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“ At first, our participation focused at the unit level and then moved into force-integration training where we worked with other players. In the final phase of RIMPAC, we integrated B-52s into a robust regional combat scenario. ”

- Maj. Christopher Morris, 69th EBS Mission Planning Cell team chief



Ready to Fly: A B-52 Stratofortress is parked on the Andersen airfield for pre-flight inspection at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam July 31. The 36th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron Airmen make sure the B-52 is ready for the flight in support of the Rim of the Pacific Exercise. U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Marianne Santos/Released

B-52s provide RIMPAC 2012 air capability

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

Members from the 69th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron (EBS), Minot Air Force Base (AFB), N.D., participated in nine sorties in support of this year's Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) exercise July 11-31 in and around training areas surrounding the Hawaiian islands.

Six B-52s from the 69th EBS, accom-

panied by more than 200 Airmen, are currently deployed to Andersen AFB, Guam, in support of U.S. Pacific Command's (PACOM) Continuous Bomber Presence (CBP) to maintain security and stability in the Western Pacific.

"RIMPAC reminds us how vital it is to train with our fellow U.S. forces as well as our international partners around the globe, enabling us to work together and respond effectively if needed," said Col. Randy

Kaufman, 36th Operations Group commander. "The 69th EBS' participation in RIMPAC not only shows their ability to support PACOM's CBP, but also the global readiness they bring to the fight."

RIMPAC is a biennial multinational maritime exercise held by Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet. Beginning in 1971 and now in its 23rd year, RIMPAC boasts 22

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Haws retires, Plummer takes helmat Naval Hospital Guam

By Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Corwin Colbert
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Capt. Jeffrey Plummer relieved Capt. Kevin Haws as commanding officer, U.S. Naval Hospital (USNH) Guam during a change of command and retire-

ment ceremony at the hospital in Aug. 3.

Rear Adm. Forrest Faison III, Commander, Navy Medicine West was the presiding officer.

"Thank you for being here today to help us celebrate the accomplishments of a truly great team here at the naval hos-

pital; and to witness the transfer of leadership from one outstanding officer to another, as Capt. Haws relinquishes responsibility of commanding officer to Capt. Jeff Plummer," Faison said. "Great teams do not happen by accident - they

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NEWS NOTES

Job Announcements

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

Gab Gab Beach Closure

Sections of Gab Gab Beach on U.S. Naval Base Guam will be closed Aug. 15-24.

U.S. Naval Base Guam Construction, Road Detours

Marine Corps Drive in front of the U.S. Naval Base Guam Fire Station will be closed from 7 p.m.-5 a.m. daily from Aug. 6-13 due to excavation for future Navy Exchange Mini Mart.

Employment Assistance Workshop

The Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Guam-CNMI Committee will host an employment assistance workshop Aug. 14 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Outrigger Guam Resort. The event is exclusively for members of the National Guard, Reserve, veterans and military spouses. For more information, call 735-0456.

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.

Department of Defense Educational Activity-Guam District 2012-2013 Schedule

Aug. 27: First-12th grade students' first day of school
Aug. 27-31: Pre-K home visits
Aug. 31: Professional development; no classes
Sept. 4: PSCD and kindergartners first day of school

Cmdr. William C. McCool Elementary and Middle School

Aug. 16: New parent orientation at 9 a.m. for elementary school and 10 a.m. for middle school
Aug. 17: New parent orientation at 1 p.m. for elementary school and 2 p.m. for middle school

Andersen Elementary School

Aug. 16: New student orientation from 8-8:45 a.m. for grades K through second grade; Noon-12:45 p.m. for grades third through fifth

Andersen Middle School

Aug. 21: Student orientation from 8-9 a.m. for sixth grade and from noon-1 p.m. for grades seventh and eighth.

Guam High School

Aug. 17: New student orientation from 9-11 a.m. for ninth grade.
Aug. 20: New student orientation from 9-11 a.m. for grades 10-12.

Central Texas College

Register now! Central Texas College is a two-year, open admissions institution that offers associates degrees and certificates. We have five, eight-week terms per year. Term one for the 2012-2013 school year begins Aug. 20. We offer several distance-learning courses that are perfect for the military lifestyle because they go where you go. The last day of registration for Term one is Aug. 17. Come see what we have to offer.

Phone Numbers

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

COMMUNITY Corner

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The Big Screen Theater

AUGUST 10 (FRIDAY)
4 PM AMAZING SPIDERMAN PG-13
7 PM ABRAHAM LINCOLN: VAMPIRE HUNTER R

AUGUST 11 (SATURDAY)
7 PM AMAZING SPIDERMAN PG-13
9:30 PM THE BEST EXOTIC MARIGOLD HOTEL PG-13

AUGUST 12 (SUNDAY)
1 PM BRAVE PG
3:30 PM ROCK OF AGES R
7 PM THAT'S MY BOY R

Movie Hotline 564-1831 US Naval Base Guam

Meehan Theater - TEMPORARILY CLOSED until further notice

MWR HAPPENINGS

U.S. Naval Base Guam

Fleet and Family Support Center Classes
Aug. 13: SAPR training from 2-4 p.m.
Aug. 15: Communicating with your teen from 9-11 a.m.
For more information, call 333-2056

MWR Concert Series

From Aug. 16-24, Morale, Welfare and Recreation, Navy Entertainment and/or Armed Forces Entertainment will host concerts: Aug. 14 with Edwin McCain and Erick Baker, and Aug. 24 with the American Idol World Tour. For more information, call 688-7038.

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

Airman and Family Readiness Center Classes

Aug. 14: Base introduction from 7:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Aug. 14: Thrift savings plan class from 9-10 a.m.
Aug. 15: Initial key spouse training from 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Aug. 17: Island tour from 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
For more information, call 366-8136.

Free Outdoor Movie Night

Enjoy the PG-rated animated movie "Happy Feet 2" Aug. 11 at 7:30 p.m. at Arc Light Park. Admission is free. Movie will be shown, weather permitting. For more information, call 366-2339.

Monthly Flea Market

Find great deals and bargains at the Hotspot's monthly flea market Aug. 18 from 8-11 a.m. in the Hotspot Gym. Table fee for each seller is \$10. For more information, call 366-2339

The Hotspot is looking for Instructors

The Hotspot would like to offer a variety of classes for the Team Andersen community and

is looking for qualified instructors for the following: martial arts, dance, Zumba, gymnastics, drivers training and others. Call 366-2339 for more information.

Family Child Care Orientation Training

The Andersen Family Child Care (FCC) office will offer an FCC orientation training class July 23-26 from 9 a.m.-noon for those 18 and older who would like to become a certified child care provider on base. Application packets are available at the Child Development Center, Airman & Family Readiness Center and FCC Offices.

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 Dodgeball

Registration for the tournament ends Aug. 22. Active duty, reserve, Department of Defense (DOD) civilians, immediate family members and DOD full-time contractors can register at the Charles King Fitness Center front desk. Games begin Sept. 4 and end Sept. 7. 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

Racquetball Tournament

The Coral Reef Fitness Center will host a racquetball tournament Aug. 13-15. Show time is at 5:30 p.m. and start time is at 6 p.m.. For more information, call 339-6100.

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. For more information, call 366-6100.

Restricted Establishments

The Guam Armed Forces Disciplinary Control Board has placed restrictions on the following establishments:

Club Romeo and Juliet in Tumon

• Off-limits to all military personnel

Club Lush in Tumon

• Off-limits to military personnel ages 18-20 and all military personnel between 1-8 a.m.

Service personnel, whether in uniform or in civilian clothing, found entering or leaving the establishments during the restricted periods may be subject to disciplinary action under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

Team Andersen's Best Staff Sgt. Roderick Mogote

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

Staff Sgt. Roderick Mogote, 36th Wing Maintenance Group (MXG) maintenance operations center controller, was awarded Team Andersen's Best on Andersen Air Force Base Aug. 3.

"(Staff) Sgt. Mogote has stepped into the position of senior maintenance operations center controller, typically filled by a E-7 and excelled," said Tech. Sgt. Nicholas Major, 36th MXG training manager. "He has

integrated 18 temporary duty assignment maintenance controllers, overseen flightline operations for two major 36th Wing exercises, Strike Fighter Advanced Readiness Program and Cope North, while accounting for 2,300 joint training sorties."

In addition to this, Mogote also prepares daily aircraft status briefs for the 36th Wing commander and Pacific Air Forces. This allows senior leadership and the Pacific Command to have a real-time assessment of Andersen's ability to provide operations plan support.

In Mogote's spare time, he is a San Diego Chargers fan and enjoys riding motorcycles.

Team 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 or civilian with an award.

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Outstanding Airman: Staff Sgt. Roderick Mogote, 36th Wing Maintenance Group (MXG) maintenance operations center controller, was awarded Team Andersen's Best on Andersen Air Force Base Aug. 3. Team 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 or civilian with an award. To nominate your Airmen/civilian for Team Andersen's Best, contact your unit chief or superintendent explaining their accomplishments. U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Mariah Haddenham/Released

36th MUNS, Navy ordnance work together for RIMPAC

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

Airmen from the 36th Munitions Squadron (MUNS) worked hand-in-hand with U.S. Naval Base Guam's Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit 5 to support the 69th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron's (EBS) participation in the Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) Exercise July 11-31.

The RIMPAC exercise, which started in 1971, is a biennial exercise in and around the shores of Hawaii. With 22 nations working together, approximately 25,000 personnel and 250 aircraft, it is the world's largest maritime exercise.

"I'm amazed at all the planning and the coordination that was done in order to make RIMPAC happen," said Master Sgt. Stephen Taylor, 36th MUNS deployed ammo lead. "It's something I'm very proud to be part of."

The 36th MUNS played a key role in munitions support

to B-52 aircraft, allowing the 69th EBS to drop Navy's MK-62 mines during RIMPAC's MINEX, a low-level mine-laying exercise designed to train the Navy's counter-mine specialists.

"We help put the mines on Air Force bomb trailers, make sure they're tied down correctly, and deliver them to the flightline safely," Taylor said. "We also do quality control. We receive technical data from Navy personnel and make sure the assets are 100 percent serviceable."

During RIMPAC, when the Navy needs large quantities of mines delivered, the Air Force provides the heavy bombers that can support a number of missions.

"Navy pilots usually fly the mines in smaller aircraft," Taylor said. "For this exercise, the Air Force provides U.S. Pacific Command (PACOM) with the heavy bombers in order to deliver these munitions in large quantities. Through this process, the B-52 pilots also get the chance to learn how to drop ordnance in an en-

vironment that they usually don't drop them in—water."

According to Taylor, the whole RIMPAC experience is considered rare training for 69th EBS B-52 crews and maintainers who only work with Navy ordnance on occasion.

The 69th EBS is currently deployed to Andersen from Minot Air Force Base, N.D., in support of PACOM's Continuous Bomber Presence (CBP) to maintain security and stability in the Western Pacific.

"Supporting the B-52s in their missions for the CBP is already unique in itself," he said. "That is why I feel very privileged to be here and directly contributing to the RIMPAC exercise."

One of RIMPAC's objectives is to sustain the cooperative relationships that are critical to ensuring the safety of sea lanes and security on the world's oceans. Being part of a maritime exercise enhanced the Airmen's appreciation of their naval counterparts.



Collaboration: Chief Master Sgt. John Van Duser, 69th Aircraft Expeditionary Maintenance Unit superintendent, observes as Sailors from Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit 5 build MK-62 mines in support of the Rim of the Pacific exercise on Andersen Air Force Base. During the visit Airmen from Team Andersen watched and learned naval ordnance techniques, equipment and teamwork. U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Stephen Taylor/Released

"In this exercise, we had the opportunity to see how the Navy produces their munitions and effectively work as a team," said Staff Sgt. Justin Williams, 36th MUNS conventional maintenance supervisor. "This shows that there are other ways to solve problems, other tools to work on assets

and different ways get the job done."

The RIMPAC exercise tests, evaluates and demonstrates the maritime capabilities of the U.S. and the participating nations. It is also a stage where service members in Guam can present themselves as key players on a global scale.

NAVFAC Marianas commanding officer discusses safety

By Shaina Marie Santos
Joint Region Edge Staff

Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Marianas Commanding Officer Capt. John Heckmann spoke to the Contractors Association during a training session at the Hyatt Regency Guam in Tumon July 25.

During his presentation, Heckmann challenged the audience to think about safety and promoted the creation of a safety culture that includes all employees in an organization.

"You've got to show that safety is not just a responsibility of the safety (representatives) in your organization," he said. "Everyone has to have a part of that. You can't do it by yourself, that's the real message. If you don't have the safety culture where you're leveraging every employee on this program, it's not going to work."

Heckmann depicted situations where policy and training fails, illustrating the complexity of



Safety First: Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Marianas Commanding Officer Capt. John Heckmann speaks at a Guam Contractor's Association Training session at the Hyatt Regency Guam in Tumon July 25. Heckmann discussed safety in the workplace and upcoming NAVFAC Marianas projects. U.S. Navy photo by Shaina Marie Santos/Released

workplace safety and the role of leaders in maintaining a safe work setting.

"This is all about leadership," he said. "In the roles that you

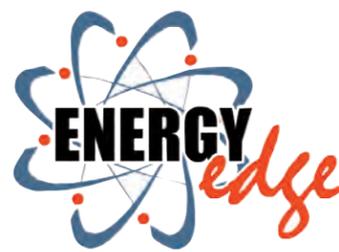
are in, safety is a leadership challenge. It's something that we have to take extremely seriously because it's literally a matter of life and death and we

should all remind ourselves of that."

He also stressed the importance and impact that safety policies and precautions make in not only organizations, but in the lives within them.

"I'm here today as someone that's in charge of an organization and I've got the same challenge as you do with safety," he said. "Sometimes safety can be perceived as a bureaucracy that just keeps us busy. And we need to remind ourselves over and over again that it's not just a bureaucracy, it's not something we do just to satisfy OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration) (regulations), it's not something we do just to satisfy Navy concerns...it's a matter of life and death."

At the end of his presentation, Heckmann took questions and introduced upcoming NAVFAC Marianas projects including repairs to the Victor and an upgraded fuel pipeline among others.



From the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Depending on climate, up to 75 percent of a home's total water use during the growing season is for outdoor purposes. Try these tips to save water:

Detect and repair all leaks in irrigation system.

Use properly treated wastewater for irrigation where available.

Water the lawn or garden during the coolest part of the day (early morning is best). Do not water on windy days.

Water trees and shrubs, which have deep root systems, longer and less frequently than shallow-rooted plants that require smaller amounts of water more often. Check with the local extension service for advice on watering needs in your area.

- Set sprinklers to water the lawn or garden only – not the street or sidewalk.

- Use soaker hoses or trickle irrigation systems for trees and shrubs.

- Install moisture sensors on sprinkler systems.

- Use mulch around shrubs and garden plants to reduce evaporation from the soil surface and cut down on weed growth.

- Remove thatch and aerate turf to encourage movement of water to the root zone.

- Raise your lawn mower cutting height – longer grass blades help shade each other, reduce evaporation and inhibit weed growth.

- Minimize or eliminate fertilizing, which promotes new growth needing additional watering.

- Remove areas of thirsty lawn in favor of native drought-resistant plants.

- When outdoor use of city or well water is restricted during a drought, use the water from the air conditioning condenser, dehumidifier, bath or sink on plants or the garden. Don't use water that contains bleach, automatic-dishwashing detergent or fabric softener.

- Sweep driveways, sidewalks and steps rather than hosing off.

- Wash the car with water from a bucket or use a commercial car wash that recycles water.

- When using a hose, control the flow with an automatic shut-off nozzle.

FES trains at EODMU5

Left: Firefighter Frank Cruz, of U.S. Naval Base Guam (NBG) Fire and Emergency Services, rappels down Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit 5's 90-foot tower with a 200 pound dummy strapped in a stretcher during a high-and-low angle rescue training on NBG July 31. Active duty and civilian firefighters from NBG and Andersen Air Force Base 36th Civil Engineering Squadron participated in a three-week Rescue Technician One Course taught by a mobile unit from Det. 1 554th REDHORSE Squadron of Kadena Air Base in Okinawa. U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Jeremy Starr/Released



Observers: U.S. Naval Base Guam (NBG) Fire and Emergency Services (FES) firefighters watch Andersen Air Force Base firefighter Master Sgt. Francis Tagalog, of 36th Civil Engineering Squadron FES, climb up three floors at Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit 5's 90-foot tower during a high-and-low angle rescue training on NBG July 31. U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Jeremy Starr/Released

Five GUARNG Soldiers complete OCS requirements

From the Guam National Guard
Public Affairs

After a rigorous eight weeks at the Reserve Component Officer Candidate School (OCS) on Fort Meade, S.D., five Guam National Guard Soldiers returned recently after completing their requirements to become the newest second lieutenants in the organization.

Soon-to-be commissioned are officer candidates Plamin Rabino, Jin Yi, JoJohn Quinata,

Stephen Cahill and Michael Taman. All are currently enlisted non-commissioned officers in the Guam Army National Guard (GUARNG).

The Guam Soldiers went through an eight-month long program, taught in a high-stress environment that was mostly run by the 203rd Regional Training Institute (RTI) of the GUARNG.

The last portion of the program, about eight weeks long, is spent at the Fort Meade OCS

training center, run by the 196th Regiment's 1st Battalion (Officer Candidate School).

Lt. Col. Ronnie Delfin, 203rd RTI commander, praised the effort shown by the officer candidates as they went through the course.

"The five candidates just completed eight months of high intensity training to prepare them to be the future leaders of our organization," he said. "They have demonstrated their ability and desire to serve as of-

ficers leading the finest Soldiers our nation and island has to offer. I congratulate them for their determination and commitment and I thank the cadre of the 203rd Regional Training Institute for their hard work in preparing these Soldiers to become commissioned officers."

The training phases in the program include basic soldiering skills, drill and ceremony, physical training and administrative preparation. Training also focused on the individual,

squad and platoon level leadership skills. Candidates receive further training on a variety of military subjects, land navigation, small unit leadership skills and confidence instruction.

The candidates also assumed additional and increasing responsibilities, designed to refine their leadership skills through additional challenges, as the phases progressed.

A commissioning ceremony is expected for the candidates within the next few weeks.



The Best: Officer candidates from left Stephen Cahill, JoJohn Quinata, Michael Taman, Plamin Rabino and Jin Yi stand in front of Mount Rushmore National Park, July 27, where their graduation was held recently. The five Guam Army National Guard (GUARNG) Soldiers recently completed Officer Candidate School training at Fort Meade, S.D., and will be commissioned soon as the newest second lieutenants in the GUARNG. Photo courtesy of the South Dakota Army National Guard

GUARNG 1224th ESC Soldier recognized

From the Guam National Guard
Public Affairs

A Soldier from the 1224th Engineer Support Company (ESC) of the Guam Army National Guard was recognized Aug. 5 for her rare accomplishment while at Military Occupational School (MOS) training.

Maj. Gen. Benny M. Paulino, Guam National Guard adjutant general (TAG), gave Pfc. June Arnaiz a TAG coin and a Star Note after being informed that she was named a Super Sapper at her Engineer Advance Individual Training (AIT) class that graduated recently.

The Super Sapper award is in

recognition for an outstanding Engineer Soldier, with rank of specialist and below, deemed to be the best in his/her battalion, separate company/detachment, and who have distinguished themselves through exceptional performance. The Super Sapper award was given to Arnaiz in front of her AIT graduating class at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

The TAG coin is a commander's coin given as a special recognition to a Soldier. The coin also represents affiliation, support or patronage to the organization minted on the coin and is a treasured and respected representation of that organization.



Arnaiz: Guam National Guard (GUNG) Adjutant General (TAG) Maj. Gen. Benny M. Paulino, awards Pfc. June Arnaiz, of the 1224th Engineer Support Company, Guam Army National Guard, a TAG coin and star note in recognition of her special achievement at the GUNG headquarters in Barrigada Aug. 5. Arnaiz received the Super Sapper award during her Engineer Advance Individual Training Course in Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. Photo courtesy of the Guam National Guard

USDA rounds up browntree snakes

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

Last year, 10,000-12,000 brown tree snakes were captured by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) on Guam, with approximately 4,000 on Andersen Air Force Base.

Many of these captures can be attributed to the Jack Russell terriers that are trained specifically to locate and capture the snakes.

There are approximately 24 trained terriers with USDA, with teams working at Andersen and U.S. Naval Base Guam.

Jack Russell terriers are used for these inspections because they are agile and highly energetic. Naturally aggressive, their hunting skills make them perfect for detecting brown tree snakes.

The brown tree snake is an invasive species native to Northern Australia, and the . They were accidentally transported to shortly after World War II.

"We work on and around the flightline where we conduct canine inspections with Jack Russell terriers," said Marc Hall, USDA program manager. "We inspect 100 percent of outbound military goods. This includes cargo, munitions and household goods."

Along with inspecting cargo, the terriers and their trainers also inspect munitions storage areas and base housing before service members permanently change duty stations.

"We check housing because it is not unheard of for these snakes to show up in unwanted places such as backyards and living areas," said Paul Roberts, USDA canine trainer and instructor.

The brown tree snake will often upset 's delicate ecosystem, due to lack of natural predators on the island. 's warm and hospitable environment means the invasive species do not migrate and has a year-round mating season.

Brown tree snakes average from two to five feet long, but may grow up to 10 feet long. These snakes are mildly venomous to humans. Younger children and the elderly may be more sensitive to their venom.

Though their bite is not lethal, it is painful due to the amount of teeth and strength of bite.

The goal of USDA is to keep this invasive species from spreading to other territories and islands in the Pacific, where they could disturb a natural balance within the territories ecosystem.

To report a brown tree snake contact the USDA from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. at 366-3261.



Out to Get Them: Chico, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) canine and his handler prepare to inspect a KC-135 Stratotanker for brown tree snakes on Andersen Air Force Base (AFB) July 24. All aircraft that depart from Andersen AFB and are scheduled to land at a location other than Guam are searched by the USDA canine to ensure brown tree snakes do not leave the island. U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Benjamin Wiseman/Released



Thorough Inspection: Richard Napoleon, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) canine handler, and his partner Chico, inspect a KC-135 Stratotanker for brown tree snakes on Andersen Air Force Base (AFB) July 24. There are 24 trained terriers with USDA working at Andersen AFB and U.S. Naval Base Guam. U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Benjamin Wiseman/Released

Andersen career assistance advisor promotes rightsizing

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

Thinking of re-enlisting, retraining or making other significant moves in your Air Force career? If so, Andersen's Career Assistance Advisor (CAA) can guide you in the right direction.

The focus of the CAA is both career and professional development for Airmen.

"Throughout my career, mentoring and guiding Airmen have been aspects that I enjoyed as a supervisor," said Master Sgt. Carmelito Sanga, 36th Force Support Squadron career assistance advisor. "In this special duty, all my time is devoted to developing our Airmen."

The CAA provides comprehensive professional enhancement seminars and information on opportunities for service

members to make the best career choices.

"We also support the military personnel section," Sanga said. "We are the ones who disseminate information related to force management programs."

Force management takes Airmen from a career field that has an overage in personnel and moves them into career fields with shortages. This is done through retraining programs.

"The CAA has helped me realize that there are other options in the Air Force," said Senior Airman Patrick Taylor, 736th Security Forces Squadron supply technician.

There are many volunteer force management programs being implemented that allow people to separate early or transfer from active duty to Air National Guard or Reserve components. There are also programs that allow service members to cross from one

branch of service to another.

Taylor says that retraining is for those who are determined and want the change for the right reasons. "As it is final, it is not for someone who is being rash or is just having a rough week in the work place," Taylor said. "It is not a decision to be taken lightly. One should be sure this is what they want to do. It is for people that are absolutely positive they want a change."

Now more than ever, there are a significant number of force management programs available. Despite changes in the size of the Air Force, there are consistently numerous opportunities for Airmen.

"The term for it should be rightsizing," Sanga said. "There are some career fields that are overmanned, but there are also a lot of career fields that have a shortage of personnel." When an Airman's retraining window comes, the

CAA can help create a timeline of execution.

"I tell Airmen during in-process briefings or when I visit units that they should start looking a year and a half out in their careers, whether it's permanently changing duty stations or re-enlisting," Sanga said. "Airmen should see a career assistance advisor so they could get the facts and the correct information about their options. The Air Force is not just a job, it can be a rewarding career and in order to be successful, they need to establish milestones."

According to Sanga, despite all the programs available, many Airmen are not aware that these programs exist. The CAA works hard to market aggressively by working with units, noncommissioned officer organizations and first sergeants to have a strong outreach program. "I think as good as our programs are, if people



Master Sgt. Carmelito Sanga, 36th Force Support Squadron career assistance advisor

don't seek assistance, then they will not benefit from these programs," Sanga said. "If everybody is oblivious to them, these programs go to waste. Our Airmen should take advantage of all the career opportunities that the Air Force has to offer."



'Relieve You Sir': Capt. Jeffrey Plummer, right, relieves Capt. Kevin Haws as commanding officer of U.S. Naval Hospital Guam during a change of command and retirement ceremony at the hospital in Agana Heights Aug. 3. Haws also received the Legion of Merit award for exceptional meritorious conduct for serving as commanding officer. U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Corwin Colbert/Released



CO's First Address: Capt. Jeffrey Plummer, commanding officer, U.S. Naval Hospital Guam, expresses his enthusiasm to lead the command to new levels during a change of command and retirement ceremony at the hospital in Agana Heights Aug. 3. Plummer relieved Capt. Kevin Haws who retired from the Navy after 34 years of service as both an enlisted Sailor and commissioned officer. U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Corwin Colbert/Released

PLUMMER: 'Jazzed' to lead USNH Guam Sailors

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need great leaders at the helm. Kevin you have been the epitome in excellence, leadership and caring for others."

Faison presented Haws with the Legion of Merit for exceptional meritorious conduct while serving as commanding officer of USNH Guam.

Haws talked about the great history of the hospital and presented Plummer a flag that was raised earlier that morning signifying Plummer's first day of command. Haws went on to thank everyone for com-

ing and expressed his deepest gratitude to his staff and service members at the hospital. He said the success of the command lies not with just his leadership but the professionalism of its employees.

"Today it is not about me," he said. "It's about me getting out of the way and letting Jeff take over, but what it is really about is the success of this team – the Naval Hospital Guam team. We have been focused on a few things, we have been aligning ourselves with the military health system. Those things are experience of care and great patient-provider interface; good stew-

ard of government resources and readiness. We did really well with that. This is the way I believe – everything we do is with the patient in mind. Do everything for the right reason with the patient at the center of every decision and it's the leadership's responsibility to provide the tools for the crew to be successful."

Plummer said he looked forward to leading the command.

"If I learned anything in the last 26 years, it's that this healthcare operation, American medicine wrapped in a military command is very complex," he said. "To be success-

ful, it takes teamwork, hard work and leadership at every level of the command. That type of leadership is a contact sport. So we are going to have to get to know each other – crew of naval hospital – over the coming days and months; and I am jazzed at the opportunity."

Plummer is reporting to after serving as executive officer of Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton.

Haws retired from the Navy immediately following the change of command. He served 34 years in the Navy as both an enlisted Sailor and a commissioned officer.

EBS: Maintains stability, security in Western Pacific

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participating nations, 42 surface ships, six submarines, more than 200 aircraft and more than 25,000 personnel.

Scheduled from June 27 to Aug. 9, the theme of RIMPAC 2012 is, "Capable, Adaptive, Partners."

"Our participation in a multinational exercise like RIMPAC affords us the opportunity to improve interoperability and strengthen relationship with our regional partners," said Lt. Col. Doug Gosney, 69th EBS commander. "Additionally, our aircrews get first-rate training and gain invaluable experience by operating in this dynamic, joint coalition environment. RIMPAC provided an unmatched training opportunity for my aviators."

The B-52 Stratofortress is a long-range heavy bomber that can perform a variety of missions. The primary objective of bomber participation in this year's RIMPAC exercise was to enhance crew proficiency and promote international military cooperation.

"These long-duration sorties helped simulate our real-world taskings," Gosney said. "Employing with other Air Force assets, our sister services and the nations of the Pacific theater afforded us a unique training opportunity."



Shine Some Light: Tech. Sgt. Ross Haverstock checks B-52 Stratofortress aircraft forms at Andersen Air Force Base July 31. The 36th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron Airmen make sure the B-52 is ready for the flight in support of the Rim of the Pacific Exercise. U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Marianne Santos/Released

Averaging 20-22-hour sorties, each with two air refuelings, the 69th EBS flew more than 180 hours from Guam to the Hawaiian airspace and back.

"We started with a crawl, walk, run mentality," said Maj. Christopher Morris, 69th EBS Mission Planning Cell team chief. "At first, our participation focused at the unit level and then moved into force-integration training where we worked with other players. In the final phase of RIMPAC, we

integrated B-52s into a robust regional combat scenario."

In the first phase of unit level training, targets are generally pre-planned and aircrews know exactly what to look for. In the force-integration phase and the final combat scenario, targets are unknown, meaning aircrews not only have to locate their targets, but also determine how to strike and with what weapons to strike.

"This demonstrates the flexibility of the B-52 and our aircrews,"

Morris said. "Our joint-service commanders know they can count on the B-52 to deliver bombs on target 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year—worldwide—and in this case, from more than 3000 miles away."

The 69th EBS' first two sorties for this year's RIMPAC, July 11 and 13, supported a high-priority MINEX, a low-level mine-laying exercise designed to train the Navy's counter-mine specialists.

"We're working with Navy fleet to train in aerial interdiction of maritime targets," Morris said. "This includes gathering intelligence, honing our skills in low-level flying, providing close air support and simulating strikes when targets are found."

Exercises in the region are ideal forums to showcase U.S. defense aircraft and equipment, work hand-in-hand with regional partners and contribute toward interoperability with other countries.

Movement of U.S. Air Force bombers into the Western Pacific has been ongoing since March 2004, as the U.S. Pacific Command adjusts its force posture to maintain a prudent deterrent capability.

Rotational bomber deployments to Guam help maintain stability and security in the Western Pacific, while allowing units to become

familiar with operating in the Pacific Theater.

"As a Navy-centric exercise, we're thrilled about the air capabilities that our B-52s were able to provide in support of RIMPAC," Kaufman said. "There's something to be said about U.S. Air Force B-52s flying with Marine Corps F-18s alongside Royal Canadian air force CF-18s and P-3s as well as Japanese F-2s and F-15Js."

As the world's largest international maritime exercise, RIMPAC is a unique training opportunity that helps participants foster and sustain the cooperative relationships that are critical to ensuring the safety of sea lanes and security on the world's oceans.

Other U.S. Air Force aircraft participating in RIMPAC 2012 include: KC-130 Hercules, C-17 Globemaster IIIs, KC-135 Stratofortresses, E-3 Sentrys, A-10 Thunderbolt IIIs, F-15 Eagles, F-16 Fighting Falcons and HH-60G Pave Hawks.

"RIMPAC is a testament to the mutual understanding and respect we gain from exercising with regional partners, all working together on a number of different and potential operations and missions," Kaufman said. "We look forward to participating again in 2014 and bringing an enhanced portfolio of new capabilities."



Left: Staff Sgt. Kurtis Strasser, 734th Air Mobility Squadron unit deployment manager, left, receives an order from Duane Chargualaf, DZSP 21 warehouse specialist assigned to the 36th Logistics Readiness Squadron, on Andersen Air Force Base July 20. Approximately 80-100 individual issue requests are filled by IEU daily. U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Benjamin Wiseman/Released

Above: Duane Chargualaf, DZSP 21 warehouse specialist assigned to the 36th Logistics Readiness Squadron, works to fill an order request on Andersen Air Force Base July 20. U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Benjamin Wiseman/Released

IEU helps Andersen gear up to deploy

By Senior Airman Veronica McMahon
36th Wing Public Affairs

Getting out the door quickly with the proper equipment is a top priority for any service member with a short-notice deployment tasking.

The Individual Equipment Unit (IEU) is the behind the scenes shop supplying Team Andersen and U.S. Naval Base Guam (NBG) members with the equipment they need for deployments, exercises and everyday jobs.

"We support the mission by supplying Airmen and Sailors with the equipment they need in a timely manner," said Duane Chargualaf, DZSP 21 warehouse

specialist assigned to the 36th Logistics Readiness Squadron "We strive to provide the service members with their individual equipment items essential for them to perform their duties, whether it's for their duty station or for upcoming deployments."

The IEU warehouse is filled wall-to-wall with various equipment items. These are mostly uniform items, to include everything from sage boots to Navy coveralls.

"More than a thousand line items are currently carried in the warehouse," Chargualaf said.

"These are not to be confused with mobility items. We do work hand-in-hand with mobility, but the equipment here is, for the most part for individuals to keep upon issue while they are serving in the military."

The IEU shop is ran by a small staff of DZSP 21 contractors, usually comprised of two members. These individuals are responsible for equipment needs base wide. This includes tenant units and anyone deployed into Andersen. The IEU also carries equipment items for civil service employees here and for the Sailors at

NBG.

Approximately 80-100 individual issue requests come in weekly. Sometimes, deploying individuals will come into the shop with an issue request form for themselves. These service members are able to try on all uniform items to make sure they fit. More commonly, the unit's supply sergeant or the unit's deployment manager (UDM) will come in with a large issue request for multiple service members. This is common with short-notice deployments when time is a factor.

Chargualaf works hard to make

sure either the individual, supply sergeant or UDMs are able to get what they need and have a smooth visit.

"It's very convenient to visit IEU because it is close, quick and I am able to get all the equipment needed for the squadron," said Staff Sgt. Kurtis Strasser, 734th Air Mobility Squadron UDM. "Recently the squadron had a big order due to a deployment and it cuts out a lot of time coming here. This helps the deployers get out the door with everything they need."

If a request for out-of-stock items come in, Chargualaf does everything he can to ensure the items are back ordered to the Andersen site immediately. The turn-around time is only a few days.

"It's very important to get our customers what they need in a short period of time," Chargualaf said. "I want to make sure the customers are prepared, whether it is for a deployment or everyday activities, to get the mission done."

Emory S. Land, Buffalo in Thailand

One, Two, Three, Pull! Sailors assigned to submarine tender USS Emory S. Land (AS 39) assist team Royal Thai Navy Sailors move a water barrel during a community service project at the Child Protection and Development Center in Pattaya, Thailand July 28. Sailors volunteered at the center with their Thai counterparts as part of a theater security cooperation and friendship mission to the region. Land, homeported in Diego Garcia, is on an extended deployment to Guam, conducting coordinated tended moorings and afloat maintenance in the U.S. 7th fleet area of operations. U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Elizabeth Fray/Released



Moored: Los Angeles-class fast attack submarine USS Buffalo (SSN 715) comes alongside submarine tender USS Emory S. Land (AS 39) in Thailand July 29. Buffalo, forward-deployed to Guam, is on a Western Pacific deployment while Land is on an extended deployment to Guam since November 2011, conducting coordinated tended moorings and afloat maintenance in the U.S. 7th fleet area of operations. U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Jared Aldape/Released

Social media—pro



By Lt. Col. Michael Ross
36th Medical Operations Squadron

I'm not a huge fan of social media. I Facebook once or twice a week, use YouTube as a resource to find unusual music, read news blogs on occasion and find Twitter a bit stifling due to the small size of the message. Even really simple syndication feeds worry me a little, because I only see what I input. Having said that, I recognize the awesome capability information technology—including things like social media—can deliver when it comes to the Air Force. It stimulates information flow, promotes mentoring opportunities, and yes, I'll even say it affects the battle space.

Beyond I go any further, you need to know I don't work for the communications or public affairs community. But I'm in a good position as a commander

to know that words matter. What is communicated can directly impact everyone. So, I will attempt to help you understand why social media is more than just a fad and certainly can help us project airpower.

Let's start with information flow. Even now, looking at this article, you are falling under the spell of social media. A stronger example of information flow? Look at the recent coverage of Army Col. James Johnson's high-profile case. Within minutes of his conviction June 19, writers and bloggers were posting messages to information boards and discussing the merits of the case, both good and bad. That's information flow at its best—immediate feedback to something that a large group of people want. While this is a good example of information flow, the Air Force does it on an even greater scale. Look at your own functional community's Facebook page or notices to Airmen. These are pushed out through Web pages, Facebook, e-mail and RSS feeds to ensure we as Airmen get the most current information needed to make decisions. This is putting the power into our hands, the power of decision making. Some of this information is life saving, some critical to making sure our procedures stay current, and yes some of it's only useful if you're part of Lt. Col. Ross' family. But it's not just information that flows. It can also be behavioral.

Mentoring is one of the greatest opportunities to change behavior. Supervisors everywhere use mentoring as a tool to influence their troops and build

a cohesive team. Social media offers an additional tool for your tool box. Social media offers almost instant feedback to a person when they are not immediately available. It's simple and the Air Force encourages its use. It isn't spelled out in AFI 36-3401, Air Force Mentoring, that social media can be used, but it does point out that a robust mentoring program will produce significant impact to the Air Force. Now, people from any of the three generations currently working in the Air Force, baby boomers, generation Xers, and millennials, will stumble upon this article, read it and already have an opinion about what tools social media offers. I've personally used Facebook to provide mentoring to other officers working with me. They felt more comfortable using social media when discussing career options rather than speaking through their supervisors or because they were approximately 8,000 miles away and social media made it easier to communicate. In this instance, social media has proven effective in changing someone's behavior for the better.

Information flow and mentoring are excellent demonstrations of social media's power, but only scratch the surface of its capability. Social media is even being used to affect the battle space. Fifth generation warfare (using information to alter or change your enemies perception) has challenged the for many years. Consider recent news stories about troops burning the Korans or high profile killings of civilians and allied military members. These stories have more than just political impact; they convey a

picture that radiates what, which is the defamation of the and endangerment to troops. This information first leaked out through villages, then in press releases and as a result the stories went global through social media. The implications were staggering. International Security Assistance Forces had to alter their supply routes to continue the fight. Remember, this all started with comments and spread globally through social media. What this should convey is if we can build our capabilities in the fifth generation warfare, we can use these tools to affect the battle space. We already do this at some levels. Consider one of our brethren Pacific Air Forces bases. This particular base uses Twitter and Facebook to convey changes in weather that have real-world implications to all of its warriors. This is pretty simplistic when you consider warfare. But go back to my original comment about information flow. The base is using social media to give information to members to make decisions. In this case, it could be life-saving information. To really make this effective, we need to use different information technologies to shape the battle space.

So, how does this help us project airpower? Carving the battle space by using critical information puts decision-making capability into the hands of warriors. The immediate feedback of information can alter the outcome of warfare. It can be something as simple as weather or something more sinister such as targets and their locations. Regardless of what is given, social media has the capability to change outcomes.

Social media—con

By Lt. Col. Daniel Hesel
36th Medical Support Squadron

As my fellow commander stated, social media has the capability to change outcomes. Clearly, social media improves information flow regarding weather reports or base gate closures, etc. These are positive impacts. I would like to bring up the lesser known or talked about impacts that increasingly affect Airmen and their families as we use social media each and every day, or should I say each and every minute.

In the past, I would complain to senior leadership about having my staff pulled for seemingly ridiculous details; power-washing sidewalks, picking up trash or walking in a parade. I routinely provided feedback about our lack of resources and that we no longer have the manning of the late 80s and early 90s. We have done more with less through many administrations and we no longer have that five to 10 percent fluff. But maybe I was wrong. As I walk through my squadron unannounced, I find the

answer to why the speed of information flow on social media is so amazingly fast. Nearly 90 percent of my Airmen have a smart phone and a majority of them are texting, tweeting or posting on Facebook regularly throughout the day, some up to 200 times or more. Is reduced manning really the problem or are our Airmen distracted by the availability and convenience of social media?

My esteemed colleague also mentions the behavioral impact of social media. Social media does increase the speed of feedback, but is it really the type of feedback our Airmen need? Not a week goes by when I am not putting out a fire that involved the perceived miscommunications of one member due to a written e-mail that was fired off in haste. The person-to-person verbal feedback has almost always been preferred over written communication. Social media affords greater miscommunication due to its lack of personal interaction. For example, I love posting pictures of award presentations at commander's calls and squadron events. But do we post pictures of Airmen and their

commanders when they happened to run into each other at the local pub? Does this send a professional signal to the squadron for good morale and discipline? Please read the fine print and consider this before loading another photo to Facebook. Understand that as soon as a photo or video is loaded onto their servers, you no longer own the exclusive rights to that photo or video and it can be used by unknown administrators for any purpose with which they choose.

I agree with Lt. Col. Ross' statement that information flow and mentoring are excellent demonstrations of social media's power, but that power can sometimes be used negatively. He is right that we have only scratched the surface; the real negative impact of social media is how quickly it can degrade society. For example, a survey of the nation's top lawyers shows more clients are coming to divorce court armed with Facebook evidence to prove spouses are being unfaithful. Some reports even go as far as to say that the divorce rate is increas-



ing due to Facebook. I have not even touched on the impact it has on our children. Accountability is disappearing as fast as the information flow is increasing.

I truly believe that social media is here to stay and that it has many benefits, but I believe that it continually distracts our Airmen from the mission. There will continue to be issues with immoral or inappropriate posts and tweets. The real question is, what the long-term impact will be on the lives of our families, our Air Force and on society on a whole? Those impacts, positive or negative, will reveal themselves in time.

“ For the boys that are dependents of military or civilian service members, they come to the island with experiences from other places that contribute to the overall program with new ideas and perspectives that diversify our events. In many cases it is a built-in friendship that exists because the bonds of being a scout are binding. ”
 - Cmdr. Daniel Cook, Joint Region Marianas Assistant Regional Engineer



Leading the Troop: Joint Region Marianas Assistant Regional Engineer Cmdr. Daniel Cook promotes recycling with Boy Scout Troop 23 at the 68th Guam Liberation Day Parade in Hagatna July 21. Cook serves as the Scoutmaster for the troop. U.S. Navy photo by Shaina Marie Santos/Released



Musicians to perform for military audiences

By Shaina Marie Santos
 Joint Region Edge Staff

Military service members and their families can look forward to two accomplished musical acts scheduled to perform on U.S. Naval Base Guam (NBG) and Andersen Air Force Base (AFB) Aug. 15 and 16.

Sponsored by Navy Entertainment, Navy Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) and the 36th Force Support Squadron (FSS), Edwin McCain and Erick Baker will be on island as a part of a summer concert series.

The music artists are scheduled to rock the Top of the Rock ballroom on Andersen AFB Aug. 15 at 6:30 p.m. and Aug. 16 at the Molly McGee's Field on NBG, starting at 7 p.m. with a Major League Eaters eating competition between performances on both dates. Both concerts are free of charge.

MWR Recreation Director Leslie Gould encouraged patrons to come down and enjoy the events.

“We are taking up to 24 competitors for the eating competition (and) giving away a \$250 NEX (Navy Exchange) gift card as the grand prize,” she said. “There is music and entertainment for everyone.”

McCain is largely known for his 1998 major hit single “I’ll Be” and 1999’s “I Could Not Ask for More.”

Baker, whose debut EP (extended play) album was released in 2008, is described as a pulse of love and loss with strong melodic hooks and emotive vocals.

For more information about the performance on NBG, call 688-7038; for the performance on Andersen AFB, call 366-2339.

Joint Region Marianas ARE leads young troops

By Shaina Marie Santos
 Joint Region Edge Staff

Joint Region Marianas Assistant Regional Engineer Cmdr. Daniel Cook, Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Marianas, has another title when leading his troop – scoutmaster.

Cook serves as the senior adult leader who works with other scout leaders to coordinate meetings, activities and provide guidance to young boys in the troop.

According to Cook, being scoutmaster permits him to share his values with the next generation, reinforcing the spirit of responsibility and initiative.

“It allows me to be in an environment where young men can grow in leadership and life skills while experiencing some of the great beauty that the world has to offer,” he said. “These values are important to me.”

Cook became Troop 23’s scout-

master when his predecessor left Guam for a permanent change of station. With Cook’s three boys active in the troop, he had built experience as an assistant scoutmaster for two years.

“It was a natural fit to step in and pick up with all of the great efforts that my predecessor had started for the boys,” he said.

With his troop, Cook camps, hikes, swims, kayaks and participates in numerous service projects, teaching the young boys he works with about preserving the environment and life skills.

“There is so much to do on Guam that fits with the Boy Scouts ethos of stewardship for creation, service to community and appreciation of nature that there is never a shortage of ways to stay busy,” he said. “Guam is a wonderful place for scouts.”

According to Cook, those who participate in the Boy Scouts gain a connection to others from around the world who share a commitment to personal excellence.

“From what I have seen, there is great enthusiasm for the program here,” he said. “For the boys that are dependents of military or civilian service members, they come to the island with experiences from other places that contribute to the overall program with new ideas and perspectives that diversify our events. In many cases it is a built-in friendship that exists because the bonds of being a scout are binding.”

The camaraderie Cook builds as a scoutmaster creates a ripple effect, with benefits that help him while in the office.

“There are many of us across the Joint Region (Marianas) and all of the commands on the island that are either active in scouting or friends of the program,” he said. “Having and building bonds outside the workplace makes for better interaction inside the workplace.”

For more information about Boy Scouts Troop 23 or to join the organization, contact Cook at 349-3340.



Prepare education expenses for school year

By Shaina Marie Santos
Joint Region Edge Staff

Purchasing everything from shoes, supplies, technological gadgets, uniforms and even tutoring can be made easier when preparing a budget for the upcoming school year.

Andersen Air Force Base School Liaison Officer Rebecca Duncan said planning early for education-

al goals can save time and money and properly prepare children for what they need in the future.

"Education can be expensive and competitive," she said. "The sooner you determine what your goals are for your child's education, the sooner you get a reasonable plan to attain those goals. Costs for schools are rising and more students will be competing for fewer resources."

According to Duncan, not only

can education itself be expensive depending on what school your child attends, but a number of unexpected expenses can add up and blindsides parents.

"Parents often overlook the multitude of smaller expenses and how quickly they can add up," she said. "People are often aware of the larger expenses such as tuition, books, room and board, but often overlook the smaller expenses such as

registration, lab, technology and building maintenance fees as well as the cost for sports, school uniforms, computer equipment, transportation, supplies and even tutoring."

Duncan offered a tip to preparing finances as being realistic with what you can afford.

"Once you decide on the path of your child's education, you want to make sure you will be able to

New School Year: Guam High School Senior Mark Haas checks out a new laptop at the Navy Exchange on U.S. Naval Base Guam July 30. Technological gadgets are one expense in the school year that can take parents by surprise when budgeting for education. U.S. Navy photo by Shaina Marie Santos/Released

afford to follow through until their education is complete," she said. "If money is tight, look to outside sources for possible help in funding your child's education."

Duncan said there are a number of resources available to assist in funding your child's education.

"There are fewer choices to help fund private K-12 educations (than college) but parents can research their options such as the Coverdell Education Savings Account (ESA)," she said.

The Coverdell ESA is an account created with the Internal Revenue Service to help parents and students save for education expenses.

Duncan added that parents can take advantage of tax credits to help offset the cost of school, but one of the best sources for funding assistance can be found at your child's school itself.

"Contact the schools that you would like your child to attend and ask what assistance programs are available," she said. "Some schools offer tuition payment plans, need-based grants, scholarships as well as discounts for multiple children."

According to Duncan, a child that receives an education does not just benefit the child, but the larger community.

"Society benefits when children receive a quality education at an early age because it can make them more open to learning and ultimately make them better members of our global workforce," she said. "Parents need to be their child's biggest advocate and stay actively involved in their education."

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.

U.S. 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,
Thursday, 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.
Catholic Men of the
Chapel: First and third Tuesday
of the month, Chapel 1 Annex, 6
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.
Liturgical Service: Sunday,
Lighthouse, 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.; Wednesdays
(September-May), Chapel 2
Annex, 8 a.m.
Protestant Men of the
Chapel: Wednesday,
Lighthouse, 6 p.m.; First Saturday
of the month, Chapel 2 Annex, 8
a.m.
Protestant Youth of the
Chapel: Thursday, Chapel 2
Annex, 7 p.m.
Protestant
Single/Unaccompanied:
Thursday, Lighthouse, 6 p.m.
Protestant Sunday School:
(September-May) Sunday, Chapel
Activity Center,
10:15 a.m.

*Schedules subject to change. To
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Prayer heals the wounds of grief and losses

By Capt. Dennis DeGuzman
36th Wing Chaplain

The news is weeks old, but all of us are still taking in the horror of last month's shootings in Aurora, Colo., as this tragic story continues to unfold. In the largest mass shooting in America in more than five years, 12 people were killed and about 50 were wounded by gunfire.

Even though we are miles away where it actually happened, we are shocked and saddened by this tragedy. What we have in common, however, is this—an acute sense of loss, that heartbreak we all experience when we see the beauty of our collective humanity diminished yet again so violently and so senselessly.



There are no words to describe the anguish felt by those who suffer painful losses and grief; our heart and prayers have and will go out to them. There are so many tragic stories, so much pain and many people

are asking the question, "Why? Why did God allow this?"

This has been a heart-rending summer for Colorado. The state was first plagued with wildfires, which ravaged the houses of hundreds of neighbors and those two tragic events are on top of the everyday pain and suffering

being experienced in individual lives. There's illness, abuse, broken relationships, betrayal, sorrow, injuries, disappointment, heartache, crime and death.

Perhaps you've been asking the questions, "Why? Why me? Why now?" The "why" question goes back thousands of years when it was asked in the Old Testament by Job and the writers of Psalms.

The greatest gift we have to offer one another is indeed our collective prayer — not merely kind wishes, not simply good intentions, but deep prayer. This has substance. This has weight and heft. This, and this alone, is

the source of deep healing, lasting transformation and enduring peace. This is our inheritance and our gift—living water for ourselves and for a world that thirsts for life.

Let's be mindful of all the losses that have affected many of our brothers and sisters in the Colorado shooting, and also those who have suffered severe losses due to the recent wildfires in many Colorado communities. These events are all the more reason to renew our collective commitment to the gift and practice of prayer because in doing so, we are giving our world the gift of life.

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Playtime starts with Moms and Tots

By Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW)
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Mothers chased their children up and down the basketball court in the Charles King Fitness Center (CKFC) on U.S. Naval Base Guam (NBG) during the Moms and Tots program Aug. 2.

Moms and Tots is a social-structured class designed and taught by the NBG Child Development Center (CDC) for toddlers between the ages 18 months and 3 years. The class teaches children creative arts, music, movement exercises and social skills.

Lily Baranda, CDC sports coordinator, instructed in the program and facilitates summer sports clinics.

"The focus for the class is to provide an environment that allows children to work on and develop their physical and mental abilities while socially interacting with kids their own age," she said.

Throughout the 50-minute class, kids rode little push cars over the open space, pitched colorful tennis balls at a Velcro target and bowled with a toy ball and pin set. Some children painted their names with their moms at the creative art station while others played with blocks and built towers taller than themselves.

Baranda said every game the CDC has provided for the program was designed to educate the children on numbers, colors, shapes and textures, and provides three different class environments: gymnastic, combative room and facilitated room.

"The basketball court is a facilitated room in an open play area where the moms and children get to run around," she said. "The combatant room is a smaller area with surrounded padded walls that will have the same activities as the open play zone but will provide an opportunity where the kids are moved closer to one another causing them to interact."

She said the gymnastics room is the place where the kids work on the physical strength by hanging on bars, play at balance and do pull-ups.

CDC Child Development Home Coordinator Vanessa Borja, helped facilitate the class and said she was excited to see so many moms and toddlers come to the program.

"This is an important program and we're trying to incorporate the moms and the little tots to come out to socialize and interact," she said.

Marie Puzan attended the program with her daughter for the first time.

"I enjoy this because my daughter has kids her age she gets to interact with and I get to meet other moms," Puzan said. "We live in Talofofo and my daughter doesn't usually interact with other kids her age so that is why I signed up for the class."

Moms and Tots sessions are offered every month throughout the year on Thursdays from 9:30-10:20 a.m. To register your child visit the CDC on NBG or for more information call 564-1844.

To learn more about NBG, visit www.cnic.navy.mil/guam. For more news from U.S. Naval Forces, Marianas, visit www.navy.mil/local/guam.



Good Fun: Two mothers watch a child play with building blocks at the basketball court during the Moms and Tots program in the Charles King Fitness Center on U.S. Naval Base Guam Aug. 2. Moms and Tots is a social-structured class designed and taught by the Child Development Center for toddlers between ages 18 months and 3 years. U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Jeremy Starr/Released