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SAAM Proclamation: Capt. Richard Wood, commanding officer, U.S. Naval Base Guam, signs a proclamation in recognition of Sexual Assault Awareness Month, with the support of Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) advocates from various commands and the Fleet and Family Support Center April 9. The proclamation details the need for everyone in every command and community to work together to raise awareness on the issue and help support who may be in need. U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Corey Hensley/Released

U.S. Naval Base Guam promotes Sexual Assault Awareness, Child Abuse Prevention

By Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class (SW) Corey Hensley
U.S. Naval Base Guam Public Affairs

U.S. Naval Base Guam (NBG) and the Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) teamed up to promote a combination of two

issues in April, Child Abuse Prevention and Sexual Assault Awareness.

NBG Commanding Officer Capt. Richard Wood, helped kick off the month by signing a proclamation, April 2, for child abuse prevention and April 9 for Sexual Assault Awareness month. The proclamation declared child

abuse and neglect at NBG a community responsibility that depends on everyone's involvement.

"Throughout the year FFSC encourages individual and community organizations to

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SAAM events unite Team Andersen

By Senior Airman Whitney Tucker
36th Wing Public Affairs

As April gets underway and the nation raises its collective voice to speak out against sexual violence, Team Andersen continues to promote awareness through special events, public demonstration and education.

After garnering tremendous support from the

base populace during the 36th Wing Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) 5K, leadership hopes to unite the community once more during Denim Day, an event born from atrocity, but utilized for public education across the globe.

Organizations and individuals began observing Denim Day following the 1998 Italian Supreme Court decision to overturn a rape conviction based on the victim's wear of tight jeans.

It was determined that it would have been impossible for the assailant to remove the victim's jeans without her cooperation; therefore she must have given her consent.

"Denim Day is a symbolic gesture," said 2nd Lt. Masha Scheglov, alternate Sexual Assault Response coordinator. "The reasons behind the

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Children, ducks and eggs, oh my!

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MEMS students tour NBG historic sites

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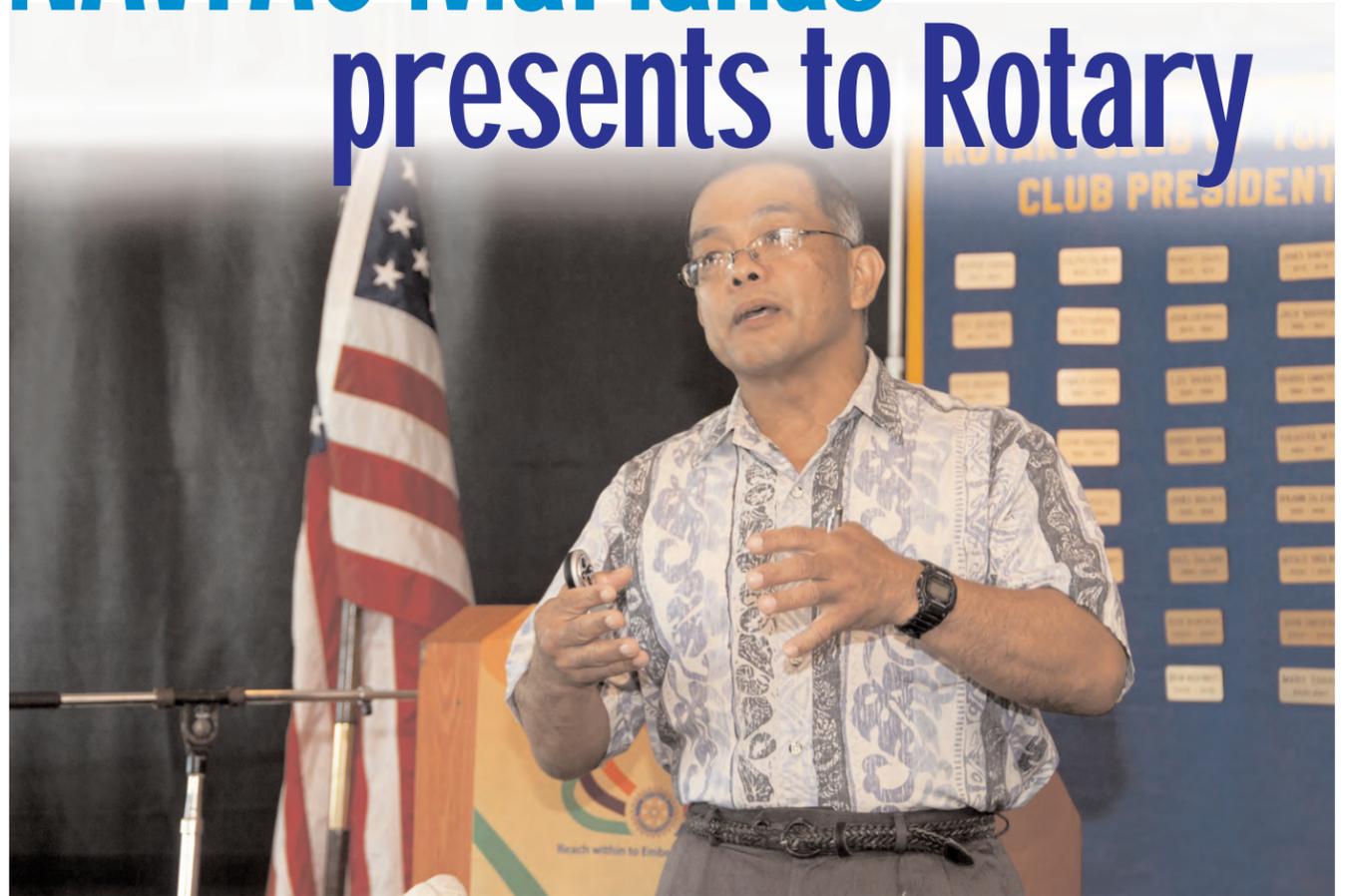
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NAVFAC Marianas presents to Rotary



Special Presentation: Naval Facilities and Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Marianas Small Business Advisor Al Sampson delivers a presentation before the Rotary Club of Tumon Bay at the Marriott Resort & Spa April 3. Sampson spoke about funding and services available for contracting for both U.S. Naval Base Guam and Andersen Air Force Base. "What I want to do is convey to the audience that we have a lot of work going on within NAVFAC Marianas," he said. "Typically when we talk about contracts the image that comes to mind is all these big off-island companies, however, there are a lot of local businesses on island that get quite a bit of the work." U.S. Navy photo by Shaina Marie Santos/Released

NEWS NOTES

Job Announcements

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

Air Force Seeks Motivated MTIs

Are you a highly motivated Senior Airman, noncommissioned officer or master sergeant looking to step outside of the box and launch your career? Have you ever wanted the opportunity to mold tomorrow's Air Force, while earning an extra \$450? The Air Force is looking for dedicated, professional Airmen, E-4 through E-7, who are ready to take the lead. We are now submitting a one year time on station (TOS) waiver to permanent change of station personnel at the one-year TOS mark. Benefits include \$450 special duty pay, an additional \$227 added to the annual clothing allowance, and three opportunities to apply for a base of preference (BOP) once the military training instructor tour is complete. There is a need for sharp females to join the elite Military Training Instructor (MTI) Corps. We invite you to participate in our five-day permissive temporary duty "Shadow Program" so that you may experience "Life as an MTI". The MTI recruiting team is available to answer any questions you may have concerning this challenging and rewarding career. Please visit our Web site via the Air Force Portal by visiting our Web site link at www.my.af.mil/gcss_af/USAF/site/AETC/AETC_2AF/37%20TRW/737%20TRG/737%20TRSS, email us at 737trg.mtir@us.af.mil, or contact us at DSN 473-1016/1018. You can also visit our facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Air-Force-MTIRecruiting/207619682641910>

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 or call 349-2115.

COMMUNITY Corner

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The Big Screen Theater

APRIL 13 (FRIDAY)
7 PM TYLER PERRY'S GOOD DEEDS PG-13
9:30 PM SAFE HOUSE R

APRIL 14 (SATURDAY)
THE MISSOULA CHILDREN'S THEATER: RED RIDING HOOD
SPECIAL SHOWS AT 1 AND 5 P.M.

7 PM GHOST RIDER: SPIRIT OF VENGEANCE PG-13
9 PM WANDERLUST R

APRIL 15 (SUNDAY)
1 PM JOURNEY 2: MYSTERIOUS ISLAND PG
3:30 PM THIS MEANS WAR PG-13
7 PM HAYWIRE R

Movie Hotline 564-1831 US Naval Base Guam

Meehan Theater - TEMPORARILY CLOSED

DoDEA Guam District Schools
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
Missoula Children's Theatre: Red Riding Hood
MWR brings us Missoula Children's Theatre for spring. Show will be held April 14 at 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. For more information please call 564-1844/5.

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36th FSS HAPPENINGS

Andersen Air Force Base

Free Outdoor Movie Night

Enjoy a family-friendly movie under the stars during the Hotspot's free outdoor movie night at Arc Light Park April 14 featuring the PG-rated "Monsters vs. Aliens". Show time is 7:30 p.m.

Youth Center Dance

The Youth Center will host a Spring Fling April 21 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person with payment due by April 19. For more information, call 366-3490.

SPORTS SHORTS

U.S. Naval Base Guam

Earth Day Fun/Run 5K

Join in on the race to save the Earth April 20 at the Sumay Cove Marina. Showtime is 5 p.m. and race starts at 5:30 p.m. Pre-register at the Charles King Fitness Center by April 19 or on race day. For more information, call 333-2049.

Latte Stone Cup Qualifier

Calling all Navy active duty, retirees, and Navy reservists. It's the Navy vs. Air Force. The Latte Stone Cup Qualifier for the Navy team will take place between April 30-May 6. The team will consist of 15 Navy players along with one golf manager and two alternates. Players must call and sign up prior to their qualifying round. Fee is \$45 per player (includes green fees and cart fees) per qualifying attempt. Players may attempt to qualify as many times as they wish, additional fees will apply. Deadline to register is May 6. Call 344-5838 to schedule your qualifying round.

Andersen Air Force Base

Family Egg Relay

The Coral Reef Fitness Center will host a family egg relay April 29 at 1 p.m. The event is free and open to all Andersen families. Register at the fitness center by April 27. For more information, call 366-6100.

Top cop is top performer

Joint Region Marianas Sailor of the Year



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

Master-at-Arms 1st Class (AW) Alfred McGuire is Joint Region Marianas' Sailor of the Year for his excellent leadership as a watch commander at U.S. Naval Base Guam Security.

"It was a great honor to be selected," he said. "I knew my selection was due to the hard work of my junior personnel. This reward was because of them setting the bar high. I believe our job is very honorable. The people who work with me are

Standing Watch: Master-at-Arms 1st Class (AW) Alfred McGuire of U.S. Naval Base Guam Security, stands watch at the NBG main gate April 9. McGuire is a watch commander in charge of approximately 45 Department of Defense and military personnel, in all aspects of law enforcement, force protection and anti-terrorism and is the Joint Region Marianas Sailor of the Year. U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Corwin Colbert/Released



professionals and care about what they are doing."

The master-at-arms (MA) rating provides the Navy with security specialists who perform antiterrorism, force protection, physical security and law enforcement duties on land and at sea. MAs are the Navy's security and force protection professionals.

As a watch commander, McGuire is in charge of approximately 45 Department of Defense and military personnel in all aspects of law enforcement, force protection

and anti-terrorism.

McGuire, a 17-year veteran, said he wasn't always a MA.

"I was an aviation storekeeper when I first came in," he said. "I got out after four years and returned to support my family. I realized then that the Navy gave me a great opportunity to enhance my life, however, I didn't think the aviation field was right for me."

He said after being stationed onboard USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74), he got involved with the ship's anti-terrorism and force protection operations.

"After getting involved I realized how much I love being master-at-arms and a Navy cop and I decided to cross-rate over to MA," he said.

After more than a decade later, he still has the passion for the job.

"We enforce the rules and regulations of the Navy," he said. "It feels great to be a part of the master-at-arms community."

His message for Sailors looking to excel was simple.

"Continue to consistently work hard and your leadership will recognize you," McGuire said.

Andersen's Best: Tech Sgt. Kenner Sagorsor

By Senior Airman Carlin Leslie
36th Wing Public Affairs

Tech. Sgt. Kenner Sagorsor, 36th Operations Group (OG) resource advisor, was awarded Team Andersen's Best on Andersen Air Force Base March 29.

"Sgt. Sagorsor goes above and beyond every day, and although he is the junior member on our staff he is not afraid to lead or tackle any challenge," said Chief Master Sgt. James Slisik, 36th OG superintendent. "He

steps outside his comfort zone, learns new skills and applies them to his daily duties."

Sagorsor is a hard charger that when given a task, he jumps on it and gets the ball rolling, said his leadership.

"He also is a physical fitness charged Airman receiving a 98 percent coming within the 90 at 90 challenge Brig. Gen. John Doucette, 36th Wing commander, has been encouraging everyone to make happen," Slisik said.

He typically leads the 36th OG staff in our Andersen 360 fitness challenge by being the only staff member to complete the 360 laps

swimming, 120 mile bike and 60 mile run challenge, four times.

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.

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Guam military kicks off Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Command SARC's hold Day of Action picnic

By JoAnna Delfin
Joint Region Edge Staff

Representatives from different commands and units around Guam held a Day of Action picnic at the Joseph Flores Memorial Park in Tumon April 7 to kick off the April's Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM).

Sexual Assault Response Coordinators (SARC) from U.S. Naval Base Guam (NBG), U.S. Naval Hospital Guam, U.S. Naval Computer and Telecommunications Station (NCTS) Guam, Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit 5; Maritime Expeditionary Security Group 1 Detachment Guam; Navy Operational Support Center Guam; and the Air and Army National Guard Guam were in attendance to support SAAM.

Evangeline Cabacar, NBG SARC and picnic coordinator, said the national annual event was held to provide an opportunity for

prevention advocates to engage with their communities and enjoy time with each other.

"The Day of Action is really a time for victim advocates to come together," she said. "It's just validating that we are geared and ready to go for full force of education and prevention awareness throughout our community during this month."

According to Cabacar, the Navy Sexual Assault Prevention & Response (SAPR) Program has two messages, which she hopes to share with the local and military communities.

"One, just our community in general, everyone who hears about the SAPR program, I want to educate them so they can help or prevent sexual assault from occurring," she said. "Educating people is really the key to lessening sexual assault crimes in our community. The second thing is based on statistics; we're all potential victims of sexual assault and there needs to be an acute awareness of that."

She added that she wants vic-

tims, advocates and the general community to have confidence in the Navy's SAPR program as their advocates are properly trained to respond to incidences of sexual assault.

Interior Communications Electrician Master Chief (IDW/SW/AW) Steven Dupree, NCTS SARC, attended the event with his family to show his support for fellow advocates and the work they all take part in.

"I just want to let everyone know that the Navy is serious about sexual assault cases," he said. "I'm glad the Navy is raising the bar on sexual assault because no one should ever be a victim of this type of crime."

For his fellow shipmates, Dupree encouraged them to take part in a response group they believe will greatly benefit not only other Sailors but the military and local community as a whole.

"Be involved and let them know the Navy has stepped up their game," he said. "If you're only taking part because it's something you're assigned to



SAAM Kick-Off: Sexual Assault Response and Program advocates from different commands and units on island pose for a photo during the 2012 Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) Day of Action Picnic at the Gov. Joseph Flores Memorial Park in Tumon April 7. The picnic was a nationally recognized day that provided an opportunity for Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program advocates to engage with their communities and to kick off SAAM, which is recognized in April. U.S. Navy photo by JoAnna Delfin/Released

you'll never be really helping the Sailors at all. Everyone needs some kind of assistance and a stronger Sailor means a stronger Navy."

During the month of April, Navy SAPR will be conducting Sexual Assault Awareness outreach at the Navy Exchange main

complex on NBG April 13 and 20, an outreach at the Guam Premier Outlets April 14 and an outreach at the Agana Shopping Center April 21. There will also be a SAAM 5K at the Sumay Cove April 21.

For more information, call the Fleet and Family Support Center at 333-2056.

Why you need home renters insurance

From 36th Civil Engineer Squadron
Fire Prevention Section

Rental home insurance is a great investment for people living in apartments or rented homes or for those in the military. With the cost of rental home insurance as low as \$10 a month, you can have your rental home or apartment covered for things such as fire, water damage or theft. Considering the value of the benefit and the relatively low cost, rental home insurance coverage is a sensible purchase for every tenant.

Shop renters insurance quotes online, and ask your existing auto insurance company if they offer the coverage as well. If you take the time to compare renters' insurance quotes, you can find a cheap policy to protect your rented space.

Why buy rental home insurance

Just like homeowners insurance, renters face risks of great loss. While they do not have to worry about insuring the building itself, renters do have all of their personal belongings to insure. Just like a homeowners insurance policy covers a variety of situations, your rental home insurance can accommodate a variety of situations:

More often, rental homes are attached to each other. Therefore, the cause of the loss might not be due to your own negligence, but the negligence of your neighbor. Even if you are careful, you are exposed to risks that you cannot control. An apartment renters' insurance policy protects you from

the uncontrollable and unpredictable actions of your close neighbors.

Renters can be liable to third parties if it is found that they caused injury to them or damaged their property. The insurance liability protection is there for you when someone is injured due to your negligence, such as a loose railing or slick floor on the property. The liability coverage is worldwide, not just at your residence. For example, if you poke someone in the eye with an umbrella while walking down the street, you would be covered by your liability insurance.

Renters also run the risk of being displaced from their home due to damage. If a fire occurs in your rented apartment and you are no longer able to live in your home, rental home insurance provides the coverage that will kick in and pay for you to live in a temporary residence.

There are a lot of reasons to buy insurance for your rental property, the most important of which is the peace of mind and security you get for a relatively low cost.

What home renters insurance coverage protects you from

Home renters insurance insures you against specific perils that can destroy your belongings such as:

- Fire or lightning
- Explosion
- Riot or civil commotion
- Smoke
- Vandalism or malicious mischief
- Theft

- Damage by glass or safety-glazing material that is part of a building
- Falling objects
- Water-related damage from home utilities
- Electrical surge damage

Home renters insurance covers you, your spouse, members of your household living in the residence under age 21 that are related to you or in your custody or control and any relative who is a full-time student under the age of 24, who lived at the residence prior to moving away for school. This coverage would include the possessions of a son or daughter that has recently moved away to college providing they haven't become too old. Keep in mind that your rental home insurance coverage for personal property away from the premise may be limited to only 10 percent of your personal property coverage limits.

Ask for replacement cost in your rental home insurance

Most policies offer coverage at actual cash value. What this means is if a three-year-old down coat you owned was destroyed, they would pay you for a replacement coat minus three years of depreciation -hardly enough to get a new coat. When buying rental home insurance, be sure to ask your agent for replacement cost coverage for your personal property. By including replacement cost, the insurance com-

pany will replace the lost or damaged items on a "new for old" basis-- meaning no depreciation will be taken on the item(s) as long as you actually replace them. This extra protection does cost a little more, but it is well worth the money because it pays you enough money to actually replace your lost or stolen items.

Insuring your expensive valuables on your rental home insurance policy

If you have expensive items to insure, such as a diamond ring, furs or a stamp collection that you store in your rental home, make sure you ask your agent for a rider to your policy that specifically covers these valuable items. Sometimes called a value item insurance rider or jewelry floater, this endorsement insures your valuable items at their appraised value. Without this additional coverage, jewelry, furs as well as your collection would be paid up to the policy limits for these items-usually only around \$2,500 per occurrence. Paying a little extra for this rider to your rental home insurance will ensure that you get the appraised value of your expensive personal property.

Renters insurance costs very little, but provides extremely valuable coverage. You sometimes can save even more by paying for the coverage annually or by bundling your rental insurance coverage with auto or life insurance you already have.

Coast Guard Cutter Assateague partners with Saipan Coast Guard Auxiliary



From U.S. Coast Guard Sector Guam Public Affairs

Members of the Saipan Auxiliary Flotilla recently had an opportunity to climb aboard the U.S. Coast Guard cutter Assateague to train alongside their active duty counterparts March 30-April 1.

2011 marked the reestablishment of the Saipan Flotilla in the Commonwealth of the Mariana Islands,

Joint Exercise: Petty Officers Brian Sink and Scott Camacho bring Saipan flotilla members out to the U.S. Coast Guard cutter Assateague by small boat for a day of seamanship training. This training will help auxiliary members when the flotilla establishes their boats in the future. U.S. Coast Guard photo by Lieutenant Lisa Rodman/Released

making it the newest fully fledged flotilla in the Pacific Region.

Since its reestablishment, the flotilla's new memberships and training needs continue to grow.

"Auxiliarists serve as the resident experts of safe boating in their communities," said Dennis Chapla, Saipan flotilla commander. "This expertise starts with training our members first so they can apply these lessons learned in their interactions with the boating public in Saipan."

Crew from the cutter Assateague spent the day with Saipan Auxiliarists training in boat handling, navigation and other seamanship skills. This will be the first of many trips from USCG units homeported in Guam to Saipan to assist the

flotilla with their training needs.

The USCG Auxiliary, the uniformed civilian all-volunteer component of Team Coast Guard assists the active-duty Coast Guard in many of its varied missions. These men and women can be found on the nation's waterways, in the air, in classrooms and on the dock, performing Maritime Domain Awareness patrols, safety patrols, vessel safety checks and public education.

Its over 32,000 members contribute millions of hours annually in support of Coast Guard missions. Are you interested in joining or learning more about the Coast Guard Auxiliary in Saipan? Contact Dennis Chapla, Saipan Auxiliary flotilla commander at (670) 256-2005.

Distinguished Honor: Andersen's newest Chief Master Sgt., Gregory Rousey, 36th Communications Squadron, takes a photo with other chiefs from Andersen Air Force Base during a Commander's Call March 30. Rousey was promoted to the highest enlisted rank in the Air Force during the promotion ceremony. U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Benjamin Wiseman/Released



Collaboration: Honorable Melissa B. Savares, mayor of Dededo, left, and Honorable Ronald "Ron" J. Flores, vice mayor of Yigo, right, speak with Tech. Sgt. Julian Duenas, 36th Operations Support Squadron tower watch supervisor, about flight patterns around Andersen Air Force Base April 3. Savares and vice mayors from Dededo and Yigo visited Team Andersen to discuss flight operations with senior officials and to discuss more ways the base and community could continue to work together. U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Carlin Leslie/Released

Award winners recognized at Andersen Commander's Call

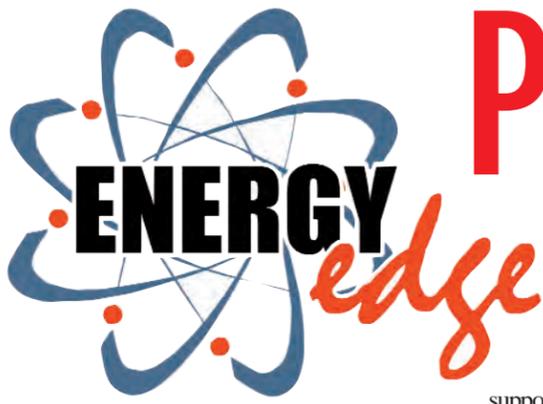


Attendees at Attention: Team Andersen listens as Brig. Gen. John Doucette, 36th Wing commander, greets everyone during a Commander's Call on Andersen Air Force Base March 30. During the all call, Andersen's newest promotees and outstanding deployed Airman were recognized. U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Benjamin Wiseman/Released

Village Mayors visit Andersen Air Force Base



A View From the Top: Honorable Ronald "Ron" J. Flores, vice mayor of Yigo, left, and Honorable Melissa B. Savares, mayor of Dededo, overlook Andersen Air Force Base from the air traffic control tower during a visit April 3. Savares and vice mayors from Dededo and Yigo visited Team Andersen to discuss flight operations with senior officials and to discuss more ways the base and community could continue to work together. U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Carlin Leslie/Released



Participate, take the Earth Day 2012 Pledge

By Kevin D. Evans
Joint Region Marianas Energy Manager

Kicking off our Earth Month celebration, Guam Gov. Eddie Baza Calvo, declared April Earth Month 2012. In the presence of folks

supporting and protecting the environment, Calvo signed a proclamation and took an Earth Day pledge as well. After signing the proclamation, he signed the aforementioned Earth Day 2012 pledge putting it in a "nature tree". People can sign the special pledge cards and hang it on these nature trees to show they are committed, in some form, to taking care

of the planet. These trees and pledge cards are available at Guam Waterworks Authority (GWA), Guam Power Authority (GPA) and Payless locations throughout the month.

For those of you environmentally-conscious cyber-surfers, an Earth Day pledge can also be done online at <http://act.earthday.org/> on their "Billion Acts of Green" site where one

can choose the act of green and submit a pledge. They can be individual or community pledges.

Just remember, as Margaret Mead said, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world. Indeed it's the only thing that ever has."

Happy Earth Month everyone!

CELEBRATE EARTH DAY

Right Tree for the Right Place Workshop

April 14
9 – 11 a.m.
University of Guam Business Building

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

April 21
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

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

See the natural wonders of Beach Seeps – Nature Tour

April 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.

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.

Andersen Air Force Base Earth Month Activities:

Beach Cleanup

April 20: Tarague Beach, 8:30-11 a.m.
Meet at Bamboo Willies. Bring water, sunscreen and gloves. Trashbags will be provided.

By Senior Airman Whitney Tucker
36th Wing Public Affairs

Airmen to agent: AFOSI wants you

Since the nation's inception more than 230 years ago, the image of a service-member clad in camouflage and charging forward under a star-spangled flag of red, white and blue has fostered feelings of patriotism and instilled an indelible sense of security in the American people.

However, U.S. citizens can also put their faith in a force that moves undetected, comprised of the most elite men and women the Air Force has to offer; an entity that works to identify and eradicate all manner of threats to the Air Force, Department of Defense and U.S. Government: the Air Force Office of Special Investigations (AFOSI).

For one Team Andersen member, the journey to joining the ranks of these elite Airmen began with an interest in the criminal justice system and a penchant for law enforcement TV dramas.

"Despite my early affinity for law enforcement I did not actively pursue a career as an agent until I heard about things I did not agree with going on in my unit," said Special Agent Jessie Harris, AFOSI Det.

602. I decided it was time to put myself in a position that enabled me to do something about it."

Stepping into the base AFOSI office for the first time, Harris did not yet know he was on the brink of the most extensive and thorough application process he would ever undertake.

"Applying to become a member of AFOSI is by far the most strenuous and selective process I have ever been a part of," he said. "AFOSI cannot accept standard Airmen; they must possess superior mental and physical faculties and have a near-perfect record. There were many meetings in which agents tried to 'feel' me out, to determine if I had what it took to become a member."

After seven months of waiting and anticipation, Harris was noti-

fied that he had successfully navigated the application processes and would soon move into AFOSI's rigorous training phase.

"All new recruits, whether officer, enlisted or civilian, receive entry-level training at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Glynco, Ga.," he said. "The training requires each recruit to meet predetermined physical fitness standards and attend an 11-week criminal investigator training course with other federal law enforcement trainees."

"That course is followed by six weeks of AFOSI agency-specific coursework," he continued. "Both courses offer new agents training in a myriad of areas including firearms and weaponry, defensive tactics, forensics, surveillance and surveillance detection, antiterrorism techniques, crime scene processing, in-

terrogations and interviews, court testimony and military and federal law."

According to a February 2012 AFOSI article, after successful completion of a one-year probationary period in the field, some agents receive specialized training in economic crime, antiterrorism service, counterintelligence, computer crimes and other sophisticated criminal investigative capabilities. Others attend 12 weeks of training to acquire skills in electronic, photographic and other technical surveillance countermeasures.

Having paid for his badge with blood, sweat and tears, Harris has long since earned the right to call himself a seasoned member of AFOSI and can look back on the mentally trying, physically taxing process with fond memories.

"I have been an AFOSI federal agent for the past four years," he said, "I can honestly say they have been the best of my career thus far. AFOSI is like no other job. I wake up every day excited to go to work, knowing I get to enforce military standards and rid our Air Force of those who would seek to exploit it."

In an Air Force with hundreds of thousands of members, fewer than 3,000 Airmen answer to the title special agent.

"If you would like to pursue a career in AFOSI make sure you're doing it for the right reasons," Harris said. "You must be able to manage multiple tasks at once, have excellent interpersonal relationship skills, superior physical fitness ability and above all else, common sense."

"I have talked with about 25 applicants during my time on Andersen," he continued, "Of those 25 individuals, all but two were turned away. I think that speaks volumes as to the caliber of Airmen AFOSI accepts into the fold."

For more information about AFOSI, visit the AFOSI public Web site at www.osi.andrews.af.mil. Airmen interested in learning more about AFOSI training should visit the federal law enforcement training center Web site at www.fletc.gov.

DENIM: Community asked to show support

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court's decision to overturn the rape conviction sound outrageous, yet in Italy and all over the world, women and men who are victims of sexual assault continue to be disbelieved and blamed due to their behavior or attire."

Sexual assault not only demonstrates a blatant disregard for the Air Force core values, but is a violation of free will and an individual's right to choose. Wearing jeans on Denim Day, April 20 this year, is a visible reminder of the events that took place in a courtroom more than 10 years ago, and highlights the importance of preventing sexual violence.

"Sexual assault is more common than people imagine," Scheglov said. "Statistics show that one in five women and one in 33 men will be sexually assaulted in their lifetime. Because more victims confide in their coworkers and friends first, it is crucial to know how to respond."

In order to combat this silent enemy it is each individual's responsibility to spread knowledge and infect the public with education, in the hope of eradicating sexual violence for generations to come.

This year's Department of Defense SAAM theme is "Hurts one, affects all...preventing sexual assault is everyone's duty." It is with this attitude that Team Andersen members are asked to don a pair of jeans and help expel the damaging myths associated with sexual assault.



Community Outreach: Sailors assigned to commands on U.S. Naval Base Guam volunteer as Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) advocates at the Navy Exchange main complex April 6. These advocates volunteered their time to promote Sexual Assault Awareness Month with the Fleet and Family Support Center. U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Corey Hensley/Released

SAAM: Community to benefit from messages

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take an active role in making Naval Base Guam a safe, healthy and nurturing environment for children and families," said Erlinda Montecalvo, a FFSC Family Advocacy Educator. "Public awareness is important to helping prevent child abuse and neglect."

Montecalvo was at the Navy Exchange (NEX) main complex April 4 promoting child abuse prevention by handing out information and talking with par-

ents interested in the subject. Montecalvo even employed an offshoot of Silent Witness silhouettes. Using the color blue, which is the color of child abuse prevention, the silhouettes are people-shaped standees with stories of inspiration and survival posted on them.

Evangeline Cabacar, the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) coordinator for FFSC was at the NEX April 6 to display the teal-colored Silent Witness silhouettes, bringing attention to the cause.

"Everyone who hears the

message of sexual assault prevention and response will benefit," Cabacar said. "Sexual assault can occur without regard to gender or spousal relationship or age of victim. We are all potential victims of sexual assault."

Cabacar encouraged people from the community to take advantage of programs that offer education says that it affects everyone from fellow sailors, families and friends to look out for one another and make difference.

"Protect yourself and be

safe when you go out," Cabacar said. "Let someone know where you are going and what time you will be home. Whenever you go out, refrain from taking rides from anyone you don't know, never go out alone, travel and socialize as a group and make a pact to stick together for the evening. Never accept a drink from anyone you do not know and completely trust, never share or exchange drinks and never leave your drink unattended."

During the month of April, FFSC will be hosting

many events that will raise awareness and educate people on sexual assault awareness and child abuse prevention.

"If I can prevent child abuse, one child at a time, through education, assist parents to connect to essential services, offer appropriate encouragement to seek help early and provide resource materials to guide and support parents needs, then I have helped in some way to ensure the safety and well-being of children," Montecalvo said.

For more information call Fleet and Family Support Center at (671) 333-9826/7.

Sexual Assault Awareness Month Events:

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
Sumay Cove, 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

By Lt. Emily M. Dover
U.S. Naval Hospital Guam Public Affairs Officer

Improving health outcomes through education

“...And the winner is Ms. Alice Hadley, U.S. Naval Hospital Guam.”

These will be the words heard by those attending the 2012 Medical Library Association Awards luncheon in Seattle, Wa. scheduled for May 21.

\$489,000, 18 computers, 1,800 books, library automation software, 18 airline trips and countless volunteer hours resulted in nine U.S. Affiliated Pacific Islands (USAPI) state hospitals receiving new medical libraries. In 2010, Hadley racked up 50,000 air miles in conjunction with her volunteer efforts to set up these medical libraries.

In 2007, the Medical Library Association established the T. Mark Hodges International Service Award to honor outstanding individual achievement in promoting, enabling

and/or delivering improvements in the quality of health information internationally through the development of health information professionals, the improvement of libraries or an increased use of health information services.

Hadley is being awarded the 2012 T. Mark Hodges International Service Award for her volunteer contributions in conjunction with the Ayuda (ah-zoo-DAH) Foundation on Guam to populate the USAPI with hospital medical libraries. These libraries are located in Yap, Palau, Saipan, American Samoa,

Pohnpei, Guam, Kosrae, Chuuk and the Marshall Islands. Not only did the team set up the libraries but they also taught library staff the skills needed to provide library resources to the hospital staff as well as how to properly manage the library systems. The team continues to provide guidance and advice to the USAPI staff via regular correspondence and quarterly telephone conferences. The team also taught hospital staff how to access online resources, including e-textbooks and e-journals that are provided to them by Pacific Resources for Education and

Learning, or PREL.

Medical libraries greatly increase the amount of medical information available to hospital medical staff and thus contribute to better health care. Dr. Thane Hancock, Yap State Hospital physician and the Yap Area Health Education Center (AHEC) director, explained the significance of this project and expressed his enthusiasm.

“Physicians now have access to computers and a medical library resource and can effectively diagnose illnesses and prescribe proper treatments,” he said. “The new library has become an important resource center for the doctors and health care workers, and it eases the burden on the doctors by providing real-time diagnosis and a faster path to recovery for their patients.”

Please join us in congratulating Hadley’s on receiving this award and her contributions to improved health care for the people of USAPI.

Louisville joins Emory S. Land

Right: Submarine tender USS Emory S. Land’s (AS 39) Commanding Officer Capt. Paul Savage, left, and Los Angeles-class fast attack submarine USS Louisville’s (SSN 724) Commanding Officer Cmdr. Lee Sisco, right, discuss Land and Louisville’s partnership with the Royal Malaysian Navy (RMN) during a courtesy call with Rear Adm. Dato’ Pahlawan Mohammad Rosland Omar, Commander, Naval Region Two. Louisville is currently on a Western Pacific deployment, while Land is on an extended deployment to Guam serving as 7th Fleet’s lead afloat fleet maintenance activity from the ship’s permanent homeport of Diego Garcia. U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Elizabeth Fray/Released



Middle Top and Bottom: Los Angeles-class fast attack submarine USS Louisville (SSN 724) moors alongside submarine tender USS Emory S. Land (AS 39) as part of a coordinated tended mooring and theater security cooperation port visit April 3. Louisville, homeported in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, is currently on a Western Pacific deployment, while Land is on an extended deployment to Guam serving as 7th Fleet’s lead afloat fleet maintenance activity from the ship’s permanent homeport of Diego Garcia. U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class David R. Krigbaum/Released



Below: Los Angeles-class fast attack submarine USS Louisville (SSN 724) maneuvers alongside submarine tender USS Emory S. Land (AS 39) as part of a coordinated tended mooring and theater security cooperation port visit April 3. U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist Seaman Apprentice Samuel Souvannason/Released



Only for the Daring: An Airman from the 36th Security Forces Squadron (SFS) is sprayed with pepper spray during routine training scenario on Andersen Air Force Base March 23. The 36th SFS requires Airmen to receive pepper spray familiarization training as one of their core skills. U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Jeffrey Schultze/Released

Don't spray me bro!

36th SFS OC Spray training



Briefing: Airmen from the 36th Security Forces Squadron (SFS) are briefed prior to going through pepper spray training on Andersen Air Force Base March 23. The spray training gives Airmen familiarity and the ability to perform their duties while under the spray’s effects. The spray, more commonly known as pepper spray, is a less than lethal use of force tool utilized by law enforcement, corrections and military personnel. U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Jeffrey Schultze/Released



Easter Fun for Everyone: Children from Andersen Air Force Base search for eggs during the "Easter Egg-stravaganza" April 7 at the Andersen Youth Center field. More than 5,000 candy-filled eggs were hidden for the children to find. There were also other springtime activities such as face painting, caribou riding, games and various booths and demonstrations for all ages to enjoy. U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Veronica McMahon/Released



Andersen, NBG hold Easter Egg Hunts for children



Going for the Golden Egg: Children scramble in search of eggs during the Egg-stravaganza Easter Egg Hunt on U.S. Naval Base Guam April 9. U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Corwin Colbert/Released

Rich culture,

battles won buried in Guam's geography

By Shaina Marie Santos
Joint Region Edge Staff

Though the size of Guam is not especially expansive, the island boasts a number of unique vistas, ranging from sandy beaches to rolling hills and steep mountains.

According to the Guam Visitors Bureau (GVB) Web site, the island measures at approximately 30 miles in length, with a width of eight and one-half miles at the northern tip and a maximum width in the south of 11 and one-half miles. Guam has much to offer in as little as a few hours for those looking to take a trip around the island whether it's driving by the ocean or riding up the hillsides that reveal astonishing views of the villages.

According to National Park Service Park Ranger Ben Hayes, the island has the greatest diversity of plants and animal species of any national park in America.

"We have such a unique array of resources," he said. "Most unique of all, the only limestone forest in our national park system occurs here on Guam."

When traveling around the island, it's easy to see that Guam's rich culture and history lives on in the form of various monuments and historical parks.

"We're also the only national park unit in America that honors the bravery and sacrifice of everyone that has played in the Pacific theater of World War II (WWII)," Hayes said.

Some historic parts that carry imprints of WWII include the South Pacific Memorial Peace Park in Yigo and the Fonte Plateau Unit on Nimitz Hill.

The Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) on U.S. Naval Base Guam offers monthly island tours, which is geared to service members, retirees and their families.

FFSC tour conductor Ike Cruz said visitors gain insight to Guam's settlement history, language and local cuisine.

"Wherever you go for your duty station, job, making a home on Guam, it's always a plus to gain interest and knowledge on the prospective culture, tradition and history of Guam," he said. "It's entirely up to you to make the best out of your while being stationed here."

Outdoor Recreation on Andersen Air Force Base (AAFB) also offers monthly tours that highlight Guam's role in WWII. Operated by Outdoor Recreation Manager Ray Stiers, the \$15 tour takes participants through caves, scenic overlooks and a museum.

Stiers said that many times, the tour is overbooked and suggests reserving a seat early, otherwise, may be reserved with a group upon request.

"It lets the Andersen community know about the history," Stiers said. "[The tour] educates them and it really enlightens them to the history of the



Peace Memorial: A tower designed in the shape of prayer hands stands at the South Pacific Peace Memorial Park in Yigo. The memorial, tucked in the heart of the village is a great stop to make when exploring the island. U.S. Navy photo by Shaina Marie Santos/Released

Chamorro people."

Taking the time to discover the island not only reveals Guam's history and landscape, but offers an inexpensive way to have fun and spend time with friends and family. From the northern, central, to southern regions of Guam, there is much to see and experience.

One may choose to start one's journey in the north, which makes up most of Guam's population according to GVB. The north is also where the island's tourism hub can be found.

Ritidian Point/ Guam Wildlife Refuge:

Ritidian Point is located at the northernmost tip of Guam and a part of Dededo village. The beach is much less populated than others, however, without as many protective reefs as other beaches on island the waves and current are rough so swimmers should be wary when entering the water. It is also a Wildlife Refuge which provides a habitat for an endangered tree which is found only on Guam and Rota, where it is known as Trongkon Guafi (truhng-KOHN gweye-FEE), or fire tree. Pets, campouts and ground fires are strictly prohibited.

• **Directions:** When driving toward AAFB along Route 1, follow the road left instead of taking a right toward the base gate. Follow Route 9 until you reach a fork in the road. Take the right across the golf course and access the unit along Route 3A from the Route 9/Route 3 interchange. Travel north on Route 3A for 4.5 miles, then turn left and continue downhill 1.5 miles to the refuge.

Hours of operation: 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. daily; Closed on federal holidays.

Entrance fee: Free

South Pacific Memorial Peace Park

According to GVB, the peace park was the site of one of the bloodiest battles at the end of WWII. The site of the last Japanese garrison under the command of General Obata, the park was built in memory of the people who lost their lives in the Pacific War from 1941-1945. At the park, a 15 meter-high tower represents hands praying for peace.

• **Directions:** In Yigo, take a turn off Route 1 down Milalak Dr. by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Follow the road to the end, where you will find the park.

Hours of operation: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily

Entrance Fee: Free, but donations are accepted.



Breathtaking: A scenic view of Tumon Bay can be seen at Two Lovers Point in Dededo. Two Lovers Point, the cliff at which according to ancient Chamorro legend, two star-crossed lovers jumped to their deaths, is a popular tourist attraction today. U.S. Navy photo by Shaina Marie Santos/Released

parents. Today, the cliff boasts an overlook and a gallery that displays historic remnants.

• **Directions:** From Route 1 take a turn across the way from the Micronesia Mall into Route 34. Without taking any turns, follow the road until you are prompted to make a left by a sign that reads "Two Lovers Point". Follow the road until you arrive at your destination.

Hours of operation: 8 a.m. - 7 p.m., daily
Entrance Fee: \$3 per person; children 6 years and under are free

San Vitores Road, Tumon

Tumon's main thoroughfare is called San Vitores Road. Lined with an array of boutiques and restaurants, Tumon is the hub of Guam's tourism.

Directions: Heading south from Route 1, take a right at Pale San Vitores Rd, down the curved hill. Take a left and you will find yourself driving through the heart of Tumon.

Hours of operation: Varies, but a number of stores are open from 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. The northern part of the island offers just a brief snapshot of Guam's lush, tropical setting. With the historical central region and the south's rolling hills, the north is just a part of what is to come during a journey around the island.

For information about the tour with FFSC call 333-2056 and for more information about the tour with Outdoor Recreation call 366-5197.

MEMS students tour historic Naval Base Guam

By Mass Communication Specialist
3rd Class (SW) Corey Hensley
U.S. Naval Base Guam Public Affairs

Students from Cmdr. William C. McCool Elementary/Middle School on U.S. Naval Base Guam (NBG) visited some of the historical sites on base April 4-5.

Several classes of third-graders split into groups in the morning, walking from the school to sites in the immediate area that were important to pre-and post-World War II (WWII) Guam and commemorated the people who fought and died to liberate the island from the Japanese.

"I think it's really important that wherever the military sends [the kids] that they know a little bit about the history, the people, and about the culture of the new duty station," said Lourdes Aflague, of the Fleet and Family Support Center.

Aflague, who was born and raised on Guam, led the tour for one of the groups. She walked with



Outside Learning: Third-graders from Cmdr. William C. McCool Elementary/Middle School visit the Japanese Defensive Cave Fortification on U.S. Naval Base Guam April 4. The cave was carved out by the Japanese in World War II. The visit was part of a tour in which students walked to various historical sites on base. U.S. Navy photo by Seaman Brooke Zimmerman/Released

the kids to every monument discussing the history behind each site and their significance to not only the military but also the local Chamorro culture.

"Being home and promoting our culture, promoting our island and our people, it's an experience for me too, because I am learning right along with the kids,"

Aflague said.

The first official stop on the tour was U.S. Navy WWII Memorial Park, which was dedicated to the 1,900 American servicemen and 712 Chamorros killed on Guam during the war. It was also where years ago Guam schoolchildren buried a time capsule that is scheduled to be opened July 21, 2044, which is the 100th anniversary of the Liberation of Guam.

"We pointed out the World War II landmarks and the sacrifices on both the American side, as well as the Japanese side, in liberating the island of Guam," Aflague said.

Master-at-Arms 1st Class Bryan Holland, assigned to Maritime Expeditionary Security Group 1 Detachment Guam, was one of several parent volunteers who helped escort the students as they walked from site to site along some of NBG's busier roads.

"I heard there was a walking tour of the base, to give us information on World War II and the liberation of Guam, so I decided to come out here and gain some

knowledge and to provide safety for the kids," Holland said.

From the park, students walked to Sumay Cemetery, site of the pre-WWII Sumay Village, and then on to the Japanese Defensive Cave Fortifications, located along the cliff face at Sumay. The caves were fortified by the Japanese using the Chamorro-forced labor.

After being shown a few more sites throughout the Sumay area, the students finished up the tour at the War Dog Memorial, a cemetery that honors the highly skilled war dogs that served the Marines on Guam. They also climbed the Japanese Prisoner of War Steps, built by Japanese prisoners in 1945-1946.

Holland said he felt very strongly about these events, because of their educational value for not only the children, but for the parents who volunteer.

"More people need to volunteer," said Holland. "You have a really good feeling inside after volunteering, no matter what you've volunteered for."

JUMP ROPE FOR JOY



Let's Get Physical: Children from Andersen Elementary and Middle Schools warm up prior to a jump rope competition on Andersen Air Force Base April 5. There were over 130 participants and five categories during the event. U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Alexandre Montes/Released

DoDEA encourages students to protect environment

By Shaina Marie Santos
Joint Region Edge Staff

Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) Pacific promotes Earth-friendly ideas to students through a number of programs and activities to increase recycling and conservation awareness.

According to U.S. Naval base Guam Public Works Department (PWD) Environmental Specialist Carlo Unpingco, recycling services largely focus on schools and now, more than ever, students are aware of their impact on the environment.

"The kids seem to be very knowledgeable about why it's important to recycle and conserve resources," he said.

Today, this is apparent through the numerous ways DoDEA schools have taken up environmentally friendly practices. From recycling bins to environmental clubs, recycling and conservation practices are emphasized more and more in schools.

Cmdr. William C. McCool Elementary and Middle School (MEMS) teacher Debora Moore said the school is working very hard to keep environmentally friendly.

"There is a program called Green Ribbon Schools and it is focused on creating a healthy environment for students," she said. "This program encourages a good use of our resources."

The Green Ribbon Schools Web site tracks the activities MEMS participates in that fall under the categories of Eco-Campus, Nature Adventure, Health and Fitness and Natural Classrooms. Currently the site lists five activities MEMS utilizes to promote Earth-friendly practices.

"Getting students to be active in



Environmental Avengers: Cmdr. William C. McCool Elementary and Middle School's Environmental Club students pose with Gina Gonzales, left, environmental science teacher, in front of two recycle bins at the school April 5. Getting students involved in recycling is one way the school promotes Earth-friendly habits. U.S. Navy photo by Shaina Marie Santos/Released

taking care of our Earth's resources is the most important aspect of any program," Moore said. "They are our future stewards."

According to Andersen Middle School Information Specialist Jim Rhodes, the school has recycling bins in each classroom to encourage students to put recyclable items to be taken to a recycling center on base.

"It's important for us to practice good environmental behaviors so that we show the students by example how to take care of the Earth because as the future generation, they will need to understand their responsibilities," Rhodes said. "If we educate them at younger ages, they're more likely to continue to be mindful of their behaviors as they get older."

He also described in the school's culture class, students completed projects using recyclable materials. They refashioned recyclables such as soda cans into a baseball

cap and juice pouches as purses.

MEMS Environmental Science teacher Gina Gonzales said the school is a good product of student's successful recycling.

Gonzales recruits middle school students for the Environmental Club at MEMS, where recycling is promoted and practiced. Club members collect soda cans, plastic bottles, newspapers and phone books.

Through an arrangement with Guam's iRecycle program, recyclables are picked up and the school receives funds for their efforts, which are used to improve MEMS facilities.

"We use the money for books, to educate students to practice recycling," Gonzales said. "The bottom line right there is to have a better surrounding and a happy life."

The school is currently pushing for collection of more materials such as batteries and adding more recycling containers in the school.

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

By Capt. Mario Catungal
36th Wing Chaplain

The depth of intimacy and spirituality found in raising a child cannot be equaled. There is no more powerful encounter available to us every single day when participating in God's creative process through our children.

I know parenting is downright hard work most of the time. Anne Stokes says that "parenting is exhausting." Participating in God's creation comes with a heavy price. I know the bone-tired exhaustion not to mention the confusion, anxiety and wonderment over nurturing and launching another fellow human being.

Sometimes we unconsciously over-parent our children. Perhaps if we shift our mindset from ownership to stewardship, our reactions will be healthier. Steward-



The spirituality of parenting

ship is an ancient term recognizing that the creator has entrusted a work of art to someone not just to care for and protect, but also for nurturance, growth and empowerment.

The goal of parenting is not to shape our kids into the image and likeness of us. Rather, we must nurture them to become the true person God has created them to be. They need encouragement, understanding and humility to accept each situation and experience as a moment of grace and a blessing to be reflected upon.

I admire a mother who admitted she was still dressing her twelve-year-old son. She had the courage to admit the basic struggle of "letting go" that all parents face. The group gave her some ideas, and she had good news to report at the next session.

"It's amazing how quick he can be when he knows he doesn't get breakfast until he is dressed," she said. "His clothes don't always match, but I am learning to let go. I expect his peers will take care of that problem for me real soon."

Healthy families lay their prob-

lems, secrets and frustrations on the dinner table to be addressed and reconciled. They use healthy communication patterns

to state their feelings and listen to their children's response. They seek a solution rather than laying blames. They say they are sorry over and over again. With patience, self-control, perseverance and genuine loss of pride we can gently show our children the great power and reward of reconciliation.

So what makes parenting spiritual? The answer lies more in who we are as believers than any set of religious tips for better parenting. It is the foundation from which we exercise our best judgment for the guidance and care of our children's need. If we are securely rooted in our faith, then our parenting efforts can't help but reflect that. To be parents is God's gift to couples. What will become of their family would be their gift to God.

Promoting Sexual Assault Awareness Month: Several 36th Wing Sexual Assault Response Coordinators (SARC) provide healthy snacks and memorabilia after the Sexual Assault Awareness Month 5K on Andersen Air Force Base April 4. The run was one of many events scheduled by the area SARCs to raise awareness throughout the month. This April, the 2012 Sexual Assault Awareness Month campaign centers on promoting healthy sexuality to prevent sexual violence. U.S. Air Force Photo by Staff Sgt. Alexandre Montes/Released



2012 Andersen AFB SARC 5K

Racing for the Finish Line: Andersen Airmen and U.S. Naval Base Guam Sailors participate in the Sexual Assault Awareness Month 5K at Andersen Air Force Base April 4. The run was one of many events scheduled by the area Sexual Assault Response Coordinators to raise awareness throughout the month. U.S. Air Force Photo by Staff Sgt. Alexandre Montes/Released



Running for a Good Cause: Andersen Airmen and U.S. Naval Base Guam Sailors participate in the Sexual Assault Awareness Month 5K at Andersen Air Force Base April 4. The run was one of many events scheduled by the area Sexual Assault Response Coordinators to raise awareness throughout the month. U.S. Air Force Photo by Staff Sgt. Alexandre Montes/Released



Goal: Team Andersen's Lil' Bombers engage in their weekly soccer practice on Andersen Air Force Base April 3. The Lil' Bombers club is part of the Guam Football Association off base, and any Andersen youth soccer stars who may be interested in not just playing soccer, but getting involved in the community, are encouraged to participate. For information on the Lil' Bombers, e-mail lilbombersoccerclub@hotmail.com. U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Alexandre Montes/Released

Lil' Bombers have fun on the field

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Team Andersen's Lil' Bombers are wrapping up their third season since the club's creation and would like to get the word out for other youth soccer stars who may be interested in not just playing soccer, but getting involved in the community.

The Lil' Bombers club is part of the Guam Football Association (GFA) off base, yet practices are on base Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

"The main reason for creating this club was so military families could put their kids in a club on base that allows them to compete competitively downtown," said Staff Sgt. Christopher Kitts, 36th Operations Support Squadron aircrew and Lil' Bombers president.

The seasons consist of nine regular games, and the 10th game is a jamboree. The games are held in Harmon at the GFA field.

"It's good because the kids get to play downtown and it's a good way for them to get out in the community," said Ruth-Lee Bermudez, military spouse and club secretary. "Everyone with base access is

eligible to participate and the skill levels in each team vary so no one is turned away."

Bermudez also said it is a very family-oriented club, and all the coaches and volunteers are part of the Team Andersen family.

"I've been a part of soccer for 35 years and I love it," said Lt. Col. Steven Bording, 36 Operations Support Squadron commander and a team coach. "I love being part of the organization, it's great."

Bording said he has noticed the teams getting better and more competitive with the teams downtown.

"The club began with 20 kids and now has 55 participating," Kitts said. "Plus it gets the kids out exercising and they also get training as well as experience. "We would love to keep this club growing. What Lil' Bombers provides the kids in the under age eight teams and above is a chance to play for the national Guam team."

Fall registration will start in July, and while the categories are currently under age six, under age eight and under age 10, the club is looking to begin under age 12 and under age 14 teams.

For information on the Lil' Bombers, e-mail lilbombersoccerclub@hotmail.com.



Soccer Superstars: Team Andersen's Lil' Bombers engage in their weekly soccer practice on Andersen Air Force Base April 3. U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Alexandre Montes/Released