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RQ-4 Global Hawk arrives

By Tech. Sgt. Michael Andriacco

36th Wing Public Affairs

Andersen Air Force Base (AFB) celebrated the arrival of the RQ-4 Global Hawk intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance remotely piloted aircraft to Guam during a ceremony at the base Sept. 20.

The ceremony, hosted by Gen. Gary North, U.S. Pacific Air Forces commander, featured an RQ-4, an F-22 Raptor, F-15 Eagle, and F-18 Hornet as a backdrop — a nod to the role of airpower in the Pacific region.

The Global Hawk brings significant capabilities to the Pacific theater which will benefit the 36th Wing, Pacific Air Forces, U.S. Pacific Command and regional partners, according to North.

“Having an ISR capability within the Pacific greatly enhances Air Force operational intelligence capabilities to meet mission requirements,” North said. “In addition, the Global Hawk will enhance the U.S. and its partners’ ability to effectively

address regional challenges such as humanitarian assistance, disaster relief, terrorism and piracy.”

The RQ-4 Global Hawk is capable of providing government and military decision makers near real-time, high-altitude, long-range intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance imagery that can support a full spectrum of operations. Flying above ordinary commercial traffic,

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Global Hawk: Brig. Gen. John Doucette, 36th Wing commander, addresses the audience during the Global Hawk arrival at Andersen Air Force Base Sept. 20. 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. Hawk is operated by the 12th Reconnaissance Squadron, Beale Air Force Base, Calif. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Nichelle Anderson)



MSRON 7 holds change of command ceremony

By Jesse Leon Guerrero

Joint Region Edge Staff

Cmdr. David Suchyta relieved Cmdr. Bryon Johnson as commanding officer of Maritime Expeditionary Security Squadron (MSRON) 7 at a change of command ceremony held at the command’s compound on U.S. Naval Base Guam Sept. 17.

Capt. Richard Daniel, Commander, Maritime Expeditionary Security Group 1 and the event’s guest speaker, praised Johnson for his accomplishments. Daniel noted MSRON 7’s protection of the hospital ship USNS Mercy (T-AH 19) and the medical personnel from partner nations during Pacific Partner-

ship 2010, as well as the training they provided to foreign maritime police forces.

“Their hard work significantly contributed to the well being of Vietnam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Timor Leste for years to come,” Daniel said. “They imparted a lasting and positive impression of the United States across the entire Southeast Asia region and advanced our nation’s strategic goals.”

In recognition of Johnson’s exemplary performance and service, Daniel presented him with the Meritorious Service Medal (gold star in lieu of second award). Johnson had led the command since March 2009.

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Change of Command: From left, Capt. Richard Daniel, Commander, Maritime Expeditionary Security Group 1, Cmdr. Bryon Johnson, commanding officer of Maritime Expeditionary Security Squadron (MSRON) 7, and Cmdr. David Suchyta, executive officer for MSRON 7, observe the rendering of colors and the National Anthem at a change of command ceremony at the command’s compound on U.S. Naval Base Guam Sept. 17. Suchyta relieved Johnson during the time-honored event that morning. (U.S. Navy photo by Jesse Leon Guerrero)



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Navy releases Record of Decision for relocation

From Joint Guam Program Office

The Department of Navy announced the release of the record of decision (ROD) on the Guam and Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Military Relocation Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) Sept. 21.

The ROD, a document required at the conclusion of the environmental review of a federal project or program, outlines the decisions the Navy has made to implement the proposed realignment actions and specifies associated with the mitigation measures. These

decisions are the result of thorough consideration of public and resource agency comments on the EIS, interagency discussions, and ongoing discussions with the Guam and CNMI communities and leadership.

The ROD includes the Navy's decision to implement the preferred alternatives as identified in the FEIS for the main base, aviation and waterfront operations for approximately 8,600 Marines and their 9,000 family members who will relocate from Okinawa to Guam. The Army has decided to implement its preferred alternative for placement of an air missile defense task force should it be as-

signed this mission on Guam.

As stated in the FEIS, the Navy will defer a decision on a specific location for a transient nuclear powered aircraft carrier berth in Apra Harbor and will voluntarily collect additional data on marine resources in the two alternative site locations.

The Navy has also deferred a decision on the location of training ranges for the Marine Corps forces pending completion of the Section 106 consultation process under the National Historic Preservation Act.

"The decisions in the ROD begin the long-term strategic realignment of U.S. forces on

Guam," said Jackalyne Pfannenstiel, assistant secretary of the Navy for energy, installations and environment, who signed the ROD. "In reaching these decisions, we carefully considered the many comments received throughout the EIS process. We recognize that there are issues remaining to be addressed and we look forward to working with the people of Guam and CNMI to implement the military relocation in a way that will benefit the community at large — both military and civilian."

The ROD is available at <http://www.guam-buildupeis.us>.



Guam: An aerial view of U.S. Naval Base Guam Aug. 19. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Peter Lewis)

HSC 25 welcomes four new chief petty officers



Congratulations: Newly pinned chief petty officers (CPO) of Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron (HSC) 25 on stage during the command's CPO pinning ceremony Sept. 16 at the Meehan Theater on Andersen Air Force Base. From left, Chief Hospital Corpsman (NAC/AW) Sean Neuroth, Chief Aviation Electrician's Mate (AW) Jay Tkachuk, Chief Aviation Electrician's Mate (AW) William Guinazzo, and Chief Aviation Machinist's Mate (AW/SW) Termaine Pruitt. (U.S. Navy photo by Hospital Corpsman 1st Class (AW/FMF) Kirklin Kinney)



CPOs: Newly pinned chief petty officers (CPO) from Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron (HSC) 25 in line to be recognized during the command's CPO pinning ceremony Sept. 16 at the Meehan Theater on Andersen Air Force Base. From left, Chief Aviation Machinist's Mate (AW/SW) Termaine Pruitt, Chief Aviation Electrician's Mate (AW) William Guinazzo, Chief Aviation Electrician's Mate (AW) Jay Tkachuk, and Chief Hospital Corpsman (NAC/AW) Sean Neuroth. (U.S. Navy photo by Hospital Corpsman 1st Class (AW/FMF) Kirklin Kinney)

Navy, Coast Guard recognize ombudsmen on Guam

By Mass Communication Specialist
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Joint Region Edge Staff

The Navy and Coast Guard on Guam honored its ombudsmen during an annual appreciation luncheon at the Top O' the Mar on Nimitz Hill Sept. 17.

During the event, Rear Adm. Paul Bushong, Commander, Joint Region Marianas, emphasized the vital role ombudsmen play in the defense of the nation.

"Do not underestimate the impact you have," Bushong said. "Beyond the support of the families, you also provide vital input to the command on the health and welfare of the families, so the command can take actions to better support the families. No one else can provide this insight, and it is key to the command leadership's ability to respond to the needs of all members of their command."

Following his speech, Navy and Coast Guard commands presented certificates of appreciation to their respective ombudsmen.

Samantha Massengill, U.S. Naval Hospital Guam's ombudsman, was humble about the recognition, and said she believes the best reward she could receive is helping families.

"I am truly grateful to be recognized," Massengill said. "When you sign up to be an ombudsman, you sign up to dedicate your time in helping others."



Ombudsmen: Rear Adm. Paul Bushong, Commander, Joint Region Marianas, right, and Capt. Richard Wood, commanding officer, U.S. Naval Base Guam, left, with Guam-based ombudsmen during an appreciation luncheon at the Top O' the Mar on Nimitz Hill Sept. 17. The event recognized ombudsmen on Guam for their service to families. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Corwin Colbert)

In 1970, the Navy Family Ombudsman Program was established by former Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Elmo Zumwalt to address the concerns of Navy families. Since then, ombudsmen have kept families informed, relayed information from commanding officers, and cared for families, guiding them through crises and comforting them in times of need.

Heather Horvath, Fleet and Family Support

Center's ombudsman and volunteer coordinator, said the ombudsman program is evolving. She said there are new tools and regulations to keep the program up-to-date with the changing times.

"There is a new revision of the ombudsman program manual and training that helps provide information for today's times. [It addresses] things such as guidelines for social networking sites such as Facebook and Twitter,

current disaster training information and a wealth of new resources to share with families," Horvath said. "Spouses and families can expect to have a resource link that can connect them with the abundance of resources and have confidence that when they call an ombudsman for information, they will get the most current help that is available to them."

For more information about the Navy's ombudsman program, contact FFSC at 333-2056.

Why did you become an ombudsman/Air Force key spouse?

Joint Region Edge asked Navy ombudsmen/Air Force key spouses why they took on those positions.



"I became an ombudsman because as a child of a military family I remember how difficult it could be to move around so often and to have your loved ones so far away sometimes. It's so much easier when you have someone, like an ombudsman, to help guide you, keep you connected, and answer questions."

— Samantha Massengill
U.S. Naval Hospital Guam
ombudsman



"I became an ombudsman in order to give back to the Navy family, to 'pay it forward.' I believe it is important to utilize knowledge gained over the years from my experiences as a Navy spouse, in order to help those family members that need assistance. I enjoy meeting the spouses and family members of our sailors, as well as working hand in hand with our command to support the Navy as a whole."

— Danielle Roest
USS Frank Cable (AS 40) ombudsman



"I became an ombudsman to serve our military families, specifically those attached to my husband's command. This is a job that takes dedication, a desire to serve and a willingness to be confidential. A good Ombudsman can make a bad situation a little easier to handle and I wanted to have that kind of impact."

— Jenna Roberts
USS Buffalo (SSN 715)
ombudsman



"As a former active duty Airmen and current Air Force spouse, I'm well aware of the benefits being in this position has entitled me. I wanted to do something that would encourage others to take advantage of the benefits being part of the Air Force family offers."

— Kristi Shreckengost
36th Wing staff agencies key
spouse

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Valiant Shield 2010 concludes



Missile: The forward-deployed amphibious assault ship USS Essex (LHD 2) launches a RIM-7P Sea Sparrow missile from the ship's forward missile launcher during a live-fire missile exercise. Essex is part of the forward-deployed Essex Amphibious Ready Group and is participating in Valiant Shield 2010, a joint U.S. military exercise in the western Pacific Ocean. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Greg Johnson)



Waiting: Marines wait to debark the well deck of the forward-deployed amphibious assault ship USS Essex (LHD 2) from a landing craft utility. Essex is part of the forward-deployed Essex Amphibious Ready Group and is participating in Valiant Shield 2010, a joint U.S. military exercise in the Pacific Ocean. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist Seaman Adam Bennett)



Loading: Marines and Sailors transport GBU-12 Paveway II laser-guided bombs across the flight deck of the forward-deployed amphibious assault ship USS Essex (LHD 2). Essex is part of the forward-deployed Essex Amphibious Ready Group and is participating in Valiant Shield 2010, a joint-service exercise designed to enhance interoperability between U.S. forces. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Casey H. Kyhl)



Guam: A landing craft utility assigned to Assault Craft Unit (ACU) 1, unloads cargo on a beach in Guam during Valiant Shield 2010. Valiant Shield is a joint service exercise designed to enhance interoperability between U.S. forces. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Andrew Ryan Smith)



Backing: Chief Boatswain's Mate Michael Thurston backs a landing craft utility out of the well deck of the amphibious assault ship USS Essex (LHD 2). Essex is part of the forward-deployed Essex Amphibious Ready Group and is participating in Valiant Shield 2010, a joint service exercise designed to enhance interoperability between U.S. forces. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Andrew Ryan Smith)



Harrier: An AV-8B Harrier jet aircraft armed with a GBU-12 Paveway II laser guided bomb takes off from the flight deck of the forward-deployed amphibious assault ship USS Essex (LHD 2). Essex, commanded by Capt. Troy Hart, is part of the forward-deployed Essex Amphibious Ready Group and is participating in Valiant Shield 2010, a joint-service exercise designed to enhance interoperability between U.S. forces. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Casey H. Kyhl)

After 41 years, AWACS together again for exercise

By Airman 1st Class Anthony Jennings

36th Wing Public Affairs

In 1969, Otis Air Force Base, Mass., saw the closing of the 551st Airborne Early Warning and Control Wing, home to the E-3 Sentry. Now, for the first time in 41 years, three squadrons, which were components of that wing, have re-united to take part in the U.S. Pacific Command exercise, Valiant Shield 2010.

More than 140 Airmen are deployed to Guam for Valiant Shield from the 960th Airborne Air Control Squadron (AACS) at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla., the 961st AACS from Kadena Air Base, Japan, and the

962nd AACS at Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska.

"This is truly historic, we're getting back to our roots," said Lt. Col. Michael Mote, 551st Expeditionary Airborne Air Control Squadron AACS commander. "This is the first time we've all been together on the same runway which is why, for purposes of this exercise, we chose to fly under the same banner as the 551st."

The E-3 Sentry is an airborne warning and control system (AWACS), aircraft with an integrated command and control battle management, surveillance, target detection, and tracking platform. It provides an accurate, real-time picture of the battle space to the Joint Air

Operations Center.

A rotating radar dome, 30 feet in diameter and six feet thick, held 11 feet above the fuselage of the modified Boeing 707, contains a radar subsystem permitting surveillance from the Earth's surface up into the stratosphere, over land or water. Maintaining such a sophisticated piece of technology isn't always easy according to one radar technician.

"It can be challenging," said Senior Airman Johnathon Santana, Airborne Radar instructor. "Being part of the radar crew is sort of like being the lead singer of a band. If the singer isn't doing his job, everybody notices. If I'm not doing my job, it will affect everyone else."

AWACS not only provides situational awareness of friendly, neutral and hostile activity, command and control of an area of responsibility, and battle management of theater forces. The aircraft also gives controllers the ability to direct fighters to the location of tankers for air-refueling operations.

"One of the things I'm getting a lot of great training on during this exercise is the fuel management," said 1st Lt. Tony Nelson, Air Weapons Officer. "I've never seen so many fighters and other aircraft in the air at the same time and trying to keep track of all of them while making sure they have the fuel they need is a huge undertaking."

The E-3 Sentry AWACS aircraft is a valuable asset to the Air Force

mission, but without the Airmen inside operating it, it would be just a plane with a fancy radar system.

"This aircraft has incredible sensors and equipment that was well ahead of its time when it was first fielded in the mid-70s," Mote said. "But what really brings everything together and makes its capabilities truly valuable is the people. They make the mission happen."

"All those distinct Air Force specialty codes made up of a very diverse group of individuals from all walks of life, just like anything else in the military. It takes a special breed to do what we do and we're proud to do it for the Air Force, the country and the joint fight."



Reunited: For the first time in 41 years, three squadrons, which were components of the 551st Airborne Early Warning and Control Wing, Otis Air Force Base Mass., have re-united to take part in the U.S. Pacific Command exercise, Valiant Shield 2010. More than 140 Airmen are deployed here from the 960th Airborne Air Control Squadron at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla., the 961st AACS from Kadena Air Base, Japan, and the 962nd AACS at Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman Julian North)



Aircraft: Airmen from the 71st Expeditionary Air Control Squadron work on the E-3 Sentry like the ones shown here to provide command and control over the sky in Afghanistan and air defense of the Arabian Gulf. The E-3 is an airborne warning and control system aircraft that provides all-weather surveillance, command, control and communications needed by commanders of U.S., NATO and other allied air defense forces. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman Julian North)

Security squadrons hold high-risk responder training



Scenario: 36th and 736th Security Forces Squadron Airmen conduct high risk responder training at Andersen Elementary School Sept. 9. The training enhances the security forces' ability to respond to an incident involving an armed individual in a public place such as a school, hospital or any other high visibility environment, by placing them in a scenario where they would have to react quickly and decisively to prevent injury or loss of life. The purpose of the training was to decrease the time it takes between security forces being alerted to an active shooter incident and neutralizing the threat. Upon completion of the 40-hour course, the Airmen are then certified to train other security forces or law enforcement personnel on how to mitigate threats inside or around a public place. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Jeff Schultze)

NBG to launch free shuttle bus pilot program

By Annette Donner

U.S. Naval Base Guam Public Affairs

U.S. Naval Base Guam (NBG) Commanding Officer Capt. Richard Wood announced Sept. 22 NBG will launch a no-cost shuttle starting Oct. 1 for a three-month pilot program.

Four 22 passenger busses will run four routes including to Polaris Point and Naval Base Guam Munitions Command (NMC) (formerly Naval Magazine) and will be available for military ID and CAC holders.

"We want to make moving around NBG as easy and convenient as possible for Sailors and CAC holders," Wood said.

While there will be signs at the new bus stop locations, riders can also wave for a bus to stop.

"The wave-a-ride feature will

NBG Shuttle Bus Schedule

Daytime Shuttle

Sunday-Saturday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Blue 1

NEX - McDonald's - Laundromat/MSRON 7 - Clipper Landing - Lockwood -

BEQ - Theater - Harbor View - Sunset Ridge - NEX

Blue 2

NEX - Polaris Point - NEX

Rush Hour Shuttle

Monday-Friday, 6- 8 a.m. and 4 -6 p.m.

Gold 1

BEQ - MSRON-7 - Sierra Wharf - Bldg 3190 - Polaris Point - BEQ

Gold 2

NMC - Polaris Point - Sierra Wharf - NMC

make it convenient for Sailors walking along the roads, especially visiting Sailors walking to and from the wharves," said Lt. Rob Brown, Naval Facilities Engineering Production Officer, whose team has been developing the shuttle plan and routes.

According to Brown, the bus

routes will be designated GOLD and BLUE. The GOLD routes will run during rush hours 6-8 a.m. and 4 -6 p.m., Monday through Friday. The BLUE routes will run from 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday through Saturday.

"We have timed each route and calculated the time between stops pretty accurately," Brown said.

"However, we've also left about a 15 minute cushion to allow for unforeseen circumstances," he added.

BLUE 1 will shuttle from the Navy Exchange (NEX) to various locations around NBG. BLUE 2 will run from the NEX to Polaris Point. Both shuttles will operate on a 30 minute loop.

GOLD 1 (rush hours) will run from the Bachelor Enlisted Quarters (BEQ) to the Maritime Expeditionary Security Squadron 7 (MSRON-7), Sierra Wharf, Bldg 3190, Polaris Point returning to the BEQ in about 45 minutes. GOLD 2 (rush hours) will run from NMC in Santa Rita to Polaris Point, Sierra Wharf returning to NMC in about an hour.

The bus schedules will be provided to commands for posting. The busses will not be able to accommodate bicycles.

Ridership will determine its continuation and data will be gathered and evaluated to determine if there is enough demand to sustain the shuttles into January 2011.

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.

U.S. Naval Base Guam Administrative Officer, Closes Sept. 27

U.S. Naval Hospital Guam Health Tech (Audiology), Closes Oct. 1

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.

GWA Online Payments Beginning Oct. 1, Guam Waterworks Authority (GWA) will accept 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 pay-

ment log onto to the GWA website at www.guamwaterworks.org.

Café Latte Coffee Club

If you're an Air Force Club Member, you can join the Cafe Latte Coffee Club. When you join, you'll receive a coffee card. Have your card initialed for each coffee purchase; after you've made nine purchases, your 10th cup is free. Ask for your coffee card next time you visit. For more information, call 366-6166.

Navy Citizenship Codes

Service members who become naturalized citizens should immediately report citizenship changes to their local service record holder. Some Personnel Support Detachments may not

have access to the appropriate codes required to enter citizenship changes in the Navy Standard Integrated Personnel System. For a list of codes, refer to the Bureau of Naval Personnel (BUPERS) Instruction 1080.53, Enlisted Distribution and Verification Report Users' Manual, Section 11.3 Citizenship. This document can be accessed online at: <http://www.npc.navy.mil/NR/rdonlyres/0899052A-1212-437B-9FB1-DF3CF366858/0/108053.pdf>.

Street Smart Presentations

Street Smart is a program to raise driver safety awareness in the areas of alcohol/drug misuse and use of seat belts within the "at risk" community. This presentation should be considered required training for all

Joint Region Marianas personnel under the age of 26. Below is the schedule:

Oct. 5
Andersen Air Force Base Theater
9:30-11:30 a.m.
2:30-4 p.m.
POC: Master Sgt Romar T. Balaoro, 315-366-7011
romar.balaoro@andersen.af.mil

Oct. 6
U. S. Naval Base Guam Theater
8-9:30 a.m.
10-11:30 a.m.
1-2:30 p.m.
3-4:30 p.m.
POC: Richard Sussman, 339-5027
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Civilian awarded top medal for Homeland Security

By Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class (SW/AW) Derrick M. Ingle

U.S. Navy Chief of Information Public Affairs

America's top civil servants were honored for their heroism Sept. 15 at the ninth annual Service to America Medals (Sammies) gala in Washington, D.C.

The best of the federal workforce were awarded with eight of the nation's most prestigious medals by the nonprofit organization Partnership for Public Service.

"The recipients of the Service to America Medals showcase the good that government does, which positively affects our lives every day," said Max Stier, Partnership for

Public Service president and chief executive officer (CEOs).

From California to Florida, to Colorado, awardees came from all regions of the country to be decorated for their patriotic contributions in Social Security, science and law enforcement.

Homeland Security medalist and Key West Florida employee, Sandra K. Brooks, was among the eight recipients recognized for her adversary interdiction heroics such as helping U.S. authorities intercept nearly \$400 million of cocaine.

"Brooks is central to the task force's success because she has a great understanding of all the different types of information needed to help identify where and when to look for drug traffickers," said Rear Adm. Dan Lloyd, director of Joint

Interagency Task Force South (JIATF-S).

Through advanced technology, intelligence and surveillance, Brooks has helped U.S. and Columbian authorities seize nearly two dozen submersible vessels since 2007.

"The first one caught [small vessels designed to evade radar detection] was called Big Foot because many people didn't believe it really existed," Brooks said. "It carried 9.2 metric tons of illicit cargo. And it could hide in plain sight."

Brooks is also credited with improving U.S. drug interdiction operations with an experimental program titled "Thunderstorm" based out of the new National Maritime Intelligence Center. The project is aimed to detect unconventional and unseen targets in a maritime environment through use of a semisub-

mersible unmanned vehicle called Sea Maverick.

"She is figuring out how technology solutions will enable us to better connect the dots to prevent a future 9/11," said retired Coast Guard Commandant, Adm. Thad Allen. "Most importantly, she understands how to take technology and intelligence, and put them in the hand of the front line personnel who need them. She's a problem solver," he said.

"She's an expert in leading people and a key participant in the new center," said Director of Naval Intelligence Vice Adm. David Dorsett.

Brooks is an N2/N6 Navy civilian working as the deputy director of Intelligence and Security and Chief of Innovation and Technology JIATF-S. She currently resides in Big Pine Key, Fla.

The Samuel J. Heyman Service to America Medals gala awarded eight winners out of 32 finalists from more than 400 nominees by a selection committee comprised of political leaders, CEOs, deans of academia from Tulane University, personnel from IBM and the Office of Personnel Management, the founder of Craig's List and Senators Ted Kaufman and George Voinovich.

"By honoring these outstanding public servants, we give America's unsung heroes the long overdue thanks and recognition they deserve," Stier said.

For more information log on to: <http://servicetoamericamedals.org/SAM/>.

For more news from U.S. Navy Chief of Information, visit <http://www.navy.mil/local/chinfo/>

Officers required to have full-length photo

From Navy Personnel Command Public Affairs

Officers are still required to have a full-length photo in their military records.

NAVADMIN 103/07, released in April 2007, reinstated the requirement for officers to submit photographs for their permanent service records.

"While there may be limited opportunities for officers to have a photo taken professionally, there is a simple way to accomplish this requirement using materials and equipment available [a white board, a digital camera, and a plain wall]," said. Capt. Leo Falardeau, Navy Personnel Command (NPC) assistant commander for Career Progression.

Per the instruction, write the required information on a piece of paper, poster board or white board in two-inch letters (can be hand-written).

LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE INITIAL GRADE/SSN LAST FOUR/DESIGNATOR(S) DD/Month abbreviation/YY (for example: 09 OCT 10)

Take the white board, poster or paper along with a digital camera

and a shipmate into the passageway. Stand up against the bulkhead (left shoulder forward), while a shipmate takes the full-length photo.

The photograph (per MILPERMAN 1070-180) must be in color and display a full-length, three-quarter view of the member, left shoulder forward. A plain, flat background provides sufficient contrast to highlight details of the uniform. The photo must be four inches in width and six inches in height.

Save the picture to a hard drive, then copy and paste it into the submission form (link below). Type in requested information, print the form with the picture and sign the form.

Mail the completed, signed form to:

Navy Personnel Command
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CPOs welcome newly pinned at Khaki Ball

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

Joint Region Edge Staff

The chief petty officers (CPO) on Guam celebrated the addition of new CPOs during the annual Khaki Ball at Westin Guam Resort Sept. 18.

"The Khaki Ball is the new chiefs' first opportunity to be social with the people that just brought them into the mess," said Command

Master Chief (SW/AW/SCW) John Lawry, U.S. Naval Base Guam's new command master chief. "The chief pinning is their official welcoming introduction whereas the khaki ball is the social welcoming function. We celebrate the fact that we brought our new chiefs into the mess safely and professionally. It really helps them feel welcomed and accepted."

Piti Mayor Ben Gumataotao, a retired Navy master chief, was the event's keynote speaker. The mess

along with their guests gave a thunderous applause as Gumataotao made his way to the podium and delivered a proud speech to his fellow chief petty officers, old and new.

"As a fellow shipmate, I understand the sacrifices and hardships," he said. "I can also relate to the sense of pride and joy you feel tonight. You have joined one of the most distinguished and oldest fraternities in the military."

Gumataotao said the new CPOs'

sacrifice as junior personnel has finally paid off. He ended his speech with words of wisdom from his experience while active in the Navy.

"The respect you earn from your juniors is just as important as the respect you earn from your peers," he said. "Keep this in mind as you assume your leadership role. I would like to give my heart felt appreciation for your continued sacrifice and unconditional dedication to our country and our way of life."

Chief Legalman Kimberlee

Lindee, Joint Region Marianas force paralegal and one of the command's newest chief petty officers, said the ball was a fresh experience and made her feel welcome. She also enjoyed the speech by Gumataotao and said it was inspirational.

"The ball was a great opportunity to meet folks from the region and its tenant commands," she said. "It was also a great opportunity to meet the other selectees socially and congratulate one another."



Retired Chief: Piti Mayor Ben Gumataotao, a retired Navy master chief, receives a gift from the 2010 new chief petty officers based in Guam during the annual Khaki Ball at the Westin Guam Resort and Spa in Tumon, Guam Sept. 18. The ball was an opportunity for Guam-based new chief petty officers to enjoy their first social function with the mess. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Corwin Colbert)



Keynote: Guam's Piti Mayor Ben Gumataotao, a retired Navy master chief, speaks to attendees of the Khaki Ball at the Westin Guam Resort in Tumon, Guam Sept. 18. The ball was an opportunity for Guam-based new chief petty officers to enjoy their first social function with the mess. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Corwin Colbert)

Air Force celebrates 63rd birthday at ball



Tribute: Master Sgt. Suzanne Winovich, masters of ceremonies for the evening, performs a tribute to Prisoners of War and Missing in Action service members during the Air Force Ball in Tumon, Sept. 17. Winovich is superintendent of 36th Wing protocol at Andersen Air Force Base. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Nichelle Anderson)



Birthday: Col. Peter Brewer and Airman 1st Class John Martinez cut the cake at the Air Force Ball in Tumon, Sept. 17. The Air Force Ball was held on the 63rd birthday of the Air Force. Brewer is the commander of the 36th Medical Group at Andersen Air Force Base and Martinez is a member of the Guam Air National Guard. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Nichelle Anderson)

Global Hawk: To serve U.S., Pacific partners

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the aircraft can survey large geographic areas with pinpoint accuracy, without impacting civilian aircraft routes. The imagery provides the most current information available during contingency or crisis situations.

"This is a technology that saves lives," said Lt. Col. Brandon Baker, Air Combat Command Detachment 3 commander. "The RQ-4 has been used in contingency operations and humanitarian missions before. During wildfires in California, the Global Hawk provided firefighters with a near real-time view of the crisis, and helped firefighters and rescue personnel direct their efforts."

In January, the RQ-4 also provided imagery to coordinators of the international disaster relief and humanitarian mission in Haiti after the devastating earthquake in that nation.

The Pacific Air Forces commander noted the significance of basing the system in Guam.

"Basing the RQ-4 at Andersen AFB will support ongoing regional partnerships and reaffirm to U.S. friends, allies, and partner nations of our commitment to continue modernization efforts and force structure beddown to support maintaining peace and stability in the region,"

North said.

So far, one of three planned RQ-4s has arrived on Andersen. The remaining two are scheduled to arrive later this year and at the beginning of 2011. Local crews will launch and land the aircraft from Andersen, while crews at Beale Air Force Base, Calif., will control the bulk of the mission once out of the local area.

"We'll be flying missions in support of U.S. Pacific Command priorities," Baker said. "We also intend to share with our allies information pertaining to common regional challenges like humanitarian assistance, disaster relief and piracy."

The RQ-4 Global Hawk has flown more than 45,000 hours worldwide since becoming operational in 1995. The remotely piloted aircraft is flown using a variety of communications protocols, complete with built-in safety measures in the event that communication between the mission control and the aircraft is lost.

In the event that all communication with the aircraft is lost or it encounters an in-flight emergency, the RQ-4 is programmed to continue its flight to its original destination or return to its point of origin and land. During this time the pilot may be able to reestablish a link to the aircraft. If that is impossible, the RQ-4 is ca-

pable of landing on its own.

"The aircraft is flown by fully qualified certified U.S. Air Force pilots – a fact which contributes to the RQ-4's unparalleled safety record," Baker said. "The RQ-4 negotiates pre-programmed flight plans and the pilots communicate with air traffic controllers in a similar manner as pilots in manned aircraft."

Additionally, the RQ-4 has a Federal Aviation Administration airworthiness certification which ensures the aircraft meets U.S. standards for safe flight operations. The Air Force routinely flies the RQ-4 Global Hawk in the United States and at destinations around the globe.

"The addition of RQ-4 capabilities to Andersen AFB ensures the 36th Wing, 13AF and the Pacific Air Forces, are fully prepared to provide U.S. Pacific Command airpower solutions across the spectrum of ISR requirements and to employ that power with the complete and accurate information necessary to successfully support current and future regional and if required, support of global operations," North said.

For more photos and videos of the RQ-4 Global Hawk, please see the available online press kit at <http://www.andersen.af.mil/library/events/globalhawkarrival/index.asp>.



Welcome: Brig. Gen. John Doucette, 36th Wing commander addresses the audience during the Global Hawk arrival here Sept. 20. The Global Hawk's mission is to provide a broad spectrum of Intelligence Surveillance R collection capability to support joint combatant forces in worldwide peacetime, contingency and wartime operations. Hawk is operated by the 12th Reconnaissance Squadron, Beale Air Force Base, Calif. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Nichelle Anderson)

MSRON 7: Suchyta takes helm, ready for challenge

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Speaking before MSRON 7 Sailors and guests, Johnson recognized his supporters and the friends he made during his tour on Guam. Johnson also thanked the mayor's office and residents of the command's sister village of Sinajana for partnering with them during community service projects at Sinajana.

Johnson welcomed the dozens of high school members of Father

Duenas Memorial High School's Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps, who attended at his invitation, and thanked them for allowing MSRON 7 to take them on tours and train with them at the command.

"I really do hope that you continue to follow the paths you have chosen and that you will discover that a career in the military is truly enriching and a deep experience that will last you throughout your

entire life," Johnson said.

After thanking his wife and family and the families of MSRON 7 Sailors for their sacrifices, Johnson credited the men and women under his command for their dedication and professionalism.

"I will miss you all and look forward to seeing you all out in the fleet," Johnson said. "Never forget that you truly are a band of brothers and sisters on the frontlines of our nation's global war on terrorism.

Never forget that if you work hard together as a team, you will be able to accomplish anything."

Johnson's next assignment is to report to U.S. Naval War College in Newport, R.I. After the official reading of orders, Suchyta reminded MSRON 7 they are the "nation's sea power, ready guardians of peace [and] victorious in war." Suchyta said they would meet that challenge together.

"To be ready and victorious, we

must be expeditionary," Suchyta said. "In other words, we must be able on short notice to pack up, go to a foreign land, sustain ourselves, and accomplish the mission."

MSRON 7 provides the Navy and nation with rapidly deployable detachments for force-protection of personnel and assets as well as anti-terrorism operations.

For more information about MSRON 7, log onto www.msron7.navy.mil.



Coming Aboard: Cmdr. Bryon Johnson, commanding officer of Maritime Expeditionary Security Squadron (MSRON) 7, is piped aboard at the start of MSRON 7's change of command ceremony at U.S. Naval Base Guam Sept. 17. Johnson, who held command since March 2009, was relieved by Cmdr. David Suchyta that morning. (U.S. Navy photo by Jesse Leon Guerrero)



Congratulations: Capt. Richard Daniel, Commander, Maritime Expeditionary Security Group 1, center, congratulates Cmdr. David Suchyta, right, for assuming command of Maritime Expeditionary Security Squadron 7, following a change of command ceremony at the Navy command's compound on U.S. Naval Base Guam Sept. 17. Suchyta relieved Cmdr. Bryon Johnson, left, during the time-honored event that morning. (U.S. Navy photo by Jesse Leon Guerrero)

Auto Hobby Shops assist car owners, enthusiasts

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

Joint Region Edge Staff

Auto repairs and upkeep costs often put owners in a bind. The Auto Hobby Shops (AHS) on U.S. Naval Base Guam (NBG) and Andersen Air Force Base (AFB) are giving car owners the chance to reduce or even avoid many auto-related expenses.

"This is a major benefit," said Billy Ray, facilities manager department head for Morale, Welfare and Recreation. "Most people do not want to pay to change their oil when they can do it themselves. They cannot do it at their homes; this gives them the venue to do it themselves and take pride and ownership of their vehicle."

Ray said he is excited about the upgrades at the shop on NBG. He said the shop is revamping the way it does business by expanding the capabilities of its facilities, providing higher quality tools and mentoring its patrons to be successful.

"We have new heavier duty lifts to hoist larger trucks. We are getting new certified tool boxes for all eight of our stations," he said. "We have a new welder coming in if you need to do small welding jobs as well as an air conditioning machine to recharge machines. The Navy Exchange (NEX) sends patrons off base for charging your air conditioner; you will soon be able to do it yourself right here."

Other improvements to the shop this year are upgrades to some of the older equipment so owners can continue to turn their own rotors and repair their own brakes efficiently.

A new sand blasting machine will allow patrons to sand blast small rust spots.

"We are also going to put a mini store here so a patron doesn't have to go all the way over to the NEX

to purchase materials such as oil and oil filters," Ray said.

While these upgrades are in the works on NBG, Andersen AFB has the same capabilities for its patrons already in effect.

"We provide pretty much the same service as NBG," said Syomi Dodd, director of the skills development program. "We mirror each other. However, we do have the small retail store to supply demand on site."

Both venues offer training for various topics ranging from brake work to changing oil. Before patrons can use the equipment they must go through orientation on all equipment and safety procedures. Both shops have technician on site to assist patrons who need help and to keep an eye out for unsafe practices.

"Safety is first," said Joselito Subibo, a shop technician at the NBG shop. "We are here to share our knowledge and make sure you are safe and enjoy your experience. There are many things you can do here, and we are here to help you do them."

The Auto Hobby Shops give vehicle owners an activity that they can engage in for their pleasure or to perform needed maintenance and repairs.

"It is not just for the service member; let's say that member is deployed, their spouse or family member can come in and learn the different tools and machinery and take care of their loved one's vehicle while they are gone," Ray said. "Car owners love their cars. It's their toy and we want them to take more ownership of them."

For more information on the AHS on NBG visit <http://www.mwrguam.com/> or call 564-1827.

For more information on the AHS on Andersen AFB visit <http://www.36fss.com/> or call 366-2745.



Auto Help: Joselito Subibo, an auto technician, checks the oil of a van at the U.S. Naval Base Guam (NBG) Auto Hobby Shop Sept. 20. Subibo is one of the auto shop technicians on Andersen Air Force Base and NBG who assist patrons with auto repairs and maintenance. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Corwin Colbert)

NLSO team pitches in to help keep Guam clean

By Legalman 2nd Class (AW)
SueAnn Braun

Navy Legal Service Office Pacific
Detachment, Guam

The Navy Legal Service Office (NLSO) team cleaned up along Ypao Beach, also known as Joseph Flores Beach Park, in Tumon, Guam, Aug. 10.

Acting NLSO officer in charge Lt. Greg Touchton, lead Lt. j.g. Andrew Coffin, Legalman 2nd Class (AW) SueAnn Braun, Electronics Technician 2nd Class Justin Lami, Legalman 3rd Class Christina Oliver, and Toni Vegafria, legal assistant, all joined in to do their part to help keep Guam clean. Joining the group was Lt. Cmdr. Delnisea Broadnax a reservist from Texas. Broadnax was at the NLSO Guam office to help with the office clientele, but was happy to head out to the beach and lend a hand while on active duty drill time.

The team spent the day putting forth a concentrated effort along one of Tumon's most popular beaches. Everyone filled his or her bag to the brim and went back to fill another. After the better part of a day had passed, the group gathered together to look at what they had accomplished and left the beach that afternoon knowing that they had made a difference.

NLSO Pacific is headquartered in Yokosuka, Japan, and provides comprehensive legal services to Navy and Marine Corps commands and to eligible active duty and retired military personnel, and their family members and performs such other functions or tasks as may be requested or directed by competent authority. Services provided include military justice, legal assistance and claims.

For more information about NLSO Pacific Detachment, Guam, call 333-2061.

FFSCs provide employment help to family members

By Bruce Moody

Commander, Navy Installations
Command, Family Readiness Program

The Family Employment Readiness Program (FERP) is the subject of Vice Chief of Naval Operations (VCNO) Adm. Jonathan W. Greenert's latest FAMILYGRAM (06-10). FERP assists military spouses in obtaining employment and maintaining a career as a military family member. Commander, Navy Installations Command offers this program at its

Fleet and Family Support Centers.

"The Navy recognizes that moving every few years creates career challenges for military spouses," Greenert wrote. "The Family Employment Readiness Program addresses those challenges in workshops and through individualized assistance. The goal is to help family members with their job search, particularly as they are impacted by the changes in the economy and labor market conditions."

Established by law as part of the

Military Family Act of 1985, FERP assists participants in planning careers which are compatible with the mobile military lifestyle.

"If you live too far from a Fleet and Family Support, just call the center nearest to your location and the staff will provide you assistance over the telephone," Panshella Cole, FERP manager, said. "While we're not a job placement service, we will help you learn about job opportunities in your current location or the location to which you're moving.

We'll help you polish your resume, prepare for interviews. We'll help you out over the phone, e-mail, whatever it takes."

In addition to individual counseling, FERP offers workshops and seminars where family members can learn valuable skills such as resume writing, interview techniques and dressing for success. Further educational exploration opportunities include such areas as self-directed job searches, federal employment strategies, career planning and financing a career change.

"Of course, all of our services are free," Cole said.

Employment resources beyond those offered through the Fleet and Family Support Center are listed in VCNO Greenert's latest FAMILYGRAM: <http://www.npc.navy.mil/NR/rdonlyres/94F08E79-E498-43E9-9089-B3CEBEEF27D4/0/NAV10289.txt>.

To locate your local FFSC for information about FERP, go to <http://www.ffsp.navy.mil> and click on Find your local Fleet and Family Support Center.

FFSCs offer valuable training for command sponsors

By Bruce Moody

Commander, Navy Installations
Command, Family Readiness Program

The Command Sponsor Program is the subject of Vice Chief of Naval Operations (VCNO) Adm. Jonathan W. Greenert's latest FAMILYGRAM (06-10). Commander, Navy Installations Commands (CNIC) provides training to sponsors through Fleet and Family Support Centers (FFSC). Sailors who serve as sponsors are trained to ease the transition of Sailors and their families into new working and living

environments.

"A smooth transition provides Sailors and families the greatest opportunity for a successful and productive tour of duty," Greenert wrote. "The command sponsor program is one of the most important quality-of-life programs for Sailors and families who are relocating under permanent change of station (PCS) orders."

Sponsorship training is available to Sailors E-5 and above, and officers. Training is offered at a command's local Fleet and Family Support Center. Attendees are provided

materials which walk them through their likely experience as a sponsor. To-do checklists and timelines are provided, one for Sailors with families and one for Sailors without. Sponsors are also provided examples of e-mails to send to inbound Sailors.

Those are the basics, and they are good to know, but the larger benefit to the training is learning about the local resources and programs, according to Dede O'Rourke, relocation program manager for CNIC's Fleet and Family Support Program.

"It's a good idea to attend sponsor training, even if you've attended at another command," O'Rourke said. "Every FFSC is different, but they generally try to bring in local contacts from organizations, such as Morale, Welfare and Recreation or the Navy & Marine Corps Relief Society."

Attending training at a center also gives sponsors a chance to see and learn more about what their local Fleet and Family Support Center has to offer Sailors and families, O'Rourke said.

Commands who want to have

several Sailors attend training at one time can request that their local FFSC conduct training onboard the command.

More information about the Command Sponsorship Program is in VCNO Greenert's latest FAMILYGRAM: <http://www.npc.navy.mil/NR/rdonlyres/94F08E79-E498-43E9-9089-B3CEBEEF27D4/0/NAV10289.txt>.

To locate your local FFSC for information about sponsorship training, go to <http://www.ffsp.navy.mil> and click on Find your local Fleet and Family Support Center.

On target to power America with everyone's help

By Kevin D. Evans

Joint Region Marianas Energy Manager

We're approaching October, which is Energy Awareness Month.

This year's theme is "Powering America...We're on Target." We received this year's Department of Energy (DOE) selection of awareness materials including energy awareness posters, annual "You Have the Power" recognition posters, bookmarks, magnets and keyboard monitor calendars. Regional preparations continue. Base energy managers (BEM) are completing their Energy Week

(the last full week of October) event schedules.

Meanwhile, here are some things we can do as we count down to Energy Awareness Month.

All supervisors are encouraged to empower their subordinates to make common-sense decisions to secure unnecessary lighting, electrical loads

and report energy waste to the regional energy waste hotline (671) 349-1047.

At the deckplate level, all hands are encouraged to practice good energy discipline, report energy waste, and remember that water conservation is a part of the equation and keep energy conservation a practice year round and not just in October.

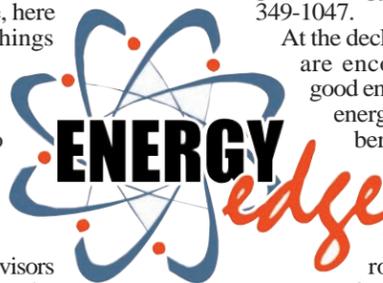
Energy conservation training is available for all hands, BEMs, supervisors, foremen and exec-

utive levels, and can be found on the Department of the Navy energy website https://navyenergy.navfac.navy.mil/training/awareness%20training/energy_awareness_training.htm. It is suitable for General Military Training (GMT) and a compact disk (CD) version is available upon request from me, the region energy manager, at 349-1047.

For more information, please contact your BEMs: Naval Base Guam (Derek Briggs) at 333-1325, Andersen Air Force Base (Patrick Russell) 366-3209, U.S. Marine Corps Energy Program (David

Motroni) 355-2095, Naval Hospital Guam (Electronics Technician 1st Class (EXW/SW) Jerry Kleber) 344-9072, and the Guam Army National Guard (Alfonso Molarte) 735-0483.

Our goal is to reduce energy use by 3 percent a year and water by 2 percent per year. These are challenging goals that will require all hands — military, civilian, and contract employees — to join in so that we can achieve them. Help us make this October Energy Awareness Month the start we need to achieve our energy reduction goals and build a sustainable future.



Staying current with KAMS-TV

By Airman Whitney Amstutz
36th Wing Public Affairs

Delivering up-to-speed news, sports and segment pieces, the crew of Andersen Middle School's (AMS) KAMS-TV strives to set their fellow students up for success.

During the 2008-2009 school year, Suzette Nelson, an AMS language arts and humanities teacher, began the process of developing a self-sufficient news team able to broadcast live announcements to the student body each morning.

"I had an idea of what I wanted to

do as far as creating a news crew made up of students," Nelson said. "All I needed were kids to fill the different jobs, so I told the children in my classes what I had in mind and got a good response."

The KAMS-TV crew includes two anchorpersons, a producer, the lights and camera crew, audio and microphone technicians, reporters, and a historian to name a few. While Nelson acts as the executive producer, the successful manning and operation of the show rests on the shoulders of the students.

"When we first began the show no one had any experience," Nelson said. "It was a learn-as-you-go environment. Now, the kids have worked in every facet of production and can work in any position with little to no trouble."

After viewing the finished product, many AMS students from began to show interest in the KAMS-TV program.

"Because a number of children wanted to be a part of the team we started a training program," Nelson said. "They come in and watch how the show comes together each morn-

ing while learning about each job. They are taught everything from how to be natural in front of the camera, to how to transition from camera one to camera two. It's amazing how fast the children pick it up."

At the conclusion of each taping, the news team watches the finished product in order to analyze their strengths and weaknesses.

"We watch the tapes to see what we did wrong and how we improved from the last time," said anchorwoman, Alyssa McGillvery, an 8th grade student at AMS. "Before we

can fix what's wrong we have to know what we did."

Nelson said she believes this type of open-forum critique enables the students to adapt and develop problem-solving skills which are important in real-life situations.

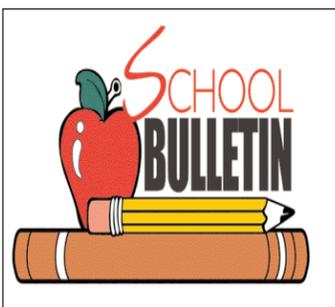
"It is a learning experience for them," Nelson said. "We are trying to teach them a real skill: how to grow when you encounter problems instead of letting them defeat you. Our goal is for AMS students to take these skills and implement them in situations they encounter in the future."



News: Anchorwomen Alyssa McGillvery and Gwen Europa, 8th grade students at Andersen Middle School (AMS), practice reading their lines prior to the live broadcast of KAMS-TV news Sept. 15. Each morning, a group of AMS students from various grades combine their skills to produce a morning show for the student body featuring news, sports and various announcements. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman Whitney Amstutz)



Technician: Tristyn Christenson, a 7th grade student at Andersen Middle School (AMS), trains on the sound board to become part of the KAMS-TV crew Sept. 15. KAMS-TV broadcasts live throughout AMS each morning, providing the student body with news, sports updates and important announcements. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman Whitney Amstutz)



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. at a location to be announced. Next meeting is Oct. 12 at Andersen Elementary School (AES).

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 Guam High School (GHS). No school for students. For more information, contact Maria Rubio at 344-9167.

Andersen Elementary

Come join the AES PTO Sept. 24, 6 p.m. for our first meeting of the year. It will be a fun night of bingo, food and prizes. Bring the kids and join us for some fun.

Employment: AES is currently seeking substitute educators. Any interested party must meet the following requirements: A United States citizen residing within the commuting area in Guam with an associate degree from an accredited college or

university or at least 60 semester hours or 90 quarter hours of college coursework. For more information, contact Liz Horne at 366-1511.

Andersen Middle

The Academic Challenge Bowl (ACB) team is looking for team members. Practices will be on Mondays after school in the school's information center. For more information, contact Jim Rhodes at 366-3880.

Guam Military Christian Homeschoolers

Homeschool support group meets on the second Tuesday of every month from 1-2 p.m. The next meeting is Oct. 12. 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).

McCool Elementary/Middle

Hoe Down for students will be in the school cafeteria Sept. 24, 6-8 p.m. A fun night for all students and families of McCool sponsored by the PTO.

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

Guam quarter reminder of Chamorro heritage

By Jesse Leon Guerrero
Joint Region Edge Staff

The Guam quarter represents the island's citizenship with the United States of America and its local Chamorro heritage.

As with all U.S. quarters, the Guam version prominently features a portrait of George Washington and the words "UNITED STATES OF AMERICA," "QUARTER DOLLAR," "LIBERTY," and "IN GOD WE TRUST" on its front or head side.

The coin's reverse or tail side features the words "GUAM" and "GUAHAN I TANÓ MANCHAMORRO," which means "Guam - Land of the Chamorro" in the native language. It also depicts images similar to the Northern Mariana Islands (NMI) quarter, with both coins showcasing the narrow, Chamorro sailing ship known as a proa and the large support structure called a latte stone. Wood carvers created the proa vessels hundreds of years ago for fishing and transportation, while the latte stone has become an icon of Chamorro architecture.

The Guam quarter does differ from its NMI counterpart by showing an overhead image of

the island of Guam. The NMI coin includes its own distinct feature through a Carolinian head lei that borders the bottom and two flying terns near the top.

With its release on May 26, 2009, the Guam quarter became the third coin in the United States Mint's 2009 District of Columbia and U.S. Territories Quarters Program. Outside of the 50 states featured on their respective quarters and aside from the NMI quarter, the Guam version joins quarters from American Samoa, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands in circulation.

Rep. Jose Serrano, congressman from New York, introduced the bill for the Guam quarter into the Consolidated Appropriations Act 2008. It was then signed by former President George W. Bush in December 2007.

To celebrate its release, U.S. Mint Director Ed Moy visited Guam and participated in a ceremony at Skinner Plaza in Hagatna on June 4, 2009.

For more information about the Guam quarter and other U.S. coins, visit the U.S. Mint online at www.usmint.gov.



Coins: Two Guam quarters show the head/front side of the coin and the tail/reverse side Sept. 20. The Guam quarter was released into circulation on May 26, 2009. It is the third coin in the United States Mint's 2009 District of Columbia and U.S. Territories Quarters Program. (U.S. Navy photo by Jesse Leon Guerrero)

Variety of art to be displayed at veterans' exhibition

By Jesse Leon Guerrero
Joint Region Edge Staff

The Guam Vet Center, of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, is looking for artists and performers from the military veterans community for an exhibit scheduled at the Agana Shopping Center Nov. 5.

This Creative Art Showcase will feature both traditional mediums such as paintings and illustrations, as well as performance art. Cathy Il-

larmo, team lead for Guam Vet Center, said the art and performances depicted will depend on what the art community of Guam decides to bring out.

"Every year has a different flavor," Illarmo said. "We've had people demonstrate how to use the coconut. We've also had entertainers in the past sing and dance. We've also had jewelry makers, so you name it and we've probably had it."

Illarmo said the center, working with Guam Council of the Arts and

Humanities, tries to accommodate all veterans and their work, displaying it in an appropriate manner for all audiences.

The intent of the show is to honor the veterans by highlighting their art, in addition, the artistic process can be therapeutic for those veterans with disabilities. She added that art fans and others who stop by the show can also learn from the veterans' experiences.

"A lot of times the veterans are the keepers of our culture, so they

are a key component in handing down the culture to our younger generation," Illarmo said. "The veterans have so many skills, talents and education."

Meetings for interested artists will take place every Thursday in October at 5 p.m. at the Guam Vet Center office, which is located in suite 201 of the Reflections Center building in Hagatna. Registration is free and applicants do not have to attend meetings.

Illarmo said participation has var-

ied in the previous seven years of the art show's exhibits and she encouraged all veterans, especially those who have returned from recent deployments, to participate either as an artist or attendee.

"If they don't have the time to attend our meetings then they can call us and we will send them information," Illarmo said. "We generate a booklet featuring each artist, so that'll be a nice souvenir for them."

For more information, call the Guam Vet Center at 472-7161.

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Andersen Fear Factor
Sept. 25, 9 a.m. at Arc Light Park. For more information, call 366-2339.

Boys & Girls Club Kid's Day 2010
U.Sept. 25, 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at the Big Screen Theater on U.S. Naval Base Guam, with a free family movie at 3 p.m. Featuring games, prizes, food, T-shirts, family relay activities, inflatables, hip hop and gymnastics performances, and more! Open to all authorized MWR patrons. For more information, call 564-1844/5.

8-Ball Tournament
Sept. 29, 7 p.m. at the Hotspot. Prizes will be awarded. For more information, call 366-2339.

Andersen Library
Children ages 5-17 can visit Andersen Air Force Base Library Tuesdays through Thursdays, 5- 8 p.m. to enjoy playing video games from our collection of Xbox, Wii or Playstation 3 games. 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.

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.

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

Tuesday Texas Hold'em Nights
Texas Hold'em tournaments are held every Tuesday starting at 6 p.m. in Hightides at the 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 will also be crafts and other fun activities. For more information, call 366-4291.

UNDER \$10

Trip to Gef Pago
Meet at Silver Dolphin or Single Sailor Sanctuary Sept. 26, by 9:45 a.m. Van leaves at 10 a.m. \$7 fee. For more information, call 349-9128 or log on to www.mwrguam.com

Bowling Mondays
Bowl all you want at Gecko Lanes every Monday, starting at 6 p.m. for just \$5 plus shoe rental. For more information, call 366-5117.

Thirsty Thursdays
Thirsty Thursdays at Gecko Lanes every Thursday, starting at 5 p.m. Enjoy \$1 games, shoe rentals, fountain sodas and more! For more information, call 366-5117.

Karaoke Fun Night
Karaoke Fun Night (weather permitting) at Bamboo Willies every Saturday, 7-10 p.m. For more information, call 366-6166.

Under 21 Night
Every Wednesday High Tides Enlisted Lounge hosts Under

21 Night from 7 p.m.-midnight. Patrons can enjoy Mongolian Barbecue, music and a fun environment to hang out and unwind. Patrons 18 years and older can participate. For more information, call 366-6166.

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 are also served daily and 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 for \$46 per person. For more information, call 344-5838 or 734-2155.

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, 6-10 p.m. every Tuesday. For more information, call 366-5085.

Fajita Dinner at Café Latte
Fajita Dinner is every Tuesday, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Base price for adults' dinner is \$2.95, and \$1.50 for children ages 6-12. All condiments are 75 cents per ounce. For more information, call 366-6166.

Mongolian BBQ at Café Latte.
Mongolian Dinner is every Wednesday, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Base price of \$2.95 for adults and \$1.50 for children ages 6-12. All condiments are 75 cents per ounce. Mongolian BBQ is also available for take out. For more information, call 366-6166.

Member Special at Palm Tree Golf Course
Every Tuesday, 7 a.m.-6 p.m., ride 18 holes for the 9-hole cart rate of \$8. For more information, call 366-4653.

\$10 AND UP

Trip to Cocos Island
Meet at Silver Dolphin or

Single Sailor Sanctuary Sept. 25, by 8:45 a.m. Van leaves at 9 a.m. \$20 fee. For more information, call 349-9128.

Super Senior Golf Special
Palm Tree Golf Course every Tuesday in September. Seniors ages 50 and over will get 50-percent off cart rental fee. For more information, call 366-4653.

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.

Orote Point Lanes Family Deal

Family Value Package at Orote Point Lanes available on the following 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.

Lunch at Top of the Rock
Got a big appetite? Grab your friends and enjoy the tantalizing Smoker Menu, which features dishes like St. Louis ribs served with our own fried bread and honey butter, pulled pork sandwich, brisket quesadilla with all the extras, and a hickory chicken Caesar salad. Want a lighter lunch? Feast on the soup and salad bar for only \$6.95. Hours of operation: Monday-Friday, 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. For more information, call 366-6166.

Clipper Landing
Savor the flavor of our delicious entrees as you enjoy a spectacular view of Sumay Cove Marina. Hours of operation are Wednesday and Thursday, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.; Friday, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. and 4-9 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 11 a.m.-9 p.m. For more information, call 564-1857.



FRIDAY, SEPT. 24

2 p.m. Letters from Iwo Jima • R
7 p.m.: Eat Pray Love • PG-13

SATURDAY, SEPT. 25

2 p.m.: Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore • PG
7 p.m.: Scott Pilgrim vs. The World • PG-13

SUNDAY, SEPT. 26

7 p.m.: The Switch • PG-13

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, SEPT. 24

7 p.m.: Vampires Suck • PG-13
9:30 p.m.: Dinner for Schmucks • PG-13

SATURDAY, SEPT. 25

11 a.m.: Kids Day 2010
3 p.m.: Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore • PG
7 p.m.: Salt • PG-13

SUNDAY, SEPT. 26

1 p.m.: Step Up 3 • PG-13
3:30 p.m.: The Other Guys • PG-13
7 p.m.: Eat Pray Love • PG-13

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

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

Saturday Mass: 5:30 p.m.

Sunday Mass: 9 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Saturday, 5 p.m.; and Sunday
8:30 a.m.

Protestant Worship
Service

Sunday Worship Service:
10:30 a.m.

Women's bible Studies:
Monday, 9 a.m.

Choir Practice: 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.

Andersen Air Force Base

Roman Catholic Mass
(Chapel 1)

Weekday Mass: Tuesday-
Friday, 11:30 a.m.

Saturday Mass: 5 p.m.

Sunday Mass: 9:30 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Saturday, 4:30-4:50 p.m.

Catholic Women's Group:
First and third Wednesday of
the month, 7 p.m.

Catholic Youth: Second and
third Wednesday of the
month, 6 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal: Sunday 8-9
a.m.

Protestant Worship
Service

(Chapel 2)

Praise Service: Sunday, 9 a.m.

Gospel Service: Sunday,
11:30 a.m.

Protestant Women's Group:
Second Monday of each
month, 6:30 p.m.

Protestant Men's Group:
Wednesday, 7 p.m.

Protestant Young Adults:
Thursday, 7 p.m.

*Schedules subject to change.
To confirm times or for infor-
mation about other pro-
grams, call the chapels at:*

Andersen Air Force Base:
366-6139

U.S. Naval Base Guam:
339-2126

U.S. Naval Hospital Guam:
344-9127

Look to prayer for strength renewed

By Capt. David R. Leonard

Andersen Air Force Base

Nine years ago I strapped my daughter into a car seat and I drove her to her first day of kindergarten. I was thankful that she went to school miles out in the country, far away from anything civilized. I was thankful because that day was very memorable. It was Sept. 11, 2001.

I was dropping her off for school as I prepared for another grueling day of seminary. I remember wondering, how much will our lives change because of

today? I was preparing to be a military chaplain serving a country that was not yet at war.

My daughter started high school this year and so much has indeed changed. We have been at war for nine years. Many deployments have come and gone. We have all lost fellow Airmen, Sailors, Soldiers, Marines and friends.

As I revisit that dark day nearly a decade past, I am reminded that the increased ops tempo has taken its toll. I think it's important that we all take a moment to remember why we serve.

Our families continue to live in freedom and safety because of the sacrifice that military service requires. It is important that they know how important they are. Oftentimes military members come home from the battlefield still struggling with what they saw and experienced while deployed.

It may seem easier to argue with or to even avoid a spouse following a long deployment. Life may be hectic and the kids out of control. Our families have also been through a tough time while we were away. We need to learn patience, choose to adjust, and seek help when things seem unmanageable.

We also need to take care of ourselves. Addictions, uncontrolled anger and health issues can point to overwhelming anxiety left over

from deployment stress. When you are feeling burned out, there is a place to recharge. The Bible tells us that "those who wait upon the Lord will renew their strength." It is in those times when we have no strength left that we need most to wait upon the Lord. Simply put, when our lives seem most out of control, we have to pray and have faith that God is enough to sustain us. It is in turning to a source outside of ourselves that we find the support we need to keep going.

These last nine years have been challenging, but we continue to answer the call. In doing so, let us not lose sight of those who need us most. Spend time with your family; talk to a friend; pray and let God renew your strength.



Still Moments



Visitor: Capt. Richard Wood, commanding officer, Naval Base Guam, welcomes Cmdr. Masayuki Nishimura, captain of visiting Japanese ship Akebono during a courtesy call Sept. 14. The Akebono stopped on Guam for routine fuel and stores replenishing after participating in the Hawaii RIMPAC 2010 Exercise. She was en route to her homeport, Yokosuka, Japan. (U.S. Navy photo by Annette Donner)



Award: Capt. Alan Moore, left, Joint Region Marianas (JRM) former chief of staff, pins Yeoman 3rd Class Kevin Ellsworth with the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, during an awards ceremony at the command, Sept. 15. Having completed his first tour of duty at JRM, Ellsworth said that it was a very enjoyable tour, and praised his colleagues for their mentorship and support. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Peter Lewis)

Team Andersen Airmen run 9/11 marathon

By Airman Whitney Amstutz
36th Wing Public Affairs

Two members of Team Andersen ran the 26-mile distance between Chapel II on Andersen Air Force Base (AFB) and the Naval Base Guam chapel Sept. 11.

Capt. David Leonard, an Andersen chaplain, and Staff Sgt. Christopher Mullins, a deployed Airman attached to the 36th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron from Langley AFB, Va., dedicated themselves to running the marathon in celebration of Leonard's 41st birthday and in remembrance of the events that took place Sept. 11, 2001.

"Last year while I was deployed to Kuwait I lost 45 pounds," Leonard said. "After that I continued to stay in shape and eventually I worked my way up to being able to run from the Andersen gate to the gate at the Naval Base, so I figured the next step was to run a full marathon."

Being a day of dual importance for Leonard, 9/11 seemed like an ideal day to challenge his physical and mental limitations. The grueling 26-mile run is made that much harder by various pot holes, gravel and

steep, unyielding hills. Fortunately, the chaplain had a wingman to attempt the feat with him.

Mullins met Captain Leonard while attending a worship service at the Lighthouse on Andersen AFB and said he was compelled to complete the symbolic marathon with him.

"Not only did I want to prove to myself that I could do it, I also wanted to take the time to reflect and think about what 9/11 has meant for me and my country," Mullins said.

On Sept. 11, 2001, Mullins vividly remembers sitting in his 11th grade English class and realizing that things would change forever.

"I was sitting in my classroom thinking it was just another day," he said. "The announcement came over the intercom to tune in to the news and we sat in awe of what we were seeing. At the time, I didn't fully grasp what it would mean for our country, but as I got older and enlisted in the Air Force, I really felt the significance of the events that day."

Like Mullins, Leonard said he can recall the scenes that led up to the moment he realized his country had fallen victim to an act of terrorism like "it was yesterday."

"It was my daughter's first day of kindergarten," Leonard said. "She was excited and I was excited for her. Now she is a freshman in high school and it still amazes me how quickly time passes."

During the five hours and four minutes it took the pair to complete the marathon, they had ample time to contemplate the effects that day, nine years ago, had on their lives.

"I had time to think and pray," Leonard said. "Sometimes you just need to dump all the daily, mundane stuff and clear your head for a time of real reflection. After the towers came down, I was tasked to deploy on and off. At the time I was nervous, but truly good things have come out of it. Helping and being a comfort to those who need it is what I want to do and I was able to accomplish that."

After the dust settled, Mullins was left with gratitude and a renewed appreciation for life.

"By the end of that run I was tired, really tired," Mullins said. "But I also took away from it a sense of what others have given. People make the ultimate sacrifice for the things they believe in every day, and I am eternally thankful for that bravery."



9/11 Marathon: Capt. David Leonard, an Andersen Air Force Base (AFB) chaplain, runs the 26 miles between Andersen AFB's Chapel II and the chapel at Naval Base Guam Sept. 11. The date has dual importance for Leonard; not only is it a day of reflection and remembrance of those who lost their lives in the 9/11 attack, but also Leonard's 41st birthday. (U.S. Air Force Courtesy Photo)

GHS player named to All-American Bowl



Recognition: Devon Jacobs, 17, of Talofofo, has been named to the 2nd Annual Offense-Defense All-American Bowl. Jacobs, a receiver for Guam High School Panthers, will join dozens of peers in his age group nationwide in an East meets West clash that is part of a weeklong series of events leading up to the nationally-televised, 5th-annual Offense-Defense All-American Bowl, an All-Star football game of similar format showcasing 80 of the top high school seniors in the country. Jacobs was selected from a group of young athletes numbering in the thousands across the country to participate in this one-of-a-kind All-Star game. Offense-Defense Sport has been running full-contact football instructional camps for the past 42 years and currently operates in approximately 40 camp locations nationwide every summer. For more information, visit <http://www.od.com>. (Photo contributed by Emma Jacobs)



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.

Aikido

Aikido is scheduled for Wednesday 3:30-4:30 p.m., Friday 6:15-7:15 p.m., and Saturday 9:30-10:30 a.m. Cost is \$60 per month (discount for additional siblings) and a \$30 uniform fee. Ongoing registration at the Child Development Center for ages 6 months and up. For more information, call 564-1844/5

Gymnastics

Registration is ongoing for gymnastics. This is an opportunity for kids of all ages to improve strength and flexibility. Classes range from Mommy and Me to Cheer and Tumbling. There is also a boy's gymnastics class that focuses on skills and apparatuses specifically for males. Ages are from 3 and up. Lessons days and times vary based on age. Cost is \$140 per session, or \$40 per month, with a discount for additional siblings. For more information, call 564-1844/5.

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 on U.S. Naval Base Guam. 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.

Bench Press Competition

A Bench Press Competition will be held at the Coral Reef Fitness Center at 6:30 pm. Sept. 25. For more information, call 366-6100.

Paintball

Try out your paintball skills at Outdoor Recreation's paintball field located next to the 21000 softball field. Paintball participants must be at least 10 years old to use the facility. Ages 10-17 must be accompanied by a parent. Hours of operation are Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m.-5:30 p.m. and Sunday and holidays, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Open play is available unless a tournament or special function has been scheduled. For more information, call 366-5197.

Sign-up for Bowling Leagues

Gecko Lanes Bowling Center is taking sign-ups for mixed leagues (teams comprised of men and women) for an intramural league and a youth league. Depending on the league, play will begin Sept. 24-30. Sign up at the front counter or for more information, call 366-5117.

Tumbling for Tots

Tumbling for Tots is available at the Hotspot Gym. Hours of operation are Mon-Fri from 9 a.m. to noon, closed holidays Sign up at the front counter or for more information, call 366-5117.