan, for about one month, and it's been a month full of activity.*

*The most noticeable activity would have to be the SRA, or Ship's Restricted Availability – our current maintenance period. Whenever we are in Yokosuka, we can be assured that a team of professionals from Japan and the United States will quickly board the ship and work with our Sailors toward making those never-ending improvements.*

*We maintain the highest standards of readiness based on our ability to keep this ship in top condition. That includes regular maintenance periods, when we upgrade living conditions, replace aging or outdated equipment, and essentially refurbish many areas of the ship.*

*All of this work requires each of us to be particularly attentive to safety. I say it every day – “Anzen Dai-ichi,” or “Safety First.” We are in a heavy industrial environment, and I ask for your continued assistance in reminding our Sailors to pay attention to their surroundings. We continue to watch out for each other, and we all need to be mindful of safety.*

*As the SRA continues, we also have many Sailors taking the opportunity for some much-needed leave, as well as TAD opportunities for professional development and related schools.*

*Most recently, we hosted a major Career Management Symposium, bringing numerous enlisted and officer detailers from the Center for Career Development in Millington, Tenn., to speak with Sailors here in Japan. This was a great opportunity for Sailors to communicate directly with detailers to help plan their futures. We continue to find ways to better arm our Sailors with the most accurate and up-to-date information regarding their careers.*

*As we continue to serve in the Forward Deployed Naval Forces, it is important to remember our responsibility to vote. Please take the time to ensure you are each registered and have requested your ballot. To find out more information, visit the Federal Voting Assistance Program Web site at [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov).*

*Also, don't forget our Navy Birthday, Oct. 13, 1775. And remember to stay tuned to the Kitty Hawk Strike Group online at [www.kittyhawk.navy.mil](http://www.kittyhawk.navy.mil) for the latest in our activities.*

*Once again, thank you for your continued support.*

*Sincerely,  
Captain T.A. Parker  
Commanding Officer  
USS Kitty Hawk (CV 63)*



USS KITTY HAWK (CV-63)

## Ombudsman Note

Dear Kitty Hawk Families,

Fall has arrived with fresh breezes, strong rains, and some cooler temperatures! What a welcome relief and change. We've almost made it through typhoon season without a hitch! But many others have been less fortunate. Southern Japan has been hit hard several times and we all know of someone who has suffered significant loss in Florida from the recent hurricanes. In fact, we have some Kitty Hawk families that have lost many things. Thankfully, all are safe and well.

Take a minute right now to be sure you are prepared for severe weather. Do you have bottled water for several days? Have you checked the batteries on your emergency flash lights? Do you have matches and candles? Do you know where your insurance papers are? Do you have spare dollars and yen? These emergency items are also necessary if a strong earthquake should strike here!

The word FALL brings another reminder. Who do you have to "fall" on if you have some sort of family emergency? Does your family in the states know how to reach you? Does a friend here know how to reach your family if something happens to you? Do you know how to reach your spouse at work in an emergency? Does the FAST office on base have a Family File for you? This file includes things like copies of your passports, family entry approval, Power of Attorney, copy of orders, etc.

Finally, you have a team of six Kitty Hawk Ombudsmen that you can fall on or call at any time! We have been specially trained to assist you when you "fall" or have any type of emergency. You can call the Kitty Hawk Care line at 243-9913 or email [KittyHawkOmbudsman@yahoo.com](mailto:KittyHawkOmbudsman@yahoo.com). A list of our names and home numbers appears on the bulletin boards in the post offices too!

Once you've gotten yourself prepared for "fall" and any emergencies it may bring, get out and enjoy the hillsides. Japan is beautiful during this colorful season. Take advantage of the ship being in port and spend some quality family time together this fall!

Sincerely,

KH Ombudsman Team



To Contact an Ombudsman, email:  
[KittyHawkOmbudsman@yahoo.com](mailto:KittyHawkOmbudsman@yahoo.com)

Please provide complete information  
about the Sailor, such as:  
Full Name and Rate/Rank  
Sailor's Department/Division



To Snail-Mail a Kitty Hawk Sailor  
(and send yummy care packages):

Sailor's Name and Rank  
Sailor's Department/Division  
USS Kitty Hawk (CV-63)  
FPO AP 96634-2770



Kitty Hawk Care Line  
DSN: 243-9913  
046-896-9913

From the United States, dial:  
011-81-46-816-9913



The Ombudsman Email List has  
recently been upgraded to a  
Yahoo! Email Group.

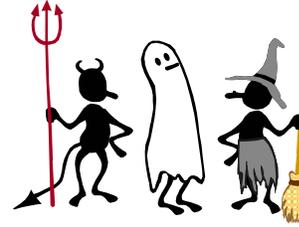
Click [HERE](#) to join the group!  
Please provide the Sailor's name  
and rate/department/division.  
The email group is for Kitty Hawk  
family members only.

It is important to keep in contact with your  
ombudsmen in order to receive any important  
news and information from the Kitty Hawk.





## GROUP EVENTS



### KHOSO · KITTY HAWK OFFICERS' SPOUSES ORGANIZATION

October 12 – **General Meeting**, 17:30 at the O'Club.

October 19 – **Happy Hour and Mongolian BBQ**, 1730 at the O'Club.

### KHEFSG · KITTY HAWK ENLISTED FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP

October 16 – **Trying on Kimonos** at Ayame Heights from 1030-1330.

This is a great opportunity to experience a tradition of our host nation. The hosts will be from an International Japanese Women's group. A minimum of 15 people, max of 20, is needed – (children over 5). The cost is 1,000 yen (to cover the cost of dry-cleaning the kimonos). Please bring a side dish to share with the hosts.

Please email [khefsg@lycos.com](mailto:khefsg@lycos.com) to reserve your spot!

October 21 – **General Meeting** at the Chapel of Hope at 1800.

The positions of Treasurer and Parliamentarian will be voted on.

November 09 – **Chili Sale!!!** On the pier by the USS Kitty Hawk.

Volunteers are needed to help with the sale, cook chili, and donate food. If interested, please email [khefsg@lycos.com](mailto:khefsg@lycos.com) by Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>.

To be added to the KHEFSG email list, send your email to [khefsg@lycos.com](mailto:khefsg@lycos.com)

Check out the KHEFSG website at <http://khefsg.tripod.com>

### Y.E.S. · YOKOSUKA ENLISTED SPOUSES

October 19 – **Group Meeting** at Sbarro (in rear dining area) from 1100-1300.

October 29 – **Boo Gram Sale!!!** In front of CFAY Port OPS from 1100-1300.

Y.E.S. will be packaging the Boo Grams on October 20<sup>th</sup> at Asagoa Tower from 8-4. If interested in lending a hand or donating a couple bags of candy, please stop by (there will be refreshments!) or contact the group.

To contact Y.E.S., send an email to [YokoEnlistedSpouse@lycos.com](mailto:YokoEnlistedSpouse@lycos.com)

Check out their website at <http://yokoenlistedspouse.tripod.com>

### JAPANESE SPOUSES...

Come join the **Japanese Spouse Group!!!**

Meetings are on Wednesday, **October 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, and 20<sup>th</sup>** from 12:45-2:15pm.

Contact the Fleet & Family Support Center for info.

## FYI...

The Commissary will be closed October 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> for restocking and rearranging. There is a Grand Reopening scheduled for the weekend of October 15<sup>th</sup>.

## Reminder!!!

In order to utilize the Tower Party Rooms or the Housing Picnic Areas, you must make a reservation with Housing! Reservations can be made in advance for up to...  
60 days for Tower Residents  
45 days, Off-Base Residents  
30 days, Townhouse Residents  
Click [HERE](#) for complete details.

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THE FOLLOWING WAS TAKEN FROM A RECENT EDITION OF THE YOMIURI SHIMBUN. PLEASE BE AWARE OF THE INCREASED FINES FOR USING HANDHELD CELL PHONES WHILE DRIVING, WHICH IS UNSAFE AND ILLEGAL. ALSO, NOTE THE INCREASE IN THE FINE FOR ILLEGALLY SILENCED AUTOMOBILES.

## STANDARD FINES SET FOR DRIVERS USING PHONE

Yomiuri Shimbun

-- The penalties will be set at 7,000 yen for large vehicles, 6,000 yen for standard-sized cars & motorcycles, and 5,000 yen for scooters with engines of 50cc or less.

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-- The approval officially decided the amounts of fines ahead of implementation of the revised Road Traffic Law, which makes use of handheld cell phones while driving a crime.

-- The fines set by the revised enforcement order will go into effect on Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>.

-- The revised law, which was amended in June, set a maximum fine of 50,000 yen for offenses including the use of handheld cell phones while driving and making excessive noise through sudden acceleration or gunning the motor while parked.

-- Violators can receive the maximum fine in serious cases, or if they fail to pay the standard fines by their due date.

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The Cabinet also decided to implement other revisions of the Road Traffic Law on Nov. 1.

They are:

-- To raise the maximum fine for inadequately silenced or illegally altered automobiles from 20,000 yen to 50,000 yen.

-- To raise the maximum fine for refusal to take a breath test from 50,000 yen to 300,000 yen.

## Film Series...

\* Both films will be shown at Jyuban Tower, 40 max. seating.

- ‘ *This Boy’s Life* ’  
Starts at 1300 - Tues, Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>  
Adult themes. Adult language.  
Refreshments will be provided.

- ‘ *Speaking Up* ’ :  
‘Ending Domestic Violence in Our Communities’  
Starts at 1100 - Tues, Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>  
Lunch will be served.

Look to Fleet and Family Support Center for information and support regarding domestic violence awareness.



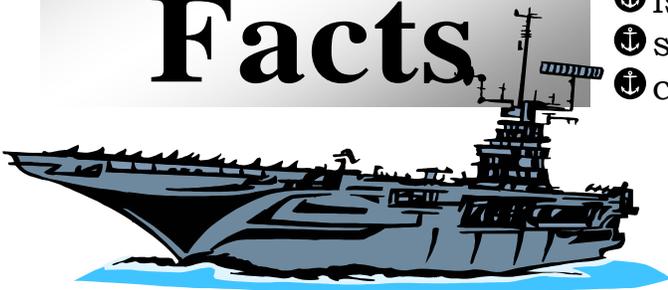
## Domestic Violence Awareness Month Oct 2004

Fleet and Family Support Center

- ‘ *Education Against Domestic Violence* ’  
Friday, Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> 1100-1430.  
Commissary Red Brick Area.  
Celebration and education.  
Celebrating the strength of battered men, women and their children. Domestic violence handouts available: magnets, buttons, whistles and educational and enrichment literature.

# Hawk Facts

- Did you know the Kitty Hawk
- ⚓ is the oldest active ship in the Navy
  - ⚓ has had 32 commanding officers
  - ⚓ has a 36 foot draft
  - ⚓ is 201 feet tall above the waterline
  - ⚓ serves over 17,000 meals underway
  - ⚓ can lift 130,000 pounds on each elevator



Read this section each month  
for more interesting facts

Put on your greatest costume and come on out to the  
Kitty Hawk Halloween Carnival!!

This is an all hands, family event taking place on  
Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 1300-1600 at Thew Gym.

You'll need a ticket to get in, and you need to get them in  
advance. There is no cost, but we are asking for a  
donation of 1 bag of individually wrapped candy from each  
family to get your tickets. You can bring your candy and  
pick up your tickets on October 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and  
19<sup>th</sup> at the following locations and times:

Yokosuka: In the brick courtyard outside the commissary  
and exchange from 1030-1300 on each of the 5 days.

Ikego: Outside the mini-mart from 1530-1730 on 13th,  
14th, 15th, and 18<sup>th</sup>

You'll also be able to donate candy and get your tickets at  
the October KHESFG and KHOSO meetings.

