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Exercise tests islands typhoon readiness

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Local and military agencies on Guam participated in Exercise Ty-

phoon Pakyo (PUHK-dzoo), a typhoon preparation and recovery exercise from June 10 -15.

The exercise simulated steps that would be taken in a real-life situation, honing the skills of Joint Region Marianas (JRM), Andersen Air Force Base (AFB), U.S. Naval Base Guam and Government of Guam (GovGuam)

personnel and educated civilians on the proper course of action island response teams would take in the event of a typhoon.

"[Exercise] Typhoon Pakyo [20]12 is a joint exercise with Joint Region

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Airmen exceed expectations

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Program empowers children

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Field Practice: 36th Contingency Response Group Airmen perform self-aid and buddy care on a simulated unconscious Airman after a chemical attack scenario during an exercise scenario at Northwest field June 6. The 36th CRG conducted a four-day exercise in order to hone their tactical skills, improve operational readiness and prepare for an upcoming unit compliance inspection. U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Marianne Santos/Released

36th CRG kicks off UCI prep with four-day exercise

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

The 36th Contingency Response Group (CRG) recently completed a four-day Operational Readiness Exercise (ORE) in Northwest Field, Guam, from June 4-7.

This exercise kicked off more tactical training and preparation about to ensue for the unit's upcoming unit compliance inspection (UCI) in May 2013.

"The primary purpose of this particular exercise is to practice skills that we haven't used in a while, namely the ability to survive

and operate in an austere environment," said Lt. Col. Michael Black, 36th Mobility Response Squadron (MRS) commander. "This would help us prepare for our upcoming UCI next May and be ready when called to take

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Andersen Air Force Base to close main gate June 23



From 36th Wing Public Affairs

The Andersen Air Force Base (AFB) main gate is scheduled to close June 23 from 2-6 a.m. as a part of an Air Force project to install new utility lines by the main gate. All traffic will be diverted through the Santa Rosa gate.

To the maximum extent practical, the Navy and Air Force will minimize impact and inconvenience to the civilian community by adjusting contractor work schedules to work at night. This will also ensure minimal impact to local traffic.

During this period, commercial traffic entering the installation will only be permitted by exception, if essential and if previously coordinated. If exceptions are required, contact the 36th Wing Security Forces Squadron at 366-5650/5651/7202.

Further questions may be directed to the 36th Wing Public Affairs office at 366-2228. Office hours are from 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.. After hours, please contact the 36th Wing Command Post at 366-2981 and ask to be transferred to the public affairs on-call representative.

Andersen AFB is a premier Air Force installation that hosts a variety of aircraft training events throughout the year in addition to hosting a rotating presence of bomber, tanker and fighter aircraft and permanently stationed RQ-4 Global Hawks. The 36th Wing at Andersen AFB provides the president of the United States sovereign options to decisively employ airpower across the entire spectrum of engagement.

8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
June 28: Hearts Apart from 3-4:30 p.m.
For more information, call 366-8136.

NEWS NOTES

Job Announcements
Interested individuals can view available vacancies at <https://www.cnmc.navy.mil/Marianas/index.htm> or at <https://chart.donhr.navy.mil>. For more information, call 349-6119/2224.

Guam Contractor's Liberation Hoop Tournament

Take part in the Guam Contractor's Liberation Hoop Tournament from July 23-29. Tournament will be limited to the first 10 teams and military teams are welcomed. For more information, contact Dave Cruz at 486-4777 or david.cruz63@gmail.com; or Dave Benavente at 898-2734 or dbenavente@carquestofguam.com.

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.

Navy College Office

The Navy College Office is located on U.S. Naval Base Guam in Barracks 1. For information regarding Navy college programs, available schools and other educational resources, call 339-8291 or visit the overall Navy College Office Web site at <http://www.navycollege.navy.mil>. Active-duty service members are invited to attend the Tuition Assistance Course every Thursday at 9 a.m. at the Navy College Office in Barracks 1. For more information, call 339-8291.

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
June 28: Welcome to Guam orientation from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
June 29: Around the island tour from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
For more information, call 333-2056

Freedom Festival 2012

Enjoy a fun-filled day this Fourth of July at the Freedom Festival from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on U.S. Naval Base Guam. The festival will be held at the Blue Jacket Field, Community Field, Charles King Fitness Center pool and the adjacent fields and grounds to the Blue Jacket Field. Festival is open to all with an ID card and is free. For more

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JUNE 22 (FRIDAY)		
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JUNE 23 (SATURDAY)		
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3:30 PM	THE LUCKY ONE	PG-13
7 PM	THE CABIN IN THE WOODS	R
JUNE 24 (SUNDAY)		
1 PM	THE THREE STOOGES	PG
3:30 PM	LOCKOUT	PG-13
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Movie Hotline 564-1831 US Naval Base Guam

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information, call 688-7038.

Summer Culinary Youth Camp

Give the kids something fun to do at the Summer Culinary Youth Camp July 23-27 from 2-4:40 p.m. Sign up and pay at the Information, Tickets and Travel Office and present paid receipt on day of class. Classes are limited to the first 40 students. Summer camp is \$50, which includes an apron, hat and supplies. Age 12-15 years old may participate. For more information please call 685-5142.

Summer Break Matinees

Looking for something to do this summer? Enjoy summer break matinees at the Big Screen Theatre. 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 25: Pre-separation briefing from 8:30-11:30 a.m.
June 25: Starting a small business from 1-3 p.m.
June 25: Writing a business plan from 3:15-4:30 p.m.
June 26: VA benefits briefing from 8 a.m.-noon
June 26: Tricare briefing from 1:30-2:30 p.m.
June 27: Saving and investing from 9-10 a.m.
June 27-29: TAP employment workshop from

Freedom Fest 2012

Celebrate Fourth of July this year at the Freedom Fest at Arc Light Park July 3 from 4-7 p.m. Enjoy games for the family, entertainment, food and raffles. For more information, call 366-6100.

Breadcrumb Bead Bracelet Workshop

Learn and recycle bread crumbs by making a colorful breadcrumb bead bracelet during the workshop June 23 from 1-2:30 p.m. \$12 fee includes instruction and materials for one bracelet. Ages 6 and older may attend with maximum six students. For more information, call 366-4248.

Free Outdoor Movie Night

Enjoy the PG-rated movie "The Smurfs" at the Hotspot's free outdoor movie night June 23 at Arc Light Park. Show time is 7:30 p.m. Movie will be shown, weather permitting. Call 366-2339 for more information.

SPORTS SHORTS

U.S. Naval Base Guam

Captain's Cup Soccer League

Time to bring your skills to the field. Sign you, and your team up at the Charles King Fitness Center. Active duty, reserve, Department of Defense (DOD) civilians, immediate family members, and DOD full-time contractors may sign up. Pick up the registration forms and fill them out correctly per instruction. The tournament will be held at the Blue Jacket Field July 17 at 6,7 and 8 p.m. Registration is going on now and will end July 11. For more information, call 333-2471 or 685-5243.

Andersen Air Force Base

Family Pride "Tug of War" Competition
Coral Reef Fitness Center's next FitFamily event will be a Family Pride "Tug of War" Competition June 30 at the football field. Show time is 12:30 p.m., with the event starting at 1 p.m. Teams made up of one adult and one child will compete for the family pride title. Sign-up at the Coral Reef Fitness Center, or call 366-6100 for more information.

CORRECTION

• Chief Aviation Ordnanceman (AW/SW) Marvin Knowles Jr. was the author of Superior weapons maintenance today, ready tomorrow. Other information was published on page 4 of the June 15 edition of the Joint Region Edge.

Bases set to rock Fourth of July

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

With summer in full swing and many activities available on U.S. Naval Base Guam (NBG) and Andersen Air Force Base (AFB), patrons can add upcoming the bases' Fourth of July events to their list of fun.

Both Freedom Fest on Andersen and Freedom Festival on NBG will feature a performance by Aerial Down. The band is an internationally, independent rock band based out of Raleigh, N.C., and have played more than 300 shows in 30 states and 17 countries in the past two years.

Lead Singer Beaux Foy was this year's recipient of the USO's Heart of a Patriot Award, given to entertainers for their effort. Former recipients include Gary Sinise of Forrest Gump and CSI NY, and JAG actress Karri Turner.

Each base will have other activities lined up for all patrons with base access.



Freedom Fest on Andersen

Andersen will hold their annual Freedom Festival at Arc Light Park July 3 from 4-7:30 p.m.

Activities include raffle

drawings, kid activities, free carabao rides, sumo wrestling, jousting, bouncy castles and food and beverages for purchase.

"Come out and have a great time with all of our fun activities and great food all the

while giving you a chance to win prizes through our raffle, with a grand prize of round-trip tickets from an airline," said Staff Sgt. Rong Meak, 36th Force Support Squadron community activities and Hot Spot assistant.

"To top off the evening, there will be a live performance from the band 'Aerial Down'. For more information, please call 366-2339.

Freedom Festival on NBG

Activities on the base will take place at Blue Jacket Field from 7 a.m.- 3:45 p.m., July 4 and will include a Jiu-Jitsu demonstration, live music, children's games, a car and motorcycle show, chili and hot wing cook-offs, a hot dog-eating contest and much more.

There will be a one-pitch softball tournament, softball home run derby, a 'strong man' challenge and an aqua Zumba class.

"This Fourth of July event is filled with awesome activities," said Charles King Fitness Center (CKFC) Director Romeo Sanchez. "Come and join the fun and just enjoy the atmosphere."

To compete in the tournaments, shows and cook-offs, participants must register at CKFC by June 29. For more information, please call 333-2049.

Andersen's Best Stephanie Aguin

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

Stephanie Aguin, quality assurance personnel coordinator and contract specialist, was awarded Andersen's Best on Andersen Air Force Base June 7.

"Ms. Aguin took on the task of leading the Performance and Quality Oversight Program," said Master Sgt. Kenneth Winn. "Within four months, her efforts made the program the strongest in the Pacific Air Force and Naval Facilities [Engineering

Command] Marianas. She also resolved a back-log of [more than] 70 past-due reports and ensured effective oversight and quality assurance of contractor activity valued at more than \$150 million."

Aguin is currently transitioning Team Andersen's contract quality assurance surveillance program to the new Department of Defense (DoD) contracting officer representative tool. Her efforts have put Team Andersen on track to become fully compliant by August 25 which is well in advance of the DoD deadline of Dec. 1.

"She is passionate about her work and it shows with her steadfast dedication to Andersen's Mission," Winn said.

Andersen's Best is a recognition program which highlights a top performer from the 36th Wing. Each week, supervisors nominate a member of their team for outstanding performance and the wing commander presents the selected Airman/civilian with an award.

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Outstanding Civilian Employee: Stephanie Aguin, quality assurance personnel coordinator and contract specialist, was awarded Andersen's Best on Andersen Air Force Base June 7. 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 Airman/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





Dedicated Team: Members from the 644th Combat Communication Squadron night shift take accountability while others post as security after a simulated chemical attack on Andersen Air Force Base April 24. Security and asset protection are some of the main responsibilities of Airmen assigned to the night shift in a deployed environment. U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Marianique Santos/Released

Night shift Key to continuity

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

Imagine gears continuously turning, an entity supplied with continuous energy, working for hours on end until desired results are achieved; results that are a product of continuity.

For a combat communication squadron, the mission of getting communications up is the desired result and the continuous energy is from the effective cycle of available manpower. This also means that half of the team will have to bid the sun farewell temporarily and will then be known as the night shift.

"The importance of having a night shift for a combat communication squadron is twofold," said Capt. Mark Walkusky, 644th Combat Communication Squadron (CBCS) director of operations. "The first would be the initial set up of the site, second part is essentially having that customer support throughout the entire mission."

The squadron has a set amount of time in which they are able to roll out an entire air expeditionary wing, if that was the mission set. In that time, day and night, they work on getting the secure and non-secure voice and data systems going across the whole air base depending on the requirements they have for that specific mission.

"The time frame applies to any mission," Walkusky said. "If we go to an austere environment, that timeline starts the moment we hit the ground and open up those pallets. We can go to an airfield that doesn't have any structures and we provide our own generators, our own tents and get communications up; we are essentially self-sustaining."

Master Sgt. Donald Blume, 644th CBCS network deployed operations noncommissioned officer in charge, said that the men will be exhausted if there was only one shift working a labor intensive task of building a base from ground up.

"Having a night and a day shift allows the men to rest and have people working con-

tinuously on the mission at the same time," he said.

Due to the need for continuous set up, Walkusky said that having a night shift is imperative in having continuous customer support throughout the entire mission.

"We'll have that [communication] focal point working 24 hours and we'll have customer support capabilities throughout the entire mission," he said.

"Having a night shift makes this continuous coverage possible," Blume said. "Equipment can break or malfunction at any given time. Such an event can either stop or slow the mission down significantly, may it be anything from intelligence acquisition, aircraft support to contacting headquarters to pass on information. Having people available 24 hours a day makes repairs faster and allows the mission to run more smoothly."

Blume continued by stressing that the importance of night shift in a deployed environment is not only for communications.

"It extends to security," he said. "The unit needs to always have somebody to go at any given notice. In a deployed environment, anything can happen. You need Airmen to protect both the assets and the other Airmen that are recovering from a 12-hour shift."

Unfortunately, the switch from working during the day to night is not an easy transition.

"The hardest part is rotating to nights," Blume said. "For some people it's not seeing the sun. To get through it you just do what you can, have a laugh and lots of caffeine while working on the equipment."

Despite the long nights of fighting drowsiness and having to run security in the dark, Blume said that he is grateful to have worked with the Airmen on night shift during Exercise Dragon Thunder.

"Our guys rule," he continued. "They've worked hard, and we did a good job during the exercise. They're the best bunch of guys that I've seen in a long time."

Environmental Minute Greeninitiative

By Shaina Marie Santos
Joint Region Edge Staff

With rising awareness of environmental concerns and efforts of preservation; recycling enforcement and practices have become more common.

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Marianas Environmental Manager Mark Cruz said people need to understand where their trash ends up and how to reduce the amount of it.

"The mantra is the three 'R's: reduce, reuse and recycle," he said. "For example, plastic bags – reduce them totally with cloth bags. If you don't have [any] at the moment, try to use less bags to bring your items home."

Cruz said though awareness is up, people still carry misconceptions about recycling.

"A misconception folks have is that they won't make a difference," he said. "Meaning, 'why recycle this one can' or 'what's the big deal with throwing my cigarette butt outside my car?' Well the fact is that if you multiply that idea with how many people are on our island, the impacts from litter or cans being recycled can turn out to have a major impact."

He said that a positive attitude is contagious and can encourage more people to become more aware themselves.

"I believe that a majority of people do care about the environment," he said. "They like to see a place free of litter.

Awareness and environmental tips can definitely change the attitudes of people. The more awareness, the more positive change such as more recycling habits, less plastic bags used... awareness is important for everyone – especially the children."

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), recycling is one of the best environmental success stories of the late 20th century, diverting 83 million tons of material from disposal in 2008, up from 15 million tons in 1980.

Though the numbers convey a positive message, according to the EPA, in 2010, Americans produced about 250 million tons of municipal solid waste, or common garbage.



Recycling for the Environment: Naval Facilities Engineering Command Marianas Integrated Solid Waste Program Manager Troy Imamura recycles a newspaper at the Joint Region Marianas headquarters in Nimitz Hill June 11. Recycling is one way to promote and protect the environment. U.S. Navy photo by Shaina Marie Santos/Released

National Academy offers Life Lessons

By Maj. Tara L. Opielowski
736th Security Forces
Squadron Commander

On June 8 I will be one of 264 law enforcement officials graduating from the 249th Session of the Federal Bureau of Investigations National Academy. The FBI National Academy is a 10-week course of study, held at the FBI Academy in Quantico, Va., for U.S. and international law enforcement leaders.

The National Academy serves to improve the administration of justice in police departments and agencies at home and abroad and to raise law enforcement standards, knowledge and cooperation worldwide. There are four sessions held every year, each with an average of 250 students. Law enforcement personnel from more than 150 nations attend and take classes in leadership, ethics, advanced forensics, investigation and interrogation practices, legal issues and case studies. Every student is also required to take a physical fitness class that focuses on cutting-edge strategies for improved nutrition and muscular and cardiovascular fitness. The National Academy partners with the University of Virginia, so students will receive undergraduate or graduate level credits for the courses they complete.

Most of the students at the National Academy are law enforcement officials in management and leadership positions within their respective departments; a lot of the students are chiefs or sheriffs. Many are hand-selected af-

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- Maj. Tara L. Opielowski, commander, 736th Security Forces Squadron



ter an intense application and screening process and may wait five to 10 years in order to be able to attend. For most who attend, it is not only a resume building block, but something rather prestigious and an honorable personal achievement.

For the seven active duty military members in attendance, it was no different. Each of us participated in some manner of a selection process and we all realized what a great privilege we had been afforded to attend along with our civilian law enforcement counterparts.

During this 10-week course, I was exposed to many academic experiences I never before encountered and I learned a great deal. My undergraduate degree was in civil engineering and throughout my security forces career, I have focused almost entirely on base defense rather than law enforcement, so many of the

courses I took were very eye-opening for me. I gained a lot of knowledge on advanced interviewing techniques and honed my skills in investigative strategies.

At the same time, I studied various violent crime case studies, reinforced my beliefs on the importance of intelligence-led policing efforts and debated what constitutes ethical leadership.

Lastly, I challenged my body with intense physical training sessions - some of the most intense I have ever had.

The two most important lessons I learned however, were learned outside of the classroom and off the running trails.

The first lesson is that law enforcement should never be taken for granted. Similar to the protection the U.S. military offers to its citizens when we take the fight abroad to the enemy, our local law enforcement officials offer

citizens safety and protection from the enemies in our own neighborhoods. They are the first line of defense to the criminal and terrorist threats that we face at home and it is a responsibility that is not taken lightly. I felt proud to be sitting next to them and realize the many technologies and techniques they employ in order to protect and serve and I was even more honored to realize that there are many, many good police officers out there who take that charge very serious and serve every day with the greatest honor and courage. We should all be reminded at how fortunate our country is to have a solid law enforcement foundation; there are many others in the world who are not so fortunate.

The second, and perhaps more important lesson that I learned, is that we share a strong, common bond with our law enforcement brothers. Every day as we

put on our military uniform and they don their local departments' uniform, we join together in service worldwide to offer protection, safety and peace of mind to our citizens. The tasks they perform, the level of service expected of them and the burden they carry is very similar to ours as military members. It was powerfully moving for me to realize that there are many men and women out there who took a similar charge as me, so that their children may grow up in a safer world.

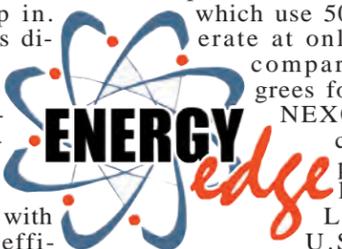
My 10 weeks at the FBI National Academy will serve to be one of the best experiences of my military career. The lifelong friends I made and the lessons I learned will never be forgotten. I feel privileged and humbled to have trained with some of the finest police officers in the world and I hope that in some way, I can remind all of us to be grateful and to support not only the Yellow Ribbon, but also the Thin Blue Line.

Navy Exchange Guam uses new lights, saves energy

By William Ward
Navy Exchange Command
Service Guam District Facilities
Manager

These last two years the Navy Exchange Service Command (NEXCOM) Guam worked hard in conjunction with Naval Facilities Engineering Command Marianas to reduce energy costs for the region and become active in the 'Green Guam' movement.

At the same time we wanted to maintain a comfortable environment for all our customers to shop in. One step in this direction was accomplished this week by retrofitting 80 merchandise track lights (MR-16 Halogen lamps) with cooler energy efficient Light Emitting Diode (LED) lamps.



The new lamps consume nine watts of electricity compared to the halogen lamps which use 50 watts and operate at only 115 degrees compared to 215 degrees for halogen. The NEXCOM plans on changing approximately 225 lamps to the LED between U.S. Naval Base Guam and U.S. Naval Computer and Telecommunications

Station Guam. Once all the lamps are replaced, based on the Navy's kilowatt-hour electrical rate, energy costs for the LED lamps operating on a 12-hour day basis will be reduced by approximately \$39.86 per day.

In addition to the energy savings, employees who work in the areas where these lights are concentrated, such as the jewelry and fragrances department, have already commented how much cooler the store

feels. This translates to a lower heat load for the building with a secondary saving on air conditioning cooling. In addition to the energy savings, these lamps are advertised to last 30,000 hours, approximately ten times longer than the halogen. This will reduce NEXCOM Guam maintenance man-hours currently spent replacing burnt-out bulbs. Please come by the exchange and see the new lighting.

It's a freedom that you defend—Vote!

By 2nd Lt. Sarah Bergstein
36th Wing Public Affairs

Voting season is set to begin for Team Andersen as Overseas Voters Week kicks off June 27.

The Installation Voting Assistance Office, located on the second floor of the Mission Support Group building in Room 201, will be open for business every Monday- Friday from 1- 2 p.m. until the national election Nov. 6.

“This year is a federal election,” said Maj. Jamal Williams, 36th Wing Force Support Squadron operations officer and this year’s installation voting assistance officer. “We’re doing a big push to let everyone know to come out and vote.”

On Nov. 6, elections will be held for the presidency of the United States, one third of U.S. senators, every member of the U.S. House of Representatives, 13 state and territorial governors and thousands of state and local officials.

“All Airmen should be aware of the mechanisms that enable them to register, request ballots and vote,” reads a memorandum signed by Secretary of the Air Force Michael B. Donley, Chief of Staff Norton A. Schwartz and Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James A. Roy.

“It’s a freedom that you defend—Vote!” is the 2012-2013 Department of Defense’s (DoD) voting slogan.

DoD has taken steps to make absentee voting easier for military members, their families and overseas voters, including federal employees working overseas. Voters can visit www.fvap.gov for information regarding registration, absentee ballots and voting. Installation and unit voting assistance officers are also standing by to provide any assistance.

Williams suggests voters have their ballots submitted by Sept. 30.

“This is the right amount of time to ensure the process happens and you have enough time to make your vote count,” he

said. “Your vote can make a difference.”

“Even if you are getting ready for a permanent change of station, you can still have your ballot sent to your new address or installation,” Williams continued.

Overseas Voters Week’s first event will take place at Andersen Air Force Base July 3 during Freedom Fest, where the Voting Assistance Office will have a booth set up so that voters can get information, get registered and get their ballots.

The second opportunity to make your vote count will take place on both July 5 and 6 at both the base exchange and the commissary to encourage Team Andersen to come out and vote.

“Voting is a freedom that you defend,” said Major Williams, stressing DoD’s voting slogan. “It’s a privilege and a right for you to determine the future of the country that you fight for.”

For more information click the Voting Assistance Program tab on Andersen’s homepage or visit www.fvap.gov



Be Heard, Vote: The Installation Voting Assistance Office, located on the second floor of the Mission Support Group building in Room 201, will be open for business Monday-Friday from 1-2 p.m. until the national election Nov. 6. “It’s a freedom that you defend—Vote!” is the 2012-2013 Department of Defense’s voting slogan. U.S. Air Force photo by 2nd Lt. Sarah Bergstein/Released

PAKYO: CNIC evaluates mission readiness capabilities

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Fuel Spill Exercise: An emergency response team member from the Fleet Logistics Center Yokoska Det. Guam prepares to clean up a simulated oil spill as the Joint Region Marianas assessment team observes during an exercise in Piti June 14. Military and local agencies participated in Exercise Typhoon Pakyo (PUHK-dzoo), a typhoon preparation and recovery exercise June 10-15. U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Corwin Colbert/Released

Marianas and the Government of Guam preparing the island for the typhoon season that began June 1," said Maj. Bruce Murren, 36th Wing inspector general. "It allows us here on Andersen AFB the opportunity to educate newcomers on the hazards associated with tropical cyclones before they affect us and to practice the processes we have in place for securing our facilities and recovering from a typhoon in order to return the base to operational status."

This year's exercise also involved the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and Commander, Navy Installations Command (CNIC) Emergency Management teams.

"Every year we come out to assess the region's mission readiness and this year we decided to come during the Pakyo exercise," said Randy Morgan, CNIC training readiness officer. "We evaluated many aspects of the exercise including their prep, response and recovery phases."

Evaluators observed the region's staff, installations and tenant commands to determine the state of typhoon readiness

through the use of the typhoon condition of readiness categories, increases with associated heavy weather planning meetings and personnel accountability via Navy Family Accountability and Assessment Systems.

"Our main scenario was getting logistic materials from Saipan because our airport was down," JRM Training and Readiness Officer Timothy Moon said. "We simulated three amphibious ships, USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD 6), USS Tortuga (LSD 46) and USS Denver (LPD 9), transporting supplies from Saipan to Guam."

As a weather flight forecaster, Staff Sgt. Jacquelyn Payn, 36th Operation Support Squadron, said her unit has the responsibility of notifying all military facilities on island of the storm's track.

"This is all important information to relay, so families can prepare by making sure their outside items are secure, their shutters are closed and that they have obtained ample supplies for any power or water outages," she said. "Even though you are forecasting bad weather, it's all worth it when your forecast is correct and everyone was prepared."



Left: The 36th Contingency Response Group (CRG) entry control point security listens to 'protestor' concerns during an exercise scenario at Northwest field June 6. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Marianne Santos/Released

Above: Chief Master Sgt. James Slisik, 36th Wing command chief, and Chief Master Sgt. Joseph Howell, 36th Contingency Response Group (CRG) superintendent, talks to the 36th CRG Airmen about their well-being and the exercise during a visit at Northwest field June 6. U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Marianne Santos/Released

TEAM: Motivated Airmen applauded for efforts

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on our war time mission."

The exercise began with two full tactical training days, where Airmen practiced force protection, mission-oriented protective posture and self-aid and buddy care, among other expeditionary training, then tackled two more days of practical application.

"The application part is where we can take all those different skill sets we've learned these past few days and wrap them up into a very full schedule," said Lt. Col. Bill Percival, 36th MRS director of operations. "This will give the Airmen the confidence that they can put it all together."

Aside from being able to apply the tactical skills that they have learned during training, Senior Master Sgt. Rick Schlachter, 736th Security Forces Squadron senior enlisted advisor to the commander, said the beauty of this type of exercise is how the Airmen get to see how everyone fits into the big picture of the CRG.

Despite the teamwork, Schlachter said that they were still faced with some obstacles in the field. One of their biggest challenges was there were many new people in the exercise still learning about the CRG: the mission, the tactics, the procedures and getting up to speed in an exercise environment.

"The CRG is unique," Schlachter

said. "I have been in the Air Force for 21 years and no other assignment has been like the CRG. This entire unit is designed to pick up on a moment's notice and execute an air base opening operation. That usually takes people out of their usual comfort zones. We have to constantly prepare for future missions and be ready to go on a 12-hour notice."

In preparation for both missions and the UCI, the 36th CRG is will 'beef up' their tactical training opportunities and aims to have a full-blown ORE at least once a quarter, if not more.

"My expectation is that the Airmen will meet any challenges they would face," Percival said. "We also expect them to gain an appreciation

of all the different skill sets that come with being part of the CRG - the tactical skill sets that they need to be proficient in that would help them - not only down range, but also in the Pacific Command Area of Responsibility."

Black said that, so far, they have met their training objectives. All the units under the CRG have come together and overcome the challenges of the heat and the environment.

"They have been performing as expected because I expect nothing but great things from them," he said.

Percival shared Black's sentiments and applauded the 36th CRG Airmen for their outstanding efforts.

"They are doing a phenomenal job," he said. "[They are a] moti-

vated group, they get things done. You give them a challenge they'll ask for more. It's an absolute pleasure to see them in action."

With this exercise drawn to a close, the 36th CRG is continuously working on mission readiness, fully aware of their responsibilities in the region.

"Clearly the Pacific theater has become an area of focus on the global stage," Black said. "As far as the 36th Wing and the 36th CRG go, we have a role to perform in the theater. It is important that we exercise the spectrum of skills that we will need for our air base opening and expeditionary missions, skills that all the units of the CRG should endeavor to excel at."



Andersen units hold change of commands

Above: Col. Kim Brooks, 36th Maintenance Group (MXS) commander presents the 36th Maintenance Squadron guidon to Maj. Nathan Meresh, 36th MXS incoming commander, during the change of command ceremony on Andersen Air Force Base June 15. The passing of the guidon is a tradition that symbolizes the passing of control of a unit from one officer to another. U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Carlin Leslie/Released

Left: Newly appointed 644th Combat Communications Squadron Commander Lt. Col. Melchizedek Martinez, right, receives the guidon from Col. Theodore Corallo, 36th Contingency Response Group commander, during a change of command ceremony held at the Sunrise Conference Center on Andersen Air Force Base June 18. The passing of the guidon is a tradition that symbolizes the passing of control of a unit from one officer to another. U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Benjamin Wiseman/Released

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 - Capt. James Morgan, mission commander

Pacific Partnership 2012 arrives in the Philippines

By Lt. Cmdr. Matthew Breedlove
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Military Sealift Command's hospital ship USNS Mercy (T-AH 19) arrived in the Philippines June 18, to begin the second host nation visit of the Pacific Partnership 2012 (PP12) mission.

Now in its seventh year, Pacific Partnership is the largest annual humanitarian and civic action (HCA) mission in the Asia-Pacific region and is designed to strengthen regional partnerships and enhance a collective ability to respond to natural disasters and crisis.

PP12 is scheduled for a four-and-a-half month deployment with visits to the host nations of Indonesia, the Philippines, Vietnam and Cambodia. This year's Pacific Partnership participants represent a multinational, multi-organizational team that includes joint military and civil-

ians from Australia, Canada, Great Britain, Japan, Malaysia, Peru, the Netherlands and the United States; non-governmental organizations (NGOs) including Global Grins, Latter Day Saints Charities, Project Handclasp, Project Hope, University of Hawaii Schools of Nursing and Engineering, University of California San Diego Pre Dental Society, and World Vets.

At the invitation of the Republic of the Philippines and in partnership with the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), these participants will employ their collaborative HCA capabilities to provide medical, dental, veterinary, public health services, civic engineering, and disaster response activities to help the local communities of Northern and Western Samar, including San Isidro, Calbayog and Catbalogan. Working with local community leaders, the Partnership will provide a tailored approach to humanitarian and civic action projects as well

as subject matter expert exchanges enabling the communities to better prepare to respond in crisis.

“Developing a plan and having a clear public information campaign will definitely help the next time a disaster strikes,” said Capt. James Morgan, mission commander for PP12. “I like to call this ‘preparing in calm to respond in crisis,’ which is the motto of Pacific Partnership 2012.”

This is the third return visit for USNS Mercy to the shores of Samar. Calbayog city hosted the Mercy and crew of Pacific Partnership 2008, and this year also marks the 25th anniversary of Mercy's maiden voyage and first visit to Calbayog in May of 1987.

“We have enjoyed looking at the historical photos of Mercy's visit to Samar in 1987,” said Capt. Timothy Hinman, commanding officer of the medical treatment facility hospital aboard Mercy. “We are very

happy to be returning to Samar to celebrate this very special silver anniversary.”

Mercy will remain anchored offshore due to her large size and depth compared to the Calbayog pier facilities. At a length of 984 feet, Mercy will move patients, doctors and nurses, and crew back and forth using two 33-foot utility boats, 12 to 16 hours per day, ferrying passengers from ship to shore and back.

“This is a challenging and unique mission that requires an advanced level of seamanship, dedication and sensitivity,” said Capt. Olmsted, Mercy's civil service master. “My crew is looking forward to participating in the shore mission as well, assisting with specialized engineering projects and subject matter exchanges.”

Immediately following the December 2004 tsunami that struck Oceania and the Indian Ocean basin, the U.S. hospital ship USNS Mercy was deployed

to support international relief efforts. Now in the seventh year, Pacific Partnership is aimed at strengthening regional relationships with Southeast Asian and Oceania nations that might be called upon to respond to natural or humanitarian disasters.

Pacific Partnership 2012 is led by three different element commanders: Morgan, mission commander for Pacific Partnership 2012 and commander of the San Diego-based Destroyer Squadron SEVEN; Capt. Jonathan Olmsted, of the Military Sealift Command and Mercy's civil service master; and Capt. Timothy Hinman, commander of the medical treatment facility, which is responsible for the hospital and providing care aboard Mercy and on shore.

For more news from Pacific Partnership, visit www.cpf.navy.mil/PP, <http://pacificpartnership.wordpress.com>, www.facebook.com/pacificpartnership or <http://twitter.com/pacificpartner>.



Floating Hospital: The Military Sealift Command hospital ship USNS Mercy (T-AH 19), lead vessel for Pacific Partnership 2012, transits the Pacific Ocean toward Guam. Pacific Partnership is an annual U.S. Pacific Fleet humanitarian and civic assistance mission designed to work by, with and through host and partner nations, non-governmental organizations and international agencies to build partnerships and a collective ability to respond to natural disasters. U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Michael Feddersen/Released

NAVFAC Marianas Manager also manages music

By Shaina Marie Santos
Joint Region Edge Staff

When Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Marianas Integrated Solid Waste Program Manager Troy Imamura is not working on his career, he is working with his son's. Imamura's son Ryan is known worldwide for his skills on the ukulele and has performed with artists such as Cecilio and Kapono and Jake Shimabukuro.

Ryan began learning to strum the strings when he was roughly the age of nine, when his father first introduced him to guitars. However, Ryan's fingers found the guitar overwhelming and when a cousin visited one summer; he found his cousin's ukulele a perfect fit.

"I was trying to get him started with that, I figured now was probably a good time to get him into music," Troy said. "I started kind of early too; I started playing the keyboards since I was in sixth grade so I just wanted him to have something to fall back to instead of the video games and other stuff like that."

Around the time Ryan picked up the ukulele, Guam was caught up in the Hawaiian music scene, with the rise of musician Jake Shimabukuro, further driving Ryan's learning.

"Now everybody wanted to play



Fret Board: Ryan Imamura's fingers work the fret board of his ukulele at Top O' the Mar in Nimitz Hill May 18. Imamura, son of Naval Facilities Engineering Command Marianas Integrated Solid Waste Program Manager Troy Imamura, attributes his successful music career to his father. U.S. Navy photo by Shaina Marie Santos/Released



Above: Naval Facilities Engineering Command Marianas Integrated Solid Waste Program Manager Troy Imamura, left, watches his son Ryan play the ukulele at Top O' the Mar in Nimitz Hill May 18. Ryan has been playing the ukulele for eight years and received world recognition as a musician. U.S. Navy photo by Shaina Marie Santos/Released

Below: Naval Facilities Engineering Command Marianas Integrated Solid Waste Program Manager Troy Imamura, left, shares a laugh with his son Ryan at the Top O' the Mar in Nimitz Hill May 18. U.S. Navy photo by Shaina Marie Santos/Released

the ukulele," Troy said. "It started taking off from there. He started picking up not just the rhythm but the lead portions of songs. I was really surprised because he picked up all that by ear."

Ryan said he has his dad to thank for much of his musical influence.

"Since I was a kid, I would al-

ways remember my dad playing Hawaiian music on the radio," he said. "We'd always have it on... some kind of CD of his, and I always remembered that and now it's one of the genres I actually listen to. I can definitely say he's influenced my music."

He added that his parents support has been instrumental in his career.

"I'm very grateful for not only my dad,

but for both my parents," he said. "They've been very supportive...and my dad's just always encouraging me. He's always behind my back."

The father and son pair has performed together onstage, most recently for the Navy Silver Plate Ceremony in April.

Ryan also recently returned to Guam from a tour in Japan. In the future he looks forward to touring more venues throughout Asia.



radKIDS empowers children to say 'no'

By Shaina Marie Santos
Joint Region Edge Staff

Kids can add self-worth and self-defense to their curriculum when they participate in radKIDS, a program that aims to empower children through fun, hands-on activities.

The Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) on Guam sponsored radKIDS, introducing the program to the Navy community for the first time ever.

"Any type of program that teaches your child how to defend themselves, any program that teaches any type of confidence is vital to their well being, period," said program assistant instructor Logistics Specialist 3rd Class Kimberly Culver, of Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit 5. "radKIDS is such a different and new way. The kids will take it and run with it because it's interactive, it's fun. It creates real situations on a level that they'll remember and they can play on later on in life when it actually happens."

Culver said she was blown away by radKIDS' unique teaching style.

"One of their main things is empowerment," she said. "[radKIDS] empowers children to not only realize their own self-worth, but to realize...no one has the right to hurt them."

According to Culver, the role-play of real-life scenarios enforces the children's learning experience.

"It's one thing to say, 'say no to drugs,'" she said. "It's another to act out the scenario, practice saying, 'no, get away from me.'"

Culver also compared the ideas of children interacting with adults to-

day with those of her childhood.

"Just personally growing up, you always were taught, 'always trust an adult, always respect an adult and always listen to one,'" she said. "You never heard 'they're not allowed to hurt you because you're special.' Maybe from your family but not at school, not in any curriculum that was taught."

Navy spouse and mother Monique Parry said she learned about radKIDS through friends.

"I think parents get a false sense of security being on base," she said. "They think that because you need an [identification card] to get in that we're really safe and that's not the case. They're in just as much danger as any other kids in any other neighborhood. I think that it's going to keep kids from freezing up in a scary situation, which is important."

Parry's daughter attended class for the first time June 15. The mother looks forward to her daughter applying her knowledge of practical skills when faced with a dangerous situation.

"It's nice knowing that if my daughter's outside and somebody approaches her, that I don't have to worry about not knowing what to do," she said. "That although it's not a perfect situation, at least she knows how to react to it. It's nice to know that she won't just be scared because it's an adult and think that she has to do what they'll say."

radKIDS is open to children age 3-and-a-half to 12, with three age groups. Currently, ages 5-7 and 8-12 are open for enrollment. To enroll, call the NCIS office at 339-7230 or visit www.radkids.org.



One, Two, Three, Punch: A young girl practices self-defense moves while parents and peers look on during a radKIDS session at a church in Santa Rita June 15. The program seeks to empower children with practical knowledge to handle threatening situations and self-defense. U.S. Navy photo by Shaina Marie Santos/Released



MEMS eighth-grade students promoted to high school

Round of Applause: Capt. Richard K. Wood, commanding officer of U.S. Naval Base Guam, applauds during the Cmdr. William C. McCool Elementary/Middle School Eighth Grade Academic Achievement Ceremony at the school's gym in Santa Rita June 14. Wood was the keynote speaker for the ceremony where 58 eighth-graders received certificates of recognition for their accomplishments and achievements in completing middle school. U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Jeremy Starr/Released

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. Joseph Mayer
U.S. Naval Base Guam Chaplain

Traditionally, June is considered a top month for having a wedding, and since as a chaplain, I often get asked about performing a military wedding; I would like to answer some common questions and provide some sage advice on having a happy marriage.

As a military member, one is entitled to the use of the base chapel to have your wedding. However, one still has to follow the base guidelines for reserving the facility, use of decorations in the sanctuary, etc. Some base chapels are busier than others so do not procrastinate to make your reservation. Since marriage is a civil matter, the military follows the laws of the local area

Words of wisdom before the big 'I do'

where the base is located in regards to who can get married, how to obtain a marriage license, who can officiate the wedding, etc.

As far as whether a chaplain will conduct one's wedding depends upon the individual chaplain. Each chaplain must follow the tenants of the faith that chaplain represents. So a chaplain can say no to officiating any wedding

based on the doctrine of the chaplain's faith group.

Also, scheduling and pre-marriage counseling requirements may limit a chaplain's availability.

Again do not wait until the last minute to ask a chaplain to conduct the wedding. Most chaplains and some commands require pre-marriage counseling. While I cover a lot of practical subjects, I try to focus the importance of faith, love and re-

spect. If you understand those three then a lot of the other stuff though challenging at times can be worked out.

I recently read a Christian blog that had this advice. Success of a marriage is not about being happy. It is about adhering to one's wedding vows.

I know of no vows that make conditional requirements for the other to make you happy. Instead the vows one takes are on sacrificing of self to do all for the other. A relationship where two are committed to live their wedding vows will be a happy marriage as a by product. I am not promising constant bliss but that is why the commitment is required. So take your vows seriously at the wedding and for life 'until death do us apart.' God bless.



CMC patrons attend Body Sculpt class

Breaking a Sweat: Angie Wersland, left, motivates her patrons during a cardio-sculpting class at the Charles King Fitness Center on U.S. Naval Base Guam June 18. U.S. Navy photos by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Corwin Colbert/Released

