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Navy commands recognized

By Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Peter Lewis

Joint Region Edge Staff

Three commands on Guam were among 13 commands recognized March 2 by the Naval Education and Training Command (NETC) with Health, Safety and Fitness Flagship Awards for the quality of their community service in 2009.

The award recognizes commands with the best overall community service programs teaching and encouraging individuals, especially youths, to lead healthy and active lives.

Adm. Gary Roughead, Chief of Naval Operations (CNO), released a message selecting U.S. Naval Hospital Guam as winner in the large

overseas category, Maritime Expeditionary Security Squadron (MSRON) 7 as winner in the medium overseas category, and Mobile Mine Assembly Unit (MOMAU) 8 as winner in the small overseas category.

The CNO thanked all recognized commands for their continued dedication to excellence and the betterment of their respective communities.

"You have my sincerest appreciation for your personal commitment and continued support of our Navy's Community Service Program," Roughead said.

A command effort from U.S. Naval Hospital Guam saw 122 Sailors volunteer 1,224 hours to help members of Guam High School, Agana Heights Elementary School,

Agueda Johnston Middle School, Department of Youth Affairs, and Drug Education For Youth.

According to Information Systems Technician 1st Class (SW/EXW) Chester Allan Presta, a U.S. Naval Hospital Guam Sailor and volunteer, everyone at the Naval Hospital is committed to the success of the volunteer programs, and receiving this award reflects on the command's commitment to volunteerism.

"I think receiving this award for the command is important because it shows other commands that we care about the military's involvement with the community and the future of the kids that are in the classes," Presta said.

The 190 volunteers from MSRON 7 accumulated 833 serv-

ice hours, helping causes such as the Guam Running Club, Guam Animals In Need, and Special Olympics Guam.

Participating in volunteer work around the island is a great way to build strong and lasting relationships between the military and local communities, according to Master-at-Arms 2nd Class (EXW) Rachel Mayfield, a Sailor from MSRON 7 who has volunteered for several of her command's community service projects.

"I think it's an honor for our command to be selected for this award," Mayfield said. "It shows that our volunteer work is really helping the community and it's getting noticed by others in the Navy. It feels good to know that we are helping to set the example and build better com-

munities."

The 35 volunteers from MOMAU 8 spent 688 hours helping the village of Talofoto, Talofoto Elementary School and the National Park Service.

"The [command's] level of commitment has exceeded the program's basic requirements and has evolved into a bond between the two parties that can only be summarized by the fact that MOMAU 8 and the village of Talofoto are family," said Lt. Cmdr. Michael Kleva, commanding officer of MOMAU 8.

The Navy Community Service Program (NCSP) was launched in 1992 by then-CNO Adm. Frank B. Kelso. The program's goal is to foster and nurture community ties with

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931st Air Refueling Group supports Andersen AFB

By Staff Sgt. Steven Donatelli

36th Wing Public Affairs

Tech Sgt. Gregory Mitchell is a deployed crew chief with the 931st Aircraft Maintenance Squadron based out of McConnell Air Force Base (AFB) Kansas. His unit comprises 104 personnel and four KC-135's. It is one of only three super-tanker KC-135 Stratotanker wings in the Air Force. He shares his experiences so far at Andersen AFB.

Q: Why are you deployed here?

Mitchell: To support Pacific Air Force Command Operations. Our job here is to ensure mission capabilities are enhanced by providing superior maintenance in support of our aircraft. Safety is our main concern – we are entrusted with the task of ensuring the KC-135 will bring our Airmen home.

Q: What operations are you supporting here at Andersen?

Mitchell: The base is tasked to provide stability and security in the Western Pacific region. We are a small part of a large team working



Refueling: A B-52 Stratofortress from Minot Air Force Base, N.D., refuels from a KC-135 Stratotanker over the Pacific Ocean during exercise Tropic Fury April 29, 2009. (U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Kevin J. Gruenwald)

to make that happen.

Q: How is Guam different from Kansas?

Mitchell: Kansas is landlocked, where as Guam is an Island. The tropical weather here is different from the temperate weather back home. One thing that's the same is the wind. We have quite a bit of wind in Kansas and you have a good sea breeze here in Guam.

Q: How do you feel about the tropical weather?

Mitchell: Back home I'm staying fit to fight by training for a half marathon. I'm finding training is a lot easier here (Guam) than in Kansas.

Q: What challenges do you face working in Guam?

Mitchell: The challenge of working on an island is that we have to deal with sea-salt that can corrode aircraft. We're dealing with 50 year old aircraft; corrosion control is a high priority. We frequently wash the aircraft to ensure they are mission capable.

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SFARP underway at Andersen AFB



Above: A group of F-18 Hornets park out on the south ramp of the flightline on Andersen Air Force Base (AFB) March 9. Four squadrons of F-18s are deployed to Andersen AFB from Naval Air Facility (NAF) Atsugi, Japan in support of the Navy's Strike Fighter Advance Readiness Program (SFARP). SFARP occurs every two years with the intent of providing fighter squadrons with air-to-air and air-to-ground training to maintain the proficiency and readiness of the air wing. Approximately 1,000 military air crew personnel from Naval Air Station (NAS) Joint Reserve Base New Orleans and NAF Atsugi, Japan are participating. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Julian North)

Left: An F-18 Hornet flies over Andersen Air Force Base (AFB) March 9. Four squadrons of F-18s are deployed to Andersen AFB from Naval Air Facility Atsugi, Japan in support of the Navy's Strike Fighter Advance Readiness Program (SFARP). SFARP occurs every two years with the intent of providing fighter squadrons with air-to-air and air-to-ground training to maintain the proficiency and readiness of the air wing. Approximately 1,000 military air crew personnel from Naval Air Station (NAS) Joint Reserve Base New Orleans and NAF Atsugi, Japan are participating. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Julian North.)

Stay deployment ready with new BUPERS application

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Sailors can now check their Individual Medical Readiness (IMR) status by visiting Bureau of Naval Personnel (BUPERS) online.

Active-duty or reserve personnel can access the site by logging in with their common access card at <https://www.bol.navy.mil>. Social Security numbers and birthdate information also work as an alternative

for login ID and password. Under "Application Menu," choose "IMR Status."

After logging in, an IMR report will display the most recent date of the service member's periodic health assessment and readiness laboratory tests, dental exams, and immunization and tuberculin skin tests. It will also list whether or not the service member requires the use of medical equipment, including glasses, as well as any limiting conditions for a deployment.

"It's not going to tell you everything or let you make inputs, but it's almost an exact replica of what we see," said Chief Hospital Corpsman (FMF) Dexter Cabral, who works at U.S. Naval Hospital Guam's Branch Medical Clinic on U.S. Naval Base Guam,

IMR reflects whether or not a service member can deploy, according to their medical status. If the service member has their records up to date and without complications, and thus can deploy, an IMR status

field will read as "Fully Medically Ready." A chronic illness, failure to receive a needed inoculation, and having incomplete medical records are several reasons for an IMR status to show as "Partially Medically Ready," "Not Medically Ready" and "Medical Readiness Indeterminate."

Cabral said all data input for updates and changes to a medical record are still done by medical personnel. Although it takes five business days for inputs to reflect in the system and appear, the IMR report

allows Sailors the convenience of being able to see their records anytime and almost anywhere.

"It also shows what you're next due for and when," Cabral said. "It gives them kind of a tool to be prepared for deployment."

This new application was first announced by Navy Medicine Information Systems Support Activity Feb. 22.

For more information, visit <https://www.bol.navy.mil>.

Award: Sailors set a good example for 'kids throughout the world'

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the Navy and promote volunteerism while developing better naval leaders through experience in the program.

NCSP consists of five flagships, including the Health, Safety and Fitness Flagship, Personal Excellence Partnership Flagship, Project Good Neighbor Flagship, Campaign Drug Free Flagship and Environmental

Stewardship Flagship. A separate Navy command sponsors and administers each flagship.

"The Navy's Health, Safety and Fitness Flagship promotes healthy and fit lifestyles through command

partnerships with schools and communities," said Henry Giles, NETC's director of community service and outreach. "Thousands of Sailors are out in the community, helping to educate and set a good ex-

ample for kids throughout the world."

Award winners will receive commemorative plaques and units that merited honorable mention will receive certificates from NETC.



Guam's Complete Home Site.
Guamhomefinder.com



Andersen AFB Commissary receives makeover

By Staff Sgt. Derrick Spencer
36th Wing Public Affairs

Recently the Andersen commissary has become a bit more chaotic due to extensive renovation taking place in the store.

The Defense Commissary Agency (DECA) has allocated \$8.9 million dollars for the construction to change out the old refrigeration equipment, and to revamp the shopping area for a better shopping experience.

The renovation began in November 2009, and is slated to be complete by summer 2011.

"The equipment has a life-span on it, and all the refrigeration cases need to be swapped out," said Commissary's Store Director, Gary Whitmire. "We were also trying to modernize the overall look of the sales room floor."

The area receiving the most attention is the Value Mart section of the commissary. It is one of the busiest parts of the store, and is actually part of the warehouse stor-

age section. The Value Mart will be receiving new walls and air conditioning to feel more like an extension to the store rather than a stuffy warehouse. In addition, the front of the Mart will not be limited to the small door entrance. The entire front portion will be opened to accept large groups of people at once.

"I think the renovation is long overdue," said Staff Sgt. Danielle Spencer, 36th Munitions Squadron. "I already see improvements, and it will make my life much easier down the line when I come back to shop."

Upon completion, the entire store will be painted, the décor package will change, tiles will be swapped, and the overall cosmetics of the store will change. Starting at the construction like a proud dad, Whitmire seemed just as excited as the shoppers to see the final product.

"I think it's going to be a real improvement to the community, should really look nice when we get it completed," said Whitmire.



Remodeling: Andersen's commissary is currently undergoing interior remodeling. The planned completion is not until fiscal year 2011. The changes include remodeling and adding refrigeration to the value mart section and increasing the total square footage available. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Derrick Spencer)

Drivers, pedestrians urged to practice safety on roads

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Whether it's taking a walk with the family or exercising to maintain mission readiness, safety officials encourage all service members and their families to practice safety when they are on the road.

"Pedestrian traffic is very high," Senior Chief Master-at-Arms (SW) Derrick Cote, U.S. Naval Base Guam (NBG) Security operations officer said, noting that sidewalks and crosswalks located on NBG help promote both safety and quality of life. "These new additions encourage fitness for families and for our Sailors and Airmen, but they're primarily there for safety so I would encourage everyone to use them."

For More Info:

To learn more about Navy and Air Force traffic instructions, call U.S. Naval Base Guam Security at 339-3414, or 36th Security Forces Squadron at 366-2910.

For more information on safety, contact your local safety office:

Joint Region Marianas: 333-4780
Naval Base Guam: 339-7233
Andersen Air Force Base: 366-7233

Pedestrians have the right of way, however they should not become complacent when it comes to their safety, according to Cote.

"Pedestrians should keep in mind that although they have the right of way, this is not a free ticket to not be defensive," Cote said. "Pedestrians must ensure they look both ways and cross all roadways safely, erring on the side of caution and

not crossing the road unless all cars stop."

Cote added that anyone jogging, running, pushing a stroller or riding a bike should never have any type of listening device in their ears. As well, parents should talk to children about basic rules to ensure their safety when they are out.

"Parents should also ensure their children are aware of which side of

the road bicycles should travel, where skateboards, rollerblades are authorized," he said. "In addition, ensure kids have on all personal protective equipment before heading out."

Protective equipment should include helmets, knee and elbow pads, and gloves. All pedestrians, bicyclists, skateboarders and others on the road also need to have their reflective jackets or belts to ensure they are visible to motorists, especially in the evening or early morning hours.

Master Sgt. Jeff Oyer, Andersen Air Force Base Safety Office ground safety manager, said drivers should also practice caution when driving.

"Speed limits are noted all around the installations and are re-

ally just the maximum speeds drivers could go," he said. "There may be times or areas when drivers may even drive slower to ensure safety for themselves and others on the roads."

He noted that near schools and along neighborhoods speed limits are lower and there are crosswalks where children are walking to get to and from the playground or school.

Oyer said traffic policies on military installations mirror local traffic laws and are rigorously enforced. He said being aware and following those policies is vital to keeping everyone safe.

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Renovated dog park set to reopen on U.S. Naval Base Guam



By Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Corwin Colbert

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Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Marianas is refurbishing the U.S. Naval Base Guam dog park in the Harbor View Housing Area. The project is expected to be complete by the end of

March. Until construction began on Feb. 19, the park was a grassy field where dogs could run around with their owners, but the area is being completely overhauled. The park is across from the Child Development Center.

"It's all about the quality of life for our Sailors and family members," said Ensign Matthew Pine, with NAVFAC Marianas. "This will be a place where owners can train and play with their dogs."

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The obstacle and dog training courses will feature a dog walk ramp, waiting table, teeter-totter, adjustable jump bar, a wall jumper and an adjustable tire jump.

The park will also be split in two: one side will be for smaller dogs and the other for larger dogs. Each side will have the same courses and a pavilion with a picnic table.

There will also be lighting around the park for late-night play.

"I can't wait for the park to reopen," said Carolyn Mathis, a Navy spouse and dog owner. "I have a very energetic dog and now she will have a place to enjoy. Before, the park was empty, and she didn't know what to do there. Now she will be overwhelmed with activities."

Frank Cable store and retail services best in class

By Mass Communication Specialist Seaman (SW) Trevor Welsh

USS Frank Cable (AS 40) Public Affairs

Commander, Fleet and Industrial Supply Centers (COMFISCS), recognized USS Frank Cable's (AS 40) Sales and Service Division (S-3) with an award for "Ship's Store and Retail Services Excellence, Best in Class" for fiscal year 2009. Rear Adm. Steven J. Romano, Commander, Navy Exchange Service Command, announced the winners for the award via a Navywide message March 3.

Frank Cable, along with only 19 other ships and shore commands across the Navy, were selected to have the best Sales and Service Division in their classes.

"Your selection as Best of Ship Class marks you as winners, and demonstrates your commitment to enhancing the quality of life for your crew members," Romano said. "Being the No. 1 of many is a significant achievement."

Frank Cable's S-3 division's responsibilities include operating the ship's store, both the officer/chief petty officer and enlisted barber-shops and maintenance and stocking of the vending machines. The division procures, receives, stores, issues and sells ship store items, maintains related records and prepares required reports, returns and correspondence.

During the Supply Management Inspection (SMI) by COMFISCS, S-3 scored a 100 percent on inventory spot check, price line and UPC checks; cash books were balanced every month and stock turn was a 4.98 which exceeded the annual goal of 4.0. All management objectives were met or exceeded with a gross profit rate of 15.5 percent, vending profit of 44.9 percent and emblematics was 8.15 percent.

Chief Ship's Serviceman Allen Reyes, the inspecting officer from COMFISCS, commended S-3 for their hard work and preparation for the SMI. He said the excellent morale and positive attitude of the divisional personnel was noteworthy and they were more than capable of supporting the ship's mission.

This marks the first time since 2006 that Frank Cable's S-3 division has been recognized for this achievement.

"We could not have done it without the crew and the Frank Cable team effort," said Lt j.g. Mary E. Sly, S-3 division officer. "We look forward to continuous outstanding customer service."

As Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet's only operational submarine tender, Frank Cable readily deploys to ports throughout the Western Pacific to provide services to both submarines and surface ships in the 7th Fleet area of responsibility. For more information on Frank Cable, visit the ship's Web site at www.cable.navy.mil.



Award in Store: Sailors from USS Frank Cable's (AS 40) Sales and Service Division (S-3) put various products on an elevator to be put in a storeroom for later distribution. The division procures, receives, stores, issues and sells ship store items, maintains related records and prepares required reports, returns and correspondence. Commander, Fleet and Industrial Supply Centers, recognized USS Frank Cable's (AS 40) Sales and Service Division (S-3) for "Ship's Store and Retail Services Excellence, Best in Class" for fiscal year 2009. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist Seaman (SW) Trevor Welsh)

Coast Guard presents award to humanitarian team

By Lt. j.g. Tara Fuller

U.S. Coast Guard Sector Guam Public Affairs

Capt. Thomas Sparks, Commander, U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) Sector Guam, presented the Coast Guard Meritorious Team Commendation with Operational Distinguishing Device to Sailors on the USNS Alan Shepard (T-AKE 3) March 9.

Sailors were recognized for their role on the Super Typhoon Choi-Wan humanitarian assistance team during a presentation held on board the ship.

On Sept. 16, 2009, Super Typhoon Choi-Wan swept through the islands of Agrihan and Alamagan in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) leaving the islanders in dire need of aid.

Alan Shepard, a Military Sealift Command dry cargo-ammunition ship, was the closest asset to the islands. Within 15 hours of notification, the crew of the ship and Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 25, Detachment 1, which was embarked on the ship,

answered the call for help. The response was primarily coordinated by USCG Sector Guam.

The humanitarian assistance team provided critical support to the remote island communities through rapid response and professional competence. Their support included a delivery of life-saving supplies, such as food and 260 gallons of fresh water; and medical attention for 18 people on both islands.

Gratitude: Capt. Thomas Sparks, Commander, U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) Sector Guam, thanks Sailors on USNS Alan Shepard (T-AKE 3) March 9 for their role on the Super Typhoon Choi-Wan humanitarian assistance team. Sparks presented the Sailors with the Coast Guard Meritorious Team Commendation with Operational Distinguishing Device. (U.S. Coast Guard photo by Cmdr. Yuri Graves, deputy commanding officer, U.S. Coast Guard Sector Guam)



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2010 census counts Sailors at home and away

From the Chief of Naval Personnel Public Affairs

Military personnel and civilians located on vessels April 1 will retain their right to ensure proper Congressional representation and their community's federal funding through participation in the shipboard enumeration phase of the census, which includes all vessels assigned to a homeport in the United States and

Puerto Rico.

Each ship received census enumeration materials from the Census Bureau enabling them to conduct a complete enumeration of personnel assigned to each ship, even during at-sea periods such as deployment or work-ups.

"Congress and the Census Bureau understand the importance of, and the high operational tempo of naval forces and are committed to ensuring Sailors and Navy civilians

and contractors have the opportunity to be counted, even when executing missions at sea," said Tom Yavorski, Navy's Representative at the Joint Census Working Group. "Therefore they have provided two opportunities for deployed members to complete this year's census."

Sailors who maintain an onshore residence will receive both the standard Census questionnaire at their home address as well as a Shipboard Census Report (SCR) onboard the

ship. The completion of both forms is required to ensure appropriate representation. When completing the SCR, Sailors should include the full address of their primary onshore residence.

In addition to counting deployed Sailors and civilians, the census remains focused on counting members serving closer to home. Naval personnel who reside in an apartment off base or family housing on base will receive census questionnaires through the U.S. Postal Service beginning March 15. Completed forms should be returned in the envelope provided.

Sailors residing in group quarters will be contacted by their census project manager to complete the Military Census Report, a subset of the standard census questionnaire.

The 2010 Military Census Report and Shipboard Census Report contains six questions and takes less than five minutes to complete.

NBG to participate in Exercise Solid Curtain/Citadel 2010

By Annette Donner

U.S. Naval Base Guam Public Affairs

Exercise Solid Curtain/Citadel Shield 2010 will be conducted on U.S. Naval Base Guam from 22-26

March. This will be the first year installations in Hawaii and Guam participate in the exercise, and it is the largest Anti-Terrorism/Fleet Protection exercise conducted nationwide.

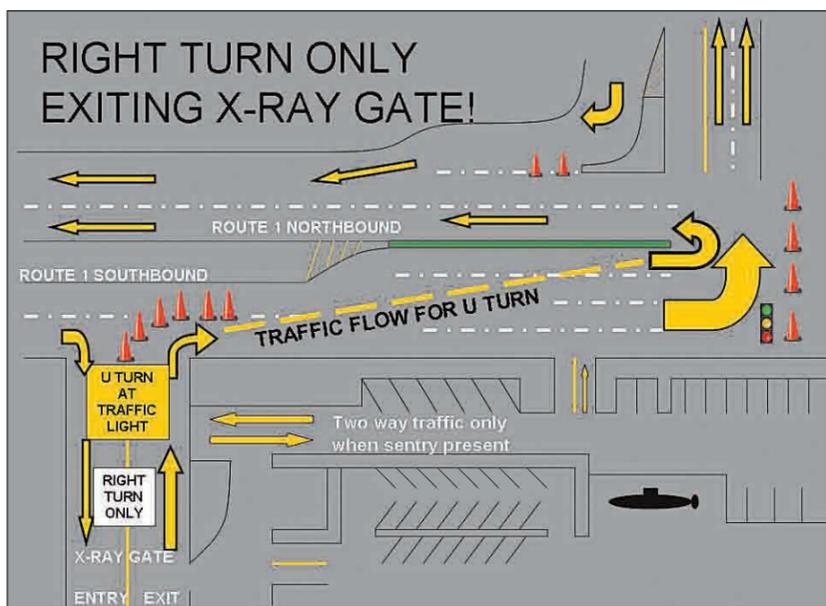
According to Lt. Gregory Jacobs, Naval Base Guam Security Officer, this annual exercise is designed to enhance the training and readiness of Navy security personnel to respond to threats to installations and

units. Solid curtain/Citadel Shield 2010 is not in response to any specific threat, but is a regularly scheduled exercise.

Measures have been taken to minimize disruptions to normal base

and station operations, but there may be times when the exercise causes increased traffic around the base or delays in base access. Area residents may also see increased security activity associated with the exercise.

Turn right leaving X-Ray gate



Right Only: U.S. Naval Base Commanding Officer Capt. Scott Galbreath reminds motorists exiting U.S. Naval Base Guam through X-Ray gate of the mandatory right turn at Marine Corps Drive. To proceed toward Hagatna, motorists can make a U-turn at the light which remains green at all times. Drivers turning left at Marine Corps Drive risk having base driving privileges suspended. (Graphic courtesy of U.S. Naval Base Guam Safety Office)

Andersen has new bus schedule

TEAM ANDERSEN SHUTTLE BUS SCHEDULE
MONDAY-FRIDAY 0700-1900

For comments or suggestions, please call:
 36 LRS/LGRS at: 366-2294/4307
 or DZSP 21 Dispatch at: 366-2239

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| 1. Civil Engineer | :00 | :30 |
| 2. MXG. LRS, CONS | :02 | :32 |
| 3. AMC Terminal | :04 | :34 |
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Last passenger dropped off NLT 1830

Schedule: The Andersen Shuttle Bus will run from 7 a.m. through 7 p.m., Monday through Friday at 16 locations around Andersen AFB. If you have comments or suggestions please call 36 LRS/LGRS at 366-2294/4307 or the DZSP 21 dispatch at 366-2239.

News Notes

Job Announcements

Interested individuals can view the vacancy listings at <https://www.cnic.navy.mil/Marianas/index.htm> or at <https://chart.donhr.navy.mil>. For more information, call 339-4222/6210.

Joint Region Marianas, Guam

- Financial Management Analyst
- Human Resources Specialist
- Naval Base Guam
- Fire Protection Inspector, closes March 20
- Naval Hospital, Guam
- Nurse (clinical)
- Andersen AFB (Naval Support Activity, Andersen)
- Bowling Facility Assistant

Training & Curriculum Specialist

NAVFAC Marianas Guam
 Gardener, closes March 29

Employment Opportunities

Looking for a part time job? 36th Force Support Squadron offers multiple employment opportunities. Current job vacancies and job descriptions within 36th Services are available online at www.36thservices.com by clicking on HRO jobs. For more information, visit the Human Resources Office (HRO) or call 366-6141.

U.S. Naval Base Guam Main Gate Temporarily Closed

The main gate of U.S. Naval Base Guam will be temporarily closed until March 31 for repairs.

Access will be through the back gate of U.S. Naval Base Guam, located along Shoreline Drive. This gate will provide around-the-clock access to the base for authorized motorists.

A second gate at X-Ray Wharf will be open from Monday through Friday, 5:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., and is located behind the Navy Housing Office and the T. Stell Newman National Park Visitor Center.

Electronic signs will be in place to provide traffic directions. Motorists should anticipate traffic congestion in the area.

Women's History Month

"Writing Women Back into History" is the theme for Women's History Month, March 2010. The Guam Veterans

Center, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs is seeking information and photographs of women who have or are currently serving in the U.S. military and who are interested in documenting their stories. The month's celebration will include a Women Veterans Conference on March 26, 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Outrigger Guam Resort. All interested parties are invited to contact Cathy Illarmo at the Guam Veterans Center for information at 472-7161.

CORRECTION

Lt. Gale White, a U.S. Naval Base Guam chaplain, attended the Women's History Month proclamation signing at Ricardo J. Bordallo Complex at Adelup March 8. Her name was misspelled in an article that ran on page 6 of the March 11 Joint Region Edge.

Women making history in the military



Above: Cmdr. Maureen Chase, WarFighter and Family Readiness (FFR) deputy director and a Navy helicopter pilot, talks to students from Vicente S.A. Benavente Middle School May 27, 2009 during the school's career day. During the event, Chase encouraged students to work hard to achieve their goals and not allow their gender or socioeconomic background hold them back. (U.S. Navy photo by Oyaol Ngrairikl)

Right: Staff Sgt. Danielle Spencer, 36th Munitions Squadron, inspects a shoulder-fired rocket launcher March 9 at Andersen Air Force Base. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Jeffrey Schultze)

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The achievements and contributions of women on Guam and throughout the nation will be recognized throughout the month of March, which is National Women's History Month.

There were 197,900 active-duty women in the military, as of Sept. 30, 2008. Of that total, 34,300 women were officers, and 163,600 were enlisted, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

Around the island, women who serve in the military look at the month as a way to ensure women know the many opportunities available to them. They said it also serves as an educational platform to help today's service members and the younger generation understand the challenges of the past and the people who paved the way, opening doors of opportunity in the military today.

Staff Sgt. Danielle Spencer, a 36th Munitions Squadron munitions inspector, took advantage of those opportunities when she joined the Air Force nine years ago and started working with munitions, a field in which few women currently serve.

Of the 100-plus personnel in the squadron approximately 15 are women, and in her shop of about 10 people, she is the only female.

Spencer said her duties include surveillance inspections on the Air Force's largest conventional munitions stockpile, which are worth \$1.2 billion. She also leads a team tasked to perform surveillance inspections on an air-to-ground stockpile worth \$1 billion; determines serviceability, potential hazards and deterioration of munitions received, stored, issued and shipped; and maintains proficiency with federal regulations to ensure compliance with international and military shipping standards.

As a woman, Spencer said she feels a sense of responsibility to mentor new Airmen, particularly women who want to climb the Air Force career ladder.

"There are very few career fields in the Air Force that you can't go into as a woman, so there are a lot of opportunities out there,"

Spencer said.

Spencer talks to younger women about their careers – offering guidance on what they should and should not do – to advance their careers.

"Especially in career fields like mine, where there are so few women, you tend to stick out," Spencer said. "So you have to be a really strong woman to do it. But for those who stick to it, it's a great experience. It makes you tougher, and really develops you as a leader."

Women in Combat

Master-at-Arms 3rd Class (EXW) Ashley Miklas, of Maritime Expeditionary Security Squadron (MSRON) 7, appreciates mentors who have worked with her and offered advice from their experience.

"I don't know if I would have had the opportunity to serve my country as a master-at-arms, helping to protect my peers without those women who came before me, so I'm grateful," Miklas said. "I'm also grateful for the women today, in my command and other commands, who lead us younger Sailors and who are helping us to grow. I just hope we are able to live up to their expectations and our own expectations as we work hard to strengthen our Navy."

Miklas said guidance from seasoned female service members has helped her adjust to military life and is helping her grow in a command with detachments that deploy often to conduct or support anti-terrorism and force protection missions.

"It can be tough coming into the military and being away from home, that's just something we all have to do as young Sailors, men and women alike," Miklas said. "But as a woman, I think we're more conscious of the fact that we're still breaking new ground. It was only about (16) years ago that women were allowed to fight in combat situations."

Cmdr. Maureen Chase, Joint Region Marianas WarFighter and Family Readiness (FFR) deputy director, is grateful for the many women who fought for the right to serve and protect the United States and its citizens.

Chase graduated from the U.S. Naval Acad-



emy in 1991. Three years later, following President Bill Clinton's repeal of the combat exclusion law, she became one of the Navy's first female Navy helicopter pilots to fly H-60 helicopters.

"I had always wanted to be a helicopter pilot," she said. "So it was a dream come true for me when I finally got my wings in 1994."

Chase said the reversal of the ban was the biggest change in the military she'd seen in her military career.

"The reversal of the ban meant less emphasis on which gender you are and more on your qualifications and the actual warfighting needs of the military," she said.

Today, as deputy of a regional office that supports quality of life programs, Chase helps to lead a department that ensures Sailors, Airmen and their families have the programs and resources they need.

She also helps reach out to children, especially girls, in the classrooms encouraging them to work hard and to fight for their dreams.

"They need to go for it," she said. "Because of the determination and hard work of

the women who came before, there are so many doors and opportunities in the Navy and other military branches."

Civilian Women

There are more than 120,000 active duty, reserve and civilian women serving in today's Navy and the Navy aims to grow the number of enlisted women from 15.8 percent to 25 percent by 2037.

This year, the Navy also became the first government agency to be named a finalist for the Catalyst Award an award that honors innovative organizational approaches to recruit, develop and advance women.

Rowevina Herring, Joint Region Marianas (JRM) Strategy and Future Requirements director, is one of the nearly 50,000 women serving across the Navy in a wide range of specialties as civilian employees.

As director, Herring's main responsibilities are strategic planning and coordination

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Naval history Web site highlights women's history month

From Naval History and Heritage Command Public Affairs

To highlight Women's History Month, the Naval History and Heritage Command Web site, www.history.navy.mil, has unveiled a rich resource of women's history to honor women and their service in the U.S. Navy.

The site includes famous Navy biographies for women such as Rear Adm. Nora W. Tyson, who is currently serving as Commander Task Force 73, commander, Logistics Group, Western Pacific, in Singapore; and Rear Adm. Grace Hopper, a pioneering leader in information technology, who served in the Navy for 43 years.

Historical vignettes featuring stories about the contribution of Navy women in aviation, in leadership advancement, even in the space pro-

gram, are on the Web site, plus the early history of female naval officers and the first African American female officers.

Milestones for women in naval history, ships named after women, oral histories of the attack on Pearl Harbor and perspectives of Navy women who served in Philippines.

Navy uniforms for women in the Naval Reserve in 1918 and service dress blues for the Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service (WAVES) from 1944 may be seen on the site.

Art work from the U.S. Navy Art

Gallery is featured with depictions of women in service throughout history. Significant first assignments, including the historical background of breakthrough appointments for women in the Navy, are explained with the art.

From the Naval History and Heritage Command photo archives, the site shows female yeoman photographs from World War I, recruiting posters for women from World War II, WAVES photographs from World War II and post World War II photographs.

There is also a section on interest-

ing stories and reading material to strengthen your perspective of female service in the Navy, to include the following articles:

- I was a Yeoman
- Establishment of Navy Nurse Corps, 1908
- Women on Navy Ships in 19th Century
- Navy Department Press Release, July 30, 1942
- Congratulatory Letter from President Roosevelt on 1 year anniversary of WAVES
- Establishment of Women's Reserve, 1942

• Z-gram (Equal Rights and opportunities for women), 1972

• Assigning Women to Ships, 1978

• Role of Women in Theater during Desert Shield/Desert Storm.

The Naval History and Heritage Command Web site is one of the most frequently visited Navy resources with tens of thousands of pages of history, photographs and historical art available to the fleet and the American public.

For more news from Naval History and Heritage Command, visit www.navy.mil/local/navhist/.

Hikers visit ancient latte site

By Annette Donner

U.S. Naval Base Guam Public Affairs

Guam Boonie Stompers, an island hiking organization, took advantage of a rare event offered by Capt. Scott Galbreath, commanding officer of U.S. Naval Base Guam (NBG), to hike to the ancient latte sites and Almagosa Falls on the NBG Ordnance Annex March 13.

"The Ordnance Annex is a restricted area, but we worked to make the lattes and waterfalls available to the public this time in keeping with the Navy's commitment to preserve and promote Chamorro culture and historic sites," Galbreath said.

For one hiker this rare opportunity to access an area of his cultural past was a spiritual journey to a site of the people who came before him.

"It's a very sacred place," said Joseph Guerrero, a traditional Chamorro artist. "Because I'm from Guam and I practice culture, I know this is one way to gain energy."

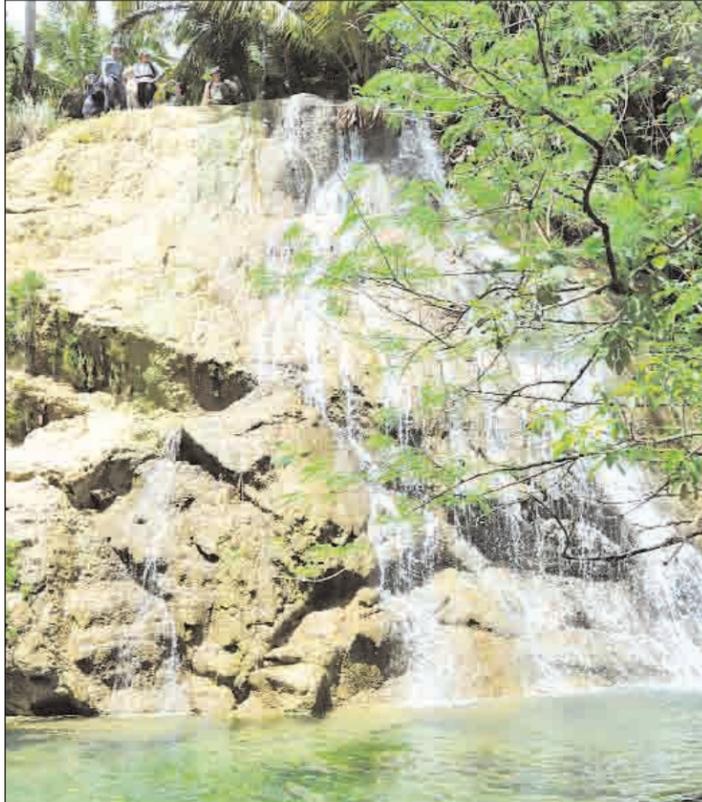
Guerrero brought with him a triton shell, an ancient form of communication called the "kulu" in Chamorro, to sound at various jungle sites.

"When I blew the kulu I wanted to pay my respects," Guerrero said. "Three blows signify father, mother, child; the sun, the moon, the stars; the sea, the land, the sky."

He also drank the clean water of the natural spring and chewed the pepper plant to pay tribute to the ancestors.

1st Lt. Julie Mages, of 554th RED HORSE Squadron, Andersen Air Force Base, said hiking with Guerrero added a whole new dimension to her experience.

"Observing him asking permission of the spirits to enter the jungle where the latte lay, watching the great respect he showed the latte site itself allowed me to gain firsthand more understanding of the depth of the Chamorro culture," Mages said.



Almagosa Falls: Members of the Guam Boonie Stompers, an island hiking organization, take in the view from the top of Almagosa Falls on the Ordnance Annex of U.S. Naval Base Guam (NBG) March 13. Capt. Scott Galbreath, commanding officer of NBG offered the organization the opportunity to take a special event hike to the falls in keeping with the Navy's commitment to preserve and promote Chamorro culture and historical sites, including those sites on Navy property. (U.S. Navy photo by James Fee)

Joe Vinch and family, who are veteran Guam hikers, said the highlight of their hike was the waterfall and pool.

"It was clean and refreshing and the pool was a relaxing swim spot for the kids after the humid jungle hike," Vinch said.

He said this hike was a great opportunity to go where few have gone in modern times, and they enjoyed how pristine the area was.

Paul Wenninger, a natural resources specialist for Naval Facilities Engineering Command Marianas, said the group passed some unique plants such as a giant fern, coffee trees, screw pine and unusually large coconuts.

"Seeing these unique plants is a reflection of the Ordnance Annex being a Guam national wildlife refuge overlay and, as such, protected," Wenninger said.



Culture Lesson: Joe Guerrero, left, a local Chamorro artist, shows fellow hikers how to blow a "kulu" on the way to Almagosa Falls on the Ordnance Annex of U.S. Naval Base Guam March 13. A kulu is a shell that is blown for traditional Chamorro observances. Guerrero took the shell on the hike to blow at the latte stone site and other locations to honor his ancestors. (U.S. Navy photo by James Fee)



Latte Stones: Dave Lotz, right, president of the Guam Boonie Stompers, takes a photo of the remnants of a latte stone on the Ordnance Annex of U.S. Naval Base Guam March 13. Latte stones are structural supports crafted by Chamorros, the native people of Guam. They can date back hundreds of years and are often found in the island's jungles. (U.S. Navy photo by James Fee)

Military members help bring movies to the masses

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Military members helped United Service Organizations (USO) Guam air a Movie Night event for the public at Skinner Plaza in Hagatna, Guam March 12.

More than 200 local and military residents attended the free show. A handful of volunteers from the Navy and Air Force assisted with the setup and during the showing of "Kung Fu Panda."

Master-at-Arms Seaman Damion Whitaker, of U.S. Naval Base Guam Security, said he didn't mind giving up a couple hours of his Friday

night to assist, even though it rained once that night.

"I love the island so much and I just want to give back to the people here," Whitaker said.

Whitaker and other volunteers spent most of their time keeping the site clean of trash and separated for recycling by offering bins provided by the local business community's i recycle program. The volunteers wore black T-shirts with USO's Safety Pal logo as a sign of their support for the families and other attendees.

Staff Sgt. Joe Curtis, of the Air Force's 36th Munitions Squadron, returned from a four-month deployment several weeks ago and was

looking forward to getting involved with USO's volunteer projects.

"I was just recently in Afghanistan and the operation [USO] had there was really nice," Curtis said. "It was a real good thing for morale, so this is my chance to give back to them."

For other service members, Movie Night was a good chance to relax and just enjoy the experience of watching a movie outdoors.

"It's good for the family," said Staff Sgt. Joseph Schniers, of the Air Force's 644 Combat Communication Squadron, after buying drinks from USO's refreshment stand. "This is my first time, but this is my wife's third time. The kids love it."

Although it can be a challenge to volunteer and maintain a busy work schedule, Master-at-Arms 1st Class (SW) Brian Nirdlinger Jr., of Maritime Expeditionary Security Squadron 7, said he wanted to interact with the public and contribute to a good cause.

"One thing about the military is you always find that burst of energy to go beyond," Nirdlinger said.

Judith Decker, USO program manager, said she would like to see more people enjoying themselves at Movie Night and visiting the USO facility in Tumon. Decker said the camaraderie between military patrons at USO especially helps those who are new to Guam.

"Come on down anytime," Decker said. "We've always got something going on, whether it's an activity like this with the local community or it's a homecoming... making sandwiches for folks while they wait for their loved ones, running the center or just being a friend to people."

USO and its Movie Night co-sponsors plan to continue offering a different movie every other week through April. The next Movie Night featuring "Star Trek" is scheduled for sundown March 26 at Skinner Plaza.

For more information about Movie Night or USO, call 647-4876.

Deployment briefings important for spouses

By Maj. Belinda Petersen

Air Force News Service

When your spouse is deployed, it is inevitable that your car will break down, your house will spring a leak and everyone in the household will come down with a rare illness.

The good news is there is help, no matter what the situation. And the best place to start is the Airman and Family Readiness Center (A&FRC) at your base.

The A&FRC staff offers deployment briefings, a mandatory briefing for all Airmen deploying. While the briefing is useful for deploying Airmen, it is also geared for spouses.

"The briefing is loaded with information on programs such as car care, 'give parents a break,' counseling services, reverse morale calls and phone cards, waiting families group, legal assistance, computer

services and care packages, all of which are free," said Tech. Sgt. Susan Flores, noncommissioned officer in charge of readiness at the A&FRC here.

"Attending the deployment briefing is beneficial because it gives spouses the opportunity to hear about programs first hand and meet other spouses who are in the same boat," she said.

During the deployment briefing, spouses are introduced to a Military and Family Life Consultant who is a masters- or Ph.D.-level licensed clinical counselor. Consultants provide short-term counseling services to military members and families.

Consultants give their personal telephone number to the attendees at the briefing. At anytime, including during an Airman's deployment, spouses can call the consultant if they need to talk with someone.

Consultants can meet on or off

base. It is completely confidential and records are not even maintained. For further privacy, consultants rotate between bases every six weeks.

Another program geared solely to spouses is the Waiting Families Group. It is an opportunity for families and loved ones to network and exchange ideas with other spouses and families. The Waiting Families Group normally meets once a month and focuses on a fun theme.

"We just hosted a Spa Night for the spouses, gave away lots of prizes, had a professional massage therapist for the spouses and provided free child care for the kids," Flores said.

"I love helping out with Spa Night because it is so much fun. Someone did this for me and I want to give back to all the wonderful spouses here," said Rosie Valdez, a key spouse at Randolph AFB.

"Spa night was a success," said

Gina Garcia, spouse of Maj. David Garcia from the 559th Flying Training Squadron. "It's a great way for spouses who have a loved one deployed to find out about the special programs offered here at Randolph AFB. I was also impressed with the generosity of sponsors. They are very supportive of our Airmen. I highly recommend spouses to participate."

With the assistance of sponsors, key spouses, the chaplain and base leaders along with representatives from legal, the health and wellness center, family advocacy, education office and other organizations, it is a team effort with A&FRC to provide resources and assistance to families who need it the most.

"When the deploying Airmen fill out the required paperwork at the deployment briefing, they need to provide an e-mail for their spouse and give us permission to contact them," Flores said. "E-mail is our

primary way of contacting the spouses on all the programs available for them."

Last year, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz and Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley designated July 2009 to July 2010 as the Year of the Air Force Family, a year-long focus on Air Force programs highlighting the importance of and commitment to the entire Air Force family.

"Taking care of families is a solemn promise we make to each Airman and family member," said Donley during his remarks to the Air Force Sergeants Association in August. All Airmen should have the confidence that they can rely on their fellow wingmen and the Air Force to help care for their families when they are deployed.

For more information on deployment briefings and the programs and assistance offered to spouses, visit your local A&FRC.

Guam company awarded \$21 million military construction contract

By Catherine Cruz Norton

Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Marianas Public Affairs

U.S. Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Marianas awarded a \$21 million firm-fixed-price contract to DCK-ECC Pacific Guam Construction, LLC of

Harmon for the construction of new electrical infrastructure at Andersen Air Force Base March 4.

"Andersen requires a high degree of reliability for the electrical system that serves aircraft operational areas, flight line maintenance, and other critical missions," said Cmdr. Matt Suess, NAVFAC Marianas ex-

ecutive officer. "This project will deliver vital upgrades to the base's power system through the construction of a new electrical substation, new distribution feeders and switching stations."

"This new electrical infrastructure will directly support the Air Force's ability to strike rapidly and

effectively anywhere throughout the Pacific," said Lt. Col. Frederick Frostic, commander of 36th Operations Support Squadron. "It will allow Andersen to posture as a power hub for intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance, strike and aerial refueling assets."

The design-bid-build contract

contains nine unexercised options, which if exercised would increase cumulative contract value to \$24,520,000. Work is expected to be complete by January 2012.

This contract was competitively procured via the Navy Electronic Commerce Online Web site with seven proposals received.

DoD use of Internet-based capabilities

From the Department of Defense

On March 7, 2010, the Department of Defense released a policy memorandum regarding the safe and effective use of Internet-based capabilities, including social networking services (SNS) and other interactive Web 2.0 applications.

The memorandum makes it policy that the DoD non-classified network be configured to provide access to Internet-based capabilities across all DoD components. Commanders at all levels and heads of DoD components will continue to defend against malicious activity on military information networks, deny access to prohibited content sites (e.g., gam-

bling, pornography, hate-crime related activities), and take immediate and commensurate actions, as required, to safeguard missions (e.g., temporarily limiting access to the Internet to preserve operations security or to address bandwidth constraints).

The directive is consistent with the increased security measures that the Department has taken to

secure its networks and reinforces existing regulations related to ethics, operations security, and privacy.

"This directive recognizes the importance of balancing appropriate security measures while maximizing the capabilities afforded by 21st Century Internet tools," said Deputy Secretary of Defense William J. Lynn III.

Use of Internet-based capabilities, including SNS, have become integral tools for operating and collaborating across the DoD and with the general public. Establishing a DoD-wide policy ensures consistency and allows for full integration of these tools and capabilities.

The new policy memorandum is available at <http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives>.

College classes may increase your federal refund

By Catherine Harrington
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If you've taken post secondary courses and paid out of pocket expenses, keep your receipts! You may be eligible for one of the following two education credits that IRS offers.

The first credit is the American

Opportunity Credit, or Hope Credit Expanded. Due to the amount of the refundable credit, this is the more difficult credit to obtain. To qualify for this credit, you must be enrolled at least half time and pursuing an undergraduate degree or other recognized education credential program. The American Opportunity Credit is available for the

first four years of post secondary education and if you do not have a felony drug conviction. This credit is up to \$2,500, or up to \$3,600 if you were a student in a Midwestern Disaster Area, per eligible student. Forty percent of the American Opportunity Credit is refundable – up to \$1,000 even if no taxes are owed.

Most students will qualify for the second credit—the Lifetime Learning Credit. This is a non-refundable credit up to \$2,000, or up to \$4,000 if a student in a Midwestern Disaster Area, credit per tax return. The Lifetime Learning Credit is available for all years of post secondary education and for courses to acquire or improve job skills. To qualify,

the student needs to be taking at least one course, and the felony drug conviction rule does not apply for eligibility.

Both credits are reduced with modified adjusted gross income amounts. For more information, please contact the Andersen Tax Center @ 366-4TAX or visit the IRS website www.irs.gov.

Construction contract awarded for GUARNG Readiness Center

By Catherine Cruz Norton
Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Marianas Public Affairs

U.S. Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Marianas awarded an \$18.4 million firm-fixed-price contract March 10 to dck pacific guam, LLC of Barrigada for the design and construction of the new Guam Army National Guard

(GUARNG) Readiness Center at the GUARNG Complex in Barrigada.

The project involves design and construction of a concrete facility and supporting infrastructure. When complete, the new GUARNG Readiness Center will be home to Delta Company, 1st Battalion, 294th Infantry Regiment; the 721st Army

Band; and the 1990th Contingency Contracting Team.

"We are excited that this project will finally be underway so that our band and special weapons company will have a home where they can train and prepare for both their dual mission of responding to any emergency on island, as well as being ready to support the warfighter,"

said Guam National Guard Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. Donald J. Goldhorn.

"This contract award is another example of NAVFAC Marianas' focus on providing facility, engineering and design support to our diverse military customers," said Capt. Peter S. Lynch, commanding officer of NAVFAC Marianas. "We are

pleased to partner with the GUARNG on this important project, which will enhance both mission readiness and morale."

Work is expected to be complete by January 2012.

This contract was competitively procured via the NAVFAC e-solicitation Web site with seven proposals received.

Sailor rounds up phone books for McCool



Phone Book Roundup: Master-at-Arms 3rd Class Kylie Zamora, U.S. Naval Base Guam, displays a car trunk full of recycled phone books she collected to contribute to Commander William C. McCool Elementary/Middle School's participation in an islandwide Phone Book Roundup Contest Feb. 23. Zamora encourages U.S. Naval Base Guam commands to recycle old phone books into the school's collection bin located in front of the school. The contest ends March 30. Cash prizes will be awarded to winning schools. (U.S. Navy photo by Annette Donner)

History: Women overcome career roadblocks

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of long-range requirements. She is also the joint-basing manager for JRM. In that capacity she serves as JRM's lead on all joint-basing initiatives to include the recent Air Force integration to JRM and the upcoming Marine Corps realignment.

Herring has been a federal employee for almost 38 years, enjoying a career that has given her educational and working opportunities that have helped her learn and grow as a professional.

She assisted in the realignment of installation support from the fleet commands to a single base operating support command which is now Commander, Navy Installations Command (CNIC).

Herring also served as a shore sup-

port analyst for what is now Fleet Forces Command. During that time she traveled the Eastern Seaboard between naval stations and bases to determine requirements for shore support.

She said the experiences were instrumental in preparing her for her current job.

"I am glad to see that women have been placed in what were traditionally male-management roles," Herring said. "I know the barriers that may have prevented that in the past had nothing to do with qualification or drive."

She attributed her success to her hard work and determination and noted those qualities are a part of her identity as a woman.

"I believe our drive as women is inherent in our multi-faceted lives that sometimes encompass being a wife, mother, and career-woman," Herring said. "As such, women perhaps do strive harder than their male counterparts to dispel myths and continue forging the path for others."

Herring said she's grateful to see changes but added there are still challenges.

"This has been true for me as I have encountered roadblocks due to both my sex and race. Of course I've seen great strides in both these areas, but we still have a way to go," Herring said. "Though some of the obstacles I encountered were at times trying, I consider all that I've experienced as beneficial for my growth."

Women at Sea

Senior Chief Legalman Carla Smith, Naval Legal Services Office Pacific, Detachment Guam, has seen some of those changes in her nearly 24-year career. The most significant change for her was the repeal of the ban combat exclusion law. Before the ban was lifted in 1994, women serving at sea were limited to non-combatant ships.

Smith started in the Navy as a radioman, now called information systems technician. She tried to change her rating to legalman in 1990 and was denied. Another request a year later was granted but Smith noted that "opportunities for female legalmen to serve at sea were still very

rare."

It was 1997, when USS Tarawa (LHA-1) started taking women on board as part of the crew, Smith had her opportunity to serve at sea.

"I was the first female independent duty legalman to serve on that ship," Smith said.

She said the change opened doors for women and was a positive reflection of the strides that both the Navy and the nation were taking.

"It shows how far we've grown in granting equal opportunities to women," Smith said. "The military has benefitted by attracting and retaining quality people from diverse backgrounds. I believe our nation's defense is stronger and better for it."

Law protects whistleblowers

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Service members and civil defense employees can report workplace misconduct without fear of reprisal under the Military Whistleblower Protection Act, as detailed in Department of Defense (DoD) Directive 7050.6.

Karl Nichols, inspector general (IG) for Joint Region Marianas, said this law acts as a conscience for the Navy by ensuring personnel can report violations of regulations without repercussions to their careers. Such violations include sexual harassment, unlawful discrimination, mismanagement, a gross waste of funds or other resources, abuse of authority, and a substantial or specific danger to public health or safety.

As the IG, Nichols said it is his responsibility to inspect and investigate complaints and concerns brought to the attention of his office. Those disclosures are defined by Directive 7050.06 as "protected communications."

Protected communications include lawful communications made to a member of Congress or an inspector general. It also includes communications that can act as evidence of a violation of a law or regulation as told to a member of a Department of Defense audit, inspection, investigation, and law enforcement organization, as well as a person or organization in the chain of command.

If a person feels they are being retaliated against for making a protected communication, Nichols emphasized that person is protected by the Military Whistleblower Protection Act.

"It's probably one of best executed programs in the Department of Defense and Navy," Nichols said. "People have their conceptions of what retaliation is, but a true retaliation is not put up with."

Nichols said people are sometimes confused about what constitutes a legitimate case for a whistleblower complaint. He explained a

retaliation usually takes the form of someone being denied an earned promotion or having a drop in evaluation scores. An order to perform undesirable work would not be grounds for a legitimate case of retaliation if the order is lawful, for example, he said.

Since the IG does not act as law enforcement or legal counsel in criminal situations and civil disputes, it further reduces the amount of cases that qualify for IG support and whistleblower protection. Nichols

said, at times, a complaint might simply be a misunderstanding of whether or not a Navy regulation was violated or it might involve a situation outside of Department of Defense jurisdiction.

Regardless of whether a whistleblower complaint is ultimately found valid or not, Nichols encouraged personnel to report retaliation.

"All are investigated," Nichols said. "When a person comes in, I can't tell them no. I help the person to file the form – 100 percent of

them do get looked into."

If a complaint of retaliation is legitimate, Nichols will help educate and prepare the person to file it. Nichols then alerts Commander, Navy Installations Command and the Navy Inspector General through a database known as the Navy's Inspector General Hotline Tracking System. Nichols said the level of scrutiny, at that point, is very serious and can result in disciplinary action.

Nichols said a person who wants to notify the IG of a concern should

always go first to resolve it at the lowest level of the chain of command. This allows service members to ensure they know the facts of their case and what is relevant before pursuing corrective action.

"It's better for them to use their chain of command up front, but they're always welcome to come here for advice," Nichols said.

For more information, call 339-6257 or 339-2153. You can also call the Department of Defense Hotline at 1-800-424-9098.

DoD resumes Military Career Spouse Program

From U.S. Department of Defense Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs)

The Department of Defense announced today the resumption of the Military Spouse Career Advancement Account - MyCAA - program. Beginning March 13 at 12 p.m. EST, the 136,583 military spouses who are currently enrolled in the program will once again be able to receive tuition assistance.

“We made a commitment to our military spouses when they established a career advancement account and we will be true to our promises,” said Tommy Thomas, deputy under secretary of defense, military community and family policy.

The first phase of the reinstated program will enable the department to continue to pay up to \$6,000 in tuition assistance for spouses currently enrolled. The department is working hard to adjust and meet the demands of the program and develop a long-term solution for spouses not yet enrolled who would like to establish an account.

The program was launched

March 2, 2009, to assist military spouses in attaining portable careers in high-demand, high-growth occupations. An unexpected spike in enrollment prompted the Defense Department to pause the program on Feb. 16. A thorough review began immediately to assure the program was accomplishing its intended goals.

“When we determined that an operational pause in the program was critically needed, we failed to notify our spouses in a timely and appropriate manner,” said Thomas. “As a result of our failure, we know we will have to work hard to restore their faith in us. We are committed to earning that trust through improved communication and by delivering services.”

The Defense Department is currently developing options for the long-term management of the program and expect to be able to announce the details soon. Until new accounts can be created, Military OneSource Spouse Education and Career Consultants will continue to be available to provide education and training, career exploration, assessment, employment readiness and career search assistance.

Hoyle first GHS National Merit Scholarship finalist

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Guam High School (GHS) senior Emily Hoyle is a finalist for the National Merit Scholarship.

The National Merit Scholarship Program is an academic scholarship competition for recognition and college scholarships administered by National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC), a privately funded, not-for-profit organization. The NMSC uses the Preliminary SAT as the initial screen of over 1.5 million program entrants. The test measures students' knowledge and abilities in three areas: critical reading skills, math problem-solving skills and writing skills. Students with scores in the 200's and above out of 240 qualify as semifinalists.

GHS has had three semifinalists in the past. Hoyle is the first finalist from the school.

Hoyle, who has taken several years of advanced placement classes, said working hard and studying for her classes helped prepare her for the test.

"I read more about (National Merit Scholarship) and made it my goal to become a finalist," Hoyle said. "I'm really happy to know that I became one."

Of the 15,000 finalists, about 8,200 receive Merit Scholarship awards. All finalists are considered for one of the 2,500 National Mer-



Scholar: Emily Hoyle is the first Guam High School student to be named a National Merit Scholarship finalist. (Photo contributed by Laura Sablan, Guam High School)

it \$2,500 Scholarships.

To select winners, committees of experienced professionals evaluate students according to a variety of

information submitted by candidates and their schools. Eventual winners are those with the strongest combination of academic and extracurric-

ular achievements.

Hoyle earned the opportunity with her Preliminary SAT scores, having earned a 201.3 score. She took the test as a junior.

Throughout high school, Hoyle has not only excelled in the classroom but has been an active member of student government and sports, such as softball, volleyball and soccer. Hoyle is also active in the community through volunteer work at the library and Salvation Army to name a few.

GHS counselor Christine Taitano said Hoyle is an excellent choice for the scholarship program.

"She is well-rounded in terms of keeping a balance between academics and extracurricular activities," Taitano said. "She is also intelligent and is quite insightful. What I find unique about her is that she values diversity. She's a down-to-earth type individual and easy to talk to."

Hoyle encourages younger students to not just study hard but to take the Preliminary SAT as well. The preliminary test is often used as practice for the more rigorous SAT, a college entrance exam required by colleges and universities across the nation.

"I think younger students should definitely take the PSAT because it's a good way to prepare yourself for the SAT when it really matters," Hoyle said.

To learn more about the NMSC, visit www.nationalmerit.org.



School Bulletin aims to promote educational activities in the Navy community. If you know of an education-related event that you would like to include, send it to jointregionedge@fe.navy.mil or call 339-7113.

Navy College Office

The Navy College Office Guam will no longer accept any paper Tuition Assistance applications after March 26. The only exception is Sailors stationed on submarines. Sailors can find the online applications at <https://myeducation.netc.navy.mil> or <https://eta.cnet.navy.mil>. For more information, call 339-8291.

SAT proctored exams will be administered March 23. To make your appointment or for more information, call 339-2485.

Navy College Office administers the Defense Language Proficiency Tests (DLPT) to eligible military personnel. Tests are administered on Wednesdays at 8 a.m. To register or for more information, call Navy College at 339-8291.

Andersen Education Center

The Department of Defense has launched a free, online tutoring service for service members and their families. The site www.tutor.com/military offers round-the-clock professional tutors who can assist with homework, test preparation, resume writing and more. This site provides academic and career support for military families, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. For more information, call 366-2590.

Navy Homeschool Support Group

There will be a Homeschool Curriculum and Used Book Fair March 20, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Bayview Church in Maite. This is a great opportunity to review curriculum as well as learn more about home schooling. Guam Navy Homeschool Support Group is a newly formed organization for Navy families home schooling their children. Interested families can join the group at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/GuamNavyHomeschool/join>. For more information, call Christine Duplisse at 564-3360.

Texas A&M

Texas A&M alumni reunion April 21 at Andersen Air Force Base. For more information, call 969-6103 or e-mail guamaggies@gmail.com.

Quan, Allen represent DoDEA schools at spelling bee

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It was standing room only as Michenna Allen and Joseph Quan represented Department of Defense Education Activity schools at the 2010 Scripps Regional Spelling Bee at Guam Marriott Resort & Spa in Tumon March 13.

The competition brought together 59 students from schools throughout the western Pacific region, including Palau, Tinian, Rota, Saipan and Guam. Teachers, family and friends filled the ballroom, listening as elementary and middle school students spelled words with which even many adults were unfamiliar.

Quan, a Commander William C. McCool Elementary/Middle School seventh-grade student, was among the final 12 students in the fifth round of the competition. He said he had hoped to do better but was proud of his performance.

"I'm just going to go back and study harder for next year," Quan said.

This was Allen's first opportunity to represent Andersen Elemen-



Speller Students: Michenna Allen, an Andersen Elementary School third-grade student, was speller No. 1 at the 2010 Scripps Regional Spelling Bee March 13 at Guam Marriott Resort & Spa in Tumon. Sitting to the right is No. 7 Joseph Quan, who represented Commander William C. McCool Elementary/Middle School. (U.S. Navy photo by Oyaol Ngirairikl)

tary School at a regional spelling bee, after having won a schoolwide competition in February. Allen, a third-grade student, out-spelled

many of her older competitors but stumbled on the word "knish" in the third round.

"I really enjoyed it and I was

proud to represent my school," Allen said.

Both students' parents said they were proud of their children's ac-

complishments and believe the experience will support their academic success.

"The spelling bee has really exposed Joseph to a wide vocabulary, which is so important for reading and writing," said Katherine Quan.

Similarly, Tricia Allen lauded her daughter's efforts.

"Michenna was among the younger competitors at the spelling bee, and I think she did really well," she said.

Tricia Allen added the spelling bee helps students develop their self-confidence, ability to speak in front of an audience, and knowledge of the English language.

"I think it's a great growing experience for students, and I'm glad she had the opportunity to participate this year," she said.

This year's regional winner was Mikhail Alcantara, a sixth-grade student from William S. Reyes Elementary School in Saipan. With the win, the 11-year-old student earned a trip to the 2010 Scripps National Spelling Bee to be held in June in Washington, D.C.

For more information on the Scripps National Spelling Bee, visit www.spellingbee.com.

Savor sweet and spicy shrimp

By Jesse Leon Guerrero
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Shrimp is always a popular choice for a tasty meal, but add some spice and coconuts and it's now fit for a party.

Korrina Taitano, liberty coordinator for Navy Morale, Welfare and Recreation's Single Sailor Sanctuary, said one of the best things about shrimp in coconut milk is it's not only delicious, but it's also a fairly quick dish to make.

"If you add in husking the coconut and grating it, and all the other preparations, it should take maybe 30 minutes from beginning to end," Taitano said.

There are only a few ingredients required, but another advantage of using this recipe is that it can be modified for other soups, called "kaddo" in Chamorro. By substituting beef, fish, and chicken for the shrimp, the meal takes on a differ-



Delicacy: Shrimp in coconut milk is a tasty dish and can be made in 30 minutes or less. (U.S. Navy photo by Ray Torres)

ent flavor, while just needing an adjustment for cooking time.

"You can even put it in corn soup and it's actually pretty good," Taitano said.

Taitano said shrimp in coconut milk is a comfort food for a lot of

people because it brings back cherished memories of meals with their grandparents.

"It's just a family favorite," Taitano said. "If you grew up in a Chamorro family, you grew up eating these types of foods."

Shrimp in Coconut Milk

Ingredients

Two bags of tiger shrimp (use raw shrimp, not pre-cooked shrimp)

1 teaspoon black pepper

1 teaspoon garlic powder

1 teaspoon salt

1 teaspoon crushed red pepper (optional)

1 onion

1 cup of coconut meat or packaged coconut milk

Half cup of water

Directions

Chop the onions.

If not using packaged coconut milk, squeeze the coconut meat into a cup or bowl and add water to make the coconut milk. Adjust the amount of water according to

preferred consistency.

Grease a cooking pan (or wok) with butter and pre-heat to medium-high.

Add the onions and cook until caramelized.

Add a handful of shrimp.

Add the spices (i.e. salt, black pepper and garlic powder) one at a time.

Stir and continue adding more shrimp.

Keep cooking until the shrimp turns red, which indicates they're cooked through.

For extra flavor, add crushed red pepper.

After about 10 minutes of cooking, add coconut milk and let cook for another 10 minutes.

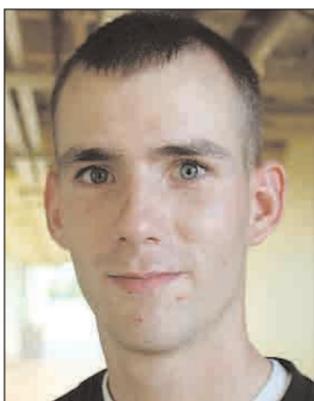
What's your favorite local food?

March is Chamorro Month on Guam. Joint Region Edge asked people on U.S. Naval Base Guam and Andersen Air Force Base what their favorite local dish is.



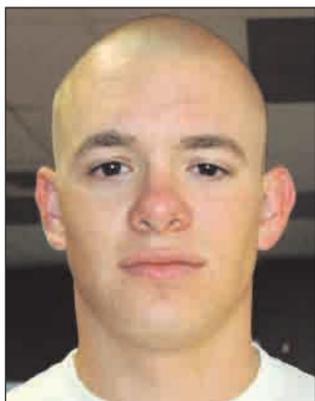
"My favorite Chamorro food is fritada because it takes local animals and it cooks it in a way like the original Chamorro people did."

— Sonar Technician (Submarines) 3rd Class (SS) Michael Navalta, USS Houston (SSN 713)



"Over at the Chamorro Village. I like going there and getting the red rice because it's different and it's good!"

— Interior Communications Electrician Fireman Chuck Parsons, USS Frank Cable (AS 40)



"My favorite Chamorro food will definitely be kelaguen because it's just delicious. It's good, really good. I ate it the other night and I was like, Mmmmm!"

— Logistics Specialist Seaman Apprentice Nathan Glass, USS Frank Cable (AS 40)



"My favorite dish is the local ribs and also Filipino dishes like adobo."

— Enrique Vargas



"My favorite dish is kelaguen. Reason? Because it's lemony, spicy, and you can taste the coconut in it."

— Kim Bell

FREE

Modern Warfare II Tournament

Tournament is March 22, 7 p.m. at Single Sailor Sanctuary. Open to single Sailors or geographical bachelors only. For more information, call 564-2280.

National Boy & Girls Club Week

Image Makers Photo Express Class will be held March 22, 4-5 p.m. at U.S. Naval Base Guam Teen and Youth centers. For more information, call 339-6130/564-2474.

New Child Development Home Orientation

Event is March 22-26, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at U.S. Naval Base Guam Child Development Center and is open to active-duty spouses residing in Navy Housing. For more information, call 564-1844 or 688-3753.

Illusionist Rob Lake

Armed Forces Entertainment presents illusionist Rob Lake in two shows: March 23, 6 p.m. at Meehan Theater on Andersen Air Force Base (AFB); and March 24, 6:30 p.m. Big Screen Theater on U.S. Naval Base

Guam (NBG). For more information about the Andersen AFB show, call 366-2339. For more information about the NBG show, call 564-1830.

National Boy & Girls Club Week

Ultimate Journey Community Clean up March 23, 4-5 p.m. at U.S. Naval Base Guam Teen and Youth centers. For more information, call 339-6130/564-2474.

Chamorro Village Trip

Single Sailor Sanctuary offers a free trip to Chamorro Village March 24. Trip is free but bring money for food. Van leaves Single Sailor Sanctuary at 6 p.m. and Silver Dolphin at 6:30 p.m. Open to single

Sailors or geographical bachelors only. For more information, call 564-2280.

Annual Chess Tournament

Event will be held March 27, 9 a.m. at the Hotspot Gym. There are youth (ages 6-18) and adult categories. Sign up at the HotSpot. For more information, call 366-2339.

Arts & Crafts Classes

Andersen Air Force Base Arts & Crafts Center will conduct an Intro to Drawing class March 27, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. There also will be a cross-island photography tour March 27 for those who have taken Digital Photography I or II. Meeting time for the tour will be announced. For more information, call 366-4248.



Fly a kite and make a wish at upcoming event

By Jesse Leon Guerrero

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Grab a kite and head down to Asan Beach Unit of the War in the Pacific National Historical Park for an afternoon of flying fun March 27.

The Make-A-Wish Foundation of Guam will kick off its annual Kites for Wishes event with exhibi-

tions at 11 a.m., and will continue with games, live performances and more until 4 p.m.

Admission is free and Kites for Wishes will have guest kite-flying teams visiting from Australia, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia and the Philippines. These kite experts will demonstrate a variety of flying techniques.

Attendees can also look forward to live music from the Japanese jazz

group Akira Omori Quartet Plus 2 and local reggae group Biggah & Bettah. Guam Visitors Bureau also plans to have cultural performances and a tribute to the nonprofit organization's wish kids.

Kites for Wishes is a family-oriented event that attracts thousands of kite enthusiasts and residents. Kaleena Aguon, of Make-A-Wish Foundation of Guam, said it is mainly held as a way for people to learn

more about how the nonprofit organization supports terminally ill children by funding and coordinating trips and other recreational activities.

Since its establishment on Guam in 1986, Make-A-Wish has granted 188 wishes here and in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

"It is for awareness, but also it's another avenue for families to get

out there in the community and appreciate the beauty of Guam," Aguon said.

Although the event is free, Aguon encouraged attendees to bring money for not only food and refreshments, but also to buy a kite.

For more information, call the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Guam at 649-9474 or visit their Web site at www.guamwish.org.

FREE

Day at the Beach

Single Sailor Sanctuary is going to the beach March 27. Van leaves 11 a.m. Open to single Sailors or geographical bachelors only. For more information, call 564-2280.

Arc Light Park Movie Night
Bring the family to a free movie

night at Andersen Air Force Base's Arc Light Park. Featured film is "Toy Story 2" (Rated G), show is March 27, 7 p.m. For more information, call 366-2339.



On a Budget

Ice Cream Sunday

Ice cream sundaes will be served at Single Sailor Sanctuary March 28, 1 p.m. Open to single Sailors or geographical bachelors only. For more information, call 564-2280.

Movie Night & Ice Cream Sunday

Enjoy a sweet treat and a show at Silver Dolphin March 27, 7 p.m. For more information, call 564-2280.

Nine-Ball Pool Tournament

Single Sailor Sanctuary is opening the tables March 30, 7 p.m. Open to single Sailors and geographical bachelors only. For more information, call 564-2280.

UNDER \$10

Hike to Fonte Dam

Meet at Andersen Air Force Base's Outdoor Recreation March 27, 7:45 a.m. for a hike to Fonte Dam. Difficulty rating is medium. Minimum age is 8. Cost is \$5 per person. For more information, call 366-5197.

Fiesta BBQ

Silver Dolphin is offering fiesta-style dinners March 27, 7 p.m. Cost is \$5 per plate. For more information, call 564-2280.



FRIDAY, MARCH 19

7 p.m.: The Wolfman • R

SATURDAY, MARCH 20

2 p.m.: The Wolfman • R
7 p.m.: From Paris with Love • R

SUNDAY, MARCH 21

7 p.m.: From Paris with Love • R

The movie schedule is subject to change due to circumstances beyond Meehan Theaters on Andersen Air Force Base. **The Meehan Theater hotline is 366-1523.**



FRIDAY, MARCH 19

7 p.m.: When in Rome • PG-13
9:30 p.m.: From Paris with Love • R

SATURDAY, MARCH 20

1 p.m.: Spy Next Door • PG
3:30 p.m.: Extraordinary Measures • PG
7 p.m.: Book of Eli • R

SUNDAY, MARCH 21

1 p.m.: Dear John • PG-13
3:30 p.m.: Tooth Fairy • PG
7 p.m.: Edge of Darkness • R

The schedule is subject to change due to circumstances beyond the theater's control. **The Big Screen Theater hotline is 564-1831 or visit mwr Guam.com.**

(Source: Navy Morale, Welfare and Recreation Office)



Chapel Schedule

Naval Base Guam

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 7 a.m.-4 p.m.

Roman Catholic Mass
Monday-Wednesday, Friday
11:40 a.m. Weekday Mass
Saturday, 5:30 p.m. Mass
Sunday, 9 a.m. Mass
CCD Sunday, 10:15 a.m.
Choir Practice
Wednesdays, 6 p.m.
Protestant Worship
Service
Sunday, 10:30 a.m.
Protestant Sunday School
Sunday, 9 a.m.

Women's Bible Studies
first & third Wednesday
8:30 a.m.

Women's Studies
Second & fourth
Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.

Choir Practice
Tuesdays, 6 p.m.
Jewish Shabbat
Fridays, 6:30 p.m.

Naval Hospital Guam

Roman Catholic Mass
Sunday, 9 a.m.
Monday-Friday, 11:30 a.m.
CCD
Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

Andersen Air Force Base

Roman Catholic Mass
Chapel 1
Saturday, 5 p.m.
Sunday, 9:30 a.m.
Monday-Thursday, 11:30
a.m.

Sunday Protestant
Worship
Chapel 2
General Worship 9 a.m.
Inspirational Gospel 11:30
a.m.

Sunday Religious
Education
Chapel 2
Catholic R.E., 8 a.m.
Protestant R.E., 10:30 a.m.

*Schedules subject to
change without notice. To
confirm times or for more
information about the pro-
grams, call the chapels at
the following numbers:*

Andersen Air Force Base
366-6139
Naval Base Guam
339-2126
Naval Hospital Guam
344-9127

Still Moments



Staff Sgt. Matthew Bell: Gen. Gary North, Commander, Pacific Air Forces, presents Staff Sgt. Mathew Bell, deployed here from the 3rd Component Maintenance Squadron out of Elemendorf Air Force Base, with a coin to commend him for an exemplary job performance on Andersen Air Force Base (AFB) March 2. North was visiting Andersen AFB, touring the facilities and visiting with airman in their workspaces. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Julian North)



Master Sgt. Douglas Meyers: Gen. Gary North, Commander, Pacific Air Forces, presents Master Sgt. Douglas Meyers, deployed here from the 3rd Component Maintenance Squadron out of Elemendorf Air Force Base, with a coin to commend him for an exemplary job performance on Andersen Air Force Base AFB March 2. North was visiting Andersen AFB, touring the facilities and visiting with airman in their workspaces. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Julian North)



Navy Diver 1st Class (DSW) Michael Fuzy: Capt. Scott Galbreath, commanding officer of U.S. Naval Base Guam (NBG), awards Navy Diver 1st Class (DSW) Michael Fuzy the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal during a ceremony in Bldg. 3190 on NBG March 8. (U.S. Navy photo by Annette Donner)



Chief Hull Maintenance Technician (SW) Gaynor Cooper: Capt. Scott Galbreath, commanding officer of U.S. Naval Base Guam (NBG), awards Chief Hull Maintenance Technician (SW) Gaynor Cooper the Navy Commendation Medal during a ceremony in Bldg. 3190 on NBG March 8. (U.S. Navy photo by Annette Donner)

Don't underestimate the value of friendship

By Lt. James Rutan

U.S. Naval Base Guam Chapel

Like many Sailors, I was a military brat before I put on the uniform.

I grew up roaming around from base to base with very little connection to my extended family. In fact, many of my father's close friends became as close as aunts and uncles to my sisters and I. Some of the fondest memories that I have of my childhood involve times spent with

my "Uncle" Jim (my namesake), who shared stories with me of his and my father's glory days at the Air Force Academy and their barnstorming days as young jet pilots.

Today, I fear that in the armed forces we are subtly losing that culture and that sense of family that was once shared between shipmates, battle buddies, wingmen, etc.

I believe that now more than ever, there is a great need for this mutual support. Many of us are far from the support of our extend-

ed families, some are perpetually deployed away from even their spouse and children, and there seems to be no end in sight to this new reality as conflicts all around the globe beckon for our involvement.

Being isolated and alone was never a part of God's plan for us. For better or worse, we are relational beings. I find that many who seek counseling are not significantly disturbed in any way; they just need a friend or a confidant.

It is usually an overactive competitive streak or some feeling of inadequacy that keeps people from becoming socially active. The great news is that these isolating attitudes can be overcome with a little effort. The wisdom literature

of the Bible offers this advice in Proverbs 18:24 "A man that has friends must show himself friendly; and there is a friend that sticks closer than a brother."

The message is clear, don't wait for others to show themselves friendly to you; set aside your reservations and demonstrate your friendliness toward them. It is a rare person indeed that rejects gestures of friendship.

Find ways to be less selfish with your time. For example, rather than settling down behind the television during your liberty time, get out and join a softball league. Instead of hiding behind a book in the evening, join a book club and share your passion for reading. Teach your children to be friend-

ly as well. Rather than cooping them up for play in the confines of the backyard, take them to a park where they can interact with other children and learn about community and sharing.

In doing so you will find what the student of scripture already knows, "Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work: If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up! Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone? Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.-Ecclesiastes 4:9-12. Blessings Shipmates!



Air Force beats Navy in Latte Stone Cup

By Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Corwin Colbert

Joint Region Edge Staff.....

Navy and Air Force civilians and service members competed against each other at the Latte Stone Cup golf tournament March 13-14 at Palm Tree Golf Course and Admi-

ral Nimitz Golf Course, respectively.

There were 11 players on each side, with each player pitted against a player of the opposite service branch. Winners earned points for his service branch, which were then totaled at the end of the contest.

It was a very competitive tournament according to Clay Murray, general manager of Palm Tree Golf

Course and captain of the Air Force team. Murray said the games were closer than the final score: Air Force took the tournament 27.5 points to 8.5.

"It was a fun event with good camaraderie between the services," Murray said. "It was a tough one. Everyone wanted to win."

Walter Lundin, construction management engineer for Naval Facili-

ties Engineering Command Marianas, was one of three Navy players who won their matches. Down the front nine, Lundin relied on his chipping skills to make a dramatic comeback highlighted by a chip shot for birdie at Hole 10.

"I think the Air Force has the best golfers on the island," he said. "But, I still had a lot of fun and am looking forward to next year."

The Air Force attributed their victory to a secret weapon.

"The Air National Guard," said Master Sgt. Daryl Poe, of the 36th Medical Group. "These guys grew up here on these courses, they had the home field advantage. But the important thing is we had a great time and I met new friends on the Navy side."



Above: Master Sgt. Daryl Poe, of Andersen Air Force Base's 36th Medical Group, helps the Air Force win the Latte Stone Cup golf tournament at Admiral Nimitz Golf Course March 14. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Corwin Colbert)

Above Left: Chip Murray, manager of the Palm Tree Golf Course, follows through after he tees-off during the Latte Stone Cup on the Palm Tree Golf Course March 13. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Julian North)

Left: Paul Vasquez, general manager of the Admiral Nimitz Golf Course and captain of the Navy team, putts during the Latte Stone Cup golf tournament at Admiral Nimitz Golf Course March 14. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Corwin Colbert)

Bottom: A golfer prepares to tee-off during the first day of the Latte Stone Cup Tournament here March 13. ((U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Julian North)



Sports Shorts

The following is a list of sports and health-related activities held on U.S. Naval Base Guam. To submit your sports note, e-mail jointregionedge@fe.navy.mil.

Youth Baseball League

Registration is open for Navy Morale, Welfare and Recreation Youth Baseball League through March 22. Practice will be held two times a week on U.S. Naval Base Guam. Registration Fees: Tee Ball (ages 5-6), \$50; Minors (ages 7-9), \$50; Majors (ages 9-12) \$65; and Juniors (ages 13-14) \$65. Register at Charles King Gym registration office. For more information, call 339-1301/1302.

The following is a list of sports and health-related activities held on Andersen Air Force Base. To submit your sports note, call 366-2228.

Golf Get Ready Program

Palm Tree Golf Course will soon offer the Golf Get Ready program for adults. You'll have two 5-session classes to choose from. The first 5-session class will be held April 6, 13, 20, 27, and May 4. The second will be April 10, 17, 24 and May 1 and 8. The cost is \$99, plus all participants will receive two free rounds of golf. Sign up soon, as we can only take eight students per class. For more information, call 366-4653.