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## Global Hawk joins Japan relief effort



By Airman 1st Class Whitney Tucker  
36th Wing Public Affairs

In the wake of the 8.9-magnitude earthquake and subsequent tsunami that devastated eastern Japan March 11, the 36th Wing launched the Air Force's newest high altitude, long endurance remotely piloted aircraft—the RQ-4 Global Hawk.

The RQ-4 Global Hawk is equipped with an integrated sensor suite that provides intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (ISR) capability worldwide. The Global Hawk is able to survey large

geographic areas with pinpoint accuracy.

"The Global Hawk complements manned and space reconnaissance assets by providing persistent, near real-time coverage of the operating area using imagery intelligence sensors," said Lt. Col. Brandon Baker, Det. 3 Commander. "Its integrated suite of infrared, electro-optical and synthetic aperture radar systems allows it to collect high resolution imagery day or night in all weather conditions."

With the ability to remain airborne for long durations, transmit images very rapidly and cover distances that extend more than half way around the world, the Global Hawk can uniquely support disaster relief efforts.

"We're the only long endurance, high-altitude ISR unmanned platform," said Capt. Devon, referred to only by rank and first name for security reasons. "Because the RQ-4 is remotely piloted and does not have to sustain life, it can

Touchdown for Tomodachi: An RQ-4 Global Hawk returns to Andersen Air Force Base after collecting imagery in support of Japanese earthquake and tsunami recovery efforts March 18. The Global Hawk offers tremendous imagery capabilities in the aftermath of a natural disaster or other crisis. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Jeffrey Schultze)

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## Service members support Special Olympics



By Anna-Victoria Crisostomo  
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Service members from various branches and commands supported the 35th annual track and field event for the Special Olympics on Guam

One Lap for a Cause: Airmen from Andersen Air Force Base complete the first lap with the Olympic torch during the opening ceremonies of the 35th annual Special Olympics Guam track and field event at Okkodo High School in Dededo March 19. The event, which also marked 35 years of Special Olympics events on island, is the largest event hosted by the Special Olympics Guam organization. (U.S. Navy photo by Anna-Victoria Crisostomo)

at Okkodo High School (OHS) in Dededo March 19.

Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen, many of whom had been volunteering their time in the weeks leading up to the event, came out in full force to provide support for the athletes. Throughout the event, service members could be seen preparing event sites, counseling athletes and cheering them on as they tried their hand at earning a medal. Base installations and personnel also provided logistical equipment and set up support.

Special Olympics Guam (SOG) Board Member Yeoman 1st Class (SW/AW) Maria Manchion, Military Sealift Command assistant administrative officer, commended

the hundreds of service members who donated their time to supporting the day's events.

"In my honest opinion, I think that it really acts kind of as a seam," Manchion said. "We're trying to be active in the community to show Guam that we are one with Guam."

Christina Manglona, F.B. Leon Guerrero Middle School special education teacher, echoed Manchion's sentiments. She added that many of the service members gave more than just time to the athletes.

"With them being around, it encouraged a lot of my students to push harder and want to just do their best and I'm really thankful and grateful to know that they're

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# Navy provides families departure support

From Chief of Naval Personnel Public Affairs

The Navy announced on that dependents living on the Japanese island of Honshu have been authorized to depart and will be eligible to receive entitlements and allowances as required by their circumstances March 19.

"Our Sailors and their families need our support," explained Vice Adm. Mark Ferguson, chief of naval personnel. "We must not waiver in our commitment to them during this difficult time."

To assist families evacuating Japan, the Navy will provide entitlements and allowances to those eligible for their transfer to the approved destination which the Department of State has designated as anywhere in the continental United States. Families wishing to evacuate to Hawaii or Alaska may be approved on a case-by-case basis by Principle Deputy Undersecretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness (PDUSD(P&R)) via Navy's Pay and Benefits (N130) office.

Command and noncommand sponsored dependents are authorized transportation back to the United States. Other entitlements and allowances command-sponsored dependents may be eligible for include:

- Per Diem: Transportation expenses and travel per diem are authorized from the time the family departs through the time they reach their selected safe haven.

- Escort Allowances: Travel and transportation allowances are payable to a person who travels under an official travel authorization as an escort for any dependent who is

incapable of traveling to the safe haven alone due to age, physical or mental incapacity, or other extraordinary circumstances.

- Household Goods (HHG) Shipping Allowances: Unaccompanied baggage and HHG needed for the dependents' comfort and well-being may be transported at government expense.

- Personally Owned Vehicles (POV): Although shipment of POVs is not authorized as part of this evacuation, a \$25 per day, per family, local travel allowance will be authorized to partially offset the expenses incurred for required local travel at the safe haven.

- Pet Transportation: Families are authorized transportation to the safe haven of up to two common household pets to include quarantine fees. Animals such as horses, fish, birds, various rodents and others are excluded due to size, exotic nature, shipping restrictions, host country restrictions and special handling difficulties.

- Housing Allowances: Sailors whose dependents are evacuated will continue to be paid their dependent housing allowance while they remain in private sector housing at their permanent duty station.

- Family Separation Allowance (FSA): Sailors will be entitled to FSA once their family evacuates.

The allowances listed above are not all inclusive and do not contain all the stipulations required to receive them. For questions regarding allowances, travel advances or travel vouchers, Sailors should contact the Travel Processing Center—Hampton Roads, Va. (TPC-HR) to obtain information specific to their circumstances by calling 866-239-0303 or by sending a fax to 866-708-6985.

An additional concern is access to medical care for dependents in Japan and following their evacuation. TRICARE Overseas Prime beneficiaries impacted by the March 11 earthquake and tsunami in Japan may be unable to access their usual sources of medical care and pharmacy services.

Telephone and internet disruptions may further limit beneficiaries' ability to contact International SOS and the TRICARE Overseas Prime contractor or to arrange referrals.

To compensate, TRICARE is establishing a waiver of the usual referral requirements in order to ensure access to health care and medications and to prevent enrollees from incurring point of service charges.

This waiver is effective from March 11 until midnight on June 30 with the option for extension based upon an analysis of the situation at that time. For more information, visit [www.tricare.mil/tsunami](http://www.tricare.mil/tsunami). Financial and medical well-being are important factors in ensuring our dependents' successful departure from Japan.

The disposition of their personal possessions is also of concern.

Due to the temporary nature of this evacuation, families who are now submitting claims to the Office of the Judge Advocate General for lost or damaged property may be doing so prematurely. However, if they believe a claim is warranted at this time, they are asked to visit [www.jag.navy.mil](http://www.jag.navy.mil) for more information.

Commander, Navy Installations Command (CNIC) will open an accessibility event in the Navy Family Accountability and Assessment System (NFAAS) for Navy members affected by this



Peek-a-Boo: The child of a U.S. Navy Sailor waits for transportation out of Yokosuka, Japan March 18. Navy families voluntarily returning to the United States spend the afternoon waiting in line to register for travel. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Juan Manuel Pinalez)

authorized departure.

All Sailors or family members who are in need of assistance should utilize the NFAAS support site at <https://www.navyfamily.navy.mil> to ensure the Navy can track and assess support requirements for all parties affected.

For more information on Navy

support for the authorized departure, read NAVADMIN 093/11 at [www.npc.navy.mil](http://www.npc.navy.mil).

For more information from the chief of naval personnel, visit [www.navy.mil/cnp](http://www.navy.mil/cnp).

For more news from Chief of Naval Personnel, visit [www.navy.mil/local/cnp/](http://www.navy.mil/local/cnp/).

## Japan-based Navy civilians and families receive helping hand

From Chief of Naval Personnel Public Affairs

The Navy announced in NAVADMIN 094/11, released March 20, that eligible family members of Navy civilians based on the island of Honshu, Japan, are authorized voluntary departure to the continental United States for a period not to exceed 30 days.

"Navy civilians and their families are an integral part of the total force," explained Vice Adm. Mark Ferguson, chief of naval personnel. "We are going to ensure these families receive our complete support."

Family members of Navy civilians participating in the authorized departure may be eligible for entitlements and allowances which include:

- Coverage of Travel Expenses: Transportation expenses and travel per diem may be provided to cover the time traveling from the evacuation site to the safe haven location including time spent processing through a repatriation site.

- Subsistence Expense Allowance (SEA): SEA is based on the local per diem rate and begins the day after arrival at the authorized safe haven location.

- Advance Pay: Employees who evacuate, when authorized, receive 30 days advance pay.

- Unaccompanied Baggage Shipment: Evacuees may ship up to 350 pounds of unaccompanied baggage per evacuee age 12 or older and 175 pounds per evacuee under age 12, up to a total of 1,000 pounds.

A primary source of information for Navy civilians and their families still in Japan is the Fleet and Family Support Center in Yokosuka, Japan, which is currently open 24/7 in support of our Sailors, civilians and families.

Another source of information for civilians is the Department of Navy Human Resources Web site, <http://www.donhr.navy.mil/>, where visitors can review a list of frequently asked questions and unique fact sheets about the authorized departure and their entitlements eligibility.

Whether in Japan, in transit or at their designated safe haven location, all Navy civilians, contractors and employees should call the Navy Family Assistance and Assessment System (NFAAS) 24-hour help line at 877-414-5358 or access the Web site at <https://navyfamily.navy.mil> to

register their families as well as to get answers to their questions.

The family assessment tool within NFAAS is accessible from any location where there is an Internet connection and is designed to provide assistance to personnel and their families while in transit or upon arrival at a point of debarkation.

For more information on the entitlements and allowances that are available to eligible family members of Navy civilians, visit [www.npc.navy.mil](http://www.npc.navy.mil).

For more news from Chief of Naval Personnel, visit [www.navy.mil/local/cnp/](http://www.navy.mil/local/cnp/).

### Off Limits Establishments

The Guam Armed Forces Disciplinary Control Board has placed the following establishment off limits to all military personnel:

Gallop USA Indian Art and Jewelry at the Micronesia Mall

*All military personnel are prohibited from entering the establishment. Service personnel, whether in uniform or in civilian clothing, found entering or leaving the establishment may be subject to disciplinary action under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.*

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The Joint Region Marianas Hotline provides an opportunity to report significant cases of fraud, waste and mismanagement. Anyone can file a hotline complaint and you may remain anonymous.

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*Remember, the more detailed information you provide the better we can assist you.*

# Ramirez helps Sailors transition easily

By Mass Communication Specialist  
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U.S. Naval Base Guam Security Forces Master-at-Arms 2nd Class Theresa Ramirez is making sure new command arrivals are well informed and taken care of both professionally and personally.

Ramirez is her command's sponsor coordinator. She ensures all Sailors reporting to the command have sponsors and assist newly arriving Sailors and their families during their transition.



Chief Master-at-Arms Timothy Wilson, Ramirez's chief, commends Ramirez for her loyal dedication to her job and country. He said she performs her duties well and has made a difference in Sailors lives.

"She always goes out of her way for our personnel and their families when they are arriving here on Guam to assist them with both the military side of coming to Guam and helping them when it comes to personal matters when arriving to Guam," Wilson said. "This makes their transition from their prior command to this command smoother."

Ramirez saw the Navy as a chance to change paths.

"I wanted to do something different in my life and see the world," Ramirez said.

Because she wanted to do more than learn a ship's weapons system or ship engineering, she decided that the Master-at-Arms (MA) rating would give her the satisfaction she desired.

"I wanted to serve the community as well as serve my country," she said.

Ramirez's rating provides the Navy with



Keeping the Peace: Master-at-Arms 2nd Class Theresa Ramirez inspects a patrol car at U.S. Naval Base Guam Security Forces headquarters March 8. Ramirez is her command's sponsor coordinator. She ensures all Sailors reporting to the command have sponsors and assists new Sailors and their families during their transition. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Corwin Colbert)

security specialists who perform antiterrorism, force protection, physical security and law enforcement duties on land and at sea. MAs are the Navy's security and force protection professionals.

An MA may operate a force protection watercraft, direct an investigation, control a base access point or supervise a K-9 asset.

As an MA, Ramirez helps to keep service

members in alignment with the Uniformed Code of Military Justice and is an ambassador of the services, thus providing an indirect service to the community.

She said she tries to keep a high standard and has numerous branches of support including her father and many chief petty officers at the command.

She believes that the motivation these

individuals provide is the key to her success.

"They encourage me to be the best and to keep pushing forward," she said.

Wilson noted that Ramirez's attitude is contagious at the command.

"She has such a positive work ethic and it rubs off," Wilson said. "She leaves a positive image for others to follow."

## Andersen's Best: Haynes' versatility valued



No One Trick Pony: Staff Sgt. Danielle Haynes, 36th Wing Command Section Knowledge Operations noncommissioned officer, poses with her coworkers after receiving the Andersen's Best award March 21. Haynes was nominated for her excellent work ethic and high level of performance in diverse jobs and duties including handling computer systems administrator duties for 100 Wing staff agency computer users.

Andersen's Best is a recognition program which highlights a top performer from the 36th Wing. Each week, supervisors nominate a member of their team for outstanding performance and the wing commander presents the selected Airman with an award.

To nominate your Airman for Andersen's Best, contact your unit chief or superintendent explaining their accomplishments.

(U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Jeffrey Schultze)

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# Sailors help empower future generation

By Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Corwin Colbert  
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Service members were honored guests at the 19th annual V.S.A. Benavente Middle School (BMS) "Saturday Scholars" ceremony in Dededo, Guam, March 19.

Sailors from U.S. Naval Computer and Telecommunications Station (NCTS), Guam; U.S. Naval Hospital Guam and Maritime Expeditionary Security Squadron (MSRON) 7 were on hand to witness the distribution of certificates to children they had been tutoring in the weeks prior to the event. Also in attendance was former educator and administrator Judith Won Pat, speaker of the 31st Guam Legislature.

Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Brandon Little said it was an honor to be able to tutor the children and that is was a great investment.

"This is very important," he said. "I think it was awesome that they



Making the Grade: Service members from U.S. Naval Computer and Telecommunications Station, Guam; U.S. Naval Hospital Guam and Maritime Expeditionary Security Squadron 7 congratulate students during the V.S.A. Benavente Middle School "Saturday Scholars" award ceremony in Dededo, Guam, March 19. The Sailors tutored the students in math and reading in weeks prior to the event. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Corwin Colbert)

were here to learn. It's very important that we teach them. These children are our future. We have to meet them somewhere [and we] might as well start here at the school."

Information Systems Technician 1st Class (SW) Brenda Jackson agreed with Little. She added that tutoring benefitted her as well as the students. "It was a great experience for all

of us," she said. "For me to get back to the basics and pass the knowledge on to the younger students and they were happy to see the military came to help them out."

During the ceremony a representative from each command spoke to the audience, giving the children encouragement and showing their gratitude for being apart of the event. Shortly after, awards were handed out for each student who participated in the program.

Speaker Judith Won Pat of the 31st Legislature commended everyone for making the program a success and handed out awards to the military volunteers.

"It is true what the old African proverb says," she said. "It takes a village to raise one single child, and it takes all the parents and teachers to do just that."

After the ceremony, BMS Assistant Principal Elane Corazone said the program went smoothly and the military involvement was a key to its success.

"If the military didn't participate, I think it wouldn't be as successful because majority of the volunteers [were from] the military community," Corazone said. "We are very grateful that they are here."

# Remembering the retirement of 'Sugar Bear'

By Jeffrey Meyer  
36th Wing Historian

Thirty-six years ago, the following news article about an aircraft affectionately named "Sugar Bear" was published in the Andersen Air Force Base (AFB) newspaper "Tropic Topics." To better understand the historical perspective of the article one would have to understand the era and Andersen's mission at the time.

In 1947, after World War II, the Micronesian Islands once governed by the Japanese League of Nations Mandate from 1919-1945 were known as the United Nation Trust Territories. Later, these territories came under the administrative control of the United States and were known as the Pacific Trust Territories.

To administer these territories meant there would be a need for the transportation of government employees, logistical support, humanitarian efforts, moving fresh produce, and other key transfers. The article described it as a "taxi service."

The 1947-1975 era also coincided with aircraft becoming the principal mode of transportation. While luxury ocean liners were being scrapped or becoming museums, the DC-6 passenger airliner became a major player in this transformation.

The U.S. Air Force and Navy's versions of the DC-6 were called the C-118 Liftmaster and would eventually turn out to be the workhorse of countless types of missions acknowledged in the article.

When reading this 1970s article, we can see how speech and the way we relate to life have changed in just 36 years. Culture, music and the methods we live by have been altered dramatically.

When this article was originally



Iconic Plane Was a Hot Tropic Topic: A news article in the Andersen Air Force Base newspaper "Tropic Topics" features the retirement of the C-118 Liftmaster popularly known as "Sugar Bear" March 8, 1975. After World War II, a fleet of C-118s were commissioned to transport personnel and goods to the islands of Micronesia which had been placed under United States administration after their release from Japanese rule. (U.S. Air Force photo by Jeffrey Meyer)

written, Elvis was alive, the government in South Vietnam still existed (albeit for just another month), most people were listening to music on records and all telephones required wires and were attached to walls. Some of the words from the original news article have been changed to reflect enormous changes in equal rights and respect to all cultures.

Hopefully, after reading this article, there will be an understanding that the humanitarian mission still lives on in the United States Armed Forces. The legacy of "Sugar Bear" still carries on in the heritage of Team Andersen's 734th Air Mobility Squadron.

Optimistically, 36 years from now in the year 2037, the next generation will be reading old newspapers about the continuous humanitarian efforts made by today's Air Force and the 36th Wing at Andersen AFB.

(Note: The following article, written by Staff Sgt. Dale Clements, was

originally published March 8, 1975.)

"Sugar Bear" soon to leave the air! While this might sound like the last broadcast of a radio program it is actually the end of over 25 years of accident-free flying and the retirement of Andersen's C-118 Liftmasters.

The story began more than 25 years ago when base flight support received the C-47s. Following a few thousand hours of "island hopping," the "Goonie Birds" retired and the C-54 Skymaster took over the Trust Territories taxi service. Next on the scene were the C-97s assuming "you call, we haul" duties.

While the story of those earlier birds is sketchy, the missions were close to those of the C-118s—vegetable runs, mercy missions, search and rescue flights, parts supply runs and general support missions.

Maj. James P. Gannon, chief of the mission support branch, recalls

one of the final flights of the C-97.

"It was in the summer of 1972 when a typhoon was just west of Guam, a B-52 crashed into the ocean and we spent the next eight hours in the storm dropping life support items to the downed crewman," he said.

The crew of the base support section had directly aided in the survival and recovery of five of the downed flyers. Following the incident, Gannon transitioned into the C-118s and explained that the 118s are easier to fly than the C-97s but were more complicated to fly than the jet transports.

Probably the oldest veteran of C-118 duty at Andersen is Tech. Sgt. Donald P. Polk, flight mechanic. The sergeant has been in the program since 1955, logging over 6,000 hours with 2,000 from Guam. Polk, who admits he might be a bit prejudiced towards Liftmasters, is sad to see the planes leave the

inventory and attests to the great record during its flying years.

The C-118 was the military version of the commercial version DC-6B and was the first Military Airlift Command (MAC) aircraft to cross the Atlantic nonstop. When it was introduced to the Pacific, the plane would make stops in Hawaii, Wake, Midway and Guam on long hauls. Polk said the four Pratt and Whitney engines used a bit more av-gas than could be stored for the trip across the Pacific.

In 1964, the C-118s were added to the MAC aeromedical evacuation units and saw service in the U.S., Europe, Pacific and Southeast Asia before being replaced by the C-9 Nightingales. As they were replaced by younger aircraft, the C-118s moved on to support missions throughout the Air Force and, in many cases, were reconfigured to take up any slack or additional missions that the newer aircraft could not handle.

To the ground crews and many flight crews at Andersen, "Sugar Bear" is the image of the C-118—faithful, proud, a bit cantankerous at times—but always a lady. Soon she will leave for Davis-Monthan AFB in Tucson, Ariz.

The first stop was Rota where 150 pounds of books, collected by the Junior Officer's Council, were donated to the mayor for use in the island's library. Flaps 20 percent, brakes hard, full power and off the short strip and on the way to Saipan. A passenger stop, gear up and Tinian the last stop before home.

The local farmers and friends at Tinian met Sugar Bear and resolved that she and the crews deserved a formal island send off. Rice (blue, gold, yellow, brown), fried chicken, pork, pickled everything, taro roots, sweet potato, cucumbers, tomatoes and every type of Chamorro food from boonie peppers to bananas were set at the tables.

# Cleveland to depart on final Pacific deployment



One Last Time in Paradise: The amphibious transport dock ship USS Cleveland (LPD 7) passes under the Coronado Bridge while departing U.S. Naval Base San Diego. (U.S. Navy photo by Chief Mass Communication Specialist Joe Kane)

## From Naval Surface Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet Public Affairs

The amphibious transport dock ship USS Cleveland (LPD 7) departed San Diego for its final deployment in support of Pacific Partnership 2011 March 21.

Pacific Partnership is an annual deployment of forces from the Pacific Fleet in cooperation with regional governments and military forces along with humanitarian and nongovernment organizations.

Cleveland is prepared to transport more than 200 humanitarian aid shipments to several Asian island nations, including Timor-Leste, Tonga, Vanuatu, Papua New Guinea and the Federated States of Micronesia.

Now in its sixth year, Pacific Partnership 2011 is aimed at strengthening regional relationships with nations that might be called upon to respond to natural or humanitarian disasters in the region. Pacific Partnership is designed to enhance these relationships through medical, dental and engineering projects as well as subject matter expert exchanges.

The Pacific Partnership 2011

deployment will deliver medical, dental, veterinary and civil assistance, including infrastructure rehabilitation, to those in need across the Pacific. Cleveland's effort is expected to play a crucial role in the continuing mission. In preparation for the task at hand, Cleveland has been conducting training in cross-cultural relations as well as seamanship and tactical operations.

Cleveland was commissioned April 21, 1967, in Norfolk, Va. Cleveland is the third ship to be named after the city of Cleveland, Ohio. The first was the protected cruiser (C-19) from 1903-1929 and the second was a light cruiser (CL-55) from 1942-1947. Cleveland is scheduled for decommissioning September 2011 after 44 years of service.

Cleveland helps provide deterrence, promote peace and security, preserve freedom of the sea and humanitarian/disaster response within 3rd Fleet's 50 million square mile area of responsibility in the Eastern Pacific, as well as supporting the Navy's Maritime Strategy when forward deployed.

For more news from Commander, U.S. 3rd Fleet, visit [www.navy.mil/local/c3f/](http://www.navy.mil/local/c3f/).

## Sailors must verify death gratuity beneficiaries

### From Navy Personnel Command Public Affairs

Due to a change in the law regarding death gratuity and recent upgrades to the Navy Standard Integrated Personnel System (NSIPS), officials are urging Sailors to verify their designated death gratuity beneficiaries beginning March 17.

"The change in the law allows Sailors to designate their gratuity in 10 percent increments to more than

one beneficiary," said John Courtney, Pay, Personnel and Benefits section head, Bureau of Naval Personnel.

The death gratuity is a benefit paid to eligible beneficiaries of a Sailor who dies while on active duty or while traveling to or from such duty. The total gratuity paid is \$100,000 and Sailors may designate one or more persons to receive it.

The amount paid to each beneficiary is specified on page two of their Record of Emergency Data in 10 percent increments. If a Sailor is

married, but designates someone other than the spouse to receive the gratuity, the Sailor's command is required to notify the spouse of the designation in a letter.

"The death gratuity is a different benefit from the Servicemen's Group Life Insurance (SGLI)," Courtney said. "SGLI is a life insurance benefit and those beneficiaries are annotated when a Sailor fills out form 'SGLV 8286' upon initial entry and whenever they want to update beneficiary and settlement

option designations, and when declining or reducing coverage."

The ability for Sailors to designate someone other than their next of kin on page two of their Record of Emergency Data was announced in NAVADMIN 189/07. A change in the law further modified the death gratuity designation and was outlined in NAVADMIN 134/08.

"All Sailors should access their NSIPS Electronic Service Record and verify their 'page two' data," Courtney said.

Sailors who need to change their beneficiary data should contact their Command PASS Coordinator (CPC) or servicing personnel office.

For more information, Sailors should contact their CPC, personnel office or visit Navy Personnel Command's website at [www.npc.navy.mil](http://www.npc.navy.mil) to read the applicable messages.

For more news from Navy Personnel Command, visit [www.navy.mil/local/npc/](http://www.navy.mil/local/npc/).

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Interested individuals can view the vacancy listings at <https://www.cnmc.navy.mil/Marianas/index.htm> or at <https://chart.donhr.navy.mil>. For more information, call 349-6119/2224.

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#### U.S. Naval Base Guam Information Line, Twitter Updates and Facebook Page

NBG has a new Information Line that will be updated periodically during emergencies affecting NBG and personnel. For more information on incidents such as these, call 339-4636. NBG also uses Twitter for periodic updates including information on power outages, road closures, base activities and more. Follow NBG on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/nbgum](http://www.twitter.com/nbgum) or become a fan of "Naval Base Guam Ombudsman" on Facebook.

#### Safety Hotline

U.S. Naval Base Guam (NBG) and Andersen Air Force Base (AFB) service members, dependents and personnel are encouraged to report any unsafe or unhealthful incidents and situations to their respective installation safety hotlines. The base safety office will promptly investigate all reports. On NBG, call 339-SAFE (7233) or 777-1809 during non-duty hours. On Andersen AFB, call 366-SAFE (7233) or 366-2981 during non-duty hours.

#### Free Mini Workshop at the Hotspot

The Airman and Family Readiness Center has scheduled a mini-workshop on Couples Communication from 10-11 a.m. at the Hotspot March 29. If you have any questions or would like to register, please call 366-8136.

#### Andersen Air Force Base Auto Hobby Shop

The Andersen Air Force Base Auto Hobby Shop's alignment machine is currently inoperable. Wheel alignment service has been suspended until further notice. To assist you with any questions, contact Ike Evangelista at 366-2745 or Syomi Dodd at 366-2220/7443.

#### Key Spouse Training

The Airman and Family Readiness Center offers both initial and quarterly Key Spouse Training. Key spouses are appointed by unit commanders to provide assistance to families of members who are currently deployed. For more information, call 366-8136.

#### Retirees Activities Office Seeking Volunteers

The Retirees Activities Office (RAO) is seeking volunteers to assist with phone inquiries and additional programs and functions. Volunteers may set their own hours. The RAO is open Monday and Friday from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. This is an excellent opportunity for volunteers to "Still Serve" and to be eligible for "Volunteer of the Year" recognition. To volunteer or for more information, call Mark Overton at 366-2574.

# Marine Corps building foundation on Guam

By Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Corwin Colbert  
Joint Region Edge Staff

While the main military presence on Guam is in the form of the U.S. Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Army and Air National Guard personnel, the U.S. Marine Corps (USMC) is rebuilding its foundation on the island.

Marines Forces Pacific Forward (MarForPac (Fwd)) Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) is preparing for the eventual arrival of forward-deployed Marines.

“The role of MarForPac (Fwd) is to create the right conditions here in the Marianas to eventually accept and support those relocating elements of the 3rd Marine Expeditionary Force,” said Col. Robert Loynd, MarForPac (Fwd) director. “This is to ensure and enable their continued operational capabilities, readiness and responsiveness across the spectrum of potential contingencies and conflict.”

Loynd said the command is also providing on-island presence and representing USMC Title 10 operational, training and quality of life requirements. There are more tasks that the small command has taken



The Few, the Proud: Marines from Marine Forces Pacific Forward Guam and CNMI speak with students at Benavente Middle School in Dededo Feb. 4. The service members visited the school to speak about life and opportunities in the Marine Corps. In the photo, from left to right, are Lt. Col. Aisha Bakkar, Lance Cpl. Korey Smith, Sgt. Brian Price and Sgt. Justin Dues. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Sgt. Alex Polley)

on including the following:

- Act as the official liaisons to Government of Guam officials (i.e. governor, senators) when directed
- Support MarForPac Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans, Policy and

Operations and Installation and Logistics departments; Commander, Joint Region Marianas (JRM); Joint Guam Program Office and Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Marianas.

- Develop and participate in community relations activities with the local community.
- Provide support to distinguished visitors and USMC operational units conducting deployment

for training on Guam and in the CNMI

According to Loynd, the command’s mission and the Marine Corps mission is one in the same. USMC is America’s expeditionary force in readiness—a balanced air and ground logistics team commonly referred to as a Marine Air Ground Task Force or MAGTF. They are forward-deployed and forward-engaged—shaping, training, deterring and responding to all manner of crises and contingencies. They operate throughout the spectrum of irregular, hybrid and conventional threats, or the shady areas where they overlap.

“Marines are ready to respond whenever the nation calls, wherever the president may direct,” Loynd said.

Those who are receiving orders to MarForPac (Fwd) can look forward to joining a small and cohesive unit of proud Marines and leaders.

“We are imbued with an expeditionary mindset and an ethos of self sacrifice—positioned in the Marianas at a critical time in the Corps’ history to help foster the continued warfighting and operational capabilities of U.S. Marine Forces postured in the Pacific and those forces slated for realignment to Guam,” Loynd said.

# Marines become judges at Ligan school Science Fair

By Sgt. Alex Polley

Marine Forces Pacific Forward Guam and Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

Marines from Marine Forces Pacific Forward (MarForPac (Fwd)) Guam and Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) volunteered as judges for the Ligan Elementary School Science Fair in Dededo March 9.

The service members spent the day judging the various projects completed by students and took time to interact with the young minds. Col. Robert Loynd, MARFORPAC FWD officer in charge, said that he enjoyed the time he spent with the students.

“I graded a group of kindergartners,” Loynd said. “The most difficult and surprising aspect of grading their projects was that a few of the young students actually knew more than I did.”

Loynd believed that the Marines made a fantastic impression on the students. He added that the students had the same great impact on the Marines and impressed the service members with their scientific

knowledge and skill.

“Clearly, the Science Fair and the various projects are teaching these young minds how to form hypotheses and work through experiments in an analytical and disciplined manner,” Loynd said. “I was very impressed with the manner by which they organized their thoughts and depicted their projects through their displays.”

Loynd encouraged all Marines to get involved with the community, especially with students in the schools around their neighboring villages.

“Don’t miss the opportunity,” he said. “For me, it brought back decades-old memories of elementary school life. The only difference was that, this time around, I actually learned a few things!”

Ring Ring: Lt. Col. Haynesly Blake, Marine Forces Pacific Forward (MarForPac (Fwd)) Guam and Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands deputy officer in charge, uses a cup and string telephone during a demonstration with kindergarten students at the Ligan Elementary School Science Fair in Dededo March 9. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Sgt. Alex Polley)



# History: Women at the USCG Academy

*(Editor's Note: This article is the third in a series in observance of Women's History Month.)*

By Scott Price  
U.S. Coast Guard Historian

Given the overall success of integration efforts, it may be hard for some to believe that there was a time when women were restricted in what they were permitted to do if they wanted to serve their nation in uniform.

Women were allowed to serve in the active duty and reserve components

of the Coast Guard Dec. 5, 1973, when the separate Women's Reserve was abolished. Even then, there were still limits to women's service.

At that time, women were barred from attending the service's academy, from entering certain rates and serving aboard cutters. Nonetheless, the elimination of the Women's Reserve as a separate and distinct component was the watershed "Women's Equality" event of the era for the Coast Guard. From that point forward, all remaining restrictions to women's service were inevitably going to fall by the

wayside—it was only a matter of time.

The social, cultural and political forces demanding equality for women had reached a national crescendo by the early 1970s and after the passage of the Equal Rights Amendment in 1972, changes came more quickly. Ratification seemed certain and with the open support of the Nixon Administration, institutional barriers to women's service were targeted.

Efforts centered on the integration of the federal academies by the mid-1970s. The distinction of being

the first federal academy to admit women belongs to the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. Members of Congress continually introduced bills to force the U.S. Naval Academy, U.S. Military Academy and U.S. Air Force Academy to open their doors to women while other congressmen introduced separate bills that would force open the doors of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy.

Upon orders from Commandant, Adm. Chester Bender, Coast Guard Academy Superintendent, Rear Adm. Bill Jenkins, established a planning committee to study the issue

of integrating women into the corps of cadets in 1974. On July 8, 1975, New York Congressman Lester R. Wolff introduced H.R. 8414 that called for the admission of women to the Coast Guard Academy. Two similar bills were introduced in less than two months and the bureaucratic wheels were set into motion.

On Aug. 11, 1975, the Department of Transportation (DOT) issued a press release announcing Siler's proclamation "that women will join the Corps of Cadets at New London" and noted that "his decision to admit women to the Academy was based on the many contributions he expected women to make in the peacetime missions of the Coast Guard."

The other service academies followed suit on Oct., 7 1975, when President Gerald Ford signed Public Law 94-106, the Department of Defense Authorization Act, that carried an attached rider which authorized the admission of women into the other three armed service academies.

On Feb. 3, 1976, the Coast Guard Academy announced the first round of appointments for the Class of 1980. The list included three women. The Coast Guard News Release announcing the appointments proudly stated, "Of the four largest federal service academies, the Coast Guard Academy is the first to offer an appointment to a woman."

# Local community pays tribute to USCG

By U.S. Coast Guard Sector Guam

U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) Sector Guam crewmembers and University of Guam students came together to celebrate a new addition to the Coast Guard family March 16.

Students and staff members from the University of Guam's (UOG) basic design class unveiled a painted karabao (ka-ra-BOW) statue as a tribute to the Coast Guard. The statue, located on the grounds of the Sector compound on U.S. Naval Base Guam, is painted in an island motif that represents the Coast Guard's missions and pays tribute to the USCG friendship with Guam and honors fallen Coast Guardsmen.

Capt. Thomas M. Sparks, USCG Sector Guam commanding officer, spoke during the ceremony and formally recognized several key members involved in the creation of "Coastie," the karabao's given name. Petty Officer 1st Class Kevin Spratt, USCGC Sequoia (WLB-215) deck member, was recognized by Sparks for creating the design that was used to paint Coastie. Artist Jennifer Ada, UOG professor Jose Babauta and the students of Babauta's basic design class were all

formally recognized and thanked during Spark's remarks.

"This karabao stands as a symbol of partnership between the Coast Guard, the Navy League, University of Guam, and the island itself," Sparks said.

The students who painted the statue signed their names on the statue's base. The Great Seal of Guam, UOG seal, Navy League of the United States logo and the USCG emblem also appear in various locations on the statue.

The statue is split into two sides which depict the day and night to reflect the Coast Guard's 24-hour mission days. On the day side, the USCGC Sequoia maintains a buoy under a Coast Guard MH-65 Dolphin helicopter. On the other side, a 110-foot patrol boat and a 25-foot small boat patrol during a night search and rescue mission with an HC-130 Hercules aircraft flying overhead. Both sides are numbered in honor of the fallen crews of lost Coast Guard aircraft.

Coastie now joins Guam's other public works of art as a proud symbol of the Coast Guard's history and connection with the community.

For more information, contact the Coast Guard Sector Guam public affairs officer at 355-4866.



Shooting the Breeze with "Coastie" the Karabao: Crewmembers from U.S. Coast Guard Sector Guam pose with the new karabao (ka-ra-BOW) statue presented to the Coast Guard by students from the University of Guam's basic design class at the sector compound on U.S. Naval Base Guam March 16. The statue is painted with an island motif that represents the Coast Guard's missions and pays tribute to the Coast Guard's friendship with Guam and honors fallen Coast Guardsmen. "Coastie" now joins Guam's other public works of art as a proud symbol of the Coast Guard's connection with the community. (U.S. Coast Guard photo by Lt. j.g. Nicole Murtaugh)

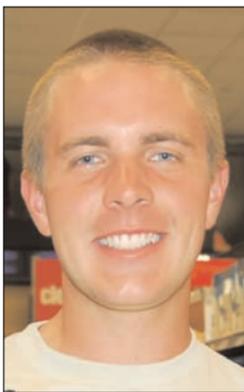
## What is your favorite aspect of Chamorro culture?

In recognition of Chamorro Month, Joint Region Edge asked its readers what they enjoy most about Chamorro culture.



**"Guam has some of the best food I've ever tasted. I especially love Chamorro style roast pork!"**

— Master Chief Culinary Specialist (SW/AW) Roberto Miranda  
Center for Personal and Professional Development Det. Yokosuka



**"My favorite aspect of Chamorro culture is probably the food. It is unique to anything I have tried on the mainland. It's delicious and I love going to Chamorro Village on Wednesday nights."**

— Airman 1st Class Caleb Mischung  
506 Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron



**"I love the Chamorro language. You can tell that it has been heavily influenced by the Spaniards that came here. It is very interesting."**

— Lt. Karyn E. Wallace  
U.S. Naval Hospital Guam



**"My favorite thing about Chamorro culture is the convergence of people. Just being here enhances your knowledge of other nationalities. Guam is a melting pot of people from all over the world."**

— Margaret Cepeda  
Andersen Base Exchange (BX) sales associate



**"The generosity and hospitality of Chamorro culture is very welcoming. I really love the island attitude of the locals."**

— Master-at-Arms 2nd Class Trisha Galvin  
Naval Security Forces Guam



**"My favorite thing about Chamorro culture would have to be their strong family values. Everything here is centered around family. Family makes people here happy and peaceful."**

— Charly Leonen  
Andersen BX Lancome beauty advisor

# CNIC Police Academy boasts 21 graduates

By Annette Donner  
U.S. Naval Base Guam Public Affairs Officer

A class of 21 became Civilian Navy Police Officers after graduating from the Commander, Naval Installations Command (CNIC) Police Academy on U.S. Naval Base Guam (NBG) March 11.

The 360-hour, nine-week instruction was designed to provide basic law enforcement and security training to Navy civilian police personnel to support installation commanders in force protection. The graduates will either be assigned to NBG or Andersen Air Force Base.

At the event, Lt. Jeffrey Thacker, NBG security officer, told families and friends that the graduates had received some of the best law enforcement training the Navy has to offer. He reminded the new officers of the job ahead and that they have accepted the responsibility to protect and to serve.

“Today, you give the ultimate sacrifice by putting your lives on the line for the greater good,” Thacker said. “[This is] a sacrifice few are willing to give but many appreciate.”

The training included traditional law enforcement functions such as police patrol, response to calls for service and traffic management. Classroom instruction was supplemented with hands-on instruction in firearms, nonlethal weapons tactics and techniques, use of force continuum, force protection and basic reaction force tactics.

According to Lt. Andrew Bainco, Naval Security Forces training division, the graduates were also instructed in techniques to implement immediate actions to identify, access, track, and deter potential threats; utilizing and demonstrating the proper tactics, techniques and procedures of the use of force along with proper implementation of force protection procedures.



Ready to Protect and Serve: A class of 21 civilians became Civilian Navy Police Officers after graduating from the Commander, Naval Installations Command (CNIC) Police Academy on U.S. Naval Base Guam (NBG) March 11. The 360-hour, nine-week instruction was designed to provide basic law enforcement and security training to Navy civilian police personnel to support installation commanders in force protection. The graduates will either be assigned to NBG or Andersen Air Force Base. (U.S. Navy photo by Annette Donner)

## NBG CTTI course prepares 21 Sailors to train



Students Will Become Teachers: Graduates of the Command Training Team Indoctrination (CTTI) course stand with their instructors and display their certificates of completion in Training Building 4 on board U.S. Naval Base Guam (NBG) March 17. The CTTI Course helps familiarize Sailors with common techniques used to give training to large groups. In the photo, from left to right are (back row) Logistics Specialist 1st Class (SW) Don Alamero and Electronics Technician 2nd Class (SS) Jason Bayuk, of USS Frank Cable (AS 40); Hospital Corpsman 1st Class (SW/AW) Rebecca Jones, of U.S. Naval Hospital (USNH) Guam; Master-at-Arms 1st Class Stephen Walker, of Naval Security Forces (NSF) Guam; Yeoman 1st Class (SW/AW) Vincent Estrada, of Navy Operational Support Command Guam; Chief Electrician's Mate (SS) James Sosinski, of Commander, Submarine Squadron (CSS) 15; Aviation Maintenance Administrationman 2nd Class (AW/SW) Rafael Hughes-Batalla, Legalman 2nd Class James Cusan, and Aviation Machinist's Mate 2nd Class (AW) Jose Matos, of Helicopter Sea Support Squadron 25; Legalman 1st Class (SCW/AW) William Doyle, of CSS 15; class instructor Master Chief Culinary Specialist (SW/AW) Roberto Miranda, of Center for Personal and Professional Development (CPPD) Det. Yokosuka; (front row) Religious Programs Specialist 1st Class Christine Tamag and Logistics Specialist 2nd Class (SW/AW) Dawn Atkinson, of USS Frank Cable (AS 40); Lt. Cmdr. Mary Phillips, of USNH Guam; class instructor Chief Yeoman (SW/AW) Jose Cintron of CPPD Det. Yokosuka; Navy Diver 2nd Class (DV) Jamison McCrackin, of NBG Dive Locker; Chief Sonar Technician (SS) Christopher Brown, of CSS 15; Master-at-Arms 2nd Class Jessica Buffum, Master-at-Arms 2nd Class Raymond Campbell and Master-at-Arms 2nd Class Trisha Galvin, of NSF Guam. Graduates not pictured are Yeoman 1st Class Donald Borowski and Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Peter Lewis.

# Rebate vouchers offered for new appliances

By Kevin D. Evans

Joint Region Marianas Energy Manager

Get your rebate vouchers! Guam Energy Office is issuing appliance rebate vouchers towards the purchase of ENERGY STAR rated appliances to replace older,

less efficient units.

The voucher program is supported by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) and is aimed to assist Guam residents replace the aforementioned units.



The rebates amounts are as follows:

- Freezers – \$300
- Refrigerators – \$300
- Washing machines – \$300
- Air conditioners (window units) – \$125

• Split air conditioners – \$300 or \$500

The Navy Exchange Home Gallery on U.S. Naval Base Guam is a participating retailer.

It is important to note, however, that residents of military housing who are using government-

furnished appliances are not eligible for these rebates.

For a complete list of participating retailers, visit <http://www.guamenergy.com/announcement-to-appliance-retailers/>.

For more information, call the Guam Energy Office at 646-4361.

## Navy announces NWU pattern GORE-TEX foul weather trouser

From Chief of Naval Personnel

The Navy Working Uniform (NWU) now has a matching foul weather trouser made of GORE-TEX for wear during inclement weather, as announced in NAVADMIN 081/11 March 11.

This uniform change is a result of fleet input requesting a waterproof foul weather trouser to match the look and performance of the NWU Type I parka.

The proposal was endorsed by U.S. Fleet Forces Command, recommended by the Navy Uniform Board and approved by the chief of naval operations.

The NWU foul weather trouser is classified as organizational clothing and is intended to be worn with the NWU parka during inclement weather or during the performance of duties requiring protective clothing as directed by the commanding officer.

Organizational clothing is defined as any clothing loaned to an individual by a naval activity for which there is a requirement above and beyond authorized navy uniforms. The trousers will remain the property of the Navy and Sailors must return the trouser upon transferring. As with all organizational clothing, the trousers will be worn with working uniforms only while performing duties.

The NWU GORE-TEX foul weather trouser is manufactured by Tennessee Apparel Corp. and is available to commands through GSA Advantage.

For complete ordering and wear information, visit NAVADMIN 081/11 at [www.npc.navy.mil](http://www.npc.navy.mil).

For more news from Chief of Naval Personnel, visit [www.navy.mil/cnp/](http://www.navy.mil/cnp/).

# Japan: Andersen provides key location

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remain in the air longer than any other aircraft. The Global Hawk stays on station in Japan for long periods of time conducting damage assessment and surveying areas that potentially have not been discovered.”

“In our mission over Japan we are able to provide decision makers

with near-real-time imagery showing the damage caused by the tragic earthquake and tsunami,” Baker said. “The images provided by the Global Hawk allow Japanese authorities to focus their search and recovery efforts and will aid in the long-term process of cleanup and reconstruction.”

Andersen Air Force Base’s position

as the westernmost point of the strategic triangle has minimized the Pacific region’s so-called tyranny of distance allowing for efficient response during Japan’s hour of need.

“The location of Andersen absolutely plays a role in our ability to help,” Devon said. “The Global Hawk allows us to have extremely long legs but we are not without

limits. Our strategic location allows us to collect useful imagery much quicker than would be the case if based out of the continental United States. Being on Andersen is definitely an important part of how we can rapidly provide decision makers with vital images.”

In the aftermath of Japan’s worst earthquake in recorded history, the

36th Wing remains vigilant and will continue to provide support to its ally and neighbor.

“This has been an eye opening experience,” Devon said. “I hope to do everything I can to make sure we provide what is being asked of us and get as much on-station time to collect useful images until the job is done.”

# Olympics: Service members, athletes made friends

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around,” Manglona said.

Manchion added that being present at the event was significant for the service members as well as the athletes.

“I know they’re gaining a new appreciation for the community and for their families,” Manchion said. “I know they bond with the athletes and they gain friends—they really do. I know I feel good.”

Yeoman 2nd Class (SCW) Terrell Dixon, of Maritime Expeditionary Security Squadron (MSRON) 7, definitely found friends in the athletes from Merizo Elementary School.

“It was a great time,” Dixon said. “It’s always good when you can come out here and cheer on the kids, you know, give them a little motivation.”

Sporting pom-poms and smiles, Dixon and fellow shipmates from MSRON 7 cheered on athletes, coached them through their events and offered words of encouragement and praise as their new friends

earned medals throughout the day.

Dixon had advice for anyone looking to become a part of Special Olympics activities in the future.

“Just do it,” he said.

The track and field competition consisted of different games including long jump competitions, various short-distance run competitions, wheelchair competitions and a softball throw.

The event, which also marked 35 years of Special Olympics events on island, is the largest event hosted by the SOG organization.

For more information about SOG, visit [www.specialolympics-guam.org](http://www.specialolympics-guam.org).

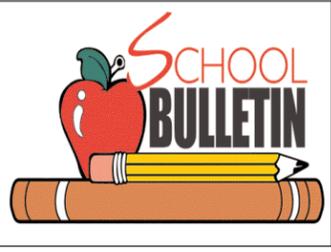
Cheering on the Deerlings: Lt. Col Aisha Bakkar, front right, and Marines from Marine Forces Pacific Forward Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands bond with students from Carlos L. Taitano Elementary School in Sinajana during the 35th annual Special Olympics Guam track and field event at Okkodo High School in Dededo March 19. (U.S. Navy photo by Anna-Victoria Crisostomo)



MSRON 7 Cheering Squad: From left to right, Master-at-Arms Seaman’s Apprentice Daniel Burgdolf, Yeoman 2nd Class (SCW) Terrel Dixon and Gunner’s Mate 2nd Class (EXW) Brian Balch, all of Maritime Expeditionary Security Squadron 7, cheer on their athletes from Merizo Elementary School during the softball throw event at the 35th annual Special Olympics Guam track and field event at Okkodo High School in Dededo March 19. (U.S. Navy photo by Anna-Victoria Crisostomo)



DoDEA Athletes Take the Track: Students from Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) Guam schools march in the opening parade during the 35th annual Special Olympics Guam track and field event at Okkodo High School in Dededo March 19. The track and field competition consisted of different games including long jump competitions, various short-distance run competitions, wheelchair competitions and a softball throw. (U.S. Navy photo by Anna-Victoria Crisostomo)



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](mailto:jointregionedge@fe.navy.mil) or call 349-2113.

### Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA)

School board meetings are scheduled for the second Thursday of every month at 6 p.m.

Upcoming meetings:

April 21 at Cmdr. William C. McCool Elementary/Middle School  
May 12 at Guam High School

Parents may re-register children at the DoDEA school of their choice from 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. April 11-15. When registering, remember to bring updated immunization record and, if applicable, military extension orders and certification letters. For more information, call 344-9578/9596.

If you are interested in serving on the school board for SY 2011-2012, submit your nomination application to any of the DoDEA school locations or the district superintendent's office located at U.S. Naval Hospital Guam. Deadline to submit your nomination is April 7. School board elections will take place April 11-15. For more information, call 344-9578/9596.

### Andersen Elementary School

March 28-April 1 Local Writing Test  
April 4-7 Local Problem Solving Test  
April 7 End of third quarter  
April 8 No school-teacher work day  
April 11-15 Spring Break

### McCool Elementary/Middle School

March 28 Culture class presentation on growing up in the historical village of Inalahan

March 28 Girl Scout Troop 507 meeting in the cafeteria from 2:45-5:15 p.m.

April 5 Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) meeting in the cafeteria at 8:30 a.m.

April 18-22 Spring Book Fair

April 22 - Earth Night/Spaghetti Night in the cafeteria from 6-8 p.m.

Nominations for the 2011-2012 PTO board will be accepted throughout the month of April. A box will be set up by the front office and in the re-registration area for individuals to drop off their nominations. Voting will take place during the May PTO meeting. For more information, call 339-8678.

# MEMS hosts Culture Day

By Jenna Suchyta

Cmdr. William C. McCool  
Elementary/Middle School

Guests flocked to the Cmdr. William C. McCool Elementary/Middle School (MEMS) cafeteria to partake in Chamorro Culture Day festivities March 12.

The event was held in recognition of Chamorro Month and was sponsored by the MEMS Chamorro Culture Club, culture teachers and Parent Teacher Organization.

The Culture Day boasted a variety of activities which highlighted Chamorro customs and culture. Students and parents alike were entertained by traditional dances, cooking demonstrations, weaving projects and a presentation on the history of Guam.

Many who attended the Chamorro Culture Day said that it was a very interesting event that they would gladly experience again.

A display of native Guam fruits was especially intriguing to parents while the culinary exhibitions were drew young students who were attracted by the sights and smells of fresh banana doughnuts.

Seventh-grader Yumi Wilson said she enjoyed the event.

"I particularly enjoyed the food," Yumi said. "I also enjoyed watching the dance routines by the culture group."

"It was such a wonderful experience for all involved," said Joaquin



Swaying Like Palm Trees: Students from Cmdr. William C. McCool Elementary/Middle School (MEMS) on U.S. Naval Base Guam perform a traditional Chamorro dance at the school's Chamorro Culture Day March 12. The event was held in recognition of Chamorro Month and was sponsored by the MEMS Chamorro Culture Club, culture teachers and Parent Teacher Organization. (Photo by Emiko Wilson courtesy of MEMS)

Guzman, MEMS culture teacher.

Guzman said the importance of the event was to "enforce the four 'Ps' of culture—promote, preserve, perpetuate and protect." Guzman added that teaching students about

Chamorro culture is the best way to achieve this goal.

Debora Moore, MEMS public affairs officer agreed wholeheartedly with Guzman.

"We are always trying to bring

new experiences to students that help expand how they see their world," Moore said.

For more information on cultural education or upcoming events at MEMS, call 339-8676.



# Locals push kelaguen to the limit

By Anna-Victoria Crisostomo  
Joint Region Edge Staff

Even on an island where the pace of life is considered relatively slow, the busy lives of residents has them thinking of ways to save time and energy. Luncheon meat kelaguen (KEHL-ah-GWEHN) is a dish that is quick, easy and uses ingredients that most people already have lying around their kitchens.

Kelaguen is the name for any dish that contains diced or mashed meat or fish with lemon, onions and hot peppers. It can be made with a variety of proteins including marlin, tuna, shrimp, chicken, beef, and octopus.

These fancier varieties often adorn fiesta tables as a side dish. For the everyday meal, however, luncheon meat is a great substitute.

“On Guam, we love our [luncheon meat],” said self-proclaimed local chef Amy Cruz-Morris. “The great thing about using [luncheon meat] is that you don’t have to add any salt and the meat brings a lot of its own flavor to the dish.”

Luncheon meat kelaguen can be enjoyed as an entrée over hot rice, or as a side dish or appetizer with some warm corn or flour tortillas.

## Luncheon meat kelaguen recipe

Two cans of luncheon meat  
Two lemons  
One-half onion  
One green onion  
Hot peppers, crushed or fresh

Using a potato masher, smash your luncheon meat in a medium bowl. Be sure the meat is broken



**Push Your Pantry to Extremes:** Luncheon meat kelaguen is a convenient local treat for those who are strapped for time. This yummy dish is the perfect everyday counterpart to the elaborate fish and meat kelaguen dishes that can be found on fiesta tables throughout the island. (U.S. Navy photo by Anna-Victoria Crisostomo)

up and that there are no large chunks. While you may also dice the meat finely, mashing is recommended because it allows the meat to soak up the flavors

from the other ingredients.

Dice one half of an onion and one green onion. Add the onions to your luncheon meat and mix thoroughly.

Cut two lemons and extract juice,

ensuring that all seeds have been removed. Add the juice to your luncheon meat and onions. Mix thoroughly. You may also wish to add lemon powder or extra lemon

juice depending on the salt content of the luncheon meat brand you have chosen.

Slice hot peppers or use crushed hot peppers for heat.

## FREE

**Karaoke Night**  
Every Friday at the Silver Dolphin on Naval Base Guam (NBG) Ordnance Annex, 7 p.m. Open to all authorized Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) patrons. For more information, call 564-2280.

**Golf Clinic**  
Every Saturday and Sunday from 9-10 a.m. at Admiral Nimitz Golf Course. No need to register! Just stop by to learn the basic fundamentals of the game of golf. For more information, call 344-5838/9.

## Tumbling for Tots

Tumbling for Tots, an interactive play program for kids and parents, is available at the Hotspot Gym on Andersen Air Force Base (AFB) just down the walkway from the bowling center. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m.-noon. For more information, call the Hotspot at 366-2339.

## Sunrise Yoga

Every Friday morning at 6 a.m. at Tarague Beach. End your week with a relaxing yoga session on the beach. Listen to the sounds of the ocean while your body is rejuvenated with the sun's rays. For more information, call 366-6100



## UNDER \$10

**Xtreme Midday Madness**  
At NBG's Orote Point Lanes every Monday to Friday from 1-5 p.m. Bowl for only \$5 (shoes not included)! For more information, call 564-1828.

**Willie's Beachside Jazz**  
At Bamboo Willie's every Sunday from 5-8 p.m., enjoy a relaxing evening at the beach while you listen to great jazz music. For more information, call 653-9814.

**Tuesday Fajita Night**  
At Andersen AFB's Café Latte every Tuesday from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Base price starts at \$2.95 and you can build your own fajitas! For more information, call 366-6166.

## \$10 AND UP

**Breakfast at Café Latte**  
Café Latte at the Top of the Rock (Andersen AFB) offers breakfast from 6:30-9:30 a.m. Monday through Friday and 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on Saturday. Enjoy your morning coffee and traditional breakfast favorites, plus a variety of breakfast burritos and sandwiches. For more information, call 366-6166.

**Ladies' Golf**  
Ladies, do you love the game of golf as much as the men do? If so, every Wednesday it's your day at Palm Tree Golf Course. Ladies receive free green fees. Just pay the cart fee, \$12 for 18-holes or \$8 for 9-holes. For more information, call 366-4653.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 25**

7 p.m.: Just Go With It • PG-13

**SATURDAY, MARCH 26**

2 p.m.: Just Go With It • PG-13

7 p.m.: I Am Number Four • PG-13

**SUNDAY, MARCH 27**

7 p.m.: I Am Number Four • PG-13

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.**

**The Big Screen Theater is closed for renovations until March 31.**

## Chapel Schedule

### Naval Base Guam

Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

### Roman Catholic Mass

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:30 p.m.  
 Sunday Mass: 9:30 a.m.  
 Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 5 p.m. and Sunday, 9 a.m.

### Protestant Worship Service

Sunday Service: Traditional Service: 8 a.m.  
 Contemporary Service: 11 a.m.  
 Women's Bible Study: Monday, 9 a.m.  
 Men's Bible Study: Wednesday, 6 p.m.  
 Prayer Time: Thursday, 11:30 a.m.  
 Choir Practice: Traditional: Wednesday, 6 p.m.  
 Choir Practice: Contemporary: Tuesday, 6 p.m.

### Jewish Shabbat

Friday, 6:30 p.m.

### Naval Hospital Guam

Roman Catholic Mass Monday-Friday, 11:30 a.m.

Chapel of Hope: Sunday, 9 a.m.

### Protestant Service

Monday-Friday, 12:15 p.m.

### Interfaith Chapel

### Andersen Air Force Base

Roman Catholic Mass (Chapel 1)

Weekday Mass: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, 11:30 a.m.

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5 p.m.

Sunday Mass: 9:30 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 4:30-4:50 p.m.

Catholic Women of the Chapel: First and third Wednesday of the month, Chapel 1 Annex, 6:30 p.m.

Catholic Youth of the Chapel: Second and fourth Wednesday of the month, Chapel 1 Annex, 6:30 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal: Saturday 4-5 p.m. and Sunday, 8-9 a.m.

### Protestant Worship Service

Praise Service: Sunday, Chapel 2, 9 a.m.

Gospel Service: Sunday, Chapel 2, 11:30 a.m.

Emerging Worship Service: Sunday, Lighthouse, 6 p.m.

Protestant Women of the Chapel: Second Monday of each month, Chapel 2 Annex, 6:30 p.m.

Protestant Men of the Chapel: Wednesday, Lighthouse, 7 p.m.

Protestant Youth of the Chapel: Thursday, Chapel 2 Annex, 7 p.m.

Protestant Young Adults: Thursday and Saturday, Lighthouse, 6 p.m.

Protestant Sunday School: (September-May) Sunday, Chapel Activity Center, 10:15 a.m.

*Schedules subject to change. To confirm times or for information about other programs, call the chapels at:*

Andersen Air Force Base: 366-6139  
 U.S. Naval Base Guam 339-2126  
 U.S. Naval Hospital Guam: 344-9127

# Andersen ANG RST says goodbye

By Maj. Brian Bohlman  
 36th Wing Chaplain

Since January 2006, a total of 33 Air National Guard (ANG) chaplains and 31 chaplain assistants have proudly served as the deployed Religious Support Team (RST) on Andersen Air Force Base. The ANG RST is made up of a chaplain and chaplain assistant that augment the active duty chaplain staff by providing ministry to Airmen and their families, especially to those deployed to Andersen.



Over the last six years, the ANG RSTs have played a vital role in the faith community at Andersen. They have contributed to winning the Pacific Air Force's "Best Small Chapel" award in 2010 and spent thousands of hours visiting both deployed and permanent party Airmen.

They have provided the deployed community with encouragement, refreshment and comfort. They have hosted frequent office visitors due to their hospitality ministry. They have provided thousands of deployed and unaccompanied personnel with a weekly dinner meal and a movie night at the Chapel Lighthouse. They have preached hundreds of sermons, led countless Bible studies, pastored a variety of congregations, sponsored dozens of island tours and gave thousands of counseling hours to the Andersen community.

In short, our predecessors in the National Guard Chaplain Corps have fulfilled our vision "to provide spiritual strength wherever needed, whenever required."

Last month it was announced that the ANG will no longer be funded to fill deployed RST positions at Andersen. As a result, we will be the last ANG team to serve at Andersen. We will redeploy to our ANG units in South Carolina and North Dakota in early April. However, we



A Fond Adieu: Air National Guard (ANG) deployed Religious Support Team (RST) members Maj. Brian Bohlman, left, and Master Sgt. Kathleen Shasky pose for a photo at the scenic overlook on Andersen Air Force Base Jan. 4. Since January 2006, a total of 33 ANG chaplains and 31 chaplain assistants have served as the deployed RST at Andersen. (Photo courtesy of the Air Force)

are proud to pass the baton to an active duty chaplain and chaplain assistant who will carry on the ministry to the Andersen community.

Please welcome the new RST when they arrive. The deployed chaplain's office will remain in the 36th Maintenance Squadron in Building 18006. It has been a blessing to serve alongside you during our tour and we will miss all of the wonderful friends we made.

As I prepare to pass the baton to the next RST, I want to remind each of you that chaplains provide a ministry of presence, care and hope as they nurture the warrior's soul. It has been great

to get away from some of the paperwork and nonstop e-mail in order to spend quality time visiting Airmen on the flightline and in the back shop maintenance areas.

During my unit visits, I often asked each Airman how their career field fit into the overall Air Force mission. The responses I received gave me a new appreciation for the professionalism and dedication of those who wear the uniform.

My prayer is that God will give each and every member of the Team Andersen family the strength to prevail in every mission that they are assigned.

## Still Moments



Sweeney Goes Above and Beyond: Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS) Director Summer Sweeney stands with the NMCRS volunteers outside the NMCRS headquarters on U.S. Naval Base Guam (NBG) March 10. NBG Commanding Officer Capt. Richard Wood, far right, presented Sweeney with a certificate of appreciation and pin for five years of dedicated service to NMCRS. In addition to her responsibilities at NMCRS, Sweeney has spearheaded several projects for the benefit of local schools and organizations including the Guam Highway Safety Office, Comps 4 Kids and Cmdr. William C. McCool Elementary/Middle School. NMCRS provides interest-free loans, quick assist loans, and grants during emergency situations to help families pay for necessities such as food, shelter, vehicle repairs, emergency transportation, funerals, medical care, dental care and household needs. For educational purposes, NMCRS also provides need-based scholarships to service members and their families. (U.S. Navy photo by Annette Donner)

# Still Moments



Top Left: Tom Brown, right, DZSP 21 operations manager, presents the Employee of the Quarter award for fourth quarter 2010 to Joey Tenorio, a foreman at Annex 0700 Ordnance, at the Ordnance compound on U.S. Naval Base Guam Munitions Site March 11. The award recognized Tenorio for his leadership, operational knowledge and dedication at Ordnance as well as for the volunteer work he performed at Talofofo Elementary School and Southern High School. DZSP 21 provides base operations support services to U.S. Naval Base Guam and Andersen Air Force Base. (Photo by Jesse Leon Guerrero)



Top Right: Mark Lopez, left, DZSP 21 public works director, presents the Employee of the Month award for October 2010 to Edward Mendiola, machinery maintenance mechanic lead at Annex 1605 Wastewater, at the Wastewater compound on U.S. Naval Base Guam March 11. The award recognized Mendiola for improving the annex through his initiatives and for his personal qualities of leadership and professionalism. DZSP 21 provides base operations support services to U.S. Naval Base Guam and Andersen Air Force Base. (Photo by Jesse Leon Guerrero)



Right: Mark Lopez, left, DZSP 21 public works director, presents the Employee of the Month award for November 2010 to Joseph Castro, a plumber from Annex 1605 Wastewater, at the Wastewater compound on U.S. Naval Base Guam March 11. The award recognized Castro for his performance at a Polaris Point sewer break and for striving to continuously improve the Wastewater Treatment Plant Sewer Lift Station as well as for his exemplary professionalism, motivation and integrity. DZSP 21 provides base operations support services to U.S. Naval Base Guam and Andersen Air Force Base. (Photo by Jesse Leon Guerrero)



# 5K event to benefit Pacific War Museum

**JOHN GERBER'S  
MARINE CORPS DRIVE MEMORIAL  
5K RUN/WALK • APRIL 30, 2011**

**RACE DETAILS**  
SHOWTIME: 5:15AM  
GO TIME: 6:00AM  
ADELUP (GOVERNOR'S COMPLEX)  
AMPLE PARKING AROUND THE PARK AND  
BEHIND MOBIL GAS STATION

**REGISTRATION**  
ONLINE [www.freedomrun Guam.com](http://www.freedomrun Guam.com)  
THE PACIFIC WAR MUSEUM in Maina  
HORNET SPORTING GOODS in Tamuning

**ENTRY FEE**  
EARLY REGISTRATION \$10  
REGISTRATION AFTER APRIL 28 \$12

**AWARDS**  
T-SHIRTS! DOOR PRIZES!  
AWARDS FOR THE TOP 3 MALE AND FEMALE FINISHERS IN EACH DIVISION

**Proceeds will go to the Pacific War Museum.  
Please make checks payable to  
"The Pacific War Museum Foundation".**



\*ONLINE REGISTRATION PICK UP RACE BIB at THE PACIFIC WAR MUSEUM, Maina

By Anna-Victoria Crisostomo  
Joint Region Edge Staff

The John Gerber Marine Corps Drive Memorial 5K Run/Walk will take place at the Ricardo J. Bordallo Governor's Complex in Agaña Heights on April 30.

The 5K course will begin at the Governor's Complex and head south on Marine Corps Drive towards the War in the Pacific National Historical Park in Asan and back.

Early registration is ongoing at the Pacific War Museum in Asan, Hornet Sporting Goods in Tamuning and online at [www.freedomrun Guam.com](http://www.freedomrun Guam.com), and is \$10 per person. After April 28 and on race day, registration cost will increase to \$12.

"The primary theme is to never forget the 1,548 brave Marines that shed their blood in the liberation of the island of Guam," said Lt. Col. Aisha Bakkar, Marine Forces Pacific Forward (MarForPac (Fwd)) Guam and the Commonwealth of the

Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) public affairs officer. "Our hope is that we will have a minimum of 2,000 runners in order to assign each runner the name of a Marine, Sailor or Soldier who died in the Battle for Guam in 1944. Each participant will run in memory and honor of their respective assigned service member killed in action."

Gerber was a member of the United States Marine Corps from June 4, 1969-June 3, 1975.

A veteran of the Vietnam War, he dedicated his life after service to the support and recognition of service members, especially his fellow Marines and veterans.

In 2004, Gerber started on a campaign to rename the island's main thoroughfare in recognition of Marines who liberated the island from Japanese rule during World War II. Gerber "walked the walk" and pulled a karabao (ka-ra-BOW) cart 27 miles from Andersen Air Force Base to U.S. Naval Base Guam as a demonstration of his

determination and passion for his cause after failed attempts to convince island leaders. Two days later, lawmakers renamed Route 1 "Marine Corps Drive."

Gerber is also known for founding the Pacific War Museum. For 20 years, Gerber collected artifacts from the Pacific involvement in World War II and structural components that serve as the framework of the museum today. In April of this year, Gerber will be posthumously awarded the prestigious Marine Corps Heritage Foundation's John H. Magruder Award, a national recognition for individuals or organizations that have made outstanding contributions through public exhibits related to Marine Corps history.

All benefits from the event will benefit the Pacific War Museum, a local nonprofit organization and physical testament to Gerber's service.

For more information or to register for the race, visit [www.freedomrun Guam.com](http://www.freedomrun Guam.com)

## 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](mailto:jointregionedge@fe.navy.mil).

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.

### Baseball and T-Ball

The Guam Youth Sports Association will be hosting a five-week baseball and T-Ball clinic including practices and games. Registration is ongoing through April 22. Practices will be held on Monday and Wednesday from 5:30-6:30pm starting April 25. T-Ball (youth ages five-six) will practice at Community Field. Baseball (youth ages seven-10) will practice at Ebbett Field. For more information, call 564-1844/5.

### Grand Coastal Trek

Join Outdoor Recreation for a journey through time during their Grand Coastal Trek March 26, departing at 7:45 a.m. During this 7.5 mile hike, you'll experience beautiful beaches, bays and coral reefs. You'll also discover ancient Chamorro and Spanish settlements where original artifacts still remain. You'll be getting dirty, so be sure you dress accordingly. Cost is just \$5 per person and is open to ages 15 and up. To sign up or for more information, visit Outdoor Recreation or call 366-5197.

### Charles King Fitness Center

Charles King Fitness Center (CKFC) hours of operation are Monday-Friday from 5 a.m.-9 p.m., Saturday from 8 a.m.-9 p.m., Sunday and holidays from 9 a.m.-7 p.m. For more information, call 333-2049.

### Youth Baseball and T-Ball Registration

Registration for the upcoming Youth Baseball and T-Ball seasons will start March 21. Certification for coaches will be held April 14-16. Practices start April 18 and games begin May 7. To sign up or for more information, call 366-3491.

### NCTS Sports Center

The Naval Computer and Telecommunications Station Guam Sports Center has re-opened. Hours of operation are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m.-8 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday from 11 a.m.-8 p.m., and Saturday-Sunday from 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

### Monthly Green Fee Card

Golfers can now purchase a money-saving monthly green fee card for just \$40-\$60 per month depending on rank. To purchase yours or for more information, call the Palm Tree Golf Course at 366-4653.

### Run Registration

Runners can now submit registrations for Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR)-sponsored runs via e-mail. On the Fitness Program page of the MWR Web site, [www.mwrguam.com](http://www.mwrguam.com), click on the "NEW Run Registration Form" PDF under Additional Links and follow the instructions on the form. Pre-registration for all fitness events will end at 5 p.m. on Friday of the week prior to the event.

### Lap Swimming

The Andersen pool offers lap swimming from 6-8 a.m. and 11 a.m.-noon Friday through Wednesday, 6-7 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. No lap swimming will be available Thursdays, weekends, holidays and down days. For more information, call Outdoor Recreation at 366-5197.

