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Here's to the Heroes: Tony Calvo and William Quenga of the Korean War Veterans Association present a salute to the cross honoring Korean War veterans during the Guam Veteran Cemetery Memorial Day ceremony in Piti May 28. The crosses honored seven wars of the American history ranging from World War I to the war in Iraq. U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Carlin Leslie/Released

Veterans honored at Memorial Day service

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

A Memorial Day service was held at the Guam Veterans Cemetery in Piti May 28 to honor and pay respect to those who have fallen in the name of freedom.

The national holiday honors the fallen and pays tribute to parents, spouses, chil-

dren and siblings who have laid a loved one to rest.

President John F. Kennedy said, "Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe to assure the survival and the success of liberty."

The ceremony was comprised of a B-52 fly-over, a speech from the 36th Wing Commander Brig. Gen. John Doucette and a traditional wreath-laying ceremony in remembrance of our nation's heroes.

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USS Mercy hosts surgeon general, tour for Guam medical students

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

The U.S. Naval hospital ship USNS Mercy (T-AH-19) arrived on U.S. Naval Base Guam for brief port visit before continuing her humanitarian mission May 22.

Shortly after her arrival, Mercy welcomed aboard Vice Adm. Matthew Nathan, Surgeon General of the United States Navy, who offered some words of the encouragement to the ship's crew.

"The immediate benefit for this crew is going to be overwhelming," Nathan said. "The America can be proud of the fact that we have assembled this kind of resource, we've assembled this kind of platform, we've assembled this kind of joint group of people; the volunteers, civilians, and international and U.S. service members to make a difference around the

world."

The next day, Mercy hosted a tour for those with an interest in the ship's mission and what her capabilities are. Local media along with doctors and nursing students from the Guam Community College and University of Guam were lead through

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Guardsmen embark on medical mission

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PACFLT band entertainment crowds

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Ombudsmen graduate on U.S. Naval Base Guam



Ready to Serve: Members from the latest Ombudsmen Basic Training course graduated May 18 at the Navy Operational Support Center on U.S. Naval Base Guam May 18. Appointed by the commanding officer, command ombudsmen are volunteers and spouses of service members within their command. Navy Family Ombudsmen are communication links, information and referral resources and advocates for command family members. The newly-appointed ombudsmen are assigned to USS Oklahoma City (SSN 723), USS Chicago (SSN 721), USS Buffalo (SSN 715), Commander, Submarine Squadron 15, U.S. Naval Hospital Guam, Naval Airborne Weapons Maintenance Unit 1 and Navy Special Warfare Unit 1. Photo courtesy of the Fleet and Family Support Center

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.

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 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 make a nomination visit www.hesselbeinstitute.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

MWR HAPPENINGS

U.S. Naval Base Guam

Fleet and Family Support Center Classes

May 4-6: SAPR advocate refresher training from 8:30 a.m. -3:30 p.m.
May 7: Anger management from 1-3 p.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 ad-

COMMUNITY Corner

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The Big Screen Theatre

JUNE 1 (FRIDAY)
7 PM LOCKOUT PG-13
9:30 PM JOHN CARTER PG-13

JUNE 2 (SATURDAY)
1 PM MIRROR, MIRROR PG
3:30 PM THE HUNGER GAMES PG-13
7 PM THE CABIN IN THE WOODS R

JUNE 3 (SUNDAY)
1 PM WRATH OF THE TITANS PG-13
3:30 PM LOCKOUT PG-13
7 PM AMERICAN REUNION R

Movie Hotline 564-1831 US Naval Base Guam

Meehan Theater - TEMPORARILY CLOSED

vance and \$20 at the door. Event is open to patrons 21 years or older. Registration deadline is June 8. For more information, call 685-5142.

Father's Day Brunch

Treat dad to a hearty brunch this Father's Day at Top O' the Mar June 17 from 10:30 a.m. -1 p.m. There will be a "Grill your own steak" station along with live a band and professional photography. Brunch is \$27.95 for adults, \$13.95 for children and free for children ages four and younger. For more information or to make reservations, call 472-4606/7. Registration deadline is June 11.

Summer Break Matinees

Looking for something to do this summer? Enjoy summer break matinees at the Big Screen Theatre. Beginning June 18 at 3 p.m. the theatre will be showing free movies from Monday-Thursday. For more information, call 565-1831.

36th FSS HAPPENINGS

Andersen Air Force Base

Airman and Family Readiness Center Classes

June 5: Personal finance management refresher from 9-10 a.m.
June 6: Basic budgeting from 9-10 a.m.
June 6: True colors from 2-3:30 p.m.
For more information, call 366-8136

Monthly Flea Market

The Hotspot's monthly flea market will be held June 16 from 8-11 a.m. at the Hotspot gym. The flea market is a great place

to sell, buy and bargain. Table fee for sellers is \$10. Sign up at the Hotspot gym or 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 "Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaur". Showtime is 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 366-2339.

Club Member Scholarship Essay Contest

2012 Air Force Club Members and their family members will have a chance to win one of 25 \$1,000 scholarships. Members should write an essay of 500 words or less on the subject "What do the words 'America the beautiful' mean to me?" Participation is open to all current Air Force Club Members and their families who have been accepted by, or are enrolled in, an accredited college or university during the fall of 2012 term as a part-time or full-time student. Information packets are available at the Top of the Rock, Gecko Lanes, the Hotspot, education office and Coral Reef Fitness Center. Completed essays should be submitted to the Top of the Rock no later than July 2. Winning essays will be announced Sept. 17. For more information, call 366-6166.

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.

Father's Day 9-Pin No-Tap Tournament

Celebrate Father's Day with dad at the Orote Point Lanes and enjoy a 9-pin no-tap tournament June 17 at 1 p.m. Sign up at the front desk. For more information, call 564-1828.

Go For the Gold Captain's Cup Competitive Run

Take part in this free 15k running event June 9 at the Sumay Cove parking lot. Show time is at 5:30 a.m. and start time is at 6 a.m. Participants can register at the Charles King Fitness Center or on race day. For more information, call 685-5243/5267.

Andersen Air Force Base

Father's Day 5K

Enjoy a run with dad to celebrate his special day June 13 at the Palm Tree Golf Course. Showtime is 6 a.m., start time is at 6:30 a.m. No registration is required. For more information, call 366-6100.

Wayball Tournament

The Coral Reef Fitness Center will have a Wayball tournament June 11-13. Showtime for each day is 5:30 p.m. and starts at 6 p.m. Register at the fitness center by June 6. For more information, call 366-6100.

Andersen's Best: Staff Sgt. Christopher Maye

Great Job: Staff Sgt. Christopher Maye, 36th Operation Support Squadron air traffic controller, was awarded Andersen's Best on Andersen Air Force Base May 17. Andersen's Best is a recognition program which highlights a top performer from the 36th Wing. Each week, supervisors nominate a member of their team for outstanding performance and the wing commander presents the selected Airman/civilian with an award. To nominate your Airmen/civilian for Andersen's Best, contact your unit chief or superintendent explaining their accomplishments. U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Mariah Haddenham/Released

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

Staff Sgt. Christopher Maye, 36th Operation Support Squadron (OSS) air traffic controller (ATC), was awarded Andersen's Best on Andersen Air Force Base May 17.

"Sgt. Maye was a member of a two-man air traffic control liaison team that was responsible for the overall safety during air operations in support of Exercise Balikitan 2012, which took place recently in the Philippines," said Tech. Sgt. Julian Duenas, Maye's supervisor.

In addition to ensuring the safe and expeditious handling of \$414,000 in U.S. Air Force

assets, Maye also worked hand-in-hand with his Filipino counterparts and served as a direct link to civil aviation authority Philippines.

"Sgt. Maye's air traffic control expertise was particularly evident during his handling of two separate A-10 in-flight emergencies," Duenas said. "His demonstrated calmness under pressure bridged the gap between the U.S. pilots and host nation ATC and expedited the safe recovery of both aircraft and crew members."

Aside from his primary duties during Balikitan, Maye was part of a multiservice humanitarian team that acquired more than 100 gallons of paint and repainted a local village's elementary school.

"Maye's efforts, along with others brightened the educational environment for over 1,500 Filipino children," Duenas said.

During his first assignment at Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska, Maye met his wife Brandie. The couple has two sons and is expecting their third son's arrival in early July.

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MSG Corner: "One team, no seams"

By Col. Dwayne Thomas
36th Wing Mission Support Group

The 36th Mission Support Group (MSG) is implementing a bi-weekly MSG Corner to highlight our skilled professionals as well as provide situational awareness of various community activities, events, projects and much more. 36th MSG consists of over 1,500 personnel across six squadrons: civil engineer, communications, contracting, force support, logistics readiness, security forces and one detachment located at Diego Garcia.

While these organizations may just look like words on paper, let me help explain how our group spans a wide range of responsibilities that one can equate to the same span of control of both a mayor and a city manager.

For comparison purposes, we



have a Department of Land Management, spanning 19,000 acres to be exact, to include cultural and natural resources. And how about a director of public works, managing 1,800 facilities, 163 miles of roads, 145 miles of water, 93 miles of power lines and 32 miles of fuel lines just

to name a few. Then there is a director of housing and urban development where we manage 1,300 houses, 673 dorm rooms/studio apartments, building inspectors and a dining hall that serves 9,000 meals a week. Let's not forget a major port authority function that maintains two active runways, four arresting barriers, multiple aircraft navigation aids, and radio and weather systems, along with a 66 million gallon fuel storage and distribution capacity.

Who said 36th MSG can't spell 'fun' as we execute a full Department of Parks and Recreation with youth and teen centers, arts & crafts and auto hobby centers, eight playgrounds, five playing fields, pool, beach, fitness center, and a library. On the flip side, it is a reasonable expectation to work and live in a safe environment led by a department of

public safety that encompasses fire, law enforcement, K-9, bomb squad, physical security and disaster preparedness. Moving over to resources for the whole family that are offered through a department of social services, one can receive financial counseling, child care, job skills and resume building, education services, loan locker and deployed spouses programs.

To occupy your personal time, we have a department of tourism with 239 hotel rooms, four restaurants, a combined club, golf course, bowling alley and an outdoor tours and recreation facility. Furthermore, the installation can't function without our business operations capabilities with human resources, telephone systems, local area networks, information security, post office, a 1,200 vehicle fleet, travel agent and

procurement office which averages more than \$70 million a year. Finally, we do things a city manager can only dream about such as conducting combat arms training, deployment planning, background checks, honor guard services across the island and managing a supply warehouse with over 19,000 different items on-hand since you can't just drop in on a Napa parts store to get an oil filter for a F-22.

I hope that gives you a sense of some of the actions the 36th MSG does for the community on a daily basis. With that, we hope you enjoy the MSG Corner and continue to learn more about our professional Airmen, their roles and responsibilities on the installation, and become more aware of the many activities, events and projects that impact you across the community.



Tribute: U.S. Naval Hospital Guam Senior Nurse Executive Capt. Elizabeth Swatzell prepares to place an American flag at the Asan Memorial Beach Park in honor of Memorial Day May 26. Coordinated by the National Park Service, 1,866 American and 1,667 Guam flags were placed in tribute to the lives lost on Guam during World War II. U.S. Navy photo by Shaina Marie Santos/ Released



Helping Hand: U.S. Army retired 1st Sergeant Jesse Cruz watches as his granddaughter places a flag at the Asan Memorial Beach Park in honor of Memorial Day May 26. U.S. Navy photo by Shaina Marie Santos/ Released



Honoring Fellow Service Members: Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 25 Aviation Warfare Systems Operator 3rd Class Will Bennett pounds a hole to fit a flag at the Asan Memorial Beach Park in honor of Memorial Day May 26. U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Corwin Colbert/ Released

Volunteers place flags in honor of Memorial Day

By Shaina Marie Santos
Joint Region Edge Staff

Service members, retirees and local residents worked together to place more than 3,000 Guam and American flags at the Asan Beach Memorial Park May 26.

Coordinated by the National Park Service (NPS), 1,866 American and 1,667 Guam flags were placed in tribute to the lives lost on Guam during World War II (WWII).

NPS Park Ranger and event coordinator Ben Hayes directed volunteers throughout the flag placement.

"It's a powerful image," he said. "This is something we've done several times in the past. We want to make it an annual tradition here at the park and with the community."

Hayes said volunteer support is critical; adding that this year's volunteer turnout was much like last year's.

"We couldn't do this unless we had significant support from the community, in particular, the military has been very supportive of this event," he said. "It's all about volunteers and getting them engaged and involved in the park and having something they can share, we can share with everyone else."

Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron (HSC) 25 Aviation Warfare Systems Operator 3rd Class Will Bennett was one of many volunteers from HSC-25 who volunteered in the event, pounding holes into the earth to fit each flag.

"[We're] just here to put these flags out in memory of our fallen comrades," he said. "The Marines when they stormed the beach, the Navy and the Coast Guard."

Bennett said he appreciated the support from local residents who also participated.

"It's very supportive, it shows that the community is really behind us and sup-

ports us," he said. "People remembered what people do and the military is here to help and [local residents] have our back and support us a lot."

The event also attracted a number of retirees, including Army retired 1st Sergeant Jesse Cruz, who placed flags with his granddaughter.

"Just thinking of a couple of my relatives and some of my friends who gave their life in Vietnam and I guess this is a small tribute to them," he said. "To remember the people that gave their life for us to enjoy the freedom that we have. It's a little token, on my part anyway, to show the appreciation of what they did."



Job Well Done: Volunteers pose for a photo after placing flags at the Asan Memorial Beach Park in honor of Memorial Day May 26. Coordinated by the National Park Service, 1,866 American and 1,667 Guam flags were placed in tribute to the lives lost on Guam during World War II. U.S. Navy photo by Shaina Marie Santos/ Released

Island recognizes National Maritime Day

Proclamation Signing: U.S. Coast Guard Sector Guam Capt. Casey White, sitting left, Lt. Gov. of Guam Ray Tenorio, center, and Cmdr. Brian Peterson, Military Sealift Command (MSC) Ship Support Unit Guam commander, are joined by fellow mariners and community members during a proclamation signing declaring National Maritime Day at the Ricardo J. Bordallo Governor's Complex in Adeulp May 22. National Maritime Day honors the contributions of the American merchant marines and the maritime industry. Photo courtesy of Lt. Gov. Ray Tenorio's office



Joint Medical Team treats over 7,000 in RP mission

From Guam National Guard Public Affairs

Medical professionals from the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), municipal health workers and the Guam Army National Guard (GUARNG) treated 7,200 residents during a two-day medical mission at two different towns in Pampanga province of the Philippines from May 19-20.

The medical mission is part of the State Partnership Program (SPP) Subject Matter Expert Exchange (SMEE) initiative under the National Guard Bureau. The SMEE was conducted in support of the Armed Forces of the Philippines. Members of the Philippine Air Force 1st Air Division and the Philippine Army's 7th Infantry Division led the medical mission and coordinated with local government units of the municipalities.

The team from Guam was a joint group, with 15 medical professionals from the GUARNG Medical Detachment to include doctors,

nurses and other medical staff, joined by seven medical professionals from the U.S. Naval Hospital (USNH) Guam, and a nurse from the Air Force Reserve. A doctor from the National Guard Bureau was also on hand and participated in the mission.

The types of treatment provided to the residents at both towns included dental and medical procedures, minor surgeries, circumcisions and vision check-ups. Circumcisions are in demand for adolescent boys during the summer months in the Philippines when school is not in session.

There were more residents treated during this Medical Civic Assistance Program (MEDCAP) than previous missions. The next largest number of people treated was during the MEDCAP in the towns of Balete and Malvar in province of Batangas, with a total of close 5,000.

Maj. Jay Castro, SPP coordinator for the Guam National Guard, attributes the larger number of residents seen to an increase in participation



Providing Aid: Capt. Roseann Apuron, left, a nurse with the Guam National Guard (GUNG) Medical Detachment (MEDDET), assists Brig. Gen. Ismael Tumaru, a physician with the Armed Forces of the Philippines Reserve Command, with a minor surgical procedure during the Medical/Dental Subject Matter Expert Exchange, under the State Partnership Program between GUNG and the AFP in the Philippines May 20. Guam National Guard photo by Capt. Ken Ola/Released

of the local government units (LGU).

"We are now coordinating at the municipality level, talking with the mayors and the municipal health leadership," Castro said.

The final number of people seen at Arayat totaled 4,142, according to Capt. Sheila Compton-Rivo, medical planner for GUARNG. The participation of the LGUs helped make the registration and patient traffic control at both sites run quicker and smoother, she added.

Dr. Paul Austria, municipal health officer for the municipality of Arayat, said his town comprises 30 vil-

lages. They anticipated seeing at least 3,000 residents during the one-day mission in their town, conducted May 20.

The majority of ailments commonly found in the community include respiratory tract infections, hypertension and diabetes, according to Austria. Four of his municipal doctors were assigned to work with the AFP and GUARNG medical team, he added.

Cmdr. Harry Hamilton, senior officer with the Navy medical staff from USNH Guam, said the mission was valuable both professionally and personally for his team

members.

"Number one, the mission developed [the relationship] between the Navy, Air Force and the Army team," he said. "One team, one fight so to speak. I think primarily it benefitted the Filipino people. We were able to bring some talent and help people who can't afford to have relevantly simple procedures done without costing them a fortune," he said.

Hamilton said for the Navy team, the mission provided opportunities for some of his younger corpsmen to actually gain hands-on experience and build confidence.

"These are skills that will help provide the confidence to do things that are a little outside of their comfort zone, when these corpsmen are deployed at some future date," he said. "I think it was a great mission overall. I know the nurses certainly enjoyed it. They felt like they were contributing something positive to the community, especially the nurse practitioners."

"That's they're cup of tea, that's what they've trained for," he added. "It's really value-added for them to go out and do this mission."

Missions like these, conducted through the SPP also, help strengthen relations between the Republic of the Philippines and the U.S. The SPP is a Department of Defense sponsored program administered by the National Guard Bureau, partnering Guard units from different states with selected countries for nation building, among other projects. The Philippines is the Guam Guard's partner state.

Navy Surgeon General visits Guam service members

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

The Surgeon General of the Navy, Chief of Navy's Bureau of Medicine and Surgery visited Navy, Air Force and Army commands on Guam during a two-day visit May 21-22.

Vice Adm. Matthew L. Nathan toured the U.S. naval hospital ship USNS Mercy (T-AH-19), U.S. Naval Hospital Guam, U.S. Naval Base Guam (NBG) and visited senior leadership at Andersen Air Force Base, Joint Region Marianas and the Guam Army National Guard during his stay.

"I've always known we do a good job here in Guam, but after talking to the senior line leaders from the base at the Andersen Air Force Base to the big Navy base to this national guard here this hospital and staff are hitting it out of the park," Nathan said.

During his visit to USNH Guam, Nathan held an admiral's-call which brought together enlisted Sailors and officers. He applauded medical staff

for their courtesy, professionalism and desire to care for the patients on island.

Hospital Corpsman 1st Class (FMF/AW) Rufino Vegamora, of the Department of Public Health Preventive Maintenance division of USNH Guam, attended the admiral's-call and said he was glad to receive feedback and support regarding the hospital staff's performance.

"Its closure for my junior guys, those who provide medical service to our shipmates, our medical beneficiaries," said Vegamora. "It's that part right there that is showing to them, 'Yes, you are doing a great job,' and now the highest ranking person in navy medicine is validating what we are doing."

Upon his visit to the Mercy, Sailors on the vessel had an opportunity to speak directly with the admiral during his tour.

Nathan explained to the Sailors the importance of their mission during the upcoming Pacific Partnership 2012.

"I think this mission represents a great opportunity for a theatre securi-

ty engagement," said Nathan. "It's a mechanism to display the compassion and the ethos of this joint partnership which includes this naval service, our international partners, our volunteers and all of our services to come together in order to show other countries that we want to engage and share what we have and that we want to learn from you."

Nathan also shared his view that the crew will receive an overwhelming benefit that will last a lifetime from the experiences they will have and see on their current deployment.

"Don't underestimate the role you play in the greater strategic imperatives of in the Navy, in the Army, in the Air Force and in the Marine Corps," he said.

Nathan reminded the Sailors to maintain a global presence, forward projection and to be neighbors with other continents and other countries to connect and create better partnerships and better understanding among our nations. As the Navy Surgeon General and Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, Nathan leads 63,000 Navy Medicine personnel that provide



Meet and Greet: Surgeon General of the Navy and Chief of the Navy's Bureau of Medicine and Surgery Vice Adm. Matthew Nathan greets Sailors as he tours the U.S. Naval Hospital Guam May 21. Nathan visited Navy, Air Force and Army commands on Guam May 21-22. U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW/AW) Jeremy M. Starr/Released

healthcare support to the U.S. Navy, Marine Corps, their families and veterans in high operational tempo environments, at expeditionary medical facilities, medical treatment facilities,

hospitals, clinics, hospital ships and research units around the world.

For more news from U.S. Naval Forces, Marianas, visit www.navy.mil/local/guam/.

Pacific Fleet Band performs for local audience

By Shaina Marie Santos
Joint Region Edge Staff

Local residents were treated to a performance by the Pacific Fleet Band's Pacific Partnership Band at the Chamorro Village night market in Hagatna May 23.

Pacific Fleet Band Musician 1st class John Wheeler said the band came to Guam on a humanitarian mission known as Pacific Partnership with the USNS Mercy (T-AH 19).

"When we saw an opportunity to come out and reach out to the nice folks of Guam... we were happy to do so," he said. "Anytime we can put on our uniforms and make people smile, make people feel good about themselves and have a good time, that's really what we're here to do. Give something they can remember."

Vietnam Veteran Daniel Perez said he was excited to see the Navy musicians playing on Guam.

"The U.S. military has al-

ways been very supportive with the civilian population for so many years," he said. "They contributed so much for the community and for the talent like that to come on a social level is really outstanding."

Local resident Susana Cepeda said she could listen to the band all day.

"It's really nice for them to come to the public and perform for us," she said. "We really enjoy that."

Pacific Fleet Band Musician 2nd Class (SS) Stephen Hux said his first time on Guam has been a wonderful experience.

"I was very excited," he said. "I feel that it really builds a lot of bridges... sometimes, especially in times of crisis, it's more important for the U.S. military to show the world what else we have to offer and ways we do that is through music and humanitarian efforts."

Under the operational control of the Commander, United States Pacific Fleet, the Pacific

Fleet Band is dedicated to providing top quality music and entertainment in support of the U.S. Navy's retention and recruiting programs, and for internal and external public relations. The band, based out of Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, is comprised of musicians who combine their talents to entertain audiences in Hawaii and around the world.



Sharing the Music: Sailors from the Pacific Fleet Band entertain two young girls during a performance at the Chamorro Village night market in Hagatna May 23. The Pacific Fleet Band arrived on Guam with the USNS Mercy (T-AH 19) which stopped on Guam as a part of its Pacific Partnership 2012 medical tour. U.S. Navy photo by Shaina Marie Santos/Released



Performing the Night Away: Sailors from the Pacific Fleet Band entertain an audience at the Chamorro Village night market in Hagatna May 23. U.S. Navy photo by Shaina Marie Santos/Released

We are all force support

By Lt. Col. Craig Smalls
36th Wing Force Support Squadron
Commander

I was asked near the start of my tour to describe my goals and vision for the 36th Force Support Squadron (FSS) under my command. Full of optimism, yet early in my tenure, I had no idea the magnitude of the question. Constrained budgets and resources coupled with our unique island locale have created customer service challenges I could never have anticipated. That said, even in these times of fiscal uncertainty, my objective has remained constant: To exceed customer service expectations 365 days a year, 24/7. Understand, this does not come easily and is not accomplished alone. We all play a major part in the success of the Force Support mission—the commander, unit members and even you, the customer. Simply stated, "We are all force support."

Our role

From day one, the 36th FSS has strived to provide unmatched customer service. Every member of this dynamic unit carries a "customer first" attitude and I'm a witness to this work ethic daily. From DEERS (Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System) enrollment and child and youth programs to mortuary and casualty, truly cradle to grave, your 36th FSS is here for you. Our manpower and personnel functions are busy, as usual. With our customer throughput higher than

ever, we continue to provide the full complement of services necessary to manage the related programs and policies affecting our Air Force and Navy members.

The education center continues to improve lives through tuition assistance programs, post-9/11 GI Bill and on-base military and civilian institutions. Our around-the-clock services at the Magellan Inn/Skyline Kitchen, Coral Reef Fitness Center and Andersen Gateway Inns and Suites are world-class. Finally, events like Step Afrika, The Harlem Globetrotters, The Frontmen and Andersen's Got Talent have reenergized service members, families and guests alike. Caring for people, rejuvenating our customers to enhance the mission—it's what we do.

Your role

We are all truly force support. I often call myself the most fortunate squadron commander on base. What other unit can enlist the assistance of the entire installation - every individual - to complete its mission? I truly have a legion of thousands. Through your use and enjoyment of the Palm Tree Golf Course/Mulligan's, the Top of the Rock Consolidated Club/Bamboo Willie's, outdoor recreation, pet lodge, child and youth programs, arts and crafts, Gecko Bowling Center and Grill and auto hobby, among others, the 36th FSS is able to improve Andersen's quality of life one program at a time. I encourage you to continue to support your Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) programs and ensure their sustained vivacity as we

push to operate under financial scrutiny and develop efficiencies. The rewards are immediately realized. One of my favorite 36th FSS events is First Friday at the Top of the Rock Consolidated Club—a membership appreciation night held on the first Friday of every month highlighted by a free buffet for all club members. This event is the most evident example of what your dollars and patronage can do for you and all of Team Andersen. As part of our team, club members enjoy benefits and discounts not only at the Top of the Rock for meals and events, but at other MWR food establishments such as Mulligan's and Gecko Grill as well as on tours and equipment at outdoor recreation. Your role in our success doesn't stop there. In 2011, the 132,462 volunteer hours Team Andersen unselfishly provided equaled a total contribution of \$960,360 in labor costs and proved irreplaceable. Volunteerism, the purest form of altruism and self-help, has helped make our island home the most phenomenal place most of us have ever lived. I see it in each and every volunteer who steps forward to help with a 36th FSS facility or event. It's a real blessing.

"We are all Force Support" and through our collective effort we have enhanced our MWR experience here at Andersen and will continue to do so in the future. Expect expanded food options in our restaurants, cutting-edge recreational items such as rock-climbing walls and an enhanced state-of-the-art skate park, plus, the latest in cardio and strength equipment upgrades in the Coral



Reef Fitness Center. Further, look for dance and jujitsu classes, Missoula Children's Theater and a deployment-based experience called KUDOS-Kids Understanding Deployment Operations, for our youth. All of this while enjoying 36 FSS-provided base events such as the Easter Egg Hunt/Spring Festival, Memorial Day Bash, Fourth of July Freedom Fest, Labor Day Bash and Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony. Through your support and patronage, we'll continue to give back and make it happen!

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CEREMONY: Attendees pay respects



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“Our country was built on the sacrifices of valiant heroes who believed in the cause of freedom,” Doucette said. “We attempt to pay tribute to our fallen heroes today, though we know that words alone are not enough.”

The service, attended by service members and civilians alike, has become tradition for Joe Fernandez whose son, Army Sgt. Christopher Fernandez, passed away in the line of duty in 2007. Fernandez attended the memorial service with his daughter Carmela and John.

“The memorial service helps us to pay our respects to Christo-

pher,” he said. “We’ve been coming every year since his passing.”

Memorial Day recognizes American heroes from all walks of life, brave souls who joined the Armed Forces, where they took up arms with new brothers and sisters to protect their families and their nation’s freedom.

“One thing we can do is remember these heroes as you remember them,” said President Barack Obama. “Not just as a rank, or a number, or a name on a headstone, but as Americans, often far too young, who were guided by a deep and abiding love for their families, for each other and for this country.”

Honoring the Fallen: The Andersen Air Force Base Honor Guard, known as the “Blue Knights,” present arms after the 21-gun salute during the Guam Veteran Cemetery Memorial Day ceremony in Piti May 28. Multiple military and government organizations came together to support the ceremony and honor those who have paid the ultimate price for freedom. U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Carlin Leslie/Released

MERCY: Ship, crew participate in Pacific Partnership

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some of Mercy’s more prominent medical facilities.

“We do these tours so people can see the ship and learn about the mission and learn about exactly what the Mercy is doing,” said Lt. j.g. Jessica Warner, protocol officer assigned to the Mercy who led the guests through some of the ship’s facilities. “It’s a hospital ship but it is so much more. It’s able to bring so much more to a country than just medical with our engineering projects, with the veterinarian projects, as well as the relationships we’re going to create with these countries to improve our ability to respond disasters later on.”

Mercy’s primary mission is to provide medical support to Marine Corps Air/Ground Task Forces deployed ashore, Army and Air Force units deployed ashore and naval amphibious task forces and battle forces afloat. The ship also provides mobile surgical hospital services for U.S. Government agencies in Humanitarian Civic Assistance (HCA) and disaster or humanitarian relief efforts in and outside the United States.

“It’s amazing that this ship exists and that it can have the opportunity to do humanitarian missions abroad,” said Arania Adolphson, a family practice doctor at the American Medical Center in Tumon. “I think that it is really a phenomenal opportunity for a lot of the patients that may not have access to medical care otherwise.”

One of the first stops on the tour was the ship’s flight deck, where guests learned how important flight operations are to delivering much needed medical supplies and services to areas affected by disaster. Some of the other stops on the tour included the causality receiving area where patients are initially admitted before being diagnosed, the pre-op-



Equipment: Pictured is a CT scanner room on board the U.S. Naval hospital ship USNS Mercy (T-AH 19) moored on U.S. Naval Base Guam May 23. Mercy made a brief stop at NBG, where she welcomed the surgeon general of the United States Navy and hosted a few tours for medical students, before continuing her humanitarian mission in the Asian-Pacific region in support of Pacific Partnership 2012. U.S. Navy photo by JoAnna Delfin/Released

erational and operating rooms, and the intensive care and isolation units. Guests had chance to check Mercy’s CT or CAT scan machine.

“It’s really important for everyone to understand what we have,” said Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Melissa Lunday, who assisted during the tour. “I think giving tours helps people understand why we go to these host nations and what we’re able to do and what we’re cable of.”

One of the major topics that was touched upon many times during the tour was Pacific Partnership 2012, a five-month humanitarian assistance initiative designed to build partnerships the ability to respond to natural disasters. It is an annual mission that was started in 2004 in response to the tsunami that hit many Asian countries.

“This mission is great, what we do, but it only goes so far if nobody knows about it,” said Warner. “We’re preparing in calm to respond in crisis, and this mission is about building relationships at time when there’s not disaster.”



Tour: Students and faculty members from University of Guam listen as Lt. j.g. Jessica Warner, right, assigned to the Navy hospital ship USNS Mercy (T-AH 19) talks about some of the medical facilities on board May 23. Mercy docked at U.S. Naval Base Guam for a port visit before continuing a humanitarian mission in the Asia Pacific region. U.S. Navy photo by JoAnna Delfin/Released



Patient Ready: Pictured are a few beds in the causality receiving area of the U.S. Naval hospital ship USNS Mercy (T-AH 19) moored on U.S. Naval Base Guam (NBG) May 23. U.S. Navy photo by JoAnna Delfin/Released

MAG-12 on Guam for Geiger Fury, ATR

By Shaina Marie Santos
Joint Region Edge Staff

Elements of Marine Aircraft Group 12 (MAG-12) are currently operating out of Andersen Air Force Base (AFB) in participation of two exercises occurring in the region: Geiger Fury 2012 and Aviation Training Relocation (ATR) from May 14 to June 8.

Forward-deployed from Iwakuni, Japan, approximately 700 military personnel will be participating in the ATR on Guam, while 200 personnel will participate in Geiger Fury on the nearby island of Tinian.

Geiger Fury on Tinian involves the north and west fields of the island. On the north field, training includes clearing, stripping and repairing the landing surface on two runways and installing matting for vertical take-off and landing, while training on the island's west field includes emplacement of arresting gear and fuel storage and distribution to extend aviation training throughout the Marianas.

The ATR training utilizes both AFB and Tinian's west field, with air-to-air and air-to-ground exercises.

MAG-12 Commanding Officer Col. Christopher Mahoney said the opportunities presented with Tinian's facilities, Andersen's infrastructure, Guam's airspace and live fire ranges provide the Marines a large set of opportunities to train for all skill sets.

"This location is so good for us because we can do our expeditionary work," he said. "We can move through the islands here with ranges and airspace. We can't do that to the extent that we can in Japan."

According to Lt. Col. Aisha Bakkar of U.S. Marine Forces Pacific



Working Hard: Marines work on a panel during Aviation Training Relocation (ATR) and Geiger Fury 2012 at Andersen Air Force Base May 25. ATR and Geiger Fury are two major exercises occurring in the region from May 15 to June 8. U.S. Navy photo by Shaina Marie Santos/Released

ic (Forward)Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the only live fire that may occur will be on Farallon de Medinilla, which is utilized for a number of training exercises.

Mahoney said the central focus of the exercises is to demonstrate battle readiness.

"Part of our job is expeditionary," he said. "We're not worth a whole lot if we can't move very quickly. That is central to what we're doing here. To take our equipment, to take our Marines, to take the training that we've got, bring it a long distance, set up, get into the air very quickly and show that we can do what it is we say the taxpayers are paying us to do."

Mahoney added that from the current standpoint, he couldn't be hap-

pier with the Marines' abilities.

"The Marines have moved a lot of equipment a long distance; they have arrived at a very austere place – if you take Tinian for example, they built it up to a point where we can employ combat power," he said. "We're showing that we can fight and win tonight."

Dededo Mayor Melissa Savares said the military presence gives her a sense of safety for the island.

"The exercises are always necessary because should anything occur in our region they're prepared to and know how to deal with it," she said. "The first line of defense is the military and if there is a threat in our region, I know that we're going to be safe, they'll protect us here. With their presence, I feel safer."

Mahoney said the support the Marines have received from the local population has been overwhelmingly positive.

"The people on Guam and the people on Tinian have been fantastic and I can't explain it, but it makes the training that much better and that much easier," he said.

During MAG-12's stay on Guam, personnel plan to take time to volunteer in the community with a number of organizations on island.

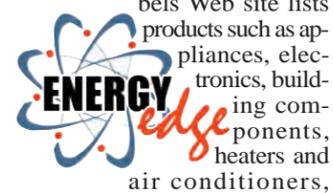
"The military can't do anything without the support of the civilian population..." Mahoney said. "So we like to give a little back. We have the expertise, we have the manpower and if there's something that we can do to benefit a group, we're all over it."

Make smart purchases, save energy

By Kevin D. Evans
Joint Region Marianas Energy Manager

Within Joint Region Marianas we must purchase for lowest life-cycle cost. Is purchasing energy efficient equipment the right thing to do for the planet, or is it the law (for federal buyers)?

It's both! The law requires that we buy products with the lowest life-cycle cost, not the lowest first cost. The Energy Star program labels Web site lists



products such as appliances, electronics, building components, heaters and air conditioners, lights, fans and water heaters that meet energy efficiency standards. For more information regarding the program, visit <http://www.energystar.gov/>

The Federal Energy Management Program (FEMP) provides additional guidelines at: http://www1.eere.energy.gov/femp/technologies/procuring_eeproducts.html

This really makes sense. In fact, the cost to buy a piece of energy using equipment is often just a fraction of what it will cost to power the equipment over its life. Reducing energy consumption reduces our carbon footprint, reduces our demand on the grid and saves money in the long run.

36th MDG welcomes new commander

Welcoming New Leadership: Brig. Gen. John Doucette, left, 36th Wing commander, passes the 36th Medical Group (MDG) guidon to Col. Bert Scott, newly appointed 36th MDG commander, during a change of command ceremony at the 36th MDG on Andersen Air Force Base May 24. U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Benjamin Wiseman/Released



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Hundreds support Relay for Life

By Shaina Marie Santos
Joint Region Edge Staff

Hundreds of local residents and service members gathered in teams to support Relay for Life 2012, an annual cancer-awareness event held at George Washington High School in Mangilao May 25.

The event, which lasted from 6 p.m. Friday to 7 a.m. Saturday, promoted health with a walk where multiple organizations participated and a luminaria ceremony which involved rows of lit paper bags bearing the names of cancer victims and survivors.

Staff Sgt. April Duerr was one of the service members present from the Andersen Air Force Base (AFB) 36th Medical Group, whose team went by the name Medics for a Cure.

"Today we're hoping to raise cancer awareness, let people know, 'hey, there are medics out there that do care for you'," she said. "We do see patients that are diagnosed with cancer and we help treat them."

Duerr said overall, the team's goal was to inform the population that they are there to help.

"It's really family oriented, especially here on Guam," she said. "A lot of us are new to Relay for Life, but I really love the atmosphere that folks have out here. [We're] just creating more ties, more friendships."

Duerr added the event was also a chance for service members to commemorate the people in their lives who have battled cancer.

"We have family, so all of us, at the back of our shirt, we have our own dedication," she said.



For a Good Cause: Andersen Middle School Special Education Aide Toni Acsalle paints a young girl's face at the 2012 Relay for Life at George Washington High School in Mangilao May 25. The annual event promotes cancer awareness and prevention and was attended by numerous organizations from around the island. U.S. Navy photo by Shaina Marie Santos/Released

554th RED HORSE Airman 1st Class Darren Sharp echoed her remarks and added the event held a special meaning for him.

"I'm going to be walking in memory of my great grandmother who passed away from cancer," he said. "Get out there and show everyone that there is a reason to fight; there is a reason to push forward, just show the survivors."

Sharp said the event is also a good opportunity to support the local community.

"Everyone should get out here and volunteer... show the community that you do care," he said. "I think if locals see the military trying to get out in the community, it'll ease the pressure between the two of us and help us get along better and show we're normal people just

like them."

Andersen Middle School administrative assistant Debra Gallo has been the team captain of the largely Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) Pacific-powered team, Love Conquers All.

"We just thought love is what conquers all when it comes to cancer," she said. "Even when you're losing your battle; the love is still there with your family and friends."

Gallo said teachers encourage student learning during the event through volunteer opportunities such as set up of the luminaria and other activities.

"It's important to teach the students about community support," she said. "If we don't find the cure for cancer, then their children will also have to deal with cancer."



Island Dance: Cmdr. William C. McCool Elementary/Middle School students perform during an Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month celebration U.S. Naval Hospital Guam in Agana Heights May 25. Various cultural dances and displays were present at the event which celebrated the Asian-Pacific American cultures. U.S. Navy photo by Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Henry Ponce/Released

USNH Guam celebrates Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month

By Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class
Catherine Ricci
U.S. Naval Hospital Guam

Sailors assigned to U.S. Naval Hospital (USNH) Guam celebrated Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month at the hospital's auditorium in Agana Heights May 25.

The celebration lasted two hours with performances ranging from a history of Asian Pacific Heritage to kick-boxing demonstrations, hula dances, an ukulele performance and a series of dances performed by students from Cmdr. William C. McCool Elementary/Middle School.

Capt. Elizabeth Swartzell, director of learning services at USNH Guam, said the event allowed both service members and their dependents the opportunity to learn about different cultures.

"Programs like this, where dependents are able to learn the culture of the area and teach it to their parents and their coworkers, is instrumental to their development as Americans living overseas," she said. "It's how you make friends; it's how you understand [the area]."

USNH Guam diversity commit-

tee chairperson and emergency room lead petty officer Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class (SW) Narinder Kumar Limtengco echoed Swartzell's sentiments and said the event offered an opportunity for all service members and attendees to recognize and appreciate heritages other than their own.

"All of these performances [were] to make sure everyone's culture is celebrated, to give everyone's culture's talent time, and to show what everyone has to offer," he said.

Along with the celebration, a buffet of more than 20 dishes was made by members of the diversity committee which allowed each member to highlight a food of choice from their culture.

Lt. Cheryl Castro, division officer of the mother-baby unit at USNH Guam, said she was glad she attended the event.

"This program was very well done," she said. "As a mother I appreciated it because it was educational, as a Filipina I appreciated it because the food was good and as a Sailor I appreciated it because it was entertaining. [The program] wasn't just a lecture it was authentic."



Demonstration: Hospital Apprentice Robert Reiser, of U.S. Naval Hospital Guam, holds a piece of wood during a demonstration at the Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month celebration on USNH Guam in Agana Heights May 25. photo has been altered for security purposes. U.S. Navy photo by Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Henry Ponce/Released



Special Lap: Cancer survivors walk their victory lap during the 2012 Relay for Life at the George Washington High School track in Mangilao May 25. U.S. Navy photo by Shaina Marie Santos/Released



Sweet Treat: A mango hangs from a tree a home in Agana Heights May 5. In celebration of mango season, the Agat mayor's office will host its annual Mango Festival June 9-10. The event lures hundreds of island residents, military service members and tourists. U.S. Navy photo by Shaina Marie Santos/ Released

AGAT MANGO

Festival promotes tropical treats

By Shaina Marie Santos
Joint Region Edge Staff

It is mango season once again and for many lucky local residents, the tropical treat is hanging abundantly from trees in their backyards, weighing down on their branches to tempt passersby.

For those not lucky enough to have one of these coveted plants in their backyard, the sixth annual Agat Mango Festival is around the corner, ready to fulfill your mango must-haves this season.

The festival is celebrated in the village Agat which is known for its abundance of thriving mango trees. Local residents, service members and tourists flock to the Agat Sagan Bisita (SA-gan bih-SEE-tah) or visitor's center every year to participate in the two-day event sponsored by the Agat mayor's office.

This year, the Agat Mango Festival will be held June 9-10 from 8 a.m.-8 p.m. On June 9, the festival will begin with the Agat Mango 2k/5k Run/Walk. Showtime will be at 5 a.m. and start time is at 6 a.m. Those who wish to participate can pre-register at Hornet Sporting Goods or the Agat Mayor's Office for \$7 per runner/walker or \$20 for a family of four. Those who register on race day will pay \$10 per runner/walker or \$25 for a family of four.

According to Agat Vice Mayor Agustin Quintanilla there are 52 varieties of mangoes in existence, 11 of which can be found in Agat alone.

"My favorite part is the demonstration and the sampling of all kinds of variety of mango," Quintanilla said. "There's [going to] be mango cookies, mango cake, [and] mango pie."

For the mango enthusiasts, curious visitors or just plain hungry event attendees, the festival is sure to delight all desires with an array of food events from mango tasting, demonstrations and competitions.

Local mango growers compete in a showcase of mangoes of several categories including biggest mango and most beautiful mango. Island residents will also compete in a mango dessert and jam contest.

Musicians and dancers will be in sure supply to entertain the crowd during the festival, including the Cmdr. William C. McCool Elementary and Middle School cultural dancers who will perform June 10 at 11 a.m.

Quintanilla encourages everyone to come down and experience the festival.

"I'm inviting the whole island to come down," he said. "Come in and explore. We're looking forward to a big event"

For more information visit the Agat Mango Festival's official Web site at www.mangofestivalgu.com or call the Agat mayor's office at 565-2524.



Mangoes Galore: Dave Hernandez, an Agat resident, displays unripened, left, and ripened, right, Hayden mangoes at the 4th Annual Agat Mango Festival June 12, 2010. This year's sixth annual Agat Mango Festival will take place at the Agat Sagan Bisita (SA-gan bih-SEE-tah), or Visitor's Center, located along the Agat Bay next to the Mayors Office and Agat Post Office along Route 2A June 9-10. Joint Region Edge File Photo

Summer activities bring families together

By Shaina Marie Santos
Joint Region Edge Staff

With students preparing for their summer break, many parents will soon have their hands and homes full of restless youngsters looking for entertainment.

Navy Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Guam on U.S. Naval Base Guam and 36th Force Support Squadron (FSS) on Andersen Air Force Base will have a number of events available for kids and their parents to join in the coming months.

MWR Recreation Director Leslie Gould said it's important to have a number of events during the summer months so families have something to enjoy together.

"It helps [kids] make friends," Gould said. "It helps them promote a family environment for the kids and the parents to interact during the activities. It gets them out, gets them moving, and keeps their attitude high if they're away from family or friends that are back on the mainland."

36th FSS Youth Center Senior Office Automation Clerk Diana Leon Guerrero shared Gould's sentiments and added that keeping kids occupied is more than just about play.

"We give them an array of activities to do so that their interests are peaked," she said. "It keeps them ready and engaged and the transition back to school is not as harsh as it would be if they were playing video games,

watching TV."

Gould suggests families take advantage of the ample amenities available with MWR.

"Even renting a kayak with your mom and dad or going to the golf course," she said. "They can stay happy, healthy and fit."

Some of the events lined up for the break include a Navy Exchange and MWR Summer Food

and Festival June 9, the Family Fido Fun 5k and kids 2k in August and a performance from recording artists Edwin McCain and Erick Baker scheduled for Aug. 9.

The Big Screen Theater on U.S. Naval Base Guam (NBG) will be hosting their Summer Break Matinees Monday – Thursday at 3 p.m. starting June 18.

On both bases, the libraries will

also be holding their annual summer reading programs available to all patrons. The program encourages reading to keep minds active and sharp over the summer break.

"It keeps them having something to look forward to," Gould said. "It'll make memories that they'll never be able to erase while they're on Guam."



Reading Program: U.S. Naval Base Guam (NBG) Command Master Chief (SW/AW) John Lawry displays a page he is reading from during a special reading of *The Lorax* at the Morale, Welfare and Recreation library on NBG March 7. Morale, Welfare and Recreation and 36th Force Support Squadron libraries will be hosting their summer reading programs for kids to keep active this summer. U.S. Navy photo by Shaina Marie Santos/Released

SUMMER BREAK ACTIVITIES

Swing into Summer Golf Tournament

June 15, Admiral Nimitz Golf Course
Showtime: 12 p.m.
Start time: 1 p.m.
For more information, call 344-5838.

U.S. Naval Base Guam Triple Play 3 X 3 Basketball Tournament

June 1, Charles King Fitness Center
6-10 p.m.
\$5 per team, ages 13 and older
Each team of three must have at least one teen participant.
For more information, call 564-1844

NEX/ MWR Summer Food Festival

June 9, Molly McGee's Irish Pub
6-8 p.m.
\$15 in advance, \$20 at the door
Enjoy an evening of good food prepared with instructional demonstration by Morale, Welfare and Recreation's world-class culinary team and enchanting music.
For more information, call 685-5142.

Summer Movie Matinees

June 18, The Big Screen Theatre
3 p.m. Monday-Thursday
For more information, call 564-1830

Captain's Cup Soccer League

July 17, Blue Jacket Field
6, 7 and 8 p.m.
Register at the Charles King Fitness Center by July 11.
For more information, call 333-2471 or 685-5243

Navy Entertainment Presents: Edwin McCain and Erick Baker

Aug. 9, location to be announced
8 p.m.
Come out and join us as Navy Entertainment presents Edwin McCain and Erick Baker. These two singer/songwriters are known for "leading listeners through music rich with themes that connect us all – hopes, fears, love and loss."
Admission is free
For more information, call 688-7038.

Family Fido Fun 5k/ Kids 2k

Aug. 10, Charles King Fitness Center
Showtime: 5 p.m.
Start time: 5:30 p.m.
For more information, call 685-5267.

Andersen Air Force Base Youth Center Summer Camp

Beginning June 18 to last throughout the summer at the Youth Center
9 a.m.-12 p.m.
\$50 per week, every week summer is out
Every week caters to different interests.
For more information, call 366-3492

Family Pride: Tug-of-War

June 30, Coral Reef Fitness Center
1 p.m.
Go head-to-head with other families to show who Andersen's strongest family is. Teams are limited to one guardian and one child.
For more information, call 366-6100.

Fit Family Homerun Derby

July 28, Coral Reef Fitness Center
6 p.m.
Bring out your kids and knock the ball out the park. The team with the most home runs wins.
For more information, call 366-6100.

Freedom Fest 2012

July 3, Arc Light Park
3-6 p.m.
Andersen's annual Independence Day celebration will include concession sales, free raffle drawing, sumo wrestling, jousting, face-painting, bouncy castle and an ice cream truck for kids.
For more information, call 366-2339

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
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Andersen Air Force Base:

366-6139

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339-2126

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344-9127

By Lt. Cmdr. Thomas A. Ianucci
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Memorial weekend traditionally celebrates our fallen military men and women, but it is also traditionally known as the start of summer for most families and individuals. Many people are making their plans to go back to the good old U.S.A for vacation, as I am, or they're packing up their belongings and preparing to make a move to a new duty station or even heading out of the military and back into civilian life.

As service members, we only stay in one area for a short time and if we are lucky we can extend our tour for a few more years in a particular area. However, we all come to the point where we have to rotate. We think we are resilient and that we can just pack up and move. Well, I do not think so. Just as we start feeling that we are settling in, we pack up and move. That means moving out of our comfort zone and our support structure, only to have to try to find

Be grateful for relationships

a new one.

It is not easy to move and move again. Whether you are married with children or single, we all go through a slight depression when we think of the possibility of moving again. During my short 10 months here, I have already made many good friends and I am building a good support network, but I do know in the back of my head that I will move on before long to a new duty station. Eventually, I too will have to say goodbye to friends and move on.

Thanks to the invention of Facebook I am happy that I can stay in touch with my friends and family better than ever before. However, with Facebook going public and a good possibility that there will be subscription charges for its use I, and many others, may end up dropping it and will have to adjust to a new degree of separation.

So, where am I am going with all this? Well, we make friends all the time when we are in the military and I believe that people pass through

our lives for a reason, often when we need them most. I thank God for everyone whom I have come into contact with over my life and while I can and do stay in contact with some but not all, they all remain as special people in my memories.

It is hard living on Guam as a single person, but I find strength in God and God stretches me to take chances on people and form new friendships. I am glad I do so. They make life interesting, and even if they pass through life for only a few years, I believe it is worthwhile to invest in these relationships. It makes life fulfilling, meaningful and wonderful.

With the recent deaths of two of our military personnel on Guam, I have to admit that I have taken an inventory of my own life and have evaluated my relationships. I admit that if only for a moment in time every relationship has had an impact on me and I am grateful. I thank God for all my friends. Have you thanked God for the valued friendships in your life? Isn't it time to do so? Who knows when our time will be up?

JRM recognizes Sailors, civilians



Cobb: Rear Adm. Paul J. Bushong, commander, Joint Region Marianas (JRM), right, awards Telecommunications Specialist Donald Cobb, of JRM, with an On the Spot Award at JRM headquarters May 1. Cobb's hard work and professionalism reflected credit upon him and kept with the pride of the service and traditions of the United States naval service. U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW/AW) Jeremy Starr/Released



Hudson: Rear Adm. Paul J. Bushong, commander, Joint Region Marianas (JRM), right, awards Hull Maintenance Technician Fireman Amber Hudson the Blue Jacket of the Quarter for the 2012 first quarter at the JRM headquarters in Nimitz Hill May 1. Hudson served as an administrative clerk at JRM from January-March 2012. U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW/AW) Jeremy Starr/Released

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Andersen hosts America's Armed Forces KIDS RUN

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The annual America's Armed Forces Kids Run was held at Andersen Air Force Base May 19.

"Service members understand what physical fitness means and its importance," said Marco Di Giulio, 36th Force Support Squadron (FSS) special events coordinator. "I think this event was a great way to introduce their children to this part of their lives, and hopefully some of the children will want to start running with their parents as a result of the event."

The event took place at the

Andersen track and was hosted by the U.S. Navy, who provided complementary t-shirts to participants.

"The America's Armed Forces Kids Run is the largest children's running event in the world," said Michele Jacobs, 36th FSS community activities and hot spot director. "For Andersen, this was the largest turnout we have had in years, with 112 kids participating. Above all other benefits of the event, my favorite part was seeing the children be active and really enjoy fitness."

Coming together provided a venue for parents who appreciate fitness to network.

"The event served as a fun

outdoor activity for families to participate in with a positive group," Di Giulio said. "Events like this help with base moral and help children of service members meet other children their age."

Service members had the opportunity to engage in physical fitness with their children, encouraging them to be active.

"The event helped to introduce children to organized running in a friendly, non-competitive way," Di Giulio said. "There were no winners or losers and it was a positive experience to contrast the normal activities that they might see in a gym class at school."



Almost There: A young girl participates in the America's Armed Forces Kids run at Andersen Air Force Base May 19. A total of 112 kids participated in this year's run. U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Carrie Hinson/Released

'Fantastic': Sarah Vinch gives her daughter a high-five during the America's Armed Forces Kids Run at Andersen Air Force Base May 19. A total of 112 kids participated in this year's run making it the largest turnout had in years. U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Carrie Hinson/Released

