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36th MUNS preps for CAPEX

By Senior Airman Veronica McMahon
36th Wing Public Affairs

The Combat Ammunition Production Exercise (CAPEX) is scheduled to be underway April 23-26 on Andersen Air Force Base (AFB) to test the 36th Munitions Squadron (MUNS) Airmen's capability to build munitions and support combat sorties.

Anticipating the exercise's approach, the squadron has conducted mini exercises to prepare the Airmen for approximately 21 inspectors who will evaluate the processes and procedures for building munitions to support the wing's operational plan.

The squadron just wrapped up the third mini CAPEX and leadership, as well as Airmen, agreed they felt more prepared.

"This is a bomb-building exercise and the training is important because often Airmen have a plan but need to develop muscle memory to get quick at these types of operations," said Capt. Lauren Swiderski, 36th MUNS

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Loading Missiles: Staff Sgt. Zachary Neff, missile maintainer deployed from Barksdale Air Force Base, La., loads a conventional air-launched cruise missile during the Pre-Combat Ammunition Production Exercise (CAPEX) on Andersen Air Force Base April 9. During the CAPEX approximately 100 inspectors will evaluate the processes and procedures for building munitions to support the wing's operational plan. U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Jeffrey Schultze/Released



Guam participates in Exercise Citadel Pacific 2012

By Mass Communication Specialist
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U.S. Naval Base Guam (NBG), along with other naval installations throughout the U.S. Pacific Command area of responsibility, participated in Exercise Citadel Pacific 2012 (CP12) April 10-12.

According to Chief Master-at-Arms

(SW/AW) Chiniece Lawson, assigned to NBG Security, the base participation offered training in preparation for any future threats.

"The purpose of this exercise is to ensure that Naval Security Forces is ready for any threat that may come toward the installation or any of the units that are onboard the installation."

The annual exercise included bomb threat, suspicious package/white powder and active

shooter drills throughout installations around Guam evaluating the abilities of explosive ordnance disposal technicians, security forces and Fire and Emergency technicians.

Joint Region Marianas Training and Readiness Officer Timothy Moon echoed Lawson's sentiments and recognized the efforts of all personnel involved in the exercise.

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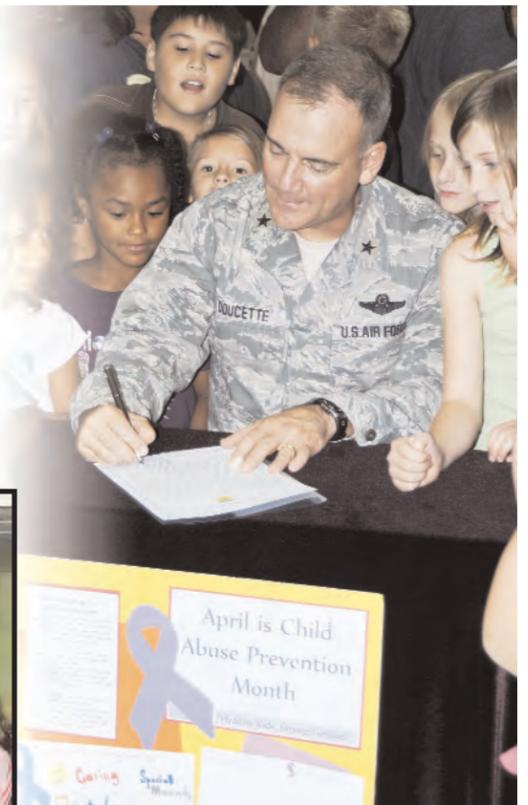
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Healthy kids means strong families

Below: Brig. Gen. John Doucette, 36th Wing commander, poses for a photo with faculty and children from the Child Development Center before signing the Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation on Andersen Air Force Base April 6. "Healthy Kids, Strong Families" is a topic that is being taught to the children and parents of Team Andersen, encouraging families to talk with each other and children to be active in sharing things with their parents. U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Carlin Leslie/Released



It's for the Kids: Brig. Gen. John Doucette, 36th Wing commander, signs a proclamation declaring April as Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month while children from the Child Development Center watch on Andersen Air Force Base April 6. "Healthy Kids, Strong Families" is a topic that is being taught to the children and parents of Team Andersen, encouraging families to talk with each other and children to be active in sharing things with their parents. U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Carlin Leslie/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.

Providing Cyber-Warriors' Needs

The Defense Information System Agency (DISA) Guam field office at U.S. Naval Computer and Telecommunications Station Guam will be hosting the Defense Information System Network (DISN) course on Andersen Air Force Base from May 2-4. The DISN data services course is designed to help military departments and Department of Defense (DoD) agencies throughout the world to optimize their use of DISN services. These services are major components of the global information grid are building blocks for the C4I support to the nation's war fighters. The DISN data service course is open to all DoD services, agencies and their contractors. Each participant receives an up-to-date copy of the DISN services reference book. For more information visit <http://www.disa.mil/news/training/dism-services-training-course>. To register for the course e-mail disa-guam@disa.mil or call 355-5658. Be sure to include your name, rank/grade, organization and e-mail address.

USO Golf For Our Heroes

Join the Guam USO and Golf For Our Heroes May 12 at the Onward Talofofo Golf Course. Fees are \$125 per person and \$250 per two-man team which include green fee, cart, refreshments, awards banquet and two raffle tickets. There will be prizes and trophies for the top three low net and first low gross, and closest to the line and pin. Showtime is 11:30 a.m. and go-time is at 12:30 p.m. Space is limited to the first 144 paid golfers and/or first 72 teams. Please register at the Guam USO located on the ground floor of the Royal Orchid Hotel in Tumon. For more information, call 647-4876.

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,

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3:30 PM	CHRONICLE	PG-13
7 PM	ACT OF VALOR	R
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1 PM	GOOD DEEDS	PG-13
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send it to jointregionedge@fe.navy.mil or call 349-2115.

DoDEA Guam District Schools
STEM Awareness Week: April 23-27

Guam CPOA Scholarships Due
Guam CPOA scholarships are due no later than May 15. Candidates eligible for a scholarship award should be a graduating senior attending Guam High School (GHS), who is a dependent child (natural born, adopted or stepchild) of an active duty Navy enlisted Sailor. For more information, contact Rolyn Hollister, GHS counselor at 344-7247.

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

Fleet and Family Support Center Classes

April 24: Managing your credit from 10-11:30 a.m.

Call 333-2056/7 for more information.

Sexual Assault Awareness Month

April 23-24: Self-defense class at Charles King Fitness Center from 5-7 p.m.

April 25: Silent Witness Walk at NBG Chapel

Call 333-2056/7 for more information.

36th FSS HAPPENINGS

Andersen Air Force Base

Airman and Family Readiness Center Classes

April 23: Pre-separation briefing from 8:30-11:30 a.m.

April 24: TRICARE briefing from 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Call 366-8136 for more information.

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 28 featuring the family documentary "March of the Penguins". Show time is 7:30 p.m.

SPORTS SHORTS

U.S. Naval Base Guam

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

FitFamily Event...Fun for the Entire Family

The Coral Reef Fitness Center will host a FitFamily event 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.

Hearts Apart Program

keeps families of deployed service members connected

By Priscilla Monzon-Pacificar
Airman & Family Readiness Center

Families who go through a deployment often experience feelings of loneliness, worry, or may encounter difficulties coping while their loved one is away. Being on Guam can also pose additional hardships during deployments, as spouses are far from the comforts of home and family in the continental U.S.

Hearts Apart is a program sponsored by the Airman Family Readiness Center (A&FRC) that allows spouses and

families of deployed service members an opportunity to meet socially, while enjoying various activities and connecting with others. These monthly outings help to promote networking among spouses and families by allowing them to get together with others who are also going through the same situation, ultimately helping to improve the quality of life for our military families.

A visit from Sparky at the fire station or watching a K-9 show at security forces, to Valentine grams and holiday parties, the event venues continue to change each month allowing families to experience what's offered on and off base.

The Hearts Apart Program is just one avenue families can take to help ease the burden caused by deployments, extended temporary duties or remote tours. It not only includes special monthly events, but also offers free morale calls from home to the sponsor during the deployment, as well as vouchers for free childcare, "Give Parents a Break" and a free oil change "Car Care because we Care."

The next scheduled event will be a self-defense class sponsored by the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office at the Hot Spot Gym April 26 from 4-6 p.m. For more information or to get involved with the Hearts Apart Program, please contact A&FRC at 366-8136.

Andersen's Best: Senior Airman Reece Simpson

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

Senior Airman Reece Simpson, 734th Air Mobility Squadron mission support journeyman, was awarded Team Andersen's Best on Andersen Air Force Base April 6.

"As a superior performer, Airman Simpson inspected 50 aircraft support consolidated tool kits and corrected 327 identified discrepancies, cementing a phenomenal 100 percent quality assurance pass rate for February," said Senior Master Sgt. Scott MacKeller, Simpson's supervisor.

"Airman Simpson researched and

secured a rudder pack test gauge for a non-mission capable Cope North Exercise C-130 Hercules," he continued. "This expedited repairs to the aircraft and aided successful trilateral exercise participation and training."

Simpson's initiative to go above and beyond is also evident outside of work.

"Airman Simpson recently completed six credit hours towards his community college of the Air Force degree," MacKeller said.

Also active in the base community as a base Sexual Assault Response Center victim advocate, he provided two sexual assault

prevention and response briefings for first-term Airmen and various tanker/bomber squadrons, sending messages of guidance and respect to 119 Airmen.

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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Award: Senior Airman Reece Simpson, 734th Air Mobility Squadron mission support journeyman, was awarded Team Andersen's Best April 6. 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



'Battle of survival': Special tactics officer awarded Air Force Cross

By Capt. Kristen D. Duncan
Air Force Special Operations
Command Public Affairs

In a harrowing 10-hour battle amidst more than 100 insurgents, a special tactics officer kept the enemy at bay with a little help from above.

Capt. Barry F. Crawford Jr. was awarded the Air Force Cross during a Pentagon ceremony April 12 for his heroic actions controlling the air space and calling in airstrikes during the 2010 battle in Afghanistan, which allowed his special operations team to get out of the kill zone and ultimately saved the lives of his American comrades.

While assigned to the 23rd Expeditionary Special Tactics Squadron, Crawford was the Joint Terminal Attack Controller for an Army Special Forces and Afghan commando team.

Crawford called in multiple fixed and rotary wing air assets, allowing for the safe return of all U.S. forces, the evacuation of two Afghan commandos killed in action, and the rescue of three other wounded Afghan commandos.

"Capt. Crawford repeatedly and conspicuously disregarded his own safety to assist his United States and Afghan teammates," said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz shortly before presenting the captain the Air Force Cross during the ceremony. "It is not hard to be utterly impressed by his bravery and inspired by his selflessness."



U.S. Air Force graphic by Corey Parrish/Released

According to his citation, "Crawford braved effective enemy fire and consciously placed himself at grave risk on four occasions while controlling over 33 aircraft and more than 40 airstrikes on a well-trained and well-prepared enemy force. His selfless actions and expert airpower employment neutralized a numerically superior enemy force and enabled friendly elements to exfiltrate the area without massive casualties."

The team of approximately 100 personnel flew into the steep mountains of Laghman Province early May 4, 2010. As soon as they were on the ground, they heard enemy chatter on the radios. Then, within 30 minutes, they found a substantial weapons cache inside the village. The enemy force was apparently dug in to defensive positions and

just waiting for the sun to rise before beginning their assault on the Coalition Force.

"As soon as the sun came up, we started taking extremely heavy enemy fire," Crawford said in an interview. "Our placement in the middle of the village, and the enemy's superior fighting positions, required us to 'run the gauntlet' of enemy fire no matter where we were in the valley."

Enemy fighters were expertly using sniper and medium machine-gun fire to target the friendly force as insurgents were closing in on their location from all sides. As the force closed in, a high-volume of machine-gun and sniper fire initially wounded five commandos.

"Recognizing that the wounded Afghan soldiers would die without

evacuation to definitive care, Capt. Crawford took decisive action and ran out into the open in an effort to guide the [medical evacuation] helicopter to the landing zone," according to the citation. "Once the pilot had eyes on his position, Crawford remained exposed, despite having one of his radio antennas shot off mere inches from his face."

"Acting without hesitation, Crawford then bounded across open terrain, engaging enemy positions with his assault rifle and called in AH-64 Apache Hellfire missiles, and 500- and 2,000-pound Joint Direct Attack Munition bombs from F-15E Strike Eagles.

When the weather cleared, the team moved along the steep terrain. To allow his team to freely move in the open and prevent further casualties, Crawford coordinated the delivery of danger-close AH-64 Apache Hellfire missiles, and 500- and 2,000-pound Joint Direct Attack Munition bombs from F-15E Strike Eagles.

"Everyone there was on task and wanted to crush the enemy," Crawford said. "My teammates went above and beyond, and everyone's efforts really reenergized the entire assault force's morale."

As the U.S. and Afghan commandos left the burned-out village, Crawford's team once again came under attack. Stuck in an open, narrow valley with 300- to 500-foot sheer mountain cliffs around them, the team was forced to hold their position in poor weather conditions.

With the enemy merely 150 meters away, Crawford repeatedly called for danger-close 30 mm straf-

ing and rocket attacks from AH-64 Apaches overhead. To mark the enemy locations, Crawford ran into the open to engage the enemy while continuing to direct Apache airstrikes.

"The Apaches were our lifeline," Crawford said. "They were consistently engaging. It was a battle of survival for us, and they unleashed hell on the enemy."

The original mission was to collect intelligence from a remote village sympathetic to the Taliban. However, the village had been burned prior to their arrival. Their mission quickly turned into a battle for survival, which was remarkably successful. The Special Operation Forces team suffered two Afghan Commando casualties, but more than 80 insurgents were killed during the engagement, including three high-ranking enemy commanders.

Crawford is currently assigned to the 104th Fighter Squadron in the Maryland Air National Guard's 175th Fighter Wing. He will soon attend pilot training to fly the A-10 Thunderbolt II.

The Air Force Cross is the service's highest medal, and second only to the Medal of Honor.

The last Air Force Cross was awarded to an Air Force combat controller, Staff Sgt. Robert Gutierrez Jr., Oct. 27, 2011 at Hurlburt Field, Fla. Previously another Air Force combat controller, Staff Sgt. Zachary J. Rhyner, was presented the medal March 10, 2009, at Pope Air Force Base, N.C.

Health fair educates community, families

By Shaina Marie Santos
Joint Region Edge Staff

Service members, civilians and families learned about several health subjects during a health fair at the Charles King Fitness Center (CKFC) on U.S. Naval Base Guam April 14.

The event was sponsored by U.S. Naval Hospital (USNH) Guam, CKFC, Navy Exchange Guam, the American Red Cross, Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC), and Airman and Family Readiness Center (AFRC). The sponsors lured attendees to participate and learn by including learning stations, fitness demonstrations, a food demo and giveaways.

Luis Martinez, USNH Guam head of health promotion, said the emphasis of the fair was maintaining a healthy lifestyle that can also prevent some health issues.

"The family health fair is our effort to get the word out to our beneficiaries about the importance of health promotion, prevention and wellness," he said. "The truth is, the vast majorities of diseases we suffer from can be prevented. So the emphasis today [is] on all of those things that we can do as well as some of the things we



Helpful Information: U.S. Naval Hospital (USNH) Guam Nurse Manager Lt. Serena Darity, right, speaks with a presenter from the Airman Family and Readiness Center during the Family Health Fair at the Charles King Fitness Center (CKFC) on U.S. Naval Base Guam April 14. The event sponsored by USNH, CKFC, Navy Exchange Guam and other organizations drew a number of participants to learn about health and wellness. U.S. Navy photo by Shaina Marie Santos/Released

shouldn't be doing is just live better, be healthier, live longer, be happier."

USNH Guam Nurse Manager Lt. Serena Darity echoed Martinez' sentiments and added the need to concentrate on family health as previous fairs were focused specifically on women's health.

"We had a women's health symposium back in October of last year and realized that after talking about the event that we really needed to get the rest of the families involved to talk about what keeps family healthy and talk

about preventative measures," she said. "It's important to get the family involved in learning about their health."

Events of the day included fitness demonstrations. Darity said the demonstrations were to encourage new things into patrons' fitness routines.

"Maybe we can bring a different routine into their schedule for eating healthy, and doing things healthy and getting together as a family and doing healthy things," she said.

36th Medical Group Airman 1st Class Casey Kosbiel presented the women's health booth.

"Everyone seems really interested," she said. "Everybody knows about breast exams, but nobody really knows what they're looking for. We have models; you can come and feel the [breast] lumps."

Kosbiel said she enjoyed the atmosphere of the fair.

"Everybody's really welcoming and fun," she said. "[Presenters] try to incorporate games into [presentations] so everybody gets interested and for the kids, there's little given away

SAPR advocates reach out to local community



Team Support: Lori Naputi, of the Family Advocacy Program on Andersen Air Force Base, left, U.S. Naval Base Guam Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC) Evangeline Cabacar, center, and Interior Communications Electrician Master Chief (IDW/SW/AW) Steven Dupree, U.S. Naval Computer and Telecommunications Station, volunteer to provide information to the community during a Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) and Child Abuse Prevention Month outreach at the Guam Premier Outlets in Tamuning April 14. According to Cabacar, the event allowed organizations on and off base to come together during SAAM to support one another. "Whether we're on or off base, we basically all work together when it comes to sexual assault cases," she said. "We're out here to show the community that we on base also work with organizations off base and that we support one another." U.S. Navy photo by JoAnna Delfin/Released

Australian War College visits Naval Base Guam

By Mass Communication Specialist
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U.S. Naval Base Guam Public Affairs

U.S. Naval Base Guam (NBG) welcomed members of the Australian Defense Force Centre for Strategic and Defense Studies (CDSS) for joint-service overview briefs and a tour of the base April 13.

The CDSS, which is essentially the Australian version the U.S. war college program, consists of more than 45 senior officers preparing for a star rank by taking a one year of training lessons called Defense and Strategic Studies Course (DSSC).

"We're part of a regional study tour," said Maj. Gen. Craig Orme, commander of the Australian Defense Conference. "Now we're visiting Guam as part of the U.S. strategic response to the challenges [the U.S.] is facing in region security."

According to the CDSS mission statement, their goal is to provide officers of the Australian Defense Force (ADF), the Australian Public Service and overseas participants, such as officers from allied militaries, with the knowledge and skills required by commanders, strategic leaders and managers engaged in national security issues.

"Australia and the U.S. in this region have long been partners, all the way back to the second world war, where the U.S. was key in securing Australia's defense," Orme said.



Meeting of the Minds: U.S. Naval Base Guam (NBG) Executive Officer Cmdr. Christopher Flis, welcomes members of the Australian Defense Force Centre for Strategic and Defense Studies on NBG for joint service overview briefs at Molly McGees Irish Pub April 13. The visit was part of the Defense and Strategic Studies Course, which helps senior officers in the Australian military develop skills required to handle national security issues. U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Corey Hensley/Released

"Since then we've been close partners, both in this region, but also in Iraq, Afghanistan and Vietnam. So it's a long and enduring partnership."

The official party arrived on base in the morning and was escorted to Molly McGee's Irish Pub where Cmdr. Christopher Flis, executive officer of NBG, introduced himself

on behalf of the command.

"We always enjoy having our allies in to see what's going on in Guam, and give them our view on how important the island is in this area of the world," Flis said. "There really is no substitute for having face-to-face meetings where you can actually meet folks and talk

about things that are important to both of you."

Several briefs were held by U.S. Navy Capt. Daniel Cuff, Joint Guam Program Office Forward, and Col. Theodore Corallo, Andersen Air Force Base 36th Operations Group. Flis closed out the briefs with an overview of NBG and its tenant commands.

"Guam is a very strategic location for this part of the world," Flis said. "We have a lot of countries come in for ship visits, so to actually talk to [allies] about some of the current issues and the geo-political climate is always a good thing."

After the briefs the official party boarded their buses for a base wind-shield tour.

An extensive lunch buffet at Molly's allowed the group to relax before meeting their spouses for some shopping at the Navy Exchange.

"The key issue in military-to-military relationships are people," Orme said. "So we get to come and get our boots on the ground, and mix your people with our people, and build those personal relationships, those personal friendships, but also get a sense of what it's like to live here on the island, to see what a great opportunity it is to serve here, and see how strategically important Guam is to our regional defense."



Get healthy while celebrating Earth Month

By Kevin D. Evans
Joint Region Marianas
Energy Manager

This is a fun reminder to folks that Earth Day is this weekend, April 22, and that the festivities continue throughout the month. Here are some fitness-related events celebrating Earth Day occurring this week. On Friday, April 20 there is a free 5K fun run with a 5 p.m. showtime and a 5:30 p.m. start time. The race route will pass through many historical points of interest on U.S. Naval Base Guam (NBG) including Sumay and Sumay Church; Clipper Cove; Pan Am Hotel; Standard Oil Pier; World War II (WWII) Fuel Piers; Trans-Pacific Cable Station; WWII War Dog Memorial and Japanese Steps, Cliff Fortifications; and Prisoner of War Amphitheatre.

Registration is at the NBG Charles King Gym Fitness Center to receive a race bib or may also be completed at the race. There are prizes for the top three male and female finishers by age for adult, young adult and children. Please call 339-2049 or 685-5387 for more information.

On Earth Day itself, is the "Run for Nature" 5K with a showtime 5:45 a.m. at Upi Elementary School (near the back gate of Andersen Air Force Base). The start time is 6:30 a.m. The course will start and end at school in Yigo with educational information about the Northern Guam Lens, which is our primary drinking water source and directly under the race course provided. Please register at Upi Elementary School, any Guam Running Club race or at the Hornet Sporting Goods in Tamuning. All proceeds of the run will benefit Upi's Parent-Teacher Organization and Upi's Go Green Club. There is a small cost per person which goes up on the day of the race. For more information visit <http://epa.guam.gov/activities/earthday-2012/running-is-my-nature-5k/>.

So, enjoy the weekend, get fit and celebrate Earth Day all together. See you on the run!

Andersen AFB tests capabilities



Above Left: Airman 1st Class Cody Frediani, 36th Civil Engineer Squadron explosive ordnance disposal technician, drives a robot through a control panel at Andersen Air Force Base during an exercise April 11. The robot that is remotely driven allows explosive ordnance disposal unites to work at a safe distance from the area of concern, while identifying the contents. U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Carlin Leslie/Released



Above Right Staff Sgt. Denise Downs, 36th Civil Engineer Squadron (CES) emergency management hazardous material and chemical biological radiological nuclear environmental technician, briefs Assistant Fire Chief Brian Omeara, 36th CES Fire Department, on emergency management procedures on Andersen Air Force Base during an exercise April 12. U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Carlin Leslie/Released



Right: An explosive ordnance disposal (EOD) robot opens a suspicious package on Andersen Air Force Base during an exercise April 11. The robot is remotely driven, allowing EOD to work at a safe distance from the area of concern, while identifying the contents. U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Carlin Leslie/Released

Dorm of the quarter

By Chief Master Sgt. Margarita Overton
36th Wing Command
Master Sergeant

“Excellence – some excel because they are destined to, most excel because they are determined to.”

These are the words inscribed on Senior Airman Kenneth Cabanas, 36th Maintenance Squadron’s, certificate for winning the Dormitory Room of the Quarter for January through April 2012.

“It’s an awesome feeling to be recognized for my excellence from the time I wake up, to the end of duty day,” Airman Cabanas said.

The Dorm Room of the Quarter Recognition Program was launched in October 2011. The purpose is to recognize and reward Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen residing in Team Andersen unaccompanied housing for being empowered to improve their personal quality of life and for exceeding the required housing standards within a specified quarter. Each group/tenant unit may submit one resident per quarter whose room has exceeded standards and each group/tenant unit provides an inspector to assess the winner on competition day.

The rooms are assessed and graded on overall cleanliness, appearance and personalization. The winner obtains a coin from the command chief master sergeant, some monetary prizes from Army and Air Force Exchange Services, 36th Force Support Squadron and Andersen’s Chiefs Group and a dorm room of the quarter parking sign which they are allowed to place in the parking spot of their choosing for an entire quarter.

“I’m extremely proud of the great stewardship Airman Cabanas exhibits in the dormitory; that stewardship bleeds into everything he does,” said Senior Master Sgt. Joanne Reed, 36th Maintenance Group First Sergeant. “He sets an outstanding example for all of us.”

Next quarter, the First Sergeant Council has developed a way to expand the competition further by instituting a Dormitory of the Quarter competition whereby the winning dormitory will receive \$2,500 and apply those funds toward a quality of life purchase that will benefit the respective dormitory residents. To find out more about Team Andersen’s Dormitory Recognition Program please contact your first sergeant, chief, or command chief master sergeant.



Mr. Clean: Senior Airman Kenneth Cabanas of the 36th Maintenance Squadron receives Dorm Room of the Quarter for January to April 2012. To find out more about Team Andersen’s Dormitory Recognition Program please contact your first sergeant, chief, or command chief master sergeant. U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Master Sgt. Joanne Reed/Released

ESL, Louisville build community relations

Right: A young girl at Likas Hospital in Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia plays ball with Machinist’s Mate Fireman Apprentice Christi Salvato, assigned to submarine tender USS Emory S. Land’s (AS 39), during a community service project April 4. Sailors from Land and Los Angeles-class fast attack submarine USS Louisville (SSN 724) volunteered for the project as part of a theater security cooperation and friendship mission to the region. Louisville, homeported in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, is 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 Chris Williamson/Released

Right Center: Electronics Technician 2nd Class (SS/AW) Daniel Medina, from submarine tender USS Emory S. Land’s (AS 39), colors a picture with children at Likas Hospital in Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia during a community service project April 4. Sailors from Land and Los Angeles-class fast attack submarine USS Louisville (SSN 724) volunteered for the project as part of a theater security cooperation and friendship mission to the region. U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Chris Williamson/Released



Group Fun: Children from Likas Hospital in Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia wave hello to Ship’s Serviceman Seaman Nikkinda Scott of submarine tender USS Emory S. Land (AS 39) and Chief Sonar Technician Submarine (SS) Winfred Cameron of Los Angeles-class fast attack submarine USS Louisville (SSN 724) April 4. Sailors from both ships volunteered for the community service project as part of a theater security cooperation and friendship mission to the region. U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Chris Williamson/Released



“What’s That?”: Lt. Aaron Robertson, submarine tender USS Emory S. Land’s (AS 39) command chaplain, lets a young girl at Likas Hospital in Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia, play with his phone during a community service project April 4. Sailors from Land and Los Angeles-class fast attack submarine USS Louisville (SSN 724) volunteered for the project as part of a theater security cooperation and friendship mission to the region. U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Chris Williamson/Released

Sniffing Out the Bad Guys: Members from U.S. Naval Base Guam Security's working dog detail begin to search the area around the base Laundromat in response to a bomb threat April 12, during Exercise Citadel Pacific 2012. The training was a three-day annual exercise designed to enhance the training and readiness of Navy Security forces that respond to threats to installations and units. U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Corey Hensley/Released



CP12: Exercise tests response, awareness

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"The installation training team, led by Mr. Christopher Bobrowski, expertly utilized each day to maximize training exposure to all participants," he said. "Combined with the routine training that occurs within the installations, these three days allowed us to accomplish objectives and requirements identified for this exercise."

Master-at-Arms Seaman Stepfon Sanders of NBG Security, took part in the exercise and was glad to experience something different aside from his daily work activities.

"We don't tackle things like this every day," he said. "It's sometimes a day-to-day routine of this and that where we get into a seat of monotony, and to have these drills and for us to actually get into that situation, it kind of throws you for a loop and sees what you're really training for and what you're working up toward."

As with every regional exercise, Moon hoped all participants took pride in their accomplishments.

"Every exercise event offers an opportunity for participants to



At the Watch: Sailors assigned to U.S. Naval Base Guam Security chase a gunman who fled to a field by Naval Hospital Guam during security alert drill using simulated rounds April 12. The drill was part of Exercise Citadel Pacific 2012, a three-day annual exercise designed to enhance the training and threat response readiness of Navy Security forces to installations and units. U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Corey Hensley/Released

reflect on their individual effort," he said. "In our efforts to improve we examine the actions of the participants and use lessons learned as a means to collect feedback on performance, policy, and procedure.

We feel confident the participants will provide their expert analysis through the lessons learned process to support the overall effort to increase unit and individual readiness."



Preparation: Missile maintainers from the 36th Munitions Squadron transport a Conventional Air-Launched Cruise Missile during the PreCombat Ammunition Production Exercise (CAPEX) on Andersen Air Force Base April 9. During the CAPEX approximately 100 inspectors will evaluate the processes and procedures for building munitions to support the wing's operational plan. U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Jeffrey Schultze/Released

CAPEX: Joint training to rate more than 200 Airmen

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"The evaluators will be looking at a variety of things such as technical accuracy, the breakout plan and that the equipment and that personnel are distributed evenly."

The Airmen are practicing all different aspects to prepare themselves.

"Today we just did a bomb roll as part of the pre exercise," said Senior Airman Jeremy Cowger, 36th MUNS crew chief. "This is getting us prepared to get our munitions prepped up quickly."

The Airmen of the 36th MUNS will also be working alongside deployed troops from the 5th Munitions Squadron out of Minot AFB during the CAPEX. Together, about 200 Airmen will be



Line-Up: An ammunition troop from the 36th Munitions Squadron rolls a bomb onto a trailer for transport during the Pre-Combat Ammunition Production Exercise (CAPEX) on Andersen Air Force Base April 9. During the CAPEX approximately 100 inspectors will evaluate the processes and procedures for building munitions to support the wing's operational plan. U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Jeffrey Schultze/Released

evaluated.

"The pre-exercise is important because it gets the kinks out of the way so when it comes time for the real exercise we are familiar with the operations," said Airman First Class Tyler Heimer, deployed from 5th MUNS.

The Airmen will be working 24-hour operations to support the exercise and won't know what bombs they are required to build until the exercise kicks off.

"Right now we are making sure we have the right tools together and that they are functioning properly," said Master Sgt. Stephen Taylor, 5th MUNS team lead. "My intentions are for us to get everything assembled and the aircraft loaded. It is a very dynamic environment for these guys to get a hand on as well as a pre-run in testing their skills."

The CAPEX hasn't been conducted on Andersen since 2008 and is only practiced in Pacific Air Forces. Swiderski said that along with seeing a vast improvement work-wise throughout the three pre-exercises, she has also seen a rise in morale.

"This is a good representation of what will be happening next week and we are really testing what we have learned so far," he said. "This has been a great training experience for everyone."



Remembering History: Visitors to U.S. Naval Base Guam (NBG) listen as Father Eric Forbes conducts holy Mass on NBG April 14 near what was once Sumay village. The event was part of Back to Sumay Day, a celebration that welcomed back former residents of the pre-World War II village and their descendants. U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Corey Hensley/Released

Cultural Display of Talent: Students from Cmdr. William C. McCool Elementary/Middle School perform a local dance for friends and family on U.S. Naval Base Guam April 14. The event was part of Back to Sumay Day, a celebration that welcomed back former residents and their descendants of Sumay village, which was destroyed during the Japanese occupation of World War II. U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Corey Hensley/Released

Naval Base Guam annual

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

Sailors assigned to U.S. Naval Base Guam (NBG) welcomed island residents the third annual Back to Sumay Day celebration April 14.

The annual event began in 2010 by then-base commanding officer Capt. Scott Galbreath with the goal of inviting former residents of the pre-World War II village and their descendants back to this once flourishing site.

"Today is a sentimental journey back in time as we look around and try to imagine how life was here," said Santa Rita Mayor Dale Alvarez. "It was the center of activity both in business and family gatherings."

Sumay village was once known as the "Pearl of the Island" before the war between U.S. and Japanese forces decimated the area. Evolving from a small fishing village to the agricultural and commercial hub for ships in the mid-1800s, it became an economically rich village by the 1930s.

It was located near Apra Harbor and within proximity to the Orote Airfield and other U.S. military stations that helped the village thrive.

The event kicked off with a religious mass near the Cross of the Nuestra Senora de Guadalupe, which is all that remains of the former Sumay church. Afterwards, opening remarks were made by Alvarez, who also invited Capt. Richard Wood, commanding officer of NBG, to say a few words.

"It's truly an honor to host this today," Wood said. "We're so thrilled to have so many people who have an historic tie to this land back today. We hope that you feel welcome and that you enjoy the day."

Former Sumay resident Lucy Anderson attended the event and vividly recalled different activities that occurred in what was once the island's hub for businesses and communities.

"The way Sumay looked, it was a beautiful place," she said. "Everything was in Sumay, the Pan American [Skyways Hotel], the Marine Barracks, the [Trans-Pacific] Cable Station. Sumay



Guam celebrates Sumay Day

was the biggest place in Guam.”

When the Japanese attacked Guam December 8, 1941, the same day Pearl Harbor was attacked, it was the beginning of the end for the village. All the residents including Anderson, who was just 16 at the time, were forced to leave so the Japanese could occupy the homes and buildings.

Three years later the pre-liberation bombardment by U.S. forces destroyed several west coast villages including Sumay. Because of its strategic value to the war campaign in the Pacific, Sumay and surrounding area at Orote peninsula was absorbed into the new Navy Operating Base or Naval Supply Depot, and all former residents were relocated to what is now the village of Santa Rita.

“It was pretty complex town, and it’s unfortunate that the war had to happen and some of these towns had to go away,” said Senior Chief Navy Diver William Dunn, assigned to USS Frank Cable (AS 40).

Dunn was just one of many sailors from various commands on Guam who volunteered their

time for this event. Early in the morning, sailors assisted the mayor’s staff in setting up tents, tables and chairs. Some directed guests to parking areas, escorted the elderly, picked up trash, and assisted with anything else that was needed.

“We’re on their land and I think it’s good for us to show respect for them and let them come back and visit it to see that we’re taking good care of it,” Dunn said. “It also lets the Sailors understand a little bit more about Naval Base Guam and Guam itself, and maybe a take a little more pride in the history that is here.”

Throughout the day there was food, music, cultural dancing entertainment and historical displays and photos dating back to a pre-World War II Sumay. The elders of the former residents ranging in age from 83 to 92 were also honored with gifts presented by Alvarez.

In 1974, the former Sumay village area became known as the Sumay Historic District and was listed on the Guam Register of Historic Places.



Learning Guam’s History: Sailors assigned to various commands on Guam, stand watch as Father Eric Forbes conducts holy Mass, April 14, near what was once Sumay village on U.S. Naval Base Guam. U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Corey Hensley/Released



Chamorro Tradition: Former residents of Sumay village, and their descendants, enjoy a meal together on U.S. Naval Base Guam April 14. U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Corey Hensley/Released



A Look Back in Time: Rear Adm. Paul Bushong, commander of Joint Region Marianas, and Toni Ramirez, an island historian, look over Pre-World War II (WWII) photos of Sumay village, which was once located where Naval Base Guam now sits. U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Corey Hensley/Released

Central Guam

holds history of island battles

By Shaina Marie Santos
Joint Region Edge Staff

Though the heart of Guam is populated with numerous businesses, the island's history peeks through today's modernized villages in the form of ruins, monuments and memorials, reminders of Guam's embattled past.

When traveling through central Guam, tourists and local explorers can visit many key sites and examine historical artifacts from World War II (WWII).

At many sites and monuments, plaques are displayed to illustrate the memorial's place in history, so visitors can read what happened without a tour guide.

Guam Department of Parks and Recreation Historian Toni Ramirez said these signs relate a place to its history.

"These wayside signs really help you out to understand the place, the significance and it relates the historical past of that one given area," he said. "It spells out or outlines the history of Guam of nearly 4,000 years."

Ramirez said the approach of visiting a historical site is learning history through the landscape and structures.

"You're not reading a book now, you're actually seeing a place where history took place and

the place is telling you a story," he said.

National Park Service (NPS) Aide Moneka DeOro said though she grew up on Guam, she did not know too much about Guam's war experiences.

"We celebrate Liberation Day every year, but it's interesting to see the sites where U.S. personnel came, to see the remnants of the Japanese defenses," she said. "It's just another layer of history that the island has."

DeOro described Guam as a fun place to grow up and live and suggests having an open mind when exploring the island as well as checking out local fruit and vegetable stands along the way.

"The island has a lot of natural beauty and history and stories that the land tells us," she said.

Guam's central region alone boasts a number of historical parks and monuments such as the Plaza de Espana. Some historic ruins can be found among modern buildings, which go unnoticed by daily traffic.

Plaza de Espana, Hagatna

The Plaza de Espana sits in the heart of Guam's capital of Hagatna. The former home of administrations from Guam's Spanish, U.S. naval, and Japanese eras, the plaza was destroyed in WWII. However, its ruins still remain today as a popular attraction and testament to Guam's varied history.

- **Directions:** Traveling south toward Hagatna from Route

1, Marine Corps Drive, take a left across from the Chamorro Village into Aspinall Ave. Follow the road and take another left after the Hagatna Post Office. Take a right into the Dulce Nombre de Maria Cathedral-Basilica and walk onto the plaza adjacent to the cathedral.

- **Hours of operation:** Daily
- **Entrance fee:** Free

Latte of Freedom, Adelup

Following a dream of former Governor Ricardo Bordallo, the Latte of Freedom was built at the Ricardo J. Bordallo Governor's Complex in Adelup to serve as a welcoming monument, much like a Statue of Liberty. Inside the Latte, visitors can take advantage of a breathtaking view of the Philippine Sea as well as explore the Hall of Governors. For more information call 475-4634.

- **Directions:** Drive south on Route 1 and take a right at the complex. Enter through white gate which leads up the hill. Parking is available next to the Latte.

- **Hours of operation:** Monday - Friday: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Sunday, Holidays: 9 a.m.-noon

- **Entrance fee:** Guam residents and military: \$2 with presentation of driver's license. Non residents: \$3



Memorial: A bronze mural welcomes visitors to the War in the Pacific Asan Beach Overlook on Nimitz Hill April 7. The site overlooks over Asan Bay, a historic landing site of U.S. Marines during the recapture of Guam from Japanese forces during World War II. U.S. Navy photo by Shaina Marie Santos/ Released

Ages six-11: \$1
Children under six are free.

Fonte Plateau Unit, Nimitz Hill

According to the National Park Service, the unit was once a Japanese naval communications center and a site of a battle between U.S. Marines and Japanese troops during WWII. The Fonte Plateau is now known as Nimitz Hill, named after U.S. Navy Adm. Chester Nimitz.

- **Directions:** Driving south on Route 1, take a left at the stop light across from the Ricardo J. Bordallo Governor's Complex onto Route 6. Follow the hill and turn into the clearing on your right-hand side.

- **Hours of operation:** Daily
- **Entrance fee:** Free

Asan Bay Overlook, Nimitz Hill

The Asan Bay Overlook features bronze sculptures, depicting scenes on Guam from WWII and a memorial wall with names of those who survived or perished during the war. The site looks over

Asan Beach Park, which is another site maintained under the National Park Service. The beach, which was defended by Japanese forces, was a landing site of U.S. Marines during the recapture of Guam.

- **Directions:** Head south on Route 6 past the Fonte Plateau Unit. Continue until you reach the park sign.

- **Hours of operation:** Daily, vehicular access hours are 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- **Entrance fee:** Free

The NPS Web site, www.nps.gov, offers safety tips when traveling around the island, instructing visitors not to enter any caves or tunnels for possible presence of explosives, disturb any ammunition, historical features or natural objects.

When traveling through Guam, keep an eye out for the numerous monuments that litter the region. Small stops and side at-

Monumental Stories: A sign tells the story of Guam's recapture by U.S. forces during World War II at the War in the Pacific Asan Beach Overlook on Nimitz Hill April 4. U.S. Navy photo by Shaina Marie Santos/Released



Getting ready for the world: High school graduates prepare

By Shaina Marie Santos
Joint Region Edge Staff

High school graduates looking toward higher education have a number of resources readily available to help them get started in planning their futures.

Guam High School (GHS) counselor Rolyn Baldevia said counselors meet with students to discuss post-secondary plans.

"In determining their future, students need to consider the choices they make," she said. "Should they wish to continue their education, they need to look at the opportunities that are available."

Baldevia said during this time, however, seniors are especially pre-occupied with prom and graduation, some students seeking information upon graduating or entering the military services.

"As we begin fourth quarter, it is a constant reminder to seniors that the next nine weeks are crucial in getting their grades up," she said. "Communicating to seniors and their parents are at a constant at this time of year with teachers."

U.S. Naval Base Guam (NBG) College Office Director Jessica Mojicarivera said when those seeking a higher education seek counsel; the

first step is determining the desired result.

"The first thing we do is ask them, what do they want to be when they grow up," she said. "From there, I look up what schools are best for them."

Mojicarivera said proper planning is important for a student's overall learning experience.

"A student that is invested and interested in what they're studying, they'll be a better student," she said. "If they have a goal and they're reaching toward their goal, they'll put an effort behind reaching that goal."

For students determined to pursue a higher education, Mojicarivera advises to check specific details when researching different schools.

"They should always check the accreditation of the school," she said. "If you don't know their accreditation, whatever degree you might pursue might not be worth anything."

She added that some students learn differently, some preferring in-classroom learning and others opting for online courses.

Available to those seeking assistance is an open shelf of college research material and the opportunity

to register for the Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT), American College Test (ACT) or College Level Examination Program (CLEP) testing that is free for service members the first time, while others must pay fees.

According to University of Maryland University College (UMUC) Asia academic advisor Audrey Westfall, approximately 30 to 40 students seek counsel on a monthly basis.

"Because today's job market is so competitive, having a bachelor's and, or associate's [degree] puts you ahead of someone who doesn't have one," she said. "Job experience may be a plus; however, having the job experience and the degree is a bonus for companies."

Westfall also suggest students consider their future careers that their degree will get them into.

"Choose a degree that will get you into a career that you'll have a passion for," she said. "Money isn't everything; however if the money keeps you happy on the job and at doing your job, pursue the degree. Don't stop at achieving the dream to be that professional."

The NBG College Office is open Monday- Friday 6:30 a.m.- 4 p.m. and can be reached at 339-8291.

The UMUC Asia Office is open 8 a.m.- 5 p.m., Monday- Friday and can be reached at 339-2263.

DoDEA Guam schools prepare for STEM awareness week

From Department of Defense
Education Activity Guam District Public
Affairs

The Department of Defense Education Activity's (DoDEA) STEM initiative is an educational program designed to provide students with opportunities to be successful in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. The program's purpose is to ignite the passion of students to pursue education and careers in STEM disciplines. The three goals of the DoDEA STEM initiative are to:

- Create K-12 student interest, participation, and achievement in higher levels of math, science, and technology through the engineering design process,

- Attract and retain students to STEM fields with a focus on underrepresented and female populations, and

- Support the national security focus on the shortage of STEM professionals

For more information visit the DoDEA STEM link at <http://www.dodea.edu/curriculum/profTech.cfm?cid=stem>.

Schedule of Activities

April 23

Description of Activities: STEM Kickoff! Announcement of week-long STEM opportunity per school

STEM Professional and/or community partner involvement:

STEM professional and local professionals as guest speakers.

April 24

Description of Activities: Research/design planning.

Alignment of research and design planning to engineering design

STEM Professional and/or community partner involvement: STEM professional and local professionals as mentors

April 25

Description of Activities: Building of the design, encouraging STEM principles and relating experiences to STEM career fields

STEM Professional and/or community partner involvement: STEM professional and local professionals as mentors

April 26

Description of Activities: Testing of the design Modeling scientific design testing and relating experiences to STEM career fields

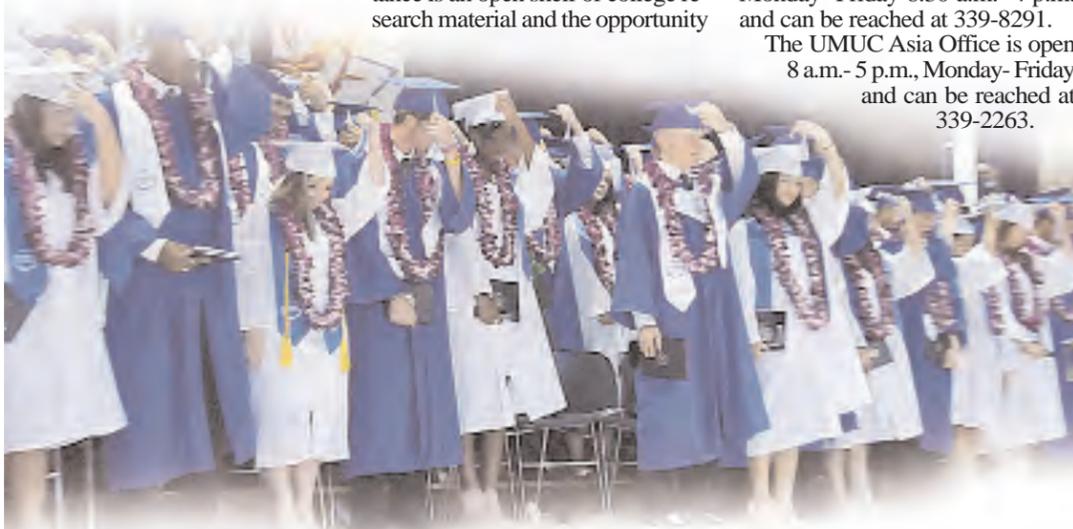
STEM Professional and/or community partner involvement: STEM professional and local professionals as mentors

April 27

Description of Activities: STEM Reflection

A reflection of STEM principles and career fields.

STEM Professional and/or community partner involvement: STEM professional in the school



Ready for the World: Guam High School (GHS) graduates turn their tassels after receiving their diplomas during the GHS commencement ceremony at the GHS gymnasium in Agana Heights June 10, 2011. Joint Region Edge file photo

Teacher of the Year honored at MEMS



"A+" for Teacher: Cmdr. William C. McCool Elementary/Middle School teacher Jean Tuquero, second from left, and her family pose for a photo with Guam Congresswoman Madeline Z. Bordallo, left, and Rear Adm. Paul Bushong, commander of Joint Region Marianas, after Tuquero received the Teacher of the Year award at the school's campus April 6. Photo courtesy of Maria Rubio

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 Lt. Alan Fleming
USS Frank Cable (AS 40) Chaplain

When a Chamber of Commerce asked employers what they are looking for in employees, the overwhelming response was people of good character. People with sound character were more valued than those with high computer skills. It was noted that while it is easy to find someone capable of running a computer, it is becoming increasingly difficult to find individuals of strong character.

Training for good character begins with training in good manners. Let's define good manners as consistently doing that which makes others feel comfortable – respecting others. The cornerstone of good character is respect for others. Good manners and good character cannot be separated for the former is

Manners: What's the big deal?

symptomatic of the latter and is its natural outflow.

While it is true that our children learn much from watching our lives and while modeling good manners is important, it is not enough. Good manners must be taught and reinforced over time. The primary route to teaching good manners is instruction – stating the expectation, stating how to meet the expectation and rehearsal of the new behavior.

In Deuteronomy 6, the Bible says

that we are to teach our children as we go about life – as we sit at home, as we travel, in the evening and in the morning. This is an intentional and deliberate act of instruction that shapes and molds lives. In Deuteronomy, the topic of instruction is the law God gave to his people – a law that tells us how to rightly relate to others, with respect and how to rightly relate to God, also with respect.

Traditional parenting expert John Rosemond states that “good

manners go hand-in-hand with obedience and respect for adults, doing one's best in school, and good relationships with siblings and friends.” Good manners are at the core of success in life whether you are eight or 88 and as manners are taught the character is being shaped.

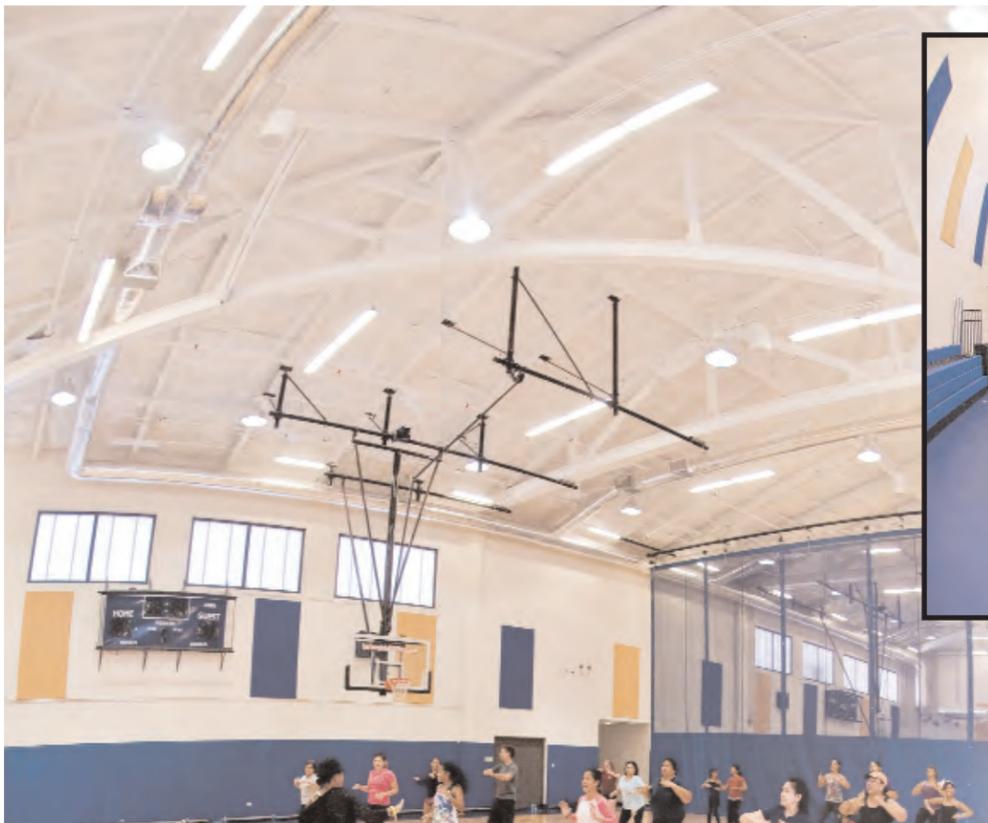
In a recent issue of Reader's Digest, author Rory Evans asked the question, “Where are our manners?” She noted that while we have many reasons to be rude we have no excuses for being rude. The article, directed at us adults, discusses our fall from a society of propriety to our becoming a society that learns its manners from the likes of reality-TV stars and shady politicians – a distressing thought!

No doubt our challenge is to see life's annoyances differently and to apply what is in essence a humble and respectful response. A response that considers what is best for the other person. After all this is the core of good character.



36th Wing Chapel receives award

Best of the Best: The Andersen Air Force Base 36th Wing Chapel staff stand for a group photo to receive the 2011 Air Force Outstanding Small Chapel Award April 11. The chapel staff was selected as Pacific Air Forces best small chapel and went on to win the prestigious award of best in the Air Force. They were selected based on wing mission impact, management, training, ministries and programs offered. U.S. Air Force photo illustration by Senior Airman Jeffrey Schultze/Released



Exercising to the Beats: Diobelkis Ozuba gets her patrons in rythem during a Zumba class April 16 at Charles King Fitness Center on U.S. Naval Base Guam. The class is offered to all Morale Welfare and Recreation Patrons. U.S. Navy photos by Mass Communication specialist 2nd Class (SW) Corwin Colbert/Released

Patrons groove with Zumba moves

