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RQ-4 completes first flight

By Airman 1st Class Anthony Jennings

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Team Andersen Airmen made their mark in history Oct. 7 as the RQ-4 Global Hawk successfully took off and landed on the runway at Andersen Air Force Base (AFB) for the first time.

The RQ-4 Global Hawk, which arrived Sept. 1, is the only permanently stationed aircraft at Andersen AFB. So far, one of three planned RQ-4s has arrived on Andersen AFB. The remaining two are scheduled to arrive later this year and at the beginning of 2011.

Staff Sgt. Jason, one of three Global Hawk maintenance operations controllers, is responsible for monitoring and coordinating sortie production, maintenance production and execution of the flying maintenance schedules. He says being part of the team responsible for making the flight possible is an honor.

"I speak for all of us here at the Global Hawk [maintenance oper-



First Flight: The RQ-4 Global Hawk takes off from Andersen Air Force Base (AFB) Oct. 7. The takeoff is its first since its arrival ceremony Sept. 20. The RQ-4 Global Hawk is the only permanently stationed aircraft on Andersen AFB. The Global Hawk's mission is to provide a broad spectrum of intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance collection capability to support joint combatant forces in worldwide peacetime, contingency and wartime operations. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Nichelle Anderson)

ations center] (MOC) when I say we are privileged to have a part in this momentous occasion," Jason said. "It means a lot to me to not only be part of this unique

team, but to have an opportunity to be associated with one of the U.S. Air Force's newest aircraft."

One of the challenges Jason

and his team had to overcome was building a MOC from scratch.

"We had to get familiar with Global Hawk operations since

Staff Sgt. Roderick and I are from the F-16 Fighting Falcon world and Senior Airman Christopher used to work with the F-15 Eagle," Jason said.

Local crews will launch and land the aircraft from Andersen AFB, while crews at Beale AFB, Calif., will control the bulk of the mission once out of the local area.

"That was another challenge, establishing a working relationship with the Beale AFB MOC - with them, what seems to be, a world away," Jason said.

Gen. Gary North, U.S. Pacific Air Forces commander, said during the RQ-4's arrival ceremony Sept. 20, the addition of RQ-4 capabilities to Andersen AFB ensures the 36th Wing, 13th Air Force and the Pacific Air Forces are fully prepared to provide U.S. Pacific Command airpower solutions across the spectrum of intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance requirements.

With its inaugural flight, the RQ-4 is another step closer to achieving that goal.

EODMU 5 supports Afghanistan missions, returns to Guam

By Joint Region Marianas Public Affairs

Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit (EODMU) 5 Battalion headquarters arrived on Guam Oct. 13 after a seven-month deployment to Southern Afghanistan in direct support of Commander, Joint Task Force Paladin.

EODMU 5 commanding officer, Cmdr. Robert DeBuse, was the commander of Combined Joint Task Force Paladin South and Southwest, which is responsible for render safe, exploitation, and targeting operations against improvised explosive devices (IED) network in Southern and Southwestern Afghanistan.

Approximately 20 Sailors from EODMU 5 deployed in support of the mission.

DeBuse said they were successful in working with the other U.S. Armed Forces explosives teams as they guarded against IEDs threatening U.S. and Coalition forces.

"This is the first time an EOD Mobile Unit stationed outside the United States was called on to send a battalion-sized headquarters into either Iraq or Afghanistan," said DeBuse. "Our exercises and frequent partnering operations were perfect proving grounds for our work in Afghanistan. The tasks we performed would not have been

possible without a strong team dedicated to the mission and an equally strong team to remain in Guam and cover the traditional capabilities that EODMU 5 provides to the Western Pacific."

During their deployment to Afghanistan, Combined Joint Task Force Paladin South and Southwest coordinated more than 1,200 combat missions conducted by multi-service EOD companies, counter-IED systems experts, and three combined explosive exploitation cells during the deployment. They found and cleared approximately 600 IEDs, destroyed 150 arms caches, destroyed more than 49,000 pounds of captured enemy ordnance, and

conducted more than 410 post blast analyses. The analysis provided critical forensic evidence in support of follow-on targeting of violent extremist networks.

"This was one of the best teams I have ever worked with," said DeBuse. "We were given a very difficult task of operating two battalions across three Regional Commands and supporting 63 EOD teams in the most dangerous places in Afghanistan. These guys all did a tremendous job."

EODMU 5 is forward deployed at U.S. Naval Base Guam and protects the 7th Fleet area of responsibility from mines and other explosive hazards. They

provide detachments for other tasks wherever and whenever they are needed.

Navy EOD technicians are an elite team of warriors who eliminate hazards from conventional ordnance, weapons of mass destruction, sea mines, IEDs 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 EODMU 5, visit their website at www.eodmu5.navy.mil.

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Navy celebrates 235th birthday

By Frank Whitman

Joint Region Edge Staff

Sailors, members of service branches and the Navy League of Guam and others gathered at Leo Palace Resort in Yona, Guam, to celebrate the U.S. Navy's 235th birthday at the annual Navy Birthday Ball Oct. 9.

"The United States Navy, stationed in or operating out of Guam, plays a key role in each of the six capabilities that we bring to bear around the world: forward presence, deterrence, sea control, power projection, maritime security, and humanitarian assistance and disaster response," said Rear Adm. Paul Bushong, commander of Joint Region Marianas (JRM), who was the guest speaker at the event. "Navy Guam deploys frequently across many theaters to support

national tasking."

Bushong thanked units and individuals who have deployed, including Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit (EODMU) 5 disposal technicians who returned to Guam Oct. 13 following seven months in Afghanistan. Bushong also noted the role of EODMU 5 Sailors who remained on Guam as they continued "to enable the fleet to operate in the Western Pacific."

He mentioned the vital part the Navy on Guam plays in providing logistics support, ship repair and maintenance, communications, and security to the fleet.

"Many of you also perform outstanding service outside of the bases," he said, citing the many commands on Guam that volunteer on a regular basis to tutor students at public schools, clean up beaches and collaborate with the is-

land's villages. "You are vital members of the Guam community, and Guam is an even better place due to you. Thank you for your service to Guam, for your service to the United States Navy and your service to the United States of America."

The birthday celebration began with the posting of the colors by the U.S. Naval Hospital (USNH) Guam color guard during which the National Anthem was sung by Chief Builder (SCW) William Hillberg of U.S. Naval Facilities Engineering Command Marianas.

JRM Command Master Chief (AW/SW) Paul Kingsbury, who was the event's master of ceremonies, read a brief history of the Navy that concluded with a summary of the Navy's current strength.

"Two hundred thirty-five years after our establishment, the Navy now operates 288 ships and sub-

marines, more than 3,700 aircraft and employs almost 600,000 active and Reserve Sailors, and Navy civilians," he said.

Following dinner, the Navy birthday cake was presented as attendees sang "Happy Birthday" to the Navy. The cake was cut by Bushong; the youngest Sailor present, Master-at-Arms Seaman Recruit Seth Thornblade of U.S. Naval Base Guam (NBG) Security; and the oldest Sailor present, Cmdr. Timothy Overturf, JRM chaplain.

Chief Engineman (SW) Mishal Langston of NBG and chairwoman of the Navy Ball committee said the hard work of the organizers paid off.

"It was definitely a success," she said. "Without the help of the Navy League and the committee members, it would not have been as fabulous an event as it was."

Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Kyle Johnson of USNH Guam said he enjoyed the night and appreciated the organizers.

"It's the first Navy Ball I've been to and it looks like a lot of people put a lot of work into it; it's real impressive," he said.

Master-at-Arms Seaman (EXW) Mark Barr, of NBG Security, said he enjoyed the opportunity to share the experience with his shipmates.

"We pretty much get together on a daily basis after work," he said. "Today, it's good to see each of us in our dress whites. We're just having a good time."

The evening also made an impression on Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Leia DiBiasie of USNH Guam.

"It's a great tradition to be a part of," she said. "I'm grateful to be a part of it."



Navy Ball: A color guard from U.S. Naval Hospital Guam posts the colors to commence the celebration of the Navy's 235th birthday at Leo Palace Resort in Yona, Guam Oct. 9. Hundreds of Sailors, members of other service branches, members of the Navy League of Guam and others attended the celebration. (U.S. Navy photo by Frank Whitman)



Commander: Rear Adm. Paul Bushong, commander of Joint Region Marianas, speaks to attendees at the celebration of the U.S. Navy's 235th birthday at Leo Palace Resort in Yona, Guam Oct. 9. Hundreds of Sailors, members of other service branches, members of the Navy League of Guam and others attended the celebration. (U.S. Navy photo by Frank Whitman)

Airmen learn what it means to be 'Street Smart'

By Airman 1st Class Anthony Jennings

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Team Airmen were exposed to true accounts of life-changing experiences involving vehicular crashes during Street Smart brief, Oct. 5, in the base theater.

Street Smart, presented by Stay Alive from Education (SAFE), took the audience into the real-life drama experienced by firefighter paramedics as they work to save lives.

SAFE is a non-profit organization dedicated to making students and military servicemembers aware of the dangers of driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, not wearing seat belts, and the trauma associated with these dangers.

"The information and the way it's provided is simply phenomenal," said Lt. Col. Mark Mongilo, 36th Wing safety. "No matter how many times commanders, supervisors or even friends say don't drink and drive, it isn't until you see first-hand, that it starts to sink in what consequences your actions can have in your life."

SAFE was granted \$170,000 to visit 50 different military installations across the United States and present Street Smart to servicemembers under the age of 26. Vince Easavoli, the founder of SAFE, and Pat Kelly, both firefighter paramedics from Orlando, Fla., discussed what they see when they arrive to the scene of an accident. They also presented a slide show of graphic photos depicting the

aftermath of violent car crashes.

"Every victim you saw in those photos is dead because they weren't wearing their seatbelt, and drugs or alcohol played a role," Easavoli said.

The team walked servicemembers through what happens at a trauma scene using the medical equipment they employ daily in their jobs. From taking a pulse, to loading the victim onto a backboard, to simulating an intravenous-line being inserted, servicemembers got to see and feel what it's like to try and save a life, and what it's like to be the victim.

"Trauma is any sudden, unexpected, violent injury or assault on the human body," Easavoli said. "In a majority of all trauma related calls we respond to, drugs or alcohol are somehow related."

Senior Airman Robert Fitzpatrick raised his hand when Easavoli asked for members of the audience who didn't always wear their seatbelt. His honesty earned him the opportunity to participate in a scenario where he was involved in a car accident and he was not wearing his seatbelt. The scenario demonstrated the life-saving actions responding paramedics have to perform and the consequences traumatic injuries can have on the life of the victim.

"I definitely will be wearing my seatbelt from now on," Fitzpatrick said. "I don't want any of those long needles inside my lungs. It's a great program and everyone can take something away from it."



Street Smart: Pat Kelly, fire fighter paramedic from Orlando, Fla., speaks to Airmen about the consequences of drinking and driving, and not wearing a seatbelt during Street Smart brief, Oct. 5, in the base theater at Andersen Air Force Base. Street Smart, presented by Stay Alive from Education (SAFE), took the audience into the real-life drama experienced by firefighter paramedics as they work to save lives. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Anthony Jennings)

Fitness coordinator enjoys patrons' success

By Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Corwin Colbert

Joint Region Edge Staff

Jenna Wienert, fitness coordinator at Charles King Gym (CKG) on Naval Base Guam, finds that job satisfaction comes in the form of her patron's success.

"I love the result and satisfaction they receive," Wienert said.

Wienert has worked for the gym for two-and-a-half years as a personal trainer and group fitness instructor. She became one of two fitness coordinators in August replacing former coordinator Stacy Neil.

She has been working in various physical fitness and wellness areas for 11 years. She has taught kickbox-

ing, pilates, and yoga classes. Graduating from Old Dominion University with a degree in exercise science, Wienert has been an athletic trainer for a high school and assistant therapist for a physical therapist office among other positions she has held in the physical fitness field.

"I have enjoyed physical activity and sports since my childhood," Wienert said. "I enjoy the lifestyle."

Wienert followed her spouse, who is a federal firefighter, to Guam. She said he encouraged her to continue her passion at the base gym.

"He told me to check out the gym to see if they need an instructor," she said. "One thing led to another and here I am now."

Despite having a heavier work load and responsibility, Wienert still makes time for her loyal personal trainees with whom she worked before taking

over as fitness coordinator.

Christine Davis, a contracting officer for U.S. Naval Facilities Engineering Command Marianas, said Wienert has been her trainer for three to four months and enjoys her training philosophy.

"Jenna is really good at personalizing your training routine," Davis said. "She can adjust the program on the fly if you feel uncomfortable and gives you a lot of confidence in yourself."

Wienert believes in everyone who comes to the gym and wants to make a difference. She said she is committed to seeing every patron succeed.

"People can make the right choice when given the opportunity, education and support," she said. "I practice what I teach and it helps them to believe in my program. Hopefully people realize I care for them and want them to succeed in their fitness goals."



Fitness: Jenna Wienert, left, fitness coordinator at Charles King Gym (CKG) demonstrates different medicine ball exercises to Christine Davis, a contracting officer for U.S. Naval Facilities Engineering Command Marianas, while working out at CKG on U.S. Naval Base Guam Oct. 6. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Corwin Colbert)



Wing leadership delivers Andersen mission at Capitol Hill

By Airman Whitney Amstutz

36th Wing Public Affairs

Washington D.C. has been the cornerstone of this great nation for 220 years. The home of our founding fathers, it has acted as a think-tank for some of the greatest minds in history and personifies democracy and the ever-evolving American dream.

Brig. Gen. John Doucette, 36th Wing commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Allen Mullinex, 36th Wing command chief, accompanied by Tech. Sgt. Ralph Oliver, 36th Judge Advocate noncommissioned officer in charge of military justice, and Staff. Sgt. Melissa Kramerick, 36th Operation Support Squadron weather forecaster, had the opportunity to meet and deliver the Andersen Air Force Base (AFB) mission to some of today's prominent figures in American politics Sept. 26 - 29 on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C.

The purpose of the visit, which is an annual occurrence per Air Force Instruction, is to provide insight into the Air Force mission and build long-term, face-to-face relationships with members of Congress.

"Our reason for going is to build a positive rapport with congressmen," Mullinex said. "It is important they have an understanding of what is going on in our Air Force and on our installation specifically. We elected to have Sgt. Oliver and Sgt. Kramerick with us in



Washington: Brig. Gen. John Doucette, 36th Wing commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Allen Mullinex, 36th Wing command chief, Tech. Sgt. Ralph Oliver, 36th Judge Advocate noncommissioned officer in charge of military justice, and Staff. Sgt. Melissa Kramerick, 36th Operation Support Squadron weather forecaster, met with Rep. Ike Skelton of Missouri, Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee during a visit to Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. Sept. 28. (Photo courtesy of U.S. Air Force)

order to showcase the quality of Airmen we have at Andersen."

Oliver and Kramerick were hand-selected by Doucette and Mullinex to represent all Andersen Airmen as a result of their dedication to upholding the Air Force Core Values on and off duty.

"It is an honor to have been selected," Kramerick said. "I never thought I would have the chance to sit and talk freely with

members of Congress. It was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity."

Similarly, Oliver was both proud and humbled to be selected for the special duty.

"It felt good to know that I was selected by our leadership," Oliver said. "To be able to pick the minds of Airmen who have achieved so much and openly talk with members of Congress is a rarity at best."

During the week, Airmen were able to meet with Rep. John Fleming of Louisiana, Matt Herrmann on behalf of Madeleine Bordallo, Guam delegate to the House of Representatives, and Rep. Ike Skelton of Missouri, chairman of the House Armed Services Committee.

Team Andersen Airmen were able to develop an understanding of the workings of Congress, the day-to-day activities and respon-

sibilities of congressmen, as well as ask questions in an open forum.

"I particularly enjoyed meeting Congressman Skelton because of the nature of his job," Oliver said. "He has been a member of Congress since 1977, so he has had a hand in many of the policies that we adhere to today. It was amazing to be in a place where decisions are being made about the United States on a daily basis."

The congressmen's ability to put their visitors at ease made a lasting impression on Kramerick.

"These are people who are busy all the time," Kramerick said. "I was expecting to be rushed and not get to speak often, but it was nothing like that. We met in each member's office and it was such a relaxed environment. We were able to have laid-back, open conversations."

The annual Capitol Hill visit is not only an opportunity to be recognized for outstanding performance, but is a chance to expand and diversify knowledge about the inner workings of U.S. Government. It also portrays a positive representation of the Airmen who comprise the world's greatest Air Force.

"I believe we accomplished our mission," Mullinex said. "Congressmen were given a good representation of the professionalism of our Airmen and we were able to leave them with a better understanding of the 36th Wing mission."

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734th AMS keeps people, cargo moving

By 734th Aerial Port Squadron

Airmen from the 734th Air Mobility Squadron (AMS) Aerial Port rose to the challenge and successfully supported Pacific Command's largest exercise, Valiant Shield 2010, while simultaneously executing fighter and tanker unit swap-outs and sustained normal Air Mobility Command missions.

The 2T2X1s in the Air Transportation career field, "Port Dawgs," are well-known for their tenacious work ethic and ability to accelerate people, cargo and aircraft in support of air mobility operations.

The Port Dawgs' work began well before Valiant Shield operations commenced and continued long after the exercise concluded. The team coordinated and executed all aerial port support, working closely with the 36th Wing Installation Deployment Officer and the Logistics Readiness Squadron team, the many units deployed to Andersen, and numerous support agencies.

While the entire aerial port team, made up of 78 military and 30 civilians, rose to the challenge and executed flawless operations, they were quick to identify that it takes an entire Team Andersen effort to execute operations.

"During Valiant Shield, we were supported by the 44th Aerial Port Squadron (AFRC). 1st Lt. Benjamin Guerrero, Senior Master Sgt.

Raymond Arceo and Master Sgt. Anthony Toves quickly transitioned to active duty and easily integrated into daily operations," said Capt. Matt Gosselin, Aerial Port operations officer. "Their efforts were key to air freight operations as they filled critical gaps in vacant leadership positions. We also had fellow Port Dawgs from the 36th Mobility Response Squadron integrate into our team, providing additional load team member and supervisor support."

"This is as close as we come to 'war-time' ops tempo and watching my team perform was amazing! The fact that we accomplished so much in such a short time with zero mishaps is truly extraordinary and I couldn't be more proud of our team," the captain said.

The aerial port supports an average of 200 aircraft, 900 tons and 2,000 passengers per month, according to Senior Master Sgt. Benjamin Blackstone, Aerial Port superintendent. During Valiant Shield the port surged and tackled a significant increase in workload.

"We basically did a month's work in 17 days and then repeated the same level of effort 12 days later," said Blackstone. "Overall, our Port Dawgs handled 369 aircraft, moved 4,090 passengers, and 3,381 tons of cargo in 30 days! These young men and women, military and civilian, have come together like no other team I've seen in my

18 years of service."

"Their Port Dawg pride was evident by their selfless actions. I couldn't be more proud of what they've accomplished in such a short time. I count myself lucky to be part of such an awesome team," Blackstone said.

With a daunting task at hand, the Port Dawgs performed exceptionally and most executed all operations safely, despite working in antiquated facilities that pose significant risk.

"I am constantly impressed with the Port Dawgs performance," said Tech. Sgt. Allison Brown, 734th AMS safety office. "Their job presents an incredible potential for a serious mishap on a daily basis, and even with the confined layout of the freight terminal they have one of the safest operations I've seen in my safety career."

Not all the success was achieved on the ramp or in a warehouse. What most people see are flight line operations, but they may not realize all the planning behind the scenes is essential. Staff Sgt. Michael Lewis and Senior Airman Jessyca Davis, capability forecasters assigned to the Air Terminal Operations Center (ATOC), planned and coordinated all port missions. They ensured all requirements were identified and then disseminated the plan throughout the Joint Region.

A significant number of Valiant Shield participants arrived and de-

parted by military aircraft. The AMC terminal personnel worked to coordinate timely duty passenger movement and with ATOC to maximize space available seats.

"Missions don't always stay on schedule causing aircraft to stack up," said Staff Sgt. Rico Perez, passenger services supervisor. "We were prepared to overcome any obstacle. Valiant Shield showed we are capable numerous changes. I have to give it up to our Airmen. They worked 12- to 14-hour shifts and sacrificed their days off to make the mission a success."

Along with people comes cargo to support flying operations. The 50 men and women of the air freight terminal tackled that piece of the aerial port mission. The team, both military and civilian Port Dawgs, executed the safe and efficient upload and download of all cargo and performed critical Joint Inspections for departing cargo. Tech. Sgt. Timothy Chew, noncommissioned officer in charge of special handling, played a major role in executing these operations.

"I couldn't be more proud of our team," Chew said. "We inspected 252 increments totaling over 500 tons and loaded 37 aircraft in 15 days without a single port delay. And that's just Valiant Shield support; we also met all our normal AMC missions. 'Amazing' is the only word that can describe

the 734th Port Dawgs. They should be very proud of what they have accomplished over the last 30 days."

While balancing Valiant Shield, fighter and tanker unit swaps, and AMC mission requirements may seem like enough, the Port Dawgs also found time to squeeze in world-class distinguished visitor support and continue to be involved across Team Andersen. Lt. Gen. Robert Allardice, 18th Air Force commander, visited the 734th AMS on Sept. 26, accompanied by Brig. Gen. Robert Thomas, 15th Expeditionary Mobility Task Force commander, and Col. Stephen Oliver, 515th Air Mobility Operations Wing commander.

"They saw firsthand the importance of Valiant Shield in training how this island comes together to execute the mobility mission required of any exercise," said Lt. Col. G.A. Wettengel, 734th AMS commander. "Additionally, much of the cargo transited through one or more of the six Air Mobility Squadrons under the 515th Air Mobility Operations Wing, allowing precise global reach for the warfighter."

"The tremendous team work within the 734th AMS with Port Dawgs, maintainers, and command and control plus the outstanding support from the 36th Wing allow us to operate 'Safely, By the Book, Then On-Time, 24/7,'" Wettengel said.



AMS: Staff Sgt. Allen Rees, 734th Air Mobility Squadron aerial porters loads essential equipment used for Valiant Shield on a C-130 Hercules at Andersen Air Force Base Sept. 30. The 734th AMS successfully supported Pacific Command's largest exercise, Valiant Shield 2010, while simultaneously executing fighter and tanker unit swap outs and sustained normal Air Mobility Command missions. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Nichelle Anderson)



Loading: Airman 1st Class James Weimer and Staff Sgt. Allen Rees, 734th Air Mobility Squadron aerial porters, load equipment used for Valiant Shield 2010 on a C-130 Hercules at Andersen Air Force Base Sept. 30. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Nichelle Anderson)

CNIC pushes to get support to absentee voters

From Commander, Navy Installations Command Public Affairs

Fall elections are almost here and Commander, Navy Installations Command (CNIC) wants to ensure Sailors and their family members exercise their right to vote by providing the Voting Assistance Program Navy-wide.

"It is important to vote. Plain and simple," said Vice Adm. Mike Vitale, CNIC. "At CNIC, we're ensuring every Sailor and his family has the opportunity to vote this year whether you're deployed, living overseas or stateside." "We've made it easy by either going on line or contacting your Command Voting Assistance Officer. Don't let your living location or deployed status keep you from voting."

For persons who need to register to vote and obtain an absentee ballot, they can fill out the Federal Post Card Application (SF 76) which serves as both voter registration and absentee ballot request, according to Dave Stevens, CNIC Navy Voting Assistance Program manager. You can fill out the form online since it is a digital PDF file, print it and mail or fax to the Sailor's local election office. These forms are available online at www.fvap.gov. CNIC Voting Assistance Officers will also have hard copies of voter registration applications and absentee ballots available.

The final step is to complete the Federal Post Card Application and to mail it to your Local Election Official in the county of the state (this includes all American territories and the District of Columbia) the Sailor or family member is registered to vote.

"You can complete the Federal

Post Card Application online or print it off and fill it out by hand," Stevens said. "No envelope or postage is required. It's designed to be folded, sealed and mailed securely at no cost to the voter. Many states even accept a fax of the form."

For those voters who find their absentee ballot has not arrived, the use of the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (SF-186) is authorized during this year's election cycle.

"The Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (SF 186) will be available for those voters who did not obtain their absentee ballot. CNIC Voting Assistance Officers should also have copies of this form," he said.

Stevens continued, "As a general rule, anyone submitting an absentee ballot needs to have the ballot post marked by Nov. 2 and received no later than two weeks after that date to be counted in the election. Since voting is run by the states and is not a Federal program, the rules for deadline for casting ballots may differ a little from state to state. To make certain your vote is counted, it is best to have it in the mail and post marked by Nov. 2."

Regardless of their current duty station, CNIC's Fleet Family Readiness program will ensure Sailors and their family members have the option of absentee voting if they elect to use that option.

Voting information is readily available online from the FVAP website or from the 2010-2011 Voting Assistance Guide. More than 10,000 copies of the guide were mailed to 1,500 Navy installations. A copy is available from regional or base Navy Voting Assistance Officers.

Commander, Navy Installations Command was established in 2003. The command was created to execute delivery of services across the

Navy installation domain. It currently consists of a Washington, D.C., echelon II headquarter staff, 11 regional staffs, and 77 installations worldwide. CNIC force consists of more than 58,000 military, civilian and contractors serving the ashore community.

For more information on the Navy Voting Assistance Program, visit www.cnic.navy.mil.

For more news from Commander, Navy Installations Command, visit www.navy.mil/local/cni/.

Housing advocate helps families

By Jesse Leon Guerrero

Joint Region Edge Staff

Sailors and other residents of Navy housing can bring their questions and concerns about their homes and neighborhoods to Jasmine Stover, the housing advocate for U.S. Naval Base Guam (NBG).

As the residents' advocate, Stover serves as a liaison to ensure maintenance, policy enforcement and changes, and other general areas are handled in a timely and proper manner. She deals with situations that involve upgrades to housing units, suggestions for improvements, and concerns with current and planned construction.

"I'm here to help," Stover said. "I can get a feel for their concern, letting them know that someone is listening to their concern and is addressing it."

Stover's work covers Navy housing throughout the island, from units

as far south as NBG to the northern facilities at U.S. Naval Computer and Telecommunications Station Guam in Dededo.

To satisfy those responsibilities, Stover said she keeps an open door policy and welcomes phone inquiries and appointments for face-to-face meetings.

"I love dealing with families and doing anything I can to help them," Stover said.

Stover said her authority is less about making decisions and more about mediating so that issues are resolved. She encouraged residents to keep open communication with their neighbors, but she is available to step in and serve as a proxy for them if needed. Stover explained that, similar to a work environment, a concern or dispute should be handled at the lowest level, which can be as simple as knocking on a resident's door and talking to them about housing's guidelines.

Stover said residents can opt instead to provide feedback online through Interactive Customer Evaluations (ICE), which is at <https://ice.disa.mil>.

She reminded residents to leave a contact number, so they can get a response or be asked for more details. Stover said ICE comments do not have to be negative in nature; positive feedback can also provide useful information for the Navy's plans and schedules.

Since she has lived on Guam for six years in Navy housing and is a Navy spouse, Stover said she has experiences and knowledge that people can use as a resource.

"I don't have the answer to everything, but I will work to get it," Stover said. "We have the proper people to answer their questions and residents will get a response."

For more information, call Navy Housing front desk at 333-2081 or e-mail jasmine.stover.ctr@fe.navy.mil.

AADD puts wingman concept into practice

By Airman Whitney Amstutz
36th Wing Public Affairs

Airmen Against Drunk Driving (AADD) is an organization on Andersen Air Force Base (AFB) dedicated to saving lives. The AADD mission is to eliminate the occurrence of alcohol-related driving incidents by providing military members a safe form of transportation without fear of repercussion when their safe plan to get home fails.

AADD operates a hotline that is manned from 11 p.m.-3:30 a.m., Friday and Saturday night as well as holidays and down days. There are more than 50 Airmen from various squadrons on Andersen AFB

who have volunteered as AADD representatives. These Airmen are charged with the responsibility of finding and training volunteers to man each AADD shift.

Tech. Sgt. John Trembly, 36th Civil Engineer Squadron, current director of AADD, believes that the AADD program provides a vital and necessary service to military members.

"We save lives," Trembly said. "One alcohol-related incident impacts the lives of so many. The Airmen who have volunteered to take part in the AADD program will never know how many lives they have touched."

This year alone, the AADD organization has amassed an incred-

ible 695 saves. Each of them is a testimony to the value and usefulness of the program.

"Each person should have a plan in place when they intend to drink," Trembly said. "However, if that plan falls through, we don't want anyone to hesitate to call AADD. Our motive as volunteers is to bring as many people home safely as possible."

Newly elected director of AADD, Tech. Sgt. Regina Scott, 36th Security Forces Squadron, is optimistic about taking the reins of an organization that benefits so many.

"I am proud to be elected the new director of AADD," Scott said. "I have been an avid supporter of programs such as this for a few years

now. I feel the program is important because it provides Airmen a backup plan should their original falter."

Always seeking ways to improve and evolve, Scott said she plans to expand the AADD impact by getting the word out and encouraging Airmen to take advantage of an opportunity to put the wingman concept into practice.

"My plan for the future is to continue to promote AADD by ensuring our Airmen are aware of AADD's purpose and existence and have no reservations when making the decision to call 366-RIDE as a last resort," Scott said.

The success of the AADD program can be attributed to the Airmen who choose to dedicate time

and effort toward safeguarding our nation's most valuable asset: service members.

"What I like most about this program is that it is made possible through volunteers of our own military community and with the support of our wing leadership," Scott said. "Even more impressive is that these volunteers don't expect anything in return except knowing the Airmen they saved were able to return to their families."

For more information about AADD, visit the Andersen Air Force Base sharepoint site and click on Community Sites. To volunteer for AADD please e-mail the organization at Andersen.AADD@Andersen.af.mil.

What can service members do to keep each other safe while on liberty?

Joint Region Edge asked its readers how service members can keep each other safe while on liberty.



"Sometimes plans don't work out. So I suggest always having a backup plan. Also, if alcohol is involved, have a designated driver or number for the taxi."

— Logistics Specialist 1st Class (AW/SCW) Jim Jakosalem
Fleet Industrial Supply Center Yokosuka Det. Marianas



"I suggest going out with people you trust and know. Follow the local laws and be a good citizen. It is also important to know the area you are going or carry a map."

— Seaman Apprentice Personnel Specialist Wajid Chaudhry
Personnel Support Detachment Guam



"Basically have a plan. Know where you're going and always have a good sense of your surroundings. It's good to have someone with you that you can depend on to watch your back."

— Staff Sgt. Christopher Michaels
36th Security Forces



"Social settings allows for people to come together to discuss issues and topics, which gives them the chance to learn from each other and apply the wingman concept, ensuring a healthier workforce."

— Chief Master Sgt. David Graak
734th Air Mobility Squadron



"If you're on liberty abroad, don't do the same routines. Change your routes or paths, try to fit in; always stick together and watch out for each other."

— Legalman 2nd Class (AW) Sueann Braun
Navy Legal Service Office, Guam



"Have a wingman, stick together and always have a plan and a backup plan."

— Tech. Sgt. Arron Hawkes
36th Operations Support Squadron air traffic controller

News Notes

Job Announcements

Interested individuals can view the vacancy listings at

<https://www.cnic.navy.mil/Marianas/index.htm> or at <https://chart.donhr.navy.mil>. For more information, call 339-4222/6210.

Naval Support Activity Andersen, Guam Child Development Prog Tech, Closes Oct. 18

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.

U.S. Naval Base Guam Bus Shuttle

Four busses have shuttle routes around U.S. Naval Base Guam and to Polaris Point and Naval Munitions Command. There will be no charge. The service is available to military ID and CAC holders. The bus schedule is as follows:

- Seven days a week, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Monday-Friday, 6-8 a.m., 4-6 p.m.

GWA Online Payments

Guam Waterworks Authority (GWA) is

accepting online payments at

www.guamwaterworks.org. GWA already accepts credit card payments at its Tumon

office which is open from 7:30 a.m.-6

p.m. Monday-Friday. Additionally, GWA

customer service representatives are now

located at the Guam Power Authority

Julale Shopping Center office in Hagatna

and can accept credit card payments there

as well. For more information about

online payment log onto the GWA website at www.guamwaterworks.org.

Navy Gateway Inns & Suites wins top CNIC award

By Jesse Leon Guerrero

Joint Region Edge Staff

U.S. Naval Base Guam's (NBG) Navy Gateway Inns & Suites (NGIS) earned the Adm. Elmo R. Zumwalt Award for lodging management from Commander, Navy Installations Command (CNIC) Sept. 8.

The award, named for the former Chief of Naval Operations, recognizes NGIS operations that achieve service standards of the highest level. The five-star rating reflects facility, service and management qualities beyond three- and four-star levels. A three-star award indicates a facility has met minimum requirements and a four-star award means a facility has exceeded them. A complete list of NGIS facilities that win the five-star accreditation for fiscal year 2010 is not scheduled to be announced until March 2011.

"Winning a five-star just shows the tremendous commitment they have to taking care of Navy families, Sailors and civilians coming through here, who need a temporary place to stay," said Capt. Richard Wood, commanding officer of NBG.

The selection by CNIC followed an unannounced inspection by CNIC in August, covering NGIS' building maintenance, financial records, front desk operations, housekeeping performance and other criteria.

Al Saenz, NGIS director, said the inspection included a wide range of specific items and services such as whether there was luggage storage available, if guests were greeted on arrival, if housekeeping made guest

beds properly, and if alarm clocks, microwaves and refrigerators operated at a quality level. Saenz credited his staff members for achieving CNIC's standards on Guam.

"I saw the talents that we have here, then we were able to successfully get, not a three-star or four-star, but we got the maximum allowed," Saenz said.

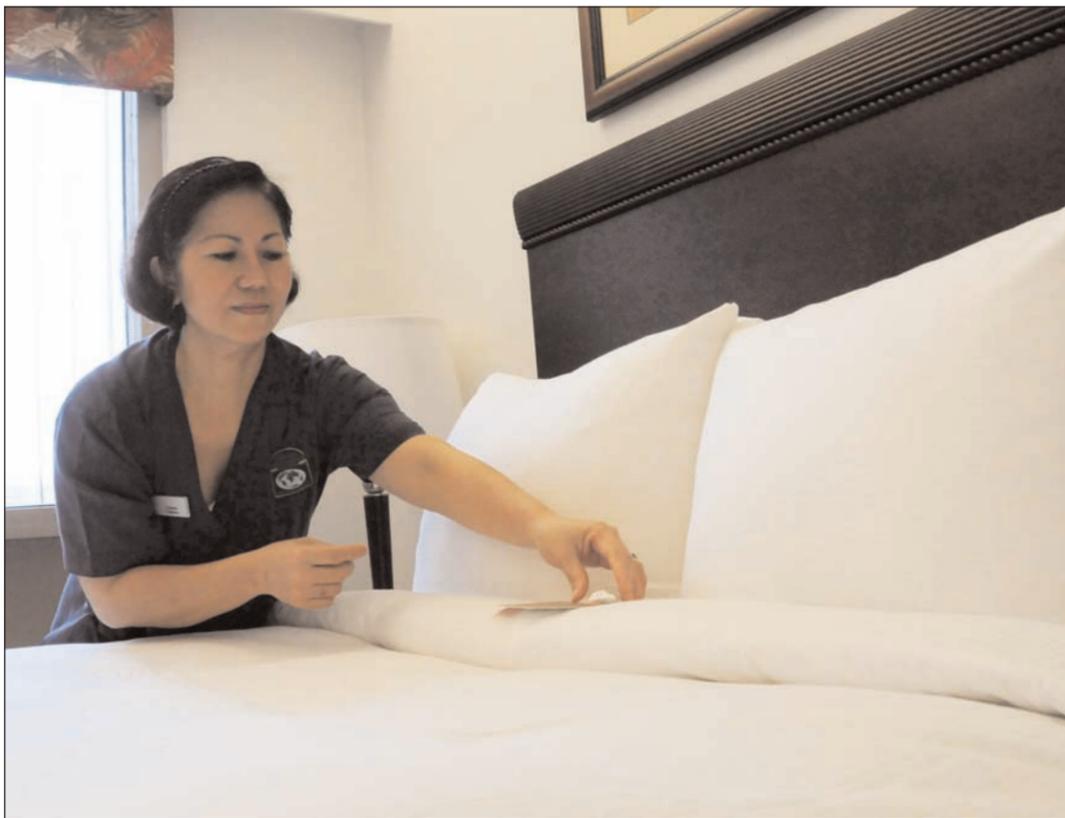
Since June 2009, NGIS management and staff planned for sweeping renovations to follow a whole-room concept that would upgrade furniture, amenities and air conditioning. Materials began arriving in March 2010, kicking off the actual improvements.

NGIS will renovate the lobby at their office in building 2000 on NBG. A new business center in the lobby will provide two computers in a separate area for privacy, while the tiles and painted walls will be redone. Building 22, a bachelor lodging at NBG, is also part of plans for a whole-room concept makeover.

NGIS also plans to have their guest rooms outfitted with flat screen televisions as well as broadband Internet, cable TV, phones, and video-on-demand access by the end of October.

NGIS averages more than 90 percent occupancy rate each month, which covers 24 suites, four two-bedroom villas, 31 standard rooms, 78 one plus one rooms (units with two bedrooms, and a common kitchen and bathroom) and a lodging for a distinguished visitor.

For more information about Navy Gateway Inns & Suites, call 339-5259 or visit online at www.dod-lodging.net.



Sweet Suite: Yvonne Asuncion, a housekeeping staff member at Navy Gateway Inns & Suites, leaves a greeting card and mint to welcome lodging customers at Building 2000 on U.S. Naval Base Guam Sept. 30. NGIS recently won the Adm. Elmo R. Zumwalt five-star award for lodging management, which is bestowed by Commander, Navy Installations Command to those NGIS operations operating at the highest standards of service. (U.S. Navy photo by Jesse Leon Guerrero)

Seek help, stop domestic violence

By Jesse Leon Guerrero

Joint Region Edge Staff

Sailors, Airmen, other service members and their families can help prevent domestic violence by understanding what it is and accepting help.

Communities nationwide are observing October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, following a proclamation signed by President Barack Obama Oct. 1. U.S. Naval Base Guam (NBG) signed a similar proclamation Oct. 4.

As part of the awareness raising activities, the Family Advocacy Programs at NBG and on Andersen Air Force Base (AFB) will partner with the United Service Organizations (USO) for an outreach to patrons at the USO facility at Royal Orchid Hotel in Tumon Oct. 15 from 6-9 p.m.

The Andersen AFB program will also host the Promoting Peaceful Families Wellness Fair at the

Health and Wellness Clinic Oct. 19 from 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. and the Promoting Peaceful Families 5K at the Sunrise Golf Course Oct. 20 at 6 a.m.

Erlinda Montecalvo, Family Advocacy Program counselor for Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) on NBG, said the national and local recognition supports efforts to end instances of abuse and should not stop at the end of October.

"A lot of our victims are nervous about coming in to visit with a counselor," Montecalvo said. "Maybe they don't know, maybe they have a language barrier."

To get guidance and reassurance, Montecalvo said couples have to recognize and accept that love is not abuse, and violence should never factor into a relationship. She added that violence is not limited to physical acts. Behavior that includes emotional and economic abuse can also qualify because of

their destructive nature.

"What if [the abuser] doesn't want her to use her money," Montecalvo asked. "Or what if he restricts her from going out?"

The common factor in domestic violence is that there is a control issue between the abuser and the victim. Since there is no set measuring stick for what constitutes an abusive loss of control, Montecalvo said a couple should take an honest look at their relationship and talk to someone who can support them.

"If you already feel that your relationship is becoming challenging, I think you need to go early on and seek help," Montecalvo said. "Don't wait until it becomes an unhealthy relationship."

Reporting an incident might seem like a cultural taboo, but Montecalvo said domestic violence can worsen if left unresolved and it is a myth that reporting will automatically damage a person professionally. Re-

porting to FFSC, for example, is a confidential process.

Montecalvo said another problem with not reporting is that victims can start to adapt to their situation, so reporting becomes harder for them to initiate.

"If you live in an environment that's unhealthy, you start to think that's all I have," Montecalvo said. "But if you can just open the door a little bit and see beyond ... that particular person that's going through that challenge will know [violence] is not the way it's supposed to be."

Patrons of FFSC can take a life skills course to improve their ability to communicate with a spouse or learn to minimize stress and anger, which can potentially lead to violence if they escalate.

The Family Advocacy Program at Andersen AFB also offers monthly classes for managing anger and stress, said Lori Naputi, the family advocacy education

services facilitator. The program is part of the Mental Health Clinic at Andersen AFB.

"We provide the prevention and the intervention in regards to family violence and child abuse," Naputi said.

Montecalvo also encouraged couples to use resources such as www.militaryonesource.com to educate themselves, but she said they should still approach FFSC, their chaplains, and other support services such as Guam's Alee Shelter, which can provide a safe haven for a victim.

For more information about identifying domestic violence and getting help on NBG, call FFSC at 333-2056 or on Andersen AFB, call the Family Advocacy Program at 366-5167.

The National Domestic Hotline can be reached at 1-800-799-SAFE (7233) or visit online at www.TheHotline.org.

554th RED HORSE ce

“We’re a unit of people who work hard and play hard. To me, the 554th RHS symbolizes a strong sense of pride and heritage.”

—Tech. Sgt. Joshua Rosenberg, 554RHS/LGX Readiness



“Being a part of the 554th RED HORSE Squadron means living what the Airman’s Creed states. I am both challenged and rewarded by my experiences and I have found that I’ve far exceeded my personal and professional goals with the support that this unit has given me.”

—Staff Sgt. Robyn Mistretta
554 RHS/LGS, Supply

“The first 45 years of the 554th RHS have been filled with great accomplishments; the things we are doing today keep true to the legacy that others before us have worked hard to build.”

—Senior Airman Ryan Ackerman
554 RHS/DOCP, Power Production



“It’s an honor. I’m looking forward to 45 more years for the 554th staying strong and kicking butt. We also get to wear a sweet squadron cap.”

—Airman 1st Class Logan Storey
554 RHS/DOCU, Utilities

By Master Sgt. David W. Sommers
554th RED HORSE Squadron

The 554th Rapid Engineering Deployable Heavy Operations Repair Squadron Engineer Squadron (RED HORSE) celebrated its 45th birthday Oct. 12. 554th RED HORSE Squadron is the oldest in the Air Force.

In the early years of the Vietnam Conflict, the Air Force lacked the engineering capability to quickly respond to expedient wartime construction and disaster recovery efforts at U.S. bases when repairs were beyond the scope of a regular Civil Engineering unit. The Air Force needed a squadron that could construct expeditious airfields and build facilities in the most austere conditions supporting forward deployed tactical units.

By September 1965 Tactical Air Command created two units with the name RED HORSE. These two units would initially deploy to Southwest Asia. The 554th Civil Engineering Squadron was constituted Oct. 8 and organized Oct. 12, 1965. The 554th and 555th RED HORSE Squadrons began training at Cannon Air Force Base, N.M., in November 1965. The 554th initially deployed to Phan Rang Air Base, Republic of Vietnam, in February 1966 where its first major project was a complete runway reconstruction.

In May 1967, the 554th was reassigned to the 1st Civil Engineer Group, and on Feb. 15, 1970, the 554th moved to Cam Ranh Bay Air Base and then again to Da Nang Air Base Nov. 30, 1971. By the end

of 1971, the 554th was the only squadron remaining in the Republic of Vietnam.

The 554th then moved to U Tapao Air Base, Thailand, June 30, 1972, to remove modular facilities. A few years later, on Jan. 5, 1976, the unit was assigned to Pacific Air Forces and moved yet again to Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, with a detachment remaining in the Philippines for a short time. In the early 1980s, the 554th proved instrumental and lived up to its name by constructing facilities at Suwon Air Base to support a newly assigned A-10 squadron assigned to 5th Air Force.

In 1987, 7th Air Force became the proud owner of the 554th, and on Oct. 15, 1988, re-designated the unit as the 554th Civil Engineering Squadron, RED HORSE. On March 8, 1989, it was re-designated as the 554th RED HORSE Civil Engineering Squadron, and on March 1, 1994, as the 554th RED HORSE Squadron. The unit’s size was significantly reduced in the mid-1990s, but by November 2000, its manning had rebounded to an assigned strength of 144.

In 2004, the 554th established an airborne capability known as the 554th RED HORSE Assault, Assessment, and Repair Operations team to support rapid airfield seizure and repair capabilities in the Pacific Theater. Even today, this capability is the only one of its kind in the Pacific Air Force (PACAF) area of responsibility (AOR).

554th RED HORSE Squadron Operating Location Alpha was activated at Andersen Air Force Base (AFB), Guam,

What does it mean to you to be a part of t



“Only the scenery has changed for the 554th RHS in the past 45 years. We are still attempting what others wouldn’t dream of and accomplishing the near impossible with what is available to us.”

—Tech. Sgt. Charles Warrington
554 RHS/DOCS, Structures



“I’m glad to be a part of a unit that has such a long history. The 554th squadron has been around for many years and has earned its reputation.”

—Staff Sgt. Marc Warner
554 RHS/LGVM, Vehicle Maintenance

celebrates 45th birthday

Sept. 16, 2005, after the decision was made to move the 554th from Korea to Guam. On Jan. 22, 2008, with the relocation of manpower and equipment complete, the 554th RED HORSE Squadron Operating Location Alpha became the 554th RED HORSE Squadron falling under the 36th Contingency Response Group within the 36th Wing. In 2009, the 554th completed its first expeditionary deployment outside of the Pacific Command AOR in 35 years in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. In 2010, the 554th continues extensive bed-down construction operations supporting itself, the 644th Combat Communications Squadron and the 736th Security Forces Squadron at Andersen's Northwest Field.

Today, the 554th is one of only four active duty RED HORSE squadrons in the Air Force and the only RED HORSE unit assigned to PACAF. Additionally, the 554th is the only Total Force Integrated Squadron in the Air Force. When called upon, the 554th will merge with the 254th RED HORSE Squadron Air National Guard (ANG) located at Andersen AFB and the 307th RED HORSE Squadron located at Barksdale Air Force Base, La. When deployed together as a fully operational RED HORSE Squadron of more than 405 personnel, the squadron is completely self-sufficient and capable of independent operations worldwide, even in austere, high-threat locations.

RED HORSE is truly unique in the civil engineer community. It is classified as a weapons system and when deployed, pro-

vides a highly responsive force to support contingency, peacetime and humanitarian operations worldwide. RED HORSE capabilities include but are not limited to: cradle-to-grave engineering, aircraft launch systems, bed-down operations, expedient facility construction, heavy equipment, water well drilling, concrete and asphalt batch plant, quarry, explosive demolition, air assault, supply, logistics, food services, medical, administration, training, contracting and comptroller operations.

Over the past 45 years, the Airmen of the 554th RED HORSE Squadron have carried on the duties and traditions from its beginning at Cannon AFB, N.M., to its new home at Andersen AFB. The unique capability of the RED HORSE has proven invaluable time and again during both war and peace and is well known within the Air Force and across the military community.

The 554th RED HORSE current squadron commander is Lt. Col. Shawn D. Larcher.

Happy 45th birthday to the HORSE!

Editor's note — credits:

A Horse with Wings: RED HORSE History, Dr. Ronald B. Hartzel AFCE-SA/CEBH.

The RED HORSE Association website.

Mr. Don Averett and original RED HORSEMAN who served at Phan Rang Air Base in South Vietnam and who has generously provided invaluable information, documentation and photographic history for the 554th RED HORSE.



“As part of the 554th RHS, we can be called at any time to go downrange or on a humanitarian mission; being a part of this mission gives me a great sense of pride and makes my hard work worthwhile.”

—Senior Airman Michael Borrelli
554 RHS/DOCE, Electrical

“Many units have come and gone throughout the 63 years of the Air Force. The 554th RHS has survived 45 years and I'm proud to be a part of it.”

—Staff Sgt. Jaimin Patel
554 RHS/LGSV, Services



the 554th RED HORSE Squadron (RHS)?



“Knowing the 554th RHS has been going strong for 45 years reminds me that we are doing what works and doing it well. It makes my personal contribution more meaningful.”

—Airman 1st Class Nathan Wilson
554RHS/DOA, Pavements and Heavy Equipment (Dirt Boy)



“I've been here since 2007, when we started up after moving from Korea. To see where we started from when I arrived to now, it's impressive. I can only imagine how much has been accomplished by RED HORSE over 45 years.”

—Staff Sgt. Jonathan Marshall
554 RHS/DOCH, Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning

“The 554th RHS has some of the hardest working and most dedicated people I've ever met. I'm appreciative.”

—Tech. Sgt. Desmond Williams,
554 RHS/DEE Engineering Assistant



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Holiday greetings chance to reach out to the mainland

Joint Region Edge

By 36th Wing Public Affairs

Break out your holiday attire, it's holiday greeting time!

Broadcast teams from the Joint Hometown News Service will be recording holiday greetings from service members overseas to be sent to mainland TV stations. There is no better way to warm your families' hearts than with a greeting from sunny Guam.

The teams will be set up at Andersen Air Force Base Oct. 22 at the Palm Tree Golf Course and Naval Base Guam Oct. 23.

Any member of the U.S. Armed Forces qualifies to record a greeting. This includes service members, civilian employees and their families. If a military member is deployed, spouses or children can record a greeting. Service members with families in more than one location can record more than one greeting.

Service members must be in uniform to record a greeting. Department of Defense contractors can

record greetings, but should not mention the company they work for. All greetings will be reviewed and inappropriate greetings will not be sent to air.

The Joint Hometown News Service offers the following tips to make the most of one's time in front of the camera:

- Family members should come with their sponsor, unless that sponsor is deployed.
- Bring an address book with your family members' names, city, state and phone number. Station managers need the phone numbers to let families know when the greetings will air.
- When on camera, relax. Keep hand gestures to a minimum.
- Write main points on an index card. There is no script, but notes will help you remember everything you want to say.
- Most greetings will air from Thanksgiving Day through New Year's Day, so don't mention any particular holiday, it may make the greeting outdated.

SECNAV concludes trip to visit European partners

By Mass Communication
Specialist 2nd Class Kevin
O'Brien

Secretary of the Navy Public Affairs

Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) concluded a whirlwind trip Oct. 12 that included Belgium, all three Baltic states, attended a reception on board USS Taylor (FFG-50) in Spain and met with local leaders and scientists in Greenland.

SECNAV Ray Mabus began his trip in Brussels, Belgium, with Supreme Allied Commander Adm. James Stavridis to discuss current operations in the European Command.

Mabus spent the following day meeting with both U.S. and European military and civilian leadership at NATO to discuss strategic objectives for the Navy and Marine Corps and maritime security cooperation with European nations.

Mabus also had meetings with Belgian Minister of Defense Pieter de Crem, Belgian Ambassador to the United States Howard Gutman and Deputy Director General of Crisis Management Planning Directorate EU Council of Ministers Madame Claude-France Arnould.

"My trip to Belgium has been very productive," Mabus said. "I had several meetings with members of NATO and the European Union. Our discussion included everything from military coalition contributions in Afghanistan to the research of energy alternatives and maritime security."

Following a two-day stop in Belgium, Mabus visited all three Baltic States, Mabus met with several civilian and military leaders



SECNAV Visit: Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) the Honorable Ray Mabus, left, and Prime Minister of Greenland Jakob Edvard Kuupik Kleist speak aboard a search and rescue patrol boat off the coast of Nuuk, Greenland Oct. 9. Mabus concluded a day-two day trip to Greenland, meeting with leaders and scientists to discuss the importance of regional security and the environmental impacts of climate change. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Kevin S. O'Brien)

including the U.S. Ambassador to Estonia Michael Polt, Minister of Defense Jaak Aaviksoo, Minister of Foreign Affairs Urmas Paet and Commander of the Estonian Navy Capt. Igor Schvede. During his meetings, Mabus discussed the relationship and the joint cooperation between the U.S. military and

the Estonian military.

"The contributions your country's military has made in Afghanistan and your relationship with our Navy and Marine Corps is appreciated," Mabus said. "I want to personally thank you for your continued support."

Mabus' second visit was to Riga,

Latvia, and included office calls with the U.S. Ambassador to Latvia Judith Garber, Minister of Defense Imants Liegis and a meeting with Latvian President Valdis Zatlers.

While meeting with Zatlers, Mabus discussed the strength of the bilateral and NATO commitment to Baltic security.

"Mr. President, thank you for meeting with me today," Mabus said. "Your commitment to security is so important to Latvia, your Baltic neighbors and the United States. We will continue to work together to strengthen the Baltic region."

Following his trip to the Baltics, Mabus made a quick overnight visit to La Coruna, Spain, to visit with Sailors on board USS Taylor (FFG 50). Mabus personally thanked the crew for their patriotism and service to our Nation.

"It is an honor for me to be here today in La Coruna on the final leg of your deployment," Mabus said. "The sacrifice you and your families make everyday is appreciated by me and the people at home. Thank you for keeping us safe."

Mabus concluded his trip with a visit to Greenland. During his visit, Mabus met with the Premier of Greenland Jakob Edvard Kuupik Kleist and spent a day on board the Danish Arctic Patrol Vessel HDMS Ejnar Mikkelsen (P-571). While underway, Mabus expressed his concerns and goals regarding the climate change in the region.

"U.S. shares your interest in the Arctic and recognizes this is a region that requires more attention," Mabus said. "One of my priorities as SECNAV is making the Department of the Navy more energy efficient. For example, by 2016, I plan to deploy the Great Green Fleet powered entirely by alternative fuels and by 2020 one half of all the energy will be from alternative sources."

For more news from the Secretary of the Navy, visit www.navy.mil/secnav/.

NAVSUP announces 2010 holiday season mailing dates

From Naval Supply Systems Command Public Affairs

The Naval Supply Systems Command's (NAVSUP) Postal Policy Division mail-by dates for pre-Dec. 25 delivery of holiday cards, letters and packages were announced Oct 8.

The dates are as follows:

For military mail addressed to APO/FPO addresses APO/FPO AE zip codes 090-098 (except 093), AA zip code 340 and AP zip codes 962-966:

Express Mail Military Service (EMMS): Dec. 18

First-Class Mail, Letters, Cards; Priority Mail: Dec. 10

Parcel Airlift Mail (PAL): Dec. 3

Space Available Mail (SAM): Nov. 26

Parcel Post: Nov. 12

For APO/FPO AE zip code 093:

EMMS: Not applicable.
First-Class Mail, Letters, Cards; Priority Mail: Dec. 4

PAL: Dec. 1

SAM: Nov. 20

Parcel Post: Nov. 12

For military mail from APO and FPO addresses

EMMS: Dec. 18

First-Class Mail, Letters, Cards; Priority Mail: Dec. 10

PAL: Dec. 3

SAM: Nov. 26

EMMS is available from selected military post offices. If mailing to an APO/FPO address, check with your local post office to determine if this service is available.

PAL is a service that provides air transportation for parcels on a space-available basis. It is available for Parcel Post items not exceeding 30 pounds in weight or 60 inches in length and girth combined. The ap-

plicable PAL fee must be paid in addition to the regular surface rate of postage for each addressed piece sent by PAL service.

SAM refers to parcels mailed to APO/FPO addresses at parcel post rates that are first transported domestically by surface and then to overseas destinations by air on a space available basis.

The maximum weight and size limits are 15 pounds and 60 inches in length and girth combined. From overseas locations, items mailed at Parcel Post rates are sent to the continental United States by air on a space available basis. The maximum weight and size limit are 70 pounds and 130 inches in length and girth combined.

It is also recommended that customers check with their local civilian or military post offices for infor-

mation on size restrictions and possible need for customs declaration forms.

Additionally, customers are advised that certain mail restrictions apply and some items are non-mailable, such as switchblade knives, pornography, controlled substances and explosive or incendiary devices. If in doubt as to what can or cannot be sent through the mail, contact your local post office or military post office.

As a final note, customers are cautioned that packages must not be mailed in boxes that have markings related to any type of hazardous material, such as bleach, alcohol or cleaning fluids.

Parcels found by the U.S. Postal Service with such markings or labels on the outside of the box will not be processed. Instead, they will be han-

dled as "non-mailable matter," regardless of the contents or what is listed on the U.S. Customs form.

NAVSUP's primary mission is to provide U.S. naval forces with quality supplies and services. With headquarters in Mechanicsburg, Pa., and employing a diverse, worldwide workforce of more than 22,500 military and civilian personnel, NAVSUP oversees logistics programs in the areas of supply operations, conventional ordnance, contracting, resale, fuel, transportation and security assistance. In addition, NAVSUP is responsible for quality of life issues for our naval forces, including food service, postal services, Navy Exchanges and movement of household goods.

For more news from Naval Supply Systems Command, visit www.navy.mil/local/navsup/.

McCool students learn from local experts

By Frank Whitman

Joint Region Edge Staff

Cmdr. William C. McCool Elementary/Middle School students were able to pick up some real-world science insights when they visited the National Weather Service's (NWS) Guam Forecast Office in Barrigada and the University of Guam's (UOG) Marine Laboratory in Mangilao, Guam Sept. 28.

"We have so many talented people in our community and visiting them on the job really gives students a chance to see them in action," said Debora Moore, gifted resource class teacher. "It helps for the students to see how the things they are learning are used outside the classroom."

At the NWS office, meteorologist Chip Guard showed the students the equipment that scientists use to measure and predict the weather. They explained Guam's weather patterns, including typhoons and how they are formed. The students also watched the launch of a weather balloon. Guard explained to them that NWS launches a balloon each day at 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. in order to collect information about the weather around Guam.

The marine biologists at the marine lab showed the students how animals are classified according to their characteristics. One of the ma-

rine biology graduate students set out tables with ocean animal specimens grouped by characteristics. She had the students tell her about the similarities that they noticed within each group.

"I learned that a sea sponge is like a coral," said Rie Hicks, a fourth-grade student. "They don't move; they're alive and they live on the ocean floor."

The students also enjoyed a touch tank with some of the sea life from the waters around Guam, which helped them get an understanding of the rich, diverse ecosystems that surround the island. "I learned that sea urchins have no brain," said Kirklynn Roberto, another fourth-grader who would like to be a marine biologist someday.

Back at school, the students are making projects about the field trip; the fourth-graders are using PowerPoint and the fifth-graders are using Photo Story, which combines photo images with vocal narration by the students.

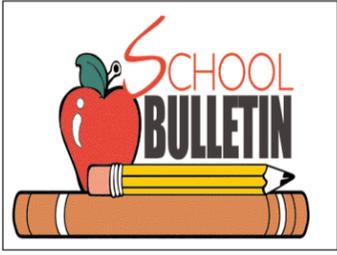
"Field trips are another way that students learn," Moore said. "Field trips are a little more fun and the students tend to remember things they see and do."

For more information about NWS, visit <http://www.weather.gov>.

For more information about UOG marine laboratory, visit <http://www.guammarinelab.com>.



Sea Urchin: Students from the gifted resource class at Cmdr. William C. McCool Elementary/Middle School examine a sea urchin during a field trip to the University of Guam Marine Laboratory in Mangilao Sept. 28. The students learned about animal classification from the biologists at the lab. The class also visited the National Weather Service station at Tiyán in Barrigada. (Photo by Debora Moore, Cmdr. William C. McCool Elementary/Middle School)



School Bulletin aims to promote educational activities in the Navy and Air Force communities. 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

School board meetings are scheduled for the second Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m. Upcoming meetings are:

Nov. 9 at Guam High School (GHS)
Dec. 14 at Cmdr. William C. McCool Elementary/Middle School

PDI STARS (Professional Development Institute: Students, Technology, Assessment, Research, and Standards) is a districtwide event in which all DoDEA teachers will be participating. It is scheduled for Oct. 22, 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. at GHS. No school for students. For more information, contact Maria Rubio at 344-9167.

Andersen Elementary School

The Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) is soliciting donations of bags of popcorn kernels for Popcorn Fridays. If you would like

to donate, drop them off in the PTO office.

The PTO office is located in Room C-1 in the pre-K building and is open Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Parents are encouraged to visit and see how they can help. For more information, e-mail andersen_aespto@yahoo.com.

McCool Elementary/Middle School

Red Ribbon Week Activities:

Oct. 25, Kick off Red Ribbon Week-Everyone wears a Red Ribbon

Oct. 26, "Sock It To Drugs Day"- Everyone wear red or crazy socks to school.

Oct. 27, Pledge Day- Teachers take their students to sign the

Red Ribbon pledge sheet.

Oct. 28, "Tie One On Against Drugs" - Everyone wear a red or crazy tie to school.

Oct. 29, Wear Red Day - Everyone wear a red dress/shirt/outfit to school.

Parent portal for Gradespeed is now available for all parents/sponsors. Through the parent portal, parents/sponsors are able to view their child's academic progress. For more information, contact your child's advisory teacher at 339-8678.

Guam Military Christian Homeschoolers

Homeschool support group meets on the second Tuesday of every month from 1-2 p.m. The topic

will be "Homeschooling Insights." Military homeschooling families are encouraged to attend as well as those thinking about homeschooling. Field trips, outreach opportunities, PE Classes, beach days, etc. are planned throughout the school year. For more information, contact Guam Military Homeschool Coordinator Christine Duplissey at christine_duplissey@yahoo.com or 564-3360).

Phone Numbers

Andersen Elementary School: 366-1511

Andersen Middle School: 366-3880/5793

Commander William C. McCool Elementary/Middle School: 339-8678

Guam High School: 344-7410

Museum welcomes all to learn about Guam



Historic Display: James Oelke, Cultural Resources program manager for War in the Pacific National Historical Park, looks over a static display featuring World War II canteens and other military gear at the T. Stell Newman Visitor Center outside the main gate of U.S. Naval Base Guam Oct. 7. War in the Pacific National Historical Park maintains the center, providing access to exhibits and presentations on life before, during and after World War II in the Pacific. (U.S. Navy photo by Jesse Leon Guerrero)

By Jesse Leon Guerrero

Joint Region Edge Staff

Learn more about Guam and the military's role in the island's history through free exhibits and presentations at the T. Stell Newman Visitor Center, which is located outside the U.S. Naval Base Guam main gate.

Managed and operated by War in the Pacific National Historical Park, the visitor center is open daily from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., but closes on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

James Oelke, cultural resources program manager for War in the Pacific National Historical Park, welcomes all students, the local community, military members and especially those who are new to Guam to stop by.

"If we can share the history of the place with them and give them a better sense of the island of Guam and what has occurred here, then we will have completed our mission," Oelke said. "We just want people to take advantage of what is a great resource, and it's becoming a better resource every single day."

With a museum-like atmosphere, the center currently houses more than 12,000 items such as household equipment, military gear, clothing, photos and documentation from Guam's past.

Although a majority of these artifacts are kept secure in a temperature- and humidity-controlled storage room, the center imparts its knowledge publicly through static displays and presentations by park rangers who man the facility.

Once a month, the visitor center also holds its Curator's Corner, which gives patrons a close-up look

at specific artifacts and the background stories that surround them. The October Curator's Corner presented the life and tragic death of Ensign Francis Carney, a U.S. Navy Reserve engineer who became a prisoner of Japanese forces at the onset of World War II.

Two days after Japanese forces first attacked Guam with aircraft bombing runs from Saipan on Dec. 8, 1941, Carney and other service members were captured and sent to Kawasaki, Japan as a prisoner of war. He was killed in a U.S. bombing attack by B-29 aircraft launched from the Mariana Islands on July 25, 1945.

Oelke said Carney's story serves as just one example of how the visitor center continues to document, preserve and share a glimpse into what life was like on Guam before, during and after World War II. He added that visiting the center and talking to the museum staff provides a unique opportunity for greater learning compared to seeing it in a movie or television show.

"It solidifies the idea that I'm actually touching something that's 70-years old, that a guy carried in battle, [which] somebody dropped on a battlefield when he died, and here it is in a museum," Oelke said. "I know of no other way that people could do something like this unless they had it in their own collection."

The next two Curator's Corner presentations are scheduled for Nov. 20 and Dec. 18 with both events running from 1-3 p.m.

For more information about the T. Stell Newman Visitor Center, visit online at <http://www.nps.gov/wapa/t-stell-newman-visitor-center.htm> or call 333-4050.

FREE

PS3 "Final Fantasy XIII" Tournament
At the Hotspot on Andersen Air Force Base (AFB), Oct. 15, 7 p.m. For more information, call 366-2339.

Micronesian Island Fair Trip
Meet at Rec-N-Crew on U.S. Naval Base Guam (NBG), Oct. 16 and 17, 11:45 a.m. show/noon go. For more information, call 564-1826.

Trip to Umatac Fiesta
Meet at the Single Sailor Sanctuary on NBG Oct. 17, 11 a.m. Open to Single Sailors and Geo-Bachelors only. For more information, call 564-2280.

Free movies at the Big Screen Theater
Stop by the Big Screen Theater this weekend, where free movies are shown every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

Ping Pong Tournament
At the Hotspot on Andersen AFB, Oct. 19, 7 p.m. Prizes will be awarded! For more information, call 366-8136.

Library Games

Children ages 5-17 can visit Andersen Library Tuesdays-Thursdays, 5-8 p.m. to enjoy playing video games from a collection of Xbox, Wii or Playstation 3 games. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult. Sponsors must provide written permission to allow minor dependents in-house use of games and gaming equipment and accessories. For more information, call 366-4291.

Adult Swim Clinic

Held on the last Saturday of every month from 8-10 a.m. at the U.S. Naval Base Guam pool. This course is designed to help proficient swimmers improve their stroke. Each clinic is a 2-hour session with a certified instructor, including individualized drill sets and a videotaping session to improve stroke. Registration deadline is the Thursday before each clinic. For more information, call 564-1856.

Image Makers

U.S. Naval Base Guam Teen Center and Youth Center offers photography classes every Monday, 3-4 p.m. For more information, call 339-6130.

Tuesday Texas Hold'em Nights

Texas Hold'em tournaments are held every Tuesday starting at 6 p.m. in Hightides at Top of the Rock on Andersen Air Force Base. Play is free for club members and \$5 for non-members. Weekly prizes are awarded. For more information, call 366-6166.

Chamorro Village

Take a free trip to Chamorro Village every Wednesday. Single Sailors and geographical 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.

Story Time

Bring the children for story time at the U.S. Naval Base Guam Library every Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. In addition to great stories, there will be crafts and other fun activities. For more information, call 564-1836.

The Andersen Air Force Base Library has story time every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. There are also crafts and other fun activities. For more information, call 366-4291.

Free Golf Clinic

Learn the fundamentals of golf every Saturday and Sunday, 9-10 a.m. at Admiral Nimitz Golf Course in Radio Barrigada. No need to register. For more information, call 344-5838.

UNDER \$10

Hike to Sigua Falls

Join Outdoor Recreation for an adventure to one of Guam's most spectacular waterfalls on a hike to Sigua Falls Oct. 17, departing at 7:45 a.m. and returning at approximately 2:30 p.m. Wear a swimsuit for a refreshing dip at the falls. Rating for this hike is difficult and is for ages 15 and over. Cost is \$5. Sign-up in advance at Outdoor Recreation, or call 366-5197 for more information.

Hike to Fonte Dam

Outdoor Recreation will lead you on a hike to secluded Fonte Dam Oct. 23, departing at 7:45 a.m. You'll be amazed to see this red-brick dam built 100 years in the middle of the jungle. Cost is \$5 per person. Difficulty rating is Medium and is for age 8 and older. Sign-up in advance at Outdoor Recreation. Call 366-5197 for more information.

On a Budget

\$10 AND UP

Fishing Trip
Departing Outdoor Recreation
on Andersen Air Force Base
Oct, 16, 4:45 a.m.
and returning at
approximately
2:30 p.m.
Cost is \$85
per person
and includes
transportation and fishing gear.
Seating is limited, so sign-up
soon! For more information,
call 366-5197.

Piano Lesson Openings
The Andersen Air Force Base

Youth Center currently has
openings for piano lessons on
weekdays after school and on
Saturdays. Cost is \$60 per
month for four 30-minute les-
sons. Contact Dale Garcia at
366-3490/91 or email:
youth1music@yahoo.com
for more information.

**On a
Budget**

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 infor-
mation, call 366-6100.

Orote Point Lanes Family Deal
Family Value Package at Orote
Point Lanes available on the fol-
lowing days and times: Sunday,
10:30 a.m.-10 p.m.; Monday-
Thursday 10:30 a.m.-6 p.m.
and 9-10 p.m.; Friday and
Saturday 10:30 a.m.-midnight.
Cost is \$40 per lane with a
limit of five people. Fee covers
two hours of bowling, shoe
rentals for five people, one
large single-topping pizza and
one pitcher of soda. For more
information, call 564-1828.

Mongolian BBQ Thursdays
at Top O' the Mar
Every Thursday, 6-9 p.m. Cost is
\$17.95 for adults and \$9.95 for
children ages 5-11. For more
information, call 472-4606.

Oktoberfest Golf
Tournament

Oct. 16, noon show, 1 p.m.
shotgun, Admiral Nimitz Golf
Course, \$30 per player
(E1-E5, Ret.); \$35 per player (E6
& above, Ret.); \$45 per player
(Civilian, DOD) Sign up at the
MWR Main Office by Wed.
Oct.13. For more information,
call 344-5838..



FRIDAY, OCT. 15

7 p.m.: Machete • R

SATURDAY, OCT. 16

2 p.m.: Machete • R
7 p.m.: Going the Distance • R

SUNDAY, OCT. 17

7 p.m.: Going the Distance • 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, OCT. 15

7 p.m.: The Expendables • R
9:30 p.m.: Vampires Suck •
PG-13

SATURDAY, OCT. 16

1 p.m.: Scott Pilgrim vs. the
World • PG-13
3:30 p.m.: The Switch • PG-
13
7 p.m.: The Expendables • R

SUNDAY, OCT. 17

1 p.m.: Nanny McPhee Returns
• PG
3:30 p.m.: Lottery Ticket •
PG-13
7 p.m.: Going the Distance • 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)*

Chapel Schedule

Naval Base Guam

Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
 Roman Catholic Mass
 Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:30 p.m.
 Sunday Mass: 9:30 a.m.
 Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 5 p.m. and Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

Protestant Worship Service

Sunday Service: Traditional Service: 8 a.m.
 Contemporary Service: 11 a.m.
 Women's Bible Study: Monday, 9:30 a.m.
 Men's Bible Study: Wednesday, 6 p.m.
 Prayer Time: Thursday, 11:30 a.m.
 Choir Practice: Traditional: Wednesday, 6 p.m.
 Choir Practice: Contemporary: Thursday, 6 p.m.

Jewish Shabbat

Friday, 6:30 p.m.

Naval Hospital Guam

Roman Catholic Mass
 Monday-Friday, 11:30 a.m.
 Chapel of Hope: Sunday, 9 a.m.
 Protestant Service
 Monday-Friday, 12:15 p.m.
 Interfaith Chapel

Andersen Air Force Base

Roman Catholic Mass (Chapel 1)
 Weekday Mass: Tuesday-Friday, 11:30 a.m.
 Saturday Vigil Mass: 5 p.m.
 Sunday Mass: 9:30 a.m.
 Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 4:30-4:50 p.m.
 Catholic Women of the Chapel: First and third Wednesday of the month, Chapel 1 Annex, 6:30 p.m.
 Catholic Youth of the Chapel: Second and fourth Wednesday of the month, Chapel 1 Annex, 6 p.m.
 Choir Rehearsal: Saturday 4-5 p.m. and Sunday, 8-9 a.m.

Protestant Worship Service

Praise Service: Sunday, Chapel 2, 9 a.m.
 Gospel Service: Sunday, Chapel 2, 11:30 a.m.
 Emerging Worship Service: Sunday, Lighthouse, 7 p.m.
 Protestant Women of the Chapel: Second Monday of each month, Chapel 2 Annex, 6:30 p.m.
 Protestant Men of the Chapel: Wednesday, Lighthouse, 7 p.m.
 Protestant Youth of the Chapel: Thursday, Chapel 2 Annex, 7 p.m.
 Protestant Young Adults: Thursday and Saturday, Lighthouse, 6 p.m.
 Protestant Sunday School: (September-May) Sunday, Chapel Activity Center, 10:15 a.m.

Schedules subject to change. To confirm times or for information about other programs, call the chapels at:

Andersen Air Force Base: 366-6139
 U.S. Naval Base Guam: 339-2126
 U.S. Naval Hospital Guam: 344-9127

It's the doer, not the critic who counts

By Lt. James M. Rutan

Naval Base Guam

Many commentators have said of leadership that it is really more of an art form than a science. For many reasons, I would agree with their assessment. While managers concern themselves with tasks, deadlines and bottom lines, leaders take a broader perspective, choosing instead to develop and communicate a vision, build teams and innovate. In my experience, managers tend to play it safe, while leaders lean forward, always challenging conventional wisdom and the status quo. For this reason more than any other, I think leaders receive a great deal of criticism.

When I encounter these deflated leaders who have been so roundly

criticized that they are considering changing course or giving up all together, I am reminded of Teddy Roosevelt's response to his many critics. He said, "It is not the critic who

counts: not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is

marred by dust and sweat and blood, who strives valiantly, who errs and comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcomings."

If you find that you are critical of your leaders, believing that you could have done the job better or made a better decision, I would urge you to

ask yourself this question, "How could I have helped my leadership to do the job better?" or even more brutally honest, "If I had done my job better, would my leaders have failed at theirs?" I would also remind you that often the measure we use to judge others, may someday become the measure that is used to judge our failures.

If you are a leader today and you find yourself facing the fire of disgruntled employees, angry constituents and unreasonable critics, I urge you to keep pressing on. If you don't, who will? In my view, God has appointed each and every leader regardless of what body or board places you in the office of responsibility. Psalm 75:6-7 says, "For promotion comes neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south But God is the judge: he puts down one, and sets up another."

That tells me many things about you. First, you have the know-how to

get the job done because He has specially gifted you for the job. He has even given you the experiences that will guide in the direction that you should lead in. Second, He has built in you the character that you have used to prove yourself to be trustworthy. Finally, He has given you favor with your leaders so that they have confidence in you.

In the cinematic portrayal of Gen. Hal Moore's book, "We Were Soldiers" one of the men mistakenly calls in an airstrike too close to their position, costing several of his own men their lives. In the midst of this chaos the general encourages the radioman to "forget about that one" and urges him to keep calling in the strikes. With the benefit of hindsight, we know that he made the right call and won a decisive victory. Perhaps you're not facing a superior enemy force today, but the principle still stands, history remembers bold, innovative leaders — not critics.



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.

Run Registration

Runners can now submit run registrations for MWR-sponsored runs via e-mail. On the Fitness Program page of the MWR website, mwr-guam.com, click on the "NEW Run Registration Form" PDF under Additional Links, and follow the instructions on the form. Effective November 2010, pre-registration for all fitness events will end at 5 p.m. on the Friday of the week prior to the event.

Trick or Treat 5K

Trick or Treat 5K is scheduled for Oct. 23 starting at Charles King Gym. It is free to run; T-shirts are \$8 (pre-registration) and \$10 (day of the race). It will start at 7 p.m., show up 30 minutes prior. Register at the Charles King Gym by Oct. 16. For more information, call 564-1862.

Swimming Lessons

Registration has begun for the next session of swimming classes to begin Oct. 18. Programs available for ages 6 months to 12 years. Fee is \$45 per session. For more information, call 564-1844/5.

Ultimate Frisbee

Ultimate Frisbee games are played at Sampson Softball Field (near pool) on U.S. Naval Base Guam. League games are played Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:30 p.m. Pick-up games are played Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. For more information, call 339-2365.

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.

Aikido Classes

Aikido is a traditional Japanese martial art of self-defense that focuses on using the force of the opponent's attack and redirecting it. The Hotspot is now offering two types of Aikido Classes. One is a Traditional (Hombu) Aikido Class for all levels. Classes will be held Monday and Wednesday from 5:30-6:30 p.m. for 8-12 years old and 6:30-8 pm for adults. The other class is Law Enforcement/Combat Aikido, for adults only. This class will be held Tuesday and Thursday from 6-7:30 p.m. Classes are \$60 per month. Sign up at the Hotspot. For more information, call 366-2339.

Tumbling for Tots

Tumbling for Tots, an interactive play program for kids and parents, is available at the Hotspot Gym. Hours of operation are Monday-Friday from 9 a.m.-noon and closed holidays and down days (schedule subject to change due to base exercises, official unit functions, etc). This is a self-directed activity. For more information, call 366-2339.

Couples Golf Fun Tournament

Palm Tree Golf Course will host a Couples Golf Fun Tournament Oct. 23, starting at 9 a.m. Format will be two-person scramble. Entry fee is \$25 for members and \$35 for non-members and includes golf cart, food and prizes. Sign up at the pro shop by Oct. 21. For more information, call 366-4653.

Seahawks dominate in girls volleyball

By Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Corwin Colbert

Joint Region Edge Staff

Cmdr. William C. McCool Middle School's Seahawks played at home to beat Santa Barbara School Lady Spartans in Interscholastic Athletic Association of Guam girls volleyball two sets to none Oct. 11.

This was the Seahawks' third win of the season, improving their record to 3-5 with two games left to play. Coach Cynthia Barcinas said the team's season didn't go as planned, however the win displayed the team's spirit.

"The girls played with their hearts today and that's all you can ask for," Barcinas said. "It's great to see the enthusiasm and smiles on

the children's faces after a tough season. We won last week against the San Vicente Braves. It was definitely a morale booster as we head next week to Andersen Air Force Base."

The first set was full of suspense. The crowd roared as the scores kept bouncing back and forth. The Spartans pushed ahead by three until Jordan Grant, co-captain of the Seahawks, served three to tie the game. Following a brief time-out the Seahawks came alive and went on a 5-1 run, winning the set 25-21.

"It felt great," Grant said. "We haven't had too many wins this season, but I wasn't surprised today because we felt really good and had a lot of fun."

The second set was about momentum for each team. The first 10 scores were split evenly until the

Seahawks' other co-captain, Haley Bunch, scored six straight points on her serve to put her team ahead 11-5.

After a quick time-out the Spartans came fighting back, bringing their team close on a 7-2 run before the next time-out and the game was 13-12, with the home team up by one.

However, the Seahawks' defense kept the Spartans locked up allowing only one more point while their offense stormed the defense. The Seahawks won big, 25-13.

After the game, Bunch was more than content to get her third win of the season.

"It was really fun and exciting," she said. "We were really hyped up - I was in a groove. It wasn't a surprising day because win or lose we always have fun."



Go Team: Cmdr. William C. McCool Middle School Seahawks celebrate their second consecutive victory in Interscholastic Athletic Association of Guam girls volleyball Oct. 11. The Seahawks beat the Santa Barbara School Spartans two sets to none. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Corwin Colbert)