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## B-52s, F-22s arrive for missions

By Senior Airman Shane Dunaway

36th Wing Public Affairs

Six B-52 Stratofortresses from the 5th Bomb Wing, Minot Air Force Base, N.D., and 12 F-22 Raptors from the 1st Fighter Wing, Langley Air Force Base, Va., recently arrived on Andersen Air Force Base in support of the 36th Wing's Continuous Bomber Presence (CBP) and Theater Security Package missions.

More than 300 Airmen from both wings accompanied the aircrew and aircraft deployed here to support the wing mission of deterring potential adversaries and assuring allies within the Pacific area of responsibility.

"We've brought in Airman with many different specialties," said Maj. George Johnson, 36th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron commander. "The crew chiefs get a lot of the glory and the weapons loaders get some of it when it's time to load bombs. We've also brought in people to support our munitions squadron here and as well as Airmen to support every specialty we may need in terms of

providing scheduled and unscheduled maintenance."

The CBP has been a staple in Team Andersen's contingency playbook since 2004.

"Being here for the number of years we've been here demonstrates our commitment to this region and our resolve to take whatever actions we need to take to the enemy should it come to that," said Lt. Col. Mark Ely, 23rd Expeditionary Bomb Squadron commander. "The 23rd Expeditionary Bomb Squadron is fortunate to be a part of that and we're ready to execute any taskings that come our way."

The storied legacy of the B-52 combined with state-of-the-art features from the F-22 give the 36th Wing the ability to deliver ordnance on target and on time if the need arises.

"My job here is to support whatever contingency operations the PACOM commander designates," said Lt. Col. Pete Fesler, 27th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron commander. "By having the F-22s here on the island, I think the message we send is clear — we are prepared to deliver air dominance on demand."



Now Arriving: A B-52 aircraft arrives on Andersen Air Force Base (AFB) as part of the 23rd Expeditionary Bomb Squadron's (EBS) rotation of Andersen AFB's Continuous Bomber Presence (CBP) June 2. The CBP has been a staple in Team Andersen's contingency playbook since 2004. The recent arrival of the B-52s along with that of F-22s from the 1st Fighter Wing, Langley Air Force Base, Va. give the 36th Wing the ability to deliver ordnance on target and on time if the need arises (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Jeffrey Schultze)

## HSC-25 welcomes back home Detachment 6



By Oyaol Ngirairiki

Joint Region Edge Staff

Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron (HSC) 25 welcomed back Detachment 6 from a six-month deployment during a homecoming ceremony on Guam June 3.

Detachment 6 was embarked on USS Essex (LHD 2) and USS

Homecoming: Aviation Electronics Technician 2nd Class (SW) Joseph Topasna, Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron (HSC) 25, Detachment 6, is welcomed home from a six-month deployment by his family on Andersen Air Force Base on Guam June 3.

Harpers Ferry (LSD 49). The 33 returning Sailors assisted the Republic of Korea's salvage of the ROKS Cheonan, which sank March 26 in the Yellow Sea. The detachment flew more than 600 hours to complete more than 350 sorties, while providing search and rescue capabilities for the Navy ships' amphibious operations.

This was also the detachment's first mission flying the MH-60S — a HSC-25 helicopter modified to include a weapons system.

Chief Warrant Officer 3 David Harris, maintenance officer for Detachment 6, praised Sailors for their hard work.

"These maintenance professionals always kept a good attitude, kept

the helicopters flying and the detachment mission was an overall success," Harris said.

Lt. Cmdr. Dewon Chaney, HSC-25 acting executive officer, said the type of support they performed in South Korea enhances relations between the U.S. and allied forces and improves coordination for future missions.

"Our detachments not only portray positive images in the U.S. Navy, but we're also doing a lot of really great things—not only in the local community here, but in the international community," Chaney said. "This detachment in itself was a bunch of superstars. The detachment performed as expected."

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They were expected to perform really well and they did.”

Lt. Christopher Hines, a Detachment 6 pilot, said he is proud to have been a part of a great team.

“Just to be called upon and be able to do your mission and to do it well, that’s probably the most rewarding part of being in HSC-25, and, of course, being forward-deployed here on Guam,” he said. “Overall, 100 percent success.

I couldn’t see it going any smoother.”

HSC-25 is the Navy’s only forward-deployed MH-60S expeditionary squadron. As part of Helicopter Sea Combat Wing Pacific (HSCWINGPAC), it

provides an armed helicopter capability for 7th and 5th Fleets, as well as detachments to various commands covering a diverse mission set. It is also the Navy’s only squadron that maintains a 24-hour search and rescue and

medical evacuation alert posture directly supporting U.S. Coast Guard, Sector Guam and Joint Region Marianas.

For more information about HSC-25, visit their Web site at [www.hsc25.navy.mil](http://www.hsc25.navy.mil).



Arrival: Sailors from Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron (HSC) 25, Detachment 6, arrive on Andersen Air Force Base June 3 after a six-month deployment. Detachment 6 was embarked for six months on USS Essex (LHD 2) and USS Harpers Ferry (LSD 49). (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Corwin Colbert)



Homecoming: Aviation Electronics Technician 3rd Class (AW) Brian Knox, left, and Lt. Christopher Hines, right, both of Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron (HSC) 25, Detachment 6, are welcomed home by their spouses on Andersen Air Force Base June 3. Detachment 6 was embarked for six months on USS Essex (LHD 2) and USS Harpers Ferry (LSD 49). The 33 returning Sailors of the detachment assisted the Republic of Korea’s salvage of the ROKS Cheonan, which sank March 26 in the Yellow Sea. HSC-25 flew more than 600 hours to complete more than 350 sorties, while providing search and rescue capabilities for the Navy ships’ amphibious operations. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Corwin Colbert)

# USCGC Washington holds change of command

By Oyaol Ngirairiki

Joint Region Edge Staff

Lt. Dana Rupperecht relieved Lt. Cmdr. Nicholas Simmons as commanding officer of USCGC Washington (WPB-1331) during a change of command ceremony at the U.S. Coast Guard Sector Guam compound on U.S. Naval Base Guam June 4.

Simmons took command of the vessel and its 19-person crew in August 2008.

Guest speaker Capt. Thomas Sparks, Commander, U.S. Coast Guard Sector Guam, thanked Simmons for his service and praised him for his leadership.

"Nick, congratulations on a richly successful command," Sparks said. "You're a high flyer destined to advance to the highest levels of

our service."

Sparks presented Simmons with a Coast Guard Meritorious Unit Commendation for meritorious service from 2008-2010 in support of multi-mission operations throughout Sector Guam's vast area of responsibility, which includes the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zones (EEZ) surrounding Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern

Mariana Islands (CNMI) and an international search-and-rescue (SAR) area that includes the Republic of Palau and the Federated States of Micronesia.

Under Simmons' command, Washington's crew conducted over 400 hours of SAR, saving 10 lives as well as two commercial vessels. Additionally, Washington significantly enhanced safety and security of local waterways by conducting

over 100 boardings that resulted in 15 voyage terminations. In August 2009, Washington seized Te Hung Fa, a foreign fishing vessel that illegally fished inside the U.S. EEZ. The seizure resulted in a \$500,000 fine and served as a strong deterrent to others attempting to engage in illegal fishing around the CNMI.

Simmons is reporting to Department of Homeland Security in Washington D.C. as deputy military assistant to the Secretary of Homeland Security.

Simmons said he had mixed emotions about leaving the island.

"It was a fantastic tour," Simmons said. "I had a great time. I'm going to miss Guam, I'm going to miss the ship and the crew, but I'm really excited about moving on to my next challenge."

The incoming commanding officer said she was humbled to relieve Simmons.

"It's a huge honor and a huge privilege and it's a lot of responsibility," Rupperecht said. "I'm very excited."

Washington's newest commanding officer said she's looking forward to working with a highly professional group of Coast Guardsmen.

"They're a very enthusiastic and very capable group of individuals who are very dedicated to their job out here," Rupperecht said. "We're going to continue training and keeping everybody qualified to the highest extent possible and be a very strong search-and-rescue platform."

Rupperecht's most recent assignment was at Coast Guard Headquarters in the Office of International Affairs where she served as the international travel coordinator for

the commandant and vice commandant.

The Dayton, Md.-native had previously served aboard the Washington as executive officer in June, 2006 in Honolulu, Hawaii.

The USCGC Washington is the 31st of 49 Island-class cutters measuring 110 feet in length, that were built to replace the Coast Guard's 95-foot Cape-class patrol boat fleet in the late 1980s. As part of the 14th Coast Guard District team, Washington has been tasked with the varied missions of today's Coast Guard. With an operating range exceeding 2,000 nautical miles and the ability to operate at sustained speeds in excess of 28 knots, the vessel is an excellent platform to conduct search and rescue response; ports, waterways and coastal security operations; and the enforcement of the laws and treaties of the United States.



Changing of the Guard: Lt. Dana Rupperecht, left, relieves Lt. Cmdr. Nicholas Simmons, right, as commanding officer of USCGC Washington (WPB-1331) as Capt. Thomas Sparks, Commander, U.S. Coast Guard Sector Guam, stands by to welcome Rupperecht to her new command June 4. (U.S. Navy photo by Oyaol Ngirairiki)



Final Inspection: Lt. Cmdr. Nicholas Simmons inspects USCGC Washington (WPB-1331) crew members at the change of command ceremony during which he was relieved as commanding officer of Washington by Lt. Dana Rupperecht June 4. The ceremony took place at the U.S. Coast Guard Sector Guam compound on U.S. Naval Base Guam. (U.S. Navy photo by Oyaol Ngirairiki)



Above: Lt. Cmdr. Nicholas Simmons, outgoing commanding officer of USCGC Washington (WPB-1331), addresses crew members, friends and family members at the change of command ceremony during which he was relieved as commanding officer of the Washington by Lt. Dana Rupperecht June 4. (U.S. Navy photos by Oyaol Ngirairiki)



Left: Lt. Dana Rupperecht, left, the new commanding officer of USCGC Washington (WPB-1331), addresses audience members at the change of command ceremony at the U.S. Coast Guard Sector Guam compound on U.S. Naval Base Guam June 4. Rupperecht relieved Lt. Cmdr. Nicholas Simmons, right, who will be reporting to Department of Homeland Security in Washington, D.C. as deputy military assistant to the Secretary of Homeland Security. Capt. Thomas Sparks, center, Commander, U.S. Coast Guard Sector Guam, was the guest speaker at the ceremony.

# Airman goes extra mile for the 36th LRS

By Senior Airman Shane Dunaway

36th Wing Public Affairs

An Airman from the 36th Logistics Readiness Squadron (LRS) received 'Top Performer' honors following an outstanding performance during a Logistics Compliance Assessment Program inspection held in May.



Airman 1st Class Dakota Ferris, 36th LRS preventive maintenance technician, was selected by Master Sgt. Michael Schoenly, 36th LRS first sergeant, after he was recognized on the Logistics Compliance Assessment Team's 'Honor Roll' list.

Schoenly praised Ferris and his

work ethic. He said Ferris is active within the 36th LRS booster club and he praised the airman's initiative, citing a recent tow bar repair performed that saved the unit \$600.

During day-to-day operations, Ferris inspects and maintains one of the largest refueling fleets within Pacific Air Forces. The Pellston, Mich., native joined the Air Force in November 2008.

As a member of the booster club, Ferris manages funds used to host various morale events for LRS, including hails, farewells and holiday functions. He also represents his squadron as a member of the LRS flag football and golf teams.

Though still young in his Air Force career, Ferris finds plenty of

positives about his decision to become a member of the world's greatest air power.

"I like the fact the Air Force gives me some standards to live by," Ferris said. "The Air Force has provided me with a career and a clear path to succeed. I think since I'm an Airman living on my own for the first time, it has also given me some structure. Hard work pays off."

Maintaining Excellence: Airman 1st Class Dakota Ferris, a 36th Logistical Readiness Squadron (LRS) vehicle maintenance technician, performs vehicle checks on Andersen Air Force Base June 9. Ferris was recognized as a Top Performer by Master Sgt. Michael Schoenly 36th LRS first sergeant. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Jeffrey Schultze)



## Andersen AFB Airmen help clean up cliffside

Cliff Cleanup: Junior Air Force officers from Andersen Air Force Base's Company Grade Officer Council clean up trash at a local cliffline June 5. The 13 officers and several local residents picked up 890 pounds of scrap metal, 315 pounds of glass, 15 bags of plastic bottles, 55 pounds of aluminum cans, and 25 bags of trash. Approximately 75 percent, by weight, of all the materials were able to be recycled locally by the group. The officers plan to return to the site once a month to perform cleanup and preventive maintenance. Anyone interested in participating can contact 2nd Lt. James Elliott at 366-2520. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Mike Andriacco)



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# Officials announce plans for third DOS rollback

By Air Force Personnel Public Affairs

Air Force officials announced today plans for a third enlisted date of separation (DOS) rollback with a mandatory DOS of Aug. 31. This program is part of an overall effort by the Air Force to maintain a quality enlisted force and meet the congressionally mandated end strength.

Under the third DOS rollback, Airmen with fewer than 14 or more than 20 years of service must separate no later than Aug. 31 or retire no later than Sept. 1 if they possess a code preventing their re-enlistment.

Airmen separated or retired under the DOS rollback are authorized transition assistance benefits that include 180 days of extended medical care for themselves and their families and an ID card permitting base commissary and exchange privileges for two years.

Those separated with more than six years but less than 20 years total active service are eligible for one-half the amount of separation pay but must sign an Individual Ready Reserve agreement to serve for a minimum three years. Those declining to serve in the IRR will be ineligible for separation pay.

The Air Force will not recoup unearned portions of education assistance funds special pay, bonuses or other monetary incentives under the DOS Rollback Program. Additionally, most Post 9/11 GI Bill benefits will not be impacted; however, the transferability of benefits to dependents may be

affected. Airmen should consult their local education centers or the VA concerning transferability.

Airmen with more than 20 years of service who are affected by the DOS rollback must request a retirement date via the virtual Military Personnel Flight.

Air Force officials said the third enlisted DOS rollback will allow leaders to manage the force and strategically balance skills and abilities in the midst of a 15-year high for retention.

In November, officials announced plans to conduct an April 30 DOS rollback for enlisted members. A second rollback was announced in March with a mandatory DOS rollback of June 30. The third rollback will also accelerate the date of separation for Airmen based on their years of service and re-enlistment eligibility or assignment availability codes.

As with the June 30 rollback, AFPC officials said commanders are allowed to conduct early consideration under the Selective Re-enlistment Program for Airmen who possess select re-enlistment codes and meet the rollback program criteria. Any personnel actions by commanders must be accomplished before June 24, when the roster of Airmen affected will be pulled by the AFPC Separations Branch.

For more information visit the Air Force Personnel Center personnel services Web site and enter "DOS rollback" in the search engine or call the Total Force Service Center at (800) 525-0102 or DSN 665-5000.

# AFVs can help us reduce dependence on foreign oil

By Kevin D. Evans

Joint Region Marianas Energy Manager

What defines an alternative fueled vehicle (AFV)? There is some confusion and the simplest answer is that the answer depends on whether you are talking about alternative fuel or fuel reduction goals.

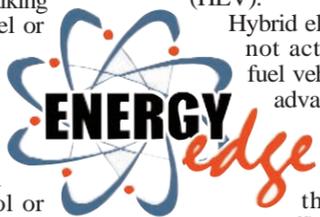
An alternative fuel vehicle is a vehicle that runs on a fuel other than "traditional" petroleum fuels such as petrol or diesel, like an electric car or a solar-powered vehicle.

With the tightening environmental mandates, particularly the recent Executive Order 13514, and the possibility of further restrictions on greenhouse gas emissions, work on alternative power systems for vehicles has become a high priority

for Department of Defense (DoD). In order to assist federal fuel reduction goals the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) of 2008 expands the definition of an alternative fuel vehicle to include hybrid electric motor vehicles (HEV).

Hybrid electric vehicles are not actually alternative fuel vehicles, but through advanced technologies in the electric battery and motor/generator, they make more efficient use of petroleum fuel, so you get more miles per gallon for a buck of gas.

So, whether you're buying an AFV for yourself or dealing with fuel reduction goals for DoD at work, AFV can mean slightly different things. They all help us reduce our dependence on foreign oil.



## 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.

### U.S. Naval Base Guam

Firefighter (Paramedic) Program Assistant, closes June 15

### Naval Hospital, Guam

Financial Technician, closes June 18

### NAVFAC Marianas, Guam

Energy and Water Conservation Manager, closes June 15

Civil Engineer, closes June 16

Interdisciplinary Position, closes June 16

Management Assistant, closes June 16

Supvy Engineering Technician, closes June 16

Mechanical Engineer, closes June 17

### 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](http://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](http://www.ig.navy.mil/av051510.htm)

The Selected Reserve (SELRES) spouse survey can be accessed at [www.ig.navy.mil/av051510res.htm](http://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](http://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.

### American Red Cross Baby Sitter Training

Learn the basics of first aid and rescue breathing at American

Red Cross Baby Sitter Training June 18, 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Participants must be at least 11 years old. For the location and to register, call the Fleet and Family Support Center at 333-2056.

### CONSEP Workshop

The Fleet and Family Support Center will hold Career Options and Navy Skills Evaluation Program (CONSEP) June 21-24, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. CONSEP is a four-day course designed to assist active-duty service members in achieving Navy and future civilian career goals. To register, call 333-2056.

### 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.

# Ground crew keeps B-52s ready to fly

On the Ground: The ground crew of the 23rd Expeditionary Bomb Squadron, deployed to Andersen Air Force Base (AFB) from Minot Air Force Base, N.D., is the backbone of the bomber squadron's mission. They are highly proficient craftsmen that perform a myriad of tasks related to the B-52 aircraft. On June 2, they were performing post-

landing maintenance checks, gathering a landing parachute and parking the aircraft post flight. Often unheralded in their work, they are the men and women that keep the B-52's in flight and on schedule during their stay at Andersen AFB and back at their home station in North Dakota. The 23rd EBS is at Andersen AFB for their cycle of

the Continuous Bomber Presence that is the cornerstone of the Andersen AFB mission. The members of the squadron take great pride in their aircraft and put safety and consistency at the forefront of their priorities day in and day out. (U.S. Air Force photos by Airman 1st Class Jeffrey Schultze)



# Visiting Sailors and Marines serve Guam

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

Sailors and Marines from USS Dubuque (LPD-8) and 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit (15th MEU) were eager to serve the Guam community at two community service projects on the island June 3.

More than a dozen service members visited the Yona/Talofof Senior Citizens Center in Talofof, where they had the opportunity to converse, eat, play music, and even dance with local seniors.

Lt. Cmdr. Mike Foskett, the chaplain for the ship, said that his command and the entire Navy are fully dedicated to fostering good relations with local communities, wherever Sailors and Marines travel.

"This is the essence of the Navy and the Marine Corps," he said. "The individual Sailor and Marine that joins to make a difference and they want to get out and interact with the community. I hope that's the message [the seniors] get."

Foskett added that community service projects performed while in foreign ports are a great opportunity for Sailors and Marines to absorb local culture and get a better understanding of the world.

"One of the reasons they joined the service was to see the world and experience different cultures," he said. "So I think that community service projects are so important for widening their horizons."

The Sailors and Marines agreed with the chaplain, and said that they were eager to learn from people who were so rich in culture and had experienced so much during their long lives.

"I saw an opportunity to get to know the people on the island, explore, and meet new people and see new faces," said Boatswain's Mate Seaman Francisco Vazquez.

The seniors were also excited and eager to interact with the servicemen.

"They were enthused and excited to have people from the mainland, on Navy ships, visiting the island and to bring them out here to mingle and share stories," said Johnny Afaisan, the center manager.

Rosa Rayes-Newby, whose husband was a retired Navy chief, told the Sailors and Marines that they brightened her day, and that she appreciated their visit.

"I enjoy having you guys over here at the center," said Rayes-Newby. "We are having fun this afternoon."

As they mingled, they found out that they had things in common with the elders, and that the seniors had led interesting lives.

"I'm already playing the ukulele with someone," Vazquez said. "He's teaching me some of the chords, and I'm teaching him some of my



Animal Care: Machinist's Mate Fireman (SW) Edward Burgos of USS Dubuque (LPD-8) gives an orphaned dog some love during a community service project at Guam Animals In Need (GAIN) shelter in Yigo June 3. The Sailors and Marines cleaned out kennels, fed the animals and took them out of their kennels for some exercise. The visit to GAIN was one of three outreach projects the service members participated in while on a port visit to Guam. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Corwin Colbert)

stuff. Cool."

"I was just talking to one of the seniors, and she was telling me what it was like back in the war," Foskett said. "That's just unbelievable!"

The visiting servicemen said that they hoped the seniors enjoyed the visit and realize that there are people thinking about them and caring for them.

"I hope that at the end of the day they had a great experience and that we hopefully made their day better," Vazquez said. "And that they know that there are people really caring out there."

Sailors and Marines were also on hand to help feed and care for abandoned animals at Guam Animals In Need (GAIN) in Yigo.

As a nonprofit organization, GAIN relies on help from volunteers to help them care for animals housed at the shelter. Currently, more than 130 dogs, cats, rabbits and other animals call GAIN home.

The Sailors and Marines cleaned out kennels, fed the animals and took them out of their kennels for some exercise.

Cpl. Nicholas Turner, of the 1st Battalion, 4th Marines, 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), said the volunteer effort at GAIN was a great way for Sailors and Marines to reciprocate the hospitality they've received, as well as enjoy Guam's tropical weather.

"We came here as a joint force of Marines and Sailors to give back to the community; basically spend some time cleaning kennels (and) taking care of animals," he said. "As Sailors and Marines we keep very busy with active training schedules and it's nice to be able to find time to be able to do something different."

Turner said it's important for service members to take an active role in the community.

"I think not only just as people helping other people or helping



A Spin on the Dance Floor: Boatswain's Mate Seaman Francisco Vazquez, of USS Dubuque (LPD-8), practices his two-step with a local senior citizen during a community service project at the Yona/Talofof Senior Citizens Center in Talofof, June 3. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Peter Lewis)



Music Lesson: David Atoigue, a local senior citizen, teaches Lt. Cmdr. Mike Foskett, chaplain of USS Dubuque (LPD-8), a few chords on the ukulele, during a community service project at the Yona/Talofof Senior Citizens Center in Talofof June 3. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Peter Lewis)

animals, I think it's also important that people see — civilians see — that the military is about more than just the ability to fight and to defend the country," he said. "We do care about other issues and we do want to spend our time being well rounded basically in the community."

Machinist's Mate Fireman (SW) Edward Burgos said he enjoys helping others and volunteering at GAIN seemed like a good opportunity to give back to the community.

"It's good for the blue/green team, and the military in general, when you go out and do something positive wherever you go," Burgos said.

Cpl. Jason Leavitt, 1st Battalion 4th Marines 15th MEU, said he volunteers at various community events and organizations, such as GAIN, since he joined the Marines as a way to say "Thank you" to the communities that support him and his fellow brothers- and sisters-at-arms.

"From personal experience the

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communities helped me out a lot," he said. "This is a good way for Sailors and Marines to give back to them."

The mission of the MEU is to provide geographic combatant commanders with a forward-deployed, rapid-response force capable of conducting conventional amphibious and selected maritime special operations at night or under adverse weather conditions from the sea, by surface and/or by air while under communications and electronics restrictions.

Dubuque, homeported in San Diego, is part of the USS Peleliu Expeditionary Strike Group and is deployed to the U.S. 7th Fleet area of responsibility.

# 15th MEU reaches out to Guam community

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

Joint Region Edge Staff

Twenty Marines and Sailors from the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), attached to USS Peleliu (LHA 5), visited a children's summer camp in the village of Dededo, Guam June 7.

The children were taking part in

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the Dededo Mayor's Drug-Free Summer Program that focuses on giving kids alternatives to using alcohol, tobacco and drugs.

The unit sought to promote an active and healthy lifestyle by

participating in sports activities and games with the children during the event.

"Whenever we have port visits, it's important to get out in the community and give something back," said Cmdr. David Schilling, chaplain of the unit. "Being a Marine unit, we all work out pretty frequently, and we think that good health and fitness is something we could come out and share with the kids."

According to Joanne Cepeda, the

summer camp's program and event coordinator, the children were very excited to have military members come out to exercise with them.

"They were thrilled when I told them that this event was going to occur," Cepeda said. "They have been very enthusiastic and energized while playing with the Sailors and Marines. I have never seen them so excited to exercise!"

The children took part in a variety of activities to include basketball,

soccer, races, kickball and an obstacle course. The kids also had the opportunity to learn about the different jobs held by the Marines and Sailors in the unit.

"I really enjoyed interacting with these kids," said Sgt. Abel Pequeno. "I think they had a lot of fun and learned a lot from us. Hopefully, they continue with a healthy lifestyle, and maybe one day, some of these kids will be future Marines or Sailors."



Kickball: Sgt. Abel Pequeno, of the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit, currently attached to USS Peleliu (LHA 5), watches as a child kicks the ball during a kickball game during a community service project at the Astumbo Gym in Dededo, Guam, June 7. Twenty Sailors and Marines from the unit sought to promote an active and healthy lifestyle by participating in sports activities and games with the children during the event. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Peter Lewis)



Warming Up: Marines and Sailors of the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit, currently attached to USS Peleliu (LHA 5), perform warm-up exercises with children of the Dededo Mayor's Drug-Free Summer Program during a community service project at the Astumbo Gym in Dededo, Guam, June 7. (SW) Peter Lewis)



Playing Around: Sgt. Nora Hudson, of the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit, currently attached to USS Peleliu (LHA 5), plays with two little girls during a community service project at the Astumbo Gym in Dededo, Guam, June 7. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Peter Lewis)



Up for the Shot: Marines from the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit, currently attached to USS Peleliu (LHA 5), watch as a child goes for two points during a community service project at the Astumbo Gym in Dededo, Guam, June 7. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Peter Lewis)

# Sailors and Marines spread joy



Dance Moves: Marine Staff Sgt. Matthew Wendt, of the 1st Battalion, 4th Marines, 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit attached to USS Dubuque (LPD-8), spins his dance partner, a local senior citizen, during a community service project at the Yona/Talofofo Senior Citizens Center in Talofofo June 3. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Peter Lewis)



Getting a Little Closer: Culinary Specialist Seaman DaMontrae Butler, of USS Dubuque (LPD-8), gets a dance lesson from a local senior citizen during a community service project at the Yona/Talofofo Senior Citizens Center in Talofofo June 3. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Peter Lewis)



PT: Lance Cpl. Tim Warren, left, and Lance Cpl. Robert King, both of the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit, currently attached to USS Peleliu (LHA 5), perform push-ups with a child during a community service project at the Astumbo Gym in Dededo June 7. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Peter Lewis)



Walking the Dogs: Marines of the 1st Battalion, 4th Marines, 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) attached to USS Dubuque (LPD-8), have a little fun with some orphaned dogs at the Guam Animals In Need (GAIN) shelter in Yigo June 3. The Sailors and Marines cleaned out kennels, fed the animals and took them out of their kennels for some exercise. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Corwin Colbert)



Strike: Lance Cpl. Rudolfo Barrera, of the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit, currently attached to USS Peleliu (LHA 5), attempts to block a child's goal attempt during a community service project at the Astumbo Gym in Dededo June 7. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Peter Lewis)



Friendly Conversation: Information Systems Technician Seaman Terrell Walker, of USS Dubuque (LPD-8), enjoys a conversation with an elderly citizen during a community service project at the Yona/Talofofo Senior Citizens Center in Talofofo June 3. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Peter Lewis)

# McCool students tour water, wastewater plants

By Oyaol Ngirairiki

Joint Region Edge Staff

Commander William C. McCool Elementary/Middle School students learned how clean water gets to homes and how wastewater is properly treated during a field trip to the U.S. Naval Base Guam (NBG) water and wastewater treatment plants June 4.

Students were separated into two groups of about 25. The two groups took turns visiting the Navy water treatment plant in Agat and the wastewater treatment plant on base.

Capt. Peter Lynch, commanding officer of U.S. Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Marianas, helped lead the tours. He said the field trip helped promote two things among the youth, interest in technical sciences and developing their environmental conscience.

"As the regional engineer, I want to promote the sciences," Lynch said. "I think one of the things America needs to focus on is our innovation. It's what gives us the edge over the global marketplace."

Lynch said NAVFAC and the Navy as a whole have environmental management programs that aim to conserve, protect and restore the environment and natural resources for future generations. The field trip is one way to teach those goals to younger generations.

"The hope is they will continue to develop good habits and influence their parents and their communities to think more about what they can do as individuals to preserve our island and our nation's resources,"



Tour: Capt. Peter Lynch, U.S. Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Marianas commanding officer, talks to Commander William C. McCool Elementary/Middle School students about the process of cleaning wastewater during a field trip to the U.S. Naval Base Guam wastewater treatment plant June 4. NAVFAC Marianas and base operations contractor DZSP 21 gave students a tour of water and wastewater treatment facilities. (U.S. Navy photo by Oyaol Ngirairiki)

Lynch said.

Gina Gonzalez, a McCool eighth-grade teacher, said she hopes her students understand the practical applications of science and math in the real world.

"In the classroom, we teach the kids about chemistry, environmental

science; we teach them geometry and algebra," she said. "This field trip is a way for them to see that what they're learning has a purpose. Here they can see how chemistry is used to test and purify our drinking water. They can see how engineers built the tanks, how scientists

devised a way to use algae and how even the sun plays a role in cleaning wastewater."

Gonzalez noted students will also have a better understanding of the delicate relationship between people and the environment. The school has various programs that

aim to teach students how to help keep the environment clean through recycling and reducing trash.

"Seeing how water, which is such an important resource, is treated and recycled -- going from the environment, to us, and back to the environment -- will help bring them to another level thinking green," Gonzalez said.

Richard Camacho, an eighth-grade student, said he enjoyed learning about water treatment.

"It's really interesting, because I guess when you're in school you're not really thinking about why studying is so important," Camacho said. "But the way Capt. Lynch and all these people are talking about using math to figure out the water pressure and using chemicals to balance out the minerals in the water so we can drink it helps to explain how we can use what we're learning now to become scientists. Maybe one day I or one of my classmates will be the engineer that invents a better system to clean the wastewater."

NAVFAC Marianas' mission includes overseeing utilities services, such as electricity, water, steam, air, and wastewater treatment; maintenance and operation of a large fleet of cars, trucks and heavy equipment, engineering services, an array of contracting capabilities for services and construction, real-estate and environmental assistance to include lab services to its Navy, Air Force and other Department of Defense clients.

To learn more about NAVFAC Marianas, visit their Web site at [portal.navfac.navy.mil](http://portal.navfac.navy.mil).

# How do you and your family maintain a healthy lifestyle?

The military encourages a culture of fitness to sustain mission readiness and year-round health and well-being. Joint Region Edge asked service members what they and their family do to maintain a healthy lifestyle.



**“Command-wise, for us Sailors, we do PT three times a week, and in my off-time, I’ll go to the gym and go run. Me and my wife will go run in the evening time around the housing here. My wife goes to the gym. She has signed up for some aerobic classes up there, and they’ve got some yoga classes. It’s pretty good stuff that the Navy is doing for us.”**  
 — Boatswain’s Mate 3rd Class (SW/AW) Bhim Koirala, USS Frank Cable (AS 40)



**“We just buy our own food from the market. We switched from white rice to brown rice. Here in Guam, every weekend there are 5K races on Saturdays, bike races on Sundays, and even triathlons. I bring my family there, even though they are just going to be running really slow. I take them with me to introduce them to the sports. Pretty much active living — that’s what we do.”**  
 — Hospital Corpsman 1st Class (FMF) Rufino Vegamora, USS Frank Cable (AS 40)



**“Consistent workout schedule. Eat pretty healthy. Do a lot of swimming and biking. Eat salads low on the carbs.”**  
 — Airman 1st Class Anthony Dwaine Tucker, 36th Comptroller Squadron



**“Go to the gym everyday as part of shop PT. We lift weights, do various exercises, and squadron PT where we run three miles.”**  
 — Airman 1st Class Christopher Michael De la Torre, 36th Comptroller Squadron

## Start your summer commitment to become smoke-free

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

Joint Region Edge Staff

This summer, smokers can make that important commitment to quit smoking and live a healthier lifestyle.

Luis Martinez, director of U.S. Naval Hospital Guam’s Health Promotion/Wellness Division and the tobacco cessation instructor, said those that commit can “kick the butt” this summer faster than they think.

“One can quit smoking in a short length of time, depending on what methods are chosen to do so,” Martinez said.

U.S. Naval Hospital Guam will offer several methods of quitting tobacco use via smoking cessation classes throughout the summer.

“U.S. Naval Hospital Guam is committed to providing quality tobacco cessation services to its beneficiaries,” Martinez said. “Classes are offered on the first and third Tuesday of the month from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. There are a total of four sessions in each class.”

Whether it is cold turkey,

cut-down to quit, pharmacological, or self-help, the classes will help service members and family members to cease the bad habit. The classes are also designed to help smokers develop coping skills to handle the psychological and physical side effects of smoking cessation.

Martinez said people who take the class will also be educated about the various tobacco cessation medications that are available and how to obtain them.

“TRICARE beneficiaries and VA members can usually obtain the nicotine patch or gum by taking the

class,” he said, adding that an appointment must be made with one’s primary care manager for various pills that can help smokers quit.

The program emphasizes the positives of the smoking cessation experience, reasons to quit, and benefits of quitting, while exploring the very real, unpleasant feelings that are a part of beating the addiction and habit of tobacco use.

“The hardest part about quitting is emotionally abandoning one’s relationship with tobacco use,” he said. “This means getting to a place in one’s mind and heart where one

will never again want to use tobacco to deal with any situation, no matter how stressful or difficult that situation might be.”

Martinez said that it’s always a good time to quit smoking or any form of tobacco use, regardless of the time of year.

“The health consequences of smoking are so serious that quitting now is always better than later,” he said.

For more information on cessations or to schedule or inquire about individual tobacco cessation counseling and over-the-phone help, call 344-9124.

# Air Force Web site offers legal assistance

By Armed Forces News Service

Next time clients need a will, power of attorney or just have a legal question, they can visit the new Air Force Legal Assistance Web site at <https://aflegalassistance.law.af.mil>. The website is designed for active-duty and reserve component members, retirees and dependents.

Officials created the Web site to increase efficiency and track client satisfaction with the Air Force legal assistance program. Because it is a public site, clients may access the site's features from the comfort

of their homes without a common access card.

The site's features include:

--Legal topics: Short papers on common legal-assistance topics such as wills and family law issues. It also contains links to other helpful sites.

--Legal worksheets: Access to online questionnaires for wills, living wills and powers of attorney. After completing the online worksheet, the Web site provides each client a unique "ticket number." Data entered by clients is secure and may be accessed only after clients

visit their local legal office and provide their ticket numbers to legal office officials.

--Online survey: Following a visit to the legal office, clients are encouraged to provide feedback concerning the professionalism and helpfulness of our legal professionals.

Many clients have visited a legal office to obtain a will or other legal document and realized, after arriving, that they needed to gather more information or documents from home. Sometimes clients have realized they needed to speak with their spouse about an issue.

Completing an online worksheet will help minimize these multiple visits. By filling out an online worksheet, clients will be able to consider critical issues prior to visiting the legal office.

After receiving a ticket number, clients bring it to the legal office. An attorney or paralegal will then access a client's data with the ticket number and prepare the appropriate legal documents.

While the Web site increases convenience for clients, everyone should note the following:

--Information on the Web site is

for educational and informational purposes only. The Web site cannot replace consultation with your local Judge Advocate General, and Airmen should never rely solely on the Web site when making decisions.

--Clients will not have the ability to print a legal document from the Web site. Clients will need to visit the legal office and provide their ticket numbers in order to obtain their legal documents.

--The Web site is designed for client convenience, but no one is required to use the Web site prior to visiting the legal office.

## MyAirForceLife.com holding photography competition

By Maj. Belinda Petersen

Air Force Services Agency Public Affairs

Air Force Services Agency officials are accepting photograph entries on [myairforcelife.com](http://myairforcelife.com), now through July 4, as part of the Year of the Air Force Family.

This is an opportunity for Airmen and eligible patrons of Air Force morale, welfare, and recreation programs to express through their photos what Air Force life means to them. Eligible family members ages 12 - 17 years can compete in the youth category.

"We are really looking forward to seeing how our youth depict their

Air Force life through photography," said Carol Sudy, marketing specialist at the Air Force Services Agency.

Contestants may submit up to three photos. Click here for submission guidelines.

Once uploaded, visitors to the site can vote for their favorite photos. Entries with the highest number of votes will become finalists. The earlier a photo is submitted, the more time it can rack up votes.

Even though online voting will determine the finalists, the final winner selection will be made by professional photographers.

One winner in each category (youth and adult) will receive a

Nikon D90 camera package including a Nikon SB-900 flash, Manfrotto tripod, SanDisk 4GB card, and battery charger, valued at \$2,000. Furthermore, the adult winner will receive a one-hour mentoring Skype session with Ansen Seale, a professional photographer.

Last year, Air Force Services Agency officials launched MyAirForceLife.com to help Airmen and their families stay connected, informed and engaged in programs as part of the Year of the Air Force Family.

"To date, we have awarded over 492 prizes, including Apple Macbook computers, Flip Video

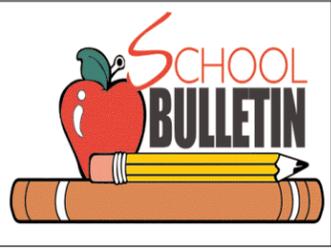
cameras, Sony eBook Readers, iPods, Acer netbooks, and more," said Ms. Debbie Kames, Air Force Services Agency spokeswoman. "A list of winners can be found on the site. For each competition, we add new prizes. During the photograph competition, those who register on the site are eligible to win a Nikon Cool Pix S70 digital camera and iTunes cards."

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 period to recognize the sacrifices and contributions of the

diverse Air Force family including active duty, Reserves, Air National Guard, single Airmen, civilians, spouses, children, retirees, and community partners.

"Taking care of families is a solemn promise we make to each Airman and family member," said Secretary Donley. "Sense of community is a cultural trademark of the Air Force, and we will seek ways to nurture it as part of the larger 'Year of the Air Force Family' effort."

To find details on the competitions and to enter, Airmen and eligible patrons of Air Force MWR programs can log on to <http://www.myairforcelife.com>.



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

- 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.
- CLEP General, CLEP Subject and DANTES (DSST) Examinations are now computer-based. Testing is free to active-duty military personnel. Dependents will have to pay minimal fee on a space-available basis. To make an appointment, contact University of Maryland (UMUC) at 339-2263.

### Navy Home School Support Group

Navy Home School Support Group is an 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 Duplissey at 564-3360.

### DoDEA

Last day of classes is June 17.

### Andersen Middle 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, send an e-mail to [amsptso@yahoo.com](mailto:amsptso@yahoo.com).

### Phone Numbers

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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

# Base libraries offer 'Voyage to Book Island'

By Oyaol Ngirairiki

Joint Region Edge Staff

Libraries at Andersen Air Force Base (AFB) and U.S. Naval Base Guam (NBG) have summer reading programs that will help keep minds active this summer.

The summer reading programs, both themed "Voyage to Book Island," have started registration.

Jessica Carbon, librarian at NBG Library, said the summer reading program is about getting the community to develop a continuous love of reading even during the summertime.

"The goal is to encourage everyone, especially the kids and the whole family, to read over the summer by offering free prizes and fun activities to all who participate," Carbon said.

The NBG program is open to eligible patrons of all ages. Registration for the reading program continues through June 30. Upon registration, participants will receive reading logs, which are due July 16. An awards ceremony will be held July 28 at 4 p.m. at the library. All participants will receive a gift and the participants in each age group who read the most books will receive special prizes.

"It is important to hold summer reading programs because it helps the children learn, grow and develop holistically while outside the regular school time," Carbon said. "Summer reading not only enhances the kids' intellectual growth but their social growth, as well, since the program is welcome to all age groups not only in their age level."

Carbon said research shows that kids actually lose important reading skills when they don't read over the summer. Kids can easily avoid these learning losses by just reading books they love while on summer vacation.



Summer Reading: Sarah Gannon, an Air Force spouse, and her daughter read a book at the Andersen Air Force Base (AFB) Library June 3. The AFB Library and the U.S. Naval Base Guam Library are hosting reading programs during the summer months to help promote literacy. (U.S. Navy photo by Oyaol Ngirairiki)

Geneffer Raigelig, senior library technician, said the summer reading program at Andersen AFB is for youth ages 5-12. It aims to help young readers understand that reading "is an adventure."

"When you open the pages of a book, you can take a voyage to new worlds or learn new things about the world you're living in today," she said. "It's amazing how much your mind and imagination can grow when you read."

She said the sense of adventure and fun are also reflected in the weekly activities that will be held as part of the sum.

Those interested can register at Andersen AFB Library until June 12. Raigelig said if patrons miss the deadline they may still be able to join the program, depending on the number of registrants. Upon registration, participants will receive a log book and a T-shirt with the program logo.

The program will run from June 21-July 26. Each Monday, the program will have a reading activity. Activities will start at 2:30 p.m. for readers ages 5-8, and at 3:30 p.m. for readers ages 9-12. Participants who attend will submit their reading logs for the week, and while

everyone will get a gift, those with the most books logged in their age groups, will get a special prize.

Wanda Thompson, Andersen AFB Library activity coordinator, said she hopes participants will see how much they're learning each week.

"Reading helps you learn about the world around you, and if we can get our kids to understand that and to appreciate how much knowledge is available to them right here, then we've done our job," she said.

For more information, call the Andersen AFB library at 366-4291 and the NBG Library at 564-1836.

# DEFY camp soon to be open for registration

By Oyaol Ngirairiki

Joint Region Edge Staff

Drug Education For Youth (DEFY) is preparing for another summer of fun and education with its 2010 summer camp.

The free camp targets children ages 9-12 and is open to children of military and Department of Defense civilian personnel. Registration is scheduled for June 14-July 16. Forms are available at U.S. Naval Base Guam (NBG) Chapel and the DEFY Web site at [www.donhq.navy.mil/defy/](http://www.donhq.navy.mil/defy/). The eight-day program is scheduled for July 26-Aug. 6.

During the camp, participants will have classroom lessons at U.S. Naval Base Guam Chapel about how to avoid drugs, participate in role-playing, and enjoy field trips.

"In the classroom, they'll learn about the dangers of drugs and alcohol and how they have a negative impact on your body and mind," said program director Senior Chief Equipment (SW) Joseph George, of 30th Naval Construction Regiment. "Then we'll take it outside where we will do activities to reinforce those lessons, but also get a little bit of physical activity and fresh air."

DEFY is a two-phase program that aims to teach youth the skills they need to say "no" to drugs and alcohol. Phase one of the program is the camp. Phase two of the program starts with the new school year. Throughout the year, DEFY volunteers meet with participants once a month for discussions and activities that build self-image, leadership, teamwork and more.

## Camp DEFY

The Drug Education For Youth (DEFY) program was established in 1993 by the Navy's Drug Demand Reduction Task Force. Fully integrated with the President's National Drug Control Strategy, and fully funded through the Office of the Secretary of Defense, DEFY has been the Navy's cornerstone for drug-demand reduction for dependent youth. It provides drug education, conflict resolution and team-building exercises and leadership development to youth ages of 9-12. U.S. Naval Base Guam's DEFY summer camp is an eight-day program that is scheduled for July 26-Aug. 6. For more information, call 339-2126 or 355-5113.



Summer Fun: Religious Program Specialist 2nd Class (SW/AW) Andy Gomez, center, of U.S. Naval Base Guam (NBG), poses for a picture with students during the Drug Education for Youth (DEFY) summer camp at the NBG chapel August 2009. (Photo courtesy of Ensign Michael Bowles)

"The program focuses on building youths' self-image, which is really important because the more confident you are, the less likely it is you'll give in to peers who want to pressure you into doing something that may harm you," George said.

"The program also stresses interpersonal relations, and raises awareness of the harmful effects of alcohol and other drugs, as well as the

dangerous effects of peer pressure to join gangs," he said. "We talk about gangs, drugs and provide them with the education to make positive and healthy life choices."

Educators and health-care professionals have noted that the preteen and teenage years can be difficult to navigate. George said children ages 9-12, who are typically in fourth-sixth grade, are going

through several transitions on physical, emotional and social levels.

"We want to show them to say 'No' to peer pressure and make their own choices, positive life choices so they can grow up to be contributing members or our community," he said.

The program is open for registration for volunteers and camp participants. George said the program

relies on volunteers who are screened and go through training.

"It's a great way for us service members to get involved in the community, and really make an impact in the lives of our youth," he said.

Staff applications are due June 25 and are available at NBG Chapel. To do your part in building up a strong, new generation, call 355-5113.

## Andersen AFB offers programs to keep kids happy this summer

By Airman Whitney Amstutz

36th Wing Public Affairs

It's mid-afternoon. A gentle breeze drifts across the lawn, carrying with it the sound of laughter in the distance. The familiar scent of the neighbor's chlorine pool mingles with the smell of freshly cut grass, and it's unmistakable: summer is here. There are smiling faces around every corner and children and teens alike unite to celebrate another school year drawing to a close.

However, for one group of people, summer can be a stressful

time. It is a well-known fact that a parent's work is never done, and finding a reliable baby sitter for children is often harder than it seems.

Here at Andersen Air Force Base, this is a problem of the past. Both the Youth Center and the Chapel are providing programs to educate and entertain children during the hectic summer months.

Diana Leon Guerrero, the office automation clerk at the Andersen Youth Center, is looking forward to the upcoming summer camps being offered by the Youth Center.

"There are so many programs for

the children to participate in," said Guerrero. "No matter what you are interested in, there is a camp for you."

There are a variety of programs for children of all ages. Camp hours make it easy for parents to drop off and pick up children without the stress of being late for work, said Guerrero.

In addition to being a great alternative to paying for babysitting services, summer camp can be a great way for children to make new friends and explore interests.

"So many kids participate in the summer camps," Guerrero said. "By

the end of the summer, all of the children have made new friends and are looking forward to the new year."

In similar fashion, the Chapel will be having Catholic and Protestant Vacation Bible School (VBS) in the upcoming months.

Staff Sgt. Sean Finley, a chaplain's assistant at Chapel II here, is optimistic about the turnout for VBS this year.

"We are expecting to have a good group of kids this summer," said Finley. "Vacation Bible School is a great alternative to having a baby sitter during work hours and the kids

love it."

Many parents opt for their children to attend VBS, said Finley.

"It is a fun way for kids to learn about the Bible and reinforce the values and beliefs their parents have taught them," he said. "They are learning and loving it."

School's end no longer has to mean added stress for parents. Thanks to these summer programs, both children and parents can take joy in the sounding of the last dismissal bell. Summer can once again be a time to soak up the sun and catch up on some much needed rest and relaxation.

# The story of Quipuha, chief of Hagatna

By Jesse Leon Guerrero

Joint Region Edge Staff

Chief Quipuha, also spelled as Kepuha, established his place in history through actions that happened hundreds of years ago, but still impact the people of Guam.

As the highest ranking male known as a "maga'lahi," Quipuha welcomed Spanish explorers and religious officials to his village of Hagatna when they visited the island in 1668. The Spanish had established contact with Chamorros as early as 1521 when Ferdinand Magellan landed in Umatac Bay with three ships, but Quipuha's encounter involved not only soldiers but also Jesuit missionaries.

Father Diego Luis de San Vitores lead the religious group as they attempted to make Roman Catholic converts of the island's native people. Quipuha accepted the new religion in his own life and was baptized by San Vitores. Quipuha's new title of Don Juan Quipuha effectively made him Guam's first Catholic Chamorro chief.

Quipuha showed even more support of the Spanish when he granted them a plot of land in Hagatna, which was used to establish the first Catholic church on the island. This church, named Dulce Nombre de Maria or Sweet Name of Mary, opened Feb. 2, 1669.

Quipuha died that same year and his death proved another turning

point for the Chamorros. To recognize Catholicism's legitimacy on Guam, San Vitores insisted Quipuha's body receive funeral ceremonies according to Catholic practices and be laid to rest at the church. Since this was in opposition to Quipuha's families' wishes that Quipuha be buried with his ancestors in a cave, San Vitores' decision angered many Chamorros.

The relationship between the Spanish and communities of Chamorros began to deteriorate and violent battles between the two groups culminated in the Chamorro-Spanish War from 1671-1698. As for San Vitores, he was killed by two other chiefs named Matapang and Hurao in 1672.

The conflict between the Chamorro people and the Spanish eventually ended and Catholicism has since played a prominent role in the development of Guam and its people. Quipuha's donation of land is still a significant moment in time for Chamorros, as the Dulce Nombre de Maria features masses and celebrations sponsored and hosted by Guam's only Catholic archbishop.

In honor of Quipuha, an 11-foot tall statue of him stands in the center of a flower-filled park by the Paseo de Susana in Hagatna. The statue overlooks one of Guam's busiest sections of roadway along Route 1, also known as Marine Corps Drive.



Legacy: The statue of Chief Quipuha looks over afternoon traffic in the Guam capital of Hagatna June 7. After welcoming Father Diego Luis de San Vitores and other Spanish missionaries and soldiers to Guam in 1668, Quipuha converted to Roman Catholicism and eventually donated land that would be used for the Dulce Nombre de Maria church. Members of the 2008 Chamorro Art Association donated the sinahi necklace, which represents the new moon and now adorns the Quipuha's statue. (U.S. Navy photo by Jesse Leon Guerrero)

## Cultural village of Gef Pa'go offers cultural camp

By Jesse Leon Guerrero

Joint Region Edge Staff

The Historic Inalajan at Gef Pa'go welcome all military and local residents to learn more about the Chamorro language and practices June 14-25, from 9 a.m.-noon. During that time, the Chief Gadao Cultural Summer Camp is scheduled to offer workshops for youth and adults at \$35 per week, or attendees can choose to register for specific days at \$13 per day.

Gef Pa'go is a recreated Chamorro village built with wood, rope and

other natural resources. Attendees can reach Gef Pa'go by heading southbound on Route 4 toward the village of Inarajan until they spot the thatched roof huts of the village along the beach.

Jessica Perez-Jackson, coordinator for the summer camp, said the camp, which is named after a legendary Chamorro chief of the village, is designed to remind people of what life was like on Guam more than 300 years ago.

"It's open to families and we hope it'll give them a greater appreciation for the Chamorro culture and

Chamorro people," Perez-Jackson said.

The summer camp features a wide range of activities such as weaving animal-shaped decorations, baskets and other items out of coconut leaves, separating edible salt from ocean water, and making rope from the fibers of wild hibiscus, called "pagu" in Chamorro. Attendees will also learn to cook using traditional techniques, including boiling rice in woven lunch bags called "katupat" and grinding corn to make titiyas bread, which is a variation of Spanish tortillas.

Perez-Jackson said husking and

grating coconuts is also part of the hands-on experience because of how important coconuts are in Chamorro recipes. Many local residents use both coconut meat and juice to sweeten meals or as part of a milky rich ingredient.

Through partnerships with local dancers, the camp plans to have instructors giving basic dance lessons for several days each week. Aside from the activities happening at Gef Pa'go, attendees can look forward to field trips to sites around and outside of Inarajan.

"We will go to the War in the

Pacific Museum (in Santa Rita) June 22, so they will get to learn about World War II and what our grandparents went through," Perez-Jackson said as one example.

Throughout each day, the camp's instructors will help attendees learn Chamorro words and phrases mixed in to the presentations and workshops. Perez-Jackson said all of the lessons and activities will focus on education and fun.

"For off-island visitors, they will learn new things and see that the people here have a lot to offer," Perez-Jackson said.

## HotSpot flea market at Andersen AFB boasts big bargains

By Airman 1st Class Anthony Jennings

36th Wing Public Affairs

Have an upcoming Permanent Change of Station and need to get rid of some things? Recently arrived on station and don't feel like hunting for garage sales? The monthly flea market may be the solution.

The Andersen HotSpot hosts a flea market every third Saturday of the month from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the HotSpot Gym.

Open to anyone with access to

the base, the flea market offers bargain hunters a centralized location to look for great deals on a variety of items.

"It's a good thing for the base community as opposed to garage sales, where you'd have to wake up early in the morning and drive through base housing to find one," said Tech. Sgt. Max Pontenila, 36th Force Support Squadron community activities NCO-in-charge. "At least here it's at one location, so if one vendor doesn't have what you're looking for, well there's a guy right next to him. It gives

people the option to look around and browse through all the goods available to them."

The flea market could be a great tool for anyone looking to get rid of excessive items in their house before a PCS. It also provides an outlet for those hoping to profit from selling goods.

"It's a great place to make some extra cash selling items you no longer need, or you can go there to shop for some great bargains," said Ralph Ridgeway, 36th Force Support Squadron. "I know my wife is always telling me we have too

much junk around the house and we need to get rid of it."

Vendors must reserve a table by noon of the Friday before the event at \$10 per table. All proceeds the HotSpot receives will be returned to the community to help advance future programs and prizes.

"It's a non-appropriated fund generated income," Pontenila said. "So whatever we take in we pump right back into the community. It's a win-win situation for us because it gives our facility more visibility and provides our customers the

ease of finding what they may be looking for."

One may find collectibles like coins, stamps, action figures, furniture, small appliances, clothing, plants, tools, CDs, movies, books and more. The list is endless and it changes from month to month depending on who is there selling.

"One man's junk is another man's treasure," Ridgeway said. "What you think may be junk and useless, just might be something someone else has been searching for."

## FREE

### 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.



## On a Budget

## Video Game Tournament

A "Resistance, Fall of Man" tourney will be held June 18, 7- 8 p.m. at Andersen Air Force Base HotSpot. For more information, call 366-2339.

## Free Golf Clinic

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

## UNDER \$10

### Trip to Pagat Cave

On June 19, hike to Pagat Cave with Rec N' Crew or Outdoor Recreation for only \$5 per person. The hike will take participants to an underground pool of fresh water. Enjoy a cool dip in the pools before the hike back out. To join Rec N' Crew meet at 8:15 a.m. at Rec N' Crew office on U.S. Naval Base. Deadline to sign up is June 18, 1 p.m. For more information, call 564-1826. To hike with Outdoor Recreation, meet at their office on Andersen Air Force Base by 7:15 a.m. For more information, call 366-5197.

## \$10 AND UP

### Take Dad to Breakfast

On June 20, from 7:30- 8:30 a.m. at Café Latte on Andersen Air Force Base, take Dad to breakfast for \$1.95. For more information, call 366-6166 or visit [www.36FSS.com/club](http://www.36FSS.com/club).

### Clipper Landing

Savor the flavor of our delicious entrees as you enjoy a spectacular view of Sumay Cove Marina. Hours of operation are Wednesday and Thursday, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.; Friday, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. and 4-9 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 11 a.m.-9 p.m. For more information, call 564-1857.



### FRIDAY, JUNE 11

7 p.m.: Furry Vengeance • PG

### SATURDAY, JUNE 12

2 p.m.: Furry Vengeance • PG

7 p.m.: Nightmare on Elm Street • R

### SUNDAY, JUNE 13

7 p.m.: Nightmare on Elm Street • 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 11

7 p.m.: Furry Vengeance • PG

9:30 p.m.: Why Did I Get Married, Too • PG-13

### SATURDAY, JUNE 12

1 p.m.: The Last Song • PG

3:30 p.m.: Clash of the Titans • PG-13

7 p.m.: The Losers • PG-13

### SUNDAY, JUNE 13

1 p.m.: Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief • PG

3:30 p.m.: Date Night • PG-13

7 p.m.: Nightmare on Elm Street • 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](http://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 programs, call the chapels at the following numbers:*

#### Andersen Air Force Base

366-6139

#### Naval Base Guam

339-2126

#### Naval Hospital Guam

344-9127

# Opportunities are gifts from God

By Lt. Col. Dana Grover  
36th Wing

In our lives we have heard of or maybe even experienced rags-to-riches success stories.

Even in the chaplaincy we have one example: our chief of chaplains, Maj. Gen. Cecil Richardson, U.S. Air Force. When he graduated from high school, he worked in a union job and enjoyed the occasional brawl. Wanting to do more than just work at the plant,

he joined the Air Force because someone told him the Air Force's uniforms were "cooler" than the Marines'.

Now, through many events and God's guiding hand, he sits at the top of our Chaplain Corps, bringing his **h o m e s p u n** wisdom and genius to leadership in these tumultuous times.

I know though, from where he sits, he would agree with the

following quote from Mark Batterson's "In a Pit with a Lion on a Snowy Day." It is one of the guiding principles he has applied consistently, consciously and unconsciously through the years — certainly sage advice.

"Think of every opportunity as a gift from God," Batterson writes. "What you do with that opportunity is your gift to God."

The word opportunity is translated from the Greek word "kairos," which means a serendipitous window of opportunity. But "the irony with opportunities is they present themselves at the most inopportune time in the most inopportune place,"

Batterson continues. "Indeed they usually come disguised as insurmountable problems."

The good news is not all opportunities are thus disguised. These we do not want to miss, for as we look and practice seizing and exercising opportunities, we look and practice more. In our haste, do not overlook God-given gifts to us to receive and to pass on in the commonplace of everyday living: opportunities to love, opportunities to serve or even opportunities to learn and teach.

May we use God's opportunities wisely and may our gifts be generous.



# Still Moments



Promotion: Lt. Brian Hays, center, of Fleet and Industrial Supply Center (FISC) Detachment Marianas, stands proudly as his shoulder boards are affixed by his wife Christine and Rear Adm. Paul Bushong, Commander, Joint Region Marianas, in Bldg. 3190 on U.S. Naval Base Guam June 1. Hays had just been promoted to lieutenant. FISC Detachment Marianas' mission is to provide around-the-clock logistics solutions for Navy, Marine Corps and joint and allied forces operating in the 7th Fleet area of operations in support of national defense strategies. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Peter Lewis)



Commendation Medal: Capt. Scott Galbreath, commanding officer of U.S. Naval Base Guam, presented Lt. Jeffrey Morin, officer in charge of Personnel Support Detachment (PSD) Guam, with the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal at an end of tour ceremony May 19. Morin was recognized for his superior leadership that resulted in the highly efficient management of an annual \$135 million payroll, as well as excellent oversight of the personnel transactions of 32 tenant commands. The Commendation Medal is awarded to service members who, while serving in any capacity with the Navy or Marine Corps, distinguish themselves by heroism, outstanding achievement or meritorious service. (U.S. Navy photo by Annette Donner)



Management Employee of the Year: Wayne Cornell, left, project director for DZSP 21, presents the company's Management Employee of the Year 2009 Award to Rhodora Hecita, right, DZSP 21 quality control supervisor, outside her office on U.S. Naval Base Guam June 4. Hecita was honored for her dedication, hard work, commitment, leadership, enthusiasm and team-building and problem-solving skills. In a letter of appreciation, she was commended for being regarded as "one of the most respected leaders in the company by management, fellow employees and government leadership." (Photo by Jesse Leon Guerrero)



Staff Employee of the Year: Wayne Cornell, left, project director for DZSP 21, presents the company's Staff Employee of the Year 2009 Award to Matthew Camacho, right, DZSP 21 Property Annex supply technician, at the annex compound on U.S. Naval Base Guam June 4. Camacho was honored for his dedication, hard work, commitment, positive attitude and leadership in an effort coordinating over 9,000 items of property at Andersen Air Force Base for Joint Region Marianas' pre-transition and post-transition activities, among other achievements. (Photo by Jesse Leon Guerrero)

# Nimitz course challenges you to swing into summer

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

Joint Region Edge Staff

Get a partner and put your game face on! The Swing into Summer Golf Tournament at Admiral Nimitz Golf Course on June 18.

All active duty and retired military, Department of Defense (DoD) personnel are invited. The event will feature two-person teams and double Peoria/Callaway scoring systems. The layout will be "best ball" for holes 1-6 "scramble" for holes 7-12, and "alternate shot" for holes 13-18.

"There will also be special games such as closest to the hole and long drive," said Paul Vasquez, general manager of the golf course. "These different events will hopefully even out some of the handicaps that come with the different levels of play."

There will be prizes including a trip to Fiji for each member on the

first place team. There will also be vouchers for hotels, restaurants and much more.

The costs are \$25 per player E1-E5, active-duty or retired; \$30 per player, E6 and above, active duty or retired; and \$40 per player for DoD personnel.

Entry fee includes green fees, golf

cart and a buffet following play.

If you want a chance to win that trip to Fiji, you must sign up by June 16 at the golf course. The event will begin with a noon show time and a 1 p.m. shotgun start.

For more information, call Admiral Nimitz Golf Course at 344-5838.

## A.F. volleyball teams take gold at armed forces championships

By Maj. Belinda Petersen

Air Force Services Agency Public Affairs

The Air Force men's and women's volleyball teams won gold medals at the Armed Forces Volleyball Championship May 11 at Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, N.C.

The Air Force men's team went 5-1 to repeat as champions. It was the men's third armed forces title in the past four years and their fourth in the past six years. The Air Force men's team finished with silver medals in 2006 and 2008.

New events to this year's championship were the addition of men and women's beach doubles competition. Staff Sgt. David Dean and Senior Airman TJ Read became the first Air Force beach players to win a medal as they took silver in the first-ever Armed Forces Beach Competition.

"We started off with our smallest number of athletes at camp in the past 30 years due to deployments and other conflicts," said Dale Grupe, Air Force men's coach who has been a part of this program since 1989.

"That coupled with the requirement of not just putting together an indoor team, but also outdoor beach teams, added to our challenges," he said. "All 13 players on the roster played a role in this year's championship and made significant contributions at different times during the tournament."



Golden Spike: 2nd Lt. Morgan Dolan from McChord Air Force Base, Wash., watches as 1st Lt. Lindsay Bengard from Kadena Air Base, Japan, hits the ball during the beach competition. The Air Force men's and women's volleyball teams won gold medals at the Armed Forces Volleyball Championship May 11 at Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, N.C. (U.S. Air Force photo by Stephen Brown)

The men's team setter, Senior Airman Derek Burlzoff, ran the offense superbly despite spraining his ankle in the first week of camp.

The offense had several hitting options thanks to the consistent passing of Capt. Keola Lacar, Maj. Tom Klemas, and Staff Sgt. Tipton Street. Read was a lethal weapon hitting out of the back row.

Air Force lost to the Navy in the first round but ran the table after that to finish the tournament. It was not an easy road with close games

against Navy and Army along the way culminating with a 15-12 victory over Army in the fifth set of the last match of the tournament to clinch the championship.

"That initial loss to the Navy was tough because we lost big leads in two of the sets and doing that can shake the confidence of a team," said Grupe. "It was great to see how this team rebounded from that early setback to win many close sets and matches down the stretch."

During the women's tourney, the

Air Force squad went 5-1. It was their first armed forces title since 2007. The Air Force women's team has won a gold or silver medal each year since 2001.

The women's team also lost to the Navy early on which forced them to change their substitution strategy to allow both setters to set only from the back row. It resulted in more attacks from the Air Force front row players as well as a better blocking team which made a difference during the last Navy match and both Army matches.

"There were a lot of great outside hitters at the tournament, but our own 2nd Lt. Morgan Dolan and Capt. Molly Stowers stood out throughout the games. They passed the majority of the opponent's serves and to do that successfully for an entire tournament is a skill that really is underappreciated," said Maj. John Napier, coach for the women's team.

"Our middles, 1st Lt. Lindsay Bengard and 1st Lt. Haley Homan, dominated the net in both blocking and attacking," he said. "It was fun watching them take charge of the matches. And to have middle hitters also be part of serve receive is an absolute luxury that most coaches don't have."

"I'm really proud of how hard this team worked through the camp and the tournament," Napier said.

Stowers, Lacar, Bengard, and Read were named to the 2010 Armed Forces Volleyball All-Star team.

"The tournament was pretty well-balanced this year, and some very solid athletes from each service raised the level of competition. I feel honored to be chosen for the all-tournament team, but above all I'm thrilled the Air Force women and men brought home the gold. Working hard during camp and creating a line-up that worked with each player's strengths made the win worth even more to each member of our team," said Bengard from Kadena Air Base, Japan.

## 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.

**Flag Football Summer Camp**  
Flag Football Summer Camp is June 28 - July, 3 days a week. Children ages 5-12 are invited. The cost is \$10 and includes a T-shirt and sports drink. Go to the Child Development Center for registration. For more information call 564-1844/5.

### 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.

### 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.

**Youth Baseball/TBall/Softball Registration Now in Progress**  
Registration for the upcoming youth baseball/T-Ball/softball season is now in progress. You can register online at: [http://36fss.com/sports\\_registration.html](http://36fss.com/sports_registration.html). For more information, call 366-3490.

### Aikido

Aikido classes are held at the HotSpot. Fee is \$60 per month. Classes are open to eligible patrons ages 8 and up. For more information, call 366-2339.