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## Service members attend Silver Plate Ceremony

By Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Gabrielle Blake  
Joint Region Edge Staff

Service members of the year were honored at a Silver Plate Awards Ceremony at the Sheraton Laguna Guam Resort March 30.

The Navy League of the United States Guam Council hosted the luncheon, which honored service members of the sea services on Guam for their outstanding contributions and performance for fiscal year 2011. "I want to salute and congratulate awardees of the Silver Plate for their

exceptional leadership and their strive for excellence," said Mark Sablan, Navy League Guam Council president. "We commend you for going above and beyond the call of duty to protect and serve the nation and our island."

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All Together Now: U.S. military members position themselves to set up a tent in the upright position at Tactical Operations Group 5, Legazpi City, Philippines March 2 for Pacific Angel-Philippines March 3. U.S. Air Force photo by Lt. Robert Howard/Released

## PACANGEL unbound by numbers, helps 3,000 more

By Airman 1st Class Marianne Santos  
36th Wing Public Affairs

Operation Pacific Angel (PACANGEL), an ongoing humanitarian assistance mission conducted throughout the Pacific theater, was recently completed at the first location, Legazpi City, Philippines, for 2012. U.S. forces provided medical and engineering

assistance, as well as forums for subject matter expert exchanges for the locals. It was an interaction that benefitted all parties involved.

Lt. Col. Michael Black, 36th Mobility Response Squadron (MRS) commander, said that during PACANGEL, they helped more than 8,600 patients. This number exceeded their original projection, which was 5,500 patients, by more than 3000.

In helping more people than what they

were originally ready for, the PACANGEL team was able to truly test their capabilities as a rapidly deployable contingency response forces.

"It provided practice in execution for humanitarian assistance scenarios and working with inter-agency concepts," Black said. "The 36th Contingency Response Group

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# Team Andersen promotes sexual assault awareness in April

From 36th Wing Public Affairs

April is national Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) and participation is encouraged as the 36th Wing endeavors to put an end to sexual violence.

For those seeking to join the nation in its fight against sexual assault and misconduct, Team Andersen is scheduled to host a myriad of events promoting public education and prevention.

- April 4 – The SAAM 5K: 6 a.m. show time, 6:30 a.m. go-time. Runners will assemble at the Palm Tree Golf Course driving range prior to beginning. Prizes will be awarded to the first 50 finishers.

- April 10, 11 and 12 – SAAM information fair: sexual assault prevention and response and family advocacy personnel will be at the Base Exchange on Andersen Air Force Base from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day. Materials pertaining to sexual assault awareness and child abuse prevention will be provided and patrons will receive sexual assault prevention and response (SAPR) promotional items in addition to complementary baked goods.

- April 17 – A self defense class will be conducted for key spouses at the small Hot Spot gym at 5:30 p.m.

- April 18 – A self defense class will be conducted for individuals ages 14 and

older at the small Hot Spot gym at 5:30 p.m.

- April 20 – Denim Day: Alternate uniform of the day for Team Andersen members, to include Andersen Elementary and Middle School students, will be jeans and a t-shirt; SAAM t-shirts are encouraged.

- April 20 – From 3:30- 5:30 p.m. the Top of the Rock will host a family event for SAAM and child abuse awareness. The event will feature a cupcake walk, awareness art projects and Denim Day fashion show.

- April 26 – A self defense class will be conducted for Hearts Apart members at 6 p.m. in the large Hot Spot gym. Any spouse or child of a deployed member may participate.

## Sexual Awareness Month (SAAM) Events:

**April 6**  
Silent Witness Unveiling  
Navy Exchange Main Complex  
9:30 a.m.-noon

Silent Witness Display/Outreach  
Navy Exchange Main Complex, 6-8 p.m.

**April 7**  
SAAM Day of Action Picnic  
Ypao Beach Park, 9 a.m.

**April 13**  
Navy Exchange Main Complex  
9:30 a.m.-noon and  
6-8 p.m.

**April 14**  
Silent Witness Outreach  
GPO, Tamuning, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

**April 21**  
Project Clothesline  
Agana Shopping Center, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

**SAAM 5K**  
Charles King Fitness Center, 5 p.m.

**April 23-24**  
Self-Defense Class  
Charles King Fitness Center, 5-7 p.m.

**April 25**  
Silent Witness Walk  
NBG Chapel, 5 p.m.

For more information, call 333-2056/7

## NEWS NOTES

### Guam to Participate in Exercise Citadel Pacific 2012

Exercise Citadel Pacific 2012 will be conducted on Naval installations throughout the U.S. Pacific Command area of responsibility including Regions Hawaii, Marianas, Japan and Singapore from April 10-12. This annual exercise is designed to enhance the training and readiness of Navy Security Forces to respond to threats to installations and units. Exercise Citadel Pacific 2012 is not in response to any specific threat, but is a regularly-scheduled exercise. Measures have been taken to minimize disruptions to normal base and station operations, but there may be times when the exercise causes increased traffic around bases or delays in base access. Area residents may also see increased security activity associated with the exercise.

### Job Announcements

Interested individuals can view the vacancy listings by visiting <https://www.cnic.navy.mil/Marianas/index.htm> or at <https://chart.donhr.navy.mil>. For more information, call 349-6119/2224.

### Navy Commercial Access Control System Center Moving

The Navy Commercial Access Control System Center (NCACS), in front of the U.S. Naval Base Guam is now located in the existing NBG Visitor Control Center (VCC) located at the back side of the Navy Housing Office (building 1657) and in front of the Navy Federal Credit Union. The VCC will become the sole location where the RAPIDGate registration and passes are issued.

The merged NCACS and VCC is open Monday-Wednesday from 6 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Thursday from 7 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Friday from 7 a.m.-4 p.m. and closed weekends and holidays. For more information, call 339-2663.

## SCHOOL BULLETIN

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.

## COMMUNITY Corner

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### The Big Screen Theatre

APRIL 6 (FRIDAY)

7 PM GHOST RIDER 2: PG-13

"SPIRIT OF VENGEANCE"

9:30 PM THE GREY R

APRIL 7 (SATURDAY)

1 PM BIG MIRACLE PG

3:30 PM CHRONICLE PG-13

7 PM UNDERWORLD: "AWAKENING" R

APRIL 8 (SUNDAY)

1 PM JOURNEY 2: "MYSTERIOUS ISLAND" PG

3:30 PM THIS MEANS WAR PG-13

7 PM SAFE HOUSE R

Movie Hotline 564-1831 US Naval Base Guam

Meehan Theater - TEMPORARILY CLOSED

### DoDEA Guam District Schools

Spring Break: April 9-13

Stem Awareness Week: April 23-27

### 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

## MWR HAPPENINGS

U.S. Naval Base Guam

### Easter Egg Hunt

Come out and enjoy Morale, Welfare and Recreation's Easter Eggs-Travaganza April 7. There will be a special appearance by the Easter Bunny, bounce houses, fun and prizes. Be sure to bring your camera to snap some photos and capture this special day. There will be an Easter Egg Hunt at 4 p.m. Kids age 11 and under eat free with a paying adult at Nap's Alabama BBQ from 4-8 p.m. This celebration will be held in Molly

McGee's field. For more information, please call 688-7038.

### Easter Brunch at Top O' the Mar

Enjoy Easter brunch at Top O' the Mar April 8 from 10:30 a.m.-1p.m. \$27.95 for adults, \$13.95 for kids and free for children five and under. Reservations required. Call 472-4606 for more information.

## 36th FSS HAPPENINGS

Andersen Air Force Base

### Annual Easter Egg Hunt & Spring Carnival

The Youth Center's annual Easter Egg hunt and spring carnival will be Saturday April 7. The Easter Egg hunt will begin at 9 a.m. followed immediately by the spring carnival. The Easter Egg Hunt will take place on the soccer field adjacent to the Youth & Teen Centers. There will be four age groups: three and under, ages four to six, seven to eight, and nine and up. The spring carnival will be held in the Youth Center parking lot and the Youth Center gym. Call 366-3490 for more information.

### Special Event: Easter Brunch

The Top of the Rock Collocated Club will have their annual Easter Brunch April 8 from 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. in the ballroom. Enjoy a wide variety of breakfast and lunch items plus an omelet station, waffle station, a carving station featuring top round and turkey and a dessert station. Cost is \$20.95 for members, \$26.95 for nonmembers and free for ages five and under. Reservations are required and must be made by April 6. Call 366-6166.

## SPORTS SHORTS

Andersen Air Force Base

### Spring Break Sports Camp

Keep kids active this spring break as the Youth Center hosts a camp to teach youth the ins and outs of several sports including basketball, kickball and flag tag. The camp will be held April 9-13 from 9 a.m.-noon. Fee is \$10 per person. Slots are limited so sign up today. Call 366-3490 for more information.

# Enjoy family fun at the Family Health Fair

By Luis Martinez  
U.S. Naval Hospital Guam Health  
Promotion Section

U.S. Naval Hospital Guam, Charles King Fitness Center (CKFC) and Navy Exchange Guam will be sponsoring a Family Health Fair April 14 from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at CKFC on U.S. Naval Base Guam.

The event will feature displays on a wide range of health topics, feature various activities and a jumper for the kids, as well as include many interesting events for mom and dad. It will truly be a day of "one stop shopping" for the

whole family to obtain information on many wellness and prevention topics.

The goal of the fair is to provide participants many fun-filled opportunities to learn about the extensive range of health promotion services available to TRICARE beneficiaries and to gain first-hand knowledge about many wellness issues which can affect one's health. Some of the topics that will be addressed at the fair include weight management, kids' health, basic first

aid, breast feeding, motorcycle safety, skin care, five-finger shoe fit clinic, dental health, birth control, car seat safety, tobacco cessation and many more.

Also included will be a healthy cooking demonstration, bra-fitting clinic, massage therapy and a sporting goods display. A fashion show of men's, women's and children's wear will be at noon and a dance-off will be conducted at 1 p.m.. There will be yoga and Turbo Kick classes at 9 and 10 a.m..

Prizes will be available for participation in some of the events which will occur at the fair. The fair will conclude at 2:30 p.m. with a Zumba party for all. For further information contact Luis Martinez, U.S. Naval Hospital Guam at 344-9124.

Bring out the whole family to get lots of information on wellness and to have some fun. This fair is going to be a great one!

## Andersen's Best: TSgt Jayar P. Pabalan

By Airman 1st Class Mariah Haddenham  
36th Wing Public Affairs

Tech. Sgt. Jayar Pabalan, 36th Medical Support Squadron noncommissioned officer in charge, was awarded Team Andersen's Best on Andersen Air Force Base March 22.

"Sgt. Pabalan manages medical information systems projects and oversees 912 pieces of equipment, worth \$1.7 million for 190 medical group members," said Capt. Damian Pardue, Pabalan's supervisor. "Sgt. Pabalan was critical during the medical group's recent Air Force network integration center

migration of over 200 computers, applications and servers, helping Andersen become second in the Pacific Air Force to complete the wing migration."

"This upgrade project enabled the medical group to have real-time radiology reads and full interoperability with our U.S. Navy Hospital partners, without impacting patient care," Pardue continued.

Pabalan also oversaw the configuration and deployment of the Pacific Air Force's first state of the art \$400,000 12-blade, 16 terabyte server farm replacement.

"Through all of this, he displays the confidence needed to face the toughest leadership challenges with a positive can-do

attitude," Pardue said.

In his spare time, Pabalan enjoys working out, spending time with his family and playing with his dogs. He is also a devoted Catholic and a fan of the San Francisco 49er's.

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.

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

**Awesome Airman:** Tech. Sgt. Jayar Pabalan, 36th Medical Support Squadron noncommissioned officer in charge, was awarded Team Andersen's Best on Andersen Air Force Base March 22. 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. To nominate your Airmen/civilian for Andersen's Best, contact your unit chief or superintendent explaining their accomplishments. U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Mariah Haddenham/Released



# Leading future leaders: ALS instructor receives FSS NCO of the year award

By Airman 1st Class  
Marianique Santos  
36th Wing Public Affairs

From basic training to tech school, all the way to the operational Air Force, the phrase “setting you up for success” is continuously used. Delivered by instructors and supervisors, the phrase is used to reassure the mentee that the mentor’s main purpose is to lead young Airmen towards the right direction, a purpose that is expected of every noncommissioned officer who has Airmen in their charge.

This year’s recipient of the Force Support noncommissioned officer (NCO) of the year award is Tech.

Sgt. Carrie Cain, a 36th Force Support Squadron (FSS) professional military education instructor, an NCO who not only sets her subordinates up for success, but prepares countless Airmen to become leaders themselves. She currently serves the Air Force as an Airman Leadership School (ALS) training instructor, a special duty that aims to strengthen the culture of professional Airmen.

“I am a part of the best Force Support Squadron in the Air Force,” she said proudly. “I am responsible for preparing Senior Airmen to be professional, war-fighting Airmen who can supervise and lead Air Force work teams in support of the employment of air, space and

cyberspace power.”

Over the last three years, Cain has taught 413 students, with approximately 79,000 contact hours and a total of 3,047 classroom hours. She was also awarded the Air Force District of Washington NCO of the Year this year.

“Sgt. Cain has an awesome drive which reflects in her students,” said Master Sgt. Carlos Gutierrez, Cain’s supervisor since August 2011. “Her dedication to force development is repaid by having ready future NCOs.”

“I am definitely honored to win an award at the Air Force level,” Cain said. “This is something that my mentor, retired Senior Master

Sgt. Donna Barry, helped me attain through guidance, counseling and leading by example.”

Gutierrez said that the ALS, being a special duty assignment, has the “best of the best” NCOs as instructors. Sergeant Cain excelled in her duties in this demanding career and helped the school succeed and maintain production despite the manning shortages, a feat that did not go unnoticed.

“I thought after I won the Air Force District of Washington NCO of the Year there was nothing else to follow,” she confessed. “I didn’t know that I won this award until last week. So I was truly surprised to hear that it went up to the Air

Force level.”

Despite the exceptional work she has done, Cain did not forget to acknowledge the people who worked with her at the 36th FSS, the people who are currently working with her and her beloved family who serves as her inspiration.

“I definitely have to thank my team for helping me obtain this award,” she said. “This award would not have been possible without the support and help of my previous supervisor, Sgt. Barry and co-worker, Tech. Sgt. Esperanza Urbano. Most importantly, my husband, Tech. Sgt. Daniel Cain, who challenges me every day to do bigger and better things for myself and our family.”



**Prepping Ammo:** Sailors assigned to submarine tender USS Emory S. Land (AS 39) prepare .50 caliber rounds for a live fire exercise March 26. Emory S. Land is on an extended deployment in Guam to temporarily relieve USS Frank Cable (AS 40) as the primary afloat maintenance activity in the U.S. 7th fleet area of responsibility. U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist Seaman Apprentice Samuel Souvannason/Released



**Live Fire:** Gunner's Mate Seaman Apprentice Ian Tate, assigned to submarine tender USS Emory S. Land (AS 39), fires a .50 caliber heavy machinegun in a live fire exercise March 26. U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist Seaman Apprentice Samuel Souvannason/Released



**Proud Grads:** Chief Master Sgt. Margarita Overton, 36th Wing command chief, congratulates the Airman Leadership School (ALS) graduates at the end of the ALS graduation ceremony March 29. More than 20 Airmen graduated from the class and will soon become the Air Force’s newest noncommissioned officers. U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Benjamin Wiseman/Released

## ESL conducts live fire exercise

**Fire in the Hole:** Sailors assigned to submarine tender USS Emory S. Land (AS 39) fire a .50 caliber heavy machinegun in a live fire exercise March 26. U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist Seaman Apprentice Samuel Souvannason/Released



## ALS graduates complete course



**Legacy Presentation:** Senior Airman Emmanuel Jacoby, left, 734th Air Mobility Squadron Airman Leadership School (ALS) graduate, presents the legacy presentation to the crowd during the ALS graduation ceremony March 29. Each class had a different theme for the legacy presentation; class 12 Charlie used the “Grog Bowl” as part of their presentation. U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Benjamin Wiseman /Released

By Col. Theodore Corallo  
36th Contingency Response Group  
Commander

# Farewell instructions in leadership

In 1917 at the Second Training Camp, Fort Sheridan, Wyo., Maj. C.A. Bach gave farewell instructions to a graduating class of student officers. His farewell instructions were a Soldier's analysis of how to be a leader. Timeless, his address to the men commissioned that day is as applicable now as it was then. Leadership matters, and how you conduct yourself as a leader matters even more.

There are several enduring and desirable leadership qualities, and they are especially well presented by a quiet and unassuming Army officer acting as an instructor at Fort Sheridan. While the address itself is written in the words of the time, the context in which they are written could easily be substituted with a modern setting. Similarly, while written for newly minted officers, the words are no less valuable for leaders at all levels in our modern Air Force. The Army of the past is no match for the professionalized noncommissioned officers of our current U.S. Air Force.

Bach begins his address by distinguishing military leadership from leadership in society. This provides an important contrast, and easily reminds one of our Air Force core values—integrity, service before self, and excellence in all we do. Bach further describes the cold truth about leadership when he differentiates officers from leaders—a commission doesn't guarantee that one can lead. Similarly, a good set of farewell instructions won't do so either, but they can make you better and stronger when applied.

*In a short time each of you men will control the lives of a certain*

*number of other men. You will have in your charge loyal, but untrained citizens, who look to you for instruction and guidance. Your word will be their law. Your most casual remark will be remembered. Your mannerism will be aped. Your clothing, your carriage, your vocabulary, your manner of command will be imitated. When you join your organization you will find there a willing body of men who ask from you nothing more than the qualities that will command their respect, their loyalty and their obedience. They are perfectly ready and eager to follow you so long as you can convince them that you have those qualities. When the time comes that they are satisfied you do not possess them you might as well kiss yourself goodbye. Your usefulness in that organization is at an end.*

*We have religious leaders, political leaders and society leaders. In all this leadership it is difficult, if not impossible, to separate from the element of pure leadership that selfish element of personal gain or advantage to the individual, without which such leadership would lose its value. It is in the military service only, where men freely sacrifice their lives for a faith, where men are willing to suffer and die for the right or the prevention of a great*

*wrong, that we can hope to realize leadership in its most exalted and disinterested sense. Therefore, when I say leadership, I mean military leadership.*

When Bach finishes setting the stage for his graduating students, he then asks his officers, rhetorically, several questions about leadership. What is leadership? What must I do to become a leader? What are the attributes of leadership, and how can I develop them? Bach answers his own questions by explaining that leaders need to have a number of qualities, and the most important include the following: self-confidence, moral ascendancy, self-sacrifice, paternalism, fairness, initiative, dignity and courage.

*Self-confidence results from exact knowledge and ability to impart that knowledge. There is no substitute for accurate knowledge.*

*While self-confidence is the result of knowing more than your men, moral ascendancy over them is based upon your belief that you are the better man. To gain and maintain this ascendancy you must have self-control, physical vitality and endurance, and moral force.*

*Self-sacrifice is essential to leadership. You will give, give all the time. You will give yourself physically, for the longest hours. The hard-*

*est work and the greatest responsibility is the lot of the captain.*

*When I say that paternalism is essential to leadership, I use the term in its better sense. I do not now refer to that form of paternalism which robs men of initiative, self-reliance, and self-respect. I refer to the paternalism that manifests itself in a watchful care for the comfort and welfare of those in your charge.*

*Fairness is another element without which leadership can neither be built up nor maintained. There must be first that fairness which treats all men justly. I do not say alike, for you cannot treat all men alike—that would be assuming that all men are cut from the same pieces that there is no such thing as individuality or a personal equation. You cannot treat all men alike; a punishment that would be dismissed by one man with a shrug of the shoulders is mental anguish for another.*

*Without initiative and decision no man can expect to lead. In maneuvers you will frequently see, when an emergency arises, certain men calmly give instant orders which later, on analysis, prove to be, if not exactly the right thing, very nearly the right thing to have done. You will see other men in*

*emergency become badly rattled: their brains refuse to work, or they give a hasty order, revoke it; give another; revoke that; in short, show every indication of being in a blue funk.*

*The element of personal dignity is important in military leadership. Be the friend of your men, but do not become their intimate. Your men should stand in awe of you—not fear. If your men presume to become familiar it is your fault, not theirs. Your actions have encouraged them to do so. Above all things, don't cheapen yourself by courting their friendship or currying their favor. They will despise you for it.*

And then I would mention courage. Moral courage you need as well as physical courage—that kind of moral courage which enables you to adhere without faltering to a determined course of action which your judgment has indicated as the one best suited to secure the desired results. Every time you change your orders without obvious reason you weaken your authority and impair the confidence of your men. Have the moral courage to stand by your order and see it through.

Bach finishes by encouraging leaders to "study men." While one may not know his enemy in war, he can know his own men. In a modern Air Force, we should certainly know our Airmen. Study their strengths and weaknesses.

"Know your men, know your business, know yourself," Bach said. And while some leaders are born, and some are made, there is no perfect formula for how to be a good leader. However, how we act as leaders truly matters, and one can certainly learn from the timeless words of Bach that follows.

(Speech annotated online at Andersen AFB's homepage [andersen.af.mil](http://andersen.af.mil))

## Emory S. Land Color Guard practice routine

**Honor:** Logistics Specialist 2nd Class Kevin Bull, assigned to submarine tender USS Emory S. Land (AS 39), practices a ceremonial color guard routine March 26. U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist Seaman Apprentice Samuel Souvannason/Released

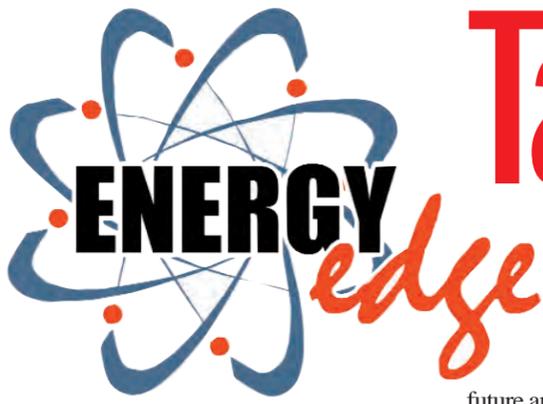


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**Practice Makes Perfect:** Sailors, assigned to submarine tender USS Emory S. Land (AS 39), practice a ceremonial color guard routine March 26. U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist Seaman Apprentice Samuel Souvannason/Released





# Take part in events, celebrate Earth Month

By Kevin D. Evans  
Joint Region Marianas Energy Manager

**H**appy Earth Month and remember that April 22 will be the 42nd anniversary of Earth Day. This year's Guam Earth Day 2012 theme is, "Its My Nature" and the campaign is designed to provide people with the opportunity to unite their voices in a call for a sustainable

future and direct them towards quantifiable outcomes. April 22 is believed that possibly more than one billion people around the globe will participate in Earth Day 2012 and help mobilize the earth.

Locally, Guam is celebrating by such as a "Natural Wonder of Beach Seeps" tour April 7 from 2-4 p.m. at Ypao Beach in Tumon where one can bring the whole family to see one of Guam's natural wonders! Water from the freshwater lens runs from the beach into the ocean during low tide, and with our tour guide you can see it happen. Your tour will also include a brief overview

how Guam and the Northern Guam Lens were formed. Check it out at <http://act.earthday.org/event/natural-wonder-beach-seeps-tour>. For other Guam Earth Month events, please visit <http://act.earthday.org/events/search/country/gu>.

Even closer to home, our military communities will be conducting a variety of events. This year's Navy Earth Day Theme is, "Partnering for a Greener Future" <http://www.earthday.org/campaigns/navy-earth-day-events> and the Air Force's, "Conserve Today. Secure Tomorrow"

<http://www.af.mil/earthday.asp>.

Here is a partial preview. U.S. Naval Base Guam (NBG) will have a 5k Fun/Run hosted by Morale, Welfare and Recreation and public works division, environmental, April 20 highlighting NBG historical sites. There is also a beach cleanup/boonie stomp in coordination with Guam Boonie Stompers as follows:

- Umatac Coast – April 14

So, please check with your base energy and environmental teams to see what is happening at your base and around the island. Happy Earth Month to all.

## Access road paves way to convenience



By Airman 1st Class Whitney Tucker  
36th Wing Public Affairs

Freshly paved and painted, the road easing post office traffic and providing direct

access to the softball field is scheduled to be open for use April 2.

The \$300,000 project is a continuation of Mobile Avenue and now spans from 5th Street, across 4th Street, and into the softball field parking lot.

During the construction of the current Base Exchange the old access road was demolished. In order to remedy this inconvenience, a contract to begin work was awarded in February, and the project moved into the construction phase in early March.

Due to its position, the continuation of Mobile Avenue not only provides ease of access for those operating vehicles, but allows pedestrians and cyclists to smoothly transition from one high-traffic area to the next.

# CEREMONY: Awardees commended for hard work, dedication

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Guest speaker Rear Adm. Paul Bushong, commander of Joint Region Marianas, praised all the honorees for their hard work and dedication.

"Today's awardees have executed their duties in an exemplary and professional manner," Bushong said. "They have demonstrated exceptional initiative, dedication and superb teamwork both on and off duty. They should all be proud of the great work they have done here on Guam, the contributions they have made to their commands and to the world."

Cpl. Korey Smith, Marine of the Year representing Marine Forces Pacific Forward (Fwd) Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, said his motivation to earn the honor came from strong leadership.

"Everyone just spews leadership on me so it rubs off and it makes me want to be a better person, better leader and better member to my service," Smith said. "To be honored along with all the fellow Sailors and Coast Guardsmen is a great honor. Seeing everybody together, seeing us collectively as a military branch is wonderful."

Hull Maintenance Technician 2nd Class (SW) Jessica Scholl, USS Frank Cable's (AS 40) Junior Sailor of the Year offered encouragement and words of advice to her fellow Sailors.

"Always be on your 'A' game," she said. "Always be productive. Always do the best you can no matter what it is, even if you think you're terrible at it, just do your best."



**Above:** Sailors from commands around Guam come together for the Silver Plate Ceremony at the Sheraton Laguna Guam Resort March 30, to honor the Coast Guardsmen, Marines and Sailors of the Year. U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Gabrielle Blake/Released

**Top Left:** Fiscal Year 2011 Coast Guardsmen and Sailors of the Year line up during the Silver Plate Ceremony at the Sheraton Laguna Guam Resort March 30. The ceremony recognized the service members for their hard work, dedication and achievement over the past year. U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Gabrielle Blake/Released

**Left:** U.S. Naval Hospital Guam Color Guard parades the colors during the Silver Plate Ceremony at the Sheraton Laguna Guam Resort March 30. The ceremony was held to honor the Coast Guardsmen, Marines and Sailors of the Year. U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Gabrielle Blake/Released

# OPERATION: Relationships strengthened through teamwork

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(CRG) was able to deploy, set up a base camp and break it down in accordance with our mission concepts. The doctors got to practice medicine in a remote area where they were given limited resources. It was a challenging environment."

To elaborate on the challenges that the medical side had to overcome, Capt. Kemmet, 36th Medical Group (MDG) family medical provider, explained the limitations that small spaces and limited resources posed in sanitation and waste disposal.

"Keeping instruments clean and re-usable was challenging," Kemmet said. "We had to manage our bio-hazardous waste, such as bodily fluids, and normal clinical garbage. Creating private places to evaluate patients with sensitive issues also proved to be difficult."

During the exercise, the team was completely self-contained. They treated patients and conducted their subject matter expert exchanges (SMEE), practicing humanitarian assistance for natural disasters and posturing Airmen for tomorrow's fight.

"We were able to exercise our contingency capabilities in a real world setting," Kemmet said. "This was an entirely new experience for many of us and will really help prepare our Humanitarian Assistance Rapid Response Team for future disaster management. It also taught us how to interact and improve our relations with host nations."

Black said that with the cooperation of the Philippines military and the Legazpi locals, U.S. forces were able to provide effective medical and engineering assistance. They were able to accommodate dental, optometry and general practice patients on the medical side. On the engineering side, they were able to renovate a public structure and two schools.

"We were also able to fix their plumbing and electrical facilities," Black said. "We had great weather, which was good for construction operations. The engineering projects were on time and on budget, and we were even able to do an extra plumbing project for one of the schools."

The medical side of the operation was just as busy as the 36th MDG saw multiple patients and educated them at the same time.



**Getting the Job Done Right:** Airmen 1st Class Ariel Johnson, right, 36th Medical Operations Squadron dental assistant, holds a water bladder for Staff Sgt. Joby Matthews, left, 36th Mobility Response Squadron engineering assistant, to fill while Lt. Col. Alan Delos Santos, 36th Medical Group chief of aerospace medicine, lends a hand March 2. Airmen used the water bags to help secure tents that had been set up earlier for Pacific Angel-Philippines, a joint and combined humanitarian mission scheduled to begin March 5 at Tactical Operations Group 5, Legazpi City, Philippines. U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Allison Day/Released

"One of our goals was to prevent morbidity and mortality by addressing easily treatable conditions like infections," Kemmet said. "We also focused on patient education for chronic disease management and disease prevention, with recommendations for oral hygiene, hand-washing and covering a cough. We helped our host nation medical counterparts by augmenting their own resources, educating on medical practices and our military procedures. Both sides benefitted from fostering good relationships for further joint operations."

All the success was not wrought overnight. The preparation for this particular iteration started five months prior to the mission, with an initial planning conference held in October. The execution portion itself lasted for six days, from March 5 -10. U.S. forces worked side-by-side with the Filipinos, both military and civilian, and two Cambodian med-

ical professionals. A total of 99 Airmen participated, 75 percent of which came from the 36th Wing.

"It was 36th Civil Engineer Squadron, 36th MRS, 36th MDG and 736th Security Forces Squadron, as well as the 36th CRG headquarters staff, with a few others tossed in as well," Black said. "It was quite a mix."

Despite their number, the mission had its hurdles. Black said that the primary challenge the contingent had to deal with was logistics management. Since they saw more patients than they projected, they had to carefully manage their resources.

"We had several non-governmental organizations that were also participating and assisting," he said. "They came through with extra eyeglasses and medicine to further the mission. We had more manpower than we expected. With the local government participating so enthusiastically, we were able to see and get that many patients through."

Along with the non-government organizations' involvement, the general atmosphere of enthusiasm and willing participation of the locals allowed the mission to go smoothly.

"The people, ranging from the military to average everyday citizens in the area, were extremely enthusiastic about our presence there," Black said. "The local government, from the governor of the province to the mayors, and the health professionals that got involved, went out of their way to assist us. There was no area where we felt like we had to carry the load ourselves. They were very easy to work with and were outstanding hosts."

According to Black Operation PACANGEL has been on going in the theater for about five years. PACANGEL 12-1 is the first of four that will occur in 2012. The next three locations for this year are Laos from April 23-28, in Phonsavahn Province; Vietnam from June 11-16, in Nghe An Province; and Nepal from Sept. 10-15, in Pokhara Province.

"Hopefully I will get the opportunity to participate again in the future," Kemmet said. "These operations strip away all the administrative aspects of day-to-day life and allow us to focus on patient care, education and problem solving in a deployed setting. As members of the military, it provided an opportunity to use our expertise, expeditionary forces and resources to help a developing nation and serve people in need."



**Biba Mes Chamorro:** Students from Cmdr. William C. McCool Elementary/Middle School perform for the Joint Region Marianas and U.S. Naval Base Guam (NBG) Chamorro and Women's History Month celebration at the community center on NBG March 29. U.S. Navy photo by Shaina Marie Santos/ Released



**Chamorro Month Through Art:** Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Marianas Project Manager Clarence Lagutang, left, and Supervisory Management Analyst Raymond Miranda, stand next to Miranda's oil painting at their office at Building 4175 in Santa Rita March 30. Lagutang and Miranda displayed their paintings at the NAVFAC office in celebration of Chamorro month. "It's just me, I like to support any culture," Miranda said. "This is our island and I like to share knowledge with people who are not from here. It serves as a sense of enlightenment." U.S. Navy photo by JoAnna Delfin/Released

# NBG, JRM commemorate Chamorro, Women's History Month

By Shaina Marie Santos  
Joint Region Edge Staff

Civilians and service members from Joint Region Marianas and U.S. Naval Base Guam (NBG) came together to celebrate Chamorro and Women's History Month at the Community Center on NBG March 29.

The ceremony opened with colors by the Okkodo High School Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps, followed by the National Anthem and Guam Hymn. The highlights of the ceremony included presentations that promoted women's empowerment and a series of cultural dances performed by Cmdr. William C. McCool Elementary/Middle School (MEMS) students.

MEMS Chamorro culture teacher Joaquin Guzman said when students learn the cultural dances it leaves them with a lasting impression of Guam.

"It's important because as these children go to different places and different nations, they have to learn some of those different cultures," he said.

Personnel Specialist 1st Class (SW/AW) Missi-Ann James, of NBG Personnel Support Detachment, Guam, took part in coordinating the event. James said the event helped her learn about the importance of Chamorro history.

"We need that knowledge so we can understand the people of Guam more," she said. "In order



**Women's Heritage:** U.S. Naval Hospital Guam Lt. Cmdr. Ruby Cole recites Maya Angelou's poem, "Phenomenal Woman" at the Joint Region Marianas and U.S. Naval Base Guam (NBG) Chamorro and Women's History Month celebration at the community center on NBG March 29. U.S. Navy photo by Shaina Marie Santos/ Released

for us to move forward into our lives and our future, we need to know what the history was about before we get any further."

Keynote speaker Guam Army National Guard 105th Troop Maj. Esther Aguiqui spoke about her experiences growing up with her father and being a Chamorro female in the military.

"Being a woman in the military, at least during my time, was not very easy," she said. "Being

here today is a dream come true. I never thought in my wildest imagination that I would be standing before an audience and kind of sharing my stories and hoping that someone will listen."

Aguiqui said that if only one person listened to her message and made the world better, then she has accomplished her goal.

"Events like this bring people together," she said. "[It's an] interaction with people and interac-

## NAVFAC Marianas celebrates Chamorro Month



**Cultural Pride:** A display table made up of different Chamorro elements decorates a Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Marianas office at Building 4175 in Santa Rita March 30. NAVFAC personnel enjoyed Chamorro treats in celebration of Chamorro month. NAVFAC Marianas Supervisory Management Analyst Raymond Miranda organized the event. "It's just me, I like to support any culture," he said. "This is our island and I like to share knowledge with people who are not from here. It serves as a sense of enlightenment." U.S. Navy photo by JoAnna Delfin/Released



**Celebration Breakfast:** Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Marianas staff enjoy a breakfast of different Chamorro foods at their office at Building 4175 in Santa Rita March 30. NAVFAC personnel enjoyed Chamorro treats in celebration of Chamorro month. NAVFAC Marianas Supervisory Management Analyst Raymond Miranda organized the event. "It's just me, I like to support any culture," he said. "This is our island and I like to share knowledge with people who are not from here. It serves as a sense of enlightenment." U.S. Navy photo by JoAnna Delfin/Released

# Air Force ends pilot travel card program

From Air Force News Service

The Air Force recently decided to transition existing Controlled Spend Account (CSA) travel cards to an enhanced Government Travel Card (GTC) by the end of fiscal year 2012.

"The CSA, a pilot travel card program, provided some enhancements for travelers, but also brought about significant challenges for our most frequent travelers and those with unique mission sets," said. Joan Causey, deputy assistant secretary for financial operations.

"We recognized that for any travel card program to work, it has to work for all travelers. In the end, we were not satisfied that any proposed changes to the CSA program would get us to the desired state for our most frequent travelers."

The actual transition will occur in August and September and current CSA cardholders should continue to use their cards as normal. The transition strategy allows travelers to continue using their "blue cards" without interruption. The card functionality will be converted to a GTC by CitiBank (Citi) without

the need to get a new card. Also, travelers will once again be provided with a permanent credit limit, and there will be no need to call for "temporary spend limit" increases.

One of the enhancements being pursued for the GTC program will be via the Defense Travel System. Default settings will be changed to automatically align most non-mileage expenses to the card. Additionally, the traveler can split-disburse any residual funds to his/her personal account. Finally, as a carryover from the CSA program, Citi will upgrade their GTC online system to allow trav-

elers to request electronic fund transfers of credit balances directly to their bank accounts.

"The CSA to GTC transition plan is already in motion," Causey said. "We're planning a brief test in July to ensure all systems are a go. If all systems perform as expected, roughly 300,000 cardholders will be converted during the August/September timeframe."

Citi will not process any early transitions and should not be contacted to do so. Further questions by Airmen regarding the transition should be directed to local Agency Program Coordinators or comptroller squadrons.

## ANDERSEN LEADERSHIP SIGNS AFAF

**Leading by Example:** Brig. Gen. John Doucette, 36th Wing commander, left, and Chief Master Sgt. Margarita Overton, 36th Wing command chief, make their Air Force Assistance Fund (AFAF) donation with the attendance of Airman Leadership Class 12-C at Andersen Air Force Base March 28. The yearly fundraiser offers Airmen the opportunity to contribute to any of the four official Air Force charitable organizations. This year's AFAF will run through May 4.

To find the unit point of contact or for more information, contact Staff Sgt. Jermaine Smith or 2nd Lt. Harrison Payne at 366-1772. U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Jeffery Schultze/Released



## 36th FSS award winners announced

By 36th Wing Public Affairs

The 36th Force Support Squadron Major Command level winners for Andersen were announced March 28.

The following units and individuals were the deserving recipients:

- Unit Awards  
The Major General Eugene L. Eubank  
Lt. Col. Craig Smalls
- Team/Program Awards  
Operations Program of the Year  
Lt. Col. Shawn Larcher, 554th RED-HORSE commander
- Arts and Crafts Program of the Year

- Paul Floyd and Syomi Dodd
- Golf Program of the Year  
Paul Floyd and Patrick Moad  
Gerrit D. Foster, Jr.
- Outstanding Military Personnel Program  
Kelley Rodriguez and 1st Lt. Jamie Guy
- Enlisted Professional Military Ed Team

- of the Year  
Paul Boyd and Master Sgt. Carlo Gutierrez
- Outdoor Recreation Program of the Year  
Paul Floyd and Ray Stiers
- Individual Awards  
Civilian Technician of the Year  
Natasha Jamerson

# Guam Earth Day celebrates natural resources

By Shaina Marie Santos  
Joint Region Edge Staff

As the public begins to take a more active approach towards protecting the environment, more people have voiced their global-welfare concerns through Earth Day, which promotes further awareness and healthy environmental practices.

Earth Day is celebrated nationally April 22. On Guam, the day has been expanded to include numerous events that are set to take place from April through May.

According to the Guam Environmental Protection Agency (GEPA) Public Information Officer Tammy Jo Anderson-Taft, the Guam Environmental Education Committee came together and decided that they wanted to offer multiple events for people to learn about the Earth.

"The goal is for people to see the environment as a part of their nature, to make things that they do every single day protect the environment," she said. "Things like [recycling] are small, but they can have a big impact if everybody did them."

Anderson-Taft added that awareness is especially important for Guam's unique setting as the island receives drinking water from the north, making it vital to protect.

"On an island we have to live together, we have to get along and we have a limited amount of resources," she said. "The more

we understand how our lives use those resources...the better off the community will be."

Naval Facilities and Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Marianas Environmental Manager Carlo Unpingco said Earth Day activities are a way to reflect on how people can help the environment.

"We hope that [people] just leave with some sort of appreciation for nature, for earth," he said. "They should know that it's the only planet that can support life and we need to remember that there's a really delicate balance to sustain that."

He said he hopes that others get involved in the events including the beach cleanups and mock oil spills.

"The beach cleanups are a great way for participants to join together and take care of our fragile marine environment, show community support for our shared natural resources, learn about the impacts of marine debris and educate the general public on how to care for their environment," he said.

Unpingco encouraged service members, their families and the entire community to take part in events both on and off base.

"It'll be good for family to get together," he said. "It'll be a good learning experience also."

For more information about Earth Month events outside the base, visit [www.epa.guam.gov](http://www.epa.guam.gov). For information about Earth Month activities on NBG, e-mail [carlo.unpingco@fe.navy.mil](mailto:carlo.unpingco@fe.navy.mil)



**Educational Resources:** Displays at the Island Pride Festival help island residents learn about Guam's environment. The Nature Expo April 21 will include interactive educational environmental displays for children of all ages. Photo by Tammy Jo Anderson-Taft/ Guam Environmental Protection Agency



**Cleanup:** Sailors from Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit 5 clean up Oka Point in Tamuning during the International Coastal Cleanup in 2011. Beach cleanups are one of the many activities planned during Earth Day 2012 this month. Photo by Tammy Jo Anderson-Taft, Guam Environmental Protection Agency

## 10 WAYS TO CELEBRATE EARTHDAY

1. Recycle aluminum cans at a local school or at the commissary.
2. Turn off the air conditioner when leaving the house.
3. Shut all the curtains and window shades in the late morning to keep the hot sun out of your home. This will help save on your cooling costs and save energy.
4. Try a week without the hot water heater or drying your clothes on a rack in the house instead of using the dryer.
5. Plant a native tree in your yard. Call the Guam Department of Agriculture at 735-3951 for the types of natives that would grow well in your area.
6. Have your kids watch an environmental documentary.
7. Take your family to an Earth Day 2012 event.
8. Go snorkeling and research at least one fish when you get home.
9. Buy only locally-grown fruits and vegetables for one week.
10. Pick up trash at the beach, even if it isn't yours.

Source: Guam Environmental Protection Agency Public Information Officer

## CELEBRATE EARTHDAY

**See the natural wonders of Beach Seeps - Nature Tour**  
April 7 & 21

1 to 4 p.m.  
Ypao Beach

See the special places in Tumon where our drinking water seeps through the sand into the ocean.

**Right Tree for the Right Place Workshop**

April 14

9 - 11 a.m.  
University of Guam Business Building  
Learn which trees help lower your power bill

**Pig Hunting Derby**

April 14 & 15

Sunrise-5:30 p.m.  
Hunting helps protect native trees and reduce erosion.  
Registration deadline is April 6.

**Kids Freshwater Fishing Derby**

April 15

10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Masso Reservoir, Piti

Bring your fishing poles and bait to catch fish and eels at this relaxed Sunday event

**2012 Island Sustainability Conference**

April 18 & 19

Hyatt Regency Guam

**Guam Community College Green Building Tours**

April 20

All day long

GCC, Mangilao

See how GCC used new technology used to make buildings more efficient

**Youthfest & Nature Expo**

11 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Skinner Plaza

Educational displays, bands, games

**Movie in the Park**

April 21

6:30 p.m.

Asan Memorial Park

Come see "There Once was an Island"

**Boonie Stomping Cleanup**

April 21

Umatac Bay (meet at Chamorro Village at 9 a.m.)

Easy three-hour cleanup hike. Scenic coastal walk, snorkel and cleanup along the way. Bring water, lunch, hiking boots, snorkel gear.

**Savor Guam Food Festival**

April 21

4 - 8 p.m.

The Beach, Tumon

Try GCC's culinary creations out of local fish and vegetables

**Pork in the Park**

April 22

1 - 5 p.m.

Adelup, Hagatna

**Pork cook-off with two categories: on the grill and in the pot.**

Prizes and samples for the public!

**Invaders Expo**

April 22

1 - 5 p.m.

Adelup, Hagatna

Learn about the different plants, insects and animals that are invading Guam and how you can help stop them! Bring in any pests during Pest Amnesty.

**Totots Running is My Nature 5k**

April 22

Upi Elementary

This fun run/walk will benefit Upi Elementary's Go Green Club

**Environmental Youth Conference**

April 24

8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Outrigger, Tumon

High school students learn about Guam's water resources

**Get to Know Nature Hike**

April 28

9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Asan Bay Overlook

Hike with the National Park Service to see rivers and streams in Asan. Register online.

**Shredding Paper for Nature**

April 28

8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Coast 360 parking lot

Bring paper from home to be shredded and given to farmers.

**U.S. Naval Base Guam Earth Month activities:**

**Beach Cleanup:**

April 14: Umatac Coast

**Earth Day 5K Run**

April 20

Charles King Fitness Center, 5 p.m.

# Spring break keeps minds, bodies active

By Shaina Marie Santos  
Joint Region Edge Staff

From Easter egg hunts to a theater show, there are a number of activities available to keep your child occupied during spring break.

U.S. Navy Morale Welfare and Recreation (MWR) and U.S. Air Force 36th Force Support Squadron (36th FSS) are hosting events to keep kids entertained close to home with Easter egg hunts, a children's theater, sports camp, magic show and matinee.

MWR Recreation Director Leslie Gould said she is excited that MWR is able to offer a multitude of activities.

"It is important to offer fun family events during spring break so families can laugh, have fun and enjoy time together during this well deserved break," she said. "It's going to be a fun-filled week for our families to enjoy. There is something for everyone."

Cmdr. William C. McCool Elementary/Middle School (MEMS) counselor Jennifer Kukes said keeping active during the spring break is beneficial to keep students' minds and bodies active.

"I'm glad they have a lot of things to do so that they're not just sitting at

home Facebooking or in front of the TV," she said. "I think it helps the parents too, gives them a chance to interact with their children."

For spring break, Navy spouse Sheila Helmer said she plans to spend more time with her kids and keep them on track with schoolwork.

"[I] might as well let them be active while on spring break, let them read books, to not lose everything they learned over the past few weeks," she said. "It's nice to have that bond again."

According to Kukes, during the break a number of students take the time to catch up and get an early start on schoolwork. Kukes suggests this is also a good opportunity for parents to bond with their children.

"I would advice [students] catch up if they need to catch up [with schoolwork]," she said. "I advise [parents] to take some time and take quality time with the children. Read together."

Kukes also said she is glad the students get to have a break, especially since spring break is usually around the time when a number of families make a permanent change of station from Guam.

"I hope they take a break and get refreshed and come back, ready to take on the rest of the school year," she said.

## SPRING BREAK HAPPENINGS:

U.S. Naval Base Guam

Parent/ Child Golf Special  
April 6-15

Admiral Nimitz Golf Course in Radio Barrigada. For more information call 344-5838.

Easter Eggs-travaganza

April 7 from 4-8:30 p.m.

Easter Egg Hunt at Molly McGee's Field on U.S. Naval Base Guam (NBG) at 4 p.m. There will be free food for kids 11 years and under at Nap's Alabama BBQ with one paying adult. For more information call 688-7038.

Afternoon Matinees

April 9-12 at 3 p.m.

The Big Screen Theatre

Children ages 11 and under will receive a free kiddie popcorn to honor the Month of the Military Child. For more information call 564-1830.

Missoula Children's Theater: Red Riding Hood

Auditions begin April 9 at 9 a.m. and practices will be Tuesday - Friday with performances to take place April 14 at 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. at the Big Screen Theatre. For

**Easter Goodies:** A young boy examines a toy held in front of him at an Easter egg hunt on U.S. Naval Base Guam. Egg hunts are an activity to your kids may enjoy this spring break. U.S. Navy photo courtesy of U.S. Navy Morale, Welfare and Recreation

more information call 564-1844/5.

**Kids Fun Day**

April 13 at noon with a magic show at 2:30 p.m. Inflatables and music with concessions available for purchase to celebrate Month of the Military Child. For more information call 564-1830.

**Andersen Air Force Base:**

**Carnival and Easter egg Hunt**

April 7 from 9 a.m.-noon  
Youth Center soccer field on Andersen Air Force Base (AAFB). It's the 'Month of the Military child celebration carnival and Easter egg hunt. For more information call 366-3490.

**Sports Camp**

April 9- 13 from 9 a.m. -noon  
Youth Center, on AAFB  
\$10 per person, students will be taught basketball, kickball and flag tag.  
For more information call 366-3490.

**Race for the Golden Egg:** Children and parents scramble for eggs at an Easter egg hunt on U.S. Naval Base Guam. Egg hunts are an activity to your kids may enjoy this spring break. U.S. Navy photo courtesy of U.S. Navy Morale, Welfare and Recreation



## Chapel Schedule

### U.S. 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 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:  
Saturday, 5 p.m.

#### Protestant Worship Service

Sunday Service: Traditional and  
Contemporary Service:  
10:30 a.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.

**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.

#### Military Council of Catholic

**Women:** Second and fourth  
Tuesday 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:** Chapel 1,  
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

# Who killed Jesus?



By Lt. Joseph Mayer  
*U.S. Naval Base Guam Chaplain*

**N**ot only is this the time of the Christian celebration of Easter but it also the Jewish Passover. This is when faithful Jews celebrate the time when God passed-over the Jewish people who had placed the blood of a lamb over their doors. This act of grace by God spared them from his judgment on the firstborn and then allowed God to free them from the slavery to the Egyptians.

An unfortunate aspect of history has been anti-Semitism from within Christian traditions.

Some have misused the account of Jesus' trial and execution to unjustly blame the Jewish people for his death. What is often overlooked is that Christianity came out of Judaism. Much of the Christian passion week leading to Easter is seen as fulfillment of prophetic elements of the Passover. Jesus is the Lamb of God whose blood was shed so God's judgment on sin would Passover those who believe, freeing them from the slavery to sin and death. It was only when some of these early Christians from Jerusalem proceeded to give the Gospel to Greeks living in Antioch and later, the Apostle Paul's ministry that non-Jews became Christians in sizable numbers. While Jesus was arrested and tried by the Jewish religious leaders, it was the Roman government that sentenced

him to be crucified. No matter of hand washing was going to take that stain away. So should we then blame the Italians? No, of course not! If there is anyone to blame for Jesus death, it is me. I killed Jesus!

As a Christian, I believe that the main reason for the earthly ministry of Jesus was to die for me so that I may live for him. The scriptures teach us that we are all in violation of God's law with verses like "There is none righteous, no not one" and "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." As a righteous judge, God must judge this rebellion. His penalty is death "For the wages of sin is death..." But God is not only just, he is loving as seen in other verses "While we were yet sinners;

Christ died for us." Jesus died on that cross. Not because the Jews or the Romans sentenced him there; but because of my sin. Even though I have tried to be a good person, deep in my heart, I know I have failed. I deserved to die for my sin as we all do. But Jesus died for us. Three days later on that first Easter Sunday, Jesus rose from the grave. He was seen by hundreds of witnesses over the next 40 days. Jesus lives and I know I will live. It is a gift of faith. "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

So, before you look suspiciously at the Jews or Christians, look in the mirror at yourself. I did and I saw the one who killed Jesus. Have a wonderful Passover and Easter!

## Easter Services Schedule

### Andersen Air Force Base

#### Catholic Services

*April 6 (Good Friday):* 6:30 p.m., Chapel 1

*April 7 (Easter Vigil):* 5 p.m., Chapel 1

*April 8 (Easter Sunday):* 9:30 a.m., Chapel 1

#### Protestant Services

*April 8 (Easter Sunday):*

6 a.m., Easter Sunrise Service, Sunrise Conference Center

10:30 a.m., Combined Easter Service, Chapel 2

### U.S. Naval Base Guam

#### Catholic Services

*April 6 (Good Friday):* 7 p.m., Celebration of the Lord's Passion

*April 7 (Easter Vigil):* 7 p.m.

*April 8 (Easter Sunday):*

9 a.m. - Mass

10 a.m. - Easter Egg Hunt for children one to 10 years old

#### Protestant Services

*April 8 (Easter Sunday):*

6 a.m., Sunrise Service at the Japanese Amphitheater

10:30 a.m., Sunday Service

11:30 a.m. - Easter Egg Hunt for children one to 10 years old

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# Artificial turf coming soon to NBG softball fields

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Community and Ebbett fields on U.S. Naval Base Guam will soon have their muddy surface replaced with artificial turf. The turf is the same found on the football fields at the front of Charles King Fitness Center (CKFC).

“The turf will come from the

same company that professional football and baseball use,” said Eric Nikkel, Morale Welfare and Recreation director. “[It] will provide continuous play with outstanding drainage.”

Nikkel said the purpose of the change was to provide continuous play during inclement weather. He added that the new turf is also physically safer for athletes and has little to no

maintenance cost.

“Community field is almost complete,” he said. “We should have the turf laid done here shortly, then we will start working on Ebbett field. Barring shipping and extreme weather, it should take us four months to finish that one.”

Nikkel said the football field has been a success since it opened as it brings together

athletes and fans alike.

“Everyone loves the track field. It’s where the McCool boys and girls soccer team officially plays,” he said. “Commands book the field for their events six times a week and it’s become the Naval Base Guam’s community gathering point.”

The director said the softball fields will be the third and final phase of the CKFC overhaul.



**Ready for New Turf:** Community Softball Field on U.S. Naval Base Guam is cleared in preparation for the laying down of artificial turf April 3. Morale, Welfare and Recreation Director Eric Nikkel said the new turf will be physically safer for athletes and provide continuous play during inclement weather. U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Gabrielle Blake/Released