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## Sailors judge science fair

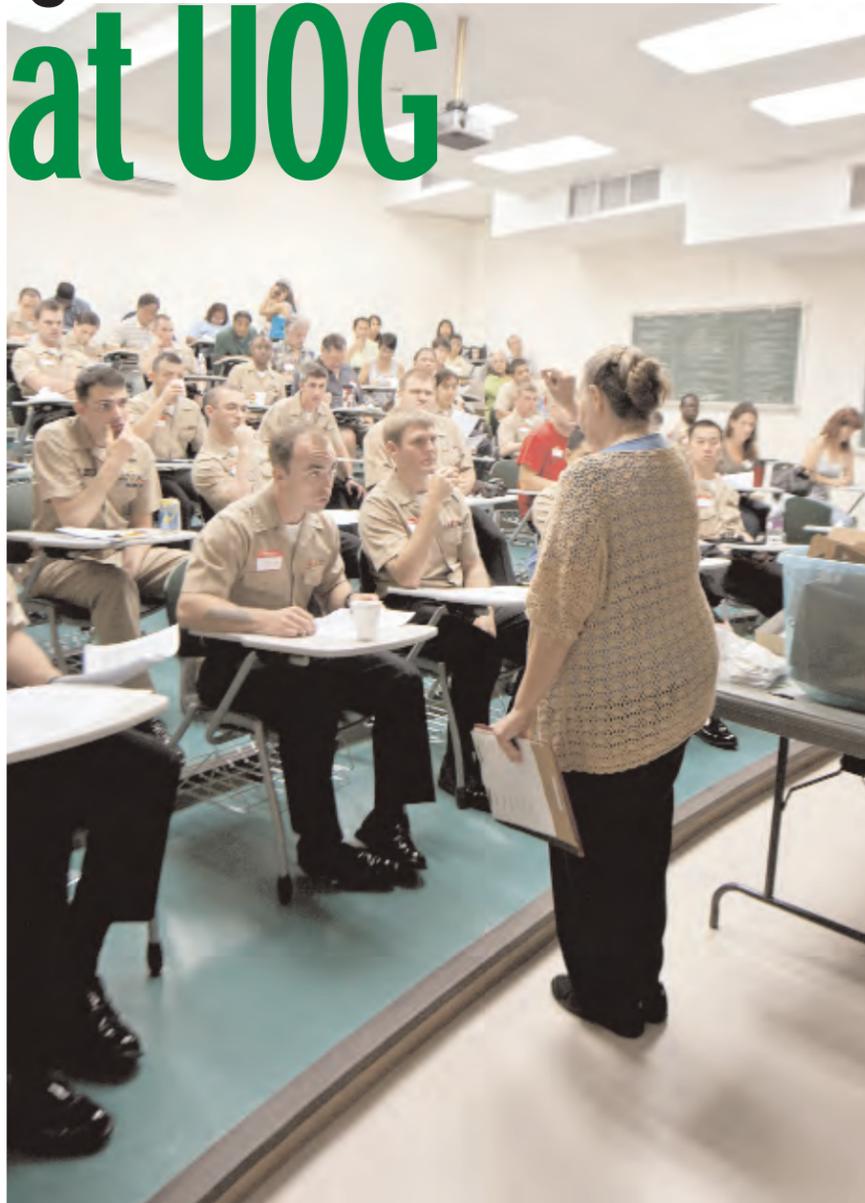
By Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW/AW) Jeremy Starr  
Joint Region Edge Staff

### at UOG

**S**ailors volunteered their time as judges to support the 34th Annual Island Wide Science Fair held at the University of Guam in Mangilao May 19. Sailors from USS Chafee (DDG 90), USS Emory S. Land (AS 39) and the U.S. Naval Hospital Guam judged student science projects from Cmdr. William C. McCool Elementary and Middle School, Andersen Elementary School, Andersen Middle School, and public and private schools located in Guam, Saipan, Rota and Tinian.

Seaman Peter Davidson, of Chafee, volunteered as a judge and said the Sailors were picked for judges to show their commitment to further education and support for Guam and to help kids in their evaluation of science.

"It has been excellent, the experiments we seen so far have far exceeded my expectations," he said. "I know they are smarter than I was coming



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**Judges Brief:** Sailors assigned to the Arleigh Burke-class guided missile destroyer USS Chafee (DDG 90), homeported in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, and Sailors assigned to various commands on Guam listen to science fair coordinator, Professor Claudia Taitano, as she explains the rules for judging student projects at the University of Guam in Mangilao May 19. The 34th Guam Annual Island Wide Science Fair, which was hosted by University of Guam, saw Sailors volunteer as judges, evaluating projects from students' grade kindergarten through high school all over Guam and now other Mariana Islands. U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Corey Hensley/Released

## Guardsmen adopt a park

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## Airmen honor security forces

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## Multicultural Festival brings Team Andersen entertainment, education

**Cultural Beats:** Performers dance as part of Andersen's first Multicultural Festival held at the Sunrise Conference Center on Andersen Air Force Base May 18. Several cultural performances were performed during the festival. U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Benjamin Wiseman/Released



By Senior Airman Veronica McMahon  
36th Wing Public Affairs

**T**eam Andersen celebrated its first multicultural festival May 18 at the Sunrise Conference Center.

The event featured foods, crafts, traditions such as dancing, as well as presentations from various cultures that comprise our wing, military and nation.

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# Expect traffic shift at NBG main gate

From U.S. Naval Base Guam  
Public Affairs

**F**rom June 5-Aug. 21, motorists entering and exiting the main gate on U.S. Naval Base Guam (NBG) should expect delays as lane closures and traffic diversions will take place in the immediate vicinity.

This is due to ongoing upgrades to underground water lines. Outbound traffic will be limited to one lane starting July 11-Aug 21. Maximum speed limit will be reduced from 15 mph to 5 mph for 200 yards on both travel lanes approaching the construction site.

As an alternative, the public is reminded that back gate is open for outbound traffic Monday-Friday from 3-5:30 p.m.



### 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.

#### Sixth Annual Navy League 2012 Golf Tournament

Get your golf swing on at the sixth annual Navy League 2012 Golf Tournament June 1 at the Country Club of the Pacific in Talofofo. Showtime is at 11:30 a.m. and shotgun start is at 12:30 p.m. This tournament is a two-person select callaway and is open to active military and civilian divisions. Fees are \$140 for two-person military teams and \$180 for civilian teams. Rates include green fee, light lunch and banquet. There will be prizes for the following categories: hole-in-one, closest to the pin (men and women) and longest drive (men and women). For more information, military members can call Gary Dedios at 888-9601 or Garydedios@yahoo.com. Civilian contacts are Brenda Balbin-Adams at 483-4040 or bbadams@sppcorp.com, or Marie Page at 687-8001 or Marie.Page@Hilton.com. Proceeds to benefit the 237th Navy Birthday Ball.

#### 2012 Relay for Life

Join the island's community at the 2012 Relay for Life at the George Washington Track and Field in Mangilao at 7 p.m. May 25 to 7 a.m. May 26. This annual event is held to show support for the battle against cancer. For more information, call Joe Rios at 689-5631.

### SCHOOL BULLETIN

The school bulletin aims to promote educational activities in the Navy and Air Force communities. If you know of an education-related event that you would like to include, send it to [jointregionedge@fe.navy.mil](mailto:jointregionedge@fe.navy.mil) or call 349-2115.

#### Leader of the Future Award

The Military Child Education coalition is soliciting nominations of persons 30 years of age or younger for the Leader of the Future Award. The award is given to an ethical leader of integrity and character, who is a model for all of us in defining the future in serving the common good and sustaining democracy. To nominate a candidate for the award, visit [www.hesselbeininstitute.org/events/index/html](http://www.hesselbeininstitute.org/events/index/html). Nomination deadline is July 1.

#### Phone Numbers

Andersen Elementary School: 366-1511  
Andersen Middle School: 366-3880/5793  
Cmdr. William C. McCool Elementary/Middle School: 339-8676  
Guam High School: 344-7410

## COMMUNITY Corner

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#### The Big Screen Theater

MAY 25 (FRIDAY)  
7 PM THE HUNGER GAMES PG-13  
9:30 PM WRATH OF THE TITANS PG-13

MAY 26 (SATURDAY)  
1 PM DR. SEUSS' THE LORAX PG  
3:30 PM JOHN CARTER PG-13  
7 PM AMERICAN REUNION R

MAY 27 (SUNDAY)  
1 PM MIRROR, MIRROR PG  
3:30 PM THE HUNGER GAMES PG-13  
7 PM 21 JUMP STREET R

Movie Hotline 564-1831 U.S. Naval Base Guam

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### MWR HAPPENINGS

#### U.S. Naval Base Guam

**Fleet and Family Support Center Classes**  
May 30: Disaster preparedness from 9-10 a.m.  
For more information, call 333-2056

#### NEX/MWR Summer Food and Festival

The Navy Exchange (NEX) and Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) proudly presents the Summer Food Festival June 9 from 6-8 p.m. at Molly McGees. Enjoy an evening of good food prepared with instructional demonstration by Morale, Welfare and Recreation's world-class culinary team while you sample a variety of fine wine for only \$1 per sample. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. Even is open to patrons 21 years or older. Registration deadline is June 8. For more information, call 685-5142.

### 36th FSS HAPPENINGS

#### Andersen Air Force Base

**Airman and Family Readiness Center Classes**  
May 31: Hearts Apart, Time TBD  
For more information, call 366-8136

#### Memorial Day Beach Bash

Don't miss the annual Memorial Day Beach Bash May 25 from 3-6 p.m. at Bamboo Willies. There will be fun and

games for the entire family. There will be no parking at the beach, however a shuttle service will be available from the intersection of the bottom of Tarague Hill. For more information, call 366-2339.

#### Free Outdoor Movie Night

Enjoy a movie under the stars and in the pool during the Hotspot's Free Outdoor Movie Night May 26 at the Andersen Air Force Base pool. The movie is the PG-rated animated feature "Shark Tale". Showtime is 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 366-2339.

### SPORTS SHORTS

#### U.S. Naval Base Guam

#### Swing Into Summer Golf Tournament

Admiral Nimitz Golf Course will be hosting their Swing Into Summer Golf Tournament June 15. The tournament will be a two-man team and multiple formats. Fees are \$30 for E1-E5, \$35 for E6 and above and retired service members, and \$45 for Department of Defense civilians. Sign up at the Admiral Nimitz Golf Course no later than June 13. For more information, call 344-5838.

#### Triple Play 3X3 Basketball

Join the Triple Play 3X3 basketball tournament to be held June 1 at the Charles King Fitness Center. Participants must be at least 13 years old and each team must have three players and at least one teen participant. Fee is \$5 per team. For more information, call 564-1844/5.

#### Captain's Cup Volleyball

Join the Captain's Cup Volleyball tournament. Open to active duty, reserve, Department of Defense civilians, immediate family members and DoD full-time contractors may participate. Register today at the Charles King Fitness Center by May 30. Call 333-2471 for more information.

#### Memorial day Handicap Tournament

Enjoy your Memorial Day this year at the Orote Point Lanes for a handicap tournament at 1 p.m. Entry fee for qualifying rounds are \$10 and the top 20 entry fee is \$20. For more information, call 564-1828.

#### Andersen Air Force Base

#### FitFamily Event: Super Kick Soccer Competition

Coral Reef Fitness Center's monthly FitFamily event will be the Super Kick Soccer competition at the soccer field May 26. Showtime is at 12:30 p.m. and start is at 1 p.m. For more information, call 366-6100.

#### Pre/Postnatal Exercise Classes

The Coral Reef Fitness Center offers a low intensity class designed for pregnant women and new mothers. A doctor's clearance form is required and is available at the Fitness Center. For more information, call 366-6100

# Andersen's Best: Staff Sgt. Jeremy Harris

**Great Job:** Staff Sgt. Jeremy Harris, 36th Medical Group dental hygienist, was awarded Andersen's Best on Andersen Air Force Base May 11. 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 Senior Airman Carline Leslie/Released

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

Staff Sgt. Jeremy Harris, 36th Medical Group dental hygienist, was awarded Andersen's Best on Andersen Air Force Base (AFB) May 11.

"Sgt. Harris provides care to more than 2,500 active duty patients at Andersen AFB," said Master Sgt. Beneria Hill, Harris' supervisor.

The planning and execution of the highly successful National Children's Dental

Health Month for the Andersen AFB community was all due to Harris's hard work, Hill continued.

"Sgt. Harris coordinated presentations to more than 1,000 children at Andersen Elementary School," Hill said. "Sgy. Harris's dental expertise was crucial to the recent base Health Fair which brought vital medical and dental information to 150 personnel."

Among his daily tasks, Harris also briefs expectant mothers on dental hygiene during pregnancy and infant dental health at the

Family Readiness Center on a monthly basis, Hill said.

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## NMCB 40 top performer saves careers

By Mass Communication Specialist  
2nd Class (SW/AW) Jeremy Starr  
Joint Region Edge Staff

Builder 1st Class (SCW) Steven Maldonado, of U.S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 40, guides and mentors young Sailors in their professions as the command's career counselor and is this week's top performer.

Recently nominated as the Sailor of the Quarter, Maldonado also heads the Enlisted Seabee Combat Warfare Specialist and Maintenance, Material, Management (3M) programs for the battalion.

"It's an honor to be selected Sailor of the Quarter among the many first-class Seabees here at NMCB 40," Maldonado said. "I believe we have a strong first-class mess here and it is a very competitive community with hard workers and strong leaders working six days a week with many collateral

duties over 10 hours a day."

As the career advisor to the Seabees, he supports the detachment as they are separated from their battalion's main body that is forward-deployed to Okinawa, Japan.

"The best thing I like about the job is developing troops and teaching them," Maldonado said. "I like being a career counselor because you get to help people who are unsure of what they want to do in their career or what they want to do with their education. I am able to do the research for them and get them the information they need in either situation."

"He is a tremendous support for the troops," said Senior Chief Construction Electrician (SCW) Michael Gallagher. "As young Sailors are going through the hardest times right now in the Navy facing enlisted retention board (ERB) and Perform-to-Serve (PTS), he helps their needs by pro-

viding them with vital information for their careers."

NMCB 40 is on an eight-month deployment headquartered at Camp Covington serving as the main construction support unit to U.S. Naval Base Guam and currently carries out many projects both on and off base. They will be heading back to Port Hueneme, Calif. in July to rejoin their battalion stateside.

**Outstanding Seabee** Builder 1st Class (SCW) Steven Maldonado, of U.S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 40, plots out a map for field exercises to prepare and train Seabees in the Enlisted Seabee combat warfare specialist (SCW) program at Camp Covington on U.S. Naval Base Guam May 17. Maldonado serves as the career counselor for the detachment and heads the SCW and Maintenance, Material, Management (3M) programs for the battalion. U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW/AW) Jeremy Starr/Released



# NAWMU-1 Sailors beautify sister village

By Yeoman 2nd Class (EXW) Brian Barnwell  
Naval Airborne Weapons Maintenance Unit 1

Sailors from Naval Airborne Weapons Maintenance Unit 1 (NAWMU-1) participated in an outreach project to help beautify their sister village of Santa Rita with Mayor Dale Alvarez April 21.

Several beautification projects were embarked on designed to reignite the relationship between NAWMU-1 and the residents of Santa Rita.

Multiple organizations within NAWMU-1 provided volunteers, material, and support. The NAWMU-1 First Class Petty Officer Association (FCPOA) constructed a partnership sign pledging continued command support. The sign was placed in front of the Santa Rita mayor's office.

In addition, Alvarez and Harry S. Truman Elementary School principal Michael Meno were on hand as members of the command replaced a faded directional school sign manufactured by NAWMU-1 Sailors.

"We've partnered with J.P. Torres Alternative School and Oceanview Middle School in the past, now Harry S. Truman Elementary," said Aviation Administrationman 1st Class Dustin Rabine, who is the NAWMU-1 FCPOA president. "Our goal is to remain actively involved in future outreach opportunities."

The NAWMU-1 Second Class



**New School Sign:** Chief Aviation Ordnanceman (AW) Donald Worely, Aviation Technician 1st Class (AW/SW) Jason Hecker, Aviation Maintenance Administrationman 1st Class (AW) Dustin Rabine and Aviation Technician 1st Class (AW/SW) Daniel Douglas, of Naval Airborne Weapons Maintenance Unit 1 (NAWMU-1) replace a sign to Harry S. Truman Elementary School in Santa Rita April 21. NAWMU-1 Sailors worked with the Santa Rita mayor's office to clean up the village. Photo courtesy of Naval Airborne Weapons Maintenance Unit 1

Petty Officer Association (SCPOA) thoroughly cleaned the War Memorial Dedication Statue in Santa Rita by pressure washing the statue, trimming the grass and picking up trash in the surrounding area. The enthusiastic Sailors also adopted a school bus stop, spending eight hours cleaning and painting to make it more presentable. By adopting this bus stop, these hard-charging petty officers have pledged their con-

tinued support to keep the area clean and the bus stop looking squared-away.

"This bus stop beautification project gives NAWMU-1 an opportunity to give back to the island of Guam for providing us with exceptional hospitality and open arms friendship," said Yeoman Second 2nd Class (EXW) Brian Barnwell, president of the NAWMU-1 SCPOA and one of the dedicated coordinators for this



**Above:** The War Memorial Statue in Santa Rita is photographed after Sailors from Naval Airborne Maintenance Unit 1 refurbished the monument in their sister village April 21. U.S. Navy photo by Aviation Electronics Technician 2nd Class (AW) Noah Thomas/Released

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event. "This is our small way of saying thank you."

NAWMU-1's aim is to pursue and target opportunities for future partnership, outreach and community efforts with their sister village and Alvarez. Partnering events serve as a great chance for Sailors to interact with the

neighboring residents of Santa Rita.

The next partnership event scheduled is a roadside clean up in June. Members of NAWMU-1 will team up with residents of Santa Rita to pick up trash along route 5 from the Naval Magazine entrance to route 2A.

# GNC opens shop at Navy Exchange Guam



**Above:** Patrons peruse through the aisles of the GNC store at the Navy Exchange Main Complex on NBBG May 15. Photo courtesy of the Guam Navy Exchange

**Left:** U.S. Naval Base Guam Commanding Officer Capt. Richard Wood, center, joins Guam Navy Exchange employees during a ribbon-cutting of the GNC store at the Navy Exchange Main Complex on NBBG May 15. Photo courtesy of the Guam Navy Exchange

# Army Guard Warrant officers spruce up park

From Guam National Guard Public Affairs

**A**rmy Warrant officers from the Guam Army National Guard (GUARNG) worked on sprucing up parts of Asan Memorial Beach Park May 11, in partnership with the Island Beautification Task Force.

Several of the Warrant officers worked on painting park benches, tables and the flag pole at the park, as well as clearing up the immediate surroundings of trash and debris.

"There are 17 Warrant officers assigned to the Guam Army National Guard and each contributed in a variety of ways," said Warrant Officer 2 Bernard Aguon.

The Guam Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) provided some of the paint and the warrant officers purchased the paintbrushes, rollers, pans and additional paint to support the cleanup effort, according to Aguon.

"This Saturday, we are looking at going out there and finishing off the rest of the work, such as the pavilion," said Command Chief Warrant Officer Francis Pablo. "We also want to plant flowers around the flag pole and parking lot, as well as coconut trees along the edge of the park close to the beach front."

The Warrant officers will be coming out to conduct a monthly upkeep effort of the park under DPR's Adopt-a-Park Program.

Warrant officers in the Army are the technical subject matter experts in their military occupation field.



**Left:** Guam Army National Guard (GUARNG) Chief Warrant Officer 3 Vincent Dela Cruz paints the memorial at the Asan Memorial Beach Park May 11. GUARNG warrant officers adopted the park under the Guam Department of Parks and Recreation's Adopt-a-Park program. Photo courtesy of the Guam National Guard



**Below:** Guam Army National Guard (GUARNG) Chief Warrant Officer 2 Robert Castro, left, and Chief Warrant Officer 2 Christopher Iwashita repaint a barbecue pit full of graffiti at the Asan Memorial Beach Park May 11. GUARNG warrant officers adopted the park under the Guam Department of Parks and Recreation's Adopt-a-Park program. Photo courtesy of the Guam National Guard

## Join warfighters in saving energy

By Kevin D. Evans  
Joint Region Marianas Energy Manager

An Admiral once asked me what the focus of my energy program was and being a 'beached' sailor, I said, "That every MBTU (one million British thermal unit) I saved was more 'beans, bullets and black oil' for the fleet." My Air Force colleagues will often say, it's to "keep aircraft flying."

Tactical use of energy is becoming a centerpiece of energy management. All services are now increasing the focus of their energy efforts to support tactical energy and water conservation such as the Shipboard Energy Management Pilot Project which achieved energy and cost savings from pier side and underway actions and initiatives to comply with the new secretary of the Navy's goal for a green fleet through use of bio-fuels.

The Air Force already implemented, "A New Culture: Energy as an Operations Enabler." They tested and certified bio-fuel blends for a wide range of their aircraft inventory and are currently the number one purchaser of renewable energy.

The Marine Corps All Marine Corps Activities (ALMAR) 005/10 created the expeditionary energy program, out of the energy needs for land based operations which showed among other things that, "opportunities exist to reduce the demand for supply convoys; to generate power more efficiently; and to make better use of alternative and renewable energy resources..."

The U.S. Army is testing new technologies aimed at creating more energy-efficient base camps. The various energy-efficient technologies being tested are expected to reduce base camp fuel requirements by 20 percent or more and water demand by up to 75 percent.

We often consider energy only from office or residential perspectives. In today's geo-political and fiscal environments, we must consider all aspects of our energy and water use. So, please renew your scrutiny of energy discipline at work, report energy waste to the region's energy waste hotline at (671) 349-4674 and help make our warfighters even more sustainable.

## Team Andersen celebrates spouses

**Appreciation Event:** Members of Team Andersen participate in the Spouse Appreciation Day activities at the Base Exchange on Andersen Air Force Base May 18. The event featured informational booths and raffle drawings celebrating the contributions of military spouses on Andersen and throughout the military. U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Jeffrey Schultze/Released



# AES career day draws excellent turnout

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

Andersen Elementary School (AES) students took a break from their books May 11, to listen to stories and watch presentations from guest speakers during career day.

Career day is an annual AES event where people from different career fields are invited to give presentations about their jobs to the students.

"The whole purpose of career day is to let our children see that what they're learning in school actually applies toward a job," said Cynthia Jones, AES counselor. "It allows them to see that education and skills they're being taught will help them in the future."

The guest speakers gave presentations to children in several grades. Jones believes that children should be aware of their options early in life so they can be successful.

"You can never introduce it to them too young," she said. "They're going to change their minds on what they're going to do. They need to know what's available and what's out there. If they don't know what's out there for them, they won't have anything to strive for."

Joe Vinch, 36th Civil Engineer



Left: Joe Vinch, 36th Civil Engineer Squadron environmental flight chief and Career Day guest speaker, gives a brief description about his job during the Andersen Elementary School Career Day May 11. Several speakers from Andersen and the local community came to demonstrate career possibilities for children in several different grades. U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Marianique Santos/Released

Squadron environmental flight chief and career day guest speaker, said that it is not only important the kids know their options; they should also know that they can have an impact in the world as adults.

"We should let the children know that they could make a difference," he said. "It helps the parents direct their children to what they could do in the future, or stress the importance of doing well in school so they will have more opportunities to

better themselves and the world around them."

The range of careers included both military and civilian, personnel who work from on base and the local community. Some of the speakers participate every year.

"We had an excellent and very diverse turn-out this year," Jones said. "We had everything including B-52 pilots, auto mechanics, services, security and the dog handlers who came in with their dogs. There



Above: Col. Donald Drechsler, 36th Wing vice commander, gives a presentation of his job as a pilot during the Andersen Elementary School Career Day May 11. Several speakers from Andersen and the local community came to demonstrate career possibilities for children in several different grades. U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Marianique Santos/Released

was something available for every kid. We even had the 36th Wing vice commander and the 36th Operations Group commander talk to the kids this year."

Jones said that sometimes it's good to have other adults that the children can look up to. The kids learn a lot from the speakers and get a bird's eye view of what the world of work is like. For this, she expresses her gratitude to all those who participated in the event.

"Along with the entire staff, I appreciate all the speakers who came and devoted their time to our career day and the students," she said. "We are thankful for all their

## Safety: It's Personal

By Senior Airman Veronica McMahon  
36th Wing Public Affairs

It's that time of year again to soak up the sun and bring out the fun, but along with the barbecues and beach days come the 101 Critical Days of Summer (CDS), kicking off Memorial Day weekend.

Team Andersen is starts the summer season with a Memorial Day Beach Bash from 3-6 p.m. May 25 at Tarague Beach. While people enjoy food and entertainment, members of the 36th Wing safety office will be there advising everyone to have a fun, yet safe summer season.

This year's CDS theme is "Safety - It's Personal."

"This year's PACAF (Pacific Air Forces) CDS 2012 theme focuses on the personal aspect of safety," said Lt. Col. Adrienne Williams, 36th Wing chief of safety. "Safety truly is each person's individual responsibility. We ask that every Airmen realize that they are the first link in the safety chain and apply common sense as they embark on a fun-filled summer on and off duty."

Although Guam seems like summer all yearlong, there are several things to consider this time of year.

"People should be aware that kids of all ages will be out of school," said Staff Sgt. Michael Evans, 36th Wing ground safety technician. "This will create a lot more activity out there—on the roads and recreationally—both on and off base."

Members of the safety office stress five safety tips this year:

- Food safety – Cook all your food to the recommended level before serving, (poultry to 165 degrees, hamburgers to 160 degrees and beef to at least 145 degrees) and refrigerate all perishable food within one hour of cooking. Keep uncooked meats away from other foods.

- Grill safety – Clean grill of any grease or dust, check burner tubes for blockage and ensure connectors are secure. Keep lighted cigarettes, matches or open flames away from the grill. Do not use a grill in a garage, breezeway, carport or porch or near any surface that can catch fire. Follow the manufacturer's instructions.

- Water safety – Avoid alcohol when swimming or boating. Wear a lifejacket when on a boat. Make sure young children are supervised at all times. Don't swim alone or in bad weather.

- Sun safety – Wear sunscreen and apply throughout the day. Drink plenty of water to avoid heat stress or heat stroke.

- Travel safety – Do not drink and drive or travel with someone who had been drinking. Wear your seat belt at all times.

Safety representatives will be present at the bash with tricycles for people to drive with "drunken goggles" to get a first-hand perspective of how drinking while driving impairs judgment. The representatives will also be briefing water safety, ensuring a safe summer for everyone.

## NCTS CO speaks at AFCEA meeting



Sharing Insight: Cmdr. Vince Augelli, commanding officer of Naval Computer and Telecommunications Station (NCTS) Guam, talks with members of the Armed Forces Communication Electronics Association's (AFCEA) Marianas Chapter at Guam Marriott Resort and Spa about the NCTS mission objectives in the 7th Fleet theater of operations May 16. AFCEA Marianas Chapter is host to over 100 engineers, programmers, managers, industry leaders, government officials and military personnel as members. The goal of the Marianas Chapter is to engage ideas between experts in the field of electronic communications, and reinforces bonds between Guam's businesspersons, Military and government officials. U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Corey Hensley/Released

# FAIR: Students showcase talent, knowledge

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through at their age.”

The Sailors judged elementary, middle and high school students in six different categories: physical science, energy and invention, human medical, plant and animal, chemistry and ecology, and earth.

Operations Specialist 1st Class (SW/AW) Paul Villalobos, also of Chafee, chose to judge the energy and inventions section to see how much knowledge the student’s knew about the subject and how much creativity used in their projects.

“I was definitely impressed,” he said. “I

got to take a look at a wind turbine project and a hydro generator project. Good work was put forth into the projects and it was noticed.”

Science fair coordinator for the University of Guam Claudia Taitano, a retired professor, said the fair encouraged students to think about science as a career to think about the world around them.

“It was just wonderful,” she said. “Many of these children here realize that careers that they can have in the Navy are based on science.”

Taitano said the Navy’s involvement in the event was invaluable to the fair with both their manned support that helped with

the expansion of students from the Mariana Islands and their expertise knowledge on subjects that related to the fair.

“We couldn’t have done it without the Navy today, we had a lot of projects and the Navy really came through to help us judge these projects,” she said.

She added it was wonderful that we had the military support and that the University of Guam was proud to include the military and the Department of Defense Education Activity schools in the science fair.

For more news from U.S. Naval Forces, Marianas, visit [www.navy.mil/local/guam/](http://www.navy.mil/local/guam/).

**Science Lesson:** Operations Specialist 1st Class (SW/AW) David May assigned to the Arleigh Burke-class guided missile destroyer USS Chafee (DDG 90), listens as a student explains how to harness the electrical properties of water during a science fair at the University of Guam in Mangilao May 19. The 34th Guam Annual Island Wide Science Fair, which was hosted by University of Guam, saw Sailors volunteer as judges, evaluating projects from kindergarten through high school students all over Guam and now other Mariana Islands. U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Corey Hensley/Released



# FESTIVAL: ‘All about diversity, education, cultural awareness’

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“This is a great opportunity to learn about one another and come together,” said Staff Sgt. Elizabeth Torres, 36th Wing equal opportunity and event coordinator. “Diversity is about strengthening our team and unleashing potential within an organization.”

The festival recognized all Department of Defense special observances to include Holocaust remembrance, woman’s history, disability awareness, American Indian, Hispanic heritage, Asian and Pacific islanders, African American and Black history.

“It’s important for Team Andersen to learn about the different cultures that make up the Air

Force,” said 2nd Lt. Chastine Ranada, 36th Communications Squadron officer and a multicultural committee lead.

During the event, Andersen families were welcomed to taste traditional cuisine and performances ranged from the Haka war dance of New Zealand to a skit performed by the African-American Heritage Association.

Torres said she was more than happy with the turn out and was glad the event was such a success.

“It’s all about diversity, inclusion, education and cultural awareness,” she said. “Events like this are important because people can experience the history of different cultures.”



**Diverse Menu:** Attendees sample food from different cultures at Andersen’s first Multicultural Festival held at the Sunrise Conference Center on Andersen Air Force Base May 18. The event had booths for different cultures where performances and other interactive activities took place. U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Benjamin Wiseman/Released



**Tribute to the Fallen:** Capt. David Bullock, 736th Security Forces duty officer places in a rose, in remembrance of a fallen security forces officer, during the Hagatna National Police Week wreath-laying ceremony May 15. National Police week is an annual celebration that features different events to educate the community and honor fallen officers around the world. U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Carlin Leslie/Released



**'And They're Off!'** Participants of the Defender Spirit 5K scurry from the starting point on Andersen Air Force Base. The race was organized and attended the run as part of Andersen's recognition for National Police Week. U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Benjamin Wiseman/Released

# Team Anders

By Airman

Team Anders celebrated National Police Week with a retreat at Andersen Air Force Base. The Wing headquarters is located on the base. National Police Week is an annual celebration that features different events to educate the community and honor fallen officers around the world. U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Benjamin Wiseman/Released

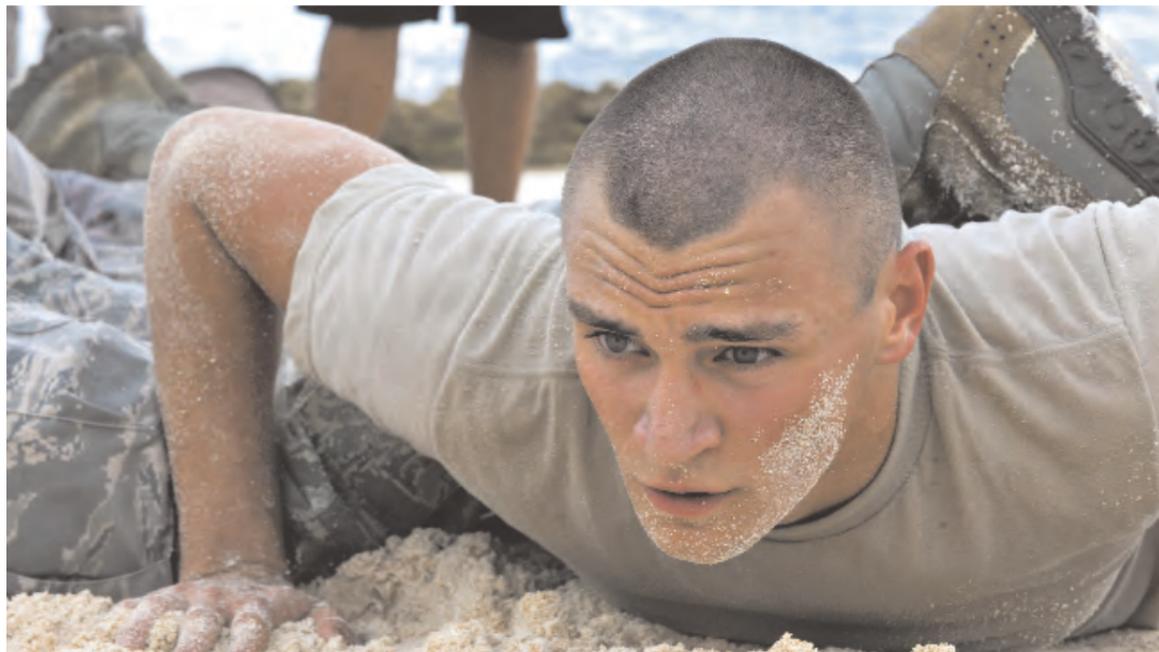


**All Together Now:** The 36th Security Forces Squadron team marches down Sander's Slope during the Warrior Challenge on Andersen Air Force Base May 16. Each team member had to march with a 35-pound ruck sack throughout the six mile course. U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Benjamin Wiseman/Released

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Andersen Air Force Base May 18. Several members from Team Andersen at-  
Senior Airman Benjamin Wiseman/Released



**Determination:** Airman Cody Rother, 36th Security Forces Squadron, helps his team do fire team push-ups during the "Team Pain" portion of the Warrior Challenge on Andersen Air Force Base May 16. Andersen held the challenge in support of National Police Week. U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Benjamin Wiseman/Released

# Andersen celebrates Police Week

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

Andersen concluded National Police Week ceremony at 5 p.m. May 15, at the 36th Wing's flagpole.

Police Week occurs each year during the month of May, in recognition of the service and sacrifice of law enforcement.

Authorized by a joint resolution of Congress in 1954, National Police Week pays special recognition to law enforcement officers who have sacrificed their lives in the line of duty for the safe-ty and protection of others.

Over the past 25 years, Police Week has grown to not only honor officers who have fallen in the line of duty, but all first responders," said Senior Master Sgt. Shane Murray, 736th Security Forces Squadron (SFS) manager.

Police Week is headed up by the 36th SFS, and supported by the 736th SFS.

"Bringing all the different agencies and squadrons together to work toward a common goal is my favorite part of Police Week," Murray said. "It helps build interoperability and relationships; it also makes the community aware of our first responders and what they have to sacrifice each day."

Police Week is meant to pay respect to those who have fallen in the line of duty, but also for first responders to build moral and camaraderie.

Police Week incorporates many different activities for first responders with each other and educates them on each other's job specialties and what they have to go through to help save the lives of the populous," said Staff Sgt. Daniel Crane, 736th SFS.

A week of appreciation is more than deserved for the men and women who work tirelessly to protect the safety and well being of our community members at Andersen.

It's a chance to pay tribute to those who have sacrificed their lives," Murray said. "Police Week shows pride and ownership in being a part of the first responder field. It's a hard job, so this shows them that we are fighting for. It shows that people respect them and they are proud of them. It's a nice



**Above:** Two Airmen from the 554th Red Horse Squadron perform buddy carries for the final event of the Warrior Challenge on Andersen Air Force Base May 16. Six first responder teams participated in the challenge. U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Benjamin Wiseman/Released



**Teamwork:** Members of the 554th Red Horse Squadron perform fire team push-ups as part of the Warrior Challenge during National Police Week on Andersen Air Force Base May 16. The last portion of the challenge was named "Team Pain," and a separate award was given to the team with the most repetitions. U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Benjamin Wiseman/Released



**Right:** Capt. David Bullock, 736th Security Forces Squadron, cools off in the ocean after completing the Warrior Challenge, a physical endurance course that exhausted first responders for nearly four hours May 16, on Andersen Air Force Base. U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Benjamin Wiseman/Released

# MEMORIAL DAY events celebrate service



**Honoring Fallen Comrades:** Guam Army National Guard Soldiers place bayonets behind gravesites during the Memorial Day ceremony at the Veterans Cemetery in Piti May 30, 2011. Joint Region Edge file photo

By Shaina Marie Santos  
Joint Region Edge Staff

Originally known as Decoration Day, Memorial Day, which is celebrated nationally May 28, was first established as a commemoration of those that died during the Civil War and was later reformed to include all wars.

Over this three-day weekend a number of memorial services will be offered on Guam in tribute of America's fallen heroes.

The Guam Veterans Affairs Office (GVAO) will be hosting a memorial ceremony at the Veteran's Cemetery in Piti May 28.

GVAO Benefits Counselor and Administrative Assistant Cindy Gogo said the ceremony is to honor those who have served the armed forces.

"We're honoring all the veterans that have passed that served in the military," she said. "A lot of them have given that ultimate sacrifice for the defense of freedom."

According to Gogo, for the veterans she helps, the ceremony is also a part of healing.

"I've heard their stories and heard their plight," she said. "You'll never feel the wounds that they have. The ceremony, a lot of them attend; it gives them a kind of slow process of closure in their lives."

Gogo said the event will start with a flyover by the U.S. Air Force 69th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron from Minot, N.D.

"They come in here specifically to honor our request for a flyover," she said. "It's very symbolic...when that B-52 is flying over you could hear a pin drop, everybody just looks up in the air. These are what are used during wartime."

In the southern village of Talofoto, a ceremony will be held at the

## MEMORIAL DAY EVENTS

**Memorial Day Ceremony, Piti Veterans Cemetery**  
May 28  
10 a.m.  
For more information, call 475-8388

**Memorial Service for Fallen Heroes, Talofoto Memorial Monument**  
May 26  
10 a.m.  
For more information, call 789-1421

**U.S. Naval Base Guam Memorial Day Handicap Tournament, Orote Point Lanes**  
May 27  
1 p.m.  
Entry fee for the qualifying rounds are \$10 and the Top 20 entry fee is \$20.  
For more information, call 564-1828.

**Andersen Air Force Base Memorial Day Bash, Bamboo Willies**  
May 25  
3-6 p.m.  
Fun games and activities for kids and adults. Jousting and sumo wrestling tournaments, face painting, bouncy castles and water slides and other events. Raffle prize drawings. Shuttle bus service will be provided for round-trip access to Tarague Beach from the main base area.  
For more information, call 366-2339.

Talofoto Memorial Monument May 26.

Talofoto Mayor's Office administrative assistant Maggie Castro said the ceremony is held to honor six fallen heroes of the village; four who died in Vietnam, one from Afghanistan and another in Iraq.

"We call up each family member and what they do is we have photos of our men, our fallen heroes," she said. "The families put a wreath and candle. That's our Memorial Day for them."

Castro said it is important to celebrate Memorial Day because it recognizes the troops that have died fighting for freedom.

"Those are the men that we are honoring in our village," she said. "Everybody knows one another here. It's like a personal memorial. They serve our country, they died serving our country."

The 36th Force Support Squadron (FSS) on Andersen Air Force Base is hosting a Memorial Day Bash during the weekend at Bamboo Willies, which features a host of games and activities for families.

36th FSS Community Activities Director Michele Jacobs said Memorial Day is another opportunity to get the community together.

"[Memorial Day] is an opportunity for military members to come together and relax; have fun," she said. "It's to get the community together and celebrate... and kick off the summer."

Jacobs said the holiday is a tradition to celebrate service members.

"We appreciate their service and that's why we give back," she said. "It's a way to give back to the military members and their families. To thank them for the service and at the same time we remember those and honor those that have served before to protect our country."

# Summer Reading Program keeps minds active

By Shaina Marie Santos  
Joint Region Edge Staff

Over the summer break, the Navy Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Guam library will be hosting its annual summer reading program on U.S. Naval Base Guam.

From May to July, participants are challenged to engage in reading and reading activities; including audio books and reading activities in order to keep the minds of children active during the summer break.

According to MWR Guam library Head Librarian Jessica Carbon, the program's purpose is to instill the lifelong love of reading in its patrons.

"Summer reading introduces kids to the fun side of learning," she said. "Kids lose important reading skills when they don't read over the summer. [They] can easily avoid these reading losses by reading books over their break. [It] not only enhances their intellectual growth but their social growth as well."

According to Carbon this year's

reading theme is "Reading is so-o delicious" and most of the activities at the library during the break will revolve around the theme.

"[The theme] implies a continuous love of reading that's like eating delicious food," she said. "Bring your appetite for books. We has got a great program planned for having a deliciously good time at the library this summer."

The program is held in collaboration with Illinois Reading Enrichment & Development (IREAD) and is an annual project of the Illinois Library Association, a non-profit organization dedicated to library advocacy.

The program is open to eligible patrons of all ages, who will be separated into different categories. Patrons are to register at the library, where they will receive reading logs to track their progress.

Enrollment into the summer reading program is ongoing and open until June 30.

An award ceremony will be held at the end of the program on July 25, with prizes for top readers. For more information, call the library at 564-1836.



**Outstanding Young Reader:** A young U.S. Naval Base Guam (NBG) Library patron receives a Top Reader award from Joint Region Marianas Command Master Chief (CMDM) (AW/SW) Paul Kingsbury, center, and NBG CMDM (SW/AW/SCW) John Lawry, left, at the 2011 Summer Reading Program awards ceremony at the NBG library July 17, 2011. Joint Region Edge file photo

# MEMS students prepare for Science Fair



**Moon Projects:** Students from Cmdr. William C. McCool Elementary and Middle School design a base camp using a problem-based learning method at the school in Santa Rita May 18. The students had to design a camp that would hold everything four scientists would need on the moon for 31 days. Later, the students shared their projects with parents in the school cafeteria. Photo courtesy of Cmdr. William C. McCool Elementary/Middle 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 Lt. Col. Donnette Boyd  
36th Wing Chaplain

Change is one of the uncomfortable necessities of life. From the moment of creation man and nature are in a constant state of metamorphosis. Nothing remains the same in our world except God.

Those of us who have been in the military for a long time remember numerous policy changes, uniform changes and changes in the mindset of new recruits. Some of us are more comfortable with change than others. In fact, I'd venture to say that the more comfortable we are with change dictates our happiness in life as a whole. Here are those who love the changes that come with each season. Although I love the sight of trees in the autumn and the beauty of the first snowfall in winter, I dislike the cold that autumn and winter bring. I enjoy change but often feel uncomfortable when the atmosphere becomes too settled.

Guam is a place where the seasons go through very few changes—but our island is chang-

# Seasons of change



ing nonetheless. The talk of buildup and governmental changes create joy in some and discomfort in others. Once again, our response to pending changes often gives insight into our personalities.

I recently took a trip to Osan Air Base, South Korea. It was my first visit after being assigned there 23 years ago. The base had changed significantly. In fact, not only the base, but the city of Songtan (just outside the gate) and Seoul had changed dramatically as well. All of the changes appeared to be positive. The people of South Korea are much more af-

fluent than they were 23 years ago. I felt a sense of pride and joy as I noticed that the former banged up cars were replaced by nice Hyundais and BMWs. Their strong family values and work ethic has paid off. A few things were still the same; such as the lady who sold fried dumplings called "yaki mandu" just outside the gate. She was in the same spot, selling the same items out of her slightly upgraded street-vendor cart.

As we await anticipated changes for the island of Guam, changes in our military services and in our nation, we also await

changes in our personal lives and the lives of our coworkers. I'd like to offer two scriptures for your encouragement.

Ecclesiastes 3:1 says, "For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven." The chapter then goes on to describe many of the seasons we encounter in life. The main point of this passage is that change is inevitable and change is necessary.

But the Scripture that gives me the most comfort is Psalm 103:16-17 which says, "Our days on earth are like grass: like wildflowers, we bloom and die. The wind blows, and we are gone—as though we had never been here. But the love of the Lord remains forever with those who fear him. His salvation extends to the children's children." This Scripture helps us keep things in perspective. We are not the center of the universe, God is. Change is a part of his universe. Our lives are to revolve around God, not the other way around. So go with the flow and know that God's love for you is eternal, regardless of the changes in your life.

## JRM salutes Sailors, civilians



**Donavan:** Rear Adm. Paul J. Bushong, commander, Joint Region Marianas (JRM), right, awards Damage Controlman 1st Class (AW) Matthew Donovan, of JRM, the Senior Sailor of the Quarter for the 2011 fourth quarter at the JRM headquarters in Nimitz Hill May 1. U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW/AW) Jeremy Starr/Released



**Echeverry:** Rear Adm. Paul J. Bushong, commander, Joint Region Marianas (JRM), right, awards Business and Contract Surveillance Analyst Erika Echeverry, of JRM, with the civilian employee of the quarter award for the 2012 first quarter at the JRM headquarters in Nimitz Hill May 1. U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW/AW) Jeremy Starr/Released

## NEX Guam hosts fitness run



**Racing for the Finish Line:** Children participate in the Armed Forces Kids Run on U.S. Naval Base Guam May 19. The event was part of the Navy Exchange Guam, Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR), and the Defense Commissary Agency' (DECA) third annual Family Fitness Festival which promoted a healthy lifestyle and is an initiative to support the quality of life for Sailors and their families. Photo courtesy of Navy Exchange Guam

## Guam Guard conducts village run in Malojloj

From Guam National Guard  
Public Affairs

More than 200 Soldiers and Airmen from the Guam National Guard conducted a unit formation run around the scenic village of Malojloj May 18.

The Guam Guard troops ran an approximate two-mile route within the village, starting at the Inarajan Mayor's office, through Chalan Kanton Tasi, Chalan Chotda, Chalan Fangualuan, before returning to the Inarajan Mayor's Office area.

The run was intended to showcase the Guam National Guard esprit de corps, pride and the organization's commitment to the community.

Other unit formation runs are planned in other villages in the future.

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