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**New Commanding Officer:** Lt. Gen. Stanley Kresge, 13th Air Force commander, gives command of the 36th Wing to Brig. Gen. Steven Garland, incoming 36th Wing commander, during the wing's change of command ceremony at Andersen Air Force Base June 26. During the ceremony, Brig. Gen. Garland assumed command from the outgoing commander, Brig. Gen. John Doucette. U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Benjamin Wiseman/Released

## 36th Wing holds change of command, welcomes new commander

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

The 36th Wing guidon was passed from Brig. Gen. John Doucette to Brig. Gen. Steven Garland during a change of command ceremony on Andersen Air Force Base June 26.

During the ceremony Doucette was awarded the Legion of Merit for exceptional

meritorious conduct and performance of outstanding services as the commander of the 36th Wing.

The list of the wing's accomplishments under his leadership include the 2011 Unit Compliance Inspection overall excellent rating, the successful Cope North exercise and the multitude of individual and unit awards that the wing has accumulated under his command.

"Gen. Doucette's fingerprints are all over

your successes, but you won't hear that from him," said Lt. Gen. Stanley Kresge, 13th Air Force commander and ceremony official. "He talks only of the Airmen and speaks of them from the heart. That is not only the sign of a great commander, it is the reason he is great."

In his speech after receiving his award,

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## Hall takes over NMCEAD Unit Guam

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

Cmdr. Bart Hall relieved Cmdr. Jon Grant as commanding officer of Navy Munitions Command East Asia Division (NMCEAD) Unit Guam at the Top O' Mar in Asan June 27.

Capt. John Kersh, Jr., Commander, Navy Munitions Command, was guest speaker.

"Cmdr. Jon Grant led Unit Guam to lofty heights of greatness," Kersh said. "But it is definitely a team sport. I have been complete-

ly impressed as I toured NMCEAD Unit Guam on Monday. The workforce here that consists of Sailors, civilians and our contractors is so proud to show you all of their great work that is in progress. Very positive - can do attitude; It's just flat out enjoyable to get to know some of the workforce here."

Kersh highlighted the unit's many achievements including Unit Guam assembling and delivering more than 160 quick-strike underwater mines that have proved vital in meeting Navy and Air Force combat training requirements in the Pacific; first ever deployment of a quick response team to support

training of the Republic of Korea's Navy; a load out of a nuclear powered fast attack guided-missile submarine for the first time in Guam; and standing up three Vertical Launching System Quick Reaction Teams for moving Tomahawk, Standard and Ballistic Defense missiles providing mission critical delivery of more than 140 missiles.

Community highlights included the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Personal Excellence Partnership Award for Community service in 2010 and 2011; CNO Environmental

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# 36th MDG breaks ground for new addition

**All Together Now:** Leadership from Team Andersen and current contractors break ground for a new warehouse behind the 36th Medical Group (MDG) on Andersen Air Force Base June 22. The new warehouse will be constructed to store the 36th MDG's medical war reserve materials (WRM) in one location. This new warehouse will add an additional 4,000 square feet of climate-controlled space, thus allowing the unit to consolidate all of its WRM assets in one location. This photo has been altered due to endorsement. U.S. Air Force photo illustration by Senior Airman Benjamin Wiseman/Released



### NEWS NOTES

#### Job Announcements

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

#### Andersen Air Force Base 2011 Consumer Confidence Report

Andersen Air Force Base's (AFB) drinking water is safe to drink and is in compliance with all federal and local regulations. Under the Environmental Protection Agency's Consumer Confidence Reporting Rule of the federal Safe Drinking Water Act, the base bioenvironmental engineering office is required to annually summarize water analytical test results from the previous year and create summary report available to all water consumers. This report is available on the Andersen Intranet under featured links, Andersen Consumer Confidence Report. Printed copies are available at the library and the bioenvironmental engineering office located in the aerospace medicine clinic. For more information or to receive the report by e-mail, call 366-7166.

#### SCHOOL BULLETIN

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

#### Child Development Center

The Child Development Center (CDC), located in Building 1983-A, provides center-based care for children 6 weeks to 5 years of age. The CDC is open to active duty military and Department of Defense civilian personnel families and is committed to providing the best developmental experiences for all children. The curriculum is designed to meet the cognitive, social, emotional and physical needs of children by using developmentally age-appropriate activities. The CDC building also encompasses the School Age Care program, where elementary-age children engage in activities which focus on the Boys & Girls Club Core Programs: Character & Leadership; Education and Career; Health & Life Skills; The Arts; Sports, Fitness, & Recreation.

#### 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

July 9: SAPR training: Health Consequences & Sexual Assault, from 1-2 p.m.  
July 10: Disaster preparedness, from 5-6 p.m.  
July 12: Command Sponsorship Workshop, from 9-10 a.m.  
July 12: Effective communication, from 4-6 p.m.  
For more information, call 333-2056

##### MWR Concert Series

From now until Aug. 24, Morale, Welfare and Recre-

## COMMUNITY Corner

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#### The Big Screen Theater

JULY 6 (FRIDAY)  
4 PM BATTLESHIP PG-13  
7 PM SAFE R

JULY 7 (SATURDAY)  
1 PM THE PIRATES! BAND OF MISFITS PG  
3:30 PM DARK SHADOWS PG-13  
7 PM SAFE R

JULY 8 (SUNDAY)  
1 PM THE THREE STOOGES PG  
3:30 PM BATTLESHIP PG-13  
7 PM THE LUCKY ONE PG-13

Movie Hotline 564-1831 US Naval Base Guam

Meehan Theater - TEMPORARILY CLOSED

ation, Navy Entertainment and/or Armed Forces Entertainment will host concerts: July 9 with ReHab, Aug. 14 with Edwin McCain and Erick Baker, and Aug. 24 with the American Idol World Tour.

#### Summer Culinary Youth Camp

Take part in this year's Summer Culinary Boot Camp from July 23-27 from 2-4 p.m. Sign up and pay at the MWR Information, Tickets and Travel office in the Charles King Fitness and present paid receipt on day of class. Classes are limited to the first 40 students. Summer camp is \$50, which includes an MWR apron, hat and supplies. Open to ages 2-15. For more information, call 685-5142

#### Teen Center

The Teen Center is for teen's 13-18 currently enrolled in high school. There is no registration fee; however, parents need to fill out a registration packet, which is required for all program participants. The program has a "Self Release Policy" (in accordance with the unattended base instruction), so teens may sign themselves in and out of the center. Program activities are focused on the Boys & Girls Club of America Core Programs: Character & Leadership; Education and Career; Health & Life Skills; The Arts; Sports, Fitness, & Recreation. Pre-teen and teens are also encouraged to participate in club activities such as Power Hour, Image Makers (Photography), Torch Club, Fitness Authority, Smart Girls, Fine Arts, Career Launch, Passport to Manhood, and special events. For more information, call 564-1844.

#### 36th FSS HAPPENINGS

##### Andersen Air Force Base

##### Airmen and Family Readiness Center Classes

July 10: Thrift Savings Plan from 1-2 p.m.  
July 10: Base intro at Sunrise Conference Center from 7:15 a.m.-4 p.m.  
July 10: Key spouse quarterly training, time/location to

be announced

July 11: Basic budgeting from 1-2 p.m.  
July 11: True Colors (knowing thyself and understanding others) from 2-3:30 p.m.  
For more information, call 366-8136

#### Free Outdoor Movie Night

Enjoy the G-rated movie "The Secret World of Arrietty" at the Hotspot's Free Outdoor Movie Night July 14 at Arc Light Park. Show time is 7:30 p.m. Movie will be shown, weather permitting. Call 366-2339 for more information.

#### Country Line Dancing Classes

Now you can learn Country Line Dancing at classes held at the Hotspot. Beginner classes are Tuesdays from 7-8 p.m. Intermediate and advanced classes are Thursdays from 7-8 p.m. Cost is just \$35 per month, or \$10 per class. Inquire about our family discount rate. For more information, call the Hotspot at 366-2339.

#### 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.

##### Self Defense Brazilian Jiu Jitsu

Sign up for Self-Defense Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Mondays and Wednesdays: Beginners class from 6-7 p.m. and advanced class from 7-8 p.m. Saturday: Beginners class from 10-11 a.m. and advanced class from 11 a.m.-noon. Age requirement: Students must be 6 years old or older to participate. Fee is \$45 per student per calendar month. Register at the Charles King Fitness Center. Call 333-2049 for more information.

##### Andersen Air Force Base

##### Bicycle Rodeo

The 36th Security Forces Squadron will host a Bicycle Rodeo from 10 a.m.-noon July 7 at the Andersen Air Force Base Youth Center parking lot. The event is free for children who wish to participate. Children must have personal bicycle and protective gear, and must be accompanied by a guardian. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Schweiger at 366-6781.

##### What about "Zumba"?

Free Zumba classes are held at Coral Reef Fitness Center Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 7 p.m., Thursdays at 9:40 a.m. and Saturdays at 8:30 a.m. Zumba is a Latin-fitness dance class that also incorporates aerobics movements. Zumba fuses hypnotic Latin rhythms and easy to follow moves to create a dynamic workout system that will blow you away. The routine features interval training sessions where fast and slow rhythms and resistance training are combined to tone and sculpt your body while burning fat. Call 366-6100 for more information.

# Andersen's Best: Senior Airman

# John Silvi



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

Senior Airman John Silvi, 644th Combat Communications Squadron radio frequency transmission systems journeyman was awarded Team Andersen's Best on Andersen Air Force Base June 22.

Silvi installed, operated and maintained equipment valued at more than \$6 million, providing wideband, satellite and ground radio communications systems directly supporting Pacific Air Forces.

"During Airman Silvi's tour at Andersen he deployed in support of Operation Trident Reach, delivering global satellite communications services instrumental to the success of the United States Africa Command's intelligence,

surveillance and reconnaissance mission," said Staff Sgt. Joshua Lehne, Silvi's supervisor.

Additionally, Silvi's professionalism and performance were important to joint and combined exercises.

He participates in squadron softball, football, basketball and coaches Andersen youth tee ball. He also recently completed all requirements for his Community College of the Air Force degree.

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.

**Terrific Airman:** Senior Airman John Silvi, 644th Combat Communications and 36th Contingency Response Group radio frequency transmission systems journeyman was awarded Team Andersen's Best on Andersen Air Force Base June 22. 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 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

# Proper snorkeling precautions preserve environment

**Gear Check:** 640th Aviation Support Battalion Sgt. 1st class Tina Bautista adjusts a pair of snorkeling goggles on her face at Gab Gab Beach on U.S. Naval Base Guam June 27. When snorkeling in Guam's waters, there are a number of precautions one should take. U.S. Navy photo by Shaina Marie Santos/Released



**Down by the Sea:** Snorkeling goggles lay by the water at Gab Gab Beach on U.S. Naval Base Guam June 27. When snorkeling in Guam's waters, there are a number of precautions one should take. U.S. Navy photo by Shaina Marie Santos/Released

By Shaina Marie Santos  
Joint Region Edge Staff

There are a number of precautions to take and keep in mind before getting one's feet wet when exploring Guam's waters, rich coral reef and tropical sea life.

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Marianas Natural Resources Specialist Kevin Brindock said Guam's underwater environment provides a great opportunity for snorkelers, boasting more than 400 species of coral and more than 800 species of reef fish in addition to crustaceans, echinoderms and other marine life.

"[Guam has] a diverse marine environment to explore," he said. "Snorkel-

ing over the reef off of Gab Gab Beach can be a rewarding experience with many marine organisms to be found."

Brindock said recreation, including snorkeling, can directly and indirectly have adverse effects to Guam's marine resources.

"Boat traffic, anchoring and touching marine resources including coral are some of the activities associated with snorkeling that can have negative effects on Guam's marine environment," he said. "Responsible stewardship and conservation practices...can reduce these impacts."

He added that Government of Guam Marine Preserves and U.S. Naval Base Guam Ecological Reserve Areas are open to snorkeling. As an extra precaution, he suggests snorkelers first check

rules and regulations before entering the water.

"The waters around Guam offer great opportunities for snorkeling," he said. "Whether you want to view the marine environment, get to know more about the coral reef ecosystem, explore new places or just do something new, snorkeling can provide a great experience to achieve these things. Following simple conservation practices to help protect corals and other marine organisms will assure that they will persist for others to enjoy in the future."

Despite the natural beauty which lures snorkelers into island waters, Brindock warned of potentially harmful sea life such as cone snails, stone fish, lion fish and jelly fish.

"Coming into contact with them can cause injury," he said. "Fortunately,

these animals prefer to avoid people and are not considered aggressive. When snorkeling, it is safest to observe and not touch. Picking up a cone snail or stepping on a stone fish can result in harm; by avoiding these types of situations you reduce the potential for injury."

Brindock said that though some wildlife can be a danger, the danger that is controllable is snorkelers themselves.

"Snorkeling can adversely affect corals when people come into contact with it, including walking over and touching coral," he said. "In order to assure that corals stay healthy and persists for future generations to enjoy, we should try to reduce impacts that can harm coral. By enjoying coral with our eyes only when snorkeling and not touching it, we can do our part to help conserve this wonderful resource."

He also suggests using existing mooring buoys to anchor boats and not touching or harassing other marine organisms.

# HSC-25 offers continuous support

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

Andersen Air Force Base, home of the 36th Wing, also houses the Navy's Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron (HSC) 25. The command was relocated to Andersen in 1996, where they were later re-designated the Island Knights after Naval Air Station Agana was closed. To this day, they remain the only naval Squadron located at Andersen.

"HSC-25 provides maritime and inland search and rescue capability to Guam, the Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands and to fleet units when embarked," said Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Paul Burden, HSC-25 search and rescue medical technician. "We also assist the U.S. Coast Guard by providing search and rescue units and we are the only helicopter squadron for this area."

HSC-25, the first and only forward-deployed vertical replenishment squadron in the Navy, is tasked with supporting seven fleet units in the Western Pacific, Indian Ocean, North Arabian Sea and Persian Gulf.

"We're different than every other helicopter squadron because we provide 24/7 search and rescue support while being the only helicopter asset for the Mariana Islands," said Naval Air Crewman 3rd Class (NAC) Zack Schwab, HSC-25 search and rescue swimmer. "Helicopter squadrons on the East or West coast have supporting squadrons to assist them, we don't have that."

Each career field that makes up HSC-25 has a unique place in operations and service members receive extensive training before being sent to their first duty station.

"We have a long curriculum and attend



**Ready to Go:** Naval Air Crewman 3rd Class Zack Schwab, Helicopter Sea Combat (HSC) 25 search-and-rescue swimmer, motions to service members preparing to board an incentive flight on Andersen Air Force Base June 13. HSC-25 is tasked with supporting seven fleet units in the Western Pacific, Indian Ocean, North Arabian Sea and Persian Gulf. U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Mariah Haddenham/Released

several schools, taking approximately one and a half years to complete," Schwab said. "By the time we reach the fleet we are educated and trained in water survival skills and we have the knowledge and capability required to save lives. We are also

trained in oceanography and gain hands-on experience with the MH-60[S] KnightHawk weapons capabilities, rescue equipment and systems knowledge of the aircraft."

After arriving they continue with qualifications and participate in exercises to refine their skills, keeping their training fresh in memory at all times.

"Sometimes people are surprised at the level of training we have received and all that we are qualified to do," Burden said. "Also, there are only 80 search-and-rescue

medical technicians out of all corpsmen in the Navy."

HSC-25 provides a great atmosphere for younger enlisted members to train and gain knowledge to become specialists in their career field.

"Every member of the HSC-25 Island Knight team is essential in keeping these aircraft flying and supporting the Navy's mission," said Aviation Warfare Systems Chief (NAC/AW) James Davis, HSC-25 operations chief. "As the only forward-deployed HSC squadron, HSC-25 is involved in almost every operation or exercise in theater."

The squadron also gives those enlisted members, newer to the fleet; first-hand learning opportunities by helping them better familiarize themselves with the equipment they will someday specialize in.

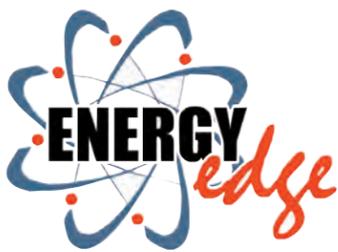
"I like the prospect the squadron provides to be able to work with helicopters," said, HSC-25 Aviation Machinist's Mate, Danielle Vincent. "To be a part of a team that saves lives makes me excited for the experiences while on deployment."

The camaraderie between the members of HSC-25 makes for a well-built team, ready to support the mission at hand.

"The best thing about our squadron is we go out on any given day with the knowledge that we could potentially save a life," Schwab said. "Having my aircrew brethren by my side every day, there's nothing else like it."

With the squadron's alert posture, HSC-25 readily supports the U.S. Coast Guard Sector Guam and Joint Region Marianas. Their constant dedication makes them not only a great addition to the Pacific theater, but Team Andersen as well.

**Search and Rescue:** Sailors from Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron (HSC) 25 practice search-and-rescue procedures at Apra Harbor on U.S. Naval Base Guam June 14. HSC-25 Sailors exercise their skills, keeping themselves sharp and mission-ready. U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Mariah Haddenham/Released



## Solar Energy: Guam's great power source

By Desiree Masterson  
Joint Region Marianas Energy Program  
Manager

Being a fairly remote island in the South Pacific, Guam offers unique energy challenges and opportunities. I don't have to remind you about the premium we pay for goods and commodities on this island because they need to be imported. In fact, our primary energy

source, fuel oil, is shipped to the island and burned in several power plants to generate electricity. Fuel oil happens to be one of the more expensive sources of electricity compared to coal and natural gas. It costs about \$300 million per year to provide the fuel for electricity on Guam. During the burning of the fuel, air pollutants are also emitted.

On the other hand, Guam happens to be located within a premium solar resource. Joint

Region Marianas (JRM) has taken advantage of some of these renewable opportunities. You may have noticed the solar arrays at U.S. Naval Base Guam and the solar-powered street lights distributed throughout parking lots and playgrounds. Furthermore, JRM is continuing to explore possibilities to provide clean, renewable and reliable energy.

Recently, the Guam Power Authority signed a contract to install a solar farm near

the Layon (lah-ZHON) landfill. This project will provide enough electricity to power 1,700 homes and the cost will be locked in to a set fee more than 25 years, providing stabilized costs by avoiding the fluctuations in fuels oil costs.

Five years ago, there was little to no solar energy on Guam – today the island has started to harness one of its primary resources—the sun!

# 36th CES holds change of command



**Ceremony:** Col. Dwayne Thomas, 36th Mission Support Group commander, left, gives command of the 36th Civil Engineer Squadron (CES) to Lt. Col. Christopher Cater, incoming CES commander, during a change of command ceremony on Andersen Air Force Base June 30. Cater receives command of the 36th CES as the previous commander, Lt. Col. Michael Staples, changes duty stations. U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Benjamin Wiseman/Released

## 36th CES: Restoration in moving forward

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

The 36th Civil Engineer Squadron (CES) environmental flight's restoration department is hard at work to make sure the environment is well taken care of.

The restoration department's job is to go out and survey Air Force property and look if previous activities in that area caused contamination that could be hazardous to both humans and the environment.

"Our method is we identify the site then take samples," said Jess Torres, 36th CES environmental flight engineer. "We then do a full suite of tests for chemicals that Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has deemed hazardous. Once we do all those tests, if the EPA determines there are elevated levels, we are required to clean it up."

The 36th CES environmental flight is currently working on sites that are contaminated with polychlorinated biphenyl, also known as PCB; a contamination that is

not only of concern at Andersen, but also on U.S. Naval Base and the Government of Guam.

"There are many uses for PCBs," Torres said. "Most common use is in electrical transformers because PCB serves as really good insulator. It's really hard to break down. We have contaminations from at least 50 years ago."

Since it was too costly to ship all the contaminated soil off island, the environmental flight obtained a contract with CAPE Environmental Management Incorporated in order to start a thermal desorption site.

"When we reached 4,500 cubic yards of contaminated material, we determined that it will take more money to ship the soil to be treated off island than to treat it on island," Torres said.

"In a nut shell the thermal desorption unit burns the soil and vaporizes the PCB," he continued. "The soil comes out completely sterile, and the PCB is condensed into a cake-like substance that we ship off as hazardous waste."

Aside from decontaminating soil on island, the restoration de-

partment is also busy with large cleanup projects. They recently completed a \$20 million cleanup at Ritidian Point where they removed scrap, debris and unexploded ordnance, and replanted native vegetation in the area. The restoration department is also responsible for cleaning up thousands of gallons of fuel that saturated the flight line after the B-2 Spirit crash in 2008.

Among the three pillars of the environmental flight—conservation, compliance and restoration—restoration is constantly in contact with the local community. The restoration department takes the Government of Guam's opinion on how to go about the cleanup projects and how to return the area to its natural state.

"It's a positive program, it's all moving forward," said Joe Vinch, 36th CES environmental flight chief. "The thing is we just have to make sure we don't make the same mistakes. We don't want to have another 80 cleanup sites. We want to finish the 80 that we currently have on Andersen and continue on the right path."



**Restoration Process:** Scorched soil, fresh from the incinerator, falls from the conveyor belt into a decontaminated heap at the thermal desorption site on Andersen Air Force Base June 29. Thermal desorption is a physical separation process that is designed not to destroy organic material. U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Marianique Santos/Released

**Right:** Naval Facilities Engineering Command Marianas Commanding Officer Capt. John Heckmann, delivers his keynote address during a memorial ceremony for Vicenta Chargualaf Peredo, affectionately known as "Seabee Betty", at the Guam Veterans Cemetery in Piti June 20. Dozens of Seabees from NMCB 40, distinguished guests and Seabee Betty's family and friends gathered to remember and celebrate her legacy and relationship with Seabee battalions over from the 1950s until her passing in 2003. U.S. Navy photo by JoAnna Delfin/Released

**Middle:** Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 40 Sailors and the family of Vicenta Chargualaf Peredo, affectionately known as "Seabee Betty", release balloons after her memorial ceremony at the Guam Veterans Cemetery in Piti June 20. U.S. Navy photo by JoAnna Delfin/Released



**Above Left:** An American and Guam flag, flowers, a photo and biography of Vicenta Chargualaf Peredo, affectionately known as "Seabee Betty", are placed at her grave during a memorial ceremony at the Guam Veterans Cemetery in Piti June 20. U.S. Navy photo by JoAnna Delfin/Released

# NMCB 40 honors, remembers Seabee icon

By JoAnna Delfin  
Joint Region Edge Staff

Sailors from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 40 honored Vicenta Chargualaf Peredo, affectionately known as "Seabee Betty," during a memorial ceremony at the Guam Veterans Cemetery in Piti June 20.

Born in 1934, in the village of Yona, Seabee Betty established a relationship with service members in the 1950s, and was a temporary mother and friend to thousands of Seabees until her death in 2003. She hosted welcome and farewell parties for each Seabee battalion stationed on island and fostered a family spirit among the commands and island community.

"Her life has been such an inspiration and needs to continue to be an inspiration to everyone," said Capt. John Heckmann,

"Her life has been such an inspiration and needs to continue to be an inspiration to everyone."

- Capt. John Heckmann

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Marianas, Commanding Officer

Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Marianas commanding officer and guest speaker. "One of the main reasons why we need to continue to remember her life and reflect on it is so that we can be inspired and continue doing things...the small things that we can honestly do out of the goodness of our heart, I think it's so important."

Seabee Betty's children attended the memorial and were grateful for the support the battalion offered during the service.

"I feel so honored and blessed," said her daughter

Seabee Debbie Peredo Lujan. "This is really a total blessing. To me, all of her good deeds, all of mom's good work is really paying off."

Following a wreath-laying ceremony, Chief Utilitiesman (SCW) Miguel Fernandez, of NMCB 40, recalled memories of time spent with Seabee Betty.

"She really brought the 'Hafa Adai' spirit and she continues to bring that 'Hafa Adai' spirit," he said. "I was really, really impressed, she really brought the home to me. As she lies here in peace and rest, I just want to say

'thank you for bringing that spirit'. It was a blessing."

Lt. Cmdr. Jeffrey Jordan, NMCB 40 officer in charge, presented leis and the command coin to Seabee Betty's children and said he hoped her legacy would carry on with other battalions stationed on Guam.

"What we tried to do today was incorporate our younger Seabees, newly-frocked petty officer third classes," he said. "They are the ones who assembled this memorial for Seabee Betty and [we] wanted to pass on the legacy to them; that way when they come back in the future to Guam and they bring other Seabees younger than them with them, her legacy is passed on."

Lujan said she and her family would perpetuate her mother's legacy and hopes to pass it through generations as the years go on.



**Fond Memories:** Chief Utilitiesman (SCW) Miguel Fernandez, of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 40, shares his memories of Vicenta Chargualaf Peredo, affectionately known as "Seabee Betty", during a memorial ceremony at the Guam Veterans Cemetery in Piti June 20. U.S. Navy photo by JoAnna Delfin/Released



**Honoring an Icon:** Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 40 Sailors and the family of Vicenta Chargualaf Peredo, affectionately known as "Seabee Betty", gather for a photo after her memorial ceremony at the Guam Veterans Cemetery in Piti June 20. U.S. Navy photo by JoAnna Delfin/Released

# HALL: Set to maintain command's excellent record

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Stewardship Award; Joint Region Marianas winner for overall excellence in Community Service in 2011; and Bainbridge Award in 2011.

"This is also our opportunity to welcome aboard Cmdr. Bart Hall," Kersh said. "[He's] another superstar like Jon. I had an opportunity to work closely with Bart when I made him the acting NMC East Asia division commander, responsible for all of the eight detachments and units. I am absolutely certain that Bart will perform in a similar fashion at Unit

Guam."

Kersh presented Grant with the Meritorious Service Medal award in lieu of the fourth award for exceptional performance while serving as the unit's commanding officer.

"I am humbled to have the honor to speak to you again ...for the final time as commanding officer of the world's finest ordnance team," Grant said. "Unit Guam's mission is to provide ordnance to the warfighter. Our team consists of highly motivated Sailors, government service civilians and contract personnel. Each day, the combined

efforts of this team plays a vital role in arming our Forward Deployed Navy and Marine Corps forces that protect our nation."

Grant's next assignment is the training support department head at the Training Support Center San Diego, Calif.

"With that said, to the men and women of UNIT GUAM—I want to commend each and every one of you for your tremendous efforts in keeping our country safe from those who would do us harm," Grant said. "It has been a true honor to serve as your Commanding Officer, and I

will certainly miss being in your presence."

Hall vowed to continue on the legacy and high performance of the unit.

"It's a great day and I feel honored and blessed to assume command of such a great organization," said Hall. "It is obvious you have a world class organization. I can promise and commit to you all that I will strive every day to maintain the stellar performance record, integrity and reputation that Sailors, civilians and contractors assigned to NMCEAD Unit Guam has worked hard to establish."

As a provider of fleet ordnance support for 5th and 7th Fleet operations, NMC EAD Unit Guam is responsible for the proper accounting, safety and intermediate maintenance of Tomahawk missile and underwater mine pre-positioned war reserve stockpiles. It is also responsible for waterfront loading and transshipment operations in support of fleet units and operational forces in the U.S. Pacific Fleet Area of Responsibility.

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



**Award:** Cmdr. Jon Grant, left, receives the Meritorious Service Medal award in lieu of the fourth award from Capt. John Kersh, Jr., Commander, Navy Munitions Command during a change of command ceremony at the Top O' Mar in Asan, Guam June 27. Cmdr. Bart Hall relieved Grant as commanding officer of Navy Munitions Command East Asia Division Unit Guam. U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Corwin Colbert/Released



**New Leadership:** Sailors from Navy Munitions Command East Asia Division (NMCEAD) Unit Guam stand Parade rest during a change of command ceremony at the Top O' Mar in Asan, Guam June 27. Cmdr. Bart Hall relieved Cmdr. Jon Grant as commanding officer of NMCEAD Unit Guam. U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Corwin Colbert/Released



**New Command:** Cmdr. Bart Hall is piped aboard during a change of command ceremony at the Top O' Mar in Asan, Guam June 27. Hall relieved Cmdr. Jon Grant as commanding officer of Navy Munitions Command East Asia Division Unit Guam. U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Corwin Colbert/Released

# GARLAND: "With Airmen like these...we will succeed"

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Doucette proceeded to acknowledge the hard work and support the Airmen demonstrated during his two-year tenure.

"You (Gen. Garland) are taking the finest wing in the United States Air Force," he said. "These Airmen will work until they drop. They will serve until you tell them to stop. I am glad that we are turning over the finest individuals of the Air Force to you and I hope you will have as much fun as we had

with them."

"Janette and I will leave a warm climate for a very cold climate, but we will warmly remember the friends that we have made here," he continued about him and his wife.

Doucette also expressed his confidence in Garland's skills and experience and said that he is handing the command of the 36th Wing to the right person.

"The wing needs you, our region needs you and I know you will take it forward," Doucette said. "I will tell you that you are the right offi-

cer at the right time for this mission."

Garland has more than 1,000 combat hours and commanded the 99th Air Base Wing at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev. before taking command of Andersen.

"Gen. Garland is a battle-tested Airman," Kresge said. "He knows how to run a base. He knows airpower. He knows how to serve his Airmen and how to build a team. The fact that we're getting an Airman of his caliber speaks volumes of the Air Force's commitment to this wing and this region.

During the ceremony, the generals made it clear that the Pacific region is an area of activity and importance.

"Our national leadership recognizes the importance of this region, home to nearly half the world's population and many of the largest and rapidly growing economies," Kresge said. "Our future depends on a stable peaceful and prosperous Asia Pacific. The 36th Wing is the down payment on this strategic shift."

In his speech, Garland showed his awareness of this theater's role in the global stage and of his re-

sponsibilities as the new 36th Wing commander.

"Our job is to provide the president of the United States sovereign options to employ airpower as our nation's focus shifts to the Pacific Rim," he said.

Garland also expressed his appreciation, enthusiasm and readiness to work with the Airmen.

"Gen. Kresge, I can't thank you enough for the opportunity to command the 36th Wing," he said. "With Airmen like these and the community partnership that I am seeing here we will succeed."

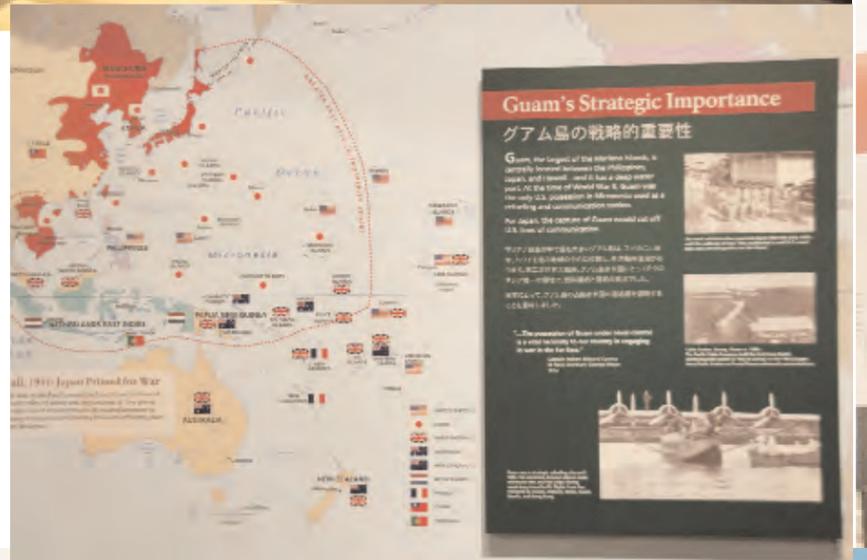


**Above:** An exhibit highlights children's role in World War II at the T. Stell Newman Visitor Center in Santa Rita June 29. The exhibit, which tells the history of Guam's role in World War II is set to open July 21. U.S. Navy photo by Shaina Marie Santos/Released

**Right:** An exhibit highlights Guam's strategic importance in World War II at the T. Stell Newman Visitor Center in Santa Rita June 29. U.S. Navy photo by Shaina Marie Santos/Released

**Bottom left:** National Park Service War in the Pacific National Historic Park Superintendent Barbara Alberti explains the opening of the new museum exhibits at the T. Stell Newman Visitor Center in Santa Rita June 29. U.S. Navy photo by Shaina Marie Santos/Released

**Bottom right:** Exhibit Designer Daniel Quan explains components to the displays at the T. Stell Newman Visitor Center in Santa Rita July 29. U.S. Navy photo by Shaina Marie Santos/Released





Left: Exhibits prompt visitors to interact with it at the T. Stell Newman Visitor Center in Santa Rita June 29. U.S. Navy photo by Shaina Marie Santos/Released

Bottom: National Park Rangers and exhibit crew pose for the camera the newly renovated T. Stell Newman Visitor's Center July 29. U.S. Navy photo by Shaina Marie Santos/Released

# War in the Pacific museum exhibit to open Liberation Day

By Shaina Marie Santos  
Joint Region Edge Staff

The National Park Service (NPS) War in the Pacific National Historic Parks (NHP) will unveil the newly renovated museum exhibit at the T. Stell Newman Visitor Center July 21. War in the Pacific NHP Superintendent Barbara Alberti said the museum is poised to be a great attraction for the tourism industry as well as an educational tool for Guam's students, local residents and service members.

"Right now there are very few museums on Guam so we expect this to be a major attraction," she said. "This is a significant aspect of Guam's history. It's all about the history of the military in this World War II section and then the natural resources... [visitors will] be able to learn, especially those who are new on island."

NPS owns thousands of artifacts to be displayed at the museum. However, the artifacts pale in comparison to the new way history will be presented to visitors. With interactive

slideshows, audio and visual exhibits and a laser-light show that maps-out a timeline of the Japanese occupation and liberation of Guam all translated into a number of languages, the visitor's center has been transformed into a high tech hub for the island's history.

"This has so much new technology, it's so much more interactive, we're really hoping to engage people of all ages and also all nationalities," Alberti said. "We have most of it translated into Japanese, most of it translated into Chamorro. So all of this technology is new, but

also all of the content is new."

Alberti said NPS fulfills its mission in the new museum by commemorating the bravery and sacrifices of those who died during World War II; an integral part, educating the present and future about the past.

"We also want to educate people," she said. "This exhibit will now do that. We've actually got the history of the entire War in the Pacific in this one room. People can spend hours learning about it."



“ I think that’s also not only representative of the ancient culture but the resiliency of the people. We still are here today standing as tall and proud as that latte stone.”  
- Toni Ramirez, Department of Chamorro Affairs Curator

# The Latte Stone:

## A symbol of strength for Guam

By Shaina Marie Santos  
*Joint Region Edge Staff*

Today, latte (la-TEE) stones uphold the Chamorro people’s spirit; in the past, they supported homes of the ancient people.

According to Department of Chamorro Affairs Curator Tony Ramirez, latte stones are a testament to the strength of the island’s people and community.

“Can you imagine...people trying to lift these stones up,” he said. “[It] took a lot of strength and a lot of labor. But there was also a lot of community labor involved.”

There are two parts to a latte stone known as the haligi (ha-LEE-gee), which was a post-like base for the tasa (TA-suh), a capstone in the shape of a bowl.

According to Ramirez, latte were made of limestone and sometimes volcanic rock or sandstone and arranged in parallel rows of anywhere between four and seven per row as a foundation to elevate homes by the coastline.

The latte did not only serve to house the living, however, but also mark where the ancient Chamorro people buried their dead; underneath

the homes and between latte sets.

Ramirez said he believes the meaning of the latte is derived from the word latte’ (LA-teeh), which means a scab that forms over a wound and symbolizes the wound caused by a death in the family.

“Whenever your wound heals, a scab starts to form over it,” he said. “Besides being a house foundation...the latte is...I would say a healing stone, mainly to heal the wounds of the heart.”

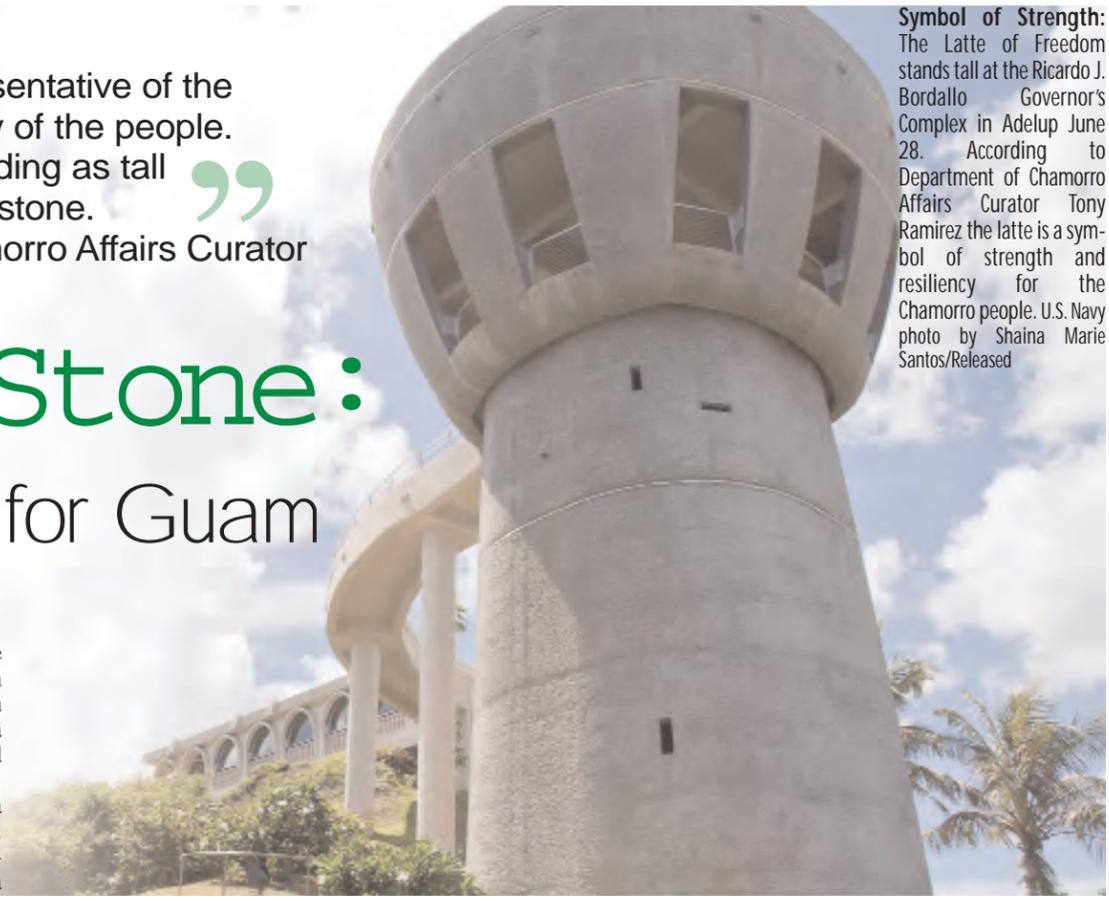
Ramirez said ancient Chamorros went through long periods of mourning, described in historical counts as traumatic.

“After time goes by, eventually the wounds would heal and the latte’ would form again to form over the wounds of the heart and cause the sealing process,” he said.

He added that the latte of the past and today represents the strength and resiliency of the people.

“Through war...earthquakes, typhoons and [the latte] still persist to this time,” he said. “I think that’s also not only representative of the ancient culture but the resiliency of the people. We still are here today standing as tall and proud as that latte stone.”

**Symbol of Strength:**  
The Latte of Freedom stands tall at the Ricardo J. Bordallo Governor’s Complex in Adelup June 28. According to Department of Chamorro Affairs Curator Tony Ramirez the latte is a symbol of strength and resiliency for the Chamorro people. U.S. Navy photo by Shaina Marie Santos/Released



# Navy College Office

caters to service members, community



**Above:** Navy College Office Director Jessica MojicaRivera reviews details of a University of Maryland University College flier at the Navy College Office on U.S. Naval Base Guam June 29. The office provides a number of services for service members and civilians. U.S. Navy photo by Shaina Marie Santos/Released

**Top right:** Available resources for those interested in career guidance sit on display at the Navy College Office on U.S. Naval Base Guam June 29. U.S. Navy photo by Shaina Marie Santos/Released



By Shaina Marie Santos  
Joint Region Edge Staff

The Navy College Office offers a number of services to help those in search of a higher education.

According to Navy College Office Director Jessica MojicaRivera, a visit or phone call to the office can connect you to a path toward a successful career.

“We have service members, dependent spouses and their children as well as civilian employees seeking guidance on how to pursue an education and aren’t sure where to start,” she said. “That is where we come in.”

The office provides services from counseling, tuition assistance, SAT, American College Testing (ACT) and General Educational Development (GED) testing among others.

MojicaRivera said no documents are required before seeking assistance, just a goal in mind

to reach.

“The first thing I do is ask them, ‘what do you want to be when you grow up,’” she said.

Services are available free for active duty service members, while civilians seeking help may have to pay fees for certain services.

One of the programs civilians may utilize include the College Level Examination Program, which allows students to acquire college credits for certain subjects by passing a test to prove sufficient knowledge in that subject.

The office does not only serve those looking to begin a career, however, but also provides programs for active-duty service members and assistance for service members looking at opportunities post-service.

For service members, the United Service Military Apprenticeship Program (USMAP) allows them to use their work experience toward receiving a journeyman’s license, the Transition Assistance Program (TAP) briefs service members and spouses on current and future benefits, and the Navy College Program for Afloat College Education (NC-PACE) allows sea-going commands to offer college courses while deployed.

As a former service member, MojicaRivera shared her experience using the Navy College Office services to get her to where she is today.

“Being prior military and using all the opportunities the Navy had to offer and completing my master’s which was paid by the Navy allow[s] me the pleasure of being the director today and being able to help my fellow Sailors improve their Navy career and career opportunities after the Navy,” MojicaRivera said.

For more information, visit the Navy College Office located on the second deck of Barracks 1 at Naval Base Guam or call 339-8292.

## Chapel Schedule

### U.S. Naval Base Guam

Office Hours: Monday-Friday,  
8 a.m.-4 p.m.

#### Roman Catholic Mass

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday Mass: 9 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:  
Saturday, 5 p.m.

#### Protestant Worship Service

Sunday Service: Traditional and  
Contemporary Service:  
10:30 a.m.

#### Jewish Shabbat

Friday, 6:30 p.m.

### Naval Hospital Guam

#### Roman Catholic Mass

Monday-Friday, 11:30 a.m.  
Chapel of Hope: Sunday, 9 a.m.

**Women's Bible Study:** Every  
second and fourth Saturday of  
the month at 8:30 a.m. at the  
Fellowship Hall, Building 61

### Andersen Air Force Base

#### Roman Catholic Mass (Chapel 1)

**Weekday Mass:** Tuesday,  
Wednesday, Friday, 11:30 a.m.

**Saturday Vigil Mass:** 5 p.m.

**Sunday Mass:** 9:30 a.m.

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday, 4:30-4:50 p.m.

#### Military Council of Catholic

**Women:** Second and fourth  
Tuesday of the month, Chapel 1  
Annex, 6:30 p.m.

#### Catholic Youth of the Chapel:

Second and fourth Wednesday  
of the month, Chapel 1 Annex,  
6:30 p.m.

**Choir Rehearsal:** Chapel 1,  
Saturday 4-5 p.m. and Sunday,  
8-9 a.m.

#### Protestant Worship Service

**Praise Service:** Sunday, Chapel  
2, 9 a.m.

**Gospel Service:** Sunday,  
Chapel 2, 11:30 a.m.

#### Emerging Worship Service:

Sunday, Lighthouse, 6 p.m.

#### Protestant Women of the

**Chapel:** Second Monday of each  
month, Chapel 2 Annex, 6:30  
p.m.

#### Protestant Men of the

**Chapel:** Wednesday,  
Lighthouse, 7 p.m.

#### Protestant Youth of the

**Chapel:** Thursday, Chapel 2  
Annex, 7 p.m.

#### Protestant Young Adults:

Thursday and Saturday,  
Lighthouse, 6 p.m.

#### Protestant Sunday School:

(September-May) Sunday,  
Chapel Activity Center,  
10:15 a.m.

*Schedules subject to change. To  
confirm times or for information  
about other programs, call the  
chapels at:*

Andersen Air Force Base:  
366-6139

U.S. Naval Base Guam  
339-2126

U.S. Naval Hospital Guam:  
344-9127

By Lt. Alan Fleming  
*USS Frank Cable Chaplain*

Traditional archery is near to my heart and my favorite pastime. Shooting a longbow requires mental and physical discipline if there is any hope of hitting your target. Another requirement is a well-built bow. My custom bows have been built to fit me and the result is a highly efficient tool that maximizes the energy I expend when I draw the bow. As important as the bow is to archery, this sport is neither fun nor effective if the arrows are not straight, in good repair and sharp. Time and attention must be given to the labor of taking a raw shaft and shaping it into an effective arrow – an arrow built one step at a time.

For trying to launch ill-formed arrows is frustrating at best and totally maddening at worst for they will neither fly far nor hit their intended target. By contrast there are

# Craft those arrows carefully

few greater joys for an archer than going afield with a quiver full of well-formed arrows—for it is the well-formed arrow that will allow me to impact a target far beyond my normal reach. The flight of such an arrow is a thing to behold as it softly whistles through the air in a graceful arch landing with authority in its intended target. It is well-recorded history that teaches



us the impact of such an arrow. Nations have risen and fallen based on the quality and accuracy of those arrows. In ancient times the flying arrow was the only weapon that could change the course of a battle before the opposing forces closed to engage.

With all the history and import of arrows it is no small wonder that the Bible often uses arrows to illustrate an important lesson.

For me there is no stronger illustration given than that found in Psalm 127:3-5 where we read, “Children are a gift from the lord; they are a reward from him. Children born to a young man are like arrows in a warrior’s hands. How joyful is the man whose quiver is full of them! He will not be put to shame when he confronts his accusers at the city gates.”

As a dad it’s important to think of my child as an arrow! An arrow that must be carefully shaped and honed long before she will be launched, for once she is launched I can little control her flight—an arrow that will fly gracefully and impact her world with authority—an arrow that will touch a world far beyond my reach; an arrow that must be aimed at the right target so as not to waste the fleeting days of this life. What a gift. What a responsibility.

# DZSP 21 Bashers capture title



**Captain's Cup Champs:** DZSP 21's softball team The Bashers pose after winning the Captain's Cup Softball Championship at the Community Field on U.S. Naval Base Guam June 29. Captain's Cup volleyball is underway followed by soccer. Photo courtesy of the Charles King Fitness Center

# Learn to golf at Admiral Nimitz Golf Course

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

Admiral Nimitz Golf Course (ANGC) is still offering golf lessons every Saturday and Sunday from 9-10 a.m.

The pros at the course will teach the basics for free. Patrons can learn how to properly grip, stand and swing.

If you are a mini-golfer or never played at all, learning the basic fundamentals will help you learn and improve your game.

Why are these elements of golf important?

A correct grip simply enables one to swing the club backwards and return it to the ball so that the club-face is both square to the intended line of flight and travelling along the intended line of flight at

impact, and slightly beyond, whereas the proper stance provides fluidity and consistency to your swing.

The ANGC staff welcomes you to come out and learn more about these techniques.

"You will learn the basic fundamentals of the game," said Paul Vasquez, ANGC's general manager. "It's free to all patrons and there is no need to register."

ANGC is a full service course, offering 18 holes of championship golf along with a 9-hole executive par three course, driving range, putting and chipping green, and a fully stocked golf shop which caters to active duty, reserve and guard, retirees, and civilians.

For more information, please call 344-5838 or visit [mwr Guam.com](http://mwr Guam.com).