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Wounded Warrior Ride pays tribute to Sept. 11

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U.S. service members joined the Guam community for the 2nd Annual Wounded Warriors Ride at the War in the Pacific National Historical Park in Asan, Sept. 11. As rain lightly drizzled

over the park, hundreds of people came together to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks and pay a special tribute to Micronesia's wounded warriors with a motorcycle convoy around the island.

"As part of our obligation

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Left: Rear Adm. Paul Bushong, Commander, Joint Region Marianas, shakes hands with Army Sgt. Hilario Bermanis during the 2nd Annual Wounded Warriors Ride at the War in the Pacific National Historical Park in Asan, Sept. 11. The ceremony was held in recognition of those who died or were injured in combat. (U.S. Navy photo by JoAnna Delfin/Released)

Below: Guam Lt. Gov. Ray Tenorio, center, and other bikers take part in the 2nd Annual Wounded Warriors Ride at the War in the Pacific National Historical Park in Asan, Sept. 11. The ceremony was held in recognition of those who died or were injured in combat. (U.S. Navy photo by JoAnna Delfin/Released)



Chief petty officer selectees commemorate 9/11

By Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Gabrielle Blake

U.S. Naval Base Guam Public Affairs

"Ten years ago, on a day that none of us will ever forget, the world we knew changed forever," said Rear Adm. Paul Bushong, Commander, Joint Region Marianas, as he delivered his speech at the 9/11 commemoration held at the U.S. Naval Base Guam (NBG) Chapel Sept. 11.

Chief petty officer selectees from Navy commands around Guam hosted the ceremony to honor those who died during the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001. Sailors and their families, NBG Fire and Emergency Services personnel, U.S. Army Guam National Guard, and others came to reflect on this day.

"As I look around this room, I see many who joined or decided to stay in the service because of 9/11," said Bushong, who served as keynote speaker for the event. "And

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Prayer: Personnel from Naval Base Guam's (NBG) Fire and Emergency Services bow their heads in prayer during the 9/11 commemoration at the NBG chapel. NBG chief petty officer selectees held the ceremony to honor those who lost their lives in the 2001 terrorist attacks. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Gabrielle Blake/Released)



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Navy, Coast Guard recognize ombudsmen on Guam

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Ombudsmen from the Navy and Coast Guard on Guam were honored at an annual appreciation luncheon at the Top O' the Mar in Asan, Sept. 9.

Event speaker, U.S. Pacific Fleet Command Master Chief (AW/SW) John Minyard commended the ombudsmen for their dedicated time and service to their command and families.

"I want each and every one of you to know how much I appreciate the good that you do for our Navy and our military community," he said. "Thank you for taking such good care of our Navy Sailors and their families. It's because of people like you that these men and women will continue to serve our country. Your accomplishments and service are completely remarkable."

Following Minyard's speech, 25 ombudsmen received certificates of appreciation from Capt. Richard



Luncheon: Capt. Richard Wood, U.S. Naval Base Guam (NBG) commanding officer, Betsy Wood, and NBG Command Master Chief (SW/AW/SCW) John Lawry attend the Ombudsmen Appreciation Luncheon at Top O' the Mar in Asan, Sept. 9. (U.S. Navy photo by JoAnna Delfin/Released)

Wood, commanding officer of U.S. Naval Base Guam.

"It's really nice, because every week we give a lot of our hours to help the families of the command and once a year they do this and it

really makes us feel like we're appreciated," said Emily Wallace, a U.S. Naval Hospital Guam ombudsman.

Zachary Impastato, ombudsman for U.S. Coast Guard Station Apra



Appreciation Speech: U.S. Pacific Fleet Command Master Chief (AW/SW) John Minyard delivers his speech during the Ombudsmen Appreciation Luncheon at Top O' the Mar in Asan, Sept. 9. (U.S. Navy photo by JoAnna Delfin/Released)

Harbor, echoed Wallace's sentiments.

"It feels really good to feel that support," he said. "I really didn't know much about [the ombudsman program] before I joined and I was really able to be encouraged and meet other people, especially being that it's been mostly female spouses at the time."

Impastato added he hopes more

male spouses will join him in supporting the role of ombudsman.

Heather Horvath, Fleet and Family Support Center ombudsman coordinator, was pleased with the event's turnout and encouraged members of the military community to take part in the program.

"For every one family you help it makes you feel great inside in knowing you've made a difference in that one family," she said. "It's usually contagious, when someone's happy with your service they'll usually come back and know that they have someone to lean on. And often times when we're so far away from home, you need that person to lean on."

Adm. Elmo Zumwalt Jr. developed the Navy Ombudsman Program in 1970 with the goal of connecting Navy Sailors to their families while away.

Since then, ombudsmen have kept families informed, relayed information from commanding officers, and cared for families, guiding them through crises and comforting them in times of need.

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.

U.S. Navy Water Quality Report Available Online

The Safe Drinking Water Act requires the U.S. Navy Water System to issue an annual report on water quality. If you would like to learn more about U.S. Naval Base Guam's drinking water, the 2010 U.S. Navy Water System Water Quality Report is now available online at www.cnic.navy.mil/marianas.

Guam Coastal Cleanup

The 17th Annual Guam Coastal Cleanup will take place Sept. 17 from 7-10 a.m. at various sites on island including Paseo, Tanguisson, Merizo and Tarague. Participants will receive a free T-shirt while supplies last. The T-shirt or student registration card will allow volunteers to gain free access to the Fish Eye Marine Park on the day of the event from 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m. For those interested in volunteering at Tarague, report to the Recreational Pavilion no later than 6:45 a.m. on the day of the event to register. For more information, contact Jeremy Adams, Andersen Environmental Flight wildlife management specialist, at 366-2549.

Family Fun Day

Please come out and enjoy Family Fun Day Sept. 17 from 1-4 p.m. at the Chapel II Annex on Andersen Air Force Base. Bring out your family and friends to join in and be enriched by fellowship, fun, and food. This a great opportunity for families and friends to come together as a chapel and community. Please sign-up at <https://einvitations.afit.edu/FamilyFunDay773/anim.cfm>

Fellowship Breakfast

Looking for Christian Friendship? Please

come out for the Protestant Men of the Chapel's Fellowship Breakfast the first Saturday of each month at 8 a.m. in Andersen Air Force Base Chapel II Annex. The next fellowship breakfast is scheduled for Oct. 1.

36th Munitions Squadron Closed

The 36th Munitions Squadron will be closed due to a 100-percent-semiannual inventory Sept. 1-30. A 100-percent-semiannual inventory is a closed-warehouse-wall-to-wall inventory. Only emergency issue requests for munitions submitted in writing and approved by the group commander or equivalent will be processed during the inventory. Anyone needing assistance during this time can contact Munitions Operation at 366-3556 or Munitions Control at 366-6300.

Protestant Religious Activities for Men on Andersen Air Force Base

Looking for a message of hope? Join the men's weekly Bible study on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. at the Hot Spot conference room on Andersen Air Force Base. Looking for a Christian friendship? Come out for the men's Fellowship Breakfast every third Saturday of the month beginning at 8 a.m. in the Chapel 2 annex.

Naval Criminal Investigative Service ID Theft Awareness Campaign

If you are deployed away from your usual duty station and do not expect to seek new credit while you are deployed, consider placing an "active-duty alert" on your credit report. An active-duty alert requires creditors to take steps to verify your identity before granting credit in your name. To place an active-duty alert or to have an existing alert removed, call the toll-free fraud number of one of the three nationwide consumer reporting companies. This announcement is brought to you as part of the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) ID Theft Awareness Campaign, which will run through Sept. 30. As part of the campaign, NCIS Resident Agency Marianas, Guam will be conducting briefings to commands aboard U.S. Naval Base Guam regarding the prevention of ID theft and awareness of online security to help

maintain the operational readiness of military members and their families. For more information or to schedule a briefing, call Master-at-Arms 3rd Class Guelmy Camacho at 339-7220 or 888-3091.

Air Force Office of Special Investigations Recruiting Effort

The Air Force Office of Special Investigations (AFOSI) is looking for enlisted Airmen for special-agent duty once they have first served in another career field. Those eligible are staff sergeants with less than 10 years time in service, technical sergeants with less than one year time in grade and less than 11 years time in service. Senior Airmen are accepted on a case-by-case basis. If you have a line number for staff sergeant, you will be considered as one. First-term Airmen are releasable from their current career field but must be within their retraining window. Career Airmen are releasable with the approval of their career field manager. Current active-duty officers may also retrain into AFOSI from most career fields. Applications can be accepted 10-13 months prior to date eligible for return from overseas (DEROS). Those interested in a career as an AFOSI special agent can contact AFOSI Det. 602 on Andersen Air Force Base at 366-2987 for a recruitment package. For more information, visit <http://www.osi.andrews.af.mil>.

U.S. Naval Base Guam Housing Security Measures

While the incidents of crime in Navy family housing are low, U.S. Naval Base Guam recommends housing residents implement the following prevention measures:

- Ensure that all doors, windows, garages and vehicles are locked at all times.
- Turn on all outside lighting at night.
- Secure all valuable items. Do not leave valuable items that are in your home in plain sight to someone outside looking in through a window or door. Evaluate your home from the outside for things that might tempt a thief. Consider closing blinds and curtains to make it difficult for a thief to see valuable items.
- Report broken locks and lighting to the Housing Help Desk and follow up if there

is not a prompt response.

- Report suspicious activity in the community – day or night – to the Security Department at 911 or 339-3414.

Relocation of U.S. Naval Base Guam Bachelor Housing Service Desk

Bachelor Housing Front Desk Services is now located at Building 18 located on U.S. Naval Base Guam. All contact numbers will remain the same. For more information, call 333-2284/5.

Report Fraud, Waste, and Mismanagement

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.

Coalition of Sailors Against Destructive Decision

The Coalition of Sailors Against Destructive Decision (CSADD) Program provides an additional resource and communication tool that facilitates positive Sailor interaction and complements a commander's message directing proper conduct both on and off duty. For more information about this program, contact Joint Region Marianas CSADD Team Leader Chief Logistics Specialist (SW/AW) June Magaling at 349-1238 or June.Magaling@fe.navy.mil.

NLSO Sailor dedicates time to assist others

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

Joint Region Edge Staff

Japan suffered two major natural disasters earlier in the year. In response, while on leave there visiting her husband, U.S. Naval Base Guam (NBG) Navy Legal Service Office's (NLSO) Legalman 3rd Class Christina Oliver volunteered her services to Naval Air Facility Atsugi's NLSO working the mid-night shift helping services members and their dependents cope with the many events that were going on.



“Even though I was on leave, I wanted to help those people adapt,” Oliver said. “I worked the midnight shift assisting the command by helping customers get emergency visas and power of attorneys.”

Her hard work and selflessness is the reason that her leading petty officer, Legalman 1st Class (AW) Sueann Braunn says Oliver is a great petty officer and hard worker.

“Petty Officer Oliver has a great work ethic,” she said. “She always comes to work ready to serve. She



Volunteer: U.S. Naval Base Guam Navy Legal Service Office's (NLSO) Legalman 3rd Class Christina Oliver explains the different elements of various legal forms at the NLSO office on base Sept. 9. Oliver volunteered her services to Naval Air Facility Atsugi's NLSO during the aftermath of the Japan disasters earlier this year. She worked the midnight shift helping services members and their dependents cope with the many events that were going on. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Corwin Colbert/Released)

isn't a '9-to-5' type of Sailor. She works until the job is completed.”

Oliver is a five-year veteran. However, she wasn't always a legal-

man. She was an Aviation Maintenance Administrationman (AZ) a little over a year ago and decided to cross-rate to a legalman.

“The advancement for AZ was closed and I was looking for a job that I would enjoy and advance in,” Oliver said.

Oliver said she picked the legalman (LN) rate because she believes it is a very interesting field.

“I love researching law,” she said. “It's a lot like my major in college, history.”

As a legalman, Oliver provides legal assistance in such matters as voter registration, indebtedness, Social Security, veterans' benefits, civilian counsel, power of attorney, wills, motor vehicle licensing, taxes, immigration and customs; prepares records of hearings, investigations, courts-martial and courts of inquiry; prepare reports of most proceedings; processes appeals; helps personnel prepare legal forms, letters and requests, and assists personnel in filing claims, and conducting their investigations.

Despite the many responsibilities she still thinks highly of her job and command.

“Besides the great job I have, I do enjoy the command. I love the fact that it is small because it's easier to communicate with the chain,” she added.

Oliver enjoys spending her off-time with her two dogs and still undecided whether the Navy is a career she wants to continue for the next 15 or more years. However, as of right now, she couldn't think of a better career.

“I enjoy military life because of its structure, community and travel,” she said. “It is the most diverse job you can have.”



Andersen's Best: Favela leads in training, offering support

Staff Sgt. Louis Favela, 36th Medical Group (MDG) non-commissioned officer in charge of education and training, was awarded Team Andersen's Best at Andersen Air Force Base (AFB), Sept. 8. Brig Gen John W. Doucette, 36th Wing commander, handed Favela his certificate. As the unit training manager, Favela is responsible for the formal training of the entire medical group. He has coordinated with six different agencies for 28 temporary duty stations saving the 36 MDG \$112,000 in funds. Favela has also supported the Government of Guam in a multi-agency disaster exercise. He provided evaluation assistance for safety issues and moulaged 72 role players to participate. The sergeant goes above and beyond his regular duties to help anyone who needs assistance with any training issues and is the epitome of true professionalism and dedication to his duties and the mission of the Air Force. Andersen's Best is a recognition program that 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/civilian 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 Staff Sgt. Alexandre Montes/Released)

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USCG Sector Guam rescues crew of sinking yacht

From U.S. Coast Guard Sector Guam Public Affairs

The crew of a sinking yacht activated a distress beacon 140 miles west of the Republic of Palau and was rescued from a life raft Sept. 7 by a nearby cargo ship.

U.S. Coast Guard Sector Guam Command Center watchstanders received an Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon (EPIRB)

notification at approximately 1:15 a.m., Sept. 7. Watchstanders then issued a "Safety Net" broadcast asking for any Automated Mutual-Assistance Vessel Rescue (AMVER) vessels in the area to assist.

The crew of the cargo vessel Double Happiness immediately responded to the broadcast. The crew of the Double Happiness made communication with the crew of the 45-foot motor yacht Perle. The

crew of the yacht reported the vessel was quickly taking on water.

The crew of the Perle was located by the cargo vessel Ao Hong Ma at 6:45 a.m. They were transferred from their life raft aboard the cargo ship. All survivors are reported to be in good health and will remain on board until the cargo ship arrives in Taiwan.

"In a situation like this, it really shows why the AMVER system can play an important part in our

search and rescue operations," said Kinney Blas, USCG Sector Guam search and rescue controller. "The boat was in immediate danger, and it would have taken more than 48 hours for a Coast Guard patrol boat to arrive on scene. We are thankful that mariners who are part of this system are willing to go out of their way to help other mariners."

AMVER, sponsored by the U.S. Coast Guard, is a unique, computer-based, and voluntary global ship

reporting system used worldwide by search and rescue authorities to arrange for assistance to persons in distress at sea. With AMVER, rescue coordinators can identify participating ships in the area of distress and divert the best-suited ship or ships to respond.

For more information about AMVER, visit www.amver.com. For more information about this case, contact USCG Sector Guam public affairs at 355-4838.

NAVFAC Marianas employees awarded at all-hands event

From Naval Facilities Engineering Command Marianas Public Affairs

Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Marianas Commanding Officer Capt. John Heckmann held his first all hands Sept. 9 at the base theaters on Naval Base Guam (NBG) and Andersen Air Force Base (AFB) since assuming command in July, to discuss his command philosophy and to present employee achievement awards.

Employee achievement award categories include length of service, employee of the quarter (EOQ) tier I and tier II, and supervisor of the quarter (SOQ).

Jolina Cabe, security management and program assistant, Business Director 4, took top honors in the EOQ tier I category; Jennifer Cullen, construction management engineer, Facilities, Engineering and Acquisition Division (FEAD), was selected for EOQ tier II; and Norma Borja, acquisition core, Acquisition Department (ACQ), garnered the top supervisor spot.



EOQ Tier I: The employee of the quarter (EOQ) tier I group awardees pose for a photo during an all hands for Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Marianas held Sept. 9 at Naval Base Guam. From left are: Capt. John Heckmann, NAVFAC Marianas commanding officer; Jolina Cabe, security management and program assistant, Business Director 4; and Antonio Yanit, engineering technician for Facilities, Engineering and Acquisition Division (FEAD). Not photographed are nominees Patrick Russell, energy manager, Utilities and Electrical Management (UEM); and Charles Green, operations assistant, Resident Officer in Charge of Construction Andersen Air Force Base (ROICC Andersen AFB). (U.S. Navy photo by Reynaldo Rabara/Released)



Supervisor Awards: The supervisor of the quarter (SOQ) awardees pose for a photo during an all hands for Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Marianas held Sept. 9 at Naval Base Guam. From left are: Capt. John Heckmann, NAVFAC Marianas commanding officer; Norma Borja, acquisition core, Acquisition Department (ACQ); and Jane Roberto, Financial Management Department (FM). (U.S. Navy photo by Reynaldo Rabara/Released)



EOQ Tier II: The employee of the quarter (EOQ) tier II group awardees pose for a photo during an all hands for Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Marianas held Sept. 9 at Naval Base Guam. From left are: Capt. John Heckmann, NAVFAC Marianas commanding officer; Mark Fontenot, contracting specialist, Acquisition Department (ACQ); Teresa Aguan, ACQ contracting specialist; Jennifer Cullen, construction management engineer, Facilities, Engineering and Acquisition Division (FEAD); Edward Tapaceria, engineer, Capital Improvements (CI); Jeannette Pangelinan, Asset Management (AM); Albert Borja, Integrated Product Team (IPT); and Troy Imamura, Facility Management and Facility Services (FMFS). (U.S. Navy photo by Reynaldo Rabara/Released)

Andersen AFB Honor Guard is first class

By Staff Sgt. Alexandre Montes
36th Wing Public Affairs

Airmen became a part of history, Aug. 29 as the first graduating Base Honor Guard class on Andersen Air Force Base (AFB).

Base Honor Guard training was developed to standardize how ceremonies are performed and is geared to the specific base's preference for military ceremonial support.

Beginning more than two weeks ago, the Honor Guard began to accept applications for Airmen throughout the base to join. An addition to the existing members was overdue.

"Last year we only had about 15 people for details around Guam," said Staff Sgt. Christopher Beck, Base Honor Guard trainer.

Honor Guard training on Andersen AFB is a two-week course. Members trained every day to prepare the newest graduates as soon as possible. Working together, Airmen from every organization were given a chance to bond as a team and accomplish their mission as ceremonial guardsmen.

"The most difficult part of the training was learning to break bad habits, but we worked through it," said Airman 1st Class Stephen Mannion, Honor Guard volunteer.

Having less than 20 members the past year has made it difficult



Left: Andersen Air Force Base (AFB) Honor Guard members check each other prior to a funeral demonstration for Airmen, Aug. 29. Following the demonstration, the first Andersen AFB Honor Guard graduation was held after two-weeks training. Base Honor Guard training was developed to standardize how ceremonies are performed and is geared to the specific base's preference for military ceremonial support. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Alexandre Montes/Released)

to ensure the details were fully manned. After the graduation, there are now more than 30 members.

"This was a great class; they were all eager to learn and it shows," Beck said.

The Andersen AFB Honor Guard is still actively encouraging Airmen to join. Weekly practices are held on base at the Hot Spot. For more information, contact Staff Sgt. Roy Silva, Base Honor Guard Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge, at 366-2492.

Right: Andersen Air Force Base (AFB) Honor Guard members form up prior to a funeral demonstration, Aug. 29. The Base Honor Guard performed a mock funeral for Airman on Andersen AFB. Following the demonstration, the first Andersen AFB Honor Guard graduation was held after two-weeks training. Base Honor Guard training was developed to standardize how ceremonies are performed and is geared to the specific base's preference for military ceremonial support. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Alexandre Montes/Released)



CPO selects sweat it out in training session



Chief's Mess: Chief petty officer selects, assigned to the submarine tender USS Frank Cable (AS 40), lead the Chief's Mess and guests through a morning physical training session. Frank Cable conducts maintenance and support of submarines and surface vessels deployed in the U.S. 7th Fleet area of responsibility. (U.S. Navy photo by Chief Mass Communication Specialist Jennifer L. Walker/Released)



What does it mean to be a chief petty officer?



“As a chief petty officer my job is to help Sailors succeed. We are looked as the enlisted leaders. One thing I didn’t understand as a junior personnel is the many resources chief petty officers have at their fingertips.”

Chief Navy Counselor (SW/AW) John Jeffries

Naval Base Guam Career Counselor



“Take care of your Sailors; mentoring them and guiding them to success.”

Chief Religious Programs Specialist Arlene Delapena

Leading Chief Petty Officer of Naval Base Guam Chapel



“It’s not just accepting higher responsibility but making sure to use that responsibility in making sure everything runs smoothly. It’s like being a CEO of a corporation and making sure everyone under you is doing the right thing. You have to have integrity and keeping with the Navy core values of honor, courage and commitment.”

Chief Yeoman (AW) Kieona Allen

Command Chief/ Senior Enlisted Advisor Navy Operational Support Center, Guam

Good relationships integral to leadership

By Command Master Chief (AW/SW) Paul A. Kingsbury
Joint Region Marianas
Command Master Chief

Congratulations to our newest chief petty officers! Chief petty officer (CPO) induction season is not just about training and welcoming new Chiefs into the Mess. The season also provides an opportunity for all of US to reflect on our roles in making the CPO Mess an effective organization. When I say “US,” I mean the groups of people who form the relationships that support and solidify the CPO Mess – the wardroom, our fellow Chiefs, our Sailors and our families. Let’s take a few minutes to reflect on those relationships.

I am sure most senior officers will tell you the CPO Mess directly contributed to the success of their commands and careers. I bet they all have one good Chief they talk fondly of. The commanding officer’s (CO) expectation of the CPO Mess is that they bring deckplate leadership, continuity and execution of command policy to the team. Without an engaged, effective and fully-functioning Chief’s Mess, a command simply will not perform to its potential and it may even fail. In return, the Chief’s Mess expects to be empowered and supported by their Skipper. To state the philosophy of one commanding officer, “Officers may have grand ideas, formulate strategy and think tactics. But without a Chief to carry the water for him, to take the rubber to the road, to see the tactics through to execution, everything he thinks, says or writes is so much finger-painting, so much vapid, so much ephemera. With the Chief’s mess on your side, all things are possible. If they turn against you because you can’t live up to their expectations of an officer (these are, thankfully,

much less stringent than their expectations for themselves) – you will fail. It is exactly that simple.” Like all effective relationships, communication is key. Commanding officers, when did you last engage your CPO Mess in a meaningful discussion on command policy and climate? Chiefs, when was the last time you invited your Skipper or even your executive officer (XO) down to the Mess for a cup of coffee just to shoot the breeze, to nourish that relationship and build support for each other? The more you do so, the more your command will reap the benefits. Command master chiefs (CMC), chiefs of the boat (COB) and senior enlisted leaders (SEL), recognize that you are the lynch pin in developing this relationship. I challenge you to be the catalyst that develops the relationship between your CO and your Mess.

But senior officers are not the only officers in the wardroom that Chiefs must have effective relationships with. One of our fundamental charters as chief petty officers is to train our division officers. Failure to do so can have lingering consequences down the road. An ineffective division officer can become an ineffective department head who then can become an ineffective XO or CO, which ultimately yields an ineffective command. The two must operate as one and when properly trained and developed, that officer will mature, support and empower his or her CPO Mess. Chiefs, engage your officer leadership – sit them down daily and explain to them the things they don’t even know they don’t know. Junior officers, do not be afraid to approach and learn from your Chief. Yes, it can be intimidating; but if you take that first step, I guarantee you it will be worth it. Talk to each other daily and work together to make your division, department and command

the best it can be. When the relationship between the wardroom and the CPO Mess is healthy, the command and your Sailors will benefit.

One of the major points our newest Chiefs have learned is they are now part of a great network that functions as a significant professional and personal resource. That network is strengthened when we have healthy relationships among ourselves. If you have not had a chance to read a document called “Charting the Course to Command Excellence,” I recommend you do so. In a section that discusses the characteristics of a superior CPO Mess it states, “In superior commands, the Chief’s quarters functions as a tight-knit team. The Chiefs coordinate well, seek input from each other, help with personal problems, identify with the command’s philosophy and goals, and treat each other with professional respect.” This relationship among Chiefs must not be allowed to fracture, or the command will fail. We must find time away from the command to improve upon the work relationship and network with our families. We must attend hail and farewells, promotions and retirements, not because our CMC or COB tells us to, but because it is the right thing to do – it comes with being a Chief and it demonstrates solidarity. If you develop these relationships and your Mess, your command and your Sailors will benefit.



Kingsbury

Another relationship we have discussed in depth is that of the Chief and his or her Sailors. This relation-

ship is a tightrope walk ... lean too far towards taking care of them and you actually enable irresponsibility and dependency; lean too far the other way and you can become unapproachable and your Sailors will not come to “ask the Chief” anything. You have to recognize the impact your leadership is having on this relationship and strive to achieve balance. The 1918 Bluejackets manual “Short Talk to Chief Petty Officers” captures it best: “Remember always that you are an instructor, and the instruction of your juniors is one of your most important duties; that it is your duty to instruct them, not only in the details of the professions, but also in regard to their general conduct or demeanor on board ship. Not only is it your duty to instruct them, it is also your duty to enforce compliance with such instructions, and see that they are trained to do their duty properly, thoroughly, and to observe the rules and the regulations of the service.” It is the delivery of this leadership and instruction that we succeed or fail in the eyes of our Sailors. The Chiefs that had the biggest impact on my career were not the ones who walked around with an air of superiority, or who yelled the loudest or who intimidated me the most; they were the ones who had a genuine concern for my personal and professional development. The ones who saw the potential inside of me that I didn’t even recognize and took the time to talk to me and give me the opportunity to succeed. I never thanked any of them and I should have, but they weren’t in it for the kudos. None of them catered to me and they all held me to high standards. I had to work hard; they just provided the chance and course corrections I needed. I challenge all CPOs on Guam to be THAT Chief – the one who makes a positive impact on Sailors. Will your name be remembered by a Sailor or mentioned

in a speech five, 10, or 15 years from now because of the positive influence you had on them? Get out on the deck plates and engage your Sailors in a positive way; be approachable, you want your Sailors to come to you first. Nail this relationship and your Sailors and the Navy will benefit.

The last relationship is the most important. It’s the relationship between a Chief and their family. Without the support and efforts at home, we become distracted and the mission and our Sailors suffer. Eventually the Navy is going to kick us all out and we will have to live with the decisions and priorities we made on active duty. Take leave when you need to and nourish this relationship. For the family members, all I can say is thank you. By this point you realize the sacrifices your Navy man or woman makes and perhaps you often hold back when you are not getting time with them at home. Realize that we are probably engaged with preparing for that next inspection or deployment, or taking time to help a Sailor through a crisis; and yes, from time to time we like to spend a little time with each other at the golf course or CPO club. Simply recalibrate us as you always do. Chiefs, take time to reflect on the sacrifices your families make for you. Tell them how much you appreciate what they do for you when deployed. We have to find, make and invest the time in our families. Don’t take any day for granted. It’s as simple as saying, “Honey, thanks for all you do” and “I love you.” Get THIS relationship right and your legacy and America will benefit.

Relationships matter. We all need to take a step back from time to time and evaluate the healthy of our relationships. I hope that during the last six weeks, we have all had the opportunity to do that and course correct where needed. Once again, congratulations to our newest Chiefs and their families. Welcome to the Mess!

GUANG troops celebrate UFG success



Support: Lt. Gen. Jeffrey A. Remington, commander of the 7th Air Force, Pacific Air Force, Osan Air Base, South Korea, thanks members from the Guam Air National Guard (GUANG) Aug. 26 for their service in support of the annual Ulchi Freedom Guardian exercise. GUANG troops provided engineering, services and security forces expertise throughout the exercise. (GUANG photo by Airman 1st Class Audrey J.P. Taitano/Released)

By Airman 1st Class
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Group Public Affairs

The Guam Air National Guard (GUANG) once again proved its value in the region as unit members recently wrapped up its mission of supporting the annual Ulchi Freedom Guardian (UFG) on Osan Air Base, South Korea, receiving kudos from exercise leaders.

More than 30 GUANG members participated in this year's month-long UFG exercise held beginning in early August. Troops from the 254th Force Support Squadron (FSS), Security Forces and Red Horse Squadrons assisted with the initial bed down process, provision of daily morale and welfare services, and reconstitution.

Lt. Col. Matthew Wal-

lace, mayor of Osan Air Base Rush Park Tent City, had the pleasure of working with GUANG members, who made up the majority of the tent city staff. During the victory party, he gave special recognition to their efforts.

"You all did an outstanding job," Wallace said. "I'd go to war with you anytime, anywhere, any place."

GUANG's contributions to UFG have proven successful over the years which has led to its welcomed tradition of service and support for the annual exercise.

Hosted and coordinated by the Republic of Korea-United States Combined Forces Command, UFG brings together thousands of troops to participate in the computer-simulated exercise to test wartime readiness skills.

GUANG began participating in the UFG in the 1990s, then known as Ulchi-



Osan Air Base Visit: Maj. Gen. Benny M. Paulino, the adjutant general of the Guam National Guard, addresses members of the 254th Rapid Engineer Deployable, Heavy Operational Repair Squadron, Engineer (RED HORSE) Squadron during a visit to Osan Air Base (OAB), South Korea, Aug. 25. Troops deployed to OAB in support of the annual Ulchi Freedom Guardian exercise conducted by the Republic of Korea-United States Combined Forces Command. (GUANG photo by Airman 1st Class Audrey J.P. Taitano/Released)

Focus Lens, with the main mission being services support. Today, it has extended its participation to include engineering and security forces knowledge and expertise.

After the exercise, GUANG members celebrated its completion with a victory party Aug. 26 at Osan

Air Base Rush Park Tent City.

"The victory party is one of the things that we bring that is very special and unique to this exercise," said Maj. Frank B. Aguon Jr., commander of the 254th FSS and deputy mayor for Osan Air Base Rush Park Tent City. "We provide them

with a small block after the exercise so they can relax and enjoy the festivities."

Staff Sgt. Joshua Perez, of the 254th Rapid Engineer Deployable, Heavy Operational Repair Squadron, Engineer (RED HORSE) Squadron, has been on two deployments, with this being his first, for the UFG ex-

ercise where he served as the supervisor of air fields.

"From a support team standpoint, UFG is similar to my other deployment in that we come, we build, we maintain and we break down tent city," Perez said. "The main difference is the climate of the two deployments - summer versus winter.

Navy band to visit Guam



Under the operational control of the Commander, United States Pacific Fleet, the Pacific Fleet Band is dedicated to providing top quality music and entertainment in support of the U.S. Navy's retention and recruiting programs, and for internal and external public relations. The rock band is comprised of 10 musicians who combine their talents to entertain audiences in Hawaii and around the world. If you want to listen to the greatest rock hits from the 60s to today, check out the Navy Pacific Fleet rock band at their public performances on Guam slated for next week. The band, based out of Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, will perform at the following locations: Sept. 21, 6 p.m. at Chamorro Village in Hagatna; Sept. 23, 7 p.m. at Micronesia Mall center court in Dededo; Sept. 24, 11:30 a.m. at Guam Premier Outlets food court in Tamuning; Sept. 24, 6 p.m. at Agana Shopping Center, center court in Hagatna. The performances are free. (Photo courtesy of Navy Pacific Fleet band)

LDO/CWO package deadline approaches

By Mass Communication
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The application deadline for E6-E9 Sailors for the Fiscal Year 2013 Limited Duty Officer (LDO) and Chief Warrant Officer (CWO) programs is fast approaching, officials said Sept. 12.

LDO/CWO applications must be postmarked no later than Oct. 1 for active-duty Sailors and Nov. 1 for reservists.

Both programs provide the Navy with officers who are technical-based leaders and technical experts in key positions throughout the service, said Chief Warrant Officer Mitchell Allen, CWO community manager, Bureau of Naval Personnel (BUPERS).

"Limited duty officers and chief warrant officers are technical experts selected from the enlisted ranks," Allen said. "LDO's become technical leaders, like commanding officers of schoolhouses or shipyard repair facil-

ities, while chief warrant officers stay technical experts in their field often in repetitive assignments."

The LDO and CWO programs provide outstanding senior enlisted personnel the opportunity to compete for a commission without the requirement of a college degree. Combined, these two communities make up 11 percent of the officer corps.

"Over the next several years, we will be revising the application windows in which senior enlisted Sailors can apply for the LDO/CWO programs," Allen said.

Applicants must meet basic eligibility requirements, outlined in NAVADMIN 224/11 for active-duty or NAVADMIN 226/11 for Reserve, before applying for the LDO/CWO programs.

Complete application procedures, eligibility requirements and links to other resources can be found in NAVADMIN 224/11 and NAVADMIN 226/11. Sailors may also learn more about the LDO/CWO communities in the 2011 LDO/CWO Guidebook available on the Navy Personnel Command Web site at www.npc.navy.mil.

Ride: 3 awarded medallions for service in Iraq

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Ceremony Speech: Rear Adm. Paul Bushong, Commander, Joint Region Marianas, delivers his speech during the 2nd Annual Wounded Warriors Ride at the War in the Pacific National Historical Park in Asan, Sept. 11. The ceremony was held in recognition of those who died or were injured in combat. (U.S Navy photo by JoAnna Delfin/Released)

to commemorate those lost during the attacks of 9/11, we also must remember and honor those who died in the wars and those who were wounded and continue to struggle to restore normalcy in their lives," said Rear Adm. Paul Bushong, commander, Joint Region Marianas.

Army Sgt. Jeremy Belmonte and Sgt. Hilario Bermanis, and Navy Corpsman Bailey Elly were each awarded recognition medallions in honor of their service and sacrifice to their country. The three men were injured while serving in Iraq.

"These service members have given more to their country than most of us could ever imagined and have earned the right to be honored today as wounded warriors," Bushong said.

Elly said he was thankful for the opportunity to take part in the day's event and was appreciative to all those that came out to show their support.

"I feel grateful for all the support (from) the USO and Guam HOGs (Harley Owners Group)," he said. "I was at home and they called me to tell me to come here for the ceremony and I was glad."

Following Bushong's speech, Information Systems Technician 1st Class Mari Teneyuque, of the Task Force Guam Defense Coordinating Element attached to Naval Base Guam, recited the oath of re-enlistment led by Bushong.

Soon after the ceremony, members of the island's motorcycle community, including several service members, revved their engines and proceeded onto Marine Corps Drive.

Master-at-Arms 1st Class (AW) Dominic Flores, of Maritime Expeditionary Security Squadron (MSRON) 7 said he was touched to take part in such a meaningful ceremony.

"This is where America's Day Begins; this is where 90 percent of the island is patriotic," he said. "We're out here to show support for all those that passed during 9/11, give tribute to all the wounded warriors that came out and basically given their all or parts of their life for us."

Leigh Leilani Graham, USO Guam director, was enthusiastic and grateful for the tremendous support of the military and local community.

"Last year there were about 70 bikes and this year we stopped counting at 310 bikes," she said. "It's a beautiful message that we can come together and really enjoy being together and celebrating our island heritage and our heritage as Americans and USO is very humbled to be a part of that."

Right: Rear Adm. Paul Bushong, Commander, Joint Region Marianas, administers the oath of re-enlistment to Information Systems Technician 1st Class Mari Teneyuque, of the Task Force Guam Defense Coordinating Element, attached to Naval Base Guam during the 2nd Annual Wounded Warriors Ride at the War in the Pacific National Historical Park in Asan, Sept. 11. The ceremony was held in recognition of those who died or were injured in combat. (U.S Navy photo by JoAnna Delfin/Released)



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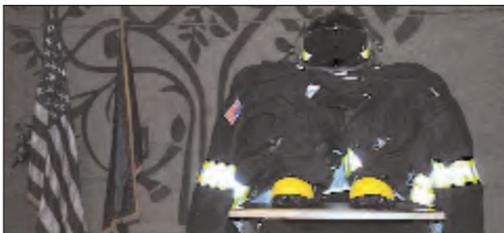


Left: Bikers participate in the 2nd Annual Wounded Warriors Ride at the War in the Pacific National Historical Park in Asan, Sept. 11. The ceremony was held in recognition of those who died or were injured in combat. (U.S Navy photo by JoAnna Delfin/Released)

Selectees: Tribute brings memories for serving country



Above: Naval Base Guam (NBG) chief petty officer selectees salute while taps is played during the wreath-laying portion of the 9/11 commemoration held at the NBG Chapel. The event was held to honor those who lost their lives in the 9/11 attacks in 2001. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Gabrielle Blake/Released)



Bunker: A firefighter's bunker gear was placed on display at the 9/11 commemoration at the Naval Base Guam (NBG) Chapel. The bunker gear is used at ceremonies to pay respects to the fallen firefighters. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Gabrielle Blake/Released)

Right: Personnel from Naval Base Guam's (NBG) Fire and Emergency Services stand for the National Anthem and Chamorro Hymn during the September 11th Commemoration at the NBG Chapel. NBG chief petty officer selectees held the ceremony to honor those who lost their lives in the 2001 terrorist attacks. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Gabrielle Blake/Released)

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I'm sure that many of you would agree that even now, 10 years later, the wounds still run deep."

Chief (select) Explosive Ordnance Disposal Technician (EWS/AW/PJ) James Makaneole, assigned to Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit (EODMU) 5, participated in the wreath-laying portion of the ceremony.

"I remember when the World Trade Center was hit," Makaneole said. "I was in EOD school at the time. Everybody was in shock. Everything came to a halt."

Makaneole added he had two fellow service members die since the time he became an EOD technician, and this time of year always causes him to reflect.

"Every year, I think about it and it brings back memories for me and the reason why I was going through EOD school," said Makaneole. "I think about the innocent lives that

were taken. That's why I'm here today — to defend our freedom and our country. Serving our country is valuable to me."

Chief (select) Operations Specialist (SW/AW) Anthony MelendezDiaz, assigned to EODMU 5, also helped lay the wreath. He said it was an honor for him to participate and he felt great sentiment as he saluted while a bugler played taps.

"It is real emotional knowing about all the people who died on that day and being able to give tribute to them," MelendezDiaz said. "I get goosebumps just thinking about it."

The 71st U.S. Army Guam National Guard Band played throughout the ceremony, ending it with the Navy hymn, Eternal Father.

"It is important to remember where we have come from as a Navy, and we have a solemn obligation to remember those who have lost their lives in the service of our nation," Bushong said.



USNH Guam holds 9/11 fallen soldier ceremony



Above: Guam staff observe Hospitalman Catherine Ricci place dog tags on a fallen soldier memorial during a ceremony held Sept. 9 at USNH Guam to commemorate the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. Observing Ricci standing behind her, from left, Executive Officer Capt. Glen Crawford, Commanding Officer Capt. Kevin Haws and Command Master Chief Donald Singleton. (USNH photo by Information Systems Technician (SW) Carl Whittle/Released)

Left: A fallen soldier memorial is photographed after Sailors placed dog tags upon it during a ceremony held Sept. 9 at U.S. Naval Hospital (USNH) Guam to commemorate the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. USNH Guam took time to remember the fallen service members and civilians and reflect on progress made since the attacks. (USNH photo by Information Systems Technician (SW) Carl Whittle/Released)

CSA card policy changes announced

By Airman 1st Class
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36th Wing Public Affairs

Changes concerning the use of the Air Force's new Controlled Spend Account (CSA) cards were spelled out in a policy letter from Headquarters Air Force, Aug. 26.

Effective immediately, personal use of the CSA card is no longer authorized.

"The CSA program was implemented this year to replace the Government Travel Card (GTC)," said Airman 1st Class Matthew Powell, 36th Comptroller Squadron customer service technician. "Initially, personal use of the new CSA card was allowed if a residual balance remained on the card after a member filed their travel voucher."

As of now, the CSA card may



only be used for expenses related to official government travel.

"The CSA card is now used in the same way as its predecessor, the

GTC, and is only available to use for official travel-related expenses. Authorized expenses related to official government travel include, but are

not limited to, airline tickets, lodging, rental cars, per diem meals and permanent change of station costs," Powell said.

According to guidance posted at www.defensetravel.dod.mil, the excess balance on the CSA card can be obtained by using one of the following options:

▲ Electronic transfer to a personal account through Citibank's online access system or by calling them directly at 877-784-1407. On average, transactions take 48-72 hours and are free of charge.

▲ Travelers can call Citibank at the number listed above and request funds by check. Mailed check transactions usually take about 14 business days and are free of charge.

▲ A refund check will automatically be mailed to the cardholder after 60 days of inactivity on the ac-

count. Mailed check transactions usually take 14 business days, and there is no charge.

▲ Members can withdraw the funds from an automated teller machine (ATM). The traveler has immediate access to funds up to the \$500 ATM limit; however, ATM service fees and a Citibank surcharge of two percent are not reimbursable.

"As with any new system we will encounter glitches," Powell said. "The most important thing to remember is the CSA card is not a debit card – members should refrain from frivolous spending. It is the user's responsibility to ensure their CSA card is paid off in a timely fashion to avoid delinquencies."

Any questions or problems can be handled through individual unit agency program coordinators.

Air Force Iraq mission likely to increase

By Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

As the American presence in Iraq draws down, the Air Force mission in the nation likely will increase, said Maj. Gen. Russell J. Handy.

Handy, the commander of the 9th Air and Space Expeditionary Task Force and director of the Air Component Coordination Element in Iraq, discussed the Air Force mission in Iraq and the way forward.

"We have to continue doing the same things we've been doing support-wise that we have been doing through the entire transition," the general said.

The command is responsible for coordinating and enabling air operations in the country.

"As we continue to draw down the land component, we will continue to fly cover overhead," Handy said.

He said he anticipates that the number of Air Force sorties will

trend up in the next few months to cover the drawdown. This includes the full range of missions, from close-air support to strategic airlift, he said. It also entails armed overwatch of U.S. troops conducting partnered operations with Iraqi forces and aiding U.S. forces as they defend installations and protect convoys.

And intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (ISR) "is a huge part of our mission area, and we will continue to fly that," he said.

Some 46,000 U.S. troops are in Iraq today, and all are set to leave by the end of the year as part of the U.S.-Iraq security agreement signed in 2008. This will mean an influx of mobility forces coming into Iraq, Handy said.

"That is a growth area for the Air Force (in Iraq) between now and the end of the year as we start to pull forces out," he said. "We will need a lot of airlift."

This is not just C-130 Hercules

tactical airlift, but involves larger C-17 Globemaster III and C-5 Galaxy transport jets. These aircraft will require tanker aircraft and other support, so this will be a busy time for Airmen in country, Handy said.

Meanwhile, the general said, the command is in the process of turning over air bases to the Iraqi air force. In addition, the Air Force has a number of units and individual Airmen embedded with Army units in Iraq.

"These Airmen are engineers, security forces, intelligence professionals and medics," Handy said.

Also, a number of Airmen are working with experts at the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad to rebuild the Iraqi transportation system.

"They need to build that from the ground up – from radars and communications linkages to training air traffic controllers – and to fit all that together," Handy said. The Airmen have been transferring "chunks" of Iraqi airspace to the Iraqis for the

past two years and the Air Force is responsible for a small segment at lower altitudes of central Iraq.

"Our requirements through the end of the year won't go down, and in some cases will increase," the general said. The command will do that in combination with Air Force units from outside the country.

Handy's command also assists the Iraqi air force and the Iraqi army's aviation command. The U.S. Air Force partners with Iraqi airmen where it can.

"We do partner, advise, assist and train with the Iraqis in every mission area within their capabilities," Handy said.

As Iraqi capabilities increase, U.S. Airmen pull back, the general said. For example, he said the Iraqis operate their own tactical airlift program with no U.S. involvement.

He added the Iraqis have run the C-130 squadron independently since 2009. In addition, the Air Force partners with the Iraqis in ISR platforms.

The Iraqi military has a fledgling ISR capability that has, despite its newness, had significant operational successes.

"We partner with them at the squadron and on the ground, and in the operations center to integrate that ISR," Handy said.

The Air Force element in Iraq partners with all levels of the Iraqi air force, from the air college in Tikrit to initial pilot training "and just about everything in between," the general said.

Handy added the American force does not partner with the Iraqis on fixed-wing close-air support because the Iraqis do not have that capability yet.

Much remains to be done in Iraq, Handy said, but his command, too, will leave by the end of the year. He said he anticipates that the Office of Security Cooperation in the U.S. Embassy will continue to work with the Iraqi military as the Iraqi air force continues to grow.

Job initiatives focus on vets, family members

By Donna Miles
American Forces Press Service

President Barack Obama called on Congress Aug. 30 to move quickly on an initiative to offer tax credits to employers who hire unemployed veterans, including those with disabilities.

Speaking at the American Legion National Convention in Minneapolis, the president emphasized the nation's responsibility to care for its veterans.

"To get this done, I've proposed a Returning Heroes Tax Credit for companies that hire unemployed veterans and a Wounded Warrior Tax Credit for companies that hire unemployed veterans with a disability," Obama told the assembly. "When Congress returns from recess, this needs to be at the top of the agenda."

Obama said he has directed the federal government to hire more veterans. During the past year and a half, that directive has resulted in more

than 100,000 veteran hires.

U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) officials announced they have published final regulations to give military spouses of deceased and 100-percent disabled veterans as much time as they need to apply for a federal job under the military spouse hiring authority.

"But in this tough economy, far too many of our veterans are still unemployed," the president said. "That's why I've proposed a comprehensive initiative to make sure we're tapping the incredible talents of our veterans."

The two-part initiative is designed to help the newest veterans find and get private-sector jobs, while providing tax credits for companies that hire unemployed veterans, including those with disabilities, the president explained.

In the first part of the initiative, Obama said he has directed Defense Department and Department of Veterans Affairs officials to create a "re-

verse boot camp" to help the newest veterans prepare for civilian jobs and translate their military skills into industry-accepted licenses and credentials. He also called on every state to pass laws making it easier for veterans to get the credentials and jobs for which they qualify.

The second part of the initiative calls on the private sector to do its part.

"I've challenged companies across America to hire or train 100,000 unemployed veterans or their spouses," Obama said.

This, he noted, builds on commitments many companies have made as part of the Joining Forces campaign led by first lady Michelle Obama and Dr. Jill Biden, the wife of Vice President Joe Biden.

Saluting the 5 million Americans who have served in uniform since 9/11 as a generation of innovators" who've "changed the way America fights and wins its wars," Obama said veterans also are the very peo-

ple the nation needs to jump-start its economy.

"After a decade of war, it's time to focus on nation building here at home," the president said. "And our veterans, especially our '9/11-Generation' veterans, have the skills and the dedication to help lead the way.

"We need these veterans working and contributing and creating the new jobs and industries that will keep America competitive in the 21st century," he said.

Obama cited funding for the post-9/11 GI Bill that's now helping more than 500,000 veterans and family members "go to college, get their degrees and play their part in moving America forward." The program will expand this fall to include vocational training and apprenticeships "so veterans can develop the skills to succeed in today's economy," he said.

Meanwhile, OPM's new rule, published Aug. 30, gives specified military spouses more opportunities

to get government jobs. Previously, certain military spouses and widows or widowers could be appointed non-competitively to a federal job within a limited two-year timeframe after their spouse died or became totally disabled, OPM officials explained.

However, many spouses were not prepared to enter the workforce within that timeframe, they said. Some were still grieving or were enrolled in educational or training programs or caring for children or their disabled spouse.

The final regulations recognize that two years may not be enough time for these spouses to seek and obtain a federal job.

"Military spouses make countless sacrifices for our nation through their dedication and support on the homefront while their loved ones are serving," said OPM Director John Berry. "In recognition of their sacrifice, this rule will help military spouses find employment in the government."

Pilot missing from Vietnam War identified

From the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense Public Affairs

Department of Defense Prisoner of War (POW)/Missing Personnel Office (MPO) officials announced Sept. 6 that the remains of an Airman, missing in action from the Vietnam War, have been identified and returned to his family for burial with full military honors.

Maj. Thomas E. Reitmann, of Red Wing, Minn., will be buried Sept. 8 in Arlington National

Cemetery, Va.

In 1965, Reitmann was assigned to the 334th Tactical Fighter Squadron deployed from Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, N.C., to Takhli Royal Thai Air Base, Thailand. On Dec. 1, 1965, he was flying a strike mission as the number three aircraft in a flight of four F-105D Thunderchiefs as part of Operation Rolling Thunder. His target was a railroad bridge located about 45 nautical miles northeast of Hanoi. As the aircrew approached the target area, they encountered extremely heavy and accurate anti-

aircraft artillery (AAA). While attempting to acquire his target and release his ordnance, Reitmann received a direct AAA hit and crashed in Lang Son Province, North Vietnam.

Other pilots in the flight observed no parachute, and no signals or emergency beepers were heard. Due to the intense enemy fire in the area, a search-and-rescue team was not able to survey the site, and a two-day electronic search found no sign of the aircraft or Reitmann.

In 1988, the Socialist Republic of Vietnam repatriated remains to

the United States believed to be those of Reitmann, officials said. The remains were later identified as those of another American pilot who went missing in the area on the same day as Reitmann.

Between 1991 and 2009, joint U.S.-Socialist Republic of Vietnam (SRV) teams, led by the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command, analyzed numerous leads, interviewed villagers and attempted to locate the aircraft, officials said. Although no evidence of the crash site was found, in 2009 and 2011 a local farmer turned over remains and

a metal button he claimed to have found in his corn field.

Among other forensic identification tools and circumstantial evidence, scientists from the Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory also used mitochondrial DNA, which matched that of his brother, in the identification of Reitmann's remains.

For additional information on the Defense Department's mission to account for missing Americans, visit the DPMO web site at <http://www.dtic.mil/dpmo> or call 571-422-9059.

Navy exceeds goal for federal food donation

From Commander, Navy Installations Command Public Affairs

The Department of the Navy wrapped up more than two months of collection efforts in support of the Feds Feed Families Campaign Aug. 31 by donating 831,002 pounds of food to local food banks worldwide.

This number was almost 100,000 pounds more than the Department of Defense (DOD)-wide goal of 733,800 pounds and more than four times the Navy's goal of

200,000 pounds.

"Our Sailors, civilians and their families rose to the occasion — as they always do, and made the Feds Feed Families campaign a huge success. This program was led by our Navy chaplains and our results, in these uncertain financial times,



Feds Feed Families: Religious Programs Specialist Second Class Yolanda Jordan and Ensign Casie Krady load a pickup truck with donations for the Bay Area Food Bank in Santa Rosa County, Fla. The non-perishable food items were given in support of the Feds Feed Families program. Naval Air Station Whiting Field donated more than 1,200 pounds of goods through the program as of Aug. 16. (U.S. Navy photo by Lt. j.g. Tim Mosso/Released)

speak to their superb leadership," said Commander, Navy Installations Command (CNIC) Vice Adm. Michael Vitale.

Navy regions collected nonperishable goods from all participating Navy commands and ships around the globe. In June, collection stations were set up at multiple locations at every Navy installation where everything from food and basic hygiene supplies were collected in support of this annual federal food drive campaign. The food drive encouraged Sailors, civilians and their families to bring nonperishable food items to their offices for distribution to local food banks.

"The Feds Feed Families campaign has been like a summer-long Olympic relay race," said Capt. James Fisher, CNIC director,

strategic plans and programming for religious ministries and manager of the food drive. "Every member of the Navy team carried the baton of community, compassion and responsibility. In our last week of the race, we surpassed our goal, each one of us sprinting to the finish line, and together we achieved a great victory for our communities throughout this nation."

Food banks are most in need of donations during the summer months when donations are traditionally lower and children are out of school and unable to benefit from school-provided meals. CNIC, in conjunction with DOD and federal agencies nationwide, met the need and helped their fellow Americans.

Fisher said now that the campaign has ended, it should serve as a reminder to the difference one person, one command, or one Navy can make in the lives of others as they continue to be a global force for good.

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

Realizing the connection between energy, water

By Patrick Russell
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Energy Manager

Many folks on base know the importance of saving energy, and also the importance of saving water. However, some don't understand the connection between water and electricity. For example, on Andersen Air Force Base (AFB) we use an average of 1 billion gallons of water per year. Not only is that a great deal of water, but retrieving the water requires a significant amount of electricity.

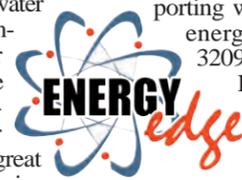
Andersen AFB gets its water from wells. In order to retrieve fresh water, electric pumps are used to bring the water up and keep our above ground reservoirs full. The pumps are required continuously and are constantly pumping to satisfy water demand. So, conserving water also conserves electricity and it is important that all base personnel use water wisely and in a sustain-

able manner. The average American uses about 80-100 gallons of water per day.

Here are some tips to help conserve water and thereby also helping to conserve electricity. Try starting with the little fixes and work your way to the bigger fixes. These include fixing leaky faucets and reporting water waste to the base energy team at (671) 366-3209.

Low flow fixtures are also a low cost 'fix.' How about changing water use habits such as shorter showers, utilizing full sinks for shaving and brushing teeth? Cutting just a small amount of water use from each of these daily chores could save large amounts of water in the long term.

As we mentioned, saving water in turn saves electricity, and it's an easy task that takes little effort. By saving water and electricity you're saving money, building a more sustainable future, and helping us achieve Air Force and regional water and energy reduction goals.





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.

Navy College Office

The Navy College Office is located on U.S. Naval Base Guam in Barracks 1. For information regarding Navy college programs, available schools and other educational resources, call 339-8291 or visit the overall Navy College Office Web site at <http://www.navycollege.navy.mil>.

Active-duty service members are invited to attend the Tuition Assistance Course every Thursday at 9 a.m. at the Navy College Office in Barracks 1. For more information, call 339-8291.

Phone Numbers

Andersen Elementary School: 366-1511

Andersen Middle School: 366-3880/5793

Commander William C. McCool Elementary/Middle School: 339-8676

Guam High School: 344-7410

USCG, Army host educational fair

By JoAnna Delfin

Joint Region Edge Staff

U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) Sector Guam and U.S. Army Reserves (USAR) 9th Regional Support Command (RSC) held an education fair at Guam High School's open house in Hagatna, Sept. 9.

The event was one of four education fairs held on island and gave students, parents, service members and their dependents a chance to explore different opportunities after high school.

Marsha Wellein, USAR 9th RSC education services officer, said the event offered great insight for students looking to make the most of their education and create a better life for themselves.

"The purpose of these fairs is to allow people to get information to have exposure to various opportunities, programs, colleges and financial aid," she said. "Events like this also allow people to become knowledgeable and interested in the different schools and services out there."

USCG Education Services Officer Donna Duellberg agreed with Wellein and encouraged fairgoers to take the time to learn more about the different colleges and universities at the event.

"I personally think that education is life-changing," she said. "It's the key to moving forward and having a successful life. Education is one of those mechanisms that can change a person's quality of life and I truly



Education Information: Lester Aguon, left, and his son discuss post-secondary education opportunities with Celina Barrios, director of military marketing at Hawaii Pacific University, during the educational fair and open house at Guam High School, Sept. 9. (U.S. Navy photo by JoAnna Delfin/Released)

feel that in my heart."

Lt. Marlon Heron, of USCG Sector Guam, said the fair provided his daughter – a junior at GHS – with the chance to look at different colleges and explore the best programs to fulfill her dream of becoming a pilot.

"This event allows her to take a

look at the different schools out there and see the best subjects and programs each has to offer," he said. "She had the opportunity to dialogue and communicate with the different participants and see the possible strengths and weaknesses of different places."

Heron was also one of the event

organizers and said the fair gave Guam residents and military members a chance to see what other schools have to offer.

"It's a unique opportunity for the children on Guam to experience some of the same things that some

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of their counterparts on the mainland are exposed to," he said.

He added that more than 20 colleges and universities from the mainland – including the U.S. Naval Academy – Guam and Saipan, as well as recruiters from the USCG, U.S. Army, U.S. Army Reserves and Guam Army National Guard took part in the event to provide

information about their organizations.

As the event came to a close, Duellberg encouraged students and parents to take an active role in planning for the future.

"It takes a little bit of time and some research, but we know with the (more) research and investigation you do, the better decisions you can make," she said. "You have to fully arm yourself with as much information as possible."

Opportunities: A Guam High School (GHS) student discusses college opportunities with Celina Barrios, Hawaii Pacific University's director of military marketing, at an education fair at GHS Sept. 9. (U.S. Navy photo by JoAnna Delfin/Released)



Step back in time with historic trail

By JoAnna Delfin
Joint Region Edge Staff

Guam's rich history is preserved in many different ways – from photos, monuments and publications to storytelling, artwork and music.

One special way residents are able to gain greater knowledge of island history is to take a walk in Guam's capital city of Hagatna.

The Hagatna Heritage Walking Trail offers visitors the opportunity to stroll through the village and view many sites that shaped Guam's past and present.

"The trail is an outdoor museum of Guam history for residents and visitors," said Joanne Brown, Hagatna Foundation board member. "It revitalizes the capital district of Hagatna and embraces Chamorro heritage when unprecedented change is on the horizon."

Completed in April 2010, the trail links 17 historic sites, parks and places of interest, and runs nearly two miles from the tip of Agana Heights to the shoreline of East Hagatna Bay.

The trail begins at Fort Santa Agueda in Agana Heights where visitors can get a wide-eyed view of the Philippine Sea and most of the northern part of the island.

To the right of the fort is the Government House. On special occasions the governor of Guam will host dinners, events and other festivities here for distinguished guests.

Down the San Ramon Hill, visitors can dive deeper into the heart of the village where the Angel Santos Memorial Park, Japanese fortifications, Plaza de Espana, Dulce Nom-

Right: The Hagatna Heritage Walking Trail takes visitors through 17 historical sites around the village. The trail begins at Fort Santa Agueda in Agana Heights. (U.S. Navy photo by JoAnna Delfin/Released)

bre de Maria Cathedral Basilica, Skinner Plaza, Guam Legislature Building and Pope John Paul II Monument each tell a story of the island's history during the Chamorro, Spanish, Japanese, U.S. Naval Administration, and contemporary Guam periods.

At the latter half of the trail, visitors will pass through the old San Antonio Bridge, Chamorro Village, Paseo de Susana, Chief Kepuha Park, Padre Palomo Park, U.S. Naval Cemetery and end at the SMS Cormoran Monument.

Though the different sites seem like a lot to get through in a day, the walk is fairly easy and can be identified by the markers along each stop and red bricks along the trail.

"So much has happened in that mile-and-a-half of landscape," Brown said. "Guam's not a very big place to begin with, but so much has taken place over the last (600)-700 years right there in a mile-and-a-half of area and so we welcome them to see everything around the island."

Brown encouraged residents and visitors, and especially members of the military community, to take a walk through the trail and learn more about the history of the island.

"I hope they appreciate the rich history of Guam," she said.

Spanish Fort: Tourists gather at Fort Santa Agueda in Agana Heights Sept. 12. The Hagatna Heritage Walking Trail takes visitors through 17 historical sites around the village. The trail begins at Fort Santa Agueda. The fort was equipped with embrasure for 10 small cannons during the Spanish era on Guam and was faced toward the Hagatna Bay channel. (U.S. Navy photo by JoAnna Delfin/Released)



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.

On a Budget

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.

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.

UNDER \$10

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,

On a Budget

every Monday from 6-10 p.m. Bowl all you want for just \$5! For more information, call 366-5085.

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.

Saturday Nights at Bamboo Willies

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

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.



FRIDAY, SEPT. 16

7 p.m.: Spy Kids: All the Time in the world • PG
9:30 p.m.: Friends with Benefits • R

SATURDAY, SEPT. 17

1 p.m.: Smurfs • PG
3:30 p.m.: Rise of the Planet of the Apes • PG-13
7 p.m.: 30 Minutes or Less • R

SUNDAY, SEPT. 18

1 p.m.: Captain America: The First Avenger • PG-13
3:30 p.m.: Cowboys & Aliens • PG-13
7 p.m.: Final Destination 5 • R

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.

(Source: Navy Morale, Welfare and Recreation Office)



FRIDAY, SEPT. 16

7 p.m.: Cowboys & Aliens • PG-13

SATURDAY, SEPT. 17

2 p.m.: Cowboys & Aliens • PG-13
7 p.m.: The Change-Up • R

SUNDAY, SEPT. 18

7 p.m.: The Change-Up • R

The movie schedule is subject to change due to circumstances beyond Meehan Theaters on Andersen Air Force Base.

The Meehan Theater hotline is 366-1523.

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

Benefits from benevolence

By Capt. Timothy Overturf

Joint Region Marianas Region Chaplain

Hundreds will benefit from your benevolent giving to the Feds Feed Families effort in Joint Region Marianas. Our Region goal was 3,200 pounds of food — you contributed 4,517 pounds that was donated to the Guam Salvation Army food bank. Thank you for your tremendous generosity!

The "character first" organization defines benevolence as, "giving to others basic needs without having

personal reward as my motive." They go on to say that benevolence prompts us to think beyond ourselves and is expressed through daily giving to others. Clearly the opposite of benevolence is selfishness which seems to be an almost automatic response sometimes.

Nature offers a wonderful illustration of benevolence seen in the Emperor Penguin as described by

character first:

Standing 3 to 4 feet tall and weighing 80 to 90 pounds, the emperor penguin is the largest and only penguin species that lays eggs and raises its young during the harsh Antarctic winter. Each March and April as Antarctic winter closes in, emperor penguins head inland

to their nesting areas. Waddling upright or pushing themselves along on their bellies, they travel up to

100 miles across the ice in order to make sure their nesting area will remain frozen until the young are ready for open water.

Once they reach the nesting grounds, the penguins find mates, and the female lays an egg in May or early June. The male then incubates the egg by cradling it on top of his feet under the folds of fat around his belly. Except for an occasional shuffle to a warmer position, male penguins will remain grouped together in this position

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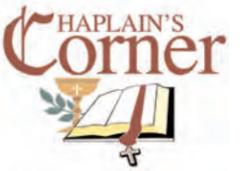
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until the eggs hatch, roughly 64 days later.

In the mean time, female penguins trek to the ocean to feed and gather food for the hatchlings. About the time the chicks hatch, the females return to the nesting grounds. If the females do not return before the chicks hatch, males can feed the hatchlings a substance

secreted by their digestive tracts for up to 10 days. By this time, the males



have lost up to 50 percent of their body weight, and as soon as the females arrive, the males set out for the ocean to replenish their reserves and gather food for the growing chicks.

Needs abound around us. A discerning eye will discover them and a generous approach can genuinely meet them. And, most of the time, it won't take 64 days in freezing cold to accomplish the assistance!

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.

Captain's Cup Flag Football

Tournament will be held Oct. 4. Game times are 6 p.m., 7:10 p.m. and 8:20 p.m. Players must be 16 years of age. Sign up and complete the team roster by Sept. 26 at Charles King Fitness Center. There will be a mandatory coaches meeting at Charles King Fitness Center Sept. 28 at 6 p.m.

Fall Youth Soccer League

The Fall Youth Soccer League, open to youth ages 4-12, has started and will run through Nov. 15. Registration is currently open. Practices will be held from 5:30-6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Player cards cost \$25 and can be purchased at the Guam Football Association office in Harmon. There is also a registration fee of \$20, which includes a jersey. For more information and practice locations, call 637-4321.

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. Classes are in full swing and available at Charles King Fitness Center pool. For more information, call 333-2049.

Group Fitness Age Compliance

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.

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.

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. Zumba is a Latin fitness dance class that also incorporates aerobic movements. Zumba fuses hypnotic Latin rhythms and easy-to-follow moves to create a dynamic workout system that will blow you away. 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

Save money when you take advantage of the Palm Tree Golf Course's Driving Range Special every Monday from 4-8 p.m. During this time, you can hit as many balls as you want for just \$5. For more information, call 366-4653.

Monthly Green Fee Card

Palm Tree Golf Course can now save avid golfers big bucks! Golfers can now purchase a money-saving monthly green fee card for just \$40-\$60 per month depending on rank. What a deal! Purchase yours soon at Palm Tree Golf Course or call 366-4653 for more information.

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.

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.



Run held in tribute to 9/11



We Will Never Forget: Service and family members participate in the We Will Never Forget 9.11km Run/Walk, on board U.S. Naval Base Guam, Sept. 11. The annual event is held on Patriots Day in tribute to those who lost their lives in the 9/11 attacks. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class (SW) Peter Lewis/Released)



