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## Service members help secure Big Wrap

By Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Corwin Colbert  
Joint Region Edge Staff

Service members currently on Guam spent their Saturday morning wrapping gifts for the 27th Annual Sugar Plum Tree's Big Wrap at the Bank of Hawaii in Hagatna, Guam Dec. 10.

The Big Wrap is the traditional conclusion to the Sugar Plum Tree gift-giving project where volunteers join together to wrap all the gifts donated by individuals who selected a name from the Sugar Plum Tree this year.

Sugar Plum Tree executive director Kathy Kernaghan said service members teamed up to help out the community wrap 991 packages of gift to families, children, disabled and senior citizens who are less fortunate. Military service members on Guam along with their families also donated some of the gifts.

"Many of the military will go and pick a name off the tree and buy them a gift," Kernaghan said. "It's amazing how many military people came this year. I was so thrilled when I saw all the yellow shirts come through the door."

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Right: Service members from the 23rd Expeditionary Bomb Squadron, Air Force Global Strike Command wrap gifts for the 27th Annual Sugar Plum Tree Big Wrap at the Bank of Hawaii in Hagatna, Guam Dec. 10. The Big Wrap is the traditional conclusion to the Sugar Plum Tree gift-giving project. Volunteers join together to wrap all the donated gifts. (U.S. Navy photos by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Corwin Colbert)

## Police officers graduate from CNIC academy



By Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Waris Banks

U.S. Naval Base Guam Public Affairs

Commander, Navy Installations Command (CNIC) welcomed six new civilian police officers from the police training academy during a graduation ceremony at the Big Screen Theatre on U.S.

Graduate: Chief Master-at-Arms (SW/AW) Chiniece Lawson, left, congratulates Officer Jesus Togawa, one of six members of Class 02-2011 to graduate from the Commander, Navy Installation Command (CNIC) police training academy during a ceremony at the Big Screen Theatre on U.S. Naval Base Guam Dec. 9. Togawa is a retired Airmen and Guam Police Department officer. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Waris Banks/Released)

Naval Base Guam Dec. 9.

More than 60 guests attended the ceremony to witness members receive awards and certificates of completion from the rigorous program, which included firearms instruction, interrogation techniques and physical fitness endurance tests.

Graduating Officer Robert Zahnen, a former Marine and class lead officer, was honored to be a part of the group and extended warm congratulations to his fellow officers.

"Although our team is small we have many years of experience," he said.

The graduates have a combined total of more than 100 years of military and law enforcement experience, which played a significant part in their training.

The oldest member of the class, 62-year-old Officer Jesus Togawa, a Barrigada native, was one of

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### Seabee Tree

Sailor receives special gift

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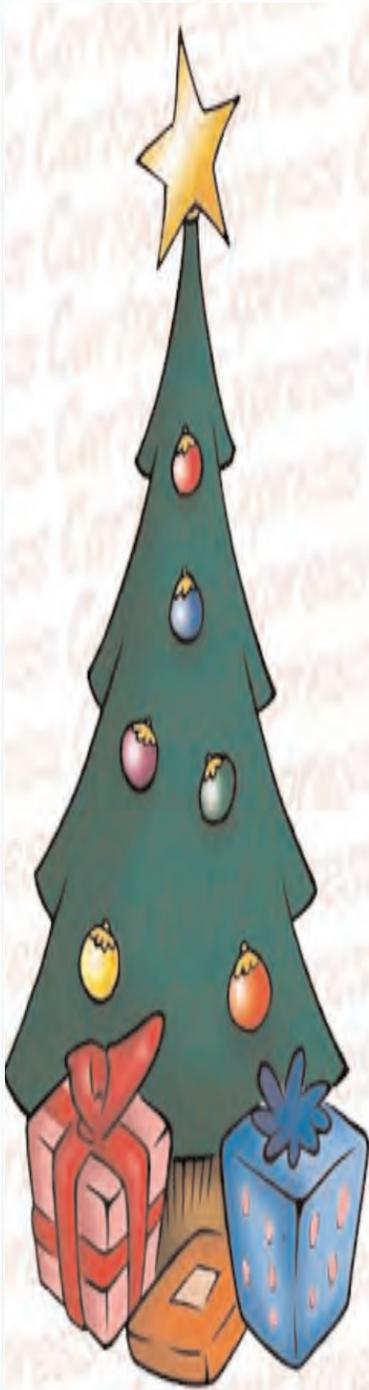
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**DECEMBER 2**  
**NEX Balloon Bash**  
 NBG 6:00pm-9:00pm, Main Store, Home Gallery, and Home Center.

**DECEMBER 3**  
**Christmas Cards Making Class**  
 AAFB AAFB Arts and Crafts 10:30am-12:30pm. \$12 fee. Includes instruction and materials for 6-5x7 cards w/ envelopes.

**DECEMBER 3 CONTINUED**  
**Christmas Tree Lighting: brought to us by Naval Base Guam**  
 NBG 6:00pm at Chapel. for the festivities. Lighting at 7:00pm. This event is free.

**DECEMBER 4**  
**Advent Liturgical Service**  
 AAFB 11:30am, Andersen AFB, Chapel One, Protestant Worship Services.

**DECEMBER 7**  
**MWR's Holiday Culinary Boot Camp Class**  
 MWR Top o' the Mar 5:30pm. Call 685-5142 for more information.

**Special Children's Storytime: Christmas for our Troops.**  
 AAFB 10:30am and 3:00pm, Library. Sign up at the Base Library beginning November 30.

**Annual Andersen Giant Holiday Card Contest**  
 AAFB Judging will take place December 7 and winners announced at the Base Tree Lighting Ceremony that evening. Pick up rules and entry forms at the Hotspot, or call 366-2339 for more information.

**Base Tree Lighting Ceremony**  
 AAFB Starting at 6:00pm. Enjoy festive entertainment and a visit by Santa. Call 366-2339 for more info.

**DECEMBER 8**  
**Guam High School Presents: a Holiday Band Concert!**  
 NBG 7:00pm, doors open at 6:15pm, The Big Screen Theater.

**Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary Mass**  
 AAFB 6:30pm, Andersen AFB, Chapel One, Catholic Worship Service.

**Harlem Globetrotters!!**  
 AAFB 6:30pm at Coral Reef Fitness Center. Free Event. Call 366-6167 For more information.

**DECEMBER 9**  
**NEX Balloon Night**  
 NBG 5:00pm-7:00pm, Mini Mart.

**Harlem Globetrotters!!**  
 NBG Charles King Fitness Center in Courts 1-2 at 6:00pm, doors open for seating at 5:15pm. Free Event. Concessions will be available for sale. Cash only.

**36FSS and Armed Forces Entertainment Presents the Players from the Florida Marlins Baseball Team**  
 AAFB Youth Dance Clinic 3:00pm at AAFB Youth Center Gym. Youth Baseball Clinic, 3:00pm at Arc Light Baseball Field. Meet & Greet/Autograph Signing 6:00pm at Coral Reef Fitness Center. Call 366-6167 for more information.

**DECEMBER 10**  
**USO/Matson Run for Our Heroes**  
 Run for Our Heroes! Round-trip ticket for two from United as a Grand Prize drawing. Tee shirts for the first 1,000 runners. 5:00am: Show time /6:00am: Go Time. "Old USO in PH!"

**Origami Gift Box Class**  
 AAFB 10:30am-12:30pm at AAFB Arts and Crafts Center \$12 fee includes instruction and materials.

**Creative Jewelry Design**  
 AAFB AAFB Arts and Crafts Center 1:30pm-3:30pm \$45 fee includes instruction, materials and tools.

**DECEMBER 10 CONTINUED**  
**MWR and Armed Forces Entertainment bring you: The Florida Marlins Baseball Players**  
 NBG We will have a Youth Clinic at 2:00pm at Ebbett Field NBG. Softball Game with the Florida Marlins at Ebbett Field. NBG at 7:00pm. Contact MWR sports for information on how to get in on this game!! This is a Free Event.

**Free Outdoor Movie Night**  
 AAFB AAFB Arc Light Park at 7:00pm. The movie will be "A Christmas Story." Movie will be shown, weather permitting. Call 366-2339 for more info.

**DECEMBER 11**  
**NEX Pet Pictures with Santa**  
 NBG 11:00am-4:00pm, Home Center (registration December 1-9)

**Advent Liturgical Service**  
 AAFB 11:30am at Andersen AFB, Chapel One, Protestant Worship Services.

**DECEMBER 12**  
**MWR Liberty 12 Days of Christmas!**  
 NBG December 12-23, Bidding Day December 24th, Open to Active Duty Single Sailors at NBG's Single Sailor Sanctuary.

**DECEMBER 13**  
**Palm Tree Golf Course Holiday Pro Shop Sale**  
 AAFB December 13-24. Unbeatable prices! Everything must go! For more information, call 366-4653.

**Parish Penance Service**  
 AAFB 6:30pm at Andersen AFB, Chapel One, Catholic Worship Service.

**DECEMBER 14**  
**MWR & CYP presents the Children's Holiday Dance Recital**  
 NBG (Practice and Event). 4:00pm-6:00pm at The Big Screen Theater. Free.

**DECEMBER 15**  
**MWR & CYP presents the Children's Holiday Dance Recital**  
 NBG (Practice and Event). 4:00pm-6:00pm at The Big Screen Theater. Free.

**Guam Territorial Band Concert**  
 NBG Starts at 7:30pm at Big Screen Theater.

**DECEMBER 16**  
**CYP and MWR present Children's Holiday Program!**  
 NBG Kids will celebrate the holidays and winter recess! Holiday festivities, entertainment, and music! Ages 1-12. Call NBG CYP 685-5013, 2:30pm-4:00pm. Free.

**MWR Ultimate Frisbee Tournament**  
 NBG December 16 Time: 5:00pm-9:00pm on 16. December 17 Time: 8:00am-1:00pm on 17, at Blue Jacket Field. Sign up deadline 12/7 at CKFC.

**NEX Carnival Night**  
 NBG 6:00pm-9:00pm, Main Store Only.

**DECEMBER 17**  
**NEX Breakfast with Santa**  
 NBG 8:00am-10:00am to be determined.

**Monthly Flea Market**  
 AAFB From 8:00am-11:00am in the Hotspot Gym AAFB. Table fee for sellers is just \$10 each. Sign-up at the Hotspot, or call 366-2339 for more information.

**Christmas Ornament Craft**  
 AAFB 10:30am-12:30pm at AAFB Arts and Crafts Center. \$12.00 fee includes instruction and materials for 7 to 8 projects.

**MWR Reindeer Run 5k**  
 NBG Show time: 6:00pm. Meet right outside Clipper Landing. Go time: Immediately following the Christmas Boat Parade.

**MWR Marina's Christmas Boat Parade**  
 NBG Registered before Noon on December 1, 2011. Rain date will be Sunday, December 18th. Parade will begin after sundown 6:30pm at Sumay Cove Marina.

**DECEMBER 18**  
**Advent Liturgical Service**  
 AAFB 11:30am at Andersen AFB, Chapel One, Protestant Worship Services.

**Winners Announced for the MWR and Command Festival of Trees!**  
 MWR The Command winner of the Holiday Command Festival of Trees for the MWR Holiday Split Stick and \$500 in MWR credit will be announced at Top o' the Mar brunch at noon.

**DECEMBER 19**  
**MWR's Big Screen Theater presents Winter Break Matinees**  
 NBG Monday-Thursday, December 19 - 29. Monday to Thursday each week, we will feature Free matinees at 3:00pm. The Theater will be closed Christmas Day.

**"Christmas Meals To-Go Deadline"**  
 MWR Meals can be picked up at Top o' the Mar 12/24 by 10am. Call 472-4606/7

**DECEMBER 21**  
**Ho Ho Ho 5K Run/Walk**  
 NBG Starting at the Palm Tree Golf Course Driving Range Parking Lot. Show time is 6:00am. Go time is 6:30am. No sign-up required. Call 366-6100 for more information.

**NEX Midnight Madness**  
 NBG 7:00pm-Midnight at Main Store only.

**Ecumenical "Lessons & Carols"**  
 NBG 7:00pm, NBG Chapel. Combined faith gathering that will retell the true story of Christmas alongside everyone's favorite Christmas carols.

**DECEMBER 22**  
**MWR Gingerbread House Decorating Contest!**  
 NBG At Naps starting 9:00am for setup and showcase; winners announced at 10:30am. Cost: Be prepared to make your own gingerbread house and bring to MWR. Materials will not be provided.

**DECEMBER 23**  
**Jewish Chanukah Service**  
 NBG 6:30pm, NBG Chapel.

**DECEMBER 24**  
**Christmas Eve Mass**  
 NBG 5:30pm, NBG Chapel.

**Christmas Eve Vigil Mass**  
 AAFB 6:30pm (No 5:00pm Mass) at Andersen AFB, Chapel One, Catholic Worship Service.

**Protestant Candle Lighting Service**  
 NBG 7:00pm, NBG Chapel.

**Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist**  
 AAFB 8:30pm, at Andersen AFB, Chapel One, Protestant Worship Services.

**DECEMBER 25**  
**Protestant Christmas Service**  
 NBG 8:00am and 11:00am, NBG Chapel.

**Christmas Day Mass (The Nativity of the Lord)**  
 AAFB 9:30am, Andersen AFB, Chapel One, Catholic Worship Service.

**Christmas Day Mass**  
 NBG 9:30am, NBG Chapel.

**Christmas Day Combined Parish Service**  
 AAFB 11:00am at Andersen AFB, Chapel Two Protestant Worship Services.

**MWR Celebrates Christmas Feast at Top o' the Mar**  
 MWR 11:00am-2:00pm. \$23 for Adults / \$11.50 for Children. Reservations recommended. Call 472-4606 to reserve today.

**USO Christmas Dinner at the Guam USO**  
 12:00pm-5:00pm, Royal Orchid Hotel.

**DECEMBER 30**  
**MWR Holiday Cigar Night at Molly McGee's Irish Pub**  
 NBG 5:00pm-8:00pm. \$26 pp. Open seating; however tables can be reserved by calling 564-1834.

**DECEMBER 31**  
**New Year's Eve Mass**  
 AAFB 5:00pm at Andersen AFB, Chapel One, Catholic Worship Service.

**New Year's Eve Mass**  
 NBG 5:30pm, NBG Chapel.

**New Year's Eve Family Bash**  
 NBG 8:00pm at Grote Point Lanes, Fun, Games, Giveaways, Party Favors. Reserve a Lane deadline is 12/20.

**DECEMBER 31 CONTINUED**  
**Celebrate New Year's Eve at Molly McGee's!!**  
 NBG Festivities starts at 9:00pm! Ring in the New Year at midnight!! Molly McGee's Irish Pub.

**Watch Night Service**

AAFB 10:30pm, Andersen AFB, Chapel Two, Protestant Worship Services.

**Celebrate New Year's Eve at Bamboo Willie's!!**  
 AAFB Ring in the New Year at midnight!! Bamboo Willie's.

**Celebrate New Year's Eve at Top of the Rock!!**  
 AAFB Get dressed up and ring in the New Year at midnight!! Top of the Rock.

**JANUARY 1**  
**Protestant New Year's Day Service**  
 NBG 8:00am & 11:00am, NBG Chapel.

**New Year's Day Mass**  
 NBG 9:30am, NBG Chapel.

**New Year's Day Mass (Mary, Mother of God)**  
 AAFB 9:30am at Andersen AFB, Chapel One, Catholic Worship Service.

**New Year's Day Combined Parish Service**  
 AAFB 10:30am at Andersen AFB, Chapel Two, Protestant Worship Services.

**Chamorro Christmas Night! by FFSC**  
 NBG December 12 at 6:00pm-8:00pm at Naval Base Community Center, FREE. Come and sample some island holiday desserts, iced cocoa, sing songs, and even ride a carabao! Fun for all those that are young at heart and those that are in need of some Christmas cheer island style!!!

**McCool Christmas Concert by McCool Middle School**  
 NBG December 13 at 6:00pm at The Big Screen Theater. FREE. McCool Middle band students to perform!

**Caroling with Naval Base Guam Chapel**  
 NBG December 14, 6:00-8:00pm at Chapel, there will be Christmas Caroling and Cookie Exchange from 6:00pm-8:00pm. Bring the children to a caroling event and let them participate in the Chapel's wonderfully scrumptious cookie exchange. This is a FREE event.

**Christmas Craft Night by Naval Base Guam Recreation Committee!**  
 NBG December 15, 6:00pm-7:30pm. Christmas Craft Night at the NBG Community Center. Get into the holiday spirit by making Christmas crafts and participating in the cupcake walk. We promise there will be laughter and fun for all!!! FREE

**Holiday Movie Under the Stars with MWR!**  
 NBG December 16 at 7pm, "Polar Express", Molly McGee's Field, NBG FREE for the movie, concessions are additional charge.

**Naval Marine Corps Relief Society - Kids Shopping Day**  
 NBG December 17 9:00am-Noon NMCRS Thrift Store. Buy a lot for a little!



AAFB Andersen Air Force Base  
 NBG Naval Base Guam  
 MWR MWR Off Base Facility  
 N-15 Naval Base Guam Telecommunications Site  
 36FSS 36th Force Support Element

# Andersen's Best: Senior Airman Jeremy Flint



Top Performer: Senior Airman Jeremy Flint, 36th Maintenance Squadron metals technology journeyman, was awarded Andersen's Best at Andersen Air Force Base Dec. 1. 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/civilian with an award. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Carlin Leslie/Released)

By Senior Airman Carlin Leslie

36th Wing Public Affairs

Senior Airman Jeremy Flint, 36th Maintenance Squadron metals technology journeyman, was awarded Andersen's Best on Andersen Air Force Base Dec. 1.

Flint's maintenance expertise and adherence to the technical data has directly impacted the mission's capability of the aerospace ground equipment (AGE) flight, repairing 46 damaged pieces of AGE this past quarter.

"Airman Flint single-handedly holds down the metals technology shop here in the maintenance

squadron at Andersen," said Tech. Sgt. Brian Marseglia, 36th Maintenance Squadron. "Without him, the AGE flight would not be able to provide serviceable equipment to support the mission."

Aside from giving 100 percent while on duty, Flint is also working towards his Aviation Technology degree, and current-

ly maintains a 3.0 grade point average.

Flint also supported 350 maintenance actions during the last B-52 deployment, influencing 163 sorties and 1,154 flight hours.

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nominate a member of their team for outstanding performance and the wing commander presents the selected Airman/civilian with an award.

To nominate your Airmen/civilian for Andersen's Best, contact your unit chief or superintendent explaining their accomplishments.

## Exercise your right to vote even when far from home

By Chief Legalman Kimberlee Lindee

Joint Region Marianas Force Paralegal

As the end of the calendar year approaches, you're probably thinking about the holidays. Maybe you're taking leave and going back home to visit with family and friends or perhaps you're planning to enjoy the next couple of weeks here on Guam, with a holiday fiesta and some time at the beach. Whatever your plans are and no matter what's on your mind at this time of year, next year's election is probably the last thing you're thinking about. However, if you're a military member stationed overseas or the family member of a military member, now is the time to pause and think about how you're going to exercise your right to vote.

The Federal Voting Assistance Program

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- Chief Legalman Kimberlee Lindee, Joint Region Marianas Force Paralegal

(FVAP) is tasked with making sure those who serve our country away from their home of record are afforded every opportunity to make their voice heard in federal, state and local elections. The same is true for spouses, adult children and others who may accompany service members. Every command and every military installation is tasked with having a Voting Assistance officer who can provide you

with the information you need to register and vote.

This will be a big year for elections, and not just for president. Consider these facts, all the seats in the U.S. House of Representatives are open; one-third of the U.S. Senate seats are open; 13 states will be electing governors; and literally thousands of local and state positions will be up for re-election, to include

mayors, state representatives and many, many more. In addition, any number of local ballot measures will be up for consideration. Three states will have their presidential primary elections in January, and another five are scheduled to hold primary elections in February. If you want to participate in those elections, the time to get registered is now.

For general information on the FVAP, log on to [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov). There is a frequently asked questions section which can help you determine where your state of residence is for voting purposes, how to register as an absentee voter in your jurisdiction and how to get the forms required for absentee voting. Each state has slightly different requirements, so it's important to get the right information for your state of residence. Finally, if you're unsure of how to get an absentee ballot, contact your command's Voting Assistance officer for further guidance.

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# NBG chapel brings holiday joy to foster families

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Service members, family and friends from the U.S. Naval Base Guam (NBG) chapel in collaboration with Harvest Baptist Church (HBC) worked together to support Harvest House to bring seasonal joy to foster families in Barrigada Dec. 10.

More than 50 volunteers from NBG helped serve dinner and entertained children and their families with songs, games and stories.

Navy spouse Teresa Lazarov coordinated NBG volunteers after meeting a foster family connected to Harvest House, a ministry that helps foster children on island. Soon after meeting the family, she developed the idea to recruit NBG Chapel members to volunteer and help with a holiday party for the foster families.

"This makes me feel really good," Lazarov

said. "In light of being able to bridge the gap between the military and the local community, especially during the holiday season, it makes me feel joyous."

Lt. Cmdr. Thomas Ianucci, NBG chaplain, was thrilled with the event's turnout and was excited to take part in spreading the joy of the holiday season.

"We were able to play games, interact with the children and make it a very festive time with a party atmosphere," he said. "It helped [attendees] enjoy the holidays better."

Explosive Ordnance Technician 2nd Class Mario Spencer, of Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit 5, was one of the Sailors volunteering to help serve dinner and entertain families.

"It feels good to see people with smiles on their faces," he said.

According to Harvest House co-director Joshua Taylor, there are more than 200 foster children on island. The children within the program have often led extremely difficult lives before coming into foster care.

## 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.

### Christmas Mailing Dates

The United States Postal Service wants to be sure your loved ones receive mail from you on time. Please see the following postal dates to mail out packages for the holiday season: From Guam to the U.S. Mainland—First class/priority mail, Dec. 16, express mail, Dec. 20; Hawaii—First class/priority mail, Dec. 19, express mail, Dec. 21; Saipan—First class/priority mail, Dec. 17, express mail, Dec. 21; Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of the Marshall Islands, and Palau— express mail, Dec. 19. Visit [www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com) for more information.

### 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](http://www.cnic.navy.mil/marianas).

### 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.

### AF 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](mailto:June.Magaling@fe.navy.mil).

### USPS Naval Station Business Hours

The United States Postal Service location in Barracks 4 on U.S. Naval Base Guam is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1-3 p.m. and closed on Saturdays, Sundays and federal holidays.

### Human Resources Hotline

Call the Joint Region Marianas Human Resources hotline to be connected with human resources specialists and services. Check the latest vacancy announcements, view available training or be put in contact with personnel to answer questions regarding equal employment opportunity and employee labor relations at 1-855-HRO-GUAM (1-855-476-4826).

### Safety Hotline

Naval Base Guam and Andersen Air Force Base service members, dependents and personnel are encouraged to report any unsafe or unhealthful incidents and situations to their respective installation safety hotlines. The base safety office will promptly investigate all reports. On NBG, call 339-SAFE (7233) or 777-1809 during non-duty hours. On Andersen AFB, call 366-SAFE (7233) or 366-2981 during non-duty hours.

### Andersen AFB Auto Hobby Shop

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

### Key Spouse Training

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

# NMCB 40 Seabee receives special gift from home



By Ensign Gregory Shultz  
Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 40

Christmas came early this year for Construction Mechanic 2nd Class (SCW) John McClain of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 40 as he received a Christmas tree from the Guam Girl Scout's office in Tamuning, Guam Dec. 9.

McClain recently deployed with his command to U.S. Naval Base Guam (NBG) from their homeport in Port Hueneme, Calif.

The service member's mother, Shelia Laverly, sent the Christmas tree to her son through the Guam Girl Scouts' Annual Christmas Tree Sale with a tag addressed to her son, which simply identified him as Sailor on board NBG.

Guam Girl Scouts Director Vickie Fish attempted to contact McClain using several friends on base but had difficulty tracking him down.

With an eagerness to bring the Christmas spirit to the Sailor and give the tree to him, Fish then contacted the tree farm owners in Estacada, Ore. who supply the organization with their Christmas trees. Fortunately, the farm owners are close friends of McClain's mother and from there his mother was able to get both parties in touch with each other and make sure McClain's son received his tree.

As McClain received his tree from the organization he expressed his gratitude for all who played a part in getting the tree to him.

"It's heartwarming to know that people are sharing their Christmas spirit and appreciation for the military when we are halfway around the world and away from our friends and family," he said.

This marks the third consecutive year McClain has spent away from home for the holidays. Last year, while serving with NMCB 40 at Forward Operating Base Deh Dadi II in Afghanistan, his mother sent him a small silver tree that he proudly displayed.

The Guam Girl Scouts also donated a second tree to McClain. One tree will be displayed on the NMCB 40 Detail Guam Quarterdeck and the second will be displayed in the ALFA Company office spaces. NMCB 40 is deployed to the United States Pacific Command (USAPAC) area of operation to provide construction engineering support. The command will return to their home base in July 2012.

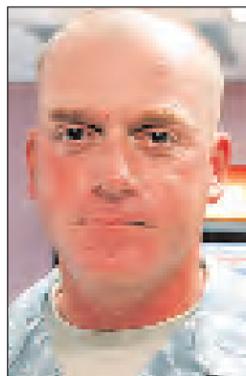
Green Gift: Construction Mechanic 2nd Class (SCW) John McClain of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 40, accepts a Christmas tree from Guam Girl Scouts Executive Director Vickie Fish at the Girl Scouts headquarters in Tamuning, Guam Dec. 9. Fish tracked down McClain after his tree arrived in their shipment with only a tag addressed to U.S. Naval Base Guam and with the Sailor's name. (Photo courtesy of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 40)

## How do you plan to spend your New Year's?



**"Going to Germany to spend the holidays with my girlfriend."**

*Senior Airman Besmir Lalaj  
36th Communications Squadron*



**"I'm going home to visit family in Pittsburg."**

*Staff Sgt. Mathew Vilsa  
36th Contracting Squadron*



**"Going to the club."**

*Senior Airman  
Jasmine Frazier  
36th Communications Squadron*



**"I will be hanging out with my buddies enjoying the New Year festivities on the island."**

*Yeoman 3rd Class  
Chris O'Neal  
Joint Region Marianas*



**"I am going to spend time with my family"**

*Jen Nichols  
Morale, Welfare  
and Recreation*



**"I am going to perform a wedding for a wonderful family."**

*Lt. j.g. Matt Drayton  
U.S. Naval Base Guam  
Chaplain*

# Andersen Air Force Base post office to transition

From 36th Wing Public Affairs

In the next few days the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) will deliver a packet of information to Andersen Air Force Base housing residents only. Residents should fill out the PS Forms 1093 and 3575 when they receive their package and bring two forms of identification to the current post office at Bldg. 21001 to receive a key to your new P.O. Box. Residents should complete the process no later than Jan. 4, 2012.

The new postal facility is nearly finished and will soon be ready to service the Andersen community. The new post office is located next to the base exchange where the grand opening will be held Jan. 9.

The last day for Military Family Housing (MFH) USPS door-to-door deliveries will be Jan. 7. All MFH residents will be issued a P.O. Box and will be able to start the application process once they receive the USPS information packet during normal business hours at the current USPS window. Residents are reminded it is their responsibility to make appropriate mailing address change notifications to utilities, magazines, newspapers, etc. Once residents submit the change of address form; mail will be forwarded to the new P.O. Box for one year.

To facilitate the transition to the new facility, all postal services on Andersen will be closed Jan. 5-7. During this time residents should plan accordingly as no mail services will be available on base. Customers are reminded they can still mail items from an off-base postal facility.

Army Post Office (APO) Customers

There will be no changes for APO deliveries. Dorm residents and existing APO patrons will keep their existing PSC 251 Box number, APO, AP 96542. APO customers have already received a notice to sign for their new mailbox combinations at the window.

As a reminder, individuals shall not utilize their unit's official mailing address to receive personal mail. The intent of each unit mailing address is solely to support official correspondence of the United States Government.

FAQs for Postal Service Center transition

**Q: Why are we transitioning to central delivery?**

A: This is a joint venture between Andersen and USPS to consolidate operations. This transition is a result of budgetary constraints.

**Q: Will people be able to go to their P.O. Box after hours to receive mail?**

A: Customers will have access to their P.O. Box 24 hours a day.

**Q: How many people will be on duty and what are the customer service hours?**

A: The postal center will be staffed with two USPS employees from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Friday and one from 9 a.m.-noon Saturdays. The customer service window will be open from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Friday and 9-11 a.m. every Saturday. The postal center will be closed on all federal holidays.



Duty Station: Airmen from the 36th Communications Squadron Postal team stand in front of their new facility on Andersen Air Force Base. Andersen's post office is assisting residents to transition from the former facility. (Photo courtesy of 36th Wing Public Affairs/Released)

**Q: How long will mail be auto forwarded from my street address to the P.O. Box?**

A: When customers receive their keys for their P.O. Box they will also be given a change of address (COA) form. This COA is good for 12 months. We ask that all customers notify their correspondents of their new mailing address immediately when new address is known. We will work with all customers to ensure all mail is properly rerouted. It is the responsibility of the customer to notify all correspondents of their new address.

**Q: Can we keep having mail sent to street address permanently?**

A: No, we require customers to notify mailers as soon as the new address is known. Again we will work with customers to ensure that mail is properly rerouted. The P.O. Box number that will be issued to all residents will be the only address recognized by USPS as a correct mailing address.

**Q: When is the last day for home delivery?**

A: The last scheduled day for home delivery is Jan. 7.

**Q: How will I receive parcels to my P.O. Box?**

A: Customers will receive a notification in their P.O. Box that a parcel is available for pick up. The customer can then receive the item at the customer service window or at the parcel lockers.

**Q: What is the process of using a parcel locker?**

A: The customer will receive a key in their P.O. Box with instructions on retrieving their article from a parcel locker that is located in front of the Postal Service Center.

**Q: What are the shipping restrictions from CONUS to P.O. Boxes?**

A: All restrictions depend on the shippers. Customers should always verify shipping restrictions when ordering from CONUS or online vendors.

**Q: What if P.O. Box customers are unable to receive a package because of vendor restrictions (Amazon, Ebay, Target, etc.)?**

A: P.O. Box customers by exception can have packages sent to the Postal Service Center's physical address.

John Doe  
 Bldg 24018 Carolines Ave, Box XXXX  
 Yigo, GU 96929



Interesting Find: Hull Maintenance Technician 1st Class Steven Mullin, left, and Hull Maintenance Technician 2nd Class Zeus Millena, both Navy reservists assigned to the submarine tender USS Frank Cable (AS 40), remove trash from the beach during a community service project in Tumon, Guam Dec. 9. 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 Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Melvin Nobeza/Released)

## Cable Sailors clean up local beaches



Cleaning Up Carefully: Navy reservists assigned to the submarine tender USS Frank Cable (AS 40) pick up trash during a community service project in Tumon, Guam Dec. 9. 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 Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Melvin Nobeza/Released)

# Save energy decorating this holiday season

By Patrick Russell  
Andersen Air Force Base Energy Manager

The holiday season is upon us and the Christmas décor is in full effect including beautiful and festive lighting. Holiday tradition is awesome and it makes us all cheery and warm inside, but can't we also save a little energy in the process? The answer is yes.

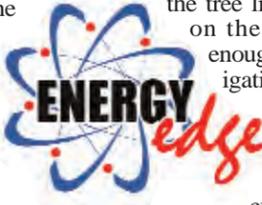
Here are four easy energy savings tips to consider through the holiday festivities:

Switch to Light Emitting Diode (LED) lights. They use about 90 percent less electricity than a regular Christmas light and are as fair priced as traditional lights.

Utilize fiber-optic decorations and be a true energy saver. Fiber-optic decorations are the most efficient way to go because they use one single light bulb in the base of the unit to light

the decoration in its entirety.

Limit the time the lights are on. The best practice is to wait until dark to turn on your holiday lights, and make sure they are off before bedtime. Santa recommends six hours or less of nightly use.



Turn off the lights in the room when the tree lights are on. The lights on the tree should provide enough ambient light for navigation around the room.

Following these four easy energy savings tips is easy for the whole family with little effort. Santa will appreciate your motivation in helping reduce energy use on and off base. For more information contact the local base energy manager for questions or suggestions.



**Creative Christmas Tree:** A Christmas tree made from recycled paper sits on display at the Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Marianas business director's office on U.S. Naval Base Guam Dec. 9. NAVFAC Marianas encourages everyone to be energy-efficient this holiday season. (Photo courtesy of NAVFAC Marianas)



## Going green, an Andersen initiative

By Senior Airman  
Veronica McMahon  
36th Wing Public Affairs

While the Air Force has always taken pride in the 'going green' initiative, Andersen has recently taken an extra step in the process by introducing low-flow showerheads in base homes in an effort to build posture for tomorrow's fight on energy awareness.

Brig. Gen. John Doucette, 36th Wing commander, was the first to install this energy efficient appliance Dec. 6.

"Initiatives like this allow the Air Force to become efficient in energy resources while saving money we can use elsewhere," General Doucette said. "Although it may seem

“By installing low-flow showerheads and aerators, this can lower a home's water use by up to 50 percent.”

— Patrick Russell, 36th Civil Engineer Squadron Energy Manager

like a small step individually, the combined efforts of Team Andersen making these changes can have a big impact on our carbon footprint.”

36th Civil Engineer Squadron Energy Manager Patrick Russell said the installation of the showerheads causes a great reduction in energy and will benefit consumers

financially.

“In a typical home, 73 percent of water used in a shower is hot water,” Russell said. “By installing low-flow showerheads and aerators, this can lower a home's water use by up to 50 percent. Aerators affix to your standard home faucet and introduce air into the water stream giving the illusion that

more water is being released but actually it's conserving water and energy.”

Aerating and non-aerating are the two basic types of low-faucets and showerheads. Aerating, which is the more popular of the two, mixes air into the water stream and maintains steady pressure so the flow has an even, full shower spray. As the air is mixed with the water, the water temperature can cool down as it reaches the floor of the shower. Non-aerating adds a pulse to the water stream and maintains temperature, and delivers stronger pressure.

The Federal Energy Policy Act of 1992 requires all faucet fixtures manufactured in the United States restrict maximum water flow at or below 2.5 gallons per minute at 80 pounds per square inch of water pressure. This ensures most faucet products available will offer at least minimal water efficiency benefits.

“The importance of Andersen going green sets the precedence for our future goals of sustainment on base,” Russell said. “Not only are we saving taxpayers money but we're also showing the Air Force leads the way in energy and water reduction efforts. We are achieving these goals by changing the culture of the Airmen through leadership, training, education and communication.”



Above: Machinist Mate 2nd Class (SW/SS) Jose Luminog, USS Frank Cable (AS 40) wraps gifts for the 27th Annual Sugar Plum Tree Big Wrap at the Bank of Hawaii in Hagatna, Guam Dec. 10. The Big Wrap is the traditional conclusion to the Sugar Plum Tree gift-giving project. Volunteers join together to wrap all the donated gifts. (U.S. Navy photos by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Corwin Colbert)

Above Left: Service members from USS Chafee (DDG 90) wrap gifts for the 27th Annual Sugar Plum Tree Big Wrap at the Bank of Hawaii in Hagatna, Guam Dec. 10. The Big Wrap is the traditional conclusion to the Sugar Plum Tree gift-giving project. Volunteers join together to wrap all the donated gifts. (U.S. Navy photos by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Corwin Colbert)

## Big Wrap: Gifts ready to go

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Service members from the 23rd Expeditionary Bomb Squadron, Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 40, U.S. Naval Base Guam Security, U.S. Naval Hospital Guam, USS Frank Cable (AS 40) USS Emory S. Land (AS 39) and Sailors from the Hawaii-based missile destroyer USS Chafee (DDG 90) and land docking ship USS Pearl Harbor (LSD-52), who are in Guam for a port visit, attended the event.

Chief Logistics Specialist (SW/AW) Larae Baker and Opera-

tions Specialist 1st Class (SW) Lewis Policard of Chafee said despite being away from home they couldn't pass up an opportunity to help out those in need.

"If I was in Hawaii instead of here I would be doing the same thing," Baker said. "It's good the Navy comes out and supports the community."

Policard believed volunteering for the event was part of his military obligation to serve his country and support the different communities he is able to visit during his career.

"I think it is really important show that the military is a part of the com-

munity," he said. "If we aren't out defending the country we are here showing how great America is and how good the people are."

Capt. Jacob Cambione of the 23rd Expeditionary Bomb Squadron, Air Force Global Strike Command said Guam has been great to him and the rest of his command while they've been deployed here, so it only made sense to return the gesture.

"It is important to help out the people of Guam because they have been such a graceful host," Cambione said. "We wanted to give back to the community."

It's a Wrap: Machinery Repairman Fireman Apprentice Danielle Frobus of USS Frank Cable (AS 40) wraps gifts for the 27th Annual Sugar Plum Tree Big Wrap at the Bank of Hawaii in Hagatna, Guam Dec. 10. The Big Wrap is the traditional conclusion to the Sugar Plum Tree gift-giving project. Volunteers join together to wrap all the donated gifts. (U.S. Navy photos by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Corwin Colbert)

## Academy: Graduates prepare for the workforce

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the charter members of Guam's Air Force Reserve. He retired as a technical sergeant and went on to becoming a major for the Guam Police Department. Although he retired from law enforcement in 2004, he was compelled to return to public service.

"Like they say, 'Once a Marine, always a Marine' so, once a police officer, always a police officer," he said.

Togawa added he missed the camaraderie that is fundamental to active duty and law enforcement life and that he enjoyed sharing his knowledge with his younger fellow officers.

Officer Samantha Shimizu, the youngest graduate, said she is eager to apply the theoretical knowledge and real-life training she gained in the classroom to practical law enforcement experience.

"Being put in situations like that will definitely help me with my



Proud Family: Samantha Shimizu, of Yona, was one of six members of Class 02-2011 to graduate from the Commander, Navy Installation Command (CNIC) police training academy during a ceremony at the Big Screen Theatre on U.S. Naval Base Guam Dec. 9. Shimizu, the class's youngest member, holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and will soon complete her master's degree in public administration from the University of Guam. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Waris Banks/Released)

everyday job," she said. "Sometimes you don't think certain things can happen when you're on the job, but

the training made me realize that anything can happen and you need to be prepared."



Workforce Ready: Six civilian police officers graduated from the Commander, Navy Installation Command (CNIC) police training academy during a ceremony at the Big Screen Theatre on U.S. Naval Base Guam Dec. 9. Graduates have a combined total of 100 years of experience in the military and law enforcement. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Waris Banks/Released)

# 36th CES wins Pacific Air Force Unit Award



Group Effort Wins Award: The 36th Civil Engineer Squadron gathers together to show its accomplishment of winning the Pacific Air Force Outstanding CE Small Unit Award on Andersen Air Force Base Nov. 23. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Jeffrey Schultze/Released)

## Review: “Three Cups of Tea: One Man’s Mission to Promote Peace...One School at a Time”

*Editor’s Note: The book “Three Cups of Tea: One Man’s Mission to Promote Peace...One School at a Time” is on the chief of staff of the Air Force’s reading list and was reviewed a part of a professional development program.*

By Maj. Alan F. Copeland  
36th Comptroller Squadron Commander

Greg Mortensen and David Oliver Relin’s “Three Cups Of Tea” is an inspirational, and supposedly biographical rendition of how Mortensen’s altruistic gesture, building a school in repayment for a village’s kindness, eventually morphed into a focused passion of providing schools and educational opportunities in remote regions neglected by the government, especially for girls.

Although an astonishing story of how individual tenacity and selfless drive can positively impact the world as well as an interesting cultural lesson on Southwest Asia, this perennial New York Times best-seller reads more like a novel than an unbiased depiction of true events.

Mortenson first arrived in Pakistan in 1993 to climb K2, the world’s second-tallest mountain. The goal was to master the mountain as well as place a memorial necklace atop the peak to honor his deceased sister. After failing to reach the summit, he was separated from his fellow climbers and arrived alone and was poorly seen as an “Angezi”, a strange white man, at the village Korphe. He was immediately unconditionally taken into the village and nursed back to health.

To repay the kindness, Mortenson eventually delivered on his promised to build the impoverished village its first school. The journey to repaying the promise was filled with personal sacrifice, risk, cultural

learning and emotional highs and lows. In the process, Mortensen received help and was hindered by a colorful cast of contributors including local staff, village elders, philanthropists, con artists, mujhideen and Taliban. The drive to building a single school eventually snowballed into Mortensen’s passion to build as many schools as possible, mostly in areas without government support.

Meanwhile, events like 9/11 and the war in Afghanistan changed world focus towards radical Islam. In some ways these events highlighted the need for an alternative to radical Islam teaching to be more readily available and catapulted Mortensen’s then floundering Central Asia Institute (CAI) into solvency generating mass contributions. Following 9/11, Mortenson and Relin suggested building schools and educational opportunities to provide a better enduring recipe for fighting Islamic extremism than bombs or bullets which, as depicted in the book, gained widespread support even from military personnel.

Next, when gleaning the authors’ purpose, I walked away from the book with mixed feelings. To caveat, halfway through reading the book in blissful ignorance I learned that although Mortensen stood by the story as predominately accurate, many of the events depicted have been contested by individuals featured in the book as either exaggerations or outright falsehoods. This by no means takes away from Mortenson’s outstanding accomplishments achieved from apparently humble beginnings and later ballooning through his leadership of the CAI, but it does color a picture that publishing this work may have been less about a true historical accounting to raise awareness of a worthy

cause and more towards its use as an advertising platform geared towards fundraising.

For additional reading on the controversy, visit <http://www.businessinsider.com/greg-mortenson-60-minutes-three-cups-tea-afghanistan-2011-4> and Mortensen’s response at <http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/jacketcopy/2011/04/greg-mortenson-responds-to-60-minutes-questions-about-his-three-cups-of-tea-story.html>.

In terms of writing style, the book was slow reading initially, but became easier as after the first several chapters. At times it seemed like the detailed descriptions were excessive and made reading cumbersome. In contrast, especially during intense scenes of hardship such as his alleged kidnapping by Taliban,

I appreciated the clear pictures they painted. But, through it all I found myself pondering, before and after finding out that events may not be historically accurate, if I was reading an adventure novel with the protagonist hero being aggrandized and put loftily on a pedestal. This harsh assessment may have been curbed and the reading less novel-like if the authors chose to write the book from a first person perspective instead of in the third person.

Overall, from a personal perspective the book was a good read, but not outstanding, mainly because the writing style, not the content. I suspect, from the authors’ standpoint, it probably overwhelmingly met their goals of raising awareness and funds for a highly worthy cause, especial-

ly prior to the scandal raised about the book’s accuracy. Despite the scandal, the book is a great story about how individual commitment, resolve and personal risk can sometimes generate immeasurable benefits for less-than fortunate people in the world. Consequently, Mortenson’s efforts towards making a difference and this book should still be commended as laudable.

*\*The views expressed in this article are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect the official policy or position of the U.S. Air Force, Department of Defense or the U.S. Government.*

# Frank Cable Sailors spread Christmas cheer

Below: Logistics Specialist 3rd Class Brandon Herring, assigned to the submarine tender USS Frank Cable (AS 40), assists a family member during a children's Christmas party sponsored by the Family Readiness Group (FRG) at Cmdr. William C. McCool Elementary/Middle School. 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 Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Melvin Nobeza)



Above: Sailors assigned to the submarine tender USS Frank Cable (AS 40) assist family members with arts and crafts during a children's Christmas party sponsored by the Family Readiness Group at Cmdr. William C. McCool Elementary/Middle School on U.S. Naval Base Guam Dec. 10. 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 Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Melvin Nobeza/Released)

Right: Junior Enlisted Association (JEA) members assigned to the submarine tender USS Frank Cable (AS 40) volunteer their off time to support the Family Readiness Group (FRG) during a children's Christmas party at Cmdr. William C. McCool Elementary/Middle School. 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 Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Melvin Nobeza)



Below: Hull Maintenance Technician 1st Class Leonard Roach, assigned to the submarine tender USS Frank Cable (AS 40), observes and assists as a family member prepares to shoot the target during a children's Christmas party sponsored by the Family Readiness Group (FRG) at Cmdr. William C. McCool Elementary/Middle School. 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 Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Melvin Nobeza)



Left: Personnel Specialist Seaman Recruit Amber Laurent, assigned to the submarine tender USS Frank Cable (AS 40), assists family members during a children's Christmas party sponsored by the Family Readiness Group at Cmdr. William C. McCool Elementary/Middle School on U.S. Naval Base Guam Dec. 10. 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 Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Melvin Nobeza/Released)



# Frank Cable receives Environmental Stewardship Flagship Award

## From USS Frank Cable (AS 40)

The submarine tender USS Frank Cable (AS 40) outshined all other large overseas-based commands in the Pacific by receiving its third Overall Award for the Navy Community Service Environmental Stewardship Flagship Award received through a message Nov. 2011.

The Environmental Stewardship Flagship Award was presented to Frank Cable for its outstanding volunteer community services (COMSERV). Frank Cable was also recognized for supported programs and special projects that promoted education and good stewardship of environmental resources in the last fiscal year.

"The significance of this award shows Sailors here in Guam care about the environ-

ment and are glad to help clean up and preserve the wildlife," said Religious Programs Specialist Seaman (SW) Donald Bishop.

Bishop also said the environment is a very important aspect in our life and it is important to everyone to help clean and keep it healthy.

More than 800 Sailors have contributed their off-time computing to more than 300 hours in 60 volunteered COMSERV events within the local Guam community and various countries during port visits.

"It shows the Navy's commitment in protecting the environment," said Religious Programs Specialist 1st Class (SW) Christine Tamag. "It strengthens community ties and provides opportunities for Navy, military and civilian employees to volunteer for meaningful command sponsored community service projects."

Frank Cable Sailors focused their volunteering efforts in enhancing environmental science curricula for schools, developing youth environmental stewardship within the communities and conducting cleanups that taught environmental values through organized COMSERVs.

Sailors also created a trail for the Guam National Wildlife Refuge and participated in several beach cleanups on Guam. During port visits in Hong Kong and the Republic of the Philippines, they landscaped an orphanage garden and conducted road cleanups inside the communities.

"We work hand in hand with the locals when we are at these projects," Bishop said. "They see that we want to help them and take care of their homeland."

The Stewardship Award is one of five Flagship Awards given to the overall Navy through the Community Service Program Package. The annual package includes Project Good Neighbor, Personal Excellence Partnership, Safety and Fitness and Campaign Drug Free.

"Navy volunteers make a difference by strengthening education, preserving the environment, providing humanitarian assistance, and promoting anti-drug and healthy lifestyles," Tamag said. "Thank you for volunteering your time and giving us the opportunity to work together and make a difference."

Frank Cable conducts maintenance and support of submarines and surface vessels deployed in the U.S. 7th Fleet Area of Responsibility.

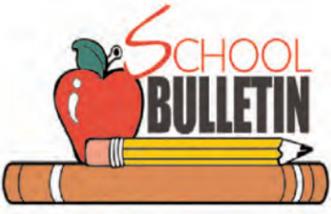
## DZSP 21 hosts federal, local fire truck maintenance training



Successful Training: Members from DZSP 21 transportation, Guam Fire and Federal Fire Departments stand in front of a Pierce fire truck after completing a week of maintenance training at the DZSP 21 vehicle maintenance facility on U.S. Naval Base Guam Dec. 9. Government of Guam and Federal firefighters participated in a vehicle maintenance training hosted by DZSP 21 from Dec. 5-9. (U.S. Navy photo by JoAnna Delfin/Released)



System Check: Ray Alicto, right, and Andrew Flores, back left, of DZSP 21, and Ray Siongco, of the Guam Fire Department, check system voltages of a Pierce fire truck while instructor Mel Schampers, center, observes at the DZSP 21 vehicle maintenance facility on U.S. Naval Base Guam Dec. 8. Government of Guam and federal firefighters participated in a vehicle maintenance training hosted by DZSP 21 from Dec. 5-9. (U.S. Navy photo by Reynaldo Rabara/Released)



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](mailto:jointregionedge@fe.navy.mil) or call 349-2115.

**DODEA**

Winter recess for all Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) Guam District schools is from Dec. 19-Jan. 3. School will resume for all DoDEA students Jan. 4. There will be no classes for all students Jan. 27. Third quarter and second semester begins Jan. 30.

**Guam High School**

GHS students will have final exams Jan. 26 and will be released at 10:30 a.m.

**Special Screenings for Students**

Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) offers comprehensive special education services to eligible students age 3- 21. Services include screening in areas of suspected disabilities, such as vision, hearing, motor skills, speech, language and general development. For more information contact Susan Hokanson, Cmdr. William C. McCool Elementary/Middle School at 339-8676 or Claire Brinkman, Andersen Elementary School at 366-8505.

**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.

**Central Texas College**

Register now for Term 3 to begin Jan. 16. Central Texas College (CTC) offers courses in general studies, criminal justice, information technology, restaurant and culinary management and more. We are also recruiting instructors for the following: criminal justice, fire protection, executive assistance, early childhood and legal assistant/paralegal. For more information, call 339-3366.

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# Activities abound for winter break

By Shaina Marie Santos  
Joint Region Edge Staff

With winter break on the horizon, students will find their hands suddenly free and time unwell spent. Fortunately, a range of activities will be available for students' entertainment over the break.

The Big Screen Theatre on U.S. Naval Base Guam will be hosting free special screenings of select feature films for their Winter Break Matinees Monday-Thursday at 3 p.m., from Dec. 19-29.

The Missoula Children's Theater (MCT) is set to kick off auditions for *Beauty Lou* and *the Country Beast* Dec. 19 at 9 a.m. at the Big Screen Theatre. Participation is open to students kindergarten-12th grade. Practice for the show will continue throughout the week and culminate in a performance Dec.23.

Missoula's last theater presentation "The Pied Piper", debuted Aug. 12 and garnered 34 participants who were involved in an array of roles from acting to production.

According to a press release from MCT,

included in the program are three enrichment workshops presented by the tour actor/director.

"Creativity, social skills, goal achievement, communication skills and self-esteem are all characteristics that are attained through the participation in this unique, educational project," the press release stated.

"It was awesome,[the participants] get more than just acting," said Jenee Barnett, NBG Child and Youth Program director.

The School Age Care on NBG in collaboration with the Boys & Girls Clubs of America and 4H program is sponsoring their annual winter camp, and will offer registered children a number of holiday activities.

To participate, children must already be registered under the School Age Care. The camp will run from Dec. 19-Jan.3 from 6 a.m.-5:30 p.m. and is based on a number of clubs and activities.

Along with giving children an opportunity to do projects and interact with peers, Barnett said the winter camp also allows participants to see what is offered in the Boys & Girls

Clubs of America and 4H programs. According to Barnett, the camp usually accommodates between 40 and 50 students daily.

The Teen Center at Andersen Air Force Base will be hosting a New York-themed Christmas party Dec. 31 from 6-8:30 p.m. Prospective participants need to register by Dec. 22 and purchase tickets to enter.

Partygoers can look forward to dressing up in New York-themed garb, walk or watch a cat-walk show and experience New York-style cuisine. A prize will also be awarded to the attendee with the most original outfit.

While at home parents can keep their kids engaged in other activities while baking, cooking, writing holiday letters to family and friends or simply wrapping gifts.

Department of Defense Education Activity Guam District Navy School Liaison Barbara Askey encouraged parents to take an active role in including children in everyday activities to keep them busy during the break.

Armed with an array of activities, students may find themselves successfully occupied over the winter festivities.

## AMS takes part in Annual Cookie Caper



Cookie Capers: Andersen Middle School (AMS) students decorated cookies during the Annual Cookie Caper at the school's campus Dec. 7. Students decorated more than 30 dozen cookies for the event. (Photos courtesy of Jim Rhodes)

# Students excel in academic challenge

By Shaughn Hoops

Cmdr. William C. McCool Elementary/Middle School  
Eighth Grade

Students from Cmdr. William C. McCool Elementary/Middle School (MEMS) won three out of three of their Academic Challenge Bowl (ACB) tournaments at Bishop Baumgartner Memorial School in Sinajana, Guam Nov. 30.

The members of the team present were Nick Moore, Shaughn Hoops, Caroline Augelli, R.J. Kranz, Ronald Lindhart, Jacob Augelli, Travis Wagner and Lillian Suchyta.

MEMS competed against Harvest Christian Academy, Andersen Middle School and Vicente S. A. Benevente Middle School. Our students came up in victory and beat all three schools.

The competition against Andersen was intense as MEMS ended up losing in the beginning, but came back in the second half and won.

In the end MEMS ended up with happy faces and the sweet taste of victory.

Smart Minds at Work: Members of Cmdr. William C. McCool Elementary/Middle School's Academic Challenge Bowl team practice at the school Dec. 8. The team excelled during competitions against other local schools. (Photo courtesy of Robert Kranz)



# PTO helps stuff stockings



Stuffing Stockings for Santa: The Andersen Elementary School's Parent-Teacher Organization helped students stuff their stockings during the PTO's annual holiday story from Dec. 5-9. Students were able to buy gifts for all members of the family in order to prepare for the holiday season. (Photo courtesy of Rebekah Levy)

# Nativity scenes connect to cultured past

By Shaina Marie Santos  
Joint Region Edge Staff

Although the Christmas nativity scene is recognized worldwide, Guam residents have adapted the concept of the nativity into the Chamorro culture, making it another diverse cornerstone of the island's history.

The nativity scene, or belen (Bee-lehn) in Chamorro, holds special importance to many local families. Traditionally, the belen serves as a reminder of Jesus' birth and is displayed during the nine nights of the Novena, or nobena (nho-beh-NAH), of Christ the Child.

The nobena is a ritual that involves evenings of prayer when a different story related to the birth of Christ is told each night through prayer and song. Chamorro historian Toni Ramirez defines the belen as an artistic presentation of Christ the Child.

Traditionally the nativity set displays the Holy Family, three wise men and several different barn animals. However, throughout the years families prefer to add a special touch to their belens.

Ramirez describes the role of the belen in his family as one of great importance. He explains the traditions of the nobena and belen is a promesa (phro-MEH-SAH), or promise, made by the family which is passed down through generations generally from mother to daughter.

"It's very beautiful," Ramirez said, "It really unifies families because we are all attached to the promesa, the promise."

Constructing a belen each year in one's home is part of local tradition that continues to this day.

"To me, the belen connects and reaches out to the family," Ramirez said. "Through the belen, the promesa is a reason to live. It connects everybody to this celebration that we call Christmas."



Guam's Belen: Several different types of nativity scenes, or belens (BEE-lehns), sit on display at the Christmas Village in Sinajana Nov. 25. Many local families have belens in their homes and conduct a nine-day novena in preparation for Christmas. (U.S. Navy photo by JoAnna Delfin/Released)

## FREE

### Movies Under the Stars

Come out and enjoy the movie "Polar Express" with the whole family at Molly McGee's Field on U.S. Naval Base Guam Dec. 16, 7 p.m. The event is free. For more information, call 688-7038.

## UNDER \$10

### Holler for a Dollar Tuesdays

Don't miss Gecko Lanes'

Tuesday evening special, "Holler for a Dollar". Every Tuesday from 6-10 p.m. enjoy games, shoe rentals, and fountain drinks for \$1 each. For more information, call 366-5117.

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## \$10 AND UP

### New Year's Eve Bash

Bowling at Orote Point Lanes, Dec. 31 from 8 p.m.-1 a.m. Fun for the whole family! There will be games, party favors, a live DJ and karaoke.

### Rent

a lane for \$90. This includes two large single topping pizza and unlimited fountain beverage. Register Dec. 1-20. For more information, call 564-1828/9.

### Christmas Day Traditional Feast

Enjoy Christmas with family and friends at Top O' the Mar, Dec. 25 from 11 a.m.-2p.m. The lunch is open to the public. Adults are \$23 and \$11.50 for kids. Call 472-4606/07 to reserve a table by Dec. 23.



### FRIDAY, DEC. 16

7 p.m.: Tower Heist • PG-13

### SATURDAY, DEC. 17

2 p.m.: Tower Heist • PG-13  
7 p.m.: A Very Harold And Kumar Christmas • R

### SUNDAY, DEC. 18

7 p.m.: A Very Harold And Kumar Christmas • R

The movie schedule is subject to change due to circumstances beyond Meehan Theaters on Andersen Air Force Base. **The Meehan Theater hotline is 366-1523.**



### FRIDAY, DEC. 16

7 p.m.: Polar Express • PG  
9:30 p.m.: In Time • PG-13

### SATURDAY, DEC. 17

1 p.m.: The Beginner • PG  
3:30 p.m.: Johnny English Reborn • PG  
7 p.m.: Footloose • PG-13

### SUNDAY, DEC. 18

1 p.m.: Puss in Boots • PG  
3:30 p.m.: The Three Musketeers • PG-13  
7 p.m.: Paranormal Activity 3 • 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 [mwr Guam.com](http://mwr Guam.com).**

*(Source: Navy Morale, Welfare and Recreation Office)*

## Chapel Schedule

### Naval Base Guam

Office Hours: Monday-Friday,  
8 a.m.-4 p.m.

#### Roman Catholic Mass

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday Mass: 9:30 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:  
Saturday, 5 p.m. and Sunday,  
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

# Be the blessing around family, friends this season

By Capt. Richard Rojas

36th Wing Chaplain

During the holidays, people look for ways to bless one another with gifts. Some give elaborate gifts and others give simple gifts. There will be gifts that put people into debt and other gifts created from construction paper and markers. Whatever the gift, the recipient is usually grateful.

Romans 1:11 reads, "For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you." The Apostle Paul is the author of the above quote and recognized that people can give more than just physical gifts. He understood your

life affects those you have contact with, whether you intend it or not. For some, you may have a positive affect and for others a negative experience. But no matter what, you had an affect on others. The Apostle Paul wanted to make sure he was a positive blessing to the readers he hoped to visit.

We, too, should strive to share Paul's vision for blessing others. Take the opportunities to share strengths you observe in others. These spiritual blessings are not given haphazardly but by a deliberate choice. Only when we are determined to focus in giving a blessing rather than receiving a blessing will we have the quality of ministry to

others that God gave to the Apostle Paul. Give people the power to love others, including themselves, through a genuine blessing. One of the greatest blessings we can offer others is a positive word.

Here are some verbal blessings that you can give to others:

- Great persistence! You kept with it until you mastered that challenge.
- Working, living, playing, going to school, etc. with you is fun.
- You let self-control triumph over temper.
- I love hearing what you think.
- You displayed your faith when you ...
- That was a brilliant solution to that problem.

• I'm impressed, that was mature behavior.

• You're choosing what to do rather than letting life happen to you. Way to seize life.

• Watch for the blessing God drops in your lap today. I look forward to hearing about it later.

• Tell me your dreams (aspirations, goals, etc.).

• Reading and thinking led you to this decision. I love how you evaluated every angle.

• I like spending time with you.

You may not realize it, but your life has the potential to bless everyone you encounter. As you go about your day, strive to be a positive influence on everyone you encounter.

# Navy defends football title against Army



Left: Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) the Honorable Ray Mabus holds the coveted Secretary's Trophy as U.S. Naval Academy defensive end Jabaree Tuani looks on after his team beat the U.S. Military Academy Black Knights 27-21 during the 112th Army-Navy college football game at FedEx Field Dec. 10. (U.S. Navy photo by Chief Mass Communication Specialist Sam Shavers/Released)

Below: U.S. Navy Midshipmen charge the field to kick off the 112th Army-Navy college football game at FedEx Field Dec. 10. This is the first Army-Navy game played in our Nation's Capital. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Kori Melvin/Released)



Above: U.S. Naval Academy running back Gee Gee Greene (#21), from Columbia, S.C. runs the ball during the 112th Army-Navy college football game at FedEx Field Dec. 10. The U.S. Naval Academy Midshipmen beat the U.S. Military Academy Black Knights 27-21. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Todd Frantom/Released)



Right: Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) the Honorable Ray Mabus, right, looks on as Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Adm. Jonathan Greenert holds up two hands to signify the U.S. Naval Academy football team's tenth consecutive victory against the U.S. Military Academy Black Knights. The Midshipmen beat the cadets 27-21 during the 112th Army-Navy college football game at FedEx Field Dec. 10. (U.S. Navy photo by Chief Mass Communication Specialist Sam Shavers/Released)



# Hundreds Run for Our Heroes



Above: Runners take off during the Guam USO's Run for Our Heroes in Piti, Guam Dec. 10. More than 1,500 people participated in the annual event. (U.S. Navy photo by JoAnna Delfin/Released)

Above Right: Guam Olympic Runner Derek Mandell is greeted by the Florida Marlins' mascot as he crosses the finish line first during the Guam USO's Run for Our Heroes in Piti, Guam Dec. 10. More than 1,500 people participated in the annual event. (U.S. Navy photo by JoAnna Delfin/Released)

Right: Runners race to the finish line during the Guam USO's Run for Our Heroes in Piti, Guam Dec. 10. More than 1,500 people participated in the annual event. (U.S. Navy photo by JoAnna Delfin/Released)



## 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. 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 childcare 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](http://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.

### Zumbatomic Children's Dance Class

Have the kids join in the Zumba movement with Zumbatomic at the Coral Reef Fitness Center. Classes for the Lil' Stars, children ages 4-7, are held on Wednesdays from 3 -4

p.m. for eight weeks with a fee of \$30. Big Stars classes, children ages 8-12, are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3-4p.m. for eight weeks with a fee of \$50. All classes are conducted at the Hotspot. For more information, call 366-2339.

### Zumba

Free Zumba classes are held at the Coral Reef Fitness Center, Monday-Wednesday at 7 p.m. and Saturdays at 8:30 a.m.. 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.