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EODMU 5 attends WES career day

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

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Sailors from Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit (EODMU) 5 participated in a Career Day at Wettengel Elementary School in Dededo Feb. 23 and spoke to students about what it takes to be a Sailor in the world's finest Navy.

"We were really excited for [the Sailors] to come out here because a lot of students had been asking for it," said Jen Punongbayan, the school's assistant principal. "We have a lot of students whose parents are in the military and having service members come out really put smiles on their faces."

According to Explosive Ordnance Disposalman 2nd Class (EOD/PJ) Daniel Christensen, members of the command enjoy being able to show the community what the Navy is all about.

"We came out today to do what

we can to benefit the school," he said. "We're trying to reach out to the community and form a positive bond."

Explosive Ordnance Disposalman Seaman Jairo Ayala-Berumon added that the Sailors hoped to educate the students about the Navy and also ensure they have some fun.

"[We want to] show the kids what we do, have them ask some questions, give them ideas on what

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EODMU 5: Explosive Ordnance Disposalman 2nd Class (EOD/PJ) Daniel Christensen of Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit (EODMU) 5 shows students at Wettengel Elementary School in Dededo how to remote control a bomb disposal robot Feb. 23. Sailors from EODMU 5 visited the school to speak to the children about what it takes to be a Sailor in the world's finest Navy. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Peter Lewis)



Historical B-52 relic's history may repeat itself

By Airman 1st Class Anthony Jennings

36th Wing Public Affairs

Andersen's historical Arc Light Memorial is at risk of experiencing the fate of its predecessor because of the corrosive nature of Guam's salty, humid climate.

The memorial, a B-52D Stratofortress static display, was dedicated in honor of the 75 crew members killed during the Arc Light Operations from June 1965 to August 1973 while flying B-52s during the Vietnam War. The memorial was dedicated on Feb. 14, 1974, precisely one year after the first prisoners of war were released from Vietnam.

"Due to the aircraft being very

deteriorated, the 36th Wing and the National Museum of the United States Air Force (NMUSAF) have been looking into several options to keep the Arc Light Memorial a valuable part of the U.S. Air Force history for future generations," said Jeff Meyer, 36th Wing historian.

The current B-52 display isn't actually the original. The aircraft, with the tail number 55-0100, was affectionately given the moniker "Old 100." It flew more than 5,000 hours in the Vietnam War, to include its final combat mission on Dec. 29, 1972, when it was one of three final B-52 aircraft to bomb North Vietnam as part of Operation Linebacker II.

"Rather than turn the aircraft over to the Military Aircraft Storage

and Disposition Center after the war, approval was obtained to retain the bomber at Andersen as a memorial," Meyer said.

Ten years later, civil engineers and maintenance personnel rendered the aircraft unsafe after discovering the salty air and damp climate of Guam had corroded "Old 100" severely.

In 1983, as the Air Force was converting the 43rd Strategic Bomber Wing at Andersen from B-52Ds to the G model, an aircraft with the tail number 56-0586 was chosen to replace "Old 100" and its tail number was re-designated as 55-100 by the NMUSAF.

The history of the 56-0586 is just as intriguing as its predecessor.

Built in Seattle in April 1957 and delivered to the U.S. Air Force June 28 of the same year, the 54-year-old aircraft deployed to Guam repeatedly between 1966 and 1973. It has the distinction of being the last B-52D to retire from active-duty service in the Air Force.

In 2008, after 27 years as a static display on Andersen, the aircraft had become so badly deteriorated that a boundary fence was placed around it to keep people from straying too close. The problem is only growing worse and the relic's future lies in the balance.

"An interesting fact is a large part of the original 'Old 100' still remains on base," Meyer said. "Just off the road, the battered tail section of the aircraft has managed to

survive to this day."

After being replaced, "Old 100" was moved to the west side of the airfield and earmarked for destruction under the Strategic Arms Limitation Agreement. It was subsequently dismantled July 16, 1986. Typhoon Roy scattered "Old 100's" fuselage into the jungle Jan. 12, 1988, with the tail section coming to rest in its present location. Encroaching jungle concealed the aircraft until Dec. 17, 1997, when Typhoon Paka uncovered the tail and assorted debris.

While the physical memorial may deteriorate, the homage to the history it has carried will never fade. The exact fate of the current Arc Light Memorial B-52 is uncertain, but the legacy will live on.

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Firefighters: Members of the Andersen Fire Department participate in Operational Readiness Exercise Mar. 2. The fire department practiced egress skills that are needed in the event of a fire onboard an aircraft. (U.S Air Force photo by Airman Julian North)



Ready: An Airman from the 736th Security Forces Squadron stands ready after being alerted to a possible "hostage situation" during an Operational Readiness Exercise March 2. The event evaluated first responder's actions when responding to a hostage situation on base. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Carlin Leslie)



Fleeing The Scene: An Airman from 736th Security Forces Squadron acts as a robbery suspect and flees the scene of the crime at the 36th Comptroller Squadron as part of an Operational Readiness Exercise (ORE) March 1. The ORE scenario evaluated security forces personnel's response in the event of an armed robbery. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Jeffrey Schultze)



NEO: Team Andersen members, acting as role players, move through the Noncombatant Evacuee Operation (NEO) processing area March 1. NEOs are conducted to evacuate noncombatants, nonessential military personnel, selected host-nation citizens and third country nationals whose lives are in danger from locations in a host foreign nation to an appropriate safe haven or the U.S. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Jeffrey Schultze)

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Local Sailor ensures success at NCTS

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

Joint Region Edge Staff

A seven-year Navy veteran, Yeoman 2nd Class (AW) Cheryl Lyn P. Santos said that she joined the service to “travel to other countries and experience cultures while being able to serve [her] country.”

Santos said that she really enjoys the YN rate because she gets to interact with a wide variety of both military and civilian personnel.

“My job entails providing customer service to over 200 military and civilian personnel in order to support the command mission,” she said. “As long as I know I have helped the customer with their problem and they are happy, [that] makes the job enjoyable for me.”

As a young Sailor and a native of Guam, Santos said that being stationed at Naval Computer and Telecommunications Station (NCTS) Guam is a near-ideal duty assignment.

“It’s a joy being stationed at my home of record,” she said. “NCTS is also an environment-friendly command, which is great. Everyone here works together as one team to

complete the command’s daily mission. What more could you ask for?”

The chain of command at NCTS Guam was eager to rain praise upon Santos, who was selected as the command’s Junior Sailor of the Quarter for the 4th Quarter of 2010.

“Her knowledge and bright spirit brings a sense of caring and concern to the command,” said retired Chief Yeoman (SW/AW) Brian Keith Ogborn, Santos’ direct supervisor. “She has a true sense of compassion for each and every Sailor within and outside of this command.”

Ogborn said that, without Santos’ determination and hard work every day, the command’s administrative division would not flow as efficiently as it does.

“Although undermanned for the last two years, Petty Officer Santos’ continued professionalism and dedication has enabled the administrative office to provide outstanding customer service to over 200 civilian, military and contractors on a daily basis,” he said. “She’s consistently living up to the Navy’s core values of honor, courage and commitment, and provides outstanding leadership and guidance to all the junior Sailors.”

Santos said that it is because of the lessons she’s learned from her father that she is able to set such a good example for her fellow Sailors.

“When my dad emigrated to the U.S. from the Philippines, he enlisted in the U.S. Army,” she said. “He worked full time and, as a father of two, he went back to school to



Santos: Yeoman 2nd Class (AW) Cheryl Lyn P. Santos of Naval Computer and Telecommunications Station (NCTS) Guam instructs a shipmate on how to access military records online at the command compound in Dededo Feb. 28. As a Guam native, Santos said that being stationed at NCTS Guam is a near-ideal duty assignment. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Peter Lewis)

finish his bachelor’s degree in sociology. His dedication taught me that I can do anything if I put my mind to it and stay focused on my goals.”

The yeoman said she has also been profoundly affected by the example of her mentor, Chief Warrant Officer 3 Jonathan Mangilit.

“He was strict when it came to work and the command mission,” she said. “But he molded me to the YN2 I am today and is still

there mentoring me regardless of the distance.”

For other Sailors hoping to excel at their respective commands, Santos had a few words of advice.

“Seeing and helping my fellow Sailors succeed rejuvenates me and makes me strive for excellence each and every day,” she said. “If you look at your job as an opportunity to help others, you’ll get much more enjoyment out of each task you complete.”

Andersen’s Best: Aiken epitomizes dedication



Andersen’s Best: Tech Sgt. Camille Aiken, 36th Medical Group (MDG), stands with her peers after being awarded Andersen’s Best Feb. 24. Aiken was recognized for her superb job performance as the sole dental hygienist assigned to Andersen Air Force Base, where she is responsible for the oral health of over 2,500 active duty, Air National Guard, Air Force Reserve and Navy personnel. Aiken is currently spearheading the Andersen’s National Childrens Dental Health Month observance, ensuring oral health education is provided to approximately 1,000 school-age children and toddlers that attend Team Andersen’s schools. “She is completely dedicated to mission accomplishment, regularly working extended hours to make sure all tasks and suspenses are met,” said Chief Master Sgt. Michael Conde, 36th MDG superintendent. “Sergeant Aiken is a walking example of dedication and professionalism.” Andersen’s Best is a recognition program which highlights a top performer from the 36th Wing. Each week, supervisors nominate a member of their team for outstanding performance and the wing commander presents the selected Airman with an award. To nominate your Airman for Andersen’s Best, contact your unit chief or superintendent and explain their accomplishments. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Jeffrey Schultze)

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Walker remembered as American legend

(Editor's Note: This article is the first in a series about notable females in observance of Women's History Month)

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

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Over the course of her long and storied life, Mary Edwards Walker counted herself as an abolitionist, prohibitionist, feminist, Soldier, alleged spy, prisoner of war and surgeon. She was also the only woman ever to receive the Medal of Honor.

Born in Oswego, N.Y., on Nov.

26, 1832, Walker was the youngest of seven children. As a child, she worked on her family farm and attended an elementary school where her mother was a teacher.

As a young woman, Walker taught at the same school in order to pay her way through Syracuse Medical College, where she was the only female in her class. She graduated as a medical doctor in 1855, married her classmate, Albert Miller, and they set up a



Walker

joint practice in Rome, N.Y.

Because female physicians were neither trusted nor respected at the time, the practice failed. Walker then briefly attended Bowen Collegiate Institute in Hopkinton, Iowa, in 1860. She was suspended from the school after refusing to quit the debating society which, until Walker's arrival, had been all-male.

At the onset of the Civil War, Walker volunteered for the Union Army as a civilian. Initially, she was forced to practice as a nurse because the Army did not allow females to be surgeons. During this time, she served at the Patent Office Hospital in Washington D.C., as well as at the First Battle

of Bull Run in Manassas, Va., on July 21, 1861. During the Battle of Fredericksburg and in Chattanooga, Tenn. after the Battle of Chickamauga, Walker also worked as an unpaid field surgeon near the Union front lines.

In Sept. 1863, Walker was awarded a commission as a "Contract Acting Assistant Surgeon (civilian)" by the Army of the Cumberland and became the first-ever female surgeon in the U.S. Army.

Walker was eventually appointed as the 52nd Ohio Infantry's assistant surgeon, during which time she frequently crossed battle lines to treat Soldiers and civilians.

On April 10, 1864, she was captured by Confederate troops and arrested as a spy. She was sent to Richmond, Va., where she remained until Aug. 12, 1864 when she was released as part of a prisoner exchange.

Walker continued her service during the Battle of Atlanta as supervisor of a female prison in Louisville, Ky., and as head of an orphanage in Tennessee.

When the war ended, Walker was awarded the Medal of Honor, the United States military's highest decoration for bravery, for her valiant efforts during the war. She is the only woman to receive the medal and one of only eight civilians to receive it.

Women's History Month proclamation signing



Proclamation Signing: Female service members from different branches of the military pose for a photo with Acting Governor Ray Tenorio at the Ricardo J. Bordallo Governor's Complex, Adelup main conference room March 1 for a proclamation signing declaring March "Womens History Month." (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Jesse F. Toves)

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Job Announcements

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Supervisory Interdisciplinary Position, Closes March 7

Naval Support Activity Andersen
Financial Management Analyst, Closes March 7

Andersen Air Force Base Auto Hobby Shop
The Andersen Air Force Base Auto Hobby Shop's alignment machine is currently inoperable. Wheel alignment service has been suspended until further notice. To assist you with any questions, contact Ike Evangelista at 366-2745 or Syomi Dodd at 366-2220/7443.

Retirees Activities Office Seeking Volunteers
The Retirees Activities Office (RAO) is seeking volunteers to assist with phone inquiries and additional programs and functions. Volunteers may set their own hours. The RAO is open Monday and Friday from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. This is an excellent opportunity for volunteers to "Still Serve" and to be eligible for "Volunteer of the Year" recognition. Contact Mark Overton at 366-2574 to volunteer or for more information.

NEX Selling NMCRS Benefit Sale Tickets

Beginning in March, the Navy Exchange (NEX) will be selling a Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS) benefit sale ticket to customers for \$5. The money collected from the sale of each ticket will be given to NMCRS to help Sailors and their families in need. When purchased, the sale ticket will entitle customers to specific percent-off discounts for a one-time purchase on either April 11 or 12.

Key Spouse Training

The Airman and Family Readiness Center offers both initial and quarterly Key Spouse Training. Key spouses are appointed by unit commanders to provide assistance to families of members who are currently deployed. For more information, call 366-8136.

Free Mini Workshops at the Hotspot

The Airman and Family Readiness Center has scheduled the following mini-workshops at the Hotspot:

- March 8 - A Guide for Helping Children Manage Anger (ages 3-12)
- March 15 - Emotional Cycle of Deployment
- March 22 - Communication for Teens
- March 29 - Couples Communication

All workshops will be conducted from 10-11 a.m. If you have any questions or would like to register for any of these workshops, please call 366-8136.

Special Saturday Clinic

Andersen Veterinary Clinic will have a Saturday clinic on March 5 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Sick call will be by appointment only. Technician visits (i.e. vaccines, heartworm test and fecal exams) will be available on walk-in basis from 9 a.m.-noon and by appointment from 12:30-3 p.m. For more information call 366-3205.

Air Force Assistance Fund 2011 kicks off

By Airman 1st Class Whitney Tucker

36th Wing Public Affairs

The annual Air Force Assistance Fund (AFAF) drive will run from March 7 through April 15.

The AFAF was established to provide for an annual effort to raise funds for the charitable affiliates that provide support to Air Force families—active duty, retirees, reservists, guard and their dependents, including surviving spouses—in need.

Last year Andersen raised more

than \$60,000 in contributions, nearly doubling the original 36th Wing goal of \$34,460.

“The Air Force Assistance Fund is a tax exempt organization that provides contributions to four Air Force affiliated charities,” said Capt. Jacob Botello, 2011 AFAF installation project officer. “Basically, think of it as Airmen helping Airmen, because Airmen are the ones who benefit from these charities. Because of our contributions, we can help Airmen with emergency needs, educational assistance, family support and provide comfort and

dignity to Air Force widows and widowers.”

People can contribute by cash, check or money order, or use payroll deductions for the following:

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

- The Air Force Enlisted Village includes Teresa Village in Fort

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

- Air Force Village, which includes Air Force Village I and II in San Antonio, is a life-care community for retired officers,

spouses, widows or widowers and family members. The Air Force Village Web site is www.airforcevillages.com.

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

For more information about the charitable organizations and AFAF, visit www.afassistancefund.org.

Donley announces next tanker aircraft

By Capt. Chris Sukach

Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

Air Force and Defense Department officials announced the award of an engineering and manufacturing development contract valued at more than \$3.5 billion for the KC-46A aerial refueler to The Boeing Company Feb. 24.

Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley said in the briefing that many factors were evaluated during the tanker selection process.

"This selection process determined whether or not the proposals demonstrated the ability of an offerer to deliver all 372 mandatory requirements and whether non-mandatory capabilities would be addressed," Donley said, emphasizing that both offerers met the mandatory requirements. "It also took into account fleet mission effectiveness in wartime and life cycle costs as embodied in fuel efficiency and military construction costs."

Deputy Secretary of Defense William Lynn noted that the "competition favored no one except the taxpayer and the warfighter."

The Air Force-led selection effort included experts from the larger Department of Defense (DOD) community including staff from the Office of the Secretary of Defense and independent review teams



Donley: Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley takes the to answer a question from a reporter during a press conference in the Pentagon Feb. 24 after he announced that the KC-46A tanker contract was awarded to The Boeing Company. Behind Secretary Donley, from left to right, are Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz, Deputy Secretary of Defense William Lynn and Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics Ashton Carter. (U.S. Air Force photo by Jim Varhegyi)

during each step of the process.

The thorough and transparent selection process was marked by continual dialogue with offerers to ensure the Air Force had a clear understanding of their proposals and the companies clearly understood the service's analysis of their offers, Donley said.

Donley also highlighted that the warfighter was in charge of stating the requirements for the tanker and that meeting those requirements enables the aircraft to go to war on day one.

"General Schwartz and I are confident in the fact that when our young pilots, boom operators and

maintainers receive this aircraft, they will have the tools they need to be successful at what we ask them to do," the secretary added.

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz shared the secretary's sentiment.

"I'm pleased with how this has produced an outcome after an

exhaustive effort by hundreds of the department's very best people—that we will get about delivering the capability that's long overdue," Schwartz said.

While the focus of the briefing was on the award of the contract, Donley addressed basing considerations for the aircraft, stating that those decisions involve other organizations and will take place over the next couple of years.

Donley also reiterated the service's commitment to provide equipment of exceptional quality to the warfighter.

"To the men and women of our Air Force, today's announcement represents a long overdue start to a much-needed program," Donley said. "Your Air Force leadership, supported by Dr. (Ashton) Carter [Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics] and others throughout the Department of Defense, is determined to see this through and we will stand behind this work."

Air Force and DOD officials complemented both offerers and thanked congressional oversight committees and their staffs for working with the department during the contract process that served the warfighter and taxpayers well.

The program expects to deliver the first 18 aircraft by 2017.

GUANG Soldiers learn lifesaving skills

By Sgt. 1st Class Michael Taman
3rd Battalion, 196th Infantry Brigade
Unit Medical Adviser

The U.S. Army's 3rd Battalion, 196th Infantry Brigade conducted their annual U.S. Army Medical Department (AMEDD) Combat Lifesaver (CLS) Program course Jan. 18-21.

Sixteen students attended the four-day course. The two instructors came from the Guam Army National Guard's (GUANG)

1-294th Infantry Regiment and the 3rd Battalion, 196th Infantry Brigade.

One of the main goals of the AMEDD CLS is to teach non-medical Soldiers lifesaving techniques and procedures which allow them to readily act and save themselves or their comrades during critical times when medical personnel are not immediately available. This dramatically increases the Army's survivability rate and lowers the severity of injuries.

The CLS course was revamped in December 2009. Notable changes included the removal of intravenous (IV) infusions therapy, shortened course core curriculum and the use of new equipment to include the dragon harness, Talon II assault litter carrier and combat gauze.

With all these revisions, one thing that has not changed is that the CLS is still geared towards the fundamentals of Tactical Combat Casualty Care (TC3). Service members from all branches are being trained

to a common standard.

Standards are based on lessons learned from past wars to present-day Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF), Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) and Operation New Dawn (OND).

Sgt. Jesse John Cruz of Western Pacific (WESTPAC) District Veterinary Command (DVC) attended the course for the first time.

"I loved the realistic training," Cruz said. "I feel better going on a deployment now that I can

do more for my battle buddies if they get hurt."

The 3rd Battalion, 196th Infantry Brigade is an active component U.S. Army unit assigned to Guam. It's parent headquarters, the 196th Infantry Brigade, is located at Fort Shafter in Honolulu, Hawaii.

The unit is part of the United States Army Pacific Command (USARPAC). The mission on Guam includes providing training support to both the GUANG and Guam Army Reserve units.



FTX: Students of the Army Medical Department (AMEDD) Combat Lifesaver (CLS) program display what they have learned during a Field Training Exercise Jan. 21. The AMEDD CLS course is designed to teach non-medical Soldiers lifesaving techniques and procedures. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Joleen Langley)



AMEDD CLS: Sgt. Jesse John Cruz treats Master Sgt. Terry Geller during the final Field Training Exercise as part of the Army Medical Department (AMEDD) Combat Lifesaver (CLS) program training course Jan. 21. The AMEDD CLS course is designed to teach non-medical Soldiers lifesaving techniques and procedures. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Joleen Langley)

Working dogs shine in Andersen spotlight



Vet Check Up: U.S. Army Sgt. Cole Williams, Western Pacific District Veterinary Command animal care sergeant, performs a post-flight physical on a military working dog during a joint training exercise with the Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 25 Feb. 16. During deployments, the veterinarian will deploy for clinical care of military working dogs in a forward operating location. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Carlin Leslie)



Officer Spouse Training: Officer spouses receive a briefing from Tech. Sgt. Wilfredo Salinas, 36th Security Forces Squadron kennel master, on the six phases of aggression for military working dogs Feb. 17. The spouses toured multiple base facilities, providing them an outlook on how Andersen's gears turn. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Carlin Leslie)

AF has new weapon in fight against Spice

By G.W. Pomeroy

Air Force Surgeon General Public Affairs

Air Force officials began drug testing Airmen Feb. 22 to determine whether they are using Spice—the street term for a range of designer synthetic-cannabinoid products.

With the implementation of testing, officials intend to send a very clear message—use Spice and you may lose your career, end up in jail or both, officials said.

“Spice, also commonly referred to as herbal incense, is mistakenly

perceived by some Airmen as a legal or safe alternative to marijuana,” said Dr. Aaron Jacobs, Air Force Drug Testing program manager.

Side effects can include panic attacks, hallucinations, delusions, vomiting, increased agitation and dilated pupils, he said.

“Additional harmful effects are still unknown, so individuals are taking significant risks to their health when they use Spice,” he said.

Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) officials recently took

steps toward listing five chemicals used to make Spice a schedule I controlled substances, which will make Spice illegal to possess, distribute or manufacture in the U.S.

According to the DEA website, this action was taken as an emergency measure due to an increasing number of reports from poison control centers, hospitals and law enforcement agencies regarding these products.

Use of these substances is strictly prohibited for Airmen. The prohibition is contained both in AFI

44-120, Military Drug Demand Reduction Program and the Air Force Guidance Memorandum to AFI 44-121, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment Program.

Airmen who use Spice are subject to prosecution under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

Air Force officials have taken disciplinary action against Airmen identified as using Spice and continue to aggressively enforce the prohibition through courts-martial and nonjudicial punishment.

In 2010, 177 Airmen received nonjudicial punishment for using Spice and another 83 Airmen faced Spice charges at courts-martial.

Air Force Drug Testing Lab technicians will utilize the expertise of the Armed Forces Medical Examiners Systems to conduct the specialized testing.

Jacobs added that the Air Force is also mounting a robust education and awareness campaign to ensure all Airmen understand the risks of possessing and consuming these dangerous products.

AFNIC launches new IA education tools

By Katherine Kebisek

Air Force Network Integration Center

Air Force Network Integration Center (AFNIC) officials recently introduced new information assurance (IA) education tools to help Airmen stay up to speed in the constantly evolving cyberspace environment.

The initiatives—which include a robust community of practice, webinars and computer-based training—are focused efforts to make on-the-job training faster and more efficient by enabling rapid access to timely information, officials said. While the tools are aimed at IA officers and program managers, they are accessible to any Airman who wants to learn more about IA.

“As awareness of the need for cyber security grows, the need to get information out to people on how they can protect their systems and meet Air Force policy also grows,” said Deb Pulley, AFNIC certification and accreditation policy manager. “These tools are our latest effort to meet that need and give (Airmen) as much assistance as we can.”

With the frequency and sophistication of malicious activity toward the defense information networks growing exponentially, threats to America’s security in the cyberspace domain are now recognized to be just as real and significant as physical threats, she said. With so much daily work directly dependent on the availability and security of the cyberspace domain, the Air Force counts on its personnel to take an active role in defending the networks and information.

Information assurance is a critical piece of cyber security which encompasses computer security, communications security and emissions security, officials said. All network users are required to complete information assurance training annually for continued access to the network.

While the average user needs a basic understanding of the threats and how to mitigate them, cyber professionals need regular, timely training and education to stay up to date on policy changes, guidance and threats.

“Probably the biggest challenge that any IA professional has is that

there’s so much content out there that they have to be aware of and knowledgeable about to execute,” said Ariel Garcia, AFNIC’s communications security policy lead. “We’ve tried to consolidate all of that as much as possible into a one-stop shop.”

The information assurance community of practice (CoP), hosted online on the Air Force Knowledge Now community framework, is a collaborative effort among all IA disciplines and contains a wealth of IA information with a quick search, Garcia said. The site includes an extensive frequently asked questions section with policy clarifications straight from the policy developers; discussion forums which host lively IA dialogue between cyber warriors and policy writers; various wikis with direct links to relevant IA content; a document repository and a library of “how to” process guides.

“[Airmen] can easily access information relevant to their specific job or task,” Garcia said. “From the feedback we’ve (received, the CoP) has really helped a lot.”

Additionally, “the forums give

people the opportunity to ask questions and get feedback from people across the Air Force,” Pulley said. “You get a conversation going which allows us to make sure we’re providing the best solution and the best information back to them that they need to do their jobs.”

Monthly webinars dealing with various IA topics are also conducted through Defense Connect Online, a Department of Defense (DoD)-provided video teleconference service, and then archived on the CoP.

According to Garcia, they began the webinars by covering broad overviews of the facets of IA and always offer the opportunity for participants to ask questions.

“With the Air Force, you have a very high rotation of people and sometimes you get some relatively inexperienced people into some pretty important positions within the IA world,” Garcia said. “It’s essential to have some webinars available that they can at least get that foundation in place. You do learn a lot from reading straight from a regulation but that doesn’t always show you the whole picture.”

In Nov. 2010, AFNIC officials launched a computer-based training (CBT) tool to help IA professionals and program managers learn the new Air Force process for certification and accreditation.

This process is managed by AFNIC and helps ensure Air Force IA policy is implemented correctly by validating that all applicable IA requirements have been satisfied on a system or network, officials said. The Air Force Certification and Accreditation Program (AFCAP) CBT, which is available through information technology e-Learning via the AF Portal, provides an in-depth look at the new certification and accreditation process and requirements, as well as an executive summary for those who are just looking to increase their general knowledge.

According to Pulley, while the CBT is not considered official Air Force training, individuals can earn a certificate for each module they complete which can be included in one’s official records.

To learn more about the CoP, webinars and AFCAP CBT, visit <https://afkm.wpafb.af.mil/IA>.

Small individual actions can result in big global changes

By Kevin D. Evans

Joint Region Marianas Energy Manager

World events intrude continuously in energy and its affect on our island. Unrest in the Middle East causes concern and anxiety, which is reflected in the dramatic escalation in oil prices, now over \$100 per barrel.

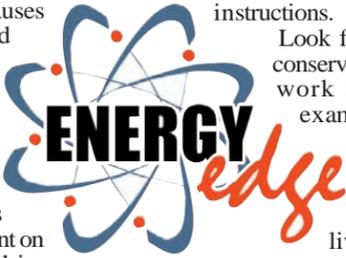
Guam is heavily dependent on oil for everything from the fuel in our power plants to the fuel in our cars and trucks. The simple message here is that energy conservation is more important than ever and we all need to take another look at our energy discipline and conservation opportunities.

We ask that everyone check their work and home energy and water saving practices. Ask your building energy monitors (BEMs) or your base energy managers for energy self-check audit sheets to assess your spaces. Report energy and water waste to the energy waste hotline at 349-1047. Know that all hands are empowered to make common sense

energy and water conservation decisions that include securing unnecessary lighting loads, shutting off running faucets and resetting thermostats to proper settings in accordance with local energy instructions.

Look for energy and water conservation opportunities at work and at home. For example, swap out incandescent light bulbs with energy efficient compact fluorescent lamps (CFL). If you live in base housing, you can do this for free at your base self-help office on a one-to-one basis. Submit trouble calls to report malfunctioning energy systems or leaking faucets or water lines.

The world may be large, and we humans may seem small in comparison, but our individual actions can make a difference. American anthropologist Margaret Mead once said, “never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.” Our actions are the best defense against an uneasy world stage, particularly when it comes to energy.



Career Day: School values relationship

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the military has to offer and have them play with some robots," he said.

The Sailors spoke to first-grade students about equipment used for diffusing bombs, including bomb suits and bomb disposal robots. One highlight of the event came when the

Sailors dressed Romina Salgado, a teacher, in the bomb suit.

"I think the kids had a blast," Ayala-Berumon said. "As soon as we showed the bomb suit and robots, especially when one of their teachers suited up, the kids really lit up."

According to Punongbayan, being able to have unique experiences,

such as interacting with Sailors, really stimulates the minds of these young students.

"Some students never realize this equipment is used by the military," she said. "They only read about it or see it on television, but for them to see it in person, it really amazed the students."

Marie Green, another first-grade

teacher, said she knows her students are always excited to meet new people and learn new things.

"They're enjoying it right now and it's really educational for them," she said. "They love to meet members of our community. They're very engaged right now."

Punongbayan said that the school is happy for the relationship that

they have with EODMU5, and hopes to continue their joint efforts in the future.

"For the Navy to reach out and help us is great," she said. "We're always open for any resources they have to help out."

For more news from U.S. Naval Forces Marianas, visit www.navy.mil/local/guam.



Dressing The Part: Explosive Ordnance Disposalman 2nd Class (EOD/PJ) Daniel Christensen, left, and Explosive Ordnance Disposal Seaman Jairo Ayala-Berumon, right, of Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit (EODMU) 5 dress Romina Salgado, a first-grade teacher at Wettengel Elementary School in Dededo, Guam, in a bomb disposal suit Feb. 23. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Peter Lewis)



Robot: Students at Wettengel Elementary School in Dededo, Guam play with a bomb disposal robot from Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit (EODMU) 5 Feb. 23. Sailors from EODMU 5 visited the school to speak to the children about what it takes to be a Sailor in the world's finest Navy. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Peter Lewis)

Who was your role model when you were a kid?

Joint Region Edge asked its readers who their role model was when they were kids.



"As a kid, my dad was my role model. He was the perfect family man, and always made sure to take care of his responsibilities and his loved ones."

— Electronics Technician 2nd Class (SS) Tyler Dickey
USS Frank Cable (AS 40)



"I would say Tyra Banks. She's fearless but helps people whether they're good or bad. She sees people and individual persons, not just their cover."

— Airman 1st Class Amanda Williamson
36th Communications Squadron knowledge operations management apprentice



"My mom was a single parent working three jobs to take care of two kids. She instilled that sense of hard work and putting family first in me. That's why she'll always be my role model."

— Information Systems Technician Seaman Tim Swaney
Naval Computer and Telecommunications Station Guam



"My father was my role model when I was little because he was there for us. As I grew up a bit, I came to admire Martin Luther King Jr. because of his vision for America and what he stood for when it came to human rights, social justice and character."

— Mark Overton
36th Communications Squadron communications security manager



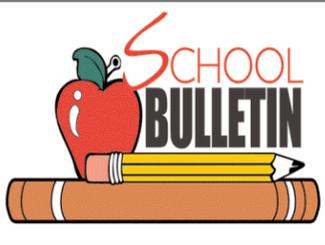
"My dad was always my role model. He did 20 years in the Army before retiring and I am proud to follow in his footsteps."

— Sergeant 1st Class J.D. Charfauros
Guam Army National Guard



"Winston Churchill was someone I aspired to be. He went through a lot in life battling through depression, making some politically bad decisions—and still went on to become a nation's great leader and scholar. Despite his difficulties, he persevered."

— Jeff Meyers
36th Wing historian



School Bulletin aims to promote educational activities in the Navy and Air Force communities. If you know of an education-related event you would like to include, send it to jointregionedge@fe.navy.mil or call 349-2113.

Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA)

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

Upcoming meetings:

March 10 at Guam High School
April 21 at Cmdr. William C. McCool Elementary/Middle School
May 12 at Guam High School

Andersen Elementary School

March 14-18 Terra Nova Testing for grades 3-5

Guam High School

The Booster Club is planning its final events for school year 2010-11. This organization runs on volunteer power and we need your help. If you can volunteer your time for any of the following activities please contact Christine Duplissey at christine_duplissey@yahoo.com.

The Booster Club will be losing some board members this summer as well. If you enjoy being involved in your child's school and working with a dynamic group of parents, this is the place for you. Please consider submitting your name for upcoming elections. The Booster Club is a highly rewarding place for those who have as little as 3 to 10 hour per month to be involved as an elected executive board member. Other volunteer coordinator positions are also available. Contact Karen Cruz at 688-0443 or karen.cruz@akguam.com for more information.

McCool Elementary/Middle School

Substitute teachers wanted. U.S. citizens with a minimum of 60 college semester hours may apply. For more information, call Mellie Guerrero at 339-5347.

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.

MEMS holds 2011 Learnabration

By Anna-Victoria Crisostomo
Joint Region Edge Staff

Cmdr. William C. McCool Elementary/Middle School (MEMS) hosted its annual Learnabration event Feb. 25.

The event was started by the Guam Greek Council in 2009 in recognition of Black History Month. Through Learnabration, students learn more about African-American culture, history and important figures.

Students in the second through eighth grades listened to 28 volunteer guest speakers throughout the Navy and civilian community. Throughout the day, they learned about a variety of topics from the presenters whose backgrounds and personalities were just as diverse.

Cmdr. Michael Thornton, U.S. Naval Base Guam (NBG) public works officer, shared the life of Carl Brashear, the first African-American Navy diver.

"Brashear was a great example of a person of courage and not just for the African-American person, but for all people," Thornton said. "He showed how a person can excel through adversity."

Master-at-Arm 2nd Class Raymond Campbell, of NBG Security, shared the life of baseball great Jackie Robinson with students who excitedly begged to be picked for the interactive game quiz following the presentation. Steven Bloom, Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) Guam superintendent, discussed jazz greats and played tunes from African-American musicians.



Learnabration: Master-at-Arms 2nd Class Raymond Campbell of U.S. Naval Base Guam Security shares the life of baseball great Jackie Robinson during a presentation for Cmdr. William C. McCool Elementary/Middle School's Learnabration Feb. 25. The Learnabration is an annual activity held during Black History Month that gives students the chance to learn about African-American history, culture and figures. (U.S. Navy photo by Debora Moore)

Daniel Simpson, supervisory special agent with Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS), shared a quiz game that kept the students enthralled while learning about African-American inventors.

"I had a ball with [the students]," Simpson said. "They were fun and really enthusiastic and they wanted to answer the questions."

A member of the Guam Greek Council, this is Simpson's second

year as a presenter. He added that the Learnabration is a great activity for students and presenters alike.

"You present some positive role models coming into the schools so they can actually see positive people doing things," Simpson said. "You want them to have fun and show them that you're interested in their education and what they're learning."

Third-grader Jonah Diaz said he enjoyed Simpson's presentation

the most. When asked to choose a favorite presentation, third-grader Manny Estrada said he couldn't because "they were all good."

MEMS teacher Debora Moore said she was grateful for the support of the volunteers.

"We are so honored to have talented military and community members from all races coming in to share African-American history with our students," Moore said.

AES finds Spelling Bee representative



Winners: Andersen Elementary School (AES) held its schoolwide Spelling Bee Feb. 18. Kristie Castillo, center, will represent AES at the 2011 Scripps Regional Spelling Bee at the Guam Marriott Resort and Spa March 12. Also pictured are 2nd place winner Hanna Camacho, left, and 3rd place winner Anthony Bulanadi, right. (Photo by Art Flores courtesy of AES)

Third-graders host 'living museum' Feb. 17



Living Museum: Third-graders from Lorie Kneable's class at Andersen Elementary School (AES) pose while in costume after their "living museum" presentation in honor of Black History Month Feb. 17. The students researched and dressed up as famous African-Americans and spoke to audiences about the contributions these figures made to America. (Photo by Amanda Cox contributed by AES)

Native headdress is simple, beautiful craft

By Anna-Victoria Crisostomo
Joint Region Edge Staff

One of the perks of living on an island is having lush greenery and exotic flowers as a part of daily life. With an abundance of flora at virtually every turn, it comes as no surprise that many cultural adornments make use of these local treasures.

Mwarmwars [mahr-mahr] are native headdresses similar to a crown of leaves or flowers. While the origins of mwarmwars are unclear, they exist in variations throughout Micronesia including Guam, Saipan, Chuuk, Palau, Kosrae and Ulithi.

"Mwarmwar is worn on a daily basis back home, especially during special occasions like weddings and gatherings but, everyday, anybody can wear a mwarmwar," Arlene Mario said. Mario is a native of Polowat, an outer island of Chuuk in the Federated States of Micronesia.

"We grow up wearing these and so, since we were little, we know how to make [mwarmwars] already," she said.

Mario revealed the key to successful mwarmwar creation—getting flowers in a variety of colors and establishing a rhythm.

"You need to make a pattern to make it look beautiful," Mario said. "We try to put together different colors, like white and red, to



Mwarmwars: Cultural dancers wear mwarmwars during a performance at the University of Guam Fieldhouse in Mangilao Jan. 2. Mwarmwars are headdresses made of flowers or leaves. While the origins of these items is unknown, they can be seen in a variety of styles throughout the islands of Micronesia. (U.S. Navy photo by Anna-Victoria Crisostomo)

make it really colorful."

Leaves are also essential for two parts of the mwarmwar. A long, sturdy leaf is needed to serve as the base of the mwarmwar. For this, Mario recommended ginger or coconut leaves. Smaller, fern-like

leaves are used as filler material between flowers. In some cases, mwarmwars are made entirely of leaves.

While Mario and other local Chuukese women may be far from home, they still teach the craft to

their daughters and nieces. She stressed that it is just one step in the effort to perpetuate their culture.

"The pace [of life] now is very fast, so it's very easy to lose the culture if we're not trying to preserve it," Mario said.

Mwarmwar

One base leaf, such as a coconut or ginger leaf

Assorted flowers, such as plumerias or bougainvilleas

Fern leaves for filler

Craft yarn

Cut a piece of yarn about double the length of your forearm.

To start your mwarmwar, take your base leaf and measure the circumference of your head. Using one end of the yarn, tie the ends of the leaf together to make a circle. You may wish to tie a second loop for added security.

Take a flower and hold it against the base leaf. Secure the leaves or flowers to the base leaf by wrapping their stems with the loose yarn. Pull yarn gently and create a tight wrap.

Create a pattern by alternating flowers and filler leaves and securing these materials to your base leaf. Be sure to position the next flower or leaf closely to the one before it.

If you run out of yarn while wrapping flowers and leaves, simply cut an additional piece and tie it to the yarn on the mwarmwar. Then, continue wrapping flowers and leaves.

Once you have covered your base leaf entirely, secure the yarn by tying it to the base leaf. Again, you may wish to tie a second loop for added security. Cut off any remaining string.

FREE

Karaoke Night

Every Friday at the Silver Dolphin on Naval Base Guam (NBG) Ordnance Annex, 7 p.m. Open to all authorized Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) patrons. For more information, call 564-2280.

Golf Clinic

Every Saturday and Sunday from 9-10 a.m. at Admiral Nimitz Golf Course. No need to register! Just stop by to learn the basic fundamentals of the game of golf. For more information, call 344-5838/9.

Tumbling for Tots

Tumbling for Tots, an interactive play program for kids and parents, is available at the Hotspot Gym on Andersen Air Force Base (AFB) just down the walkway from the bowling center. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m.-noon. For more information, call the Hotspot at 366-2339.

Children's Story Time

Every Wednesday at NBG Library from 3:30-4 p.m. and at Andersen AFB Library from 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. For more information, call NBG at 564-1836 or Andersen AFB at 366-4291.

Sunrise Yoga

Every Friday morning at 6 a.m. at Tarague Beach. End your week with a relaxing yoga session on the beach. Listen to the sounds of the ocean while your body is rejuvenated with the sun's rays. For more information, call 366-6100.

Xtreme Midday Madness

At NBG's Orote Point Lanes every Monday to Friday from 1-5 p.m. Bowl for only \$5 (shoes not included)! For more information, call 564-1828.

Willie's Beachside Jazz

At Bamboo Willie's every Sunday from 5-8 p.m., enjoy a relaxing evening at the beach while you listen to great jazz music. For more information, call 653-9814.

Tuesday Fajita Night

At Andersen AFB's Café Latte every Tuesday from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Base price starts at only \$2.95 and you can build your own fajitas! For more information, call 366-6166.

TGIF Night

Enjoy your favorite beverages and social hour snacks every Friday in Hightides Enlisted Lounge beginning at 4 p.m. Unwind and enjoy a game of pool or darts with your friends. For more information, call 366-6166.

Texas Hold'em Night

Texas Hold'em tournaments are held every Tuesday starting at 6 p.m. in Hightides Enlisted Lounge at the Top of the Rock (Andersen AFB). Play is free for Club Members and \$5 for non-members. Weekly prizes are awarded. Open to ages 18 and older. For more information, call Top of the Rock at 366-6166.

Wing Night

At Café Latte (Andersen AFB) every Thursday from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Load up your plate with wings for only 35 cents per ounce! For more information, call 366-6166.

Bowl Your Brains Out

At Andersen AFB's Gecko Lanes, every Monday from 6-10 p.m. Bowl all you want for just \$5! For more information, call 366-5085.

Super Saver Mug Nite

Every Saturday from 5-9 p.m. Purchase one souvenir mug for \$1.50 (comes with beverage), then refill your mug for just \$1! For more information, call 366-6166.

Saturday Nights at Bamboo Willie's

They'll be cranking up the karaoke machine, so come on down and have some fun. There will be lots of giveaways. The Bamboo Willie's menu will be available and there will be beverage specials. For more information, call 366-6166.

\$10 AND UP

Butterfly Pencil Toppers Crafting Class

Learn how to make pretty pencil toppers that you can show off to your friends March 5, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Andersen Arts and Crafts Center. There is a \$10 fee that includes instruction and enough materials to make six pencil toppers. Maximum of six students permitted, ages six and up. Advanced sign-up is required. For more information, call 366-4248.

Basic Matting Class

Learn basic matting techniques at one of two classes March 5th, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. or 2-3:30 p.m. Students should bring a 5x7 photo to mat. Finished piece will be an 8x10. There is a \$20 fee that covers instruction and materials. Maximum of two students permitted. Advanced sign-up is required. For more information, call 366-4248.

Breakfast at Café Latte

Café Latte at the Top of the Rock (Andersen AFB) offers breakfast from 6:30-9:30 a.m. Monday through Friday and 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on Saturday. Enjoy your morning coffee along with all your traditional breakfast favorites, plus a variety of breakfast burritos and sandwiches. For more information, call 366-6166.

On a Budget UNDER \$10



FRIDAY, MARCH 4

7 p.m.: The Green Hornet • PG-13

SATURDAY, MARCH 5

2 p.m.: The Green Hornet • PG-13

7 p.m.: The Rite • PG-13

SUNDAY, MARCH 6

7 p.m.: The Rite • 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.**



The Big Screen Theater is closed for renovations until March 31.

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, 9 a.m.

Protestant Worship Service
Sunday Service: Traditional Service: 8 a.m.
Contemporary Service: 11 a.m.
Women's Bible Study: Monday, 9 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: Tuesday, 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, Wednesday, 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, 6:30 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, 6 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

Life isn't fair, and that's OK

By Lt. Gale White

U.S. Naval Base Guam Chaplain

"That's not berry fair!" This was a phrase heard often in my house when I was growing up—usually accompanied by a stomped foot or crossed arms. In a state of anger, frustration or sadness I always seemed to get the "b" and "v" sounds mixed up.

If you ever played the role of younger sibling, you would understand and be sympathetic to my trials and frequent declarations of unfairness. My older sister always seemed to have the upper hand no matter what we did and took full advantage of

her superior knowledge and strength. When I realized that I had been hoodwinked and was feeling upset, my dad would wisely tell me, "life isn't fair!"

"Life isn't fair." There is no truer statement in the world, but it is a difficult one to accept. It isn't fair that, at times, innocent people suffer and the wicked people seem to prosper.

For some, this can create a dilemma or crisis of faith in God. If God is all powerful, all knowing, full of justice and love how can He let this happen? Why doesn't God make life fair?

If we explore this thought for

just a moment, we might be thankful that life isn't fair.

We can be thankful that life isn't fair when we receive things that we do not deserve. Did you ever get off with a warning instead of a speeding ticket? If life was fair, everyone stopped for speeding should receive a ticket—no exceptions. Have you ever received grace and love from someone to whom you were mean and inconsiderate? Just imagine if the world actually lived by the rule "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." It would be chaos!

Often, our standard of fairness is based on what we feel is being taken away from us—not given to us. It is never a problem when we receive more, only when we receive less. I don't ever remember having

a fit over getting the larger scoop of ice cream. When you really stop to think about it, life really isn't fair because we have been blessed with so much more than we deserve.

God, in His grace and wisdom, knows that not all suffering is meaningless but that it actually can be a gift because it can lead us to greater faith, hope and endurance. At the same time, not all prosperity is useful as it can lead to disparity and destruction.

Ultimately, if it was not for the suffering of one man, Jesus Christ, who was unfairly tried, convicted and killed on our behalf, we would all receive our fair share of punishment and what we do deserve. We would all do well to remember His sacrifice the next time we feel that life is not fair.



Still Moments



Million Dollar Sailors: The Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) hosted the "Million Dollar Sailor" game show competition at the Single Sailor Sanctuary on U.S. Naval Base Guam (NBG) Feb. 25. The game, which tested Sailors on financial terms and statistics, was held as part of Military Saves Month, a financial readiness campaign launched in February by the Department of Defense. Seaman Larramie Mills of USS Frank Cable (AS 40) answered 13 questions correctly, just two questions shy of the \$1 million mark, to take first place. From left to right are Mills; second place winner Sonar Technician, Submarine 3rd Class (SS) Michael Jordan of USS Michigan (SSGN 727); third place winner Personnel Specialist Seaman Recruit Shelby Ponder of Personnel Support Detachment Guam and FFSC financial educator Pilar Pangelinan. (Photo courtesy of FFSC)

Panthers host 2011 Far East tournament

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

Joint Region Edge Staff

The Guam High School (GHS) girls' and boys' basketball teams participated and hosted this year's Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) Pacific 2011 Far East Tournament at the Charles King Fitness Center on U.S. Naval Base Guam and the Coral Reef Fitness and Sports Center at Andersen Air Force Base Feb. 23-26.

A total of 32 teams participated from DoDEA schools in Guam, Seoul, Hong Kong, Japan and the Philippines.

The GHS teams were noted to be extremely competitive despite having several underclassmen players. The boys' team placed in the top ten.

"Being in the top ten says something about the team," said Joe Taitano, coach for the GHS boys' team. "We had only one return player, Paul Floyd, who averaged double points throughout the tournament and made the Far East All-Star team. We also had point guard Kaleb Mitchell who contributed tremendously and was the tournament free throw champion—but the credit truly goes to the whole team for their hard work and competitiveness."

The girls' team also played exceptionally well. They started off in the third place position in their pool bracket but lost some games which costed them the lead.

Mark Pieper, co-coach for the GHS girls' team, said the team has promise.



Far East: The Guam High School girls' basketball team strikes a pose with Commander, Joint Region Marianas Rear Adm. Paul Bushong as they receive an award for their participation in the Department of Defense Education Activity Pacific 2011 Far East Tournament at the Charles King Fitness Center on U.S. Naval Base Guam Feb. 23-26. Guam High School was the host for this year's tournament. The boys' teams played at the Coral Reef Fitness and Sports Center at Andersen Air Force Base. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Corwin Colbert)

"This team is very young and they did very well," Pieper said. "Our season hasn't actually started compared to some of the other Far East schools who have season experience under their belts. However, the girls learned quickly about teamwork and determination.

They just need time to develop their chemistry."

The team has two freshmen and three juniors starting, with more freshmen and sophomores contributing from the bench. Their top scorer was Christiana Mendiola who was a consistent

contributor for the team.

GHS girls' co-coach Katrina Pieper said the tournament was beneficial as their season approaches. She said the high level of play will give her young team experience and confidence.

As for the boys' team, Taitano

said they are ready for next week's playoffs.

Currently, the Panthers are in second place in the Independent Interscholastic Athletic Association of Guam high school basketball league—and they are looking for the championship.

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.

Charles King Fitness Center

Charles King Fitness Center (CKFC) hours of operation are Monday-Friday from 5 a.m.-9 p.m., Saturday from 8 a.m.-9 p.m., Sunday and holidays from 9 a.m.-7 p.m. For more information, call 333-2049.

NCTS Sports Center

The Naval Computer and Telecommunications Station Guam Sports Center has re-opened. Hours of operation are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m.-8 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday from 11 a.m.-8 p.m., and Saturday-Sunday from 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Run Registration

Runners can now submit run registrations for Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR)-sponsored runs via e-mail. On the Fitness Program page of the MWR website, www.mwrguam.com, click on the "NEW Run Registration Form" PDF under Additional Links and follow the instructions on the form.

Pre-registration for all fitness events will end at 5 p.m. on Friday of the week prior to the event.

Ultimate Frisbee

Ultimate Frisbee pickup games are played Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Sampson Softball Field on NBG (next to the old swimming pool). No experience necessary. For more information, show up.

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

Fishing Trip

Join Outdoor Recreation for a six hours of fishing fun on a charter fishing trip March 5. Go time is 4:45 a.m. Cost is \$85 per person. Transportation and fishing gear will be included. Participants can bring their own fishing equipment and snorkeling gear for a refreshing dip in the ocean after fishing. Bring your favorite beverage, snacks, towel, bathing suit, sun-block and money for lunch. Seating is limited to six participants. Call 366-5197 to sign up or for more information.

March Madness

The 25th annual March Madness Pacific-wide Basketball Tournament will be held March 22-26 at 8:30a.m. at Coral Reef Fitness Center. Adult men's and women's varsity teams are eligible. Cost per team is \$400. For more information, call 366-2516.

Lap Swimming

The Andersen pool offers lap swimming outside the recreational swim hours. Lap swimming hours are 6-8 a.m. and 11 a.m.-noon Friday through Wednesday, 6-7 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. No lap swimming will be available Thursdays, weekends, holidays and down days. Also, the pool is looking for certified swimming instructors and lifeguards. For more information, call Outdoor Recreation at 366-5197 or Human Resources at 366-1189.

