

MWR and MDA help patrons learn diving basics

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Many of us enjoy and love the beaches here on Guam. We often wonder if the seas look as beautiful underneath the surface as they do in pictures or in movies.

The opportunity has come for these puzzling questions to be answered. Navy Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) recently teamed up with Micronesian Divers Association (MDA) to bring dive certification classes to U.S. Naval Base Guam (NBG). The beginner scuba open water courses are available in a wide variety of formats, from three-day programs to one-and two-week courses.

“We teach our students everything they need to know to be able to dive on their own, and we always keep safety first,” said Dive Master Jaclyn Williams, MDA instructor, who was joined by her fellow certified Open Water Instructors Curtis Rasmussen.

The open water certification class is for individuals with limited knowledge and experience, and teaches them the basics about diving.

“Our class teaches the students all about diving equipment and the proper way to use it,” said Rasmussen.

Once the students have proven a working knowledge of diving procedures on land, they transition to the NBG pool and eventually Gab Gab Beach on base.

For more information on the open water class, call MWR at 564-1851.

Proper Technique: Micronesian Divers Association Certified Open Water Instructor Curtis Rasmussen, center, demonstrates the proper way to attach an air tank to the back of a diving vest at U.S. Naval Base Guam’s pool during an open water class July 19. (U.S. Navy Photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class (SW/AW) E. Rosario)