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Service members honor fallen



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Joint Region Edge Staff

Service members on Guam honored the men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice to the nation during Memorial Day ceremonies on Guam.

The Annual Memorial Day Tribute Service held in Talofoto, Guam, May 29 paid tribute to the village's six sons who died during combat.

Rear Adm. Paul Bushong, Commander, Joint Region Mari-

anas, and guest speaker at the event, said nearly every family on Guam has lost a loved one in battle or knows a family that lost a loved one in battle.

"It is our responsibility as husbands, wives, parents, children, friends, and neighbors to honor those who have served and continue to serve, but particularly to preserve the memory of those who have fallen," Bushong said. "They are American heroes and it is for us to ensure that they will always be remembered and that they did not die in vain."

The theme for the tribute was "You will never be forgotten."

Remembrance: U.S. Armed Forces personnel place bayonets by the symbolic grave sites of fallen American service members for a grave site tribute during the Memorial Day Ceremony held at Veterans Cemetery in Piti May 31. More than 100 military personnel joined island residents to honor the nation's war heroes. (U.S. Navy photo by Oyaol Ngrairiki)

More than a dozen personnel from Navy Munitions Command East Asia Division (NMC EAD) Unit Guam and 9th Operations Group Detachment 3, Global Hawk on Andersen Air Force Base, attended the event and sat alongside other veterans, family members and

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Airfield management flight wins prestigious award

By Senior Airman Shane Dunaway

36th Wing Public Affairs

Brig. Gen. Philip Ruhlman, 36th Wing commander, presented the 36th Operations Support Squadron's (OSS) airfield management flight with the Ronald D. McCarthy Airfield Management Facility of the Year award during the monthly wing promotion and recognition ceremony held at the base theater on Andersen Air Force Base May 27.

Capt. Anthony Hayes, 36th OSS, initially received the award during the Worldwide Airfield Operations Conference in Las Vegas May 4. This is the first time the flight has won the award at Air

Force level.

"This is the most coveted award in the airfield management community," Hayes said. "When an airfield management facility is presented with this award, it validates everyone's hard work and commitment, and tells everyone else that when it comes to operating and maintaining an airfield, your facility is the best in the Air Force."

In 2009, airfield management played an instrumental role in the development of an \$8 billion ramp design, providing valuable information to engineers to create a ramp that meets the needs of Marines and Air Force.

Airfield management planned and oversaw the execution of

airfield projects totaling more than \$70 million and developed a plan for an intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance strike complex that would increase aircraft parking space by 10 percent. The 15-person team also provided support to transient, exercise and deployed aircraft here.

"The accomplishments of my airfield management folks over the past year have been amazing," Hayes said. "This award is normally won by facilities in much larger units. However, the factors that put us over the top this year were the accomplishment of the numerous airfield improvements that significantly enhanced combat and humanitarian ops capabilities and aircraft safety."



Winning Team: Brig. Gen. Philip Ruhlman, left, 36th Wing commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Allen Mullinix, right, 36th Wing command chief master sergeant, present the 36th Operations Support Squadron's airfield management flight with the Ronald D. McCarthy Airfield Management Facility of the Year award during the monthly wing promotion and recognition ceremony held at the theater on Andersen Air Force Base May 27. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Julian North)

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Community honors heroes at ceremonies



Wreath-Laying: Brig. Gen. Philip Ruhlman, left, Commander, 36th Wing and Deputy Commander, Joint Region Marianas, and Chief Master Sgt. Allen Mullinex, 36th Wing command chief master sergeant, place a wreath on the symbolic gravesite for service members who died in the Persian Gulf War during the Memorial Day Ceremony held at Veterans Cemetery in Piti May 31. (U.S. Navy photo by Oyaol Ngirairikl)



Salute: Capt. Scott Galbreath, left, commanding officer, U.S. Naval Base Guam, and Master-at-Arms 1st Class (SW/AW/FMF) Mandy Holt, salute after placing a wreath on the symbolic gravesite for service members who died in the Persian Gulf War during the Memorial Day Ceremony held at Veterans Cemetery in Piti May 31. (U.S. Navy photo by Oyaol Ngirairikl)



Peace Offering: Government officials, spouses of the island's military leaders, and Boy Scouts of America honor fallen service members by releasing peace doves during the Memorial Day Ceremony held at Veterans Cemetery in Piti May 31. (U.S. Navy photo by Oyaol Ngirairikl)



Talofof Memorial: Rear Adm. Paul Bushong, Commander, Joint Region Marianas, gives his remarks to local residents and military attendees at a Memorial Day tribute in Talofof May 29. (U.S. Navy photo by Jesse Leon Guerrero)



Tribute: Air Force Staff Sgt. Kristen Burch, of 9th Operations Group Detachment 3, Global Hawk, attaches a wreath to a cross as Maggie Castro, Talofof Mayor's Office administrative assistant, waits with a tribute candle, during a Memorial Day tribute in Talofof May 29. (U.S. Navy photo by Jesse Leon Guerrero)

Statement on 'Don't Ask Don't Tell' legislation

By Robert M. Gates
Secretary of Defense



Gates

As you may know, earlier this week Congress began legislative action to change the "Don't Ask Don't Tell" policy regarding homosexuality in the armed services.

Given the complicated political debate surrounding this issue, I thought it important for you to hear what this means for you, the men and women wearing our nation's uniform.

First, the legislative process is long

and complex. While it appears likely that Congress will eventually change the "Don't Ask Don't Tell" law, we do not expect the legislation that would do this to be presented to the President for months — perhaps not until the end of the year.

Second, the legislation involved is a deferred repeal. In other words,

it would repeal "Don't Ask Don't Tell" but only AFTER, I repeat AFTER, the ongoing Department of Defense high level review is completed and only after the President, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs and I all can certify that we are ready to make this change without hurting unit cohesion, military readiness, military effectiveness and recruiting and retention.

Third, while this process plays out over time, nothing will change in terms of our current policies and practices. Current law, policies and

regulations remain in place and we are obligated to abide by them as before.

Fourth, the Department of Defense review on this issue that I initiated earlier this year will continue as before and is more important than ever. This review is charged with conducting the first thorough and fact-based assessment of the impact of this policy change and developing an implementation plan that minimizes any possible disruption to the Department's mission and ongoing operations.

Every man and woman in uni-

form is a vitally important part of this review. We need to hear from you — and your families — so that we can make these judgments in the most informed and effective manner.

So please let us know how to do this right. I urge you to stay informed on this process, but do not let the ongoing political debate distract you from what is important — our critical mission to defend our country and our duty to uphold the values represented by the uniform you wear.

Thank you for serving and thank you for listening.

Guam Air National Guard NCO supports Southwest Asia

By Master Sgt. Scott T. Sturkol
380th Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

Tech. Sgt. Patrick Toves is a services craftsman assigned to the 380th Expeditionary Force Support Squadron (EFSS) at a non-disclosed base in Southwest Asia.

Toves is an Air National Guard Airman deployed from the 254th Force Support Squadron at Andersen Air Base Guam. His hometown is Barrigada, Guam. As a services craftsman with the 380th EFSS, Toves supports the morale, welfare, fitness and recreation of more than 1,900 deployed service members for the 380th Air Expeditionary Wing.

In the 380th EFSS, services support programs range a myriad of areas and Toves has to be ready to support any one of them. According to his official Air Force job description, services Airmen like Toves manage and direct services programs, operations and retail operations. They supervise and work in appropriated fund food service and lodging activities, recreation, fitness and sports programs,

linen exchange operations, mortuary affairs programs, honor guard teams, and services readiness programs.

In managing services operations, Airmen like Toves help improve work methods and procedures to ensure economic operation and customer satisfaction. They also resolve complaints, apply accounting principles to control resources, determine appropriated and non-appropriated fund budget requirements, and requisitions and accounts for subsistence, supplies and equipment needed to support services programs — to name a few.

Furthermore, Airmen like Toves also identify facility requirements and conduct surveys to determine facility renovation, construction and modernization needs, the job description states. They also establish and supervise bare-base facilities that provide food, fitness, lodging, sports management, recreation, laundry, mortuary services and field exchange operations to deployed personnel.

In performing their deployed duties, the job description shows services Airmen like Toves operate fixed, bare-base and portable food facilities and equipment. They plan,

prepare and adjust menus and they determine resource availability, pricing and merchandise trends as well as carrying the ability to train unit fitness monitors to conduct unit fitness evaluations.

In all the services functions, Toves has to maintain mandatory job knowledge in areas such as accounting procedures, management principles, merchandising, marketing, automated information systems, food service facility operations, subsistence management, requisition and issue procedures, menu planning and lodging operations, the job description states.

The 380th EFSS is a sub-unit of the 380th Air Expeditionary Wing (AEW). The wing is home to the KC-10 Extender, U-2 Dragon Lady, E-3 Sentry and RQ-4 Global Hawk aircraft. The wing is comprised of four groups and 12 squadrons and the wing's deployed mission includes air refueling, surveillance and reconnaissance in support of overseas contingency operations in Southwest Asia. The 380th AEW supports operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom and the Combined Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa.



Food Support: Tech. Sgt. Patrick Toves, services craftsman with the 380th Expeditionary Force Support Squadron, moves a food tray during a 380th Air Expeditionary Wing event at a non-disclosed base in Southwest Asia April 12. Toves is an Air National Guard Airman deployed from the 254th Force Support Squadron at Andersen Air Force Base. (U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Scott T. Sturkol)

Andersen AFB hosts Big Brothers Big Sisters for field trip

Brief: Senior Master Sgt. Glen Aguon, 36th Security Forces Squadron, briefs members of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Guam during a visit to Andersen Air Force Base May 22. Big Brothers Big Sisters is a nonprofit organization that focuses on one-to-one youth mentoring. Members of the organization, many who had never been on an Air Force base, were greeted by Airmen volunteering to show them different aspects of the area and daily operations. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Julian North)



Yeoman excels at COMSUBRON 15

By Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Peter Lewis
Joint Region Edge Staff

Yeoman 1st Class (SS) Markus Howard of Commander, Submarine Squadron (COMSUBRON) 15 said when he joined the Navy almost seven years ago, he had no doubt that he was taking the correct career path.



"I joined the Navy immediately after high school because I was ready to experience life on my own without the support of others," Howard said. "It turned out to be a great decision and one I've never regretted."

Howard said that he like the Navy because it gives him the opportunity to drive the direction of his career.

"The Navy gives everyone guidance to excel in their field, whether serving only four years or 20 years, but I've also always had the opportunity to choose my career path," he said. "I learned that my entire career is an evaluation of personal performance traits such as technical expertise, character, professionalism and leadership."

Howard said that he also enjoys the diversity of job opportunities that are open to him because of his rating.

"I love being a yeoman because I have the opportunity to work with everyone at the command, no matter where I go in the Navy," he said. "As a submarine yeoman, the job can range from a few different ratings such as personnel specialist and postal clerks. I like that I have to interact with everyone, assisting them with whatever they need help with."

Of his current command, Howard said that working at COMSUBRON 15 gives him the



Fitness Leader: Yeoman 1st Class (SS) Markus Howard, center, of Submarine Squadron (COMSUBRON) 15, motivates members in his command to perform 10 four-count push-ups during command physical training at the old helipad on U.S. Naval Base Guam June 3. Markus is a command fitness leader at COMSUBRON 15. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication 2nd Class (SW) Corwin Colbert)

opportunity to learn from the cream-of-the-crop of the submarine community.

"CSS 15 is a group of seasoned officers and enlisted personnel who provide outstanding maintenance, logistics, administrative, and intelligence support to three homeported forward-deployed submarines and a submarine tender," he said. "Being at this command is really allowing me to learn and grow."

Though Howard was very generous with compliments for the Navy and his command, his superiors were equally willing to levy praise upon the young yeoman.

"Petty Officer Howard stands out from his peers in that he is always ready for more

responsibility," said Lt. Michael Baldwin, Howard's department head. "He is always on top of his duties and responsibilities and if you need to ask him about the status of an item it's always completed."

Baldwin also said that Howard sets a superior example for subordinates and positively affects the command in several ways, such as in his role as command fitness leader and in his work during community service projects with the command's sister village of Inarajan.

"Howard sets the example for junior personnel by not just doing his job, but by performing above and beyond," Baldwin

remarked. "He's been rewarded by being command-advanced to E-6 and chosen as Junior and Senior Sailor of the Quarter numerous times. He is the Sailor who will not stop until your question is answered or the job is done."

Though his command holds him in high esteem, Howard said that his success should be attributed to the Navy and the values that are taught to every Sailor.

"The key to my superior performance is solely based on my ability to live up to the Navy core values," Howard said. "No one enlists in the Navy to fail. If they remember their core values, they will excel, no matter the task at hand."

Coast Guard, local agencies mark National Safe Boating Week

By Lt. j.g. Wade Thomson
U.S. Coast Guard Sector Guam

Officials representing several agencies with life-saving missions were in attendance for Lt. Governor Michael Cruz's proclamation signing ceremony May 21 at the Ricardo J. Bordallo Complex in Hagatna to officially kick off this year's National Safe Boating Week events on Guam.

The U.S. Coast Guard, Guam Fire Rescue, and the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary attended to show support for the proclamation, which Cruz announced as a commitment to safe boating practices through education and emphasis on the importance of wearing life jackets.

To drive home the point, Cruz and other officials put on Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) during the ceremony to demonstrate the National Safe Boating Council motto, "Just Wear It."

Longtime auxilarist Bob Sajnovsky stood next to Cruz and inflated his PFD during the ceremony to put Guam on the map in the first-ever "Ready, Set, Inflate" campaign, a nationwide effort to set a world record for the most life jackets inflated in the same day.

The U.S. Coast Guard and U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary provided the PFDs and planned numerous public events for National Safe Boating Week, which ran May 22-29.

The first event was a static display

with numerous educational workshops which took place May 22 in the Agana Shopping Center parking lot. The education fair was followed by recreational boating safety checks at Agat Marina, Merizo Pier, Ilig Bay, and Hagatna Boat Basin on May 23, 25, 27 and 28 respectively. All events were open to the public.

Boaters who wish to have a free Recreational Boating Safety (RBS) check on their vessel or get their group or agency involved in boating safety courses can contact the Guam U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary boating safety and public education coordinator at 789-2657.

For more information about safe boating, visit <http://www.safeboatingcouncil.org/>



Proclamation: Members of the U.S. Coast Guard, Guam Fire Rescue, the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, and other representatives of life-saving agencies on Guam attend a proclamation-signing ceremony May 21 at the Ricardo J. Bordallo Complex in Adelup to officially kick off this year's National Safe Boating Week events on Guam. Lt. Governor of Guam Mike Cruz, seated, center, announced the week. (U.S. Coast Guard photo by Marine Science Technician 2nd Class Audrey Gurganus)

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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.

Commander, Joint Region Marianas Guam

Management Analyst, closes June 8

U.S. Naval Base Guam

Firefighter, closes June 9

Naval Hospital, Guam

Financial Technician, closes June 18

NAVFAC Marianas, Guam

Deputy Public Works Officer, closes June 4

Supvy Contract Spec, closes June 7

Supvy Interdisciplinary Position, closes June 8

Laborer, closes June 8

Interdisciplinary Engineer, closes June 9

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.

NAVINGEN Survey online

The Naval Inspector General (NAVINGEN) conducts Readiness and Quality of Life Area Visits to Navy communities worldwide, reporting the findings to the Secretary of the Navy and the Chief of Naval Operations. The Area Visit Program also includes assessing identified areas of risk to the Department of the Navy (DON) as well as looking for opportunities to improve naval readiness, both ashore and afloat.

An Area Visit is planned for Guam from July 12-16. The visit process includes interviews, focus groups and discussions with Joint Region Marianas staff, as well as other personnel assigned to Guam. It is vital all Navy units in Guam are informed of the visit.

Internet-based personnel surveys will be available online now through June 12. Information gathered from the survey is crucial to NAVINGEN's efforts and ensures they accurately capture the top concerns of DON personnel in Guam.

The active duty, full-time support, and civilian survey can be accessed at www.ig.navy.mil/av051510.htm

The Selected Reserve (SELRES) survey can be accessed at www.ig.navy.mil/av051510res.htm NAVINGEN also invites and encourages all active duty members to provide their spouses with the following email so that they can participate in a survey

designed specifically to obtain the family's perspective. The spouse survey can be accessed at: www.ig.navy.mil/av051510spouse.htm

Joint Region Marianas to conduct Exercise Typhoon Pakyo 2010

Joint Region Marianas (JRM) will conduct Exercise Typhoon Pakyo 2010 Command Post Exercise and Field Training Exercise June 14-18 to maintain readiness for the Western Pacific typhoon season which takes place between June and November. All JRM installations and tenant activities will participate in Exercise Typhoon Pakyo 2010 enabling commanders, commanding officers and officers in charge to exercise command and control capabilities, condition of readiness preparation, personnel accountability, disaster preparedness, recovery management procedures and crisis action planning.

The exercise consists of a pre-typhoon preparation phase June 14-16, consisting of typhoon condition of readiness (TCOR) setting increases, followed by a post-typhoon recovery phase June 17-18. The exercise will be conducted during normal working hours 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily.

AF Clubs Scholarship Program

The annual Air Force Club Membership Scholarship Program has begun. Have a chance to get your share of \$25,000 in scholarship awards by submitting an essay of 500 words or less on "What does it mean to be a part of the Air Force Family?" Twenty-five \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded. This is a club member benefit, and in order to participate, you must be a current Air Force Club member or family member (spouse, son, daughter, stepson or stepdaughter) who has been accepted by or enrolled in an accredited college or university for entry during the fall of 2010 term as a part-time or full-time student. Rules and eligibility requirements are detailed in brochures available at the Top of the Rock, Coral Reef Fitness Center, HotSpot, Magellan Inn Dining Facility, Andersen Library and Andersen Education Office. All essay packages must be submitted to Dee Hollenbeck, Top of the Rock collocated club manager, by July 1. Call 366-6166 for more information.

Ballroom and Boonies Being Remodeled

The Top of the Rock Ballroom and Boonies Officers' Lounge are currently closed for remodeling. All other areas within the Top of the Rock, including Café Latte, Hightides, the catering office, cashier's window and the administrative office, will maintain normal hours of operation. If you have any questions, call 366-6166.

Shipshape starts June 17

By Luis Martinez

Health Promotion/Wellness Division
U.S. Naval Hospital Guam

Shipshape is the Navy's official weight-loss program which is open to all TRICARE beneficiaries.

Shipshape consists of eight weekly sessions which will start June 17, 3-4:15 p.m. and continue for seven consecutive Thursdays at the same time. It will be held in the Officers' Wardroom in the galley of U.S. Naval Hospital Guam. Registration is simple: call the U.S. Naval Hospital Guam Health Promotion/Wellness Division at 344-9633 to sign up.

It takes a no-nonsense "what

really works" approach to weight loss by emphasizing the importance of making fundamental lifestyle changes to one's eating and exercise habits so excess weight can be lost and kept off. It also addresses important emotional and social issues pertaining to weight loss, including why popular fad diets may cause one to initially lose weight but often eventually fail.

The program starts by explaining the basics of nutrition and exercise as related to weight loss and lower weight maintenance. Numerous handouts and online resources will be provided to help participant's start their weight loss process. It avoids a "quick fix" approach, as

participants will learn why slow weight loss is what leads to permanent weight loss for most people.

Shipshape then assists participants in developing constructive approaches to emotional and/or social issues which may interfere with their ability to apply the principles of sound nutrition and safe exercise to their weight loss goals. Two different methods are used throughout the course for giving participants helpful feedback on the effect their changing eating and exercise habits will have on those goals.

Weight loss takes work, as do most things of value in life. But, it can be done. Give 344-9633 a call to get started.

Summer Food Safety Tips

Food safety is important year round, but during the summer holidays it becomes increasingly important. During the summer holidays we generally barbecue, prepare larger meals, leave food out of the refrigerator (and often in the sun) for longer periods, and overload our refrigerators. The following recommendations will help ensure you and yours have a healthy summer.

Planning for your summer holiday meals

When planning a summer holiday meal or party, choose foods that can be served safely under the conditions of your planned activity. For example, hot foods need to be kept above 135 degrees Fahrenheit and cold foods need to be kept below 41 degrees Fahrenheit. Temperature abuse is a common cause of food-borne illness. On the serving table, keep hot foods hot with chafing dishes, crock pots and warming trays. Keep foods cold by nesting dishes in bowls of ice. Never leave the food on the table for more than four hours. Don't plan to serve hot or cold foods if you can't keep them hot or cold.

Cross-contamination is another major cause of food-borne illness. Any surface food comes in contact with is a source of contamination. Cooking utensils, dishes and cutting boards exposed to raw meats should be thoroughly washed prior to use for any cooked or ready to eat foods, such as salads, to prevent cross-contamination. The same is true for hand-washing.

Shopping for summer holiday foods

Plan your holiday menu and then go shopping. When you're out, grocery shop last. Never

leave food in the car, as it can become very hot. Take food straight home to the refrigerator to keep it safe. Don't buy food in poor condition. Make sure refrigerated food is cold to the touch. Frozen food should be rock-solid. Canned goods should be free of dents, cracks, or bulging lids.



Packaged foods should have no rips or tears. Also, check use-by dates that are on packages. Don't buy anything that is past the use-by date. When buying raw meat or poultry, wrap them in a plastic bag so meat juices won't drip on other foods in your cart.

Storing summer holiday foods

Put leftovers in small containers so they cool quickly when placed in the refrigerator. Large containers of food not only cool slowly, but they also keep the refrigerator at an unsafe temperature. If you cannot quickly use up leftovers, freeze them. Leftover meats and other potentially hazardous foods kept in the refrigerator should be used within seven days and thoroughly re-heated before serving.

For more information, contact the Andersen Public Health office at 366-4147, U.S. Naval Hospital Guam Department of Preventive Medicine at 344-9787 or the U.S. Department of Agriculture meat and poultry hotline at 1-888-674-6854. The meat and poultry hotline is staffed by food safety specialists and is accessible by telecommunications devices for the deaf.

Helpful Web sites concerning summer food safety can be found at www.fsis.usda.gov/Fact_Sheets/Foodborne_Illness_Peaks_in_Summer/index.asp and www.fsis.usda.gov/Fact_Sheets/Barbecue_Food_Safety/index.asp

What are your plans for the summer?

Memorial Day, May 31, marked the unofficial start of summer. Joint Region Edge asked service members on Guam what they are going to do this summer.



"My plan this summer is to go to school and that's it."
— Machinist's Mate 3rd Class (SW) Janeviola Kithome, USS Frank Cable (AS 40)



"I just want to lose weight, hit the gym hard and get in shape."
— Staff Sgt. Angel Nivar, 554th RED HORSE Squadron



"Get in shape while completing my education in social science at the University of Maryland."
— Tech. Sgt. Aisha Hager, 36th Force Support Squadron



"Just work and hang out with my girlfriend all the time."
— Seaman Tyler Wilkins, USS Frank Cable (AS 40)



"I'm planning on getting my dive certification so I can go to Australia and spend some time over there and just go around visit the Cairns area of Australia by using the MWR access that we have."
— Hull Maintenance Technician 3rd Class Elisha Irving, USS Frank Cable (AS 40)



"I'm PCSing to Dyess Air Force Base, Texas. We leave at the end of the month so I'll be learning my new job there. Aug. 1 will be my promotion date, and I hope to get a bigger house."
— Tech Sgt. Robert Coleman, 36th Force Support Squadron

Safety fair kicks off Critical Days of Summer Campaign

By Oyaol Ngirairiki
Joint Region Edge Staff

U.S. Naval Base Guam (NBG) Installation Safety Office kicked off the Critical Days of Summer campaign with a safety fair at Sumay Cove on NBG May 28.

The campaign is a Department of Defense-wide program that began Memorial Day weekend and runs until Labor Day Sept. 7. The period between those two dates typically sees a spike in vehicle and recreational accidents. Each service's campaign is designed to promote safety and reduce the number of accidents and mishaps during the summer vacation season.

Naval Safety Center coordinates the program for the Navy. The theme for this year's summer safety campaign is "Live to Play, Play to Live," and it focuses on ways Sailors and their families can have fun without becoming a victim.

Various departments and commands, including NBG Dive Locker, NBG Fire and Emergency Services, U.S. Coast Guard Sector Guam, NBG Security, Navy Morale, Welfare and Recreation, and Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit 5, had information booths and static displays at the event.

Richard Sussman, NBG installation safety manager, said the event aimed to address issues that are relevant to Guam.

"We did water safety, we did EOD (Explosive Ordnance Disposal) for unexploded ordnance in the area, we did typhoon awareness, we

did traffic safety, and we did recreational safety," he said. "Water safety is a big thing on this island. There's been a lot of accidental drowning or near-misses with drowning and that's what people really need to be aware of."

Participants said they appreciated the information they received during the event.

Caitlin Klett, a Navy spouse, who arrived on Guam last September, said she was glad she was able to learn more about preparing her home and family in the event of a typhoon.

"Learning about typhoon preparedness I think is really important if you're going to be here for a while," she said. "They mentioned things that I never thought I would need, like putting money in your stash just in case you can't get to an ATM."

In 2002, Supertyphoon Pongsona, one of the largest typhoons to hit the island, caused disruption of wireless and landline communication out and on Guam, resulting in down ATM machines and the inability to use credit cards at stores and gas stations.

To learn more about the Navy's safety program or for safety tips, call 339-SAFE (7233).

For safety information and kits that can be used during the campaign, visit the following Web sites: Naval Safety Center: <http://safety-center.navy.mil>

Air Force Safety Center: <http://www.afsc.af.mil>

Army Safety Center: <https://safety.army.mil>

U.S. Coast Guard Boating Safety: <http://www.uscgboating.org>



Safety Lesson: Jeffrey Brown, traffic safety technician with a Navy base operations support contractor, guides Cmdr. Kevin Gillam, U.S. Naval Base Guam executive officer, through a motorcycle safety simulation during a Critical Days of Summer campaign safety fair at Sumay Cove on U.S. Naval Base Guam May 28. The simulation helps motorcyclists understand the importance of following traffic laws and safety guidelines. The campaign is a Department of Defense-wide program that aims to promote safety and reduce the number of accidents and mishaps during the summer vacation season. (U.S. Navy photo by Oyaol Ngirairiki)

Joint Region Marianas celebrates Asian-Pacific Heritage



Ceremonial Dance: Service members from U.S. Naval Hospital Guam perform the Wasiwas Candle dance during an Asian and Pacific American Heritage Month ceremony at Bldg. 3190 on U.S. Naval Base Guam May 28. The Wasiwas is a Filipino folk dance where dancers gracefully and skillfully balance lighted oil lamps or candles on their head and hands. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Corwin Colbert)



Celebration: Service members from U.S. Naval Hospital Guam perform the Hula during an Asian and Pacific American Heritage Month ceremony at Bldg. 3190 on U.S. Naval Base Guam May 28. The ceremony recognized the important contributions that Asian and Pacific Islander Americans have made to Guam and the United States. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Corwin Colbert)

36th Wing Master Sergeant List

Congratulations to the following Team Andersen members selected for promotion to the rank of master sergeant!

36th Civil Engineer Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Cecil Makin
Tech. Sgt. Peter Stewart

36th Communications Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Jarrett Blea
Tech. Sgt. Brian Orona

36th Contingency Response Group

Tech. Sgt. James Bonk

Tech. Sgt. Shaunn Hummel

36th Force Support Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Robert Coleman

36th Logistics Readiness Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Ronnie Hancock

Tech. Sgt. Jason Schmitz

Tech. Sgt. Bradley Wenz

36th Maintenance Group

Tech. Sgt. Cherise Mosley

36th Maintenance Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Fabio Galva

Tech. Sgt. John Lewis

36th Medical Support Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Devin Wilson

36th Mobility Response Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Andrea Inmon

Tech Sgt. Scott Shrier

36th Munitions Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Kerwin Bituin

Tech. Sgt. Juan Guzman

Tech. Sgt. Trinity Kyle

36th Operations Group

Tech. Sgt. Stephen Richards

36th Security Forces Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Michael Ellis

Tech. Sgt. Nasim Norrisromine

Tech. Sgt. David Strachan

Tech. Sgt. Todd Tomlinson

36th Wing Staff Agencies

Tech. Sgt. Malik Franklin

Tech. Sgt. Starla Jackson

Tech. Sgt. Brenda Laun

554th RED HORSE Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Jenifer Fisher

Tech. Sgt. Robert Williams

644th Combat Communications Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Donald Blackmon

Tech. Sgt. Laura Blea

Tech. Sgt. Brian Bosworth

Tech. Sgt. Jason Colabine

Tech. Sgt. Darrell Harris

Tech. Sgt. Reeshemah James

Tech. Sgt. Joshua Jones

Tech. Sgt. Stefan Ramirez

Tech. Sgt. Wendee Roberson

Tech. Sgt. Charles Ruddek

Tech. Sgt. Clarence Silver

Sailors tour B-2 Spirit at Andersen AFB

By Oyaol Ngirairiki
Joint Region Edge Staff

More than a dozen Sailors from various commands on Guam toured a B-2 Spirit on Andersen Air Force Base (AFB) May 28.

The plane is one of six B-2s forward-deployed to Andersen AFB from the 509th Bomb Wing of Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo. as the 393rd Expeditionary Bomb Squadron. The B-2s have been on Guam since February as part of the continuous bomber presence on Guam, and participate in various training exercises around the local airspace.

Sailors from Commander, Submarine Squadron (COMSUBRON) 15, U.S. Naval Base Guam, Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 11, USS Frank Cable (AS 40), Joint Region Marianas and Naval Special Warfare Unit 1 were among those taking the tour. In addition, federal civilians and contractors, and

Airmen from various divisions also took advantage of an opportunity to tour the bomber.

Logistics Specialist Seaman Larry Young, of USS Frank Cable (AS 40), said he felt the tour was a great way to learn more about the Air Force.

"It helps us continue to build a partnership, which is important because at the end of the day, we're one military, one nation and we have to be able to work together," he said.

Chief Master Sgt. Mark Funk, of 509th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Unit, which is attached to the 509th Bomb Wing, said Young's perspective of a working partnership between the two services is as true today as it was more than 60 years ago during World War II.

"The [military] history of Guam and the islands has always included the cooperation between the Air Force, Army, Navy and Marine Corps," he said. "We've been down

to visit with our counterparts on Naval Base Guam and we've invited them out here to see what we do so it does help us to understand each other better."

Funk said increased understanding between the services will help service members meet new missions, which continue to expand and change in response to dynamic global conditions and threats.

The B-2 Spirit is a multi-role bomber capable of delivering both conventional and nuclear munitions, according to the U.S. Air Force Web site. The bomber represents a major milestone in the U.S. bomber modernization program. The revolutionary blending of low-observable technologies with high aerodynamic efficiency and large payload gives the B-2 important advantages over existing bombers. Its low-observability provides greater freedom of action at high altitudes, thus increasing its range and allowing a better field of view for the aircraft's sensors. The

plane's unrefueled range is approximately 6,000 nautical miles (9,600 kilometers).

Navy Counselor 1st Class (AW) Candice Abel, of COMSUBRON15, said she was honored to have had an opportunity to see the stealth bomber up close.

"We see the B-2 Spirit flying around over Guam when they're doing exercises or at special events if they do flyovers, but not many people get to see it up close," she said. "We were able to climb in and see the cockpit and other areas on the plane, which was an awesome experience."

Lt. Col. Matthew Snyder, Commander, 509th Bomb Wing said Abel is one of the less than 1 percent of Americans who have had such a tour.

"It's a very unique airplane. They only have 20 of them in the Air Force right now, hence only 20 in the world. So it's not an opportunity people get to see everyday," Snyder said.

Snyder said the tour also provides his unit the opportunity to share their knowledge with other services, as well as other units within the Air Force.

"All of the different platforms have a certain common language and certain language that is unique to their platform and the folks they work with on a day-to-day basis. So when you wind up having these people together - whether it's a tour like this or an exercise where you're flying - that's just something that's part of getting everything smoothed out," he said.

Construction Mechanic 3rd Class Joel Spore, of NMCB 11, said the experience is an example of why he joined the Navy.

"It was a lot of fun. I know I probably won't get another chance to do it because you don't see a lot of those in the Seabees," he said.

To learn more about the 509th Bomb Wing, visit the Whiteman AFB Web site at www.whiteman.af.mil/units/tenantunits.



Above: Sailors from USS Frank Cable (AS 40) and U.S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 11 walk through the final leg of the tour of a B-2 Spirit at Andersen Air Force Base (AFB) May 28. The B-2 Spirit is one of six B-2s forward-deployed to Andersen AFB from the 509th Bomb Wing of Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo. as the 393rd Expeditionary Bomb Squadron. The B-2s have been on Guam since February as part of the continuous bomber presence on Guam and participate in various training exercises around the local airspace. The B-2 Spirit is a multi-role bomber capable of delivering both conventional and nuclear munitions, according to the U.S. Air Force Web site. Its low-observability provides greater freedom of action at high altitudes, thus increasing its range and allowing a better field of view for the aircraft's sensors. The plane's unrefueled range is approximately 6,000 nautical miles (9,600 kilometers). (U.S. Navy photo by Oyaol Ngirairiki)

Right: USS Frank Cable (AS 40) Sailors board the B-2 Spirit at Andersen Air Force Base May 28. Sailors from Frank Cable, Joint Region Marianas and other Navy commands on Guam had a chance to take a closer look at the bomber. The bomber represents a major milestone in the U.S. bomber modernization program. The revolutionary blending of low-observable technologies with high aerodynamic efficiency and large payload gives the B-2 important advantages over existing bombers. (U.S. Navy photo by Oyaol Ngirairiki)



NMCRS provides life managing services

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

Joint Region Edge Staff

The Navy and Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS) is a private, non-profit charitable organization, sponsored by the Navy, and offers services at more than 250 offices ashore and afloat at Navy and Marine Corps bases throughout the world.

These services are available to active-duty members; retirees; reserve component Sailors and Marines; eligible family members; Reservists on extended active duty greater than 30 days; indigent widows and mothers (65 years or older) of deceased service members who have limited resources and no family to provide for their welfare; and ex-spouses who have not remarried and whose marriage to a service member lasted for at least 20 years while the service member was on active duty.

Services provided include need-based financial assistance to eligible recipients in the form of interest-free loans and grants; scholarships and interest free loans for education; financial counseling; "Budget for Baby" workshops; Thrift Shops; and the Visiting Nurses Program.

Another available service is the Spouse Tuition Aid Program (STAP). STAP is a need-based interest-free loan available to spouses residing with their active-duty service member sponsor, and stationed outside the United States. STAP loans are available for part-time and full-time undergraduate and graduate studies, and offer up to \$3,000 per 12-month period.

"Due to the change from a grant to a loan, it is obviously an under-utilized program," said Summer Sweeney, director of NMCRS Guam/Singapore/Diego Garcia. "However, we refer clients to Military Spouse Career Advancement Accounts for grants first."

The NMCRS Thrift Shop enables service members and their families to purchase gently-used clothing, uniforms and household items at a low cost. The sales income generated from thrift shops is returned to the Sailors, Marines and their families in the form of relief services. All items sold in NMCRS Thrift Shops are donated. The shops are normally established when there are no other base thrift shops available. NMCRS will not compete with local organizations.

The Thrift Shop provides low-cost clothing, household items, uniform items, toys and sporting goods.



Helping Hand: Leigh Lewis, left, a Navy spouse, volunteers her time at the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society Thrift Shop on U.S. Naval Base Guam to assist Terry Newbold, right, also a Navy spouse, as Newbold purchases items May 24. The thrift store maintains toys, books, clothing and many other items sold at a discount to military ID holders and other authorized patrons. (U.S. Navy photo by Jesse Leon Guerrero)

"Thrift Shops are totally managed and operated by NMCRS volunteers," said Sweeney. "Opportunities are available for volunteers to sort merchandise, arrange displays, cashier, donation pick up, and serve as a store manager. We also offer shopping vouchers for our thrift shop to participants of our 'Budget for Baby' class and those that attend indoctrination class."

Another unique service NMCRS offers is the Visiting Nurse Program.

"The visiting nurse is available to make hospital or home visits to eligible clients in the interest of improving their quality of life by promoting understanding of information about the individual's health issues," said Sweeney.

Sweeney also said visits are frequently made to new mothers and infants, patients recovering from surgery, and patients with chronic health problems.

Visiting nurses will see patients of any age. Referrals to the Visiting Nurse Program may be made by military or civilian doctors, nurses, social workers or any patient may contact the nurse directly by calling the NMCRS office.

As with all NMCRS programs, Visiting Nurse services are delivered free of charge.

The Society also provides Quick Assist Loans (QAL). QAL is an alternative to short-term, high interest-rate loans. QAL's are need-based, interest-free loans available at all full service offices. The maximum loan available is \$300, repayable within 10 months. The purpose of these loans is to provide funds for emergency needs for basic living expenses. All active-

duty Sailors and Marines who have no outstanding NMCRS loans and is in good standing with the Society are eligible for this service.

Service members can apply for two QAL's in a 12-month period, as long as the first QAL is paid in full.

"Our goal is to serve our clients in as little as 15 minutes. No appointment is necessary," said Sweeney. "To help us reach this goal, service members must bring in their ID card and full [Leave and Earning Statement]."

To ensure these services continue run smoothly, NMCRS Guam is looking for volunteers to help provide the programs. The Society provides volunteers with reimbursement for transportation and family member care expenses.

Sweeney said with the hardships in today's society, services aren't possible without the help of volunteers.

"It takes as little as two hours a week to make a difference," she said. "In return of volunteer hours, you will receive quality training and mentorship, learn valuable skills and resources, and make a difference for others."

An example of the importance of and need for services and volunteers is the aftermath of the Tennessee flooding. NMCRS Millington provided more than 250 families with financial assistance after the May 1 storm displaced more than 300 families.

For more information about NMCRS, visit their Web site at <http://www.nmcrs.org/>. To volunteer for NMCRS on Guam, call 564-1879/80.



Reworking: Chief Master-at-Arms Tim Wilson, of U.S. Naval Base Guam Security, adds batteries to a donated toy and checks if it is working properly at the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS) Thrift Shop on U.S. Naval Base Guam May 24. Wilson spends several hours of his time twice a week with NMCRS as a volunteer. (U.S. Navy photo by Jesse Leon Guerrero)



Sorting Out: Kelly Fletcher, an Army spouse and Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS) volunteer, sorts through piles of donated toys at the NMCRS Thrift Shop on U.S. Naval Base Guam May 24. Revenue from the sale of these toys helps fund NMCRS programs and services for authorized Navy and Marine Corps members and their families. (U.S. Navy photo by Jesse Leon Guerrero)



Financial Advice: Tzipora Steele, a class instructor for Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS), presents tips and practices for learning how to budget for a baby at an NMCRS Budget for Baby class held at U.S. Naval Hospital Guam Jan. 11. (U.S. Navy photo by Jesse Leon Guerrero)

36th Medical Support Squadron beautifies bus stop

Community Cleanup: When it comes to making a difference in the surrounding community and people's lives, it's the small things that mean the most. Members of the 36th Medical Support Squadron performed a small task with a big impact in the local community.

The volunteers spent more than 16 hours renovating a bus stop in Dededo, Guam. They cut the grass, applied a new paint job to the stop, and removed all the dirt and gum off the floors. Throughout the process local residents and community members complimented the team's efforts.

"I believe I am speaking on behalf of my whole team when I say that everyone involved felt a huge sense of accomplishment and it was a very rewarding experience." said Maj. Richard Palmer 36th Medical Support Squadron logistics flight commander, "Personally, it felt really

great knowing we had such a positive impact in that community, especially when the folks living there showed their support and appreciation."

Their hard work resulted in the transformation of a graffiti covered pile of brick into a clean bus stop

with new paint and a patriotic island theme and promoted a greater overall relationship between Andersen and the surrounding community. (Top left photo by Joe Cruz. Remaining photos are U.S. Air Force photos by Maj. Richard Palmer)



Memorial: Military, local community gather to honor fallen

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friends of the military. Members of Father Duenas Memorial School's Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps provided color guard services.

Immediately following Bushong's speech, military members escorted island residents to lay wreaths and candles in front of the Talofoto Veterans Memorial Monument, which was erected in 1981 to recognize the fallen of the U.S. Armed Forces.

Mineman Seaman Apprentice Joshua Koellner, of NMC EAD Unit Guam, said it was an honor for him to participate as an escort. Guam is Koellner's first duty station since enlisting a year ago.

"It's paying tribute to fallen Soldiers who fought for our country and our freedom," Koellner said. "This means a lot."

Lt. Col. Brandon Baker, commanding officer of 9th Operations Group Detachment 3, Global Hawk, said it was an honor for his Air Force team to participate in the tribute.

"To be with family members of

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To see more photos of Memorial Day observances on Guam, see page 11

those that gave all, who gave everything for our nation, there's no higher respect that we can give them than to show up and support them," Baker said.

Hundreds of service members and island residents attended the Memorial Day ceremony at Veterans Cemetery in Piti, Guam, May 31. The event was hosted by the Office of the Governor and the Guam Veteran's Affairs Office.

The ceremony started with a fly-over by a 393rd Expeditionary Bomb Squadron B-2 Spirit. The squadron operates out of Whiteman Air Force Base in Missouri and is currently deployed to Andersen Air Force Base.

Bushong was the guest speaker of the event. He said that Memorial Day is to honor the nation's war dead and the ideals for which they

gave their lives -- "those same ideals that were defended at Gettysburg, ideals that have come to define our nation, the protection of liberty and freedom and the commitment to fight injustice."

"Memorial Day is dedicated to remembering the more than 1 million Americans who died defending these ideals while serving this nation in the military," Bushong said.

He noted how Guam's sons and daughters have answered the call to serve over the decades.

"They have aided America when our country called. I am awed and humbled by their unwavering display of patriotism and bravery," he said.

Lt. Governor of Guam Mike Cruz also spoke at the ceremony and expounded on the courage of America's service members.

"Our island and our people know firsthand the price of freedom," he said. "It is paid in blood, bought with unending vigilance, and earned by fathers, mothers, sons and daughters. They come from every walk of life, from every rung of the economic ladder, from every state and

territory in this nation."

Honoring those men and women who sacrificed all, Airmen, Coast Guardsmen, Sailors, Marines and Soldiers placed wreaths on grave markers symbolizing the men and women who died fighting in various wars, including both World Wars; the Korean, Vietnam, and Persian Gulf Wars; and Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom.

Chief Master Sgt. Allen Mullinex, 36th Wing command chief master sergeant, spoke of the pride he felt in standing beside fellow brothers-and sisters-at-arms in honoring the fallen.

"This is a humbling event for me," he said. "It honors those that went before us to protect our freedom of the United States and all our territories and actually other countries we've helped in the fight for their freedom."

Mullinex said the support from the community shown at that event and others throughout the year is something he appreciates. Youth from the Boy Scouts of America and various local schools' Junior

Reserve Officers Training Corps assisted throughout the ceremony. Mullinex said that involving these future leaders was a great way to ensure the freedoms service members of the past and present work so hard to secure are not taken for granted or forgotten.

"It gives all of us pride to know our country is behind us," he said.

Chief Boatswain's Mate (SW/AW) Leslie Bates, of Maritime Expeditionary Security Squadron 7, Division 71, Detachment Echo, placed wreaths on the grave marker for service members whose lives were lost in Operation Iraqi Freedom. This was the first Memorial Day ceremony to have such a marker.

Formerly known as Decoration Day, Memorial Day commemorates U.S. men and women who died while during military service. Toward the end of the Civil War, groups of people honored the war dead by leaving flowers on their graves. In 1971, Memorial Day was declared a national holiday by an act of Congress, and is celebrated on the last Monday in May.



Honor: Chief Warrant Officer 4 Daniel Radcliffe, of Navy Munitions Command East Asia Division Unit Guam, renders a salute as Maggie Castro, Talofoto Mayor's Office administrative assistant, positions a candle in front of a cross to recognize military members who died during World War II, during a Memorial Day tribute in Talofoto May 29. The annual event drew dozens of the village's residents, as well as Sailors, Airmen and Soldiers. (U.S. Navy photo by Jesse Leon Guerrero)



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

Navy College Office

There will be an Education Fair May 19, 8-11 a.m. in Barracks 1 on U.S. Naval Base Guam, and then at Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 25 1-3 p.m. Counseling will be given by representatives from the Navy College Office and Navy College partnership schools. Briefs will be presented on Web-based Tuition Assistance. For more information, call 339-2485.

DoDEA

Last day of classes is June 12.

Andersen Elementary School

The Andersen Middle School Parent Teacher Student Organization (PTSO) has elected Kristen Murren as president and Anne Moran as treasurer for school year 2010-2011. The PTSO still needs parent volunteers to fill the following positions: vice president, Scholastic Book Club representative, and secretary. For more information, contact amspto@yahoo.com.

McCool Elementary/Middle School

Yearbooks are in. See Whitney Mansell to pick up your yearbook.

The last day to earn fourth quarter Reading Counts points is June 4. Students can talk to their teachers if they have any questions.

Phone Numbers

Andersen Elementary School: 366-1511

Andersen Middle School: 366-3880/5793

Commander William C. McCool Elementary/Middle School: 339-8678

Guam High School: 344-7410

Department of Defense Education Activity office: 344-9160

Navy College Office: 339-2485

Andersen Education Office: 366-3170

GHS student heads to West Point

By Jesse Leon Guerrero

Joint Region Edge Staff

The United States Military Academy at West Point in New York has selected Michael Tougher IV, a senior from Guam High School (GHS).

West Point is a highly selective four-year, co-educational service academy with tuition funded by the U.S. Army in exchange for time in active-duty service. Students, known as cadets, study courses designed to improve them intellectually, physically, ethically, and in other military-focused areas. Upon graduation, they receive a Bachelor of Science degree and are commissioned as second lieutenants in the U.S. Army.

Tougher said that he is looking forward to the next four years at West Point.

"I'm just anxious to make that transition into military life," Tougher said. "It's something I've been anticipating for many years because I've always known I was going to join the military."

The high school senior thanked his parents for their constant support of his goal.

"My dad is really the guy that held the fire under me," Tougher said.

Guam Army National Guard Maj. Michael Tougher III, commander of 94th Civil Support Team, said the academy will help his son



Honor, Courage, Commitment: Michael Tougher IV, center, executive officer of the Guam High School Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (GHS NJROTC) program, helps lead an awards ceremony at the high school May 28. Left is Philip Ada, commanding officer of the group and Tougher's co-host at the event. Doug Bowling, right, the group's senior naval science instructor looks on. Tougher will leave Guam in June to attend the United States Military Academy at West Point in New York. (U.S. Navy photo by James Fee)

remain focused toward the goal of graduating and becoming a military officer.

"West Point obviously offers Michael an opportunity to gain an excellent education while continu-

ing to develop leadership traits and personal discipline," he said. "We believe that Michael will make a great addition to the ranks of our nation's military. West Point will offer him an outstanding foundation."

Both the student's father and mother, Wendy, emphasized that it was Michael's decision to apply to a military academy. Wendy Tougher

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Bulanadi named Guam High top junior

By Oyaol Ngirairiki

Joint Region Edge Staff

Guam High School (GHS) student Anneriz Bulanadi was named recipient of this year's Student Excellence Award during an awards ceremony at the school May 26.

Rear Adm. Paul Bushong, Commander, Joint Region Marianas, presented the award, which recognizes a junior from the Department of Defense Education Activity (DODEA) high school who excelled for three years in the areas of academics, extracurricular activities, community service and leadership.

Bushong said Bulanadi achieved a cumulative grade point average of 3.74, while taking advanced courses such as honors literature, honors world history, and advanced placement English.

"Anneriz, you are indeed a role model to your peers for all the work you do in and out of school," Bushong said.

Bulanadi said she was surprised that she was chosen to receive the award.

"I really wasn't expecting this. There were other students who I thought were great candidates for this award," she said. "This award is just such an incredible honor, and I wouldn't have received this without the support of my parents and my friends, and of course, the tutelage of my teachers."

In addition to her academic achievements, Bulanadi also participated in extracurricular activities,



High Achiever: Rear Adm. Paul Bushong, Commander, Joint Region Marianas, presents the Student Excellence Award to Anneriz Bulanadi during the Guam High School (GHS) awards ceremony at the school May 26. The Student Excellence Award recognizes a junior from the Department of Defense Education Activity high school who excelled for three years in the areas of academics, extracurricular activities, community service and leadership. (U.S. Navy photo by Oyaol Ngirairiki)

including Environmental Club, Peer Mediation Team, and Marching Band/Flag Squad while at Naples American High School as a freshman. During her two years at Guam High, Bulanadi has been a member of the

Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps, National Honor Society, track and field team, and girl's basketball team.

Bulanadi also volunteered in community and school events. She

helped plant tulips as part of an Environmental Club project, tutored students, helped baby-sit during teacher professional development

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AES students glimpse real world at Career Day

By Senior Airman
Shane Dunaway

36th Wing Public Affairs

More than 200 Andersen Elementary School (AES) students gained insight into potential future careers during a career day at the school May 28.

Nearly 30 volunteers from various fields mentored youth in kindergarten through fifth grade, explaining the ins and outs of their day-to-day routines.

"Our goal for career day was to expose our students to the world of work," said Cynthia Jones, a counselor at AES. "We wanted to give them some ideas of what careers will be available to them."

School counselors split the day into two sessions. Students in kindergarten through second grade went to the 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. session, while students in third through fifth grade participated in the noon to 2 p.m. session.

The counselors allotted each presenter 20 minutes to give an in-depth breakdown of their job to

the students.

"Career Day is a good opportunity for the community to offer support to the school and for our students to meet people outside of the military," Jones said.

For the presenters, Career Day served as an opening to help mold and shape the minds of today's youth.

"I appreciate doing public outreach and teaching kids about weather, the responsibility of the weather service and what we do for the public," said Brandon Aydlett, a meteorologist for the National Weather Service. "I enjoy these opportunities to interest kids in science."

Future Stars: Brandon Aydlett, a meteorologist from the National Weather Service, answers questions from Andersen Elementary School (AES) students during Career Day held May 28 at the school. More than 30 volunteers provided insight into their respective career fields for more than 200 AES students. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Shane Dunaway)



Tougher: Anxious to make transition to military career

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said she and her husband tried to instill in their three children "the importance and obligation of service to our island, our country, and to humanity."

"It is a tremendous privilege and honor that Michael received an appointment to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point," she said. "We are happy for him because he held a genuine desire to attend a service academy, and we are proud that he wants to serve our country."

In order to complete his application to the school, Michael Tougher IV first had to apply for a nomina-

tion from a member of the U.S. Congress or other similarly high-ranking public officials. He secured a nomination from Guam Delegate Madeleine Bordallo and another from President Obama.

He advised high school students interested in applying to a military academy to work on their required essays, recommendation letters and other forms as early as possible, so they will have enough time to complete and submit their applications.

"It's a long process and you have to wait until things get back," he said. "You have to take full physicals. You have to pass the [Physical Training] portion. You've got

to pass the medical portion. I took the SAT five times to get a 1290."

He believes his involvement with GHS's Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (NJROTC) program, which he will complete at graduation day June 11, was a crucial factor in getting accepted to West Point.

He started the program during his freshman years and is now serving as its executive officer.

The future Army officer credited the experiences and insights into military life he gained from NJROTC as giving him an advantage over other West Point applicants.

NJROTC also gave Tougher

many opportunities for community service — another plus on college applications. GHS' cadets have cleaned kennels for Guam Animals In Need, ran events for Special Olympics Guam competitions, performed grounds maintenance for the nonprofit organization Veterans of Foreign Wars, and contributed in other ways.

"Helping out the community always feels good," he said. "My mom always said, 'You never want to miss an opportunity to work for free.' It's always nice to help people."

Doug Bowling, senior naval science instructor for GHS Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training

Corps (NJROTC) program, said Michael Tougher IV has been an exemplary student. Bowling added that the NJROTC program helped Tougher develop his leadership skills.

"I could ask him to do something and not worry that it wouldn't be done," Bowling said. "I was impressed because he had good grades and he's a heck of an athlete. He's really well-rounded and a standout kid."

For more information about West Point, visit the academy online at <http://www.usma.edu/>.

For more information about Guam High School's NJROTC program, call 344-7040.

Connelly: 'We have incredible students at Guam High School'

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days so that parents could attend the sessions, volunteered as a guest reader at U.S. Naval Base Guam Library, participated in beach cleanups, and volunteered at Special Olympics Guam events.

Linda Connelly, GHS principal, said earning the Student Excellence Award is not easy.

"The kids are of such high caliber because they not only have to have academics but they also have to have involvement in co-curricular [programs] in the community and they also have to have good character and an impeccable record in the school," Connelly said. "Ms. Bulanadi certainly met all the requirements."

The Student Excellence Award was only the first of many awards

presented to GHS students that evening.

Awardees for individual academic programs, including advanced placement statistics and foreign languages, were recognized. One of the final awards presented that night was the Scholar Athlete Award, which was presented to GHS junior Amber Gadsden.

The tennis champion has earned various medals and awards including Most Valuable Player for both the GHS tennis team and Independent Interscholastic Athletic Association of Guam.

Her father, Michael Gadsden, a special agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigations Guam Office, accepted the award as his daughter was competing at the DODEA Pacific Far East Tennis

Tournament on the night of the ceremony.

"We're so incredibly proud of her," Gadsden said. "She's won a number of awards and accolades but of all of them, this is the one we're most happy about because it doesn't just focus on her athletic abilities but also underscores her academic performance and her ability to balance the two, which can be tough for any student."

Connelly said students who received awards that night all showed a spirit of excellence and determination to succeed.

"We have incredible students at Guam High School, and we're so proud of them," Connelly said. "I'm glad we're able to be here to help them hone their abilities and skills, which I'm sure will take them far in life."



Brains and Brawn: Michael Gadsden, accepts the Scholar Athlete Award from Linda Connelly, Guam High School (GHS) principal, on behalf of his daughter Amber Gadsden during the school's awards ceremony at the school May 26. The Scholar Athlete Award honors a student who has achieved excellence in both athletics and academics. (U.S. Navy photo by Oyoal Ngirairikl)

Try out different mangoes at Agat festival

By Jesse Leon Guerrero

Joint Region Edge Staff

Head south for the sights and tastes of delicious mangoes at the Agat Mango Festival.

The event will showcase mangoes and mango dessert recipes, starting noon-6 p.m. June 12 and 8 a.m.-8 p.m. June 13 at the village's Sagan Bisita compound, which is along Route 2A. Admission is free.

Agat mayor Carol Tayama said everyone is welcome to the festival, which is now in its fourth year.

"Come down and have a good time," Tayama said. "We have peach mango, banana mango, Haden, Manila, papaya, Indian and there are so many kinds. We even have some with no name because what people have done is cross-breeding."

Mango lovers will have a chance

to compete for recognition and prizes when they vie for the title of "Mango Cook-off Champion." Competitors must use mango in their marinating sauce, whether they are joining the chicken, beef or pork recipe contests. Other competitions include a dessert category and categories for the biggest mango, most beautiful mango and most bizarre mango.

Representatives from the Guam

Department of Agriculture plan to attend and give insight on how to properly care for mango and mango trees. The festival will also include other activities such as kids' games and live performances by the dance groups Rasan Aho Latte and Sunshine Kids in Production. Vendors will display and have for sale various plants as well as arts and craft items.

She invited all local and

military residents to park at Sagan Bisita's parking lot or find additional parking nearby at Marcial Sablan Elementary School, Agat library, Agat Youth Center, and Agat Senior Citizens Center. Attendees can then flag down either of the two vans the Mayor's Office plans to use for shuttling people to the festival.

For more information, go to www.mangofestivalgu.com.

Talofofu caves showcase Guam's natural beauty

By Jesse Leon Guerrero

Joint Region Edge Staff

Hikers and other outdoor enthusiasts can find many spots on Guam to satisfy their craving for exploration and natural beauty. Down south in Talofofu, there are rivers, waterfalls and beaches. The village also has several caves to visit.

The caves are near the intersection of Routes 4 and 4A. The intersection offers a scenic overlook of Talofofu Bay. From the intersection, head east uphill on 4A for about 100 meters. You'll see a small clearing with a Department of Parks and Recreation sign that says "Talofofu Caves." Follow the dirt path there up Asquiroya Hill.

The trip takes about 10 minutes of walking time and rises and descends through the jungle. The path does not offer a clear view of the area because of the dense jungle, but it is an easy walk when the weather is dry.

Along the way, take a look at the island's vegetation, which includes avocado, tangerine and papaya trees.

After about 500 feet, several small caves will appear along the left side of the limestone mountain. The first cave big enough to stand in will appear on the right. Sunlight does not penetrate deep enough to provide clear visibility into the cave, which has a dangerous drop of more than a dozen feet. Visitors should be approach with extreme caution.

Dave Lotz, president of the local hiking group Guam Boonie Stompers (GBS), said hikers should visit the other caves instead, several of which are further down and to the left of the path. Lotz said GBS usually visits a



Adventure: The entrance to a cave at Asquiroya Hill in Talofofu looms mouth-like off a dirt path in the village's jungle May 26. The back of the dark cavern presents a very dangerous sudden drop. A series of such caves sits by the intersection of Routes 4 and 4A, overlooking Talofofu Bay. (U.S. Navy photo by Jesse Leon Guerrero)

total of four caves, including one that is famous for having pictographs from ancient Chamorros.

"It's a unique feature of Guam, the geology and the history," Lotz said. "You just have to be safety conscious. So go with a group; people who are familiar with the place."

For a guided tour, sign up directly with GBS or check Navy Morale, Welfare and Recreation's Rec N' Crew, which offers a trip about once a month with GBS.

Talofofu Mayor Vicente Taitague said anyone interested in the caves can also give his office a call and arrange a hiking trip.

He said the caves are another example of all that his village has to offer.

"They can come by and we'll guide them on weekdays or weekends," Taitague said. "It'll be a nice hike up there to take some pictures and then come back down."

To sign up for a hike with GBS,

call 653-2897 or e-mail Dave Lotz at davelotz@ite.net.

For more information about MWR Rec N' Crew's hikes, call 564-1826 or visit them online at www.mwrguam.com.

To schedule a trip with the Talofofu Mayor's Office, call 789-1421.

FREE

Giant Chess Tourney

Test your skill in strategy at the Single Sailor Sanctuary June 7, 7-8 p.m. The event is open to active-duty single Sailors and geographical bachelors. For more information, call 564-2280.

Most Hilarious Pet Story Contest

Write a funny story about your pet and submit it with a picture of your pet to the Andersen Air Force Base Veterinary Clinic to enter their "Most

Hilarious Pet Story Contest." Contest continues through June 15. Prizes will be awarded. For more information, call 366-3205.



Chamorro Village

Take a free trip to Chamorro Village in Hagatna every Wednesday. Single Sailors and geo-

graphical bachelors can catch a shuttle at 6 p.m. at Single Sailor Sanctuary. Sailors at the Ordnance Annex can catch the shuttle

6:30 p.m. at Silver Dolphin. For more information, call 564-2280.

Free Golf Clinic

Learn the fundamentals of golf every Saturday and Sunday, 9-10 a.m. at Admiral Nimitz Golf Course in Barrigada. No need to register. For more information, call 344-5838.

Tarague Beach

Tarague Beach is currently open for swimming Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. During these days and times, swimming is authorized only in the designated marked swim-

ming area and only when a lifeguard is present. For more information, call 366-5197.

Story Time

The Andersen Air Force Base Library has story time every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. There will also be crafts and other fun activities. For more information, call 366-4291.

Bring the children for story time at the U.S. Naval Base Guam Library every Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. In addition to great stories, there will be crafts and other fun activities. For more information, call 564-1836.

UNDER \$10

Game Time Sports Grill

Meet at Outdoor Recreation on Andersen Air Force Base June 5. Departure time is 7:45 a.m. Cost is \$5 per person. Hike is open to ages 12 and older. For more information, call 366-5197.

Game Time Sports Grill

Begin or end your day with a delightful meal at Game Time

Sports Grill. The overlook of the golf course offers a relaxing atmosphere for breakfast, lunch or dinner. Breakfast specials are served daily ranging from \$4.50-\$5.50. Breakfast hours are 6-10:30 a.m.

Lunch specials are also served daily and are only \$6.95 with fountain soda. Lunch hours are 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Also enjoy 18 holes of golf and a lunch package available at the Pro Shop for \$46 per person. For more information, call 344-5838 or 734-2155.

On a Budget



\$10 AND UP

Kayak Dadi Beach

Join Rec N' Crew June 10 at 8:15 a.m. and kayak Dadi Beach. Kayaks are limited so register today. Registration deadline is June 9, 1 p.m. For more information, call 564-1826.

Deep Sea Fishing Trip

Outdoor Recreation on Andersen Air Force Base is offering a deep-sea fishing trip June 12, departing at 7 a.m. Cost is \$70 per person, with transportation and gear provided. Patrons can bring

snorkeling/swim gear. Seating is limited so sign-up soon. For more information, call 366-5197.

Orote Point Lanes Family Deal

Family Value Package at Orote Point Lanes available on the following days and times: Sunday, 10:30 a.m.-10 p.m.; Monday-Thursday 10:30 a.m.-6 p.m. and 9-10 p.m.; Friday and Saturday 10:30 a.m.-midnight. Cost is \$40 per lane with a limit of five people. Fee covers two hours of bowling, shoe rentals for five people, one large single-topping pizza and one pitcher of soda. For more information, call 564-1828.



FRIDAY, JUNE 4

7 p.m.: **The Losers** • PG-13

SATURDAY, JUNE 5

2 p.m.: **The Losers** • PG-13
7 p.m.: **Death at a Funeral** • R

SUNDAY, JUNE 6

7 p.m.: **Death at a Funeral** • 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, JUNE 4

7 p.m.: **Date Night** • PG-13
9:30 p.m.: **Hot Tub Time Machine** • R

SATURDAY, JUNE 5

1 p.m.: **Diary of a Wimpy Kid** • PG
3:30 p.m.: **The Backup Plan** • PG-13
7 p.m.: **Death at a Funeral** • R

SUNDAY, JUNE 6

1 p.m.: **The Last Song** • PG
3:30 p.m.: **The Losers** • PG-13
7 p.m.: **Kick Ass** • 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 mwrguam.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 programs, call the chapels at the following numbers:

Andersen Air Force Base

366-6139

Naval Base Guam

339-2126

Naval Hospital Guam

344-9127

Think before you speak out in anger

By Lt. James Rutan

U.S. Naval Base Guam

When I was a boy, my mother would always tell me, usually at the most inopportune times, to sweeten my words with honey.

Presumably they would be sweeter going down to others. As I grew older, I realized that she was trying to instill in me a biblical principle found in Proverbs 15:1, "A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger."

This lesson, along with all the others, has carried me far in this life and saved me a great deal of hurt feelings and quarrels along the way.

Being gentle with your words does not mean you are not forceful

with your words or even that you must be unclear about what outcome you desire in a given situation.



It simply means that you try to be courteous and kind in the way that you go about it. This can be a hard skill to master in the often austere military environment that Sailors, Airmen, and their

families operate in.

Each of us have, as leaders, barked an order or used stress and pressure to motivate our subordinates to get the job done. Perhaps that fact alone makes it all the more important that we be conscious about how we speak to one another.

When I am faced with a difficult person or a perplexing customer

service issue, I try to govern my conduct by the following rules:

First, never speak out of frustration. Often, from the well of the soul comes our emotional baggage when we find ourselves in a stressful encounter. We almost never offer the clearest communication when we are spewing out angry words. In the heat of the moment, we are inclined to overreact and say things that we would not like to have played back for us in front of our mothers!

Second, never wait until the last minute to take care of your important business. When you wait till the eleventh hour, you have no margin for error and the stakes become so high that you can't afford to walk away from a stressful situation.

If you could be objective in that moment (which is near impossible) you would realize that the clerk or service worker is not out to sabotage

you in your moment of desperation, they are just putting in their eight hours.

Third, put the shoe on the other foot. Think about the times in your life when you have been "chained" to a desk or standing on a guard point for eight hours. How much fun was that for you? It can be tedious and quite boring. You may be just one in a sea of angry faces that the clerk sees day in and day out.

Perhaps you may even find it in your heart to be a blessing to that person by offering them a word of understanding or encouragement.

I encourage all who are reading these words to take a moment to consider how you treat others, especially in prickly situations.

Proverbs 18:21 says, "The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit." In other words, what we say has the power to build people up or tear people down. Think before you speak!

Still Moments



MA2 Brennan: Master-at-Arms 2nd Class Steven Brennan receives an end of tour Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal from Captain Scott Galbreath, commanding officer of U.S. Naval Base Guam (NBG), at a ceremony at the NBG Security compound on May 17. Brennan was commended for his exemplary and highly professional manner and his superb law enforcement and leadership skills. (U.S. Navy photo by Annette Donner)



MA3 Brothman: Master-at-Arms 3rd Class John Brothman receives an end of tour Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal from Capt. Scott Galbreath, commanding officer of U.S. Naval Base Guam (NBG), at a ceremony at the NBG Security compound May 17. Brothman was commended for his anti-terrorism contributions and for his overall readiness and training level during his command of the NBG Harbor Patrol Sea Ark vessel. (U.S. Navy photo by Annette Donner)



MA2 Knight: Master-at-Arms 2nd Class (SW) Frankie Knight receives an end of tour Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal from Capt. Scott Galbreath, commanding officer of U.S. Naval Base Guam (NBG), at a ceremony at the NBG Security compound May 17. Knight was commended for his professional achievements while serving as a military working dog handler including the safe handling and accountability of all drug enforcement agency-registered drugs, as well as providing countless working dog demonstrations in the local community. (U.S. Navy photo by Annette Donner)



MASN O'Bryon: Master-at-Arms Seaman Sean O'Bryon receives an end-of-tour Letter of Appreciation from Capt. Scott Galbreath, commanding officer of U.S. Naval Base Guam (NBG), at a ceremony at the NBG Security compound May 17. O'Bryon was commended for his extensive contributions to force protection during large events, carrier strike group visits and to the overall success of NBG Security, which was Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet's best anti-terrorism shore program. (U.S. Navy photo by Annette Donner)

Sometimes when you lose, you win

By Senior Airman
Shane Dunaway
36th Wing Public Affairs

When I look back on my Air Force career, I've come to realize we are an evolving force with fitness seemingly at the forefront of everything we do.

Regrettably, my peak in my overall fitness level was when I graduated basic training in February 2005. At the time, I weighed in

at 160 pounds and had a 33-inch waist. Since that time, countless bad decisions when it comes to managing my fitness led me down a path of self-destruction.

Let's fast forward to March 2010. With a potentially life-changing hip surgery on the horizon, I was at my worst. I weighed 225 pounds and had a 41-inch waist. I had just failed my second PT test, my morale was in the gutter and my attitude was as unsatisfactory as

the excess pounds. I knew it was time for a change in my life, but I didn't necessarily know how to get there.

After my surgery, I made small changes to my diet since I was on convalescent leave and was unable to exercise. In a month, I saw a 15-pound decrease in my weight, but it wasn't enough to get me on the right track. It was time for drastic changes at that point.

Once I was off crutches and

medically cleared to exercise, with limitations documented in my profile, I began actively engaging workouts with a renewed vigor.

I also made significant changes in my diet, cutting out fried food and limiting calorie intake. I lost 10 more pounds, but fell a few points short on my third PT test.

Around the same time, the fitness center started advertising the Biggest Loser competition. I

sought out a partner and the team "Lighter and Brighter" was born. The lighter I become, the brighter my star will shine. In two weeks, I've lost four pounds, so I'm only 24 pounds away from my goal weight – 172 pounds.

My main desire for joining the Biggest Loser competition is to improve myself overall. It isn't just about saving my career and getting in better shape – it's about saving my own life.

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 join-regionedge@fe.navy.mil.

Ultimate Frisbee League

Intramural Ultimate Frisbee is being offered at the King Charles Gym. Registration deadline is June 15. For more information please call 564-1861.

Junior Golf Summer Program

Admiral Nimitz Golf Course will hold four summer sessions for youths, ages 6-17: June 30-July 2, July 14-July 16, July 27-July 29, and Aug. 4-6. All sessions will be 8-10:30 a.m. Cost is \$100 per session, which includes range balls and play fees. Register and pay at the Navy Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) main office or at Admiral Nimitz Golf Course. For more information call the golf course at 344-5838 or MWR at 564-1851.

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.

Base Championship Tournament

The annual Base Championship Golf Tournament will be held at the Palm Tree Golf Course June 12-13. Entry fee is \$40 for Palm Tree members and \$60 for nonmembers. There will be both a men's and women's division. Trophies will be awarded, and there will be plenty of great door prizes including roundtrip airfare to anywhere in Asia that Delta Airlines Flies. Entry deadline is May 12, so sign up soon or call 366-4653 for more information. No Federal endorsement of sponsor intended.

Junior Golf Summer Program

Palm Tree Golf Course is offering junior golf sessions July 12-16. The times are 9-9:45 a.m. for kids ages 6-9, and 10-10:45 a.m. for kids ages 10-13. The cost is \$50 per child for all five days. For more information, call 366-4653.