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Bases celebrate Fourth of July

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Andersen Air Force Base (AFB) and U.S. Naval Base Guam (NBG) celebrated Independence Day in a big way with festive events July 1 and 4.

Andersen AFB let freedom ring during the Freedom Fest at Arc Light Park July 1. Service members and their families were treated to a wide variety of games and activities including a bouncy castle, waterslide, face painting, karabao (ka-ra-BOW) rides, live music and an obstacle course.

"I think riding the karabao [water buffalo] was certainly a lot of fun for my son but the cotton candy and bouncy castle were a hit for the whole family," said Jennifer Gesick, Air Force spouse.

Aside from games and activities for kids, adults were able to celebrate the holiday with raffle drawings. Prizes included hotel stays, a round-trip ticket to any destination in Asia to which the sponsoring airline flies

and various electronics.

"It's nice to be able to have some family fun during the holidays on base," said Staff Sgt. Patrick Gesick, of 734th Air Mobility Squadron. "This event had a little bit of everything for all ages."

While attendees had a good time at the Freedom Fest, the event was about more than just fun and games.

"It's important to celebrate the Fourth of July because it gives us a chance to remember the sacrifices people have made in our past to

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Free Falling: Aircrew Survival Equipmentman 2nd Class (AW/FJP) Curtis Larsen, right, of Special Boat Team 20 in Little Creek, Va., and currently assigned to Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit 5, speaks with children after parachuting from a Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 25 helicopter during the Freedom Festival on U.S. Naval Base Guam July 4. (U.S. Naval photo by JoAnna Delfin)



Andersen AFB bids farewell to vice commander



By Airman 1st Class Whitney Tucker

36th Wing Public Affairs

After serving as the 36th Wing vice commander for more than two years, Col. Tod "Popeye" Fingal said "farewell" to the community

Farewell From the Family: Col. Tod Fingal, right, outgoing 36th Wing vice commander, poses for a photo with his wife Rhonda Fingal during their farewell dinner at Andersen Air Force Base June 25. After the dinner, Fingal received gifts from the 36th Wing squadrons to show their appreciation for his hard work and dedication. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Carlin Leslie)

he has come to regard as family at the Sunrise Conference Center on Andersen Air Force Base June 25.

It was standing room only with family, friends and co-workers vying for an opportunity to wish the outgoing vice commander well. The dinner captured a perfect blend of humor, seriousness and heart as Brig. Gen. John Doucette, 36th Wing commander, and the man of the hour addressed the assembly in turn.

"On my first day as wing commander here, Col. Fingal told me to focus on my Airmen," Doucette said. "Since that time a year ago, I have seen nothing but back slaps and handshakes from a man who gets out more than anyone I know. His focus has been entirely

on the Airmen – the people who make the mission work – and I'm here to tell you that Col. Fingal epitomizes everything our nation holds dear in a leader. I'll truly miss his back slaps, his handshakes and his friendship as he closes this chapter and moves on to the next."

When it came time for the guest of honor to address his audience, he spoke of lessons learned, friendships forged and unmatched devotion.

"We have taken strides as a family and overcome obstacles by becoming a cohesive team working together for a common goal," Fingal said. "In life, I can tell you there will be times when it's hard to get out of bed and it's hard to go to

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Pacific Partnership arrives in FSM

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Pacific Partnership 2010 Public Affairs

The Pacific Partnership 2011 team arrived in Micronesian waters for the final phase of the mission, July 3.

The majority of the team arrived aboard amphibious transport dock ship USS Cleveland (LPD 7), which is housing the command staff, the crew, representatives from non-government organizations (NGOs), Sailors, Soldiers, Marines, and Airmen from each of the partner nations participating in Pacific Partnership 2011.

"The entire Pacific Partnership team is excited to get our mission started in the Federated States of Micronesia," said Capt. Jesse A. Wilson, Commander, Destroyer Squadron (DESRON) 23 and mission commander of Pacific Partnership 2011. "I enjoyed the opportunity to visit this country on a site survey earlier this year, and it's very good to be back, especially now that the team will have an opportunity to experience the hospitality I did on my previous visit."

The Pacific Partnership team will have two added challenges in this port.

First, Cleveland will not be able to tie up to a pier or anchor in a harbor in Micronesia.

"We determined it would be safer for the ship and crew to remain underway during this mission port," said Lt. Jacqueline Ellis, Cleveland's navigator. "Besides that, Micronesia has quite a few coral reefs, and as stewards of the environment, we have to make sure that we don't harm the wildlife and their habitat."

Second, the team will visit Chuuk, Kosrae, Pohnpei and Yap during their mission, which might only be 271 square miles of land mass (roughly the size of Austin, Texas), but it occupies over one million square miles in the Pacific Ocean (roughly the size of Alaska, Texas and California combined). These states, which are independent and remote locations, are made up of island chains that are separated by hundreds of miles.

"This is an excellent opportunity for the team to get valuable experience working independently yet cohesively," Wilson said. "In a humanitarian assistance/disaster response



Easy Does It: Yeoman Seaman Tony Lomauro directs a Humvee off of Landing Craft Utility 1665 at the port of Pohnpei in the Federated States of Micronesia July 3. Pohnpei is the final stop for the Pacific Partnership 2011 team. (Photo by Kristopher Radder)

(HA/DR) crisis, responders may have to carry out the mission in remote locations and work independently. We've been working up to this point at each of our mission ports, and we're ready to take on this final challenge."

The multinational team, which included military representatives from Australia, Canada, France, Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Spain and Timor-Leste, also included a contingent from Japan which rejoined the Pacific Partnership team in Timor-Leste.

The Japanese contingent was not expected to participate this year in the wake of the 9.0 magnitude earthquake off the coast of Tohoku, but they remain committed to engaging in the humanitarian assistance initiative.

The partner nations and NGOs of Pacific Partnership will engage in engineering, dental,

medical and veterinary civil assistance projects and subject matter expert exchanges designed to increase interoperability between host nations and partner nations.

The combined team of Pacific Partnership and host nations will also develop sustainable solutions for environmental and social challenges in the region.

"This particular mission will be a real test of our interoperability," said Royal Australian Navy Cmdr. Ashley Papp, Commander Australian Contingent, Pacific Partnership 2011. "While Captain Wilson will have to travel to the more remote locations, I will have the privilege and responsibility of representing Pacific Partnership at our main locations."

To date, Pacific Partnership treated more

than 36,000 patients, engaged in more than 20 engineering projects, provided care for more than 1,500 animals, and conducted more than 40 community service projects in Tonga, Vanuatu, Papua New Guinea and Timor-Leste.

The Pacific Partnership mission was born out of the aftermath of the 2004 tsunami which devastated Indonesia.

Following that mission, Pacific Partnership began in 2006 and has gone to many countries in Southeast Asia and the South Pacific, treated more than 240,000 patients, and continued to enhance interoperability with partner nations.

For more news from Pacific Partnership, visit: www.cpf.navy.mil/pp11, www.facebook.com/pacificpartnership/, or <http://twitter.com/pacificpartner>.

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 349-6119/2224.

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Human Resources Officer, Closes July 18

2010 Consumer Confidence Report Now Available

Andersen Air Force Base's (AFB) drinking water is safe to drink and is in compliance with all federal and local regulations. Under the Environmental Protection Agency's Consumer Confidence Reporting Rule of the federal Safe Drinking Water Act, the base Bioenvironmental Engineering Office is required to annually summarize water analytical test results from the previous year and make the summary report available to all water consumers. This report is available on the Andersen Intranet under "Featured Links, Andersen AFB Consumer Confidence Report." Printed copies are also available at the base library and the Bioenvironmental Engineering Office located in the Aerospace Medicine Clinic. For more information or to receive the report by e-mail, call 366-7166.

U.S. Naval Base Guam Information Line, Twitter Updates and Facebook Page

Don't be left in the dark when it comes to important matters that affect you and your family. U.S. Naval Base Guam (NBG) has a new Information Line that will be updated periodically in the event of emergencies affecting NBG personnel, service members and their families. For more information on incidents such as these, call 339-4636. NBG also uses social networking Web site Twitter and Facebook for periodic updates including information on power outages, road closures, base activities and more. Follow NBG on Twitter at www.twitter.com/nbgum or become a fan of "US Naval Base Guam" on Facebook.

Lane Closures Scheduled on U.S. Naval Base Guam

One north- and south-bound lane on the main U.S. Naval Base Guam (NBG) road will be closed due to construction beginning June 28. The closure is schedule to remain in effect for 10 weeks. Lane closures will be between the Victor Wharf area and the road leading to the NBG Security compound. During this time, all motorists, pedestrians, and bikers are advised to drive safely, follow directional signs, and be mindful of surrounding traffic conditions.

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The Joint Region Marianas (JRM) Hotline provides an opportunity to report significant cases of fraud, waste and mismanagement. Anyone can file a hotline complaint. All reporters have the right to remain anonymous. To contact the JRM Inspector General, e-mail M-GU-JRM-IG-HOTLINE-FRAUD-WASTE-ABUSE@fe.navy.mil or call 349-1001. You may also mail your report in to JRM Inspector General Office, PSC 455 Box 211, FPO AP 96540. Remember, the more detailed information you provide the better we can assist you.

Andersen Air Force Base Public Health

Going on vacation? Andersen Air Force Base's Public Health office can provide clinic beneficiaries with general health information such as vaccine requirements, prophylactic medications and disease outbreaks for your specific travels. For more information on your next destination, contact Andersen Public Health 366-4147.

Marine Corps Drive Lane Closure Near Polaris Point

Sections of the south and north bound interior lanes of Marine Corps Drive beginning at Polaris Point will be closed to traffic Monday through Saturday from 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. until mid-November due to upgrades of the Navy's wastewater collection system. The project will progress north from the Polaris Point intersection to the Sasa Valley Fuel Farm. Lane closures will be executed in an effort to minimize impact to traffic. Motorists are advised to use caution and observe the posted speed limits around the construction site.

Info tech maintains positive outlook

By Mass Communication Specialist
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A six-year Navy veteran, Information Systems Technician 2nd Class (SW) Shaundra R. Arrington said that computer systems captured her attention at a very young age.

"As far back as I can remember I've always wanted to work with computers," she said. "I can remember when the very first [Macintosh computers] come out and we had them in school. I was immediately fascinated with computers and the technology that went into them."



Arrington said being able to combine her love of information technology with her desire to travel and further her education made the decision to join the Navy a no-brainer.

"I love sailing," she said. "There's something about being in the ocean and seeing all its surroundings that really excites me. I also love that the Navy offers a lot of opportunities to young Sailors to go in rate or leadership schools or to get a college degree."

As a member of Naval Computer and Telecommunications Station (NCTS) Guam, Arrington gets to employ her skills to troubleshoot and manage networks and systems around Guam.

"At NCTS Guam we provide communications throughout the Pacific and Indian oceans and, even though we are a very small command, we handle major mission-critical tasks," she said. "As the leading petty officer of our Circuit Actions Division, I'm in charge of managing and coordinating authorized service interruptions for six off-site areas of responsibility and I also verify and update circuit history folders for 250 circuits."

According to her supervisor Master Chief Information Systems Technician (IDW/SW/AW) Steven Dupree, Arrington is an invaluable asset to the command.

"While serving as property custodian in the Local Network Service Center, her 'c-and-o' attitude contributed significantly toward the efficiency and productivity of the department and the command," he said. "Her ready



I Think It's the Red Wire: Information Systems Technician 2nd Class (SW) Shaundra Arrington, of Naval Computer and Telecommunications Station (NCTS) Guam, examines the innards of a damaged computer at the command compound in Dededo July 5. As the leading petty officer of the command's Circuit Actions Division, Arrington manages and coordinates authorized service interruptions for six off-site areas of responsibility in addition to other network- and computer-related tasks. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class (SW) Peter Lewis)

acceptance of additional responsibilities and highly professional execution of duties has earned her the respect of her entire chain of command."

Arrington's positive work ethic shines through in her collateral duties. She is her command's Morale, Welfare and Recreation/Quality of Life representative; departmental training representative; a member of the Command Training Team and Command Assessment Team; the command Navy Marine Corps Relief Society representative; and a member of the command Operational Security Work Force.

"Her training program is second to none with the organization, facilitation and tracking of over 2,000 hours of training," Dupree noted. "Arrington also unselfishly contributes her time to her fellow citizens. She helped over

300 active and retired military personnel enjoy the USO's Christmas dinner, she helped spotlight breast cancer awareness at the Amazing Grace fitness event and she volunteered countless hours to the Guam Animals In Need program in caring for displaced animals."

Arrington said she has been able to draw motivation from the examples of her role models.

"I would have to say Dr. Maya Angelou has been a role model I've aspired to emulate," she said. "Her involvement in the civil rights movement, her poems and novels inspired me in many ways. She has done so much in her time and inspired and touched so many lives. I hope to one day be an inspiration to people."

Arrington also counted Adm. Jeremy

Michael Boorda, the only Chief of Naval Operations to have risen to the position from the enlisted ranks, as another role model.

"Adm. Boorda is someone I hope to be like because he had the will and determination to achieve his goals even though he had a long way to go to get to the top," she said.

For others trying to emulate her success, Arrington had a few words of advice.

"If you don't know something, find the answer," she said. "Try to educate others with the information as well. Take time to put out the best quality of work possible even if you might have to stay behind a few evenings but always get it done to the best of your ability. Most importantly, always try to have a positive attitude about everything. Having an upbeat outlook can make any task or operation go much smoother."

Andersen's Best: Romero proves to be the 'go-to' Airman



Romero Steals the Show: Airman 1st Class Ashleigh Romero, 36th Civil Engineer Squadron (CES) operations management technician, was awarded Andersen's Best June 30. Romero is the "go-to" Airman for the Operations Flight chief. She provided weekly schedules of the top 10 oldest Direct Scheduled Work/Reoccurring Work Program items reducing backlog by 25 percent. Romero was also awarded Professional Performer of the Month May 11. Romero is also the CES Booster Club Secretary. She has organized six fundraisers for more than 350 personnel and earned more than \$2,000 for squadron functions. 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 explaining their accomplishments. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Carlin Leslie)

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Voice of a Survivor: Ben Gumataotao

(Editor's Note: This article is the second in a five-part series about Guam's World War II survivors in observance of Liberation Day.)

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Today, Piti Mayor Vicente "Ben" Gumataotao is known for his role as a public servant. The residents of Piti look to Gumataotao to address their concerns and keep the village running smoothly, and he proudly serves as their elected leader.

What many might fail to realize, however, is that Gumataotao also holds another title in high regard. He is a World War II (WWII) survivor.

Gumataotao was born Nov. 30, 1927. He lived in the village of Sumay with his family of 11 – his two parents, seven sisters, and one brother – about 100 feet from the current site of the Orote Point Commissary on U.S. Naval Base Guam.

By the time he was 14 years old, Gumataotao had landed a job at the U.S. Marine Corps Barracks in Sumay. When the Japanese bombed Guam Dec. 8, 1941, he was cleaning the Enlisted Men's Club.

"I ran out and I saw all the airplanes," Gumataotao said. "I ran down to the baker shop because the baker shop is under the banyan tree. I tried to hide and I got hit with the machine gun."

Luckily, the bullet just grazed Gumataotao's side. Confused and afraid, he began frantically looking for his family but was unable to find them in the chaos surrounding him as people fled for their lives.

"Everyone was just crying and they don't know what to do," Gumataotao recalled. "Your mind is just lost. You don't know what to do and what's happening. You feel like this is the end of the world."

Unable to find his family, Gumataotao joined the crowds that were fleeing to Agat for safety. Three days later, he found his family but the joy of their reunion was only temporary.

Japanese forces soon landed on Guam and rounded up the people they could find. When the Japanese found Gumataotao and his family, they were huddled together with other survivors in a cave.

"We were scared," he said. "They carried guns and bayonets – we don't ever see those things."

According to Gumataotao, the Japanese worked quickly to establish their dominance over the people of Guam. People were given ID cards to be carried at all times. Children were sent to school for three months – just



A True Survivor: Piti Mayor Vicente "Ben" Gumataotao makes a visit to Plaza de Espana in Hagatna June 17. Gumataotao was living and working in Sumay when Japanese forces bombed the pre-World War II village and took control of the island Dec. 8, 1941. (U.S. Navy photo by JoAnna Delfin)

enough time for them to learn the basics of Japanese language so they could understand orders given by Japanese soldiers.

Gumataotao said the Japanese demanded structure from their war prisoners. The people were divided into work groups and, from 6 a.m.-6 p.m. every day, were tasked to work on fields and grow crops of corn, rice and other subsistence crops for the Japanese. Gumataotao worked at a rice field on present-day Camp Covington.

After the work day was done, families would go home to plant crops and raise animals for their own consumption. Gumataotao said Japanese soldiers would come around to the houses once a month and take half of every family's crops. Many tried their best to stay out of the way and let the Japanese take what they wanted.

"One day one of the Japanese borrow my machete and cut 33 of our banana trees," Gumataotao said. "When I asked for my machete, the guy beat me up [until I was unconscious]. When I got up, I don't even know where I'm at. That's how bad it is."

Every night the Japanese would call for a "black out." Lanterns and all other lights

would be shut off and people were expected to be in bed. Failure to have your lights out, Gumataotao said, meant that you were trying to signal for help or send messages to the Americans. This would be grounds for severe punishment.

Beatings and hard labor were not the only atrocities the people of Guam suffered at the hands of the Japanese.

"Some of my cousins were raped," Gumataotao said. "We keep it quiet because, if you speak out, they might kill us all."

According to Gumataotao, life under Japanese rule was extremely different from the peace and happiness he knew before the war.

"All those days the Japanese occupied Guam we just live day to day," he said. "It's like you're at the top of the needle and you don't know which side you're going to fall off and die – that's the kind of feeling."

In February 1944, Americans launched an attack on Guam. Gumataotao said the people were excited because they thought it meant the war was over. After the attack, however, no immediate relief came. What island residents didn't know was that the Japanese were losing their hold in the Pacific and America was

sending a message to their enemies – their reign would be coming to an end.

Following the attack, the Japanese gathered prisoners into concentration camps. Gumataotao and his family were sent to Manenggon, the site of the largest concentration camp on the island, in Yona. At Manenggon, prisoners were treated harshly and given little to no food. Gumataotao said the people had to resort to stealing to stay alive.

"I went to Yona village – because it's not far from [the camp site] – trying to find food and saw this guy feeding his pig," Gumataotao said. "So I took his pig away from him and he's crying, 'Please don't take my pig.' I had to because are starving to death."

Once he arrived at the camp with the animal, Gumataotao said people were so quick to take parts of the animal that he didn't even see what happened to it.

One day, Japanese soldiers lined several people up including Gumataotao to march to Fena cave in Santa Rita. While on the way over, Gumataotao made the risky decision to escape and return to Manenggon. He was never discovered and made his way back to his family safely. Later he heard the group at Fena had been killed.

On July 21, 1944, American forces launched a fierce attack on Guam and liberated the island. According to Gumataotao, the Japanese put up little fight and the Americans swiftly took control of the island.

"We were so happy that we're liberated," he said. "Our lives were saved."

A stark contrast to their Japanese captors, the American liberators made every effort to get the people of Guam back on their feet.

"They provide us rations," Gumataotao said. "They try to feed us whatever they have. Then, when they put us in camps, they give us supplies too. They're very generous."

As Guam gears up to celebrate the 67th anniversary of its liberation, Gumataotao said it is important to celebrate the day and educate the younger generations about what it really means.

"Having this liberation, it's a history to let this younger generation know what had happened, what took place," he said. "Without liberation, the younger generation would never be here in this world."

Gumataotao added that he will not let naysayers sway his view of what happened 67 years ago.

"People say the American's didn't mean to liberate Guam – we were just a stepping stone," he said. "Regardless of what the intention was, they liberated us. Along the way, they liberated us."

Remembering Sumay: A glimpse of pre-WWII Guam

The village of Sumay was the hub of commerce and industry on Guam prior to World War II (WWII). After Hagatña, it was the second most populated village – home to over 2,000 residents.

When American forces took control of Guam in 1898 after the Spanish-American war, Sumay began to grow. The Trans-Pacific Cable Company, built from 1901-1904, linked the tiny island with the United States and Asia through an undersea cable.

Also contributing to the village's economic growth was the nearby U.S. Marine Corps (USMC) Barracks with Guam's first golf course, the USMC Aviation Station on the village outskirts and the famous 1936-1941 Pan American Airways China Clipper landing at Apra Harbor where passengers could stay overnight at the Skyways Hotel, Guam's first hotel.

Residential activities also made Sumay a popular local spot. Families would grow vegetable and fruits crops in the coastal village's fertile soil to sell and children would play in the waters close to the village where local fishermen set out to make their daily catch.

From Dec. 8-10, 1941, Japanese forces bombed the island in connection with WWII. With its military presence, communication links to the world and accessibility to the coast, Sumay was a primary target. Japanese landing on the island were met with little resistance from the ill-equipped Marines and locals in the Navy Insular Guard. When the Japanese took control of the island and occupied Sumay, residents were forced to relocate.

In 1944, Sumay was destroyed in the American bombardment of the island. Once the island was liberated and the forward supply base for the pending invasion of Japan came under construction, the destroyed Sumay area was absorbed into the Naval Operating Base, known today as U.S. Naval Base Guam.

While the lay of the land has changed significantly due to landfill and other construction over the years, the old Sumay Cemetery and the cross at the original church site, both carefully maintained by the U.S. Navy and designated with historic signage, bear testament to the existence of the former village.



Old Sumay: A photograph of pre-World War II (WWII) Sumay village sits on display during Back to Sumay Day at U.S. Naval Base Guam (NBG) April 9. Piti Mayor Vicente "Ben" Gumataotao, a WWII survivor, lived with his family in Sumay before the war and worked at the U.S. Marine Corps Barracks. (Joint Region Edge file photo)

Seabees make quarterdeck grounds shine

By Utilitiesman Constructionman (SCW) Drew Verbis

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 133

Seabees from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 133's Camp Maintenance company refurbished the exterior grounds of the Camp Covington quarterdeck on U.S. Naval Base Guam during the month of June.

For many Sailors, the quarterdeck is steeped in tradition, a sacred ground and the most important space that is guarded by endless watches. It's a sanctum rich with history, pride and respect where the best Sailors are honored.

"It must have been years since the quarterdeck was renovated and it needed a facelift," said Construction Electrician 3rd Class (SCW) Richard Raftery, of NMCB 133.

Builder 2nd Class Christopher Dutra, of NMCB 133, said Seabees gave the quarterdeck the best attention they could down to the tiniest details.

"We took ornamental brass plaques that were so dirty they couldn't be read and refurbished them to their original state," he said. "Now you may have the same problem reading them but that's because they're so shiny that you have to stand at an angle where the sun's reflection doesn't blind you."

The beautification project involved tilling, edging and landscaping 30 cubic feet of ground; applying five gallons of weed killer;

distributing six seven-ton dump truck loads of white ornamental rock; refurbishing 12 brass plaques; and scraping, power sanding, priming and painting 50 metal bollards, 11 concrete monuments, two steel ship anchors, and 200 feet of chain.

"We stretched our budget to the limit," said Utilitiesman 1st Class (SCW) Ryan Coyle, Camp Covington maintenance chief. "In a time of fiscal responsibility, you can bet that every penny was worth it especially because this project will be well received and appreciated by our military family and visitors. It's a fine representation for the Seabees on Guam – past, present and future."

During each deployment, camp maintenance Seabees keep buildings, structures, grounds and facilities that represent a financial investment for the Navy in serviceable condition. NMCB 133 arrived at Camp Covington in February.

Almost There: Construction Electrician 3rd Class (SCW) Richard Raftery, of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 133, installs an ornamental brass plaque onto a refurbished monument at the Camp Covington quarterdeck on U.S. Naval Base Guam June 14. Seabees from the Camp Maintenance company successfully refurbished the quarterdeck's exterior grounds as part of a maintenance control division project. (U.S. Navy photo by Utilitiesman Constructionman (SCW) Drew Verbis)



9th OG changes leadership



Changing Hands: Brig. Gen. John Doucette, left, 36th Wing commander, passes the 36th Operations Group (OG) guidon to Col. Randy Kaufman, newly-appointed 36 OG commander, during a change of command ceremony at Andersen Air Force Base June 28. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Carlin Leslie)

USS Gadao makes maiden voyage



By Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class (SW/AW/NAC) William Tonacchio
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After being under construction for more than two years, the Commander, Submarine Squadron (CSS) 15 USS Gadao float made her maiden voyage during U.S. Naval Base Guam's Freedom Festival parade July 4.

USS Gadao is the result of countless hours of planning, welding and painting. From tip to tip, she spans an impressive 32 feet, can hold ten people and boasts a water gun. The majority of the workforce came from a collection of Sailors on Temporary Assigned Duty and from CSS 15.

"Just about everyone at the command help put her together," said Chief Machinist's Mate (SS) Scott O'Hara, of CSS 15.

After construction, the only thing that was

What a Beauty: Sailors from Commander, Submarine Squadron (CSS) 15 and their family members wave and toss candy aboard USS Gadao during the U.S. Naval Base Guam Freedom Festival parade July 4. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class (SW/AW/NAC) William Tonacchio)

missing was a name.

"When it came to a name, we decided to name her after Inarajan's legendary chief, Chief Gadao," said Senior Chief Electronics Technician (SS) Bennett Spence, of CSS 15.

Inarajan is the sister village of CSS 15. The village history talks about a legendary chief named Gadao. Strong and powerful, it has been said Chief Gadao swam around the island 25 times in an hour.

Not to be outdone, USS Gadao endured the rain in the parade.

"USS Gadao is a magnificent ship, a sight to behold," said Capt. John Russ, CSS 15 commander. "Though the weather kept a few people away it was a fine Navy day in Guam for Gadao's first deployment."

For those who missed her maiden voyage, USS Gadao is scheduled to deploy for the Liberation Day parade beginning at 10 a.m. July 21. The parade route will run along Marine Corps Drive beginning at the Ricardo J. Bordallo Governor's Complex in Adelup and ending at the Chief Quipuha Park in Hagatna.

CSS 15 is the U.S. Navy's only forward-deployed submarine squadron providing maintenance, training, logistics and administration support for submarines assigned to 7th Fleet in support of U.S. Pacific Fleet and Joint Chiefs of Staff tasking.

AF leadership attends training



Years of Experience: Anne Munch, left, briefs senior leaders during an annual sexual assault prevention training on Andersen Air Force Base June 28. Munch, an attorney with 22 years of experience advocating for and prosecuting on behalf of victims of violent crimes, also conducted briefs on U.S. Naval Base Guam. (Photo courtesy of the U.S. Air Force)

US, Philippine Navies join for exercise

From Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training Public Affairs

Three U.S. Navy ships arrived in Puerto Princesa, Philippines, to launch the 17th Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) Philippines June 28.

Guided-missile destroyers USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93), USS Howard (DDG 83) and diving and salvage ship USNS Safeguard (T-ARS 50) are the U.S. Navy's centerpieces for the exercise, which features 11 days of training exchanges with the Philippine navy both ashore and at sea.

This year marks the second time in recent years that CARAT has been held in Palawan. The exercise was held in Puerto Princesa in 2008, Cebu in 2009, and at Subic Bay in 2010.

Ashore training will include such specialties as Visit, Board, Search and Seizure (VBSS) exercises; diver training; salvage operations; joint medical, dental and civic action projects, and aircrew familiarization exchanges. Additionally, there will be symposia on operations planning, search and rescue practices, humanitarian assistance, disaster relief missions, interagency cooperation and public affairs.

The at-sea phase of CARAT focuses on developing maritime security capabilities in areas such as maritime interdiction, information

sharing, combined operations at sea, patrol operations, gunnery exercises, and anti-piracy and anti-smuggling exercises.

"The U.S. and Philippine navies have a long history of working together and exercises like CARAT provide a great venue for us to hone our skills and increase our interoperability," said Capt. David Welch, Commander, Task Group 73.1 and the commander for the exercise.

Approximately 800 U.S. Navy personnel are participating in CARAT Philippines 2011. In addition to the three ships, other participants include U.S. Navy Seabees, a U.S. Coast Guard Maritime Safety and Security Team, U.S. Navy Mobile Security Squadron, U.S. Navy Riverine Forces, Medical Support personnel, and P-3C Orion and SH-60 Seahawk aircraft.

CARAT is a series of annual bilateral military exercises between the U.S. Navy and the Armed Forces of Bangladesh, Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand. The CARAT series began in 1995 with six partner nations. Cambodia joined the series in 2009 and Bangladesh joined in 2010.

For more news from Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training, visit www.navy.mil/local/carat/.



Treading on Unified Waters: Amphibious assault vehicles launched from the amphibious dock landing ship USS Tortuga (LSD 46) conduct an amphibious landing exercise during Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) Philippines 2011. CARAT is a series of annual bilateral military exercises between the U.S. Navy and the Armed Forces of Bangladesh, Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Katerine Noll)

Fingal: Outgoing leader 'amazed' with wing growth

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work but those are the times when knowing there are people to push you and drive you forward can make the difference."

While serving as vice commander, Fingal helped guide the 36th Wing to success during countless operational readiness exercises and

inspections demonstrating Andersen's capability and commitment to stability in the Asia-Pacific region.

"I've been amazed with how much this wing has prospered under the leadership of everybody in this room," Fingal said. "As a guy that flies small airplanes coming to a bomber base, I have been extremely impressed. Since coming here, I

have learned what it truly means to be an Airman and how important each and every one of you is to putting bombs on target, on time."

As the night drew to a close, the colonel thanked his wingmen for their support and dedication, and encouraged them to continue to be leaders.

"I've got to thank all of you for what you bring to the fight," he said.

"Some of you are going on to follow-on assignments, some of you are retiring from the Air Force but each and every one of you has contributed to what we are doing here at Andersen. All I ask is that you take the drive and determination that you've had here and carry it out to the rest of the force. You can make the difference."

Fingal is headed to Nellis Air Force Base in Nevada where he will assume command of Red Flag, the 414th Combat Training Squadron. His successor, Col. Donald Drechsler, will be leaving his position as vice commander of the Air Force Inspection Agency at Kirtland Air Force Base in New Mexico and arrived at Andersen in late June.

HSC-25 provides critical support

By Mass Communication Specialist
2nd Class (SW) Eva-Marie Ramsaran
USS Essex (LHD 2) Public Affairs

EAST CHINA SEA - Members of the Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron (HSC) 25 Det. 6 "Island Knights" are making preparations to assist the Essex Amphibious Ready Group (ARG) during exercise Talisman Sabre 2011.

As a regular part of the Essex ARG, the detachment provides more than just search and rescue capabilities to the forward-deployed amphibious assault ship USS Essex (LHD 2).

"The primary mission of HSC-25 is to provide search and rescue capability in the air or be readily available to the Essex, the [aviation combat element] and other embarked units," said Lt. Andrew McDonald, HSC-25

operations officer. "We are capable of providing logistics support such as [vertical replenishment], passenger transfer, and we have the capability of loading on Hellfire [missiles] to provide for the ship's defense."

Homeported in Guam, HSC-25 trains with special operations units and is currently working with the Marines of 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), who are also embarking aboard Essex for its current patrol. Together they practice visit, board, search and seizures (VBSS), and reconnaissance and strike missions.

The detachment flies two MH-60S Seahawk helicopters. Until recently, the helicopters' only capabilities consisted of transporting cargo and personnel and performing search and rescue missions with limited defensive capabilities. Now they are capable of work in

an offensive strike capacity and also as a force protection asset.

In addition to the eight AGM 114 Hellfire laser-guided missiles, the helicopters include infrared detection systems, infrared and radar countermeasures, .50-caliber machine guns mounted in the cabin doors and a tactical data exchange network known as Link 16.

Link 16 is an important part of the squadron's mission because it allows them to transmit and receive real-time information from any ship or aircraft in the fleet, which greatly increases pilot awareness of the aircraft's surroundings and makes them an integral part of any fleet protection operation.

"The MH-60S on board Essex can use forward-looking infrared sensors to search for surface contacts ahead of the ARG and provide that information back to the [amphibious

squadron]," said Capt. Bradley Lee, Amphibious Squadron 11 commodore. "Additionally, Det. 6's Hellfire missiles and guns enable them to conduct surface warfare missions and assist the ARG/MEU team in counter piracy and boarding, search and seizure missions on the high seas and in the littorals."

During Talisman Sabre 2011, the Sailors of HSC-25 expect to have the opportunity to increase their proficiency across a variety of skill sets including working with other air assets of the ARG and providing close air support for the MEU.

Talisman Sabre 2011 is a biennial, joint-sponsored exercise by U.S. Pacific Command and Australian Defense Force Joint Operations Command. The exercise is conducted to improve bilateral operations between the U.S. and Australia.

Dental clinics keep warfighters ready

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

Joint Region Edge Staff

The U.S. Naval Hospital (USNH) Guam Branch Dental Clinics' mission is to excel in Force Health Protection (FHP) by promoting, preserving and restoring the health of those they serve.

FHP uses preventive health techniques and emerging technologies in environmental surveillance and combat medicine to protect all service members before, during and after deployment. FHP is designed to improve the health of service members, prepare them for deployment, prevent casualties and promptly treat injuries or illnesses that do occur.

"Our Navy Medicine team provides world-class health services in support of our nation's military mission anytime, anywhere," said Hospital Corpsman 1st Class (SW/AW) Shivonne Willoughby, command leading petty officer. "We provide dental care to the troops making sure that they are dentally ready so that they are able to focus on training and missions and not have to worry about something like a toothache."

To meet this goal, staff at the clinics on USNH Guam and U.S. Naval Base Guam provides all general dentistry services including fillings, cleanings, extractions, crowns, bridges and dental implants. Cosmetic procedures are available on a case-by-case basis pending availability of manpower and supplies.

Willoughby said any complex dental surgery cases are referred to the oral surgery department at USNH Guam. Some procedures require service members to meet a requirement for remaining time on Guam. For example, patients seeking dental implant treatment must have at least one year left on Guam before they move to their next duty station.

There are currently three officers, nine enlisted service members and four civilians assigned to the two clinics. Willoughby said, due to undermanning, some services may take longer to schedule depending on staff availability.



Open Wide: Hospital Corpsman 1st Class (SW/AW) Shivonne Willoughby, bottom right, checks a patient at the U.S. Naval Hospital Guam Branch Dental Clinic on U.S. Naval Base Guam June 26. The command's mission is to excel in Force Health Protection by promoting, preserving and restoring the health of those they serve. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Corwin Colbert)

On their time off, the clinics' Sailors are very involved with volunteer opportunities including career days and beautification projects.

"We are always doing something that helps the local community although it may not be dental in nature," Willoughby said. "It is important to all Navy commands to keep a positive repertoire with the local community, especially in this unique situation of our location. There are some locals who oppose

the military and we just want to show them that we are here carrying out our mission and doing all the good we can."

According to Willoughby, Sailors who take orders to the command can expect to work hard and be held accountable for their actions while experiencing the unique culture of Guam and an overseas command.

With high morale and great service, the staff at the dental clinics has one request of their patrons – if you cannot make your

appointment, give advanced notice so the opening can be made available to others.

Hours of operation for both clinics are Monday through Friday from 7 a.m.-4 p.m.

The command does not provide routine services for dependents or retirees. They do, however, provide emergency dental service to these individuals when space is available.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 339-5146.

Look out: Little leaks go a long way

By Kevin D. Evans

Joint Region Marianas Supervisory Energy Manager

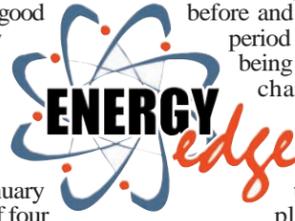
Every drop of water counts, so please fix those leaks.

Did you know that an American home can waste, on average, more than 10,000 gallons of water every year due to running toilets, dripping faucets and other household leaks? Nationwide, more than 1 trillion

gallons of water leak from U.S. homes each year. That's a good reason to periodically check for leaks.

Here are some tips to help with that effort:

- Take a look at your water usage during a cooler month such as January or February. If a family of four exceeds 12,000 gallons per month, there are serious leaks.



- Check your water meter before and after a two-hour period when no water is being used. If the meter changes at all, you probably have a leak.
- Identify toilet leaks by placing a drop of food coloring in the toilet tank. If any color shows up in the bowl

after 15 minutes, you have a leak. (Be sure to flush immediately after the experiment to avoid staining the tank.)

- Examine faucet gaskets and pipe fittings for any water on the outside of the pipe to check for surface leaks.

For those of you who are lucky enough to have them, hot tubs can consume a tremendous amount of energy. If you have one, keep it

covered with a tight-fitting insulated cover when not in use.

If installing a spa or hot tub, insulate it well around the sides and bottom.

Water is an increasingly important resource. Every drop does count, so please fix those leaks and help conserve water.

For more water conservation tips, visit <http://www.epa.gov/watersense/>.

July Fourth: Guam first to ring in holiday

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allow us to enjoy the freedoms and independence we have today," said Matthey Koker, retired Air Force service member.

NBG's Freedom Festival took place between the Charles King Fitness Center (CKFC) and Molly McGee's July 4. A parade along "Main Street USA" and "Freedom Way" near Ebbett Field kept event goers smiling as a submarine float from Commander, Submarine Squadron 15, a fire truck from NBG Fire and Emergency Services, and construction vehicles from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 133 made their way along the parade route. Sparky the Fire Dog, NBG Fire and Emergency Services' mascot, also made a special appearance and greeted children along the way.

Following the parade, two parajumpers representing Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit 5 and Naval Special Warfare Unit (NSWU) 1 descended from a helicopter piloted by Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 25 personnel as country music recording artist Nate Pearce performed the National Anthem.

"The parajumpers and helicopter flyby was great and pretty cool to see," said Robyn Morehouse, Navy spouse. "[Nate Pearce's] performance was awesome. It was nice to see someone special come out and celebrate with us."

Aircrew Survival Equipmentman 2nd Class (AW/FJP) Curtis Larsen, of Special Boat Team 20 in Little Creek, Va., and currently assigned to NSWU 1, said he was honored to be

part of the celebration.

"To have the opportunity to do a jump like this – it's just awesome," he said. "I would really like to thank the people who made this happen and for giving me the opportunity to do this. It was great."

Attendees filled festival grounds and took full advantage of various activities and games including bounce houses, waterslides, insect toss, golf putt, bull ride and karabao rides. Static displays from NMCB 133, NBG Fire and Emergency Services, Maritime Expeditionary Security Squadron 7, and U.S. Coast Guard Sector Guam kept event-goers entertained and informed.

Master-at-Arms 2nd Class (AW) Wesley Roberge, of NBG Security, said his family enjoyed the event.

"The festival is pretty nice this year," he said. "It looks like we have all the jumpers and inflatables out this year for the kids, which is great."

Sports enthusiasts had their fill of events at CKFC including softball, table tennis, racquetball, basketball, volleyball, and Frisbee tournaments. Orote Point Lanes also held a nine-pin, no-tap tournament.

"It's a lot of fun," said Master Chief Hull Technician (SW) Mark Williams, of USS Frank Cable (AS 40), who participated in the table tennis tournament. "It's a great way for me to have some fun on this holiday as we celebrate our independence."

In addition to free food, drinks and treats, crowds satisfied their hunger with samples from contestants in the apple pie, chili, and barbecue cook-offs. Special judges including Joint Region Marianas (JRM) Commander Rear Adm. Paul Bushong;

NBG Commanding Officer Capt. Richard Wood; JRM Culinary Specialist 1st Class Christy Gay; Guam Community College instructor Kevin Dietrichs; and Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Food and Beverage Director Robert Walter sampled contest entries and chose their favorites.

Jonathan Holmes, Navy spouse and chili cook-off participant, said he enjoyed entering his version of the American dish in the competition.

"The competition is fun," he said. "It's great to be able to share my skills and not to mention my chili rocks."

U.S. Naval Hospital Guam Commanding Officer Capt. Kevin Haws said he enjoyed the festival.

"What a great way to celebrate our birthday," he said. "It is our nation's birthday and it's for us to remember all those that contributed to the concept of having a free democracy."

Haws said he was thrilled to be among the first to celebrate Independence Day in the nation and said the event was the perfect preface to Liberation Day later this month, which recognizes the liberation of the island from Japanese occupation during World War II.

"That's part of the beauty about living on Guam is because it's where America's day begins every day," he said. "It's a couple weeks away from Liberation Day celebration day too. We need to continue to remember those brave men and women who gave up their lives for the liberation of Guam."

As the day winded down, MWR Special Events Coordinator Leslie Gould said she couldn't have been



Free to Ride: A child takes a ride on a karabao (ka-ra-BOW) during the Freedom Fest at Arc Light Park on Andersen Air Force Base July 1. Other entertainment included live music, raffle drawings, a waterslide, a bouncy castle and an obstacle course. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman Basic Anthony Jennings)

more pleased with the celebration.

"I think the turnout is great despite the weather today," she said. "Everything exceeded my expectations – from the volunteers of all the different commands and MWR staff. It really means a lot to us."

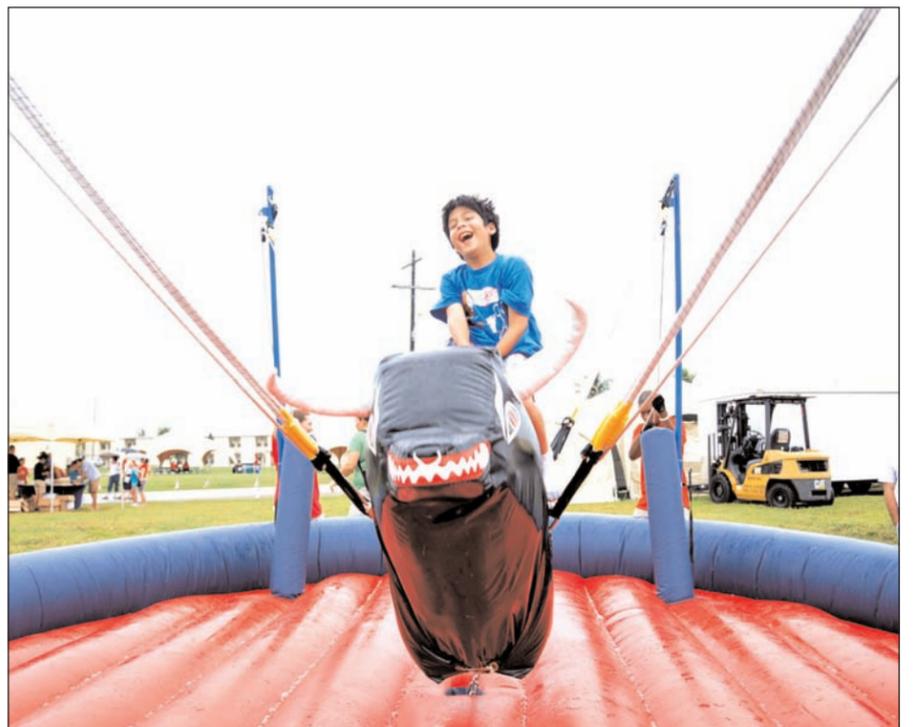
Mineman 2nd Class (SW) Scott Morehouse, of Navy Munitions Command East Asia Division Unit

Guam, said he was pleased with the day's event.

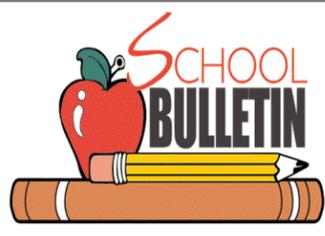
"I'm really impressed with everything the festival has, especially for the kids," he said. "It's important we remember why we have a day off because it's not just a day off. [The festival] reminds us that it's a day to remember America's birthday."



Purr-fect Paint Job: A child shows off her freshly-painted face during the Freedom Fest at Arc Light Park on Andersen Air Force Base July 1. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman Basic Anthony Jennings)



Grab the Bull by Its Horns: A child holds on tight as he rides the manual bull during the Freedom Festival on U.S. Naval Base Guam July 4. (U.S. Navy photo by JoAnna Delfin)



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 349-2113.

Andersen Elementary School

Aug. 23 Reporting date for nonadministrative educator personnel for orientation and classroom preparation

Aug. 26 Class lists posted after 4 p.m.

Aug. 29 First day of school for first- through fifth-grade

Aug. 29-Sept. 2 Prekindergarten and kindergarten home visits

Sept. 5 No School - Labor Day

Sept. 6 First day of school for kindergarten

Sept. 7 First day of school for prekindergarten

Andersen Middle School

Aug. 23 Reporting date for nonadministrative educator personnel for orientation and classroom preparation

Aug. 29 First day of school

Sept. 5 No School - Labor Day

Guam High School

Aug. 23 Reporting date for nonadministrative educator personnel for orientation and classroom preparation

Aug. 29 First day of school

Sept. 5 No School - Labor Day

McCool Elementary/Middle School

Aug. 18 Elementary new-parent orientation at 9 a.m.

Aug. 18 Middle school new-parent orientation at 10 a.m.

Aug. 19 Elementary new-parent orientation at 1 p.m.

Aug. 19 Middle school new-parent orientation at 2 p.m.

Aug. 23 Reporting date for nonadministrative educator personnel for orientation and classroom preparation

Aug. 26 Kindergarten orientation at 1 p.m.

Aug. 29 First day of school

Aug. 29-Sept. 2 Prekindergarten and kindergarten home visits

Sept. 5 No School - Labor Day

Registration for new students is ongoing throughout the summer. To register your child or for more information, call 339-8676.

Supply lists for SY 2011-2012 are available in the main office or at the Navy Exchange main store on U.S. Naval Base Guam. For more information, call 339-8676.

SAC Center offers summer fun



Fun Summer Berries: The "Raspberry Red Group" takes time out from daily activities for picture time at the School Age Care (SAC) Center on U.S. Naval Base Guam June 23. The group is part of the SAC Center's summer program. (Photo by Cindy Respicio courtesy of SAC Center)

Youth group reaches out to NBG youth



And Also With You: Totus Tuus instructors and students share the "Sign of Peace" during Mass at the U.S. Naval Base Guam Chapel June 30. Students from the University of Colorado travelled to Guam as part of the Totus Tuus Catholic Youth Organization summer program, which teaches young students and teenagers the practices and beliefs of Catholicism. (U.S. Navy photo by JoAnna Delfin)

Greeting customs show respect

By JoAnna Delfin
Joint Region Edge Staff

Traditional greetings when meeting someone include gestures like a handshake, kiss on the cheek or a simple pat on the back. On Guam and in the Philippines, however, things are done a little bit differently.

The Chamorro nginge (NGIH-ngee) and Filipino mano po (mah-NOH poh) are reverent gestures used when greeting an elder.

According to Rufina Mendiola, Chamorro language teacher, a young Chamorro will take the right hand of their elder, raise it to the tip of their nose and gently sniff it. While this is done, the person showing respect will say “ñot” (nee-YOHT) for an older male or “ñora” (nee-YO-rah) for an older female. The older Chamorro will respond to the greeting by saying, “Dioste ayudi” (dee-OHS-tee a-dzoo-dee), which translates to, “God help you.”

“It is believed that the spirit of the saina (SY-nah) [or elder] is giving you a blessing,” Mendiola said. “The blessing is not only for your well-being but also for everything else in your life.”

Josephine Taimanglo, mother of seven, said she taught her children the traditional Chamorro greeting.

“Nginge is to show respect to your elders,” Taimanglo said. “I raised all my children and taught them this tradition as I practiced it when I was a child and even still today.”

Taimanglo added that she also plans to teach the custom to her grandchildren,



A Sign of Respect: A child greets her great-grandmother Maria Cruz with the Chamorro custom of nginge (NGIH-ngee) July 5. (U.S. Navy photo by JoAnna Delfin)

nieces and nephews.

Audrey Sanchez agreed with Taimanglo but added that other greetings are becoming used in lieu of the nginge.

“I believe the custom is still practiced but very seldom,” she said. “We usually practice the more modern way of showing respect like

with a kiss on the cheek and our elders respond by saying, ‘Bless you.’”

Sanchez added that it is important to practice the tradition because it is a simple way to keep the Chamorro heritage alive.

Like the nginge, the Filipino mano po also involves a blessing.

“With mano po, you ãmen (AW-men), or greet, your grandparents, parents and most especially your godparents,” said Alex Gagaring, former Filipino Association of Guam president. “Mano po is when the younger Filipino seeks a blessing from their elder.”

A young Filipino will seek the hand of their elder and touch their forehead to the back of the elder’s hand. There is nothing said at this point in the exchange. After the exchange, however, the elder Filipino will bless the person by saying, “Kaawaan ka ng Diyos” (kah-ah-wah-HANG ka ngang DEE-ohs), which means, “God have mercy on you.”

Frank Ocampo said that, like younger Chamorros, many young Filipinos greet their elders with a more modern kiss on the cheek.

“To me, I have no preference when they greet me,” he said. “As long as they show the respect to their elders I am OK with it.”

Samuel Delin said while many cultural influences have slowly worked their way into Filipino traditions, he still enforces the traditional custom in his family.

“I teach my children mano po, especially when it comes to their elders,” he said. “Even if most people greet each other with a kiss on the cheek, I make sure my kids know their heritage and tradition so they can pass it down.”

While the techniques are different, the major similarity between the traditional greetings is a deep respect for the older generation. The next time you see an elder – even if they aren’t related to you – nginge, mano po or even kiss their cheek to show the respect you have for them.

Rec-N-Crew hikers visit Merizo sites



The Water’s Fine: Patrons of Navy Morale, Welfare and Recreation’s Rec-N-Crew enjoy a refreshing dip in Priest’s Pools during a “Boonie Stomp” to the secluded wonder in Merizo July 2. Rec-N-Crew offers a monthly calendar of guided trips, tours and hikes and provides transportation to many points of interest on Guam. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class (SW) Peter Lewis)



History for Hikers: Barbara Villagomez, right, a tour guide with Navy Morale, Welfare and Recreation’s Rec-N-Crew, tells patrons about the World War II massacre at Faha during a “Boonie Stomp” to the massacre site in Merizo July 2. Rec-N-Crew offers a monthly calendar of guided trips, tours and hikes and provides transportation to many points of interest on Guam. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class (SW) Peter Lewis)

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 the NBG Library from 3:30-4 p.m. The Andersen AFB Library offers two story time readings at 10:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. For more information, call NBG at 564-1836 or Andersen AFB at 366-4291.



UNDER \$10

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 \$2.95 and you can build your own fajitas! For more information, call 366-6166.

\$10 AND UP

Mozart at the Mermaid
The Guam Symphony Society is hosting its "Mozart at the Mermaid" summer fundraiser at the Mermaid Tavern and Grille in Hagatna July 10 from 3-6 p.m. Enjoy a light classical concert featuring a repertoire of music from German composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart performed by various chamber ensembles from the Guam Symphony Orchestra led by Music Director Stephen Bednarzyk. Cost is \$25 per person and includes one drink and light appetizers. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 477-1959 or 687-7227.



FRIDAY, JULY 8

7 p.m.: Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides • PG-13

SATURDAY, JULY 9

2 p.m.: Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides • PG-13

7 p.m.: The Hangover Part II • R

SUNDAY, JULY 10

7 p.m.: The Conspirator • 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, JULY 8

7 p.m.: Kung Fu Panda 2 • PG
9:30 p.m.: Something Borrowed • PG-13

SATURDAY, JULY 9

1 p.m.: Jumping the Broom • PG-13
3:30 p.m.: Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides • PG-13
7 p.m.: The Hangover Part II • R

SUNDAY, JULY 10

1 p.m.: Kung Fu Panda 2 • PG
3:30 p.m.: Priest • PG-13
7 p.m.: Bridesmaids • R

MONDAY, JULY 11

3 p.m.: Kung Fu Panda 2 • PG

TUESDAY, JULY 12

3 p.m.: Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides • PG-13

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13

3 p.m.: Prom • PG

THURSDAY, JULY 14

3 p.m.: Thor • PG-13

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

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 Services
 Chapel of Hope: Sunday, 6:30 p.m.
 Men's Bible Study: Every first and third Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Interfaith Chapel, second floor, room H205
 Women's Bible Study: Every second and fourth Saturday of the month at 8:30 a.m. at the Fellowship Hall, Building 61

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

Advice for the young, restless

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USS Frank Cable (AS 40) Chaplain

Proverbs 24:27 reads, "Finish your outdoor work and get your fields ready. After that, build your house."

In the biblical sense, wisdom means skill in living. This verse from the book of Proverbs succinctly displays the idea that one should carefully plan and acquire the means to build his or her house. This takes time, thought and plenty of effort over a rather long period of time. The key is to build the house at the right time.

Without doubt, this applies to marriage planning and preparation as well. It is a demonstrable fact that chances for marital success are greatly enhanced when couples take part in marriage preparation and enrichment programs. Why so? It is because these programs assist couples to find their strengths and weaknesses in addition to teaching them communication skills. Studies have shown that couples who enroll in marital preparation classes generally increase their chances for happiness and reduce their risk for divorce.

Clearly, no one enters marriage with plans for failure. Nevertheless, a disturbingly high number of marriages end in the courtroom. I have been concerned about the high number of young

Sailors desiring marriage without completing the "outdoor work" and having the fields ready. There are some vital issues military members should consider prior to entering a marital relationship.

First, you may believe you have a real job – and you do. But for how long? The Navy and Air Force are seeing large numbers in force reduction. Military members must consider the status of their service, be sure they are earning needed qualifications and have a desire to continue. The point is that one must have a good semblance of career stability to enter marriage.

Second, ask yourself a question. Is the head or heart prevailing here? Age and maturity are an issue, especially when young 18- and 20-year-olds want to quickly jump into a marital relationship without proper preparation. Those who rush into a relationship and push for a quick marriage create a recipe for disaster for themselves, especially if entering into union with a foreign national without premarital counseling and cultural training. In fact, research has shown that, for each year of delaying a marriage, the risk of that marriage collapsing within five years is reduced by seven percent. Clearly proper age and maturity are positive factors in marriage preparation.

Third, know that money matters in marriage! What makes the difference between couples who handle their finances successfully and those who do not is a matter of money management, not how much a couple makes.

The military offers excellent financial counseling

with Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC), the Airman and Family Readiness Center (AFRC), and the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS). Valuable services are out there for both Sailors and Airmen to become successful in areas of budgeting, savings and investment. These should not be the "best-kept secrets" at our commands.

Fourth, changes in family dynamics must be considered. There is no greater change in a family dynamic than when a newborn is expected. This will affect all areas of the marital relationship including money, chemistry, communication, sexual relations and more. Navy and Air Force support services offer excellent classes and information on preparing for having children and rearing them. Sailors and Airmen will find the joy of preparing and rearing a newborn much greater and less challenging if they avail themselves of the many services offered to them!

Fifth, it is important that Sailors and Airmen at all levels know what support organizations are available to them when it comes to marriage. Certainly, your chaplains are one of your best resources. FFSC, AFRC, NMCRS, and Military One Source are fantastic support services that aid Sailors and Airmen on these and many other issues that demand counseling and proper preparation.

Overall, wisdom is truly found in proper management of the field of life in marriage and in all respects. When one does this with utilization of the solid military support services that are offered to him or her, the challenges in building a successful household are greatly enhanced.



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.

Morale, Welfare and Recreation Swim Program

Register now for the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Swim Program. There are classes for all ages and skill levels. Learn to swim or just improve your stroke. June classes are in full swing and available at Charles King Fitness Center pool. For more information, call 333-2049.

Group Fitness Age Compliance

Beginning May 2, all group fitness classes in the basketball court must comply with the basketball court's age policy. According to the policy, "youth 9 years old and younger must be under interactive supervision of an adult." The Family Fitness Room and drop-in child care are now available.

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 Web site, 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.

NCTS Sports Center

The Naval Computer and Telecommunications Station Guam Sports Center has reopened. 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.

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.

Pre/Postnatal Exercise Class

The Coral Reef Fitness Center offers a low-intensity class designed for pregnant women and new mothers. A doctor's clearance form is required to participate. Forms can be picked up at the Fitness Center. For more information, call 366-6100.

Zumba

Free Zumba classes are held at the Coral Reef Fitness Center. The routine features interval training sessions where fast and slow rhythms and resistance training are combined to tone and sculpt your body while burning fat. For more information, call 366-6100.

Monday Driving Range Special

Take advantage of the Palm Tree Golf Course's Driving Range Special every Monday from 4-8 p.m. Hit as many balls as you want for just \$5. For more information, call 366-4653.

Aikido Classes

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

Hoops for independence



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