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Bomber squadron heads home



By Airman 1st Class Whitney Tucker

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Approximately 250 Airmen and six B-52 Stratofortress aircraft are preparing to pack up and head home after an action-packed, five-month deployment.

Airmen from the 69th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron (EBS) at Minot Air Force Base (AFB), N.D., began arriving in November 2010 in support of Andersen's continuous

One Buff Bomber: "The Buff," a B-52 Stratofortress of the 69th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron from Minot Air Force Base, N.D., releases M117 air-dropped general purpose conventional bombs onto a training range north of Andersen Air Force Base March 16. The mission also included in-flight refueling, tactical maneuvers, and radar scenarios to test all aspects of the B-52's capabilities. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Carlin Leslie)

bomber presence (CBP). The unit will return to their home station this month, passing the torch to members of the 96th Bomb Squadron from Barksdale AFB in Bossier City, La.

Andersen has hosted the CBP since 2003 when Pacific Air Forces began to routinely deploy B-1, B-2 and B-52 bomber aircraft to Guam on a rotational basis, demonstrating U.S. commitment to the region by providing a capable and prudent deterrent force.

A force to be reckoned with, the B-52 is a long range, subsonic, jet-powered strategic bomber and has been in active service with the U.S. Air Force since 1955. The aircraft provide Team Andersen with a wealth of wartime capabilities and pinpoint accuracy.

"Along with an outstanding group of maintainers, operators and support personnel, we brought the most versatile bomber in the world to Andersen in support of the CBP mission," said Lt. Col. Michael Cardoza,

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Navy League recognizes military's finest

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

Joint Region Edge Staff

Guam's Sailors, Coast Guardsmen and Marines of the Year were recognized by the Navy League of the United States Guam Council during a Silver Plate luncheon at Top O' the Mar in Asan, Guam April 8.

Joint Region Marianas (JRM) Command Master Chief (AW/SW) Paul Kingsbury, master of ceremonies, spoke highly of the recognized service members and what they will mean to the future of the military.

"This is our next generation of enlisted leadership," he said. "You are looking at the next generation of chief petty officers, gunny sergeants,

command master chiefs and command sergeant majors. They are unique – the product of 40 years of policy implementation and refinement that has shaped today's diverse enlisted force. We will count on them to bring our armed forces experience and leadership that will ensure our country's success in the future."

Mark Sablan, Navy League of the United States Guam Council president, commended the honorees for their continued dedication to the nation and her citizens.

"On behalf of the U.S. Navy League Guam Council, I want to salute and congratulate the awardees for their exceptional leadership skills and drive for excellence," he said. "I also commend you for going above and beyond the call of duty to serve our country and island and your

spirit of volunteerism in the local community."

The event's guest speaker, Rear Adm. Paul Bushong, Commander, Joint Region Marianas, spoke of the competence and bravery that each of

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Praise From the Podium: Mark Sablan, Navy League of the United States Guam Council president, praises the Guam service members of the year during a Silver Plate luncheon at Top o' the Mar in Asan April 8. During the ceremony, 21 personnel were honored for their outstanding performance and contributions over the past year. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Peter Lewis)



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NBG welcomes residents back to Sumay

By Anna-Victoria Crisostomo
Joint Region Edge Staff

Former residents of Sumay village and their descendents returned to their pre-World War II (WWII) home to celebrate Back to Sumay Day on U.S. Naval Base Guam (NBG) April 9.

Coordinated by island mayors from the villages of Agat, Santa Rita and Piti with NBG officials, Back to Sumay Day offered the returning residents the chance to return to the location of their once prosperous village.

The event started with a Catholic mass attended by former residents and their families. After the mass, Santa Rita Mayor Dale Alvarez welcomed the many generations of people and reflected on the significance of the celebration.

"As the saying goes, 'you cannot know who you are unless you know where you came from,'" Alvarez said. "Today, my dear people of Sumay, we are at the place where we came from."

Alvarez thanked Capt. Richard Wood, NBG commanding officer (CO), for opening up the gates and allowing the residents to return to the place they once called home.

The mass was followed by cultural song and dance presentations by students from Harry S. Truman Elementary School in Santa Rita



Prayers of Thanks: Island residents and service members attend an Catholic mass to kick off Back to Sumay Day at U.S. Naval Base Guam (NBG) April 9. Coordinated by NBG officials and island mayors from the villages of Agat, Santa Rita and Piti, the event offered residents a glimpse of pre-World War II Guam and the chance to return to the once-prosperous village, which was bombed and disbanded by Japanese forces during the war. (U.S. Navy photo by Anna-Victoria Crisostomo)

and Cmdr. William C. McCool Elementary/Middle School (MEMS) on NBG.

Afterwards, attendees were treated to a traditional island feast and the sounds of local music. Throughout the day, people viewed old photographs and a map of Sumay village that were

part of a historical display. Some elders were able to locate their former homes from an aerial photograph and reminisced about their childhood in Sumay.

Juan T. Guzman, former Sumay resident and retired naval aviation machinist's mate, recalled his life

as a 7-year-old boy in the old village.

"Oh, I love it because the people, the families, are very close together," Guzman said.

Throughout the day, volunteers from the University of Guam made their way through the crowd, listening to the stories of the manāmkō'

(man-UHM-koo), or elderly people, in an effort to record their memories for publication. Volunteers from military commands supported the event by assisting with set up and take down, trash recycling and helping the elders when needed.

Agat Mayor Carol Tayama reflected on the day's events and the hospitality offered to the community by base leadership.

"This is really a very great event for the original residents of Sumay and their families to come back and see where they were born, where they grew up, and we thank Capt. Wood for doing this for us," Tayama said.

Wood echoed Tayama's sentiments and stressed that, under his leadership, Back to Sumay Day would be a continuing event.

"It's important [for us] to remember that we're part of the community, that we work together with the mayors and the local villages to try to enhance cultural and historical opportunities for people who have ties to this land to come back and see where their grandparents lived, where the invasion occurred, where the village was destroyed, and how it was destroyed, and to welcome these people back for as long as they want to come back," Wood said.

Back to Sumay Day was started by former NBG commanding officer Capt. Scott Galbreath in 2010.

Remembering Sumay: A glimpse of pre-WWII Guam

The village of Sumay was the hub of commerce and industry on Guam prior to World War II. After Hagåtña, it was the second most populated village - home to over 2,000 residents.

When American forces took control of Guam in 1898 after the Spanish-American war, Sumay began to grow. The Trans-Pacific Cable Company, built from 1901-1904, linked the tiny island with the United States and Asia through an undersea cable.

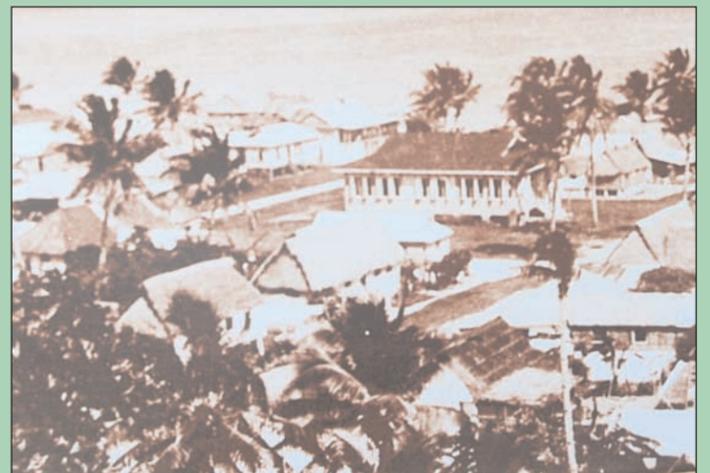
Also contributing to the village's economic growth was the nearby US Marine Corps (USMC) Barracks with Guam's first golf course, the USMC Aviation Station on the village outskirts and the famous 1936-1941 Pan American Airways China Clipper landing at Apra Harbor where passengers could stay overnight at the Skyways Hotel, Guam's first hotel.

Residential activities also made Sumay a popular local spot. Families would grow vegetable and fruits crops in the coastal village's fertile soil to sell and children would play in the waters close to the village where local fishermen set out to make their daily catch.

From Dec. 8-10, 1941, Japanese forces bombed the island in connection with World War II. With its military presence, communication links to the world and accessibility to the coast, Sumay was a primary target. Japanese landing on the island were met with little resistance from the ill-equipped Marines and locals in the Navy Insular Guard. When the Japanese took control of the island and occupied Sumay, residents were forced to relocate.

In 1944, Sumay was destroyed in the American bombardment of the island. Once the island was liberated and the forward supply base for the pending invasion of Japan came under construction, the destroyed Sumay area was absorbed into the Naval Operating Base, known today as U.S. Naval Base Guam.

While the lay of the land has changed significantly due to landfill and other construction over the years, the old Sumay Cemetery and the cross at the original church site, both carefully maintained by the U.S. Navy and designated with historic signage, bear testament to the existence of the former village.



Old Sumay: A photograph of pre-World War II Sumay village sits on display during Back to Sumay Day at U.S. Naval Base Guam (NBG) April 9. The village of Sumay was the hub of commerce and industry on Guam prior to the war. It was the second most populated village - home to over 2,000 residents. (U.S. Navy file photo)

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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PSC 455 Box 211
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Remember, the more detailed information you provide the better we can assist you.

Heavy equipment operator shoulders the load

By Mass Communication Specialist
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Guam Army National Guard (GUANG) Sgt. Richard L. Galvez said he joined the Army 10 years ago because he was looking to improve himself.

"I joined the Army to seek better career opportunities," he said. "I wanted to further my education and to travel around the world."

Galvez said his two favorite things about being a Soldier are training and travelling.



"What I like about the Army is that we train to maintain," he said. "Also, I like the fact that we are given the opportunity to travel and attend various types of training."

As a heavy equipment operator with the GUANG 1224th Engineering Support Company 1st Platoon, Galvez uses big machines to move big objects.

"My job entails operating crawlers, tractors, loaders, bulldozers and other equipment to cut and level earth for runways and roadbeds," he said. "I also clear, grub, strip, excavate, backfill, stockpile, transport, push, cut and spread anything the Army needs me to in order to assist in performance of combat engineer missions."

Galvez said his current job allows him to help others while preparing himself for the future beyond the GUANG.

"I chose my specialty because I wanted to have a skill I can utilize out in the civilian world and maybe someday own a heavy equipment company," he said. "I also like being able to do work for other people's benefit. That always makes the job satisfying no matter how difficult it gets."

According to Staff Sgt. Dick G. Pascua, Galvez's supervisor, the sergeant stands out from his peers as a resourceful and enthusiastic Soldier.



Heavy Equipment in Operation: Sgt. Richard Galvez of the Guam Army National Guard starts up some heavy equipment during drills at the Orote Point landing strip on U.S. Naval Base Guam April 2. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Peter Lewis)

"He always seeks self improvement by attending all military schools as well as civilian courses available to him," Pascua said. "He instills standards of excellence in his soldiers and leads with pride and confidence. He always puts his soldier's needs above his own. He motivates his soldiers and watches out for their welfare. He displays a genuine caring for all soldiers and their families."

Pascua said that Galvez is often sought out because of his superior knowledge level both as a Soldier and an engineer.

"He is a team player who is always supportive of our chain of command's policy,"

Pascua stated. "He takes time to ensure unit level and individual training is reflective of our soldier's needs. He provides assistance to superiors, subordinates and peers when needed."

Galvez's contributions have been recognized as he has been awarded both an Army Commendation Medal and an Army Achievement Medal by his command.

He said that he learned how to be a strong man and Soldier from by observing the strength and dedication his father displayed in raising a family.

"My role model would have to be my father because he continuously works hard to provide

for our family and not once that I've heard him gripe about anything," he said. "I admire his patience and his dedication. I know that if that kind of strength is within my dad then it had to be inside of me too."

For service members hoping to follow in Galvez's footsteps, he had a few words of advice.

"The key is having the motivation and support from family and co-workers to accomplish the mission at all times," he said. "Treat others fairly and with respect, and be open for great ideas from seniors, peers and subordinates. Life is a two way street. Remember, there's no 'I' in 'TEAM'."

Andersen's Best: Hilliard takes Red Horse by the reigns



Air Force and Community Asset: Tech. Sgt. Denielle Hilliard, 554 Red Horse Squadron Services section chief, stands with her co-workers after being awarded Andersen's Best April 6. Hilliard received the award for her exceptional dedication to the United States Air Force and her community. 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 Senior Airman Carlin Leslie)

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Military does heavy lifting to fight cancer

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More than 100 service members, dependents and friends participated in the 6th Annual Continental/United Plane Pull Challenge at the Continental Hangar in Tiyan April 9.

A total of 41 teams, including seven military teams, competed to see who could move a 145,000-pound Boeing 737 jet 12 feet in the least amount of time. The event, which was themed "Towing the Line to Save Lives," helped to raise more than \$20,000 for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life.

Staff Sgt. Jonathan Brown, of Marine Forces Pacific (Forward) Guam and Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, said he felt participating in this event was a good way to get in touch with the community.

"Events like this present a fun atmosphere and a good opportunity

to interact with the locals," he said. "I got to meet some great folks, absorb some of the Guam culture and help the fight against cancer. It was a great way to spend a Saturday."

Intelligence Specialist 2nd Class Cameron Payne, of Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit 5, was in agreement and said that he hopes he has the opportunity to participate in more charity events like this.

"This was a great event for a great cause," he said. "The crowd was cheering us on and everyone was having a great time. I hope there are more opportunities like this to come."

According to Alethea Flores, the event chairperson, having military personnel participate in the event means a lot to the local community.

"We always enjoy having the military come out and join in our events," she said. "It's great that they are willing to support the local activities on their off time. I know they work hard at what they do and they certainly worked hard out here today. I hope they enjoyed it and they come back next year."



Put Your Back Into It: "Team EODMU 5," from Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit 5, attempts to pull a 145,000-pound Boeing 737 jet 12 feet during the Continental/United Plane Pull Challenge in Tiyan April 9. The charity event, which included teams from local civilian companies and all military services on Guam, raised more than \$20,000 for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Peter Lewis)

City of Corpus Christi awarded Meritorious Unit Commendation



By Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class David R. Krigbaum

USS Frank Cable (AS 40) Public Affairs

Capt. John Russ, Commander, Submarine Squadron 15, presented USS City of Corpus Christi (SSN 705) with the Meritorious Unit Commendation (MUC) award in a

A Cut Above: Capt. John Russ, Commander, Submarine Squadron 15, presents the Meritorious Unit Citation to Cmdr. Rob Gaucher, commanding officer of the Los Angeles-class fast attack submarine USS City of Corpus Christi (SSN 705) April 4. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class David R. Krigbaum)

pierside ceremony on U.S. Naval Base Guam April 4.

City of Corpus Christi earned its fifth MUC for operations in 2009. The submarine also received the Navigation Red and Green 'N', Damage Control Red 'DC' and Supply Blue 'E' recognitions during the ceremony.

"The crew absolutely deserves the MUC for our operations in 2009," said Cmdr. Rob Gaucher, City of Corpus Christi's commanding officer. "The Commander, Task Force 74 called our mission period the 'poster child for SSN operations due to the versatility we demonstrated in responding to many changes in operational tasking as well as the number of different missions we completed.'"

In addition to various missions

supporting national and regional security, the submarine completed four multinational exercises, four theater security cooperation port visits and responded to eight unplanned mission changes.

"Proficiency-wise they're on top of their game," said Master Chief Machinist's Mate (SS) Terry Fuller, City of Corpus Christi's chief of the boat. "They work together [and] back each other up. When it comes down to it, I think they're the best crew in the Pacific Fleet."

Los Angeles-class fast attack submarines are designed to seek and destroy enemy submarines and surface ships and support battle group operations. City of Corpus Christi is forward-deployed in the 7th Fleet area of operations.

News Notes

Job Announcements

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.

Commander, Joint Region Marianas
Drug Testing Program Assistant, Closes April 18

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 or become a fan of "U.S. Naval Base Guam" on Facebook.

Andersen Air Force Base Amnesty Day

Andersen Air Force Base (AFB) will be hosting an Amnesty Day collection event for all household hazardous waste April 26. Andersen military family housing residents are encouraged to bring any unwanted hazardous materials (i.e. cleaning supplies, automotive supplies, batteries, cooking oil, automobile oil, gas, paint and others) to the Arc Light Self Help Center at Building 22027 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. For more information, call Barbara Torres at 366-3550 or Russ Grossley at 366-2557.

Wing Dining Out

Head over to the Coral Reef Fitness Center on Andersen AFB for "Wing Dining Out" April 23 at 6 p.m. This formal gathering is meant to show Airmen how the Air Force conducts ceremonies and is a chance for 36th Wing Airmen to get together. Ticket prices vary. For more information or to purchase a ticket, contact your unit's sales representative.

American Cancer Society Events

The American Cancer Society will be hosting a luncheon for survivors April 16, from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at Top o' O' the Mar and gearing up for the Relay for Life event at the George Washington High School track in Mangilao May 27 at 6 p.m. For more information, call Gabrielle Salas at 687-5965/734-1153 or Cora Yanger at 488-2672.

Guam's First Junior Ranger Academy

War in the Pacific National Historical Park is proud to host Guam's first Junior Ranger Academy April 16-23. Seventh- and eighth-grade students are eligible to join. To sign up, download a registration packet at www.nps.gov/wapa/forkids/junior-ranger-academy-2011.htm or call education specialist Jackie Zapanta at 477-7278, ext. 1015. Space is limited, so don't delay. For more information, call 333-4050.

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.

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. For more information or to volunteer, contact Mark Overton at 366-2574.

Frank Cable celebrates trail dedication

By Mass Communication
Specialist 3rd Class Corey
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USS Frank Cable (AS 40) Public Affairs

Sailors assigned to the submarine tender USS Frank Cable (AS 40) gathered to celebrate a trail dedication ceremony at the Guam National Wildlife Refuge (GNWR) April 8.

It took 148 Sailors and their spouses several months and seven visits to cut a nature trail through the refuge. The nature trail provides the people of Guam and tourists with access to one of the last remaining pieces of native jungle left on the island.

Frank Cable Chaplain Lt. Allen Fleming has been the driving force behind the project. He motivated the Sailors to volunteer on the mission and work with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service personnel to complete the trail.

"I was looking for something meaningful for us to do," Fleming said. "I thought this is something our Sailors would benefit from. I wanted them to be able to see and experience a part of the island, its culture and ecology that, being down on this end [Santa Rita], you don't get to see."

Fleming said that another objective he had in mind when putting this project together was to get Sailors off the ship and into the wild to do some old fashion physical labor. By



Snip, Snip, Hooray!: From left to right, Guam National Wildlife Refuge Director Joseph Schwagerl, Dededo Vice Mayor, Andrew Peter Benavente and USS Frank Cable (AS 40) Commanding Officer Capt. Thomas Stanley participate in a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new USS Frank Cable Trail at the Guam National Wildlife Refuge April 8. Frank Cable conducts maintenance and support of submarines and surface vessels deployed in U.S. 7th Fleet area of responsibility. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Corey Hensley)

helping the GNWR shave 14 years off what would have been a 15-year project, Fleming said Frank Cable Sailors have risen to the challenge.

During the ceremony, Frank Cable Commanding Officer Capt. Thomas Stanley dedicated the USS Frank Cable Trail while the U.S. Fish and

Wildlife Service recognized the efforts of the volunteers.

"The amount of work that we accomplished in a fairly short period of time was really amazing," said Christian Eggleston, a biologist at GNWR. "It was going to be a really daunting task for us to do without

some help, so when Chaplain Fleming came up and offered to give us a hand on some projects, it really worked out perfectly."

After the ceremony, the trail was opened to all visitors to explore the 4,000-year-old latte site and the caves where ancient Chamorro

people once dwelled.

"We also have a kiosk that [Frank Cable] provided for us and that's one of the stopping points on the trail for people to look and get to see a true latte site," Eggleston said. "We're going to have a nice map or drawing of what the latte site used to look like when it was being used by ancient Chamorros."

The trail's completion has also made it possible to reach a 500-year-old coconut grove. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service hopes to properly manage the grove's native plant species in addition to managing the population of brown tree snakes and wild boars that have invaded the area.

In the future, Fleming hopes the trail will be a recognized attraction and that Frank Cable Sailors will have a devoted interest in the maintenance of the trail.

"I hope to see it used by the locals and the native people who want to go out and rub shoulders with history," Fleming said. "If it's used, I'm excited and I feel like we've done all we can do."

GNWR was established in 1993 to protect and recover endangered species, protect the habitat, protect cultural resources and provide recreational and educational opportunities to the public.

Frank Cable conducts maintenance and support of submarines and surface vessels deployed in U.S. 7th Fleet area of Responsibility.

Vet staff enjoys company, visit for pet's health

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

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Boller Veterinary Treatment Facility (VTF) on U.S. Naval Base Guam is run by the U.S. Army Western Pacific District Veterinary Command and provides primarily small animal practices for dogs and cats of patrons who are eligible for military medical benefits and working dogs. The vets are friendly and love animals.

Staff Sgt. Tony Nelson said he enjoys working at the command and the clinic.

"This is a great place to work," Nelson said. "It is a great atmosphere and I enjoy working with animals."

Despite tending to mostly cats and dogs, the clinic will see any pet in an emergency situation and attempt to stabilize them to be transferred to a clinic that can handle the situation.

"We won't turn down any animal," Nelson said. "Hopefully we can stabilize it so it can be transferred to a more suitable clinic or hospital."

Boller VTF can perform organ profiles; complete blood cell counts; urinalysis; full surgical, X-ray and ultrasound capabilities; and also perform dental cleanings.

Surgery prices vary depending on the procedure. Clients can always request a quote prior to any procedure. The facility has a listing of prices for their preventive medicine packages that vary depending on what each pet may need based on its age and vaccination history.

Maj. Steven Carroll, Boller VTF veterinarian, said benefits of the VTF include cost and flexibility of scheduling and location.

Miriam Graham has three cats and three dogs. She said she enjoys going to Boller VTF because of the location.

"The service here is excellent and courteous," Graham said. "One of the benefits of coming to this vet is it is on base. I come to base all the time and do not have to go out of my way."

The VTF also provides pet health certificates which allow animals to fly on commercial airlines when families move off island. VTF

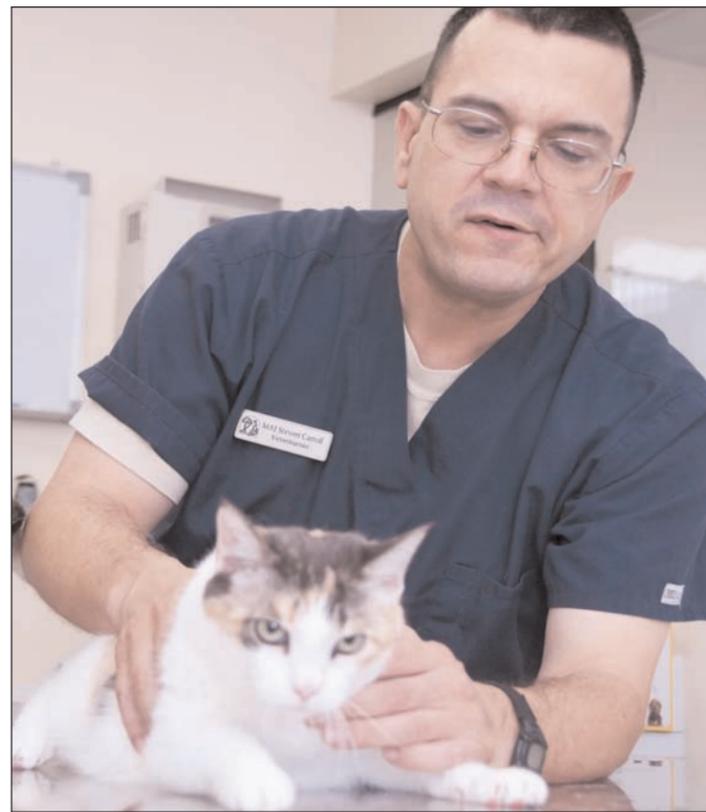
staff asks pet owners to remember to contact the area that they are moving to in order to see what that state or country's requirements are for incoming pets. Health certificates are good for 10 days from the time of the examination.

Carroll advises pet owners to make use of the VTF.

"Heartworms are prevalent here on Guam," Carroll said. "Those that miss scheduling their pet's treatment and checkups risk their pet's health to the condition."

Boller VTF is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m.- 4 p.m. for emergency walk-ins. For routine care, call Boller VTF at 333-3225 to make an appointment.

Say "Meow": Maj. Steven Carroll, Boller Veterinary Treatment Facility veterinarian, performs a physical exam on a cat at the facility on U.S. Naval Base Guam April 4. Boller VTF can perform organ profiles; complete blood cell counts; urinalysis; full surgical, X-ray and ultrasound capabilities; and also perform dental cleanings. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication specialist 2nd Class (SW) Corwin Colbert)



Troops to receive full midmonth pay

By Jim Garamone

American Forces Press Service

All service members will receive their full midmonth pay in their April 15 paychecks, Pentagon officials said April 11.

"Basically, all active duty and reserve service members will receive full midmonth pay on the 15th of April," Pentagon spokesman Marine Col. Dave Lapan said. "It may be in two separate payments but on the 15th everyone will receive their full allotted pay."

Confusion arose about the April 15 payday due to the threatened closure of the U.S. government last week. Administration and congressional leaders came to an agreement that ended that action late on April 8.

Defense Finance and Accounting

Service had posted "net pay advice" to some service members telling them what to expect in their accounts.

"Those net pay advice statements were made before we knew there was an agreement to fund the government," Lapan said. "When those were posted they only showed partial payments but, again, everyone will receive their full pay on the 15th for the duty served and it may be in more than one deposit."

Officials urge service members to check their end-of-month leave and earnings statements carefully. The normal end-of-month statements will be posted to accounts April 22.

The finance and accounting service has restored access to all leave and earnings statements, net pay advice or advice of pay for service members on the MyPay Web site.

"The most current advice of pay will still only show the partial payments for April 1-8," the finance service posted on its Web site. "This will allow us to make sure we can still process pay for April 9-15 and take steps to ensure it is in bank accounts on the 15th."

For more news, visit www.navy.mil.

Paper or Plastic: A Naval Support Activity Mid-South Sailor takes a moment to decide which credit card to use to complete his purchase at the local commissary. According to results of the 2008 Financial Health Quick Poll, most Sailors agree that they are able to pay the bills and meet their financial obligations. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class LaTunya Howard)



Navy offers one-time restoration of expired PTS quotas

From Chief of Naval Personnel Public Affairs

The Navy announced April 1 that it is offering some Sailors the opportunity to request restoration of their Perform to Serve (PTS) quotas after more than 16,500 were rescinded last month because they were unused for over one year.

In accordance with NAVADMIN 352/10, PTS quotas issued before Oct. 1, 2009, expired March 1. Despite multiple communications emphasizing the pending rescission, some Sailors simply failed to act while others may have been unable to do so because of duty location or limited access to the Fleet Rating Identification Engine (RIDE) program. However, the Navy has sought to mitigate the impact for select Sailors who demonstrated intent to stay by negotiating orders by affording them the opportunity to request a restoration of their PTS quota.

The majority of the 16,000 unused quotas were previously granted to Sailors that now intend to separate or are eligible to apply for PTS in the future. Approximately 4,400 Sailors are beyond their PTS window and will not have the opportunity to reapply. Roughly 1,000 of these 4,400 Sailors may be eligible to request a quota reinstatement, if they meet one of the following criteria:



Raise Your Right Hand: Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Adm. Gary Roughead administers the oath of reenlistment to 11 Sailors while visiting Naval Air Station Sigonella in Sicily, Italy. (U.S. Navy photo by Chief Mass Communication Specialist Tiffini Jones Vanderwyst)

- Sailors who received Permanent Change of Station (PCS) orders prior to March 1.

- Sailors who had orders generated before Feb. 28 but had not yet been released.

- Sailors who executed their PCS orders before March 1 but did not meet obligated service agreements in accordance with their orders.

- Sailors eligible for Selective

Reenlistment Bonus (SRB), extended the end of active obligated service (EAOS) to earlier than Sept. 30 and were ineligible to reenlist prior to March 1 because the SRB window of opportunity was too short.

- Sailors deployed from Oct. 1, 2010 through March 1 who had limited access to career counselors or the Fleet RIDE.

Sailors who meet the exemption

criteria must submit a NAVPERS 1306/7 to their respective Enlisted Community Manager (ECM) prior to April 30 and clearly articulate which category of exemption they believe they fall under. Those Sailors who have PCS orders need to submit copies with the NAVPERS form. Those Sailors whose quotas are reinstated will have 45 days from ECM approval to reenlist.

In an effort to ensure Sailors do not lose their PTS quotas in future months, Navy leadership is encouraging command leadership teams to take monthly PTS briefs from their Career Development Team (CDT). This will give commanding officers the opportunity to ensure Sailors receive proper career counseling and identify those who may be at risk. Leadership teams should also ensure Sailors reapply every month while in the PTS window in order to compete for a quota.

While command leadership is an important source of PTS information and guidance, Sailors must take an active role in their enlistment planning. Sailors have a personal responsibility to manage their careers and must keep in mind that if they don't use their quota, it will be offered to someone else who desires to reenlist.

For more information, visit the Navy Personnel Command (NPC) Fleet RIDE/PTS Web site at <http://www.npc.navy.mil/CareerInfo/PerformtoServe/> or call the NPC Customer Service Center at 1-866-U-ASK-NPC. Sailors can also review the "PTS Plain Talk for Sailors" pamphlet at <http://www.npc.navy.mil/CareerInfo/PerformtoServe/>.

For more news from Chief of Naval Personnel, visit www.navy.mil/local/cnp/.

NPC Web site receives new look, keeps same Sailor-relevant content

By Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class (AW) LaTunya Howard

Navy Personnel Command Public Affairs

The current Navy Personnel Command (NPC) Web site, www.npc.navy.mil, is receiving a new but familiar look as it moves to a new server hosted by Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA) April 11.

"The migration to a server hosted

by DISA complies with a Navy-wide mandate to consolidate all public Web sites," said Lt. Cmdr. Delmy Robinson, NPC strategic communications officer. "The number one thing visitors are advised to do is to refresh their bookmarks and 'favorites' as they might have changed due to modifications in the navigation layout."

The revision came about as the Navy merges its portals per directives NAVADMIN 145/07 and 061/08. The NPC Web site

contains more than 6,000 pages which registers nearly one million visits per month.

"The new system offers a better Web experience with a simplified layout, improved search engine capabilities and the same Sailor-relevant content," Robinson said. "Regular users of the NPC Web site will not experience any major changes. Organizations will experience improved content management features, faster access time and common access card login

for Web authors eliminating password requirement. Automatic page expiration forces Web authors to conduct timely updates to improve Web content currency and reliability.

"The NPC Web site is second most visited Navy site. More than 85 percent of the Navy's Web content can be found only here. It is imperative that Sailors and their families have noninterrupted, user-friendly access. Our ultimate objective is to provide Sailors and their families with

current and reliable Web content so they can make informed career and life decisions."

For more information about Web author requirements and additional features to the NPC Web site, read the frequently asked questions located at the NPC home page, call NPC customer service center at 1-866-U-ASK-NPC (-866-827-5672) or e-mail CSCMailbox@navy.mil.

For more news from Navy Personnel Command, visit www.navy.mil/local/npc/.

31st MEU conducts Operation Field Day

By Lance Cpl. Garry J. Welch
31st Marine Expeditionary Unit Public Affairs

More than 300 Marines and Sailors with 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) worked through rain, snow and freezing temperatures to clean Japan's Oshima Island during Operation "Field Day" April 1-6.

Using heavy equipment, chainsaws and their hands, the service members worked 12-hour days sorting through debris, clearing roads, tearing down smashed houses and eagerly helping any locals still in the area whenever asked.

The 31st MEU's Command Element, Battalion Landing Team (BLT) 2/5, 5th Marines and Combat Logistics Battalion 31 participated in the operation.

"At first the clean up effort was painstakingly slow," said Capt. Benjamin M. Middendorf, a platoon commander with Company G, BLT 2/5. "We didn't have any heavy equipment to move debris fast for the first two days so it was all done by hand. Since the equipment has arrived, we have been able to clear 100 meters on each side of the port and we are still making very good progress."

Clearing the perimeter of the port allowed for more access to the area and the delivery of much needed aid.

By the end of the operation, the Marines had reopened many roads that were once completely blocked by debris, moved more than 100 destroyed vehicles to a collection point, moved massive amounts of debris out of public areas, and set up showers for locals to use.

"Before we got here the locals had not showered in three weeks," said Lance Cpl. David J. Henning, BLT 2/5 water purification specialist.



Clearing the Path: Marines with the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit's (MEU) Command Element, Battalion Landing Team (BLT) 2/5, 5th Marines and Combat Logistics Battalion 31 pull a cable from the winch of a bulldozer at Uranohama Port on Oshima Island, Japan, April 4. The Marines were in the process of taking down a house damaged beyond repair, making it safer for the locals in the area. As part of Operation Tomodachi, the 31st MEU is ready to support Japanese partners and provide assistance when called upon. (Photo courtesy of 31st MEU)

"We are using a system that heats up water purified at another site and allows them to shower with clean water."

The locals that utilized the showers were extremely grateful and thanked the Marines before and after every shower.

"The showers are very good," said Murakami Seiko, a woman living in a school shelter that houses more than 300 displaced locals. "I help cook for all the people staying here, so I couldn't go to the Japanese ship

and shower there. I really appreciate what they are doing for us. It makes things much easier."

While separating debris, the Marines found many of the locals' personal belongings that were not destroyed and made it a point to set all of the items in one collection area near the center of the port so locals could reclaim them.

Among the things found were pictures – hundreds of them.

"The first night we were here the Marines were finding a lot of pictures"

said Gunnery Sgt. Richard I. Charley, BLT 2/5 weapons company platoon sergeant. "They were everywhere. We were trying to figure out who they belonged to so we could return them. So we went across the street to a local and tried to talk to her but she didn't speak English. When we showed her the pictures, her eyes started watering and she showed us that she knew them and would give them back to the owners."

From the reaction received, the

Marines knew they were making a big difference in the locals' lives.

"It made us want to help them more," Charley said. "It is reactions like this that motivate everyone out here."

The Marines find a lot of things in the debris that make them think of their families as well.

"I have brothers and sisters," said Cpl. Tyler Vaile, of BLT 2/5. "Every time I find a toy or an item that looks like something they own, it makes me think of them and how devastated I would be if something like this happened to them."

Through it all, the Marines know what they are doing is going to help improve the lives of those affected in more ways than one.

"We are here for a reason," Vaile said. "These people need our help. Their houses are destroyed and they can't get out of the cold. Whether we are taking down bad guys or helping people out like this, we are Marines. It's what we do."

Though tired and cold, the Marines keep working – motivated by the difference they know they are making in peoples' lives and by the progress they are seeing.

"It's great to see how much we have done," said Lance Cpl. Jackson M. Roddy, BLT 2/5 team leader. "What it looked like before and how it looks now is amazing. We cleared a lot of debris and opened up a lot of space."

The 31st MEU's involvement is part of a larger U.S. government response coordinated after a 9.0-magnitude earthquake and subsequent tsunami that struck Japan causing widespread damage March 11. As part of Operation Tomodachi, the 31st MEU is ready to support our Japanese partners and to provide assistance when called upon.

Naval aviation centennial display unveiled

By Lt. j.g. Josh Magder
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Public Affairs

An exhibit commemorating the centennial of naval aviation was unveiled at the A.B. Won Pat International Airport on Guam March 31. The event was sponsored by the Guam International Airport Authority (GIAA) and the centennial display was arranged by Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron (HSC) 25 personnel.

Standing proudly in the main lobby of the airport's second floor, the display was erected to educate people of the long-standing history of naval aviation both in the United States and on Guam.

The day also saw the unveiling of the Tiyan airfield memorial picture and plaque donated by retired U.S. Marine Corps Brig. Gen. Ben Blaz. This artistic rendering – titled "Nihl Ta Hasso (NEE-hee ta HA-su), or 'Let Us Remember,' A History of the Tiyan Airfield, Guam" – depicts the construction of the airfield by Chamorro labor for the Japanese in 1944. Blaz was one of the workers.

During an address, Cmdr. Benjamin Reynolds, HSC 25 commanding officer, reminded the crowd of the history on the grounds where the event took place. From the tumultuous years of World War II to the present day, naval aviation has been a significant part of Guam's history. The commander also called attention to the humanitarian aid the squadron brings to the community of Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The beginning of 2011 initiated a huge celebration among the naval aviation community in the states and abroad with multiple events taking place throughout the year. Based at Andersen Air Force Base (AFB), HSC 25 put together the airport display to publicize the history of naval aviation – specifically the history of naval aviation on Guam.

Growing from an experimental proof-of-concept idea to the forefront of naval tactical employment of power projection, naval aviation has come a long way from its formative years. The history of naval aviation on Guam is just as extensive as the history of naval aviation as a whole. Fighters, bombers, maritime aircraft and helicopters have all been stationed on Guam at some point. Guam has been an especially important tactical hub for critical naval battles in history.

Currently, HSC 25 is the only naval aviation asset stationed on Guam. HSC 25 is also the only forward-deployed HSC squadron deploying in support of 5th and 7th Fleets, as well as providing search and rescue and anti-terrorism/force protection for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

Centennial Celebration: Cmdr. Benjamin Reynolds, Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 25 commanding officer, delivers an address during an unveiling ceremony at the A.B. Won Pat International Airport March 31. A display commemorating the centennial of naval aviation was unveiled at the ceremony. (U.S. Navy photo by Lt. j.g. Josh Magder)



What is your favorite military event on Guam?

Joint Region Edge asked its readers which Guam military event they enjoy most.



"I like the submarine ball because it is a great opportunity for submariners to unite and show camaraderie."
—Lt. j.g. Vincent Benley
USS Houston (SSN 713)



"I really enjoyed the Air Force Ball last September. It was cool to see the entire base get together just to have fun and party. I also look forward to the Wing Dining Out on April 23."
— 2nd Lt. Joe Brock
36th Wing Staff Agencies



"The Liberation Day parade is my favorite. All the services on Guam join together with the local community to celebrate. It's truly the greatest day of the year for a party!"
—Sgt. Richard Galvez
Guam Army National Guard
1224th Engineering Support Company 1st Platoon



"I like flag football because of the camaraderie and squadron competition. It requires athleticism and it's fun to watch."
—Staff Sgt. Jason Williams
36th Communications Squadron



"I like the sub ball because we can all come out to celebrate our heritage and remember the brave submariners who've given their lives to keep our country safe."
— Torpedoman 2nd Class (SS) Matthew Marcus
USS City of Corpus Christi (SSN 705)



"Well I'd have to say the squadron basketball games because it's my favorite sport. I also play basketball and I really enjoy it."
—Airman 1st Class Matthew Huston
36th Wing Judge Advocate General

NAVFAC Marianas awards task orders

From Naval Facilities Engineering Command Marianas Public Affairs

Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Marianas awarded three task orders under previously awarded multiple award construction contracts in support of the Guam military buildup effort April 7. Two of the task orders were awarded to small businesses.

A \$73 million firm-fixed-price task order was awarded to Tutor Perini Corporation of Sylmar, Calif., under the Guam design build multiple award construction contract

for construction of an aircraft parking apron at Andersen Air Force Base (AFB).

Known as the North Ramp parking project, the work provides construction of an MV-22 aircraft concrete parking apron, hot-mix asphalt apron replacement pavement, aircraft rinse facility, aircraft wash rack facility, three direct fueling stations and a tow-way with retaining wall. Work is expected to be completed by July 2013.

A \$9.1 million firm-fixed-price task order was awarded to Guam Pacific International LLC, a local

small business of Barrigada, Guam, under a small business multiple award construction contract for the construction of water and wastewater utility services in the North Ramp area of Andersen AFB.

Known as the North Ramp utilities project, the work to be performed provides potable water distribution system, gravity sewer collection and sewer force main that extends service to the North Ramp area and connects to the existing gravity sewer system. The system includes fire hydrants, valves, sewer manholes, air/vacuum valves, wastewater metering, lift

stations and standby power generation. Work is expected to be completed by January 2013.

A \$5.3 million firm-fixed-price task order was awarded to Overland Corporation, a small business of Ardmore, Okla., under a design build multiple award construction contract for construction of a new communication duct bank at Andersen AFB. The work to be performed provides a new communication duct bank with fiber-optic cable and telephone cable to replace the existing communication duct bank.

"These projects at Andersen Air

Force Base North Ramp provide necessary support for Marine Corps aviation operations," said Joseph Ludovici, Joint Guam Program Office director. "The award of these contracts demonstrates our commitment to partnering with small businesses to execute the military buildup and deliver capabilities required by the relocation of Marine Corps forces."

In accordance with the Programmatic Agreement (PA), the public has an opportunity to provide comments on the identification and evaluation of historic properties that may be affected during Guam military buildup construction.

The Navy has posted its assessment of impacts to historic properties associated with construction of the North Ramp parking and utilities projects on NAVFAC Pacific's Cultural Resources Information (CRI) Web site at www.bit.ly/NAVFAC-GuamPA. Public comments on the assessment of these projects will be accepted through May 14.

"Our team has been working diligently to award these projects which allow us to continue moving forward on the Guam military buildup effort," said Capt. Peter Lynch, commanding officer of NAVFAC Marianas. "The PA facilitates a smooth process that protects historic properties on Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) and allows design work to proceed simultaneously. Construction will not begin until we have completed the processes outlined in the PA."

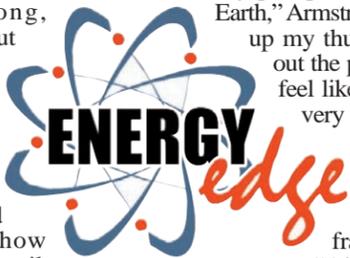
NAVFAC manages the planning, design, construction, contingency engineering, real estate, environmental and public works support for U.S. Navy shore facilities around the world. As a major Navy Systems Command and an integral member of the Navy and Marine Corps team, NAVFAC delivers timely and effective facilities engineering solutions worldwide.

Additional updates and information about NAVFAC can be found on social media sites Facebook and Twitter. Become a fan at www.facebook.com/navfac and follow us at www.twitter.com/navfac.

Celebrating the earth on Earth Day

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Russian astronaut Yuri Gagarin, American astronaut Neil Armstrong, Israeli astronaut Ilan Ramon and Saudi Arabian astronaut Sultan bin Salman bin Abdul-Aziz Al-Saud summarized how beautiful and fragile our planet is during their travels.



“When I orbited the Earth, I saw for the first time how beautiful our planet is,” Gagarin said. “Let us preserve this beauty and not destroy it.”

“It suddenly struck me that that tiny pea, pretty and blue, was the Earth,” Armstrong remarked. “I put up my thumb and (it) blotted out the planet Earth. I didn’t feel like a giant. I felt very, very small.”

“The world looks marvelous from up here – so peaceful, so wonderful and so fragile,” Ramon said. “All of us down there have to keep it clean and good.”

“The first day or so we all pointed to our countries,” Al-Saud recalled of his time aboard the NASA space shuttle Discovery 5 with astronauts from other countries. “The third or fourth day, we were pointing to our continents. By the fifth day we were aware of only one Earth.”

There are days in the year we acknowledge for their special significance – birthdays, anniversaries, religious holidays – days that allow us to focus on an event that has meaning in our lives. Earth Day is one of those.

Its significance is illustrated by the impressions of these astronauts – that Earth is our one and only

home and that we are entrusted to preserve it. Of course, we need to be conscious of this everyday but Earth Day gives us an opportunity to take a few hours and acknowledge just how much this “tiny pea” means to us.

The Benefit of Knowledge

The Navy and Marine Corps have an energy program and environmental focus that are in play each day of the year. Just like Mother’s Day reminds us of how special our mothers are, Earth Day reminds us of the need to treat our planet with respect. We take a moment, an hour,

a day to think about this tiny blue and green ball spinning in space, to think about all we get from it, and to think about all that we should be giving back.

As we look around and appreciate the convenience we enjoy thanks to earth’s energy stores, we must acknowledge that some of earth’s energy sources are renewable while others are in finite supply. As we continue the transition to a sustainable energy future, picturing and appreciating the beauty of our planet should help us remember to be part of the solution by always making energy efficient lifestyle choices at work and at home.

There’s still time to file your 2010 tax return

By Toni Vegafria
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If you are in the U.S. Armed Forces serving on Guam and you are not a resident of Guam, you are allowed an automatic two-month extension (until June 15) to file your 2010 federal income tax return.

If you are filing a joint return, only

one spouse has to qualify for this automatic extension. If you and your spouse file separate returns, this automatic extension applies only to the spouse who qualifies.

If you owe taxes, however, and pay them after the due date, interest will accrue until the tax is paid in full.

If you are not able to file by June 15, you must file Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Form 4868 to receive

an extension until Aug. 15. You can later apply for another two-month extension if required.

The one thing you must remember is that this is an “extension to file” and not an “extension to pay.” If you believe you owe money, come up with a rough estimate using the taxes you owed last year as a guide.

If you don’t owe taxes and have a refund coming, there’s no penalty

for not filing – but don’t wait too long. The statute of limitations for late filing is normally three years unless you can show emergent or unusual circumstances which prevented you from filing.

Returns that qualify to be electronically filed with the IRS will continue to be processed until April 30. Any return prepared after this date will be paper-filed and mailed

to the IRS.

As we approach the due dates for most people, we highly recommend that you contact the tax center.

If you have questions or to make an appointment, call Navy Legal Service Office Pacific Det. Guam at 339-2328 or 333-2061/2 or the Andersen Legal Office at 366-2937.

For more information, visit www.irs.gov.

734 AMS welcomes Mitchell



Changing Hands: Col. William Murphey, left, 715th Air Mobility Operations Group (AMOG) commander, passes the 734 Air Mobility Squadron (AMS) guidon to Lt. Col. Lawrence Mitchell, newly appointed 734 AMS commander, during a change of command ceremony at Andersen Air Force Base (AFB) April 6. The 715th AMOG is based out of Elmendorf AFB in Anchorage, Ala. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Jeffrey Schultze)

Revised FRG instruction, handbook released

From Commander, Navy Installations Command Public Affairs

Chief of Naval Personnel in conjunction with Commander, Navy Installations Command and U.S. Fleet Forces Command announced the release of the revised family readiness group (FRG) instruction and the new FRG handbook April 6.

The instruction changes are a result of feedback from fleet and spouse focus groups.

"The revised instruction provides commanders with more guidance and oversight for FRGs," said Rear Adm. Michael J. Browne, Personal Readiness and Community Support director. "The policy revision and development of the handbook demonstrate the Navy's continued commitment to supporting our families throughout all aspects of the deployment cycle."

FRGs are a part of the military

support service network consisting of family members, Sailors and civilians connected to the command. The role of the FRG is to help plan, coordinate and conduct informational, caretaking, morale-building activities to enhance preparedness, command mission readiness, and increase the resiliency and well being of all Sailors and their families.

"Today's Navy family is faced with increased operations tempo and extended deployment schedules," said Kandi Debus, Southeast Regional ombudsman. "FRGs are important because they give families the opportunity to provide much needed support to one another."

FRGs prepare members for deployments and homecomings, provide family support during deployments, help families adjust to challenges and support one another in times of personal, unit or area crises. They welcome and mentor members who are new to the Navy lifestyle and coordinate social events

such as holiday celebrations.

The FRG handbook can be downloaded at http://www.cnic.navy.mil/navycni/groups/public/@hq/@ffr/documents/document/cnicp_a197800.pdf.

The new FRG Handbook will help provide a solid foundation to newly-forming FRGs, will serve as a point of reference to existing FRGs, and give families information and ideas for establishing and maintaining successful groups.

The handbook also provides information on topics such as FRG leadership roles, effective FRG meetings, strategic planning, and FRG membership and participation.

For more information on the instruction and handbook, visit <http://www.npc.navy.mil/NR/rdonlyres/6328AF94-A750-4E49-BB6579012E06672A/0/NAV11116.txt>.

For more news from Commander, Navy Installations Command, visit www.navy.mil/local/cnic.



Getting Close: Builder 1st Class Barry Rivemider, assigned to the reserve component of U.S. Naval Forces Central Command, attends the predeployment family readiness conference with his daughter at the Navy Operational Support Center Tampa at MacDill Air Force Base Sept. 18, 2010. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Jennifer P. Harman)

Bomber: Squadron experienced growth in deployment

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69th EBS commander. "Our team was ready to execute a wide variety of missions on a moment's notice, 24/7."

Capt. Paul Stucki, 69th EBS weapon and tactics flight commander, echoed his remarks.

"The unique skills and contributions the B-52 brings to the Andersen mission are many, but the biggest contribution would have to be in our global attack and precision engagement capability with standoff weapons," he said. "The B-52 is capable of carrying

large amounts of weapons and a lot of fuel. We can strike anywhere, anytime, with any weapon and do it all with precision."

During their tour, the 69th EBS had the opportunity to participate in unique training exercises and gain valuable experience in a joint environment.

"The 69th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron as a whole has participated in exercises in Hawaii, South Korea, Japan, Australia and here at Guam during exercise Cope North," Stucki said. "We have integrated with Navy

[Sea, Air and Land Teams], coalition partners in Japan; Air Force Joint Terminal Attack Controllers from Camp Red Cloud, South Korea and Hawaii; Range Control Operators in Australia and five separate KC-135 tanker units here at Guam. We have dropped over 700 weapons. We have flown over 1,000 hours and have taken on over 1.9 million pounds of fuel during aerial refueling operations."

Though the operations tempo has been nonstop, 69th EBS Airmen will walk away with invaluable

knowledge and a newfound understanding of the bomber mission.

"The training and integration we received through exercises such as Cope North and Keen Sword are difficult to come by back home," Stucki said. "Our conventional warfare skills have been honed and our nuclear readiness has been maintained. We are a young squadron with many of our aviators coming straight from the Flying Training Unit at Barksdale. This has been a great opportunity for them to experience the B-52 mission in its

fullness during their first tour."

A milestone for the squadron, Cardoza feels that the last several months have been time well spent.

"This was the first deployment for many of our aviators and maintainers," he said. "This was also the 69th Bomb Squadron's first-ever deployment. Seeing this new squadron grow in experience and ability and watching it build its own identity and culture during this deployment was one of the best experiences of my Air Force career."

Top Honors: 21 service members recognized for service, character

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the recipients had demonstrated and said that they should be proud of the examples they have made for others to follow.

"Each awardee could rightfully be proud of his or her outstanding performance in the past year but they probably won't be since winning this recognition requires a selflessness that is contrary to personal pride," he said. "Instead there is a pride in mission accomplishment, development of junior personnel you have trained and recognition of the command. We are proud of you and happy for you receiving the recognition you deserve."

Following the kind words of praise, each of the 21 honorees received a silver plate engraved with their names and recognition as Sailor, Coast Guardsman of Marine of the Year.

Coast Guard Gunner's Mate 1st Class Dakota Harrison Clark, of USCGC Washington (WPB-1331), said that he felt a great deal of pride at being selected as Coast Guardsman of the Year by his command.

"I'm honored that my command gave it to me," he said. "It blows me away when the master chief read the award and what it means. I'm honored to have it."

Yeoman 1st Class (SW/AW) Vincent Estrada, of Navy Operational Support Center (NOSC) Guam, said that he has his shipmates to thank for his achievements.

"I do want to point out that I wouldn't have made it without my co-workers," he said. "Without them I wouldn't be where I'm at. It's a team effort."

For those who hope to achieve similar accolades, Marine Corps Sgt. Brian Price, of Marine Forces Pacific

(Forward) (MarForPac (Fwd)) Guam and Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), had a few words of advice.

"Continue to strive to better yourself," he said. "Help out everybody around you. Look up to your leadership and have initiative."

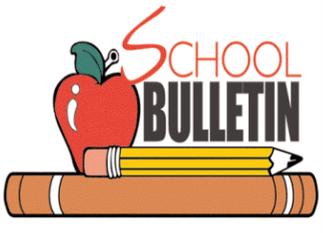
Awardees included Hospital Corpsman 1st Class (SW/AW) Tracy Ashley, of U.S. Naval Hospital Guam; Master-at-Arms 1st Class (SW) Jared Bailiff, of U.S. Naval Base Guam; Personnel Specialist 1st Class (AW) Mario Calaunan, of Personnel Support Det. Guam; Information Systems Technician 1st Class (IDW) Christopher Castillo, of Naval Computer and Telecommunications Station Guam; Logistics Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Ricky Crew, of Naval Facilities Engineering Command Marianas; Electrician's Mate 1st Class (SS) Edward Davidson,

of USS Buffalo (SSN 715); Yeoman 1st Class (SW/AW) Vincent Estrada, of Navy Operational Support Center (NOSC) Guam; Master-at-Arms 1st Class (AW) Christopher Fiske, of Maritime Expeditionary Security Squadron 7; Aircrew Survival Equipmentman 1st Class (EXW/AW) Richard Garrett, of Naval Special Warfare Unit 1; Operations Specialist 1st Class (AW) Bruce Golden, of JRM; Personnel Specialist 1st Class (SW/AW) Lakisa Jones, of USS Frank Cable (AS 40); Yeoman 1st Class (SW/AW) Maria Manchion, of Military Sealift Fleet Support Command Ship Support Unit Guam; Machinist's Mate 1st Class (SS) Michael Mrsny, of USS Houston (SSN 713); Machinist's Mate 1st Class (SS) Jeffrey Mueller, of USS Oklahoma City (SSN 723); Machinist's Mate 1st Class (SS) Steven Olesen, of Commander, Submarine

Squadron 15; Aviation Support Equipment Technician 1st Class (AW) Jay Serrano, of Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 25; Sgt. Brian Price, of MarForPac (Fwd) Guam and CNMI; Gunner's Mate 1st Class Dakota Clark, of USCGC Washington (WPB-1331); Boatswain's Mate 3rd Class Raul Trujillo, of U.S. Coast Guard Sector Guam; Sea Cadet Seaman Apprentice Ashantie Mitchell; and Navy League Cadet Petty Officer 3rd Class Gabriel Twilligear.

In 1972, then-Chief of Naval Operations, Adm. Elmo Zumwalt, established the Sailor of the Year Program to recognize the Sailor who best represented the ever-growing group of dedicated professionals who serve as role models of professionalism and dedication.

For more news from U.S. Naval Forces Marianas, visit www.navy.mil/local/guam/.



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 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

Students in kindergarten through the eighth-grade are invited to register for DoDEA's four-week 2011 Summer Enrichment Program. The program will be held June 27-July 22 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Registration deadline is April 22. Forms are available at your child's school. Participation is limited to currently enrolled DoDEA students. There is no cost for the program. For more information, contact your child's school.

Andersen Elementary School

April 22 Night of the Arts at the Dolphin Theater from 5-6:30 p.m.

Andersen Middle School

Science Fair winners will be announced April 18 at 8 a.m. in the Dragon Theater.

The Parent Teacher Student Organization will host a book fair April 26-29 from 7:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. A special Family Nite will be held April 26 from 5-7 p.m. with a 10 percent discount on all books.

Guam High School

April 20 Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) testing
April 25-29 Far East Honors Musical Festival in Korea

McCool Elementary/Middle School

April 18-22 PTO Spring Book Fair
April 22 Earth Night/Spaghetti Night in the cafeteria from 6-8 p.m.
April 26 Friendship Fest Concert at Harvest Christian Academy in Maite at 6 p.m.
April 27 Academic Fair from 4-6 p.m.
April 29 Student Council Dance for Japan in the cafeteria from 3-6 p.m. (middle school only)

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

Soroban experts visit DoDEA



Making Math Fun: Dr. Kouzi Suzuki, Japan Institute for Cultural Exchange chairman of the board, speaks with students from Guam High School about the soroban, a Japanese calculating device, at the school March 30. Similar to the Chinese abacus, the Japanese soroban is a beaded calculating tool that uses place value as a method of computation. Students and teachers from Japan visited Department of Defense Education Activity schools to teach them about the devices. (Photo by Maria Rubio)

WWII vets pass knowledge to cadets



From One Generation to Another: Students from the Guam High School Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps salute as William B. Schott Sr., a veteran of the Battle of Iwo Jima, makes his way to the Agana Heights campus March 15. Shot and four other Iwo Jima veterans spent time with the students and spoke with them about their experiences during the war and as members of the U.S. Armed Forces. (Photo by Maria Rubio)

AES celebrates Chamorro Month



A Taste of the Guam Museum: Kindergarten students rummage through materials and artifacts presented by Colasita Gumabon, Guam Museum assistant, during a Chamorro Month celebration at Andersen Elementary School (AES) April 1. Staff members from the Guam Museum passed out informative posters about the island to students. (Photo by Katherine Duenas courtesy of AES)

Unconventional dessert a local favorite

By Anna-Victoria Crisostomo
Joint Region Edge Staff

Corn and corn products can be used in a variety of ways. Corn on the cob, corn chips, popcorn and creamed corn are just a few examples of savory dishes. Have you ever stopped to consider, however, that corn can also be used to make desserts?

Kalamai (ka-la-MY) is a gelatinous dessert whose primary ingredients are corn flour and cornstarch.

"You can tell there's corn flour by the flavor and the consistency but it's not a very strong taste," said Mangilao resident Adriana Gumataotao. "So it's still a dessert because it's sweet even though you use the corn flour."

Another favorite characteristic of kalamai is its versatility.

"You can use food coloring to change the color of your kalamai," Gumataotao said. "It really depends on what you want but the most common colors are red or pink and green."

Topped with a hint of cinnamon, this light, cool treat is a perfect way to satiate your sweet tooth and beat the Guam heat while pushing your

culinary comfort level.

Kalamai recipe

One cup of corn flour
One cup of cornstarch
One cup of sugar
Three cups of canned coconut milk
One teaspoon of vanilla extract
Four cups of water
Ground cinnamon to taste
Bring four cups of water to a rolling boil.

While your water is boiling, combine corn flour, cornstarch, sugar, coconut milk and vanilla extract in a large bowl and mix thoroughly until all lumps have disappeared. You may wish to sift the corn flour and cornstarch.

Pour your mixture into the boiling water and reduce your heat. Cook the mixture over low heat until thick. Be sure to stir constantly to avoid the formation of lumps.

Once thickened, pour the mixture into an aluminum pie pan or paper plate. Sprinkle the top of your kalamai with cinnamon.

Place the kalamai into the refrigerator for 15-30 minutes. Once cool, cut your kalamai and serve.



Being Corny Tastes Good: Kalamai (ka-la-MY) is an unconventional local dessert that gets its flavor from corn flour. The subtly sweet kalamai can be made in a variety of colors but is most often made red, pink and green. (U.S. Navy photo by Anna-Victoria Crisostomo)

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.

Children's Story Time
Every Wednesday at NBG Library from 3:30-4 p.m. and at Andersen AFB Library from 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. For more information, call NBG at 564-1836 or Andersen AFB at 366-4291.

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 \$5 (shoes not included)! For more information, call 564-1828.

First Friday

The Top of the Rock will offer a great new "First Friday" program featuring a disc jockey and plenty of appetizers beginning April 1. First Friday will be held the first Friday of every month in the ballroom and Boonies beginning at 4 p.m. First Friday is free for club members and \$5 for nonmembers. For more information, please call 366-6166.

Willie's Beachside Jazz

At Bamboo Willie's every Sunday from 5-8 p.m., enjoy a relaxing evening and listen to 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 only \$2.95 and you can build your own fajitas! For more information, call 366-6166.

Bowl Your Brains Out

At Andersen AFB's Gecko Lanes, every Monday from 6-10 p.m. Bowl all you want for just \$5! For more information, call 366-5085.

\$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 morning coffee along with traditional breakfast favorites, plus a variety of breakfast burritos and sandwiches. For more information, call 366-6166.

Family Golf Special

Bring the family on a golf outing to Palm Tree Golf Course (Andersen AFB) on Sundays after 2 p.m. and get nine holes of golf, two carts and rental clubs for up to four people for just \$34. Players must be immediate family members (parents and children). For more information, call 366-4653.

Ladies' Golf

Every Wednesday is for the ladies 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, APRIL 15
7 p.m.: The Adjustment Bureau • PG-13

SATURDAY, APRIL 16
2 p.m.: The Adjustment Bureau • PG-13
7 p.m.: Hall Pass • R

SUNDAY, APRIL 17
7 p.m.: Hall Pass • 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, APRIL 15
7 p.m.: Mars Needs Moms • PG
9:30 p.m.: Take Me Home Tonight • R

SATURDAY, APRIL 16
1 p.m.: Mars Needs Moms • PG
3:30 p.m.: The Adjustment Bureau • PG-13
7 p.m.: Hall Pass • R

SUNDAY, APRIL 17
1 p.m.: Rango • PG
3:30 p.m.: Beastly • PG-13
7 p.m.: Big Momma's: Like Father, Like Son • PG-13

The schedule is subject to change due to circumstances beyond the theater's control. **The Big Screen Theater hotline is 564-1831 or visit mwrguam.com.**
(Source: Navy Morale, Welfare and Recreation Office)

Chapel Schedule

Naval Base Guam
Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 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 Services
Full Gospel Service: Sunday, 6:30 p.m.
Men's Bible Study: Every other Tuesday starting April 5
Women's Bible Study: Second and fourth Saturday of each month

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

Are you too busy to care?

By Lt. Sherri L. Garrett
U.S. Naval Hospital Guam

The other night a friend shared a story about a man who walked a certain route to work each day. Each day, he would pass by this young boy sitting beside the street in a dirty old overcoat.

Because of the time it took for him to make his trek, the man never seemed to have enough time to stop and talk to the boy.

He didn't see why he needed to because nobody else who passed by him ever stopped either. Why should he interrupt his day and miss the daily cup of coffee he purchased at the coffee shop along the route that seemed to take forever to get but was so very welcomed?

The presence of the boy continued

to puzzle him. Why did no one care enough to investigate the plight of this obviously destitute young person? He knew that someone had to be less busy than him and should at least stop and investigate – but no one ever did.

The presence of the boy became so prevalent in his daily thoughts that the man stopped to sit beside the boy. What would he say and how would he address the boy

without sounding like a pompous twit? "Hello," he said.

"Hi sir," the boy responded with the sweetest voice he had ever heard. "How are you?"

This disarmed the man and he felt more comfortable speaking to the boy.

"I see you here every day in this

same spot," the man said. "I dare ask but is everything ok?"

As he said this to the boy, he noticed that the boy's back was bowed and seemed deformed beneath the large overcoat.

"Yes," the boy replied. "Everything is just fine, especially since you stopped to talk to me."

The man somehow felt both honored and guilty – honored because he had stopped to speak to the boy but also kind of guilty because it had taken him so long to do. Before he could gather words to say in response to the boy's comment, the boy stood up and was remarkably taller than he appeared to be while sitting crouched on the sidewalk. He was taller than the man who had stopped. The dirty old tattered overcoat fell away to reveal a magnificent pair of wings.

"I am an angel and only you can see me," the boy said. "Now that

you have, remember that you have been warned in the book of Hebrews 13:2, 'Don't forget to entertain strangers for by so doing some have unwittingly entertained angels.'"

Even if you never walk past or encounter an angel, make sure your concern for others runs deep enough to affect your empathy and hospitality.

There may be someone at your command who just needs to hear a kind word or there may be a young single person living in the barracks that is longing for a home cooked meal or parents in your church who are in desperate need of a babysitter so they can enjoy a few hours of alone time.

Take action and reach out to a person in need. You never know to whom you have spoken any given day. Pay attention to how you treat others. What you do and what you say does matter.



Still Moments



Happy Sweet 65: Phil Harrison, left, Navy Exchange (NEX) Guam district manager looks on as Bertha Castro, center, NEX Guam area replenishment manager, and Capt. Richard Wood, U.S. Naval Base Guam (NBG) commanding officer, cut a cake in honor of the NEX System's 65th birthday at the NEX main store food court on NBG April 1. The NEX System has been operating since April 1, 1946. Today, Navy Exchange Command (NEXCOM) provides oversight for 102 NEX complexes with nearly 300 stores. NEXCOM also oversees Navy Lodges, ship stores and the Uniform Program Management Office. Worldwide, the NEX employs over 14,000 associates – 27 percent of whom are military family members. (Photo courtesy of NEX Guam)

More than 800 pounds lost at MWR finale

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

The Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) "Biggest Loser" finale was held at the Navy Exchange on U.S. Naval Base Guam April 7.

Jenna Wienert, MWR fitness coordinator, said the 12-week program was a challenge for 90 individuals to lose as much healthy weight as possible and maintain a healthy lifestyle. She said the program was designed as a means of support and each competitor pushed themselves to meet their goals.

Weinert added that the prizes at the end were secondary rewards for their hard work throughout the process.

"It was a self-run program," she said. "We provided them with information, and they came to weigh in once a week. It was all on them to push themselves. We offered help when they needed it but they did it on their own."

Two teams of couples took the win in their respective gender categories.

First place honors went to Scott Sherman, Naval Facilities Engineering Command Marianas fire protection engineer, and his wife Tracy.



Behind Curtain Number One: Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Fitness Coordinator Jenna Wienert reveals the top prize to winners of MWR's "Biggest Loser" finale at the Navy Exchange on U.S. Naval Base Guam April 7. The 12-week program was a challenge for 90 individuals to lose as much healthy weight as possible and maintain a healthy lifestyle. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Corwin Colbert)

"The hardest part was getting started," Tracy Sherman said. "Once we started, we just kept going."

The Shermans said they had a secret formula

going into the competition.

"Working together made things easier," Scott Sherman said. "We competed from within, motivating each other. I knew she would

possibly win but I was neck and neck with Michael Rubin."

Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class (FMF) Michael Rubin, of U.S. Naval Hospital Guam, and Chari Rubin were the second place winners. They said that participating in the competition was great and they are happy they did it.

"I feel great," Michael Rubin said. "It's been a while since I didn't need to be taped during [physical readiness test] weigh-ins. I plan to keep pushing my body and not stop. It shouldn't take a competition for me to be in good shape."

Chari Rubin said it was a bittersweet win. "I feel elated that this is over and I feel good," she said. "However, with my husband losing 30 pounds, I lose my favorite love handles."

The first place winners won exercise bikes and the second place winners won eight-gigabyte iPods.

Michael Rubin reminisced about his tough competition with Scott Sherman.

"It was an intense competition during the weigh-ins," Michael Rubin said. "At first I was ahead and, slowly but surely, he was catching up to me. He obviously won but there are no losers – we all came and accomplished what we wanted to do and that is what matters."

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.

Earth Day 5K

2011 Earth Day 5K Fun Run will be held April 22. Show times is 5 p.m. and go time is 5:30 p.m. Pre-registration is ongoing until April 21 at Charles King Fitness Center. Registration can also be done at the race. Start and finish will be at the grassy field at Sumay Marina. For more information, call 339-2049.

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.

Ultimate Frisbee

Ultimate Frisbee pickup games are played Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Sampson Softball Field on NBG (next to the old swimming pool). No experience necessary. For more information, show up.

NCTS Sports Center

The Naval Computer and Telecommunications Station Guam Sports Center has reopened. 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.

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.

Youth Baseball and T-Ball Registration

Youth Baseball and T-Ball seasons are set to begin. Certification for coaches will be held April 14-16. Practices start April 18. Games begin May 7. For more information, call 366-3491.

Monthly Green Fee Card

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

Lap Swimming

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

Aikido Classes

The Hotspot is now offering two types of aikido classes. One is a traditional (Hombu) aikido class for all levels. Classes will be held Monday and Wednesday from 5:30-6:30 p.m. for kids 8-12 years and 6:30-8 p.m. for adults. The other class is Law Enforcement/Combat Aikido, and is for adults only. This class will be held Tuesday and Thursday from 6-7:30 p.m. All classes are \$60 per month, per student. Sign up at the Hotspot. For more information, call 366-2339.

