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Airmen save civilian's life



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Occasionally Airmen are asked how their training can be used in real-world situations, three Andersen Airmen can tell you that it will save a life.

Airman 1st Class Mark Gregg, Airman 1st Class Caleb Rodriguez and Airman 1st Class Kyle Krzy-

Rapid Responders: Airman 1st Class Mark Gregg, Airman 1st Class Kyle Krzywiecki and Airman 1st Class Caleb Rodriguez, all from the 36th Munitions Squadron, pose in the cave where they saved a drowning man March 27. The man, Christensen Kimi, from the island of Chuuk, survived and was released in good health from the hospital a day and a half after the Airmen pulled him from an underwater cave, performed CPR, and helped emergency services evacuate him to the hospital. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Mike Andriacco)

wiecki, all from the 36th Munitions Squadron, saved the life of a local resident when he failed to surface while cave-diving, March 27.

By the Airmen's accounts, they were relaxing on the beach after a day of snorkeling and cave swimming, when Christensen Kimi offered to show them another cave. During one of his dives, Kimi didn't resurface. Becoming concerned, Airman Krzywiecki swam under and followed the light from his underwater flashlight. He realized that Kimi was unconscious, grabbed him by the arm, and swam to the surface.

"As soon as I got to the surface, I told Airman Gregg and Airman Rodriguez that I needed help," Krzywiecki said. "The cave was very rocky and I wouldn't have been able to get him up by myself."

After hauling him up to a flat rock, the Airmen's self-aid and buddy care training kicked in. They

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Cadets, students tour USNS Amelia Earhart

By Mass Communication Specialist
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Joint Region Edge Staff

USNS Amelia Earhart (T-AKE 6) treated students to an underway tour in the waters off of U.S. Naval Base Guam April 5.

More than 100 children from Commander William C. McCool Elementary/Middle School, U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps of Guam and Naval Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (NJROTC) of Father Duenas Memorial School spent around nine hours on the Military Sealift Command (MSC) ship.

"The purpose of bringing the children out was to teach the children patriotism," said Cecilio Gonzales, U.S. Naval Sea Cadets Corps regional director and a McCool history teacher. "As for the cadets, even though there is no obligation to join, we want to show them what the high-tech and diverse Navy and merchant marines can do."

Throughout the tour, the group was briefed on the mission of the ship, MSC and the Navy. USNS Amelia Earhart is the sixth ship of nine in the Navy's new T-AKE class. As part of MSC's Naval Fleet Auxiliary Force, these ships deliver ammunition, provisions, spare parts, potable water and petroleum products to the Navy's carrier strike groups at sea and other naval forces worldwide, allowing them to stay at sea, on station and combat ready for extended periods of time.

"The children had an exhausting tour," said

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Underway: Third Mate Shari Lee, of USNS Amelia Earhart (T-AKE 6), explains the functional capabilities of the ship's bridge to Naval Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (NJROTC) students from Father Duenas Memorial School during an underway tour April 5. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Corwin Colbert)



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checked for, and found, a weak pulse but he wasn't breathing. After a few rescue breaths, the Kimi coughed up fluids."

After the excess fluid was out of his lungs, Gregg ran to find a telephone.

"I sprained my ankle the week prior," Gregg said. "But when you

see something like that, everything changes. You don't feel your sprained ankle. Everything is just quick. I ran to the nearest phone at a hotel and have never run faster in my life."

While they waited for Gregg to return with help, Rodriguez and Krzywiecki continued to monitor Kimi's condition. After a time, Krzywiecki went to assist Airman Gregg

and ensure emergency services were en route. Rodriguez stayed behind to make sure Kimi stayed warm and to render further first aid if needed.

"I felt his arms and his hands," Rodriguez said. "His extremities began to get colder so I dried him off and pressed his back against my chest and put my forearms on his chest to try to keep his vitals warm. I just kept talking to him and

reassuring him I was there."

When emergency services arrived on the scene, the Airmen helped carry Kimi to the awaiting ambulance. When the Airmen visited him in the hospital later, he was breathing much better and was discharged after a few days of observation with no lasting effects from his ordeal.

All the Airmen credited the training they have received by the Air

Force with their ability to act under pressure and accomplish their life-saving actions that night in a cave. As for Kimi, he doesn't remember the accident until we woke up in the hospital, but he's grateful nonetheless.

"I don't remember much," Kimi said. "But I know if it weren't for these Airmen, I wouldn't be alive today. Thank you."

Tour: Students learn about shipboard life underway on MSC ship

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Senior Chief Operations Specialist (SW) Phillip Heldt, the senior enlisted advisor for the military detachment of the ship. "We gave them a tour on mostly every space we have onboard."

The children witnessed a damage control and chemical, biological and radiation display and an underway replenishment and vertical

replenishment static display as well as toured medical spaces. They also had the opportunity to drive the ship on the bridge.

"I learned a lot about how the ship transfers cargo to other ships so that those ships do not have to go into port," said Brenna Leadingham, a McCool eighth-grader. "My stepdad is in the Navy. I can appreciate what he does more."

The tour ended with flight

quarters and the tour group had a chance to witness a Puma HC1 helicopter land on the ship's flight deck.

"I liked the helicopter landing," Leadingham said. "Now I can tell sea stories of the tour and how the whole lunch line shifted when the ship was rocking."

Cmdr. Dawn Richardson, officer in charge of the military detachment of the ship, was pleased at how well the underway tour went.

"The tour was successful," Richardson said. "It was a great opportunity for the merchants and Sailors to interact with the youth. The children may be the future of the Navy or MSC. Hopefully they will remember the positive experience they had during this underway."

Retired Navy Senior Chief Willie Pizarro, the naval science instructor for Father Duenas Memorial

School, said hopefully the students understand some concepts of shipboard life.

"This doesn't happen very often," Pizarro said. "The kids are very excited. I just hope the children can take back a positive experience and a feeling of teamwork and camaraderie like Sailors on board who are home away from home."

For more information about MSC ships, visit www.msc.navy.mil.



Above: U.S. Naval Sea Cadets gaze at the coast of Guam during an underway tour on board USNS Amelia Earhart (T-AKE 6) April 5. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Corwin Colbert)



Right: A Naval Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (NJROTC) student watches a Puma HC1 helicopter touch down on the flight deck of USNS Amelia Earhart (T-AKE 6) during an underway tour on board the ship April 5. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Corwin Colbert)



Underway: Operations Specialist 1st Class John Schill briefs Commander William C. McCool Elementary/Middle School eighth-graders about safety on a ship during an underway tour on board USNS Amelia Earhart (T-AKE 6) April 5. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Corwin Colbert)



Sextant: A Commander William C. McCool Elementary/Middle School eighth-grader looks through a sextant during an underway tour on board USNS Amelia Earhart (T-AKE 6) April 5. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Corwin Colbert)

Wing gears up for ORI with ATSO Rodeo

Getting Ready for Inspection: With an Operational Readiness Inspection rapidly approaching, the 36th Wing participated in a wing-wide Ability to Survive and Operate Rodeo on Andersen Air Force Base March 30.

The training differed from previous rodeos in that it was not set up in a circuit format. Instead, both chinks were divided down into approximately five groups.

Each group was assigned a sector, which included a tent, water supply and some sort of vehicle. Once split into the groups all the sectors had to respond simultaneously and accordingly to the scenarios as they were inserted into the scenario.

Areas of focus ranged from decontamination, transition points, chemical gear wear check, self-aid and buddy care, unexploded ordnance identification, land-mobile radio, and also M-16.

Throughout the rodeo exercise evaluation team members graded the participants on every aspect of their performance. (U.S. Air Force photos by Airman 1st Class Julian North)



MSC Commander visits Frank Cable

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3rd Class Anna L. Arndt
USS Frank Cable (AS 40) Public Affairs

Commander, Military Sealift Command (MSC), Rear Adm. Mark H. Buzby visited USS Frank Cable (AS 40) to see how the ship is progressing in the MSC conversion and observe the submarine tender's material condition March 23.

MSC assumed responsibility for Frank Cable Feb. 1. The ship is scheduled to transfer to Guam Shipyard in April, where it is slated to complete five months of equipment upgrades to support operation with a smaller crew. At this time, the MSC conversion will officially begin.

"We have made some early starts here and there, which should go a long way toward allowing Frank Cable to complete the process on schedule," said Cmdr. Bruce Deshotel, Frank Cable executive officer. "Once the shipyard piece is completed, we can focus our attention on crew training and integration."

The ship will remain a U.S. Navy vessel commanded by a Navy-commissioned line officer. MSC will assume all shipboard operation and maintenance responsibilities with a crew of 157 civilian mariners. There will still be more than 150 Sailors supporting the ship's submarine support roles of supply, medical, dental, legal, administra-

tion and automated data processing. The Repair Department is expanding to over 800 military personnel to execute the ship's primary mission of repairing submarines.

"The integration is proceeding very well," said Frank Cable Commanding Officer Capt. Thomas Stanley. "MSC Civilian Mariners have assumed watch standing and corrective maintenance responsibilities. Within the next few weeks they will have completed the transfer of their respective departmental responsibilities and the assumption of preventive maintenance."

Frank Cable will be one of three MSC ships that retained their commissioned status.

"I think the visit was a success," Deshotel said. "I think we were able to put his mind at ease in the fact that the ship is in good material condition and that the military and civilian counterparts are melding and working well together. I also believe he departed with a good sense of where we stand materially and operationally."

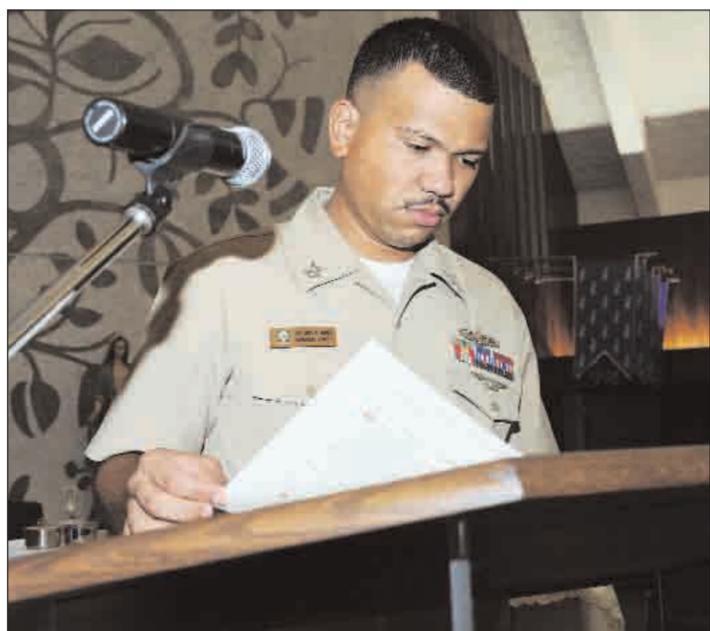
As Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet's only operational submarine tender, Frank Cable readily deploys to ports throughout the Western Pacific to provide services to both submarines and surface ships in the Seventh Fleet area of responsibility.

For more information on Frank Cable, visit the ship's Web site at www.cable.navy.mil.



Visit: Rear Adm. Mark Buzby, Commander, Military Sealift Command (MSC), discusses the progression of the MSC conversion with Capt. Thomas Stanley, right, USS Frank Cable (AS 40) commanding officer; Cmdr. Bruce Deshotel, Frank Cable executive officer, second from right; and James Shirley, left, MSC chief engineer, during a visit to Frank Cable March 23. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Catherine Bland)

Gomez helps Sailors through chapel work



Preparation: Religious Program Specialist 2nd Class (SW/AW) Andy Gomez, of U.S. Naval Base Guam (NBG), prepares the altar at the NBG chapel for religious services April 1. (U.S. Navy photo by Jesse Leon Guerrero)

By Jesse Leon Guerrero
Joint Region Edge Staff

Religious Program Specialist 2nd Class (SW/AW) Andy Gomez, of U.S. Naval Base Guam (NBG), doesn't mind keeping busy all the time because it gives him an opportunity to make a positive impact in the Navy.

Gomez serves as the leading petty officer at the NBG chapel. It's a job filled with daily duties and many collateral ones, so the Navy's chaplains can successfully assist Sailors and their families.

"I get satisfaction out of helping people," Gomez said. "I have the time and sometimes I have the resources to be able to help people, so why not put them to use?"

Gomez described the basics of his work as logistical and administrative support. More specifically, he handles the purchasing and provision of supplies for office and

chapel needs; prepares the chapel for religious services; and manages the maintenance and safety of the chapel's facilities. He handles thousands of dollars donated as religious offerings by parish members. He also helps train and provide for Sailors and other NBG patrons who want to become lay leaders for the community. His other duties include serving as a terminal area security officer (TASO), and welcoming new Sailors to Guam through indoctrination meetings.

"This job is very dynamic, so there are always lots of things going on and lots of last-minute things," Gomez said.

Gomez also partners with the Navy's chaplains and his co-workers to run chapel-sponsored events and programs such as fellowship meetings and Drug Education for Youth activities. Whether it's

acting as a mentor for kids or just supplying food for all the participants at these get-togethers, Gomez said being able to rely on everyone at the chapel is a key part of their success.

"I'm thankful for the staff we have here," Gomez said. "We wouldn't get a lot of things accomplished if it wasn't for all of them."

Although he was born in the Dominican Republic, Gomez said he was introduced to the Navy as a career option while growing up in the Bronx, N.Y. Now, having spent three years of his seven years in the Navy as a religious program specialist, Gomez said he's found what he loves to do and is happy to do it in defense of the nation.

"I wear my uniform with pride," Gomez said. "I'm not perfect. Everybody makes mistakes. But I try to live a healthy lifestyle and to set an example."

The Navy recently recognized Gomez's hard work and initiative by naming him NBG's Junior Sailor of the Fourth Quarter 2009.



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AFAF 2010 fund drive kicks off

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The annual Air Force Assistance Fund (AFAF) drive is running from now until May 7.

Last year Andersen received more than \$145k in assistance from the fund. Airmen here received more than \$72k in loans and grants for emergency assistance, \$32k for community enhancement and a further \$40k for education grants.

"The AFAF has a long tradition of providing critical assistance to members of our Air Force family," said Bill D'Avanzo, chief of Air Force Fundraising. "Whether they become victims of natural disasters or endure the personal hardships of deployments, accidents, illness, aging or death, these charities are there to provide fast and reliable help."

People can contribute by cash, check or money order, or use pay-

roll deductions for:

— The Air Force Aid Society, which provides Airmen and their families worldwide with emergency financial assistance, education assistance and an array of base-level community-enhancement programs. More information is available at www.afas.org.

— The Air Force Enlisted Village, which includes Teresa Village in Fort Walton Beach, Fla. and Bob Hope Village in Shalimar, Fla., near Eglin Air Force Base, Fla. The fund provides homes and financial assistance to widows and widowers of retired enlisted people 55 and older. Hawthorn House, also in Shalimar, provides assisted living for residents requiring more assistance than others, including 24-hour nursing care. More information is available at www.afenlistedwidows.org.

— Air Force Village, which includes Air Force Village I and II in San Antonio, a life-care community for retired officers, spouses, widows or widowers and fam-

ily members. The Air Force Village Web site is www.airforcevillages.com.

— The General and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation, which provides rent and financial assistance to widows and widowers of officer and enlisted retirees in their homes and communities through financial grants of assistance. The LeMay Foundation Web site is www.lemay-foundation.org.

Contributions to the AFAF are tax deductible. For more information about the charitable organizations and AFAF visit www.afassistancfund.org.

(Editor's note: 1st Lt. Gina Vaccaro McKeen from the Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs office contributed to this article)

Family Care: A poster for the 2010 Air Force Assistance Fund campaign. This year's theme is "Commitment to Caring" and will run from now until May 7. (U.S. Air Force illustration)



Local residents visit Naval Base Guam for Back to Sumay Day

By Annette Donner
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Former residents of Sumay Village and their descendants will hold a Back to Sumay Day April 11 on U.S. Naval Base Guam (NBG) by sharing memories of pre-war Sumay with their younger generation and guests.

Many residents of Santa Rita today are former residents of Sumay Village, which was once located on NBG, although others live in different island villages. The Japanese occupation in 1941 displaced them and Sumay village was destroyed in the 1944 American pre-invasion bombardment. The area was then absorbed into the then newly constructed Navy Operating Base, which supported the ongoing war.

Sailors from NBG, Naval Airborne Weapons Maintenance Unit 1 and USS Frank Cable (AS 40) —

the sister commands of the three hosting villages, Agat, Santa Rita and Piti — will support the event through their community service program by assisting as needed throughout the day.

Capt. Scott Galbreath, NBG commanding officer, said this event is about the residents of former Sumay. The hosting mayors said they would be pleased to see Navy families show an interest in their history by viewing the old photographs of the village and listening to the history presentations by local historians.

The program begins at 10 a.m. with a Catholic mass at the old Sumay church cross celebrated by Guam's Archbishop Anthony Apuron. History presentations will be offered in the center tent at 11 a.m., and cultural dances after 1 p.m. Historic photos will be on display throughout the day until 4 p.m.

Parking will be at the entrance to Sumay on a closed area of Marine Corps Drive that will be clearly marked by signs and security personnel. Persons wishing to access Gab Gab Beach, Clipper Landing, and Sumay Marina will detour past Commander William C. McCool Elementary/Middle School as per the direction of on-site security personnel.

For more information call Annette Donner, NBG public affairs officer, at 339-2663.

Detours: During the Back to Sumay Day event on April 11, traffic to Gab Gab Beach, Clipper Landing, the boat pad and Sumay Marina will be redirected past Commander William C. McCool Elementary/Middle School. Please follow signs and security personnel directions. (Photo illustration contributed by U.S. Naval Base Guam Public Affairs)



News Notes

Job Announcements

Interested individuals can view the vacancy listings at <https://www.cnmc.navy.mil/Marianas/index.htm> or at <https://chart.donhr.navy.mil>. For more information, call 339-4222/6210.

Naval Base Guam

Marine Transportation Specialist, closes April 9

Police Officer

Naval Hospital, Guam

Nurse (clinical)

NAVFAC Marianas, Guam

Contract Specialist, closes April 17

Employment Opportunities

Looking for a part time job? 36th Force Support Squadron offers multiple employment opportunities. Current job vacancies and job descriptions within 36th Services are available online at

www.36thservices.com by clicking on HRO jobs. For more information, visit the Human Resources Office (HRO) or call 366-6141.

Living Pattern Survey

Service members with dependents stationed on Guam for more than three months are encouraged to take the time to access the link below to complete the Living Pattern Survey (LPS). The LPS is now available at <https://www.defense-travel.dod.mil/oscola/lps/guam/>.

Maximum participation and accuracy in completing this LPS is critical to the Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) determination process for Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands. This survey which takes no more than 30 minutes to complete can be done at home with your spouse. Survey site will close when a sufficient number of service members required to participate in the LPS to statistically validate the results is received.

COLA is paid to service members stationed in high-cost overseas locations. COLA helps to maintain purchasing power so members can purchase about the same level of goods and services overseas as in the United States. This survey is designed to identify where and how you purchase goods and services. The information obtained from this survey is used in planning and completing a separate Retail Price Report that forms the basis for prescribing your COLA.

For additional information or questions, contact Yvonne Whitley, LPS/COLA Coordinator at 339-5303 or yvonesalas.whitley@fe.navy.mil.

Water Quality Notice

Important information that affected the 2009 water quality monitoring at South Finegayan, North Finegayan and Barrigada area is available online at <https://www.cnmc.navy.mil/marianas/index.htm>.

2010 Navy Chess Team

Applications are now being accepted for the 2010 Navy Chess Team through April 23. Interested active-duty personnel in the U.S. Navy, U.S. Coast Guard or U.S. Public Health Service may apply. All applicants must be U.S. Chess Federation (USCF) member in good standing with an established USCF rating. Additional eligibility requirements and the team applications are available on the Navy Chess Web site at <http://www.mwr.navy.mil/mwrprgms/chess.htm>. The top 12 applicants will be invited to the Navy Chess Qualifier, June 11-13 at Naval Support Activity South Potomac in Dahlgren, Virginia, to compete for a spot on the six-man Navy Chess Team. Navy Chess Team members will advance to the Interservice Chess Championships at Naval Station Great Lakes, Aug. 2-6. At least one Navy player will advance from there to the NATO Chess Championships in Koege, Denmark, Oct. 18-22.

Navy, Air Force promote sexual assault prevention

By Oyaol Ngrairikl

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The Navy and Air Force on Guam are holding various events throughout the month of April to increase awareness of sexual assault prevention in the community.

April is National Sexual Assault Awareness Month across Department of Defense (DoD). This year's theme is "Hurts One. Affects All... Preventing Sexual Assault is Everyone's Duty."

The campaign focuses on how sexual assault impacts mission readiness — reverberating throughout commands and beyond, harming victim's lives, affecting everyone and undermining team effectiveness.

"The theme stresses the fact that preventing sexual assaults is all of our responsibilities," said Lori Naputi, Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) sexual assault response coordinator (SARC). "When one person is assaulted, the effect can carry over into family life, work life and even impact mission readiness."

Naputi said the theme is echoed in the various events FFSC has scheduled for Sailors, other service members and civilians on NBG. For example, Single Sailor Sanctuary will feature the movie "Open Window" April 10. The movie

"It's about a woman raped by a stranger, and it talks about the people in her life and how they're affected — her fiancé, her parents and so on," Naputi said. "It touches on the theme of this year's outreach."

In addition, Naputi said silent witness silhouettes will be at all of the outreach events scheduled throughout April. The silhouettes represent victims of domestic violence. Naputi noted the silhouettes were created in the spirit of the original Silent Witness Project launched in 1991,

Upcoming Events

U.S. Naval Base Guam

- April 10, 6-9 p.m. Movie and Game Night at Single Sailor Sanctuary
- April 16, 6-8 p.m. Outreach and Silent Witness Display at USO
- April 20, (time TBD) Sexual Assault Awareness Month Day of Action, outreach tables at Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron (HSC) 25, U.S. Naval Hospital Guam and USS Frank Cable (AS 40)
- April 22, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Volunteer Appreciation Lunch at Fleet and Family Support Center
- April 23, 6-9 p.m. Movie and Game Night, and Silent Witness Display at Single

Sailor Sanctuary

- April 27, (time TBD) Self Defense Class at HSC 25 and U.S. Naval Base Guam (NBG)
- April 28, (time TBD) Silent Witness Walk at NBG Chapel

For more information, call 333-2056.

Andersen Air Force Base

- April 14, 9 a.m. Sexual Assault Prevention and Response motorcycle motorcade. Meet at Arc Light Park at 9 a.m. The motorcade will ride around the installation handing out ribbons. Prior to the start of the ride, the Andersen AFB Safety Office will do a safety inspection of motorcycles and riders to help ensure safety. For more information, call 366-7714 or 366-5608.

How You Can Help

To learn more about domestic violence prevention and how you can break the cycle of violence call:

NBG Fleet and Family Support Center, 333-2056

NBG Chapel: 339-2126

Andersen AFB Family Advocacy Office: 366-5167

Alee Shelter: 649-2533

Victim Advocate Reaching Out: 477-5552

National Domestic Violence hotline: 1-800-799-SAFE (7233)

Source: Fleet and Family Support Center, and Andersen Air Force Base Sexual Assault Response coordinators

when more than 500 women formed a silent procession in Minnesota escorting the figures to the State Capitol Rotunda.

"The silhouettes are a very visual reminder that sexual assault is a real problem, that impacts real people," Naputi said. "They help us drive the issue to the heart of the matter, that we can help prevent this problem as an educated community of Sailors, civilians, spouses and everyone else here. Just as we work together to execute a mission, we can work together to reduce and even diminish this issue."

Naputi said sexual assault prevention is something the Navy takes seriously and has a year-round program that is supported by the commands' sexual assault prevention and response (SAPR) advocates, who are trained by FFSC.

"They are volunteers who are virtually the backbone of the program," Naputi said. "These people are passionate and committed to helping victims. They participate in a monthly watch bill, and make the response when we get a report on a sexual

assault. They have to respond in the middle of the night, weekends, and holidays and can be with the victims up to as much as eight hours."

Naputi encouraged spouses, civilians and Sailors who want to make a difference in the community to call her.

"People come to the program for different reasons, under different circumstances," Naputi said. "The one thing they have in common is they are completely committed."

FFSC also works with first responders, including police and U.S. Naval Hospital Guam emergency room staff.

"The training focuses on ensuring everyone is on the same page about what the appropriate response is with law enforcement," Naputi said. "We talk about sensitivity, what their role is and give them additional information on how to best work with the victims."

Andersen Air Force Base held a 5K and a community outreach on April 2 and 3, respectively. A special SAPR T-shirt was also created and is being sold at the Coral Reef Fit-

ness Center for \$10. Proceeds of the T-shirts sales will be donated to charitable causes, according to Maj. Cynthia Pouncey, Andersen AFB SARC.

"For those folks who purchased the T-shirts, they can be worn on April 14, which is what we call Denim Day," said Capt. Esther Green, who is also a SARC for Andersen AFB.

Denim Day was started in Italy in 1997, when women in the Italian Parliament began wearing jeans to work in protest of a rape case where a sexual assault perpetrator was exonerated by the Italian Supreme Court by arguing the victim had to help take off her jeans and the assault was thus consensual sex. It began an annual international demonstration in which the wearing of jeans became an international symbol of protest against erroneous and destructive attitudes about sexual assault.

Also on April 14, there will be a motorcycle motorcade with riders wearing the SAPR T-shirts.

"The cyclists will be wearing the

specially designed T-shirts over their gear to show a unity to increase awareness and reduce sexual assault incidences," Pouncey said.

Motorcyclists will start at Arc Light Park at 9 a.m. and will ride around Andersen AFB handing out ribbons. Afterwards, they'll meet up and ride through the island to Jeff's Pirate's Cove in Ipan for a get-together.

Pouncey said it's important the community knows that sexual assault is an issue. Pouncey said unfortunately many people still believe the notion that "it's not my problem."

"That's a myth," she said. "Sexual assault is an under-reported crime, we don't know exactly how much it happens, but we know it does. We need to do everything we can to prevent it and to clarify the misunderstandings and the myths about it."

To learn more about the SAPR programs on NBG, call 333-2056. To learn more about SAPR programs on Andersen AFB, call 366-7714/5608.



Witnesses: Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) held a community outreach project featuring silent witness silhouettes at the Navy Exchange to kick off April as National Sexual Assault Awareness Month April 1. In the photo, from left, Cmdr. Maureen Chase, Joint Region Marianas WarFighter and Family Readiness deputy director; Cmdr. Kevin Gillam, U.S. Naval Base Guam executive officer; and Lori Naputi, FFSC sexual assault response coordinator. (U.S. Navy photo by Annette Donner)



Awareness: Andersen Air Force Base held a National Sexual Assault Awareness Month 5K at the Guam installation April 2. April is National Sexual Assault Awareness Month across Department of Defense (DoD) and this year's theme is "Hurts One. Affects All... Preventing Sexual Assault is Everyone's Duty." (U.S. Air Force photo by Ralph Ridgeway)

Airmen court-martialed for drugs

By 36th Wing Judge Advocate

The military justice system is a commander's tool to ensure good order and discipline and mission accomplishment. The ultimate forum for military justice is a court-martial. A court-martial can sentence punishment of reprimand, forfeiture of pay and allowances, fine, reduction in grade, hard labor without confinement, confinement, punitive separation and death.

Courts-martial are open to the public and military members are encouraged to attend to develop their understanding of the military justice system. The date of the next scheduled court-martial is available at 366-2937.

On March 3 a Senior Airman, assigned to the 36th Communications Squadron, was convicted by a special court-martial convened by Brig. Gen. Philip Ruhlman, 36th Wing Commander.

The military judge found the Senior Airman guilty of 15 specifications involving the wrongful use and distribution of marijuana as well as the wrongful distribution of Percocet, all in violation of Article 112a, UCMJ. The Senior Airman was sentenced to five months confinement, reduction to the grade of E-1, and a Bad Conduct Discharge.

On March 31, 2010, an Airman 1st Class, from the 36th Civil Engineer Squadron, was

convicted by a special court-martial for the wrongful use and distribution of marijuana. After he was found guilty of 11 specification-charged under Article 112a, a panel of court members sentenced the Airman 1st Class to three months confinement, a reduction to the grade of E-1, and forfeitures of pay equaling \$964.00 per month for 3 months.

In another drug-related special court-martial, convened on April 1,

a Senior Airman was convicted for the wrongful use of marijuana. The Senior Airman, from the 36th Maintenance Squadron, was charged with two specifications under Article 112a, and the military judge found him guilty of using marijuana on each of those two separate occasions. He was sentenced to a reduction to the grade of E-1, forfeitures of \$964.00 of pay per month for three months, and 30 days confinement.

EOD Detachment Marianas keeps region safe

By Oyaol Ngrairikl

Joint Region Edge Staff

Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Detachment Marianas helps ensure the region's safety by properly disposing of unexploded ordnance (UXO) found on Guam and other islands in Micronesia.

"We've responded to suspicious packages, picked up unexploded ordnance that weighed up to 1,000 pounds," said Lt. Erich Jurges, EOD Detachment Marianas' officer in charge. "We've performed a raise and tow on a 16-inch projectile 20 feet below the surface of the ocean and we've also been tasked with disassembling a trident missile nose cone on an island in the

Federated States of Micronesia."

Islands in the region were the scenes of battles during World War II between Japanese and U.S. forces. Ordnance, including grenades, missiles and bombs, are often found by residents of the islands.

EOD Detachment Marianas has responded about 100 times and disposed of more than 4,000 pieces of UXO throughout their area of responsibility, which includes Guam, Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands, Republic of Palau and Federated States of Micronesia.

"We average two to three emergency responses a week," Jurges said.

Jurges said while the job is dangerous and demanding, he "loves it."

"It's very rewarding work," Jurges said. "Every time we dispose of an ordnance, we are preventing injuries and loss of life."

Jurges and his team travel with all the necessary tools and equipment needed for the job: shovels, stakes, a sledgehammer, backpacks, detonation cord, blasting caps, and about 40 pounds of plastic composition-4 explosives.

One example of a large job for EOD Detachment Marianas was a detonation operation in Saipan that lasted several months last summer. Contractors in Saipan found a large amount of unexploded ordnance

while clearing a site for a home-stead.

In 2010 alone, the team has traveled several times to Palau, Rota and Tinian to dispose of bombs. In addition to disposal, Jurges said they are training first responders in CNMI and Palau to identify UXO.

He said so many island residents find hundreds of unexploded ordnance each year and need to remember not to touch or play around with it.

"Often times, people hiking along a trail, kids playing at the beach or construction personnel digging holes and trenches will find something interesting - but sometimes those interesting little finds can be dangerous," Jurges said. "If

an item looks anything at all like unexploded ordnance, the first step to take is to call 911 and let us handle it."

Navy EOD technicians are an elite team of warriors who eliminate hazards from conventional ordnance, weapons of mass destruction, sea mines, improvised explosive devices, and accomplish expeditionary diving and salvage objectives. These Sailors foster trust and cooperation with like-minded nations; ensure offensive maneuver for conventional and special forces; and mitigate harm to U.S. and coalition forces as well as civilians.

To learn more about Navy EOD, visit <http://www.eod.navy.mil>.



Above Left: Explosive Ordnance Disposal Technician 2nd Class (EWS/PJ) Dan Christiansen, of Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Detachment Marianas, digs up a 1,000-pound bomb in Koror, Republic of Palau Nov. 5, 2009. (Photos contributed by Lt. Erich Jurges)

Above Right: Explosive Ordnance Disposal Technician 1st Class (EWS) Ian Gardener, of Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Detachment Marianas, places a rocket wrench on a 500-pound bomb in Rota Aug. 22, 2009.

Left: Lt. Erich Jurges, officer in charge of Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Detachment Marianas, conducts reconnaissance of a U.S. 100-pound bomb in Peleliu, one of the southern islands of the Republic of Palau Feb. 17.

Right: Lt. Erich Jurges, officer in charge of Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Detachment Marianas, unearths a Japanese sea mine at Peleliu, one of the southern islands of the Republic of Palau Feb. 19.



Volunteers to celebrate Earth Day on Guam

By Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Peter Lewis

Joint Region Edge Staff

This year Earth Day falls on April 22. Service members and civilians on Guam will be conducting various activities around the island to promote environmental awareness April 16-May 1.

Established in 1970 by U.S. Sen. Gaylord Nelson, Earth Day is an international day of observance of nature, designed to raise awareness of environmental problems in order to foster an appreciation for earth's ecosystems, the issues that threaten them and what can be done to restore harmony, reduce pollution, diminish waste and assist nature.

"Earth Day is an international event demonstrating concern and mobilizing support for the environment," said Russell Grossley, chief of pollution prevention at Andersen Air Force Base. "It represents the commitment and significant investment this nation and other countries around the world have made toward positive environmental security."

Gretchen Grimm, the natural resource specialist at Naval Facilities Engineering Command Marianas, said that the planet depends on the balance of Guam's ecosystem and depends on our ability to care properly for it.

"The food we eat, water we drink, land we live on and the plants and animals that make up the ecosystem cannot survive without increased and continuous repair of the environment, conservative use of resources and an understanding of the natural world," Grimm said.

Guam Energy Office (GEO) and Guam Environmental Protection Agency (GEPA) are holding several contests for elementary, middle and high school students, with the theme of "I Am a Green Generation," to include a 3D artwork contest, a banner contest, a recycled fashion show, a photo contest and a "Battle of the Bands" contest. Deadline for submission is April 9. With the exception of the "Battle of the Bands," the contests will be judged

at the Agana Shopping Center April 16 with prizes awarded at the Guahan Earth Festival April 24. The band contest will be judged at the festival. All are welcomed to attend the judging.

The GEO and GEPA will also conduct eco-friendly workshops April 20-21, 8 a.m.-noon at the Westin Resort Guam in Tumon. The workshops are open to any businesses that go through the GEPA's permitting process for water, air, and land. To register, go to GEO's facilities in Tamuning April 14.

On April 22, there will be an Earth Day Wave from 7 a.m.-8 a.m. in front of the GEO building on Marine Corps Drive in Tamuning. During this event, participants will line the sidewalk, display eco-friendly banners and wave at passing cars. All are welcome.

Airmen and Sailors will display an Earth Day booth at Ypao Beach in Tumon, April 24, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., as part of GEO and Guam EPA's Guahan Earth Festival. The display will be an interactive booth that will provide information about various environmental programs. Additionally, there will be an environmental question/answer display and educational items made of recycled materials will be given away to participants. Volunteers are needed to man the booths in two-hour shifts.

Sailors are also scheduled to conduct beach clean-up efforts at the Spanish Steps on U.S. Naval Base Guam and Tanguissan Beach in Dededo May 1.

According to Maria Duenas of GEO, the information that will be given out at these events may help to keep the island and the world healthy in the future.

"People should go to these events because we are promoting a greener earth for generations to come," Duenas said.

To volunteer for any military events, contact Gretchen Grimm at 339-2158.

For more information about the contests, the festival, and other Earth Day events sponsored by GEO and Guam EPA, call GEO at 646-4361 or visit www.guamenergy.com.

What are you doing to reduce your carbon footprint?

On April 22, people around the world will celebrate the 40th annual Earth Day and commit to reducing carbon emissions that can cause climate change. In honor of Earth Day, Joint Region Edge asked service members and a military spouse what they are doing to reduce their carbon footprint.



"My family recycles at home. We make sure that we recycle all of our newspaper, try to take the scraps of paper we use and throw them into the recycling bin. We also recycle our glass and our plastic which is cutting our garbage that is going to the landfill probably by half. We really try not to buy things that are just loaded in packaging. We try to eat a lot of fresh produce that doesn't have any packaging at all. My son walks to school instead of me driving him up the hill. We just try to get outdoors and use less fuel everywhere we go."

— Sarah Vinch, Air Force spouse



"I buy big plastic bottles, so therefore I don't have to buy those small water bottles — so less pollution."

— Machinist's Mate Fireman Jasmine Staples, USS Frank Cable (AS 40)



"The last two years I've been stationed in Okinawa and I haven't driven a car since I've been there, so I haven't been polluting at all."

— Lance Cpl. Jason Bergsma, 3rd Marine Expeditionary Force



"To reduce my carbon footprint, I car pool. I live in Tamuning and I also have a co-worker that lives five minutes away from me. So we save the Earth by saving gas."

— Personnel Specialist Seaman Tiffany Johnson, Personnel Support Detachment Guam



"I carpool with friends several times a week. Whenever we're going out on weekends, we carpool as well. I turn off my lights when I'm not using them that includes my air conditioner and hot-water heater."

— Master Sgt. Mario Denuccio, 36th Communications Squadron

2010 Census reaches milestone of Census Day

From the Chief of Naval Personnel Public Affairs

The federal government designated April 1 as the official day of the population count in the United States. Sailors and their families should use this day as the point of reference for answering census questions.

“When completing the census, answers should represent a snapshot in time — they should paint a broad picture of your household on a single day, April 1,” said Chief Warrant Officer Melanie Kinchen, of Navy’s Personal Readiness and Community Support Branch, and the lead for coordinating Navy’s overall census efforts. “Sailors, Navy civilians and their families should use this date no matter what day the form is actually completed.”

All of the information disclosed on the census to include race, gender and age are used to ensure accurate representation of the population to federal agencies which target funds, resources and policies toward age-based, civil rights-based and gender-based services.

“The government needs to know what services each community needs. For example a community which houses mostly single working adults will require

Census 2010 Quick Facts: Frequently Asked Questions

1. Why does the census need exact birth dates?
The Census collects the ages of residents in order to provide federal agencies with the information necessary for programs which target funds or services to children, working-age adults, women of childbearing age, and the older population. The Department of Education uses census age data in its formula to determine state allotments.
In addition, under the Voting Rights Act, data on the voting-age population is required for legislative redistricting. Lastly, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs uses age to develop its mandated state projections on the need for hospitals, nursing homes, cemeteries, domiciliary services, and other benefits for veterans.
2. Why do Sailors have to provide their phone numbers?
For the standard census form, the U.S. Census Bureau requires phone numbers to clarify data, when necessary. Some forms are returned illegible or incomplete. By providing a phone number, discrepancies may be addressed over the phone instead of sending a census worker to your home. Your telephone number is kept confidential, as are all your responses.
Phone numbers are not required on the Military Census Report or Shipboard Census Report.
3. What is the purpose of the census knowing what race a Sailor is?
Information on race is required for many Federal programs and is critical in making policy decisions, particularly for civil rights. States use these data to meet legislative redistricting principles. Race data also are used to promote equal employment opportunities and to assess racial disparities in health and environmental risks.
4. What happens next?
If you have completed your census form, your data will be compiled at the end of the census and final counts will sent to White House for apportionment of House Seats and distribution of approximately \$400 billion a year in federal funding.
If you have not completed your form, shortly after Census Day, April 1, the U.S. Census Bureau identifies addresses from which no response has been received. A census worker will be dispatched to your residence to conduct interviews.
Additionally, a census worker will return to each installation to collect census forms for group quarters and transitory locations, i.e. campgrounds, marinas, etc.

different services than a community which houses an abundance of children or retired adults,” said Kinchen. “In order to provide the right services to the right communities, the census asks questions such as age and gender.”

Once the census form is completed and returned, it will ultimately be compiled with the input of the nation and forwarded to the White House for apportionment of

House Seats and to help determine the distribution of approximately \$400 billion per year in federal funding for neighborhood schools, hospitals, senior citizen centers and emergency services.

For those who have not completed and returned their census forms, the U.S. Census Bureau will begin to assign and dispatch census workers to conduct interviews in order to compile the required

data.
Navy personnel stationed on-board vessels April 1 will receive the Shipboard Census report; those assigned to group quarters will receive a Military Census Report; and those who maintain a stateside residence will receive the standard census questionnaire at their home. All forms have 10 or fewer questions and take less than 10 minutes to complete.

Members stationed overseas will be counted using personnel records from the Defense Manpower Data Center.

To hear more information about the 2010 Census, listen to the podcast at <http://www.navy.mil/media/audio/cnp/CNP%20Census%20Podcast.mp3>

For more information from the Chief of Naval Personnel, visit www.navy.mil/cnp.

TRICARE: Slight rate increase - same great benefits

By Shannon Gentry
TRICARE Pacific Marketing

Is your Transition Assistance Management Program (TAMP) eligibility about to expire? Are you considering the Guard or Reserve when you separate from active duty?

Graduating soon and thinking about joining the Guard or Reserve? If you answered “yes” to any of these questions you may want to consider TRICARE Reserve Select (TRS) for your health care coverage.

TRS is a premium-based health plan that qualified National Guard and Reserve members may purchase. This plan covers the sponsor, as well as their families, when they are not on active duty for more than 30 consecutive days.

TRS is a comprehensive health care plan with many great benefits. First and foremost, the ability to see any TRICARE-authorized provider and still have the option of being seen at a military treatment facility (MTF) – similar to TRICARE Standard.

TRS is still very affordable. As of Jan. 1, TRS monthly premiums had a slight increase.

Individual coverage is now \$49.62 and family coverage is \$197.65. The annual deductible is based on the sponsor’s rank, and can be as low as just \$50 a month for E-4 and below with member-only coverage.

Higher-ranking Guard or Reserve members with member-and-family coverage can still

expect to pay just a \$300 a year for the annual deductible. After this cost is met, TRICARE cost-sharing begins with the beneficiary being responsible for 20 percent of the allowable charge for out-of-network providers, and just 15 percent of the allowable charge when seeing providers in the TRICARE network.

For those Guard or Reserve members who are called to active duty for more than 30 consecutive days, sponsor and family members become eligible for non-premium TRICARE plans (such as TRICARE Prime). At this time, TRS coverage is automatically terminated. Once your active duty ends, eligibility for non-premium

plans ends as well. You can then reenroll in TRS within 60 days to continue uninterrupted health care coverage for yourself and your family members.

For more information about TRICARE Reserve Select, logon to www.tricare.mil or stop by your local TRICARE Service Center.

Military families on Guam celebrate Easter



Above: Children in the 3-5-year-old age group dash to collect eggs during Navy Morale, Welfare and Recreation's Bunny Bash Easter egg hunt on U.S. Naval Base Guam April 3. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Corwin Colbert)



Right: Children participate in Andersen Air Force Base's annual Easter egg hunt and Children's Carnival March 3 (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Vanessa Fuentes)



Above: A child takes part in a game of "Teddy Bear Ring toss" April 3. It was one of many games at Andersen Air Force Base's annual Easter egg hunt and Children's Carnival (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Vanessa Fuentes)



Hunting with Help: Children in the 3-year-old-and-under age group dash to collect eggs during Navy Morale, Welfare and Recreation's Bunny Bash Easter egg hunt on U.S. Naval Base Guam April 3. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Corwin Colbert)



Right: Children explore a Humvee display set up at Andersen Air Force Base's annual Easter egg hunt and Children's Carnival April 3 (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Vanessa Fuentes)

Hospital Sailors bring Easter joy to residents

By Jesse Leon Guerrero

Joint Region Edge Staff

U.S. Naval Hospital Guam Sailors helped island residents celebrate Easter at an egg hunt held at the command's sister village of Chalan Pago March 31.

About a dozen Navy service members partnered with other volunteers from Guam Department of Labor's AmeriCorps program and the community-based organization Sanctuary, Inc. to hide eggs and assist participating families. The

volunteers spread more than 700 plastic eggs filled with candy throughout the community center's baseball field and basketball court.

Information Systems Technician 2nd Class Kristyn Tabboga said helping with the setup, assisting families, and cleaning up after was her way of supporting both the village and the hospital.

"I've never done an Easter egg hunt before," Information Systems Technician 2nd Class Kristyn Tabboga said. "Those kids finished all the eggs in two minutes."

Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Jessie Larot, with Naval Hospital Guam, said Easter egg hunting wasn't something he practiced growing up in the Philippines, so he was glad to be a part of the command's community service project.

"Actually, it was a fun event," Larot said. "I like seeing kids picking up those eggs, and we make sure they don't hurt themselves."

Larot said he's only been on Guam since November 2009, but the hospital has already given him the opportunity to join other

community service projects to include feeding the homeless at a soup kitchen.

"It's part of the Navy to be out there and be involved in the community," he said.

Chalan Pago-Ordot Mayor Jessy Gogue thanked the Sailors for helping to get the event ready for the dozens of children who attended the egg hunt event with their parents.

"When you talk about a village size of 7,000 people, to support an event like this without the

partnerships is very, very difficult to do," Gogue said.

Naval Hospital Guam assists with cleanups, tutoring activities and other community service projects through the command Sister Village and Sister School Program. The hospital won the large overseas category of the 2009 Health, Safety and Fitness Flagship Award, which recognizes commands with the best overall community service programs teaching and encouraging individuals, especially youths, to lead healthy and active lives.

Online tools aid DoN civilians transitioning to GS

From Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Civilian Human Resources) Communications Office

The Department of the Navy (DoN) posted Web-based programs designed to assist DoN civilians in transitioning from the National Security Personnel System (NSPS) March 30.

Online programs include a General Schedule (GS) 101 session as well as a classification primer for supervisors and an introduction to performance management.

In passing the National Defense Authorization Act 2010, Congress required the transition of Department of Defense employees from NSPS no later than Jan. 1, 2012. More than 70,000 employees will transition from NSPS. The DoN's

transition plan aims to avoid undue interruption to mission and minimize negative impact to employees.

"Most of our employees will transition from NSPS to the General Schedule by the end of 2010," said Tony Torres Ramos, director, DoN Transition Management Office. "The online tools and guides are one of several ways we are reaching out to our work-

force to provide them information and resources during the transition."

In addition to the online resources available on the DoN Civilian Human Resources Web site, the DoN Transition Management Office set up a centralized email at (donhrfaq@navy.mil) to handle transition-related questions.

The DoN's Transition Management Office provides support on

NSPS transition to major commands and their workforce. The Transition Management Office also coordinates the transition of NSPS employees, provides oversight and guidance on the transition, and serves as a hub for information regarding the transition and other NSPS issues.

Information about the transition is available at <https://www.donhr.navy.mil/NSPS>.

Workshop empowers families with special needs children

By Oyaol Ngirairiki

Joint Region Edge Staff

Parents and caregivers participated in a workshop that helps ensure military families have the knowledge they need to help their children with special needs March 30-31.

The workshop was held at the Hilton Guam Resort & Spa in Tumon and addressed topics including communication skills and networking techniques, wills and guardianships, TRICARE, the Individualized Education Program, and how to have a smooth permanent change of station (PCS).

Specialized Training of Military Parents (STOMP) representatives facilitated the two-day workshop. STOMP is a federally funded Parent Training and Information Center established in 1985 in Washington to assist military families who have children with special education or health needs.

They were invited to Guam by The Navigator's Compass: Guam's Family Support 360 for Military Families program. The program is an initiative of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration on Developmental Disabilities (ADD). On Guam, it is administered through the University of Guam (UOG) Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities Education, Research & Service (CEDDERS) and is located at Bldg. 22 Deans' Circle, University of Guam.

Capt. Scott Galbreath, commanding officer of U.S. Naval Base



Workshop: Capt. Scott Galbreath, U.S. Naval Base Guam commanding officer, speaks at a conference coordinated by The Navigator's Compass: Guam's Family Support 360 for Military Families program at the Hilton Guam Resort & Spa in Tumon March 30. The goal of the conference was to ensure military families have the knowledge they need to help their children with special needs. (U.S. Navy photo by James Fee)

Guam, was a guest speaker at the event and lauded the efforts of The Navigator's Compass, which has similar goals to STOMP. Through the program, parents receive the guidance of an experienced and trained peer-to-peer support navigator who can assist families in connecting with various military and Guam community resources, from

doctors to speech therapists, for their children with special needs.

"It's heartwarming to us in the military that caring members of this community took the initiative to apply for a grant that created a military-family specific program, Navigator 360, here on the island," Galbreath said.

Galbreath said programs like

STOMP and The Navigator's Compass are a great help to military families in that they help parents connect quickly with support networks.

"It can be tough to be a military parent of children with disabilities," Galbreath said. "We have to move too often and that means re-establishing the relationships and all the

support networks and the accommodations all over again

He added the military also has programs that support families with special needs children.

"Our medical system is good," he said. "Our employers care, adding programs every year to help us deal with the challenges we face, and we have counselors at (Fleet and Family Support Center) and (Department of Defense Education Activity) to help."

Corrine Ashbeck, an Air Force spouse and a Navigator Compass client, was one of the parents who attended the workshop.

"There was a lot of really good general information, things that all parents with special needs need to know," Ashbeck said. "But there was also some information, from writing wills that will help ensure you're children are taken care of when you're gone, to breaking down the individualized education program."

Heather Hebdon, STOMP director, said she created the program to help parents like Ashbeck. Hebdon praised the work of the Navigator Compass, which has helped more than 40 parents since it was established on a five-year grant in 2008.

"We need that to continue beyond the life of the grant," Hebdon said. "Because the service they provide, much like STOMP, is one that really does fill a great need in the military community."

To learn more about Compass Navigator program, visit their Web site at www.guamfamily.org.

Five PACAF bases open networks to social media

By Capt. Christina R. Hoggatt

Air Force Space Command Public Affairs

The Air Force opened the Air Force network to allow access to Internet-based social-networking sites here March 30. Initial access will be available at five Pacific Air Forces bases and 24th Air Force will begin opening sites Air Force-wide later in April.

This change in policy is a result of the Department of Defense (DoD) Directive-Type Memorandum 09-026 -- Responsible and Effective Use of Internet-based Capabilities, issued Feb. 25.

The PACAF bases with initial access to Internet-based capability sites include: Anderson AFB, Guam; Eielson AFB, Alaska; Elmendorf AFB, Alaska; Hickam AFB, Hawaii; and Yokota Air Base, Japan.

According to the DoD, Internet-based social-networking services have become integral tools for all manner of operations across the military services and in collaboration with other federal agencies and the public.

Headquarters AFSPC is the Air Force Designated Approval Authority for the AFNET. In this

capacity, AFSPC is responsible for the policies, procedures and the implementation plan for Internet-based capabilities on the AFNET. The Air Force's implementation plan will allow access while still ensuring the Air Force maintains a tight and secure network to defend against malicious activity to safeguard the missions that depend on cyberspace.

The initial phase at PACAF will involve tracking metrics from both pre- and post-access allowed periods and involve a multi-disciplinary risk assessment prior to opening the sites Air Force-wide. The assessment will help mitigate operational risk, but it will also educate AFNET experts on the guidelines that might be required for Internet-based social-networking site usage.

"As we leverage these new technologies, it is imperative that all Air Force personnel practice safe online activity to protect the network," said Gen. C. Robert Kehler, Air Force Space Command commander. "The Air Force views the use of social media sites as a positive way to communicate and conduct business. Social media and other emerging technologies

provide an increasingly important means of communication and collaboration. Providing more open access will allow the Air Force to communicate more effectively to all Air Force personnel, their families and external audiences."

According to Brig. Gen. David B. Warner, AFSPC Communications and Information director and Chief Information Officer, AFSPC worked hand-in-hand with the Secretary of the Air Force Office of Warfighting Integration and Chief Information Officer, the Air Force Network Integration Center and 24th Air Force to develop the policy and processes to allow access to these sites.

"All Air Force personnel will be allowed to utilize Internet-based social media sites via the AFNET for official use and limited personal use," Warner said. "All Air Force personnel must use due diligence when posting information online and must always follow Joint Ethics regulations and OPSEC."

"The Air Force will limit or restrict the use of Internet-based capabilities as needed to defend against malicious activity or for operational considerations. Assuring the Air Force missions that

rely on cyberspace is our number one priority," Warner concluded.

According to various regulations, Air Force personnel cannot post any classified or sensitive information and must follow the guidelines for appropriate social media and Internet use. The inappropriate posting of information on the AFNET and any other OPSEC violations will be punishable by Uniform Code of Military Justice.

Personal use must be of reasonable duration and frequency that have been approved by supervisors and do not adversely affect performance of official duties, overburden systems or reflect adversely on the Air Force.

"We recognize the importance of allowing Airmen to have access to more Internet-based capabilities to communicate, and we will work to strike a balance between maintaining a safe and controlled network while allowing Airmen to have appropriate access," Kehler said. "Adversaries continually try to gain access to our mission critical systems. All AFNET users must do their part to help secure operations conducted in and through cyberspace. The results of

the operational assessment may drive the final timing of AF-wide implementation."

Now that these tools are available all Air Force personnel and their families can get the most up-to-date Air Force information from Web sites on the Air Force's Official Social Media Directory.

Additionally, to continue safeguarding the AFNET as well as the privacy of all Air Force personnel, there are many online training tools to help educate everyone on appropriate online activity. Those sites include:

- National Operations Security Program -- OPSEC and Social Networking Sites Safety Check list
 - DoD's Social Media Hub
 - U.S. Strategic Command's Social Network Training site
- For appropriate use of the Internet and Social Media see the below Air Force and DoD Guidance:
- AFI 35-113, Internal Information, Chapter 15: Social Media
 - Air Force Instruction 33-129 Section 2, Use of Internet Resources by Government Employees
 - AFI 35-107, Public Web Communications
 - Joint Ethics Regulation 2-301-Use of Federal Government Resources

Tools for Sailors to maintain their personnel records online

By Navy Personnel

Command Public Affairs

The Navy is planning to phase out enlisted field service records, and Sailors, who are ultimately responsible for maintaining their service records, need to access their records online.

Tools currently available, such as the self-service Electronic Service Record (ESR) and Web-Enabled Record Review (WERR), help Sailors review their records to determine if anything is missing or out-of-date.

ESR and WERR are two separate tools with differing functions. Some of the differences are illustrated below in order to clarify confusion between the two.

ESR is an online version of the service record and replaces the paper service record used in the past. Sailors review and update their personal emergency contact information and other service record items through their ESR self-service account. Service members with a Common Access Card access their accounts through the Navy Standard Integrated Personnel System (NSIPS) Web site at <https://nsips.nmci.navy.mil>. Sailors afloat access their ESR self-service account through the ship's NSIPS server.

ESR was implemented in 2006 via NAVADMIN 292/06. The more recent NAVADMIN 043/09 directs all Navy commands to use NSIPS/ESR as the single data entry point at the field level for all Sailors.

"This means that clerks and supervisors working in the personnel



Transition: Personnel Specialist 2nd Class (SW/AW) John Rojas, of Personnel Support Detachment Guam, assists a Sailor inquiring about personal benefits Feb. 24. The Navy is planning to phase out enlisted field service records, and Sailors will need to access their records online. (U.S. Navy photo by Ray Torres)

office, as well as individual Sailors accessing their ESR, have this one place to enter personnel transactions, including those personnel transactions that affect pay," said Art Tate, NSIPS/ESR/Career Information Management System (CIMS) implementation manager.

"Sailors should review their ESR data and pages and then work with

their personnel support office to ensure their data accurately reflects their personal and professional achievements."

It's helpful to remember that ESR is used to track a service member's status while serving. But once retired or separated from service that Sailor's ESR is turned off. ESR is simply an electronic version of

the service record, not a permanent account like the Official Military Personnel File (OMPF), which Sailors view when using WERR.

Sailors use WERR online to review documents in their Official Military Personal File (OMPF), commonly known as the "microfiche." WERR, available through the BUPERS Online Web site,

<https://www.bol.navy.mil>, displays individual scanned service record pages. Service members use WERR to view, download and print Page 13s, performance evaluations and other service record items.

Sailors should review their WERR to determine if any items are missing from their records. This is especially important, because the information in WERR is what selection boards review when considering candidates for advancement and special programs.

"Sailors should do a periodic validation of their records. Missing 'evals,' training documentation, etcetera, can cause a lot of problems—such as missing a promotion," said Chief Personnel Specialist (AW) Catherine Diaz, customer support leading chief petty officer at Navy Operational Support Center Fort Worth. "This doesn't have to happen."

When the paper records close out, scanned copies will be submitted for documentation in the OMPF and the original paper record will be given to the Sailor for historical retention. The Sailor should then ensure the self-service ESR account established, with the ESR data verified.

If service members find any discrepancies in either system, Diaz advises members to seek assistance with their servicing personnel office for correction.

To learn more about the differences between ESR and WERR and other tools used to validate personnel records information, see the Sailor Career Toolbox posted on the Navy Personnel Command Web site at <http://www.npc.navy.mil/CareerInfo/StayNavyTools/CareerTools/>.

Spear phishing attacks target special interests

By Staff Sgt. Vincent Mabary

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Imagine receiving this e-mail: "Pre-order tickets for Breaking Benjamin & Metallica USO show!" The message goes on to say: "The USO in company with Breaking Benjamin and Metallica will put on a private concert at the Top of the Rock for military members. Space will be limited, so sign up for your tickets now! Limit one per military member for \$5. www.USO.org/Br-Benj_Metallica_TotR.html. Tickets will be emailed out to the first 100 individuals who sign up."

Who wouldn't want to see a private concert with Breaking Benjamin and Metallica? There aren't many people who would say no. So you go to the webpage, and it asks you to fill out a form for your ticket. You provide your name, rank, unit, office symbol, phone number, email address, and credit card information to buy the ticket. When you hit the confirm button nothing happens, and so you start trying to find out who to call since the webpage must be broken. You find out that there is no such concert scheduled, and when you check your bank account that evening it is empty. Your office and unit also start receiving unsolicited phone calls from unknown persons asking for confidential data using your name and information as credentials. Congratulations! You are now a victim of a spear phishing attack.

What is a spear phishing attack?

"Spear phishing" is a type of social engineering attack that is targeted at a specific group of individual or organizations. A common spear phishing attack would be a mass email to the base requesting confirmation of user names and passwords. The email would normally include a hyperlink to a website where you will be asked for personal information: Unit/Office symbol, phone number, full name and rank, username, email address, password, and the name of your supervisor or commander.

A current spear phishing attack facing military members targets USAA members (https://www.usaa.com/inet/ent_utils/McStaticPages?key=2009_03_phishing_scam). The perpetrators of these attacks may be hacker groups, like Ghostnet, terrorist and criminal organizations, or in some cases even state sponsored groups seeking sensitive information.

The purpose of these attacks is to gather information which can be used to access our networks and sensitive information. Rarely do these attacks end in destruction to the network itself as that would deprive the attacker of further information. The information garnered may be used for counter-intelligence, to build counterfeit credentials which will be more accurate and less likely to be caught, or to sell on the black market to hostile organizations.

Alternatively the attacker may not request any information from you, but may instead include a file

or hyperlink. The attachment will contain software, which once installed on your system, will monitor all activity on the system and then report it back to the attacker.

This may be based upon a specific program or piece of software used by the targeted group such as an update for IMDS, or new benefits for members who have deployed or are married.

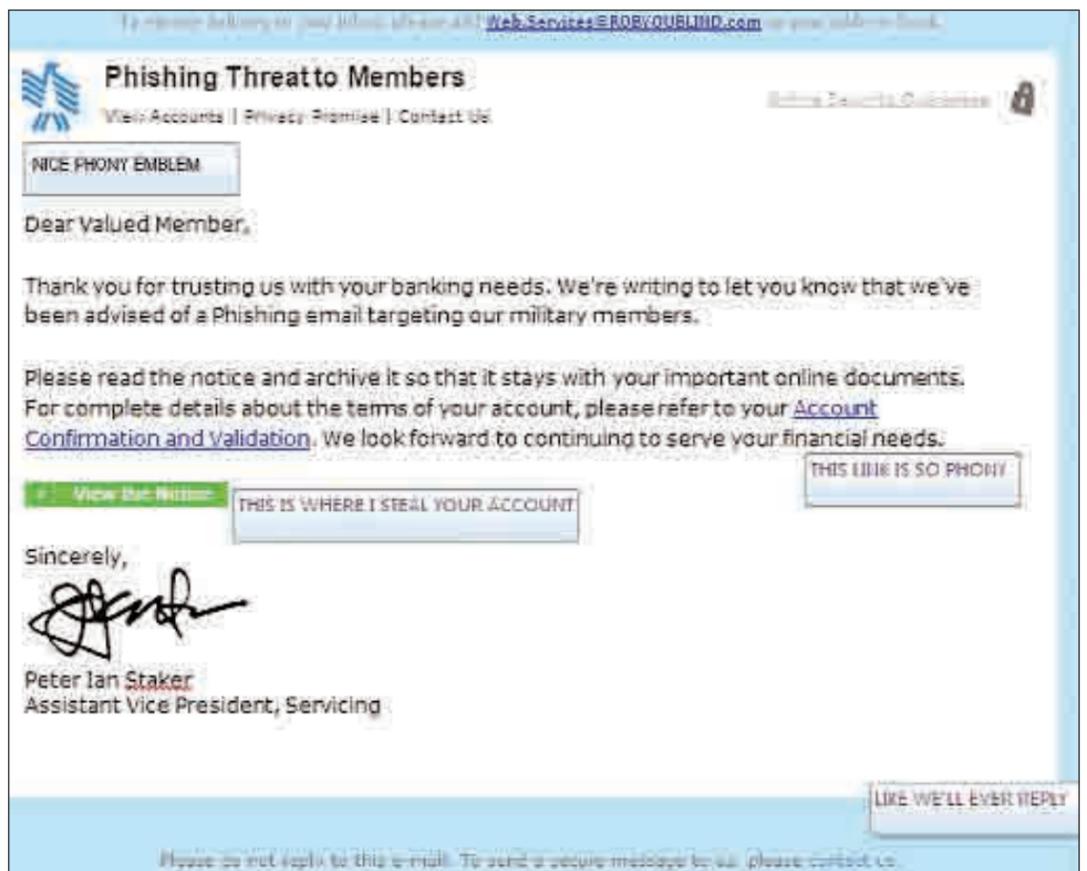
Not all spear phishing is done via email. It may come in the form of a flyer that you see either on base or in the general vicinity that offers special rewards or benefits to military members. By seeking the source of the flyer, either by calling a phone number listed on it, or by visiting a website listed on it. Other methods include calling an office using details overheard in a conversation or stolen via a previous attack. The caller will claim to need information that is FOUO, Privacy Act, or even classified. The tactic involves the caller claiming to be someone whose credentials will pressure you to provide the information by gaining sympathy, appealing to your desire for camaraderie, or by fear of reprisal.

A newer threat that has risen recently is a spear phishing attack referred to as "whaling." Whaling is a spear phishing attack which targets the top layer of management and command in an organization. The purpose of the attack is to gain access to high level information and resources. An example of this was the attack on SAIC (a government contractor) in 2007, where 580,000 military members private and financial information was stolen.

All of these methods of attack are preventable, and though often difficult to distinguish from a legitimate communication, there are ways to avoid falling prey.

1. Always digitally sign emails
2. Never follow a hyperlink in an email which is not digitally signed
3. When a caller requests information that is Privacy Act Protected...DON'T GIVE IT!
4. Never divulge FOUO, Privacy Act, or classified information over the phone
5. Confirm credentials: If they are who they say they are, then you should be able to confirm it through their unit
6. When confirming an identity or authorization, do not utilize information provided by them as it may be false as well
7. No network technician or unit will ever ask for your username and password via email or over the phone, nor will they provide them to you via email or over the phone if you get an email that looks legit, but asks for that info report it immediately to the COMM Focal Point and your unit IAO or CSA
8. Facebook, MySpace, YouTube, and Twitter are not the places for storing or discussing operation information

For more information contact your Information Assurance Officer/Manager, Client Support Administrator, Comm Focal Point (366-COMM/2666) or Wing Information Assurance Office (366-1077).



Phishing: A sample of what a "spear phishing" e-mail or request for information might look like. Airmen are encouraged to pay close attention to what information is being asked of them and when in doubt, contact the organization that claims to be requesting the info and verify it. (U.S. Air Force photo illustration)

Haven't filed your 2009 tax return? There's still time!

By Catherine Harrington
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As the 2009 tax season comes to a close, many of us are scrambling to make sure that we have completed and filed our tax returns. If you are unable to make the April 15 deadline, there might be additional time to complete your 2009 Tax Return. If you are a U.S. Armed Forces member serving on Guam, and not a bona fide resident of Guam, you are allowed an automatic two-month extension.

However, if you owe taxes and pay them after the due date, generally April 15, interest will begin to accrue until the tax is paid in full. If you are filing a joint return, only one spouse has to qualify for this automatic extension. If you and your spouse file separate returns, this au-

tomatic extension applies only to the spouse who qualifies.

If you are not able to file by June 15, you must file IRS Form 4868, to receive an extension until Aug. 15 (you can later apply for another two month extension if required). The one thing you must remember is that, this is an "extension to file," and not an "extension to pay." Should you have a tax liability and have questions regarding payments, contact the IRS directly at (800)829-1040 or www.irs.gov.

If you don't owe taxes and have a refund coming, there's no penal-

ty for not filing — but don't wait too long.

The statute of limitations for late filing is normally three years, unless you can show emergent or unusual circumstances, which prevented you from filing. In most cases, you will not be able to use the E-File system, specifically if you are filing a return from a previous year. Amended returns (1040X) are only accepted via paper-file.

Returns that qualify to be electronically filed to the IRS will continue to be processed until April 30.

On U.S. Naval Base Guam, con-

tact any of the following volunteers to make an appointment to get your taxes done on time:

Navy Counselor 1st Class (AW) Falesha Vonner, U.S. Naval Base Guam, Bldg. 3190, 339-2218 or 488-4392

Builder 2nd Class (SCW) Cassandra James, Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 1, Bldg. 556B, Camp Covington, 339-2413

Chief Aviation Support Equipment Technician (AW/SW) Filomeno Santos, Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 25, Bldg. 2642, Andersen Air Force Base, 366-7976

Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Roberto Mangahas, U.S. Naval Hospital Guam, 344-9752

Chief Legalman (SW) Tammara Gonzalez, Commander, Submarine Squadron 15, 339-6607 or 777-9261

Toni Babauta, Naval Legal Service Office Pacific, Detachment Guam, Bldg. 1A, 339-2325

On Andersen Air Force Base, should you need help with filing or amendments after April 15, the 36th Wing Legal Office will continue to offer tax assistance. Call 366-2937 to schedule an appointment.

Spring break fun at Andersen AFB, NBG

By Oyaol Ngrairikl

Joint Region Edge Staff

Parents may find their households a little more crowded next week with all four Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) schools on spring break April 12-16.

The annual reprieve is a welcome sight for students looking to escape the daily grind of homework and school projects. Parents can relax in the assurance that Andersen Air Force Base (AFB) and U.S. Naval Base Guam (NBG) will offer activities to keep students' involved and entertained in a safe environment.

Andersen AFB Youth Program is hosting two weeklong morning camps from 9 a.m.-noon. Each camp is \$40 per child and parents need to register their children by April 9, 5 p.m. Payment is due before the start of camp April 12. Arts and Crafts Camp will teach students ages 6-13 how to create decorations and other crafts for the home or for the Teen and Youth Centers. Basketball Camp will teach students ages 6-18 the basics of basketball and end the week with a scrimmage.

"The camps were created to help students explore their imaginations and improve their abilities," said Ray Siguenza, programmer for AF-B Youth Program.

In addition, Teen and Youth Centers will have extended hours of noon-5 p.m. throughout the break.

"We'll open the center right after our morning camps so the kids have somewhere to go to have fun," Siguenza said. "They can come and hang out or we also have different clubs they can attend to learn more about their favorite sports, learn leadership skills, or how to make a simple dish at home."

Included in their weekly activities



Break: The U.S. Naval Base Guam (NBG) Teen and Youth Centers will be offering extended hours during Department of Defense Education Activity Guam's spring break April 12-16. In the photo, a student colors her artwork at the NBG Youth Center Jan. 29. (U.S. Navy photo by Oyaol Ngrairikl)

are Sports Club on Monday and Wednesday, Keystone Club on Tuesday, Arts and Crafts on Thursday, and Kids in the Kitchen every Friday.

Tina Esteves, Navy Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) events and entertainment coordinator, said the Big Screen Theater on NBG will feature kid-friendly movies during spring break.

"We have movies like 'Tooth Fairy' for the younger kids and 'Percy Jackson and the Olympians' for the kids who enjoy the action/ad-

venture genre," Esteves said.

In addition to entertainment on the big screen, kids can also enjoy extended hours of 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Teen and Youth Centers. Throughout the week, regular clubs, including Fine Arts, Passport to Manhood and Smart Girls will continue to meet.

"On April 16 we're taking the kids on an all-day field trip to Onward Water Park to promote physical fitness, but it'll also kind of be our last hurrah in celebration of spring break," said Michelle

Taitague, recreation specialist for Child and Youth Programs (CYP), which oversees activities at the NBG Teen and Youth Centers.

She said parents need to register their children for the trip by April 15. The fee has yet to be determined and will be announced at the centers.

For more information about NBG events, call CYP at 564-1844 or MWR at 339-5212 or 339-6130. For information about Andersen AFB Youth Program events, call 366-3492/7706.

School PTOs seek volunteers for new school year

By Oyaol Ngrairikl

Joint Region Edge Staff

Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) Guam schools are looking for parents interested in volunteering their time and talents as part of their school parent-teacher organizations (PTO) for the upcoming school year.

Chris Reyes, Commander William C. McCool Elementary/Middle School PTO president, said interested parents should call the school. Election dates have not been determined, but parents are asked to submit their names and the positions they are interested in filling by April 30.

"We're hoping to get nominations and elections done in the next couple of months so that we that we have time to transition," Reyes said. "Four out of our five board members, including myself, are PCSing in the next three months. There is a lot of information that we'd like to pass along to ensure the school and the students get the support they need next school year."

Reyes said in April alone the McCool PTO is supporting the Science Fair, Spring Book Fair and Earth Night.

"It's a lot of work and the more parents we can get to help out now

Contact Information

For more information on DoDEA Guam parent-teacher organizations, see the below:

Andersen Elementary School: 366-1511, andersen_aespto@yahoo.com

Andersen Middle School: 366-3880/5793, andersen_amspto@yahoo.com

Commander William C. McCool Elementary/Middle School: 339-8678, mccooldpto@yahoo.com

Guam High School: 344-7410, or Kim Cowdrey at 688-1126, e-mail www.ghsbooster@yahoo.com.

will not only help minimize the work, but will also help new PTO members become familiarized with how the school does things," Reyes said. "It's also a great time to think of new events and even how things can be done better."

Andersen Elementary School (AES) is also looking for volunteers to step up. Interested applicants can e-mail the PTO at andersen_aespto@yahoo.com.

"Positions are filled by whoever wants them," said Glynda Richter, AES PTO president.

Richter, who has volunteered as a PTO member and classroom volunteer at her children's schools for the past six years, encourages parents to participate in school PTOs.

"I wanted to make a difference in my children's life and their

school," she said. "It wasn't enough for me to just tell my children that their education was important. I wanted to show them. I believe that my active participation on the PTO board has demonstrated that education is to be taken seriously."

Richter said before taking on the job as PTO president, she read up on PTOs and their roles in schools across America.

"I was amazed by the research I found," Richter said.

According to PTO Today magazine, research shows that when parents are involved in their children's education, students are more likely to earn better grades, score higher on tests, pass their classes, attend school regularly, have better social skills, show improved behavior, be more positive in their

attitude toward school, complete homework assignments, graduate and continue their education.

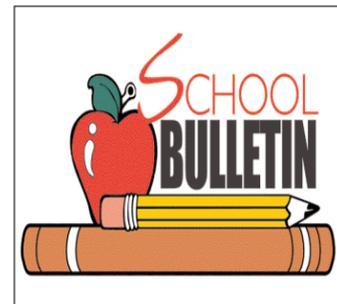
Richter said her school PTO supports various student activities from science fairs to athletic and academic ceremonies.

"The AES PTO purchases school agendas for students in second-fifth grades. This helps the students stay organized and is a great communication tool for teachers and parents," Richter said. "This year the AES PTO hosted the first annual Martin Luther King Peace Walk. The PTO provided peace necklaces and had a peace poster contest. The teachers and students had a great time walking around the school viewing the posters and learning about Martin Luther King."

Richter encouraged parents at all schools to help make a positive impact to their child's education.

"Find out where your school's PTO office is and make a visit," Richter said. "Interview the current officers. Ask a lot of questions and attend a meeting. Make a difference for your child and your school. With many hands, the work is light."

PTO leaders said parents can call DoDEA schools for more information.



School Bulletin aims to promote educational activities in the Navy community. If you know of an education-related event that you would like to include, send it to jointregionedge@fe.navy.mil or call 339-7113.

DoDEA

Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) is looking for parents to serve as school year 2010-2011 school board members. The school board consists of five voting members who serve a two-year term. To qualify, candidates must have children attending one of four DoDEA schools: Andersen Elementary, Andersen Middle, Guam High and Commander William C. McCool Elementary/Middle schools.

DoDEA Guam employees may not serve on the board. Forms are available at all the schools, the district superintendent's office on U.S. Naval Hospital Guam compound, and on the Web site <http://extranet.guam.pac.dodea.edu/default.aspx>. Forms are due April 9.

DoDEA School Board will meet April 27, 6 p.m. at Commander William C. McCool Elementary/Middle School.

Andersen Elementary School

Parents are encouraged to volunteer on the School Year 2010-2011 Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) board. For more information about vacancies, contact Glynda Richter at andersen_aespto@yahoo.com.

Andersen Middle School

There will be no school for students on April 9 in order for teachers to prepare final third quarter grades.

McCool Elementary/Middle School

The PTO is looking for donations for the Spring Book Fair will run April 27-30. A donation box located at the front entrance.

The annual Earth Night/ Spaghetti Dinner is April 30. Parents are asked to send empty toilet paper rolls for an arts and crafts project.

Guam High School

The earliest date to withdraw with credit under PCS Orders is May 19. For more information, call 344-7410.

DoDEA bus schedule adjusted for Route 17

By Oyaol Ngrairikl
Joint Region Edge Staff

Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) Guam has adjusted the Route 17 pick-up and drop-off bus routes.

The changes are due to the collapsed road in front of Tita's Bakery on Route 17, also known as Cross-Island Road. The collapse has closed the road to all buses and

commercial vehicles.

Amy Anderson, DoDEA transportation operations specialist, said affected students and parents have been informed of the changes. There are three bus routes that were impacted, Guam High School (GHS) bus route 24, and Commander William C. McCool Elementary/Middle School bus routes 6 and 11.

"Students on those bus routes will be

picked up about 30-45 minutes earlier in the morning and will be dropped off about 45 minutes-one hour later than usual after school," Anderson said. "There are three stops along Route 17 where we talked to parents, explaining the situation because they have to bring students from their regular stops at the Cross-Island Road to the Chalan Kindo bus stop."

The adjustments were made to ensure students' safety. The changes were effective April 5 and will continue until further notice.

For more information, call the School Bus Transportation Office at Commander William C. McCool Elementary/Middle School at 339-2387 or GHS Bus Transportation Office at 344-9160/9579.

Adjusted Bus Schedules

Due to a road closure on Cross Island Road, Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) Guam adjusted the bus schedule for students living in the area.

Bus Route 11

Yona/Talofoyo/Chalan Pago

Morning Schedule

Stop	Time	Village	Bus Stop Location
1	6:13 a.m.	Yona	Route 17 & Chaco Road (YT50) across Camachili Store
2	6:15 a.m.	Yona	Route 17 & YT51
3	6:17 a.m.	Yona	Tun Ramon Baza St./Lourdes St. (YT58)
4	6:18 a.m.	Yona	Calle De Silencio (BSYT60)
5	6:20 a.m.	Yona	Flores Rosa & Puguia (YT52)
6	6:22 a.m.	Yona	Route 17 at (YT54 - Dbl BS)
7	6:26 a.m.	Yona	Route 17 & (YT55)
8	6:26 a.m.	Yona	Ysrael Apt. (YT56) near Country Club *
9	6:28 a.m.	Yona	Route 4 at Laguna Estates
10	6:34 a.m.	Talofoyo	Route 4A & San Miguel Catholic Church
11	6:38 a.m.	Talofoyo	Route 4A & (YT90) Notre Dame HS
12	6:41 a.m.	Talofoyo	Route 4 & Island Fresh Supermarket
13	6:42 a.m.	Talofoyo	Route 4 at (BS YT93)
14	6:44 a.m.	Talofoyo	Route 4 at Paulino Heights (BS YT95)
15	6:48 a.m.	Talofoyo	Route 4 at Pacha Drive
16	6:49 a.m.	Talofoyo	Route 4 & Cruz Heights
17	6:50 a.m.	Talofoyo	Route 4 & Ipan Mobile (BS YT99)
18	7:07 a.m.	Yona	Route 4 & Day by Day (RHO)
19	7:03 a.m.	Yona	Route 4 & Yona Gym
20	7:05 a.m.	Yona	Route 4 & Chalan Cinda (BS YT2)
21	7:12 a.m.	Chalan Pago	Our Lady of Peace Church
22	7:15 a.m.	Chalan Pago	Route 4 & Island Fresh Supermarket

Bus Route 11

Yona/Talofoyo/Chalan Pago

Afternoon Schedule

Stop	Time	Village	Bus Stop Location
1	2:55 p.m.	Lockwood	McCool, NBG
2	3:25 p.m.	Chalan Pago	Route 4 & Island Fresh Supermarket
3	3:28 p.m.	Chalan Pago	JS Market
4	3:29 p.m.	Chalan Pago	Our Lady of Peace Church
5	3:36 p.m.	Yona	Route 4 & Chalan Cinda (BS YT2)
6	3:38 p.m.	Yona	Route 4 & Buenas Store (RHO)
7	3:41 p.m.	Yona	Route 4 & 7 Day Supermarket (RHO)
8	3:48 p.m.	Yona	Route 17 & Chaco Road (YT50) across Camachili Store
9	3:50 p.m.	Yona	Route 17 & (YT51)
10	3:52 p.m.	Yona	Tun Ramon Baza St./Lourdes St. (YT58)
11	3:53 p.m.	Yona	Calle De Silencio (BS YT60)
12	3:55 p.m.	Yona	Flores Rosa & Puguia (YT60)
13	3:57 p.m.	Yona	Route 17 at YT54 - Dbl BS
14	3:58 p.m.	Yona	Route 17 & YT55
15	4:01 p.m.	Yona	Ysrael Apt. (YT56) near country club *
16	4:03 p.m.	Talofoyo	Route 4A at Laguna Estates
17	4:09 p.m.	Talofoyo	Route 4A & San Miguel Catholic Church
18	4:13 p.m.	Talofoyo	Route 4A & YT90 Notre Dame High School
19	4:16 p.m.	Talofoyo	Route 4 at BS YT93

20	4:17 p.m.	Talofoyo	Route 4A at BS YT94
21	4:19 p.m.	Talofoyo	Route 4A at Paulino Heights (BS YT95)
22	4:23 p.m.	Talofoyo	Route 4A at Pacha Drive
23	4:24 p.m.	Talofoyo	Route 4 & Cruz Heights
24	4:25 p.m.	Talofoyo	Route 4 & Ipan Mobile (BS YT99)

* Students who utilized bus stop 1460 Cross Island Road should now use Ysrael Apt. (YT56) near Country Club

Bus Route 24

Morning Schedule

Stop	Time	Village	Bus Stop Location
1	6 a.m.	Yona	Route 17 & Chaco Rd & (YT50)
2	6:04 a.m.	Yona	Route 17 at YT54 - Dbl BS
3	6:06 a.m.	Yona	Calle De Silencio (BS YT60)
4	6:08 a.m.	Yona	Tun Ramon Baza St./Lourdes St.
5	6:09 a.m.	Yona	Flores Rosa & Puguia (YT52)
6	6:11 a.m.	Yona	Ysrael Apt. (YT56)
7	6:14 a.m.	Yona	Route 4A at Laguna Estates
8	6:20 a.m.	Talofoyo	Route 4A & San Miguel Church
9	6:23 a.m.	Talofoyo	YT82
10	6:25 a.m.	Talofoyo	Route 4A at BS YT88
11	6:27 a.m.	Talofoyo	YT91
12	6:24 a.m.	Talofoyo	Route 4 at Paulino Heights
13	6:26 a.m.	Talofoyo	Route 4 at Pacha Drive
14	6:28 a.m.	Talofoyo	Route 4 at Cruz Heights
15	6:30 a.m.	Talofoyo	Route 4 & Ipan Mobile (BS YT99)
16	6:35 a.m.	Talofoyo	Chalan J. Kindo *

* Bus riders who used to utilize the following bus stops should now use Chalan J. Kindo bus stop

- Cross Island at Tita's Bakery

- Apra Vista Ct.

- Route 17 & Felix T. Pangelinan (BS180)

Bus Route 25

Afternoon Schedule

Stop	Time	Village	Bus Stop Location
1	3:40 p.m.	Yona	Ysrael Apt. (YT56) *
2	3:45 p.m.	Yona	Route 4A at Laguna Estates
3	3:51 p.m.	Yona	San Miguel Catholic Church
4	3:55 p.m.	Talofoyo	YT82
5	4:01 p.m.	Talofoyo	Route 4A at BS YT88
6	4:05 p.m.	Talofoyo	YT91
7	4:08 p.m.	Talofoyo	Route 4A at Paulino Heights
8	4:09 p.m.	Talofoyo	Route 4A at Pacha Drive
9	4:10 p.m.	Talofoyo	Route 4 & Cruz Heights (BS YT95)
10	4:12 p.m.	Talofoyo	Route 4 & Ipan Mobile (BS YT99)
11	4:22 p.m.	Yona	Route 17 & Chaco Road (YT50)
12	4:28 p.m.	Yona	Route 17 at YT54-Dbl BS
13	4:29 p.m.	Yona	Tun Ramon Baza St./Lourdes St.
14	4:31 p.m.	Yona	Calle De Silencio (BS YT60)
15	4:34 p.m.	Yona	Flores Rosa & Puguia (YT52)

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Experience Guam food, culture at Agat night market

By Jesse Leon Guerrero

Joint Region Edge Staff

Head south to Agat every Tuesday to find delicious food and a mix of goods for sale at the village's night market.

Located at the Agat Sagan Bisita compound along Route 2, the night market features dozens of vendors, who start lining up their wares by the beach as early as 3 p.m. Admission is free and open to all residents. The market closes around 9 p.m.

Since vendors come and go through the month, what's available can differ from week to week. At the night market March 30, stalls offered discounts on everything from soaps and arts and crafts decorations, clothing, bags, books and jewelry. One could even find a selection of potted plants such as plumerias, hibiscus flowers, and hot, red peppers, known as "donne" in Chamorro.

Cooks looking for ingredients for their Chamorro and Filipino recipes can usually gather bananas, cucumbers, tomatoes and other fruits and vegetables sold there. If you're already hungry when you visit, check out the pickled mangoes, shrimp patties, chicken ke-laguen, chicken shish kebabs and more Guam favorites.

George Salas, a local resident, said the night

Directions

Head south on Route 1 towards the village of Agat, then follow Route 2. Look for the night market at the Agat Sagan Bisita compound, which is by the beach and past the War in the Pacific National Historical Park.

market is a good place to experience Guam's culture up close, especially for those who are unfamiliar with what the island has to offer.

"This is a new place that's getting more exciting," Salas said. "Eventually it's going to have everything, just like the Chamorro Village." Located in Hagatna, the Chamorro Village has become the hub of island cuisine, entertainment, and crafts every Wednesday evening.

Salas said he likes to encourage military members and families to visit the Agat night market because he remembers what it was like to be away from home when he served in the U.S. Army.

"You never know what you might find and like," Salas said. "Try the food, meet the locals and don't be a stranger. Go in there and blend right in."

To find out more about the night market, call the Agat Mayor's Office at 565-2524 or 565-4335.



Night Market: Dolores Naputi, a local vendor, readies a selection of cherry tomatoes for weighing and bagging at the night market held at the Agat Sagan Bisita compound March 30. The village hosts the market every Tuesday night with a wide range of food, clothing and other items for sale. (U.S. Navy photo by Jesse Leon Guerrero)

FREE

Magic Show

Bring the kids to magician Ran'd Shine's interactive magic show April 16, 3 p.m. at Andersen Air Force Base Youth Center Gym. For more information, call 366-2339.

U.S. Naval Base Guam

Library Story Time

Every Wednesday

from 3:30-4 p.m.

at the U.S.

Naval Base

Guam Library.

For more information, call

564-1836.



Chamorro Village

Take a free trip to Chamorro

Village every Wednesday.

Single Sailors and geo-

graphical bachelors

can catch a shuttle at

6 p.m. from Single

Sailor Sanctuary.

Sailors at the Ordnance Annex

can catch the shuttle 6:30 p.m.

at Silver Dolphin. For more information, call 564-2280.

UNDER \$10

Breakfast at Top of the Rock Starts below \$10. Breakfast hours are Monday-Friday, 6:30-9:30 a.m.; Saturday-Sunday,

7:30-9:30 a.m. For more information, call 366-6166.

2 for 1 at Gecko Lanes

Get two games for the price of

one and have twice the fun

Monday-Saturday, 6-10 p.m.

For more information, call

366-5085.

Experience Chamorro and Spanish history at Plaza de Espana

By Jesse Leon Guerrero
Joint Region Edge Staff

Guam is an island filled with the cultural bits and pieces of different groups who've passed through here to live and work amongst the Chamorro natives. In the case of the Spanish, who ruled on Guam for centuries, they left monumental reminders of their significant presence on island that are still mostly intact and can be visited.

At the center of Guam, in its capital of Hagatna, lies the Plaza de Espana or Spanish Plaza. This area of land, given to the Spanish during their conversion of many Chamorros to Catholicism in the 17th century, served as a central point for Spanish government. The plaza didn't change hands until 1898 when the United States acquired Guam at the end of the Spanish-American War. From that point, the plaza provided the backdrop for an American administration.

The plaza was drastically affected by damage from Japanese bombardment during World War II. It once prominently featured the Spanish Governor's palace, but now only holds 10 structures of that building's grounds. The Azotea, Chocolate House and Kiosko are three of the most popular structures for tourists to take pictures of.



Plaza de Espana: A view from the Spanish Azotea at Plaza de Espana in Hagatna looks out on the Chocolate House. The Spanish built facilities in the area in 1736 for governmental and social functions. (U.S. Navy photo by Jesse Leon Guerrero)

Standing more than 20-feet high, the Azotea has stone steps leading up to a wide floor surrounded by balusters and part of the archway of the Almacen or arsenal that was once there. Walking around the top floor

of the Azotea offers a 360-degree view of the plaza grounds. Although it used to be an open terrace, the Azotea now provides ample shade, thanks to a roof built by the Navy in 1933.

Situated in front of the former Spanish governor's palace, the kiosko served as a bandstand, but it has changed locations at least twice — once, to make way for an American baseball field used by Marines

and a second time when it was destroyed by Japanese bombardment at the beginning of World War II. Now, it has been rebuilt and is a very visible sign of the resiliency of the area, while again serving as a social point for meetings, celebrations, and music performances.

"From 1668-1898, that was the voice box of the governors of Guam and of the Marianas," said Toni Ramirez, a historian for Guam Department of Parks and Recreation. "Its primary purpose was as a review stand for these governors from the Spanish period to the American period. It is now the official inauguration site of the governors of Guam."

For smaller gatherings, no other surviving plaza landmark can claim to have hosted them exactly as the Chocolate House once did. The ruling Spanish, and Americans later, served refreshments and meals to visitors in this enclosed building, also known as the Summer House. The Chocolate House takes its name from the hot chocolate the Spanish served there. The Spanish built the structure with manposteria, a technique combining coral stone and mortar, and ifil wood for the sturdy beams supporting the ceiling.

The plaza might now only consist of ruins, but it is still filled with scenic treasures for an afternoon of picture-taking and cultural learning.

UNDER \$10

Game Time Sports Grill
Begin or end your day with a delightful meal at Game Time Sports Grill.

The overlook of the golf course offers a relaxing atmosphere for breakfast, lunch or dinner. Breakfast specials are served daily ranging from \$4.50-\$5.50. Breakfast hours are 6-10:30 a.m. Lunch specials also served daily and



On a Budget

are only \$6.95 with fountain soda. Lunch hours are 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Also enjoy 18 holes of golf and a lunch package available at the Pro Shop at \$46 per person. For more information, call 344-5838 or 734-2155.

\$10 AND UP

HotSpot Flea Market
The monthly flea market will be held April 17, 8-11 a.m. in the Hotspot Gym, just down the walkway from the bowling

center. This is a great place to either sell items you no longer need or pick up some great bargains. Table fee for sellers is just \$10. Sellers can set up either April 16, 6-9 p.m. or the morning of the flea market 7-8 a.m. For more information, or to reserve your table(s), call 366-2339.

Deep Sea Fishing Trip
Join Andersen Air Force Base Outdoor Recreation on a deep-sea fishing trip April 17. Group departs Outdoor Recreation at 7 a.m. Cost is \$65 per person and includes transportation and gear. Bring

along lunch, drinks, sunscreen, sunglasses and a small cooler. Space is limited so sign up soon. For more information, call Outdoor Recreation at 366-5197.

Jazzy Sundays

Sundays from 5-8 p.m. at Willie's Beachside Jazz on Andersen Air Force Base, enjoy a relaxing evening at the beach while you listen to great jazz music. If you get hungry, you can order one the delicious offerings from our Bamboo Willie's menu. For more information, call 366-6100.



FRIDAY, APRIL 9

7 p.m.: Shutter Island • R

SATURDAY, APRIL 10

2 p.m.: Shutter Island • R
7 p.m.: The Crazies • R

SUNDAY, APRIL 11

7 p.m.: The Crazies • R

The movie schedule is subject to change due to circumstances beyond Meehan Theaters on Andersen Air Force Base. **The Meehan Theater hotline is 366-1523.**



FRIDAY, APRIL 9

7 p.m.: Cop Out • R
9:30 p.m.: From Paris With Love • R

SATURDAY, APRIL 10

1 p.m.: Tooth Fairy • PG
3:30 p.m.: When in Rome • PG-13
7 p.m.: Legion • R

SUNDAY, APRIL 11

1 p.m.: Spy Next Door • PG
3:30 p.m.: Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief • PG
7 p.m.: Shutter Island • R

The schedule is subject to change due to circumstances beyond the theater's control. **The Big Screen Theater hotline is 564-1831 or visit mwrguam.com.**

(Source: Navy Morale, Welfare and Recreation Office)

Back then life was all biscuits and gravy

By Cmdr. Michael Klepacki
 Joint Region Marianas

In 1967 I was a senior at Notre Dame International High School in Rome, Italy.

Things were different back then.

One noticeable difference is that most of the people reading this article weren't even born as yet.

On Sundays a few of us would leave school and go to the international airport where we would lie

down on the dirt at the end of the runway and watch planes take off and land.

Kids do not try that at home or anywhere else. It is highly frowned upon these days.

Think about it, there were no security lines at airports, stolen IDs were the plots of fiction, we never locked our front door and the only terrorist you

worried about was the neighbor's dog who would stroll over at night and dig up your flower garden.

Ah yes, the good old days. No worries, mate.

There were a few small glitches such as people with cancer had few choices for treatment and the outcome was rarely good. Safety equipment in cars was a concept. It took 6-8 weeks from the time you mailed (by that I mean an envelope and stamp) in an order and you received the package.

There was no Internet or 1-800 numbers or FedEx and you listened to music over a local AM station piped through a radio the size of a

refrigerator. My parents would regale me with stories of how simple and good life was when they were young, although my mother's sister died of simple pneumonia due to the fact that antibiotics had not been discovered. Then my grandparents would chime in and make their youth seem like a permanent vacation in the Garden of Eden.

It is the habit of each generation to see their early years through rose colored glasses. Just listen to any salty Sailor start out a nostalgic story with "Back in the day....."

It is my understanding that yesterday is history and tomorrow is a mystery. Today is my only reality and I had better have a good pair of clear glasses with which to view it clearly.

Now are the good times laced with difficulties as are all times past and future? The only thing that doesn't change is the Unchanged Changer, our Lord. Our best perspective on life is to view the present through His eyes.

Although it would be nice if gas were 25 cents a gallon again.



Chapel Schedule

Naval Base Guam

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 7 a.m.-4 p.m.

Roman Catholic Mass

Monday-Wednesday, Friday 11:40 a.m. Weekday Mass

Saturday, 5:30 p.m. Mass

Sunday, 9 a.m. Mass

CCD Sunday, 10:15 a.m.

Choir Practice

Wednesdays, 6 p.m.

Protestant Worship Service

Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

Protestant Sunday School

Sunday, 9 a.m.

Women's Bible Studies

First & third Wednesday 8:30 a.m.

Women's Studies

Second & fourth

Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.

Choir Practice

Tuesdays, 6 p.m.

Jewish Shabbat

Fridays, 6:30 p.m.

Naval Hospital Guam

Roman Catholic Mass

Sunday, 9 a.m.

Monday-Friday, 11:30 a.m.

CCD, Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

Andersen Air Force Base

Roman Catholic Mass

Chapel 1

Saturday, 5 p.m.

Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

Monday-Thursday, 11:30 a.m.

Sunday Protestant

Worship

Chapel 2

General Worship 9 a.m.

Inspirational Gospel 11:30 a.m.

Sunday Religious

Education

Chapel 2

Catholic R.E., 8 a.m.

Protestant R.E., 10:30 a.m.

Schedules subject to change without notice. To confirm times or for more information about the programs, call the chapels at the following numbers:

Andersen Air Force Base

366-6139

Naval Base Guam

339-2126

Naval Hospital Guam

344-9127

Football brings Frank Cable Sailors together

By Mass Communication
Specialist 1st Class
Eric S. Dehm

USS Frank Cable (AS 40) Public Affairs

The lights shone brightly on the football field as Sailors from USS Frank Cable (AS 40) raced and fought their way toward the end zone March 23.

In the final evening of games during the 2010 Frank Cable Navy Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Intramural Flag Football League, it may have seemed the big question being asked was "who is going to win?" The answer? Everyone who was involved.

As teams representing Frank Cable's Deck and Engineering departments faced off in the championship game, there was a sense of togetherness. Togetherness felt by everyone involved, according to Chief Machinist's Mate (SS/SW) Roderick Williams, a Frank Cable chief who served as one of the referees for the final.

"That's the best part about this for me," Williams said, as he stood on the sidelines at halftime of an earlier game between teams from the Repair and Supply Departments. "It builds morale; it builds on the team concept and gives everyone a great recreational activity to do. We've got higher-ranking guys, lower-ranking guys, old crusty guys and all types of people out here. But when they play, they are just teammates and competitors."

While competition and camaraderie are at the base of any sports league, they aren't the only reasons Frank Cable Sailors decided to take part in the 2010 football season.

"Physical fitness is one benefit," said Machinist's Mate 2nd Class (SW) Jamie Golembiewski as he warmed up for the championship game. "It helps you to lead a healthy life, while at the same time you do get to know the people you work with on a different level. And of course it brings us Sailors back to our younger days of athletic glory."

While some of the more senior Sailors might be trying to find their way back to those glory days, many of the league participants are not that far removed from playing sports in high school.

Seaman Brandon Crane came to the Frank Cable, his first command, in the Fall of 2008. Since then he has served in Deck Department, but says he feels much more a part of the department family since starting to play football this season.

"It's good for us to have a common goal," Crane said. "You do your best, have fun and maybe earn some bragging rights. I'm just glad I came out to get to know people better. Staying in by yourself is a no go. You shouldn't do it."

Crane recommends that all Sailors, especially those who are new to a command get involved in sports leagues and other MWR



Got it: Logistics Specialist Seaman Larry Young, of USS Frank Cable's (AS 40) Supply Department, center, attempts to evade Chief Electrician's Mate (SW) Terrance Sessoms, left, and Chief Electronics Technician (SW) Thad Bolivar, right, of Frank Cable's R-4 division during a game in the Frank Cable Navy, Morale Welfare and Recreation Intramural Flag Football League March 23. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communications Specialist 1st Class Eric Dehm)

activities — a statement, with which Williams agreed.

"MWR is doing a great job with these programs," Williams said. "There's a lot to do on this base thanks to them. Softball is starting up soon, basketball — all sorts of good ways to get in shape and to have a good time."

When the championship game was over, the scoreboard read 27-12 in favor of the Deck Department. Deck won the league, but the overall winner? That would be the crew of Frank Cable's morale and sense of camaraderie.

As Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet's only operational subma-

rine tender, Frank Cable readily deploys to ports throughout the Western Pacific to provide services to both submarines and surface ships in the 7th Fleet area of responsibility. For more information on Frank Cable, visit the ship's Web site at www.cable.navy.mil.

Sports Shorts

The following is a list of sports and health-related activities held on U.S. Naval Base Guam. To submit your sports note, e-mail jointregionedge@fe.navy.mil.

Spring Fling Kid's Run

April 16, 5:30 p.m. at Commander William C. McCool Elementary/Middle School parking lot. Admission is free, but T-shirts cost \$5. Register at Charles King Gym or at the race site the day of the event. All ages are invited to participate! For more information, call 339-1301/2.

Ultimate Frisbee

Ultimate Frisbee is a fast-paced, self-officiated sport similar to football, in which the frisbee is moved down the field toward the opposite endzone by passing only. Pick-up games are free. Ages 16 and up are welcome. Games are co-ed and start April 20, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:30 p.m. - TBD at Sampson Field, near U.S. Naval Base Guam pool. For more information, just show up or e-mail mthorn3478@aol.com.

The following is a list of sports and health-related activities held on Andersen Air Force Base. To submit your sports note, call 366-2228.

Golf Get Ready Program

Palm Tree Golf Course will soon offer the Golf Get Ready program for adults with a choice of two classes. The first class continues April 13, 20, 27, and May 4. The second will be April 10, 17, 24 and May 1 and 8. The cost is \$99. Sign up soon, as we can only take eight students per class. For more information, call 366-4653.