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## PACAF leader visits Andersen AFB

By Airman 1st Class Whitney Tucker

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Visiting bases is the most direct means the Pacific Air Forces' (PACAF) command chief has to communicate with PACAF Airmen and families whether it's to listen to concerns, provide guidance for professional development or deliver messages from Air Force leadership.

PACAF Command Chief Master Sgt. Brooke McLean visited Andersen Air Force Base June 1-3 to speak with Airmen and let service members know their efforts don't go unnoticed.

"When I joined in the Air Force in 1983 there was not a lot of public esteem for the military," McLean said. "After the first Gulf War and 9/11, all that changed. Now people will stop you and they'll shake your hand and say, 'Thank you for what you do. Thank you for your service.' It's a good time to be serving our nation and I thank you for being on the team with us."

With mission capabilities such as the continuous bomber presence, theater security package and a contingency response group poised for action anywhere in the area of responsibility, Andersen is a vital part of the Pacific's Strategic Triangle. "Andersen takes on a lion's share of the work being done in the Pacific theater," McLean said. "I want to thank you for your service and as a Total Force partner in the Pacific

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Rubbing Elbows: Chief Master Sgt. Brooke McLean, second from left, Pacific Air Forces command chief, meets with members of the 96th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron deployed to Andersen Air Force Base from Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana in support of Team Andersen's continuous bomber presence June 1. During the B-52 Stratofortress tour, the chief was shown weapons bays and safety features on the aircraft. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Carlin Leslie)



## DLA DDGM holds change of command ceremony



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

Joint Region Edge Staff

Lt. Col. Patrick Tucker assumed command of Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Defense Distribution Depot Guam, Marianas (DDGM) from Lt. Col. Ly Fecteau at the DLA complex on U.S. Naval Base Guam June 15.

U.S. Navy Supply Corps Rear Adm. Thomas Traaen, DLA commander, was the guest speaker. He spoke about the DLA's importance in the Navy's logistical mission and commended Fecteau's great leadership.

"As a lead DLA planner for

Pacific Command, Ly was instrumental in supporting the ongoing defense policy review to relocate various Marine air-ground task force elements to Guam," Traaen said. "As the first Marine commander here, Ly has commanded a diverse workforce while managing more than 11,000 line items valued at more than \$19 million. Ly consistently met established goals and had a near-perfect inventory accuracy rate and an unprecedented denial rate. These successes are a testament to her diligent focus and management, distribution and customer-centric processes within the DLA enterprise. Ly, I commend you for all your efforts here."

Traaen also welcomed Tucker, saying he was the right Marine

for the job.

"There is no better person to take the reigns of DLA Defense Distribution Marianas than Patrick," he said. "The command is a great honor and we select the best for this position. Patrick has proven he is a gifted leader and the right officer to continue the strong and outstanding leadership that Ly and her predecessors have brought to this assignment."

After his speech, Traaen presented Fecteau with the Defense Meritorious Service Medal for exceptional service as strategic planning officer for DLA DDGM. Then the ceremonial Marine Corps tradition of the passing of the colors began. The unit's flag was passed from the old commander to

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# USO brings Sesame Street to Guam

By Airman 1st Class Whitney Tucker  
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Elmo, Rosita, Cookie Monster and Grover – all characters from the Sesame Street television show – paid a visit to Andersen Air Force Base and U.S. Naval Base Guam (NBG) to perform for military members and their families June 9-10.

The USO teamed with Sesame Workshop, the non-profit organization that produces Sesame Street, to bring The Sesame Street/USO Experience for Military Families to the Asia-Pacific region.

“It’s a fantastic partnership,” said Lonnie Cooper, USO tour manager. “It’s a natural thing. Sesame Street has an instant credibility with children and their families and the USO has credibility with the military. When you put those two things together for this kind of program for military families, it is just unprecedented and it’s been a real success for us.”

Audiences at the shows were introduced to a new character, Katie, a military child relocating to a new home. With the support of Elmo and other Sesame Street friends, Katie is able to open up about her apprehension and excitement as she deals with the challenges of adjusting to a new environment and making new friends.

The new show also features a 25-minute, high-energy character performance with special giveaways and vital outreach materials for those who attend.

“It’s a way for military children to learn how to cope with issues that affect them,” Cooper said. “Who better to discuss it with than characters they have come to trust like Elmo, Cookie Monster or Rosita?”

Andersen mom Staff Sgt. Whitney Rogers, of 36th Force Support Squadron, believes the Sesame Street characters help kids feel empowered and encourages them to be themselves.

“This show is good for military kids because it lets them know they’re not alone,” she said. “In this lifestyle, kids move around a lot. They’re going to make friends and lose friends



Can You Tell Me How to Get to Guam?: Sesame Street characters greet audience members during The Sesame Street/USO Experience for Military Families show at the Big Screen Theatre on U.S. Naval Base Guam June 10. During the show, audiences saw some of their favorite Sesame Street characters and were introduced to Katie, a military child relocating to a new home. (U.S. Navy photo by Anna-Victoria Crisostomo)

but this show teaches them that you never have to forget the people you meet and to remember that new friends are just around the corner.”

Navy spouse Dot Ramirez agreed with Rogers. Ramirez said that for her family the show hit close to home.

“We loved the show,” she said. “In 11 weeks we’re leaving, so [my daughter] can totally relate. We’re starting to pack up and head to a new duty station.”

For Master-at-Arms 1st Class (SW) Jermaine

Glover, of NBG Security, the thrill of the show was being able to share a piece of his childhood with his sons.

“Last year it was a ball so I made sure I had to come out a second time,” he said. “[For our kids] to see what we saw back in the day, which was Sesame Street, and for them to see it and experience it was amazing.”

Since its inception four years ago, The Sesame Street/USO Experience for Military Families has logged more than 61,200 miles

to 90 bases in 33 different states and nine countries. This summer alone the tour will perform more than 120 shows, touching the lives of countless children and military members alike.

“We know family is the core of getting not only our service members through their hardship but keeping every family unit together,” said Leigh Leilani Graham, USO Guam director. “I think it helps the parents just as much as it does the children.”



Up Close and Personal: Young audience members get up close and personal during The Sesame Street/USO Experience for Military Families show at the Big Screen Theatre on U.S. Naval Base Guam June 10. (U.S. Navy photo by Anna-Victoria Crisostomo)



The Sesame Street Gang: Characters from the Sesame Street television show perform for military members and their families at the Youth Center gym on Andersen Air Force Base June 9. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Whitney Tucker)

## 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.*

## Report Fraud, Waste and Mismanagement

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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Phone: 339-0001

Mailing address:  
JRM Inspector General Office  
PSC 455 Box 211  
FPO AP 96540

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

# New waiver, services for immigration

By Legalman 3rd Class  
Christina Oliver

Navy Legal Service Office Pacific, Det. Guam

When considering immigration, one immediately thinks of the long, difficult road ahead – an endless stream of paperwork, policies and fees. Through the long waits and anticipation, one is always looking for some sort of shortcut to speed up the process. Those wanting to become citizens need to look no further.

There is a new fee waiver program from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).

The first-ever standardized fee waiver program was launched November 2010. While service members already naturalize for free, their spouses and dependents do not. The new waiver program may be used to assist a service member's family during their immigration and naturalization process.

Form I-912, Request for Fee Waiver, may be used in one of three

scenarios – the individual is receiving a “means testing benefit” such as Medicaid or food stamps, the household income is at or less than 150 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines at the time of the filing, or the individual has some kind of financial hardship.

For those who need help understanding the documents and process, Military One Source offers translation services for legal documents including leases, marriage licenses, adoption documents, and school transcripts.

Each translated document will include a certificate of authenticity. To speak with a translation consultant, call 1-800-342-9647. Be sure to have the documents you'd like translated ready for electronic transmittal when you make this call.

Remaining vigilant in one's efforts is the key to successful immigration and naturalization. Individuals who are considered unlawfully present can be barred from immigration proceedings for up to 10 years depending on how long they were

deemed to be unlawfully present.

Becoming a U.S. citizen will always be a lengthy and competitive journey. By doing the proper research, one can make it as quick and painless as possible. Good luck!

If you have any questions, contact Navy Legal Service Office Pacific, Det. Guam at 333-2061/2 or the Andersen Legal Office at 366-2937.

For more information on becoming a citizen or to download Form I-912, visit [www.uscis.gov](http://www.uscis.gov).

## Local business gets Andersen AFB projects

From Naval Facilities Engineering  
Command Marianas Public Affairs

Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Marianas awarded a \$7.5 million firm-fixed-price task order to Guam Pacific International LLC, a small business of Barrigada, Guam, for construction of a combat communications operations facility at Andersen Air

Force Base (AFB).

The contract is to build a reinforced concrete facility with office spaces, briefing/training rooms, an administration area, mechanical and electrical spaces, and communications and fire suppression/detection systems. The work also includes environmental controls, utilities, pavements, parking and associated site improvements.

“This is another fine example of a small business that has successfully demonstrated its capabilities to meet our enduring military construction requirements,” said Capt. Peter Lynch, NAVFAC Marianas commanding officer. “Not only will the work support a new facility for the Air Force but it will also incorporate sustainable design strategies and features that will allow

us to meet federal environmental mandates.”

This task order was awarded under a previously-awarded small business multiple award construction contract (MACC). Six proposals were received and work is expected to be completed by August 2012.

NAVFAC is the systems command that delivers and maintains quality sustainable facilities, acquires and

manages capabilities for the Navy's expeditionary combat forces, provides contingency engineering response, and enables energy security and environmental stewardship.

Additional updates and information about NAVFAC can be found on social media sites Facebook and Twitter. Become a fan at [www.facebook.com/navfac](http://www.facebook.com/navfac) or follow them at [www.twitter.com/navfac](http://www.twitter.com/navfac).

## NAVFAC Marianas awards \$14.6 million in task orders

From Naval Facilities Engineering  
Command Marianas Public Affairs

Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Marianas awarded an \$8.1 million firm-fixed-price task order for construction of a Commando Warrior open bay student barracks and a \$6.5 million firm-fixed-price task order for construction of a Rapid Engineer Deployable Heavy Operational Repair Squadron (RED HORSE) headquarters/engineering facility June 8 to Overland

Corp., a HubZone-certified small business of Ardmore, Okla.

The Commando Warrior open bay student barracks will be a reinforced concrete student basic training dormitory with laundry, hygiene and shower facilities to accommodate 150 personnel. The facility will include a reception area, ready rooms, equipment wash-down areas and storage spaces.

“This project represents continued military investment in a critically important training area for the Air

Force at Northwest Field,” said Lt. Alan Eichelman, Andersen Air Force Base resident officer in charge of construction. “It will enhance Air Force training capabilities and support regional operations.”

Construction of the RED HORSE squadron headquarters/engineering facility will include reinforced concrete foundation and floor slab, structural steel frame, masonry walls, standing-seam metal roof, fire detection and protection systems, utilities, site improvements, landscaping, emergency

response access pavements, roads, parking, and communications support.

Construction of Commando Warrior open bay student barracks will be completed by June 2012 and the RED HORSE squadron headquarters and engineering facility will be completed by October 2012. Both task orders were awarded under a previously awarded small business multiple award construction contract (MACC) with six proposals received in each solicitation.

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## Andersen's Best: Miller's work helps neutralize threats



An Apple for the Teacher: Airman 1st Class Kayla Miller, 96th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron (EBS) intelligence mission planner, was awarded Andersen's Best June 7. Miller helps build intelligence scenarios designed to see how the 96th EBS crews plan and execute their mission based on data provided. In addition to creating robust training scenarios and educating 55 aircrew members on enemy tactics, Miller briefs senior staff on current intelligence and threat levels across the Pacific. 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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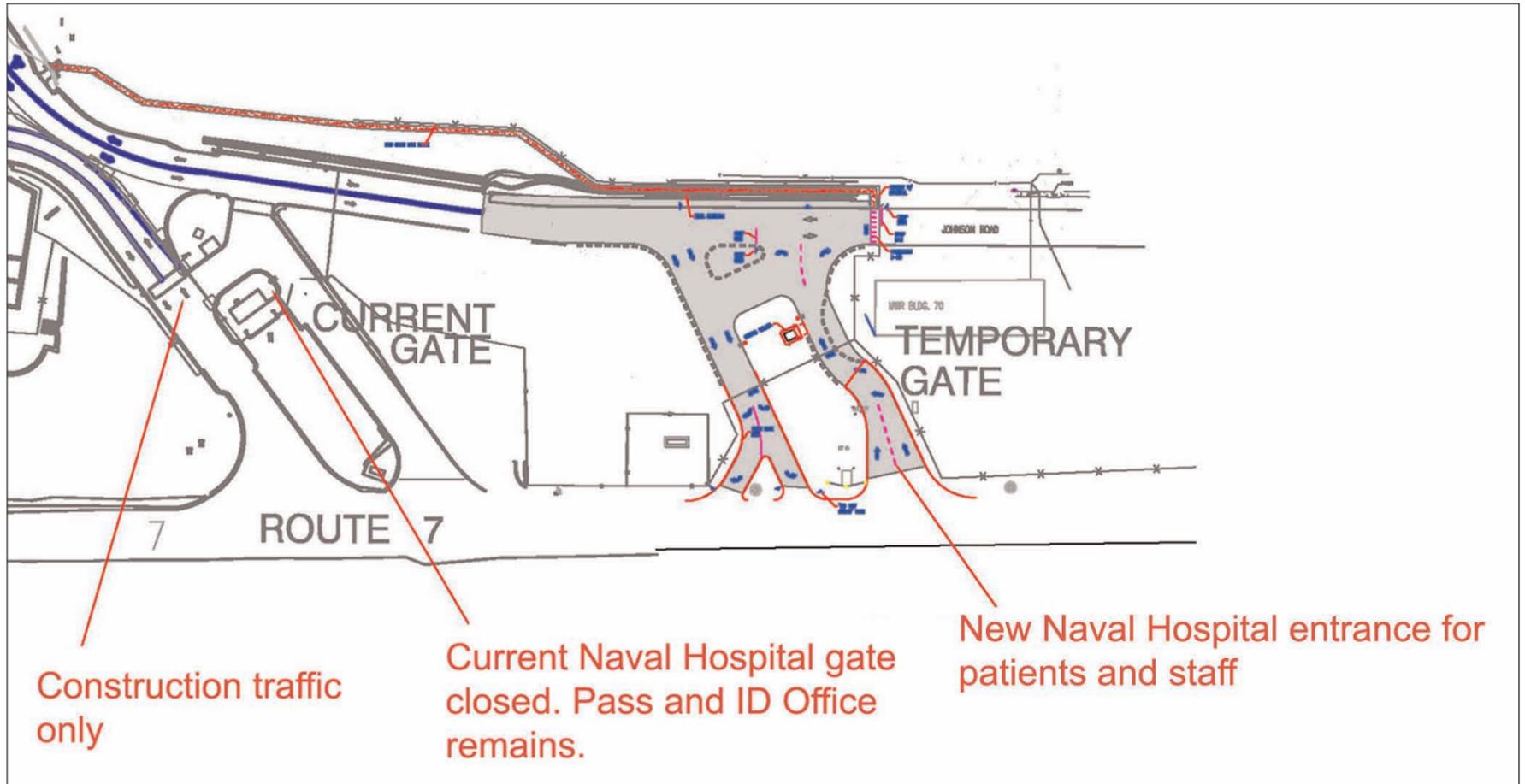
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# USNH Guam opening new temporary gate



Changes Are Coming: U.S. Naval Hospital (USNH) Guam patients and staff will begin utilizing the new temporary gate July 5 beginning at 5 a.m. The new gate is located along Route 7, 320 feet east of the current gate. This change will separate USNH traffic from construction traffic. The Pass and ID Office for USNH Guam will remain at Building 16 at the current gate location. USNH Guam would like to remind all motorists to adhere to all applicable signs and directions, and thanks its patients and visitors for their patience during the gate transition and ongoing construction activities. Construction for the new USNH Guam facility is expected to be completed by the fall of 2014. (Graphic courtesy of USNH Guam)

## News Notes

### Job Announcements

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

### New U.S. Naval Hospital Guam Temporary Gate

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### Guam National Guard Toughest Responder Competition

The 2nd Annual Guam National Guard (GUANG) Toughest Responder Competition will be held July 10 at the GUANG Readiness Center in Barrigada. The competition is open to all active-duty military service members, Reservists, Guardsmen, Government of Guam and federal first responders. Competition includes a 5K race, workout of the day and obstacle course. Teams of five must sign up by July 7. Prizes will be awarded to the top three teams. For more information or to sign up, call Capt. Gary Tanaka or Staff Sgt. Roman Ayuyu at 735-0479 or 735-0457.

### Andersen Air Force Base Public Health

Going on vacation? Andersen Air Force Base's Public Health office can provide clinic beneficiaries with general health information such as vaccine requirements, prophylactic medications and disease outbreaks for your specific travels. For more information on your next destination, contact Andersen Public Health 366-4147.

### USPS Naval Station New Business Hours

The United States Postal Service location in Barracks 4 on U.S. Naval Base Guam is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1-3 p.m. and closed on Saturdays, Sundays and federal holidays.

### Coalition of Sailors Against Destructive Decision

The Coalition of Sailors Against Destructive Decision (CSADD) Program provides an additional resource and communication tools that facilitates positive Sailor interaction. For more information about this program, contact Joint Region Marianas CSADD Team Leader Chief Logistics Specialist (SW/AW) June Magaling at 349-1238 or [June.Magaling@fe.navy.mil](mailto:June.Magaling@fe.navy.mil).

### Morale, Welfare and Recreation Dining Establishments to Raise Prices

U.S. Naval Base Guam Morale, Welfare and Recreation has adjusted prices at select food and beverage facilities including Nap's Alabama BBQ, Molly McGee's Irish Pub and Game Time Sports Grill. For more information, call 687-2589.

### U.S. Naval Base Guam Facilities Changing Hours of Operation

The following U.S. Naval Base Guam Morale, Welfare and Recreation facilities have changed their hours of operation:

- Clipper Landing – Open Friday through Sunday and holidays from 11 a.m.-8 p.m.
- Nap's Alabama BBQ – Open Monday through Friday from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
- Charles King Fitness Center (CKFC) – Monday through Friday from 4:30 a.m.-10 p.m., Saturday from 6 a.m.-10 p.m., and Sundays and holidays from 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

### Marine Corps Drive Lane Closure Near Polaris Point

Sections of the south and north bound interior lanes of Marine Corps Drive beginning at Polaris Point will be closed to traffic Monday through Saturday from 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. until mid-November due to upgrades of the Navy's wastewater collection system. The project will progress north from the Polaris Point intersection to the Sasa Valley Fuel Farm. Lane closures will be executed in an effort to minimize impact to traffic. Motorists are advised to use caution and observe the posted speed limits around the construction site.

### Andersen AFB Auto Hobby Shop Alignment Machine

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.

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

U.S. Naval Base Guam 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 "US Naval Base Guam" on Facebook.

### Safety Hotlines

Naval Base Guam and Andersen Air Force Base service members, dependents and personnel are encouraged to report any unsafe or unhealthful incidents and situations. 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.

# Frank Cable Sailors promoted



Ready and Waiting: Sailors assigned to the submarine tender USS Frank Cable (AS 40) stand at parade rest as they await the start of their frocking ceremony at Polaris Point June 3. Cable conducts maintenance and support of submarines and surface vessels deployed in the U.S. 7th Fleet area of responsibility. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist Seaman Apprentice Chris Salisbury)



Time-Honored Tradition: Sailors assigned to the submarine tender USS Frank Cable (AS 40) take note as their Commanding Officer Capt. Thomas Stanley, right, commends them for their efforts in the past year during a frocking ceremony at Polaris Point June 3. Cable conducts maintenance and support of submarines and surface vessels deployed in the U.S. 7th Fleet area of responsibility. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist Seaman Apprentice Chris Salisbury)



# Fuel woes can impact warfighter readiness

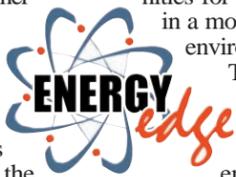
By Kevin D. Evans

Joint Region Marianas Supervisory  
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Chief of Naval Operations (CNO)  
Adm. Gary Roughead recently spoke  
at the U.S. Naval War College's  
62nd annual Current Strategy Forum  
in Newport, R.I., The theme for this

year's forum was "Energy and the  
U.S. National Security: Vulner-  
ability and Opportunity."

The 2011 Current Strategy  
Forum explored the critical  
role of energy in interna-  
tional security, the impact  
of increasing global demands  
on natural resources, and the



related vulnerabilities and opportu-  
nities for the maritime services  
in a more energy-constrained  
environment.

The CNO spoke about  
the U.S. Navy's  
continued need to  
find more efficient  
energy sources.

"We in the Navy view security  
through the lens of energy and  
understand implicitly that our access  
to energy sources we use today –  
oil and gas primarily– is anything  
but guaranteed," Roughead said.

Though the Navy adopted energy  
solutions in support of commitments,  
much still needs to be done.

Our naval forces, especially those  
deployed around the world, require  
significant amounts of fuel. This  
year's forum highlighted the fact  
that global competition for energy  
resources means a struggle to meet  
increasing demands with limited  
resources – thus impacting the role  
of American sea power.

# How do you prepare for a typhoon?

*Joint Region Edge asked its readers how they prepare for a typhoon.*



**"I get the necessary materials needed such as food and water. I have been through typhoons before. I already have shutters. I just make sure I am alert with the weather."**

— Private 2nd Class Jovito Carbon  
Guam Air National Guard



**"I think a first aid kit is the most important thing to have in the event of a natural disaster. Then you have to have food - things like canned goods and bottled water. I also like to have things like cookies and crackers to keep it interesting."**

— Rita Ragasa  
Andersen Base Exchange employee



**"We have put together a typhoon readiness package and stocked up on water. I have also been paying attention to the alerts on ONE-NET to keep me informed on what's going on with the weather."**

—Sgt. Justin Dues  
Marine Forces Pacific (Forward) Guam and Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands



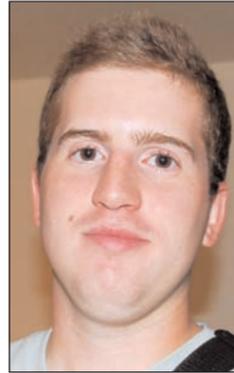
**"To prepare for a natural disaster, I just make sure I have enough supplies to last me at least a week or two at home. I stock up on water bottles, food and, of course, make sure I have an emergency first aid kit."**

—Brandon Cooper  
Andersen Base Exchange employee



**"I have been thinking of purchasing a generator. I already have shutters installed. I just need to make sure I keep stocking on food and water to get me by."**

— Master-at Arms Seaman Jason Rionda  
U.S. Naval Base Guam Security



**"My wife and I started putting a typhoon kit together recently. We've stocked up on the essentials like bottled water and nonperishable food items, batteries and flash lights. Our goal is to have enough to last for at least for a couple of weeks."**

—Senior Airman Chris De La Torre  
36th Communications Squadron ground radar troop

# McLean: 'There's nothing we can't solve'

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and a great wing in PACAF. You are heroes in the eyes of [Gen. Gary North, PACAF commander,] and in the eyes of the Air Force."

McLean also expressed his appreciation for the families who support their service members through the good and bad.

"I recognize the service and sacrifice of the families," he said. "It's easy for us to train and to deploy and focus on the mission but it's very difficult for the families to stay at home. Not one of us could do our deployed mission without the love and support of our family members."

As the command chief, McLean is responsible for leading the 35,000

Total Force enlisted men and women of PACAF and advising the PACAF commander on all matters affecting the training, development and effective utilization of the enlisted force. He also coordinates with the headquarters staff, commanders and senior personnel on administration and implementation of command policy.

During his visit, McLean met with Andersen chief master sergeants, first sergeants and Airmen to hear about issues from representatives at various tiers of the enlisted structure.

"I appreciate the opportunity to come over and talk with each of you," he said. "One of the best things I get to do at my job is come

out and hear from people like you—people dealing with real issues and making the mission happen day in and day out. I want to find out what's on your mind and hear what you have to say so that we can do what it takes to fix it. When we're all on the same page, there's nothing we can't solve for the Air Force, for PACAF or for Andersen."

# Changing hands: Tucker ready to take charge

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the new signifying the official change of command.

Fecteau said she enjoyed her time in Guam and that the award demonstrates her team's hard work and support.

"This award is the efforts of our log partners and their commitment and dedication to supporting the warfighter," she said. "We couldn't have done what we have accomplished [without them]. As I leave my post and relinquish command to Lt. Col.

Tucker, I would like to thank all that has been an integral part of my time here."

Following her speech, Tucker said he looks forward to the challenges and experiences ahead.

"As I take command, I am greatly

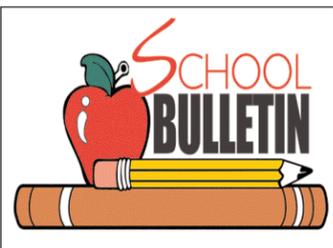
heartened by everything I have been exposed to here at DLA," he said.

"Whether it be performance metrics, cultures, personal attitudes or expertise—all have impressed me as outstanding professionals. This is a great reflection of the command

and Lt. Col. Fecteau. I had the past opportunity to work and command a Marine Corps supply management unit. I enjoy this line of work and I look forward in learning about the DOD wholesale level of supply."







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)

Check out DoDEA Guam's new district Web site for information regarding the updated uniform policy for SY 2011-2012, supply lists for students, immunization information, registration information, school bus tips and rules, the SY 2011-2012 calendar, links to your child's school and more! Visit the new site at [www.guam.pac.dodea.edu](http://www.guam.pac.dodea.edu).

### Andersen Elementary School

Aug. 23 Reporting date for nonadministrative educator personnel for orientation and classroom preparation

Aug. 26 Class lists posted after 4 p.m.

Aug. 29 First day of school for first- through fifth-grade

Aug. 29-Sept. 2 Prekindergarten and kindergarten home visits

Sept. 5 No School - Labor Day

Sept. 6 First day of school for kindergarten

Sept. 7 First day of school for prekindergarten

### Andersen Middle School

Aug. 23 Reporting date for nonadministrative educator personnel for orientation and classroom preparation

Aug. 29 First day of school

Sept. 5 No School - Labor Day

### Guam High School

Aug. 23 Reporting date for nonadministrative educator personnel for orientation and classroom preparation

Aug. 29 First day of school

Sept. 5 No School - Labor Day

### McCool Elementary/Middle School

Aug. 23 Reporting date for nonadministrative educator personnel for orientation and classroom preparation

Aug. 29 First day of school

Aug. 29-Sept. 2 Prekindergarten and kindergarten home visits

Sept. 5 No School - Labor Day

Substitute teachers wanted. U.S. citizens with a minimum of 60 college semester hours may apply. For more information, call Mellie Guerrero at 339-5347.

# GHS seniors become alumni

By JoAnna Delfin

Joint Region Edge Staff

Guam High School (GHS) bid a fond farewell to 94 young men and women during the GHS commencement ceremony at the school's gymnasium in Agana Heights June 10.

Wearing white and blue gowns, the seniors were greeted with an uproar of cheers and applause from family members and friends as they entered the gym to the traditional "Pomp and Circumstance."

Following performances of "The Star-Spangled Banner" by Brooke Baxter and "The Guam Hymn" by Andrew Galvan, GHS Principal Phil Keim congratulated the graduates and noted their initial successes in the pursuit of higher education.

"The Class of 2011 are winners," he said. "This class of 94 students has accumulated over \$1,001,300 in scholarship money. I've enjoyed my first year at Guam High School because of these students who've begun understanding respect, honor and dignity in everything they do."

Class Valedictorian Cody Pumper said he was honored to receive top honors. Pumper added that he was glad to have shared his high school experience with his fellow Panthers.

"It's exciting," he said "It's kind of something I've always dreamed about. Towards the end of the year we really grew as a family and, at this point, I think we're the tightest class this school has ever seen."

Pumper will attend Parsons New School for Design in New York City, N.Y., where he will pursue a degree in graphic design.

Salutatorian Shanna Miller agreed with Pumper. Miller added that strong minds and great instincts were some of the qualities that made her class unique. During her salutatory address, Miller encouraged fellow graduates to give their all in the future and never forget where they came from.

"My fellow graduates of 2011, as we take the next step in our lives let us remember the lessons we have learned here at Guam High School and apply them to our future success," she said. "Let us pursue new goals that will fill our hearts, our souls and our minds."

Miller will attend Cal Poly Pomona in Pomona, Calif., where she will study to become a registered dietician.

The event's keynote speaker was Paul Meier, GHS teacher. Taking from the teachings of American writer and mythologist Joseph Campbell, Meier encouraged graduates to



Throw Your Caps in the Air: Guam High School (GHS) graduates toss their caps in the air after receiving their diplomas during the GHS commencement ceremony at the GHS gymnasium in Agana Heights June 10. (U.S. Navy photo by JoAnna Delfin)

pursue their passions.

"By all means follow your bliss or what work thrills you – be it brain surgery or flipping burgers," he said. "Find what fulfills you and makes you glad to get up in the morning."

Following Meiers words, the Class of 2011 performed a song titled "Today My Life Begins." Then it was time to receive diplomas and turn tassels.

As the commencement came to a close, the graduates threw their caps in the air and paraded off the stage into a sea of hugs from family and friends who welcomed them to the ranks of GHS alumni.

Senior Master Sgt. Timothy Rickard, of 36th Civil Engineer Squadron, said he was proud to see his daughter graduate on Guam.

"It's a very proud night for us," he said. "We've been to several Air Force bases in the last four years and we finally came back to Guam, and it's good to see her graduate from the high school she started from."

As a piece of advice to GHS graduates, Rickard added that a good education is essential in today's workforce.

"The world is changing and the job market itself," he said. "You've pretty much limited yourself without a good education."

Kayleen Aguon, GHS graduate, said that, while she is happy to graduate, the moment was bittersweet.

"I'm going to miss the communication between everyone because everyone's going to be leaving and not everyone's going to have the same communication that we did in high school," she said.

Heather Abel, another GHS graduate, offered a piece of advice for her friends.

"Don't be afraid to do the things you want to do," she said. "It's always better to ask permission than to ask forgiveness."

Abel's mother Navy Counselor 1st Class (AW) Candice Abel, Commander, Submarine Squadron 15 command career counselor, was excited to share the day with her daughter.

"It's so exciting," she said. "It's a huge milestone marker for her."

Candice Abel said she hopes her daughter will attend college and get a good job to obtain all the things she wants in life.

# AES announces Science Fair winners



Top Left: Andersen Elementary School (AES) Science Fair third-grade winners pose with Wendy Tougher, left, AES teacher and event coordinator, and Willette Horne-Barnes, back, AES principal, at the Andersen Air Force Base campus May 27. Student projects were judged by AES Parent Teacher Organization and faculty members. (Photo by Becky Levy courtesy of AES)

Top Right: Andersen Elementary School (AES) Science Fair fourth-grade winners pose with Wendy Tougher, left, AES teacher and event coordinator, and Willette Horne-Barnes, back, AES principal, at the Andersen Air Force Base campus May 27. Student projects were judged by AES Parent Teacher Organization and faculty members. (Photo by Becky Levy courtesy of AES)



Left: Andersen Elementary School (AES) Science Fair fifth-grade winners pose with Willette Horne-Barnes, second from left, AES principal, and Wendy Tougher, second from right, AES teacher and event coordinator, at the Andersen Air Force Base campus May 27. Student projects were judged by AES Parent Teacher Organization and faculty members. (Photo by Becky Levy courtesy of AES)

# AES highlights local culture at fair



All Smiles in Local Wear: Students from Andersen Elementary School (AES) don cultural costumes as part of the AES Culture Fair at the Andersen Air Force Base campus May 23. Under the direction of Marie Cruz and FeZoe Barrett, both AES culture teachers, select students from third through fifth grades performed Chamorro songs and dances. (Photo by Becky Levy courtesy of AES)

# Filipino dish hits the right spot

By JoAnna Delfin  
Joint Region Edge Staff

Guam is an island full of different cultures, great people and delicious food. The island can be thought of as a melting pot.

One culture that has had a significant impact on the island is that of the Filipino people. Many Filipino families have lived on Guam for decades. Because of their close geographic locations and the mixing of people, Chamorros and Filipinos share many similarities. From religion and values to traditions and food, the two cultures have influenced each other in many ways.

Similar to the Chamorro kádu (KUH-doo), Filipino sinigang (SIH-nih-gang) is a sour soup made with pork, chicken, beef, shrimp, or fish. The dish is commonly found in many Filipino households.

Both kádu and sinigang are local favorites to turn to on a rainy day. The hot soups can be enjoyed by themselves or over a big scoop of rice.

If you're in the mood for some good home cooking or want to chase away those rainy day blues, a big bowl of sinigang is sure to warm the soul.

## Sinigang Recipe

Four cups of water  
10 tamarind seeds or one package of sinigang mix  
One pound meat of choice  
One onion

Two garlic cloves  
One-half cup of tomatoes  
One radish  
One bundle of string beans  
One bundle of kangkong (KANG-koong), or river spinach  
Four medium pieces of taro  
Two green chili peppers  
Fish sauce to taste

Boil the tamarind in water until the shell starts to crack. Once the tamarind shells have significant cracks, remove from heat and let cool. After about seven minutes, remove the shells and, with a strainer, pour tamarind fruit and water into a bowl. Gently massage the tamarind meat off the seeds and strain again.

Slice your vegetables and meat. Vegetables should be cut into portions that are easy to eat. If using chicken, pork or other meats that comes in a large chunk, dice into cubes about one inch thick.

In a separate pot, sauté the garlic and onions, and add tomatoes. Let the mixture simmer for five minutes.

Add your meat, fish sauce and water to the pot and bring to a boil. Simmer for 15 minutes before adding the taro. Continue to simmer for another 15 minutes or until the meat is tender. Add your radish to the mix and simmer for another 10 minutes.

Add your pepper, kangkong and string beans to the pot. Let your sinigang cook for about two minutes. Remove from heat and serve with rice or alone.



Good Home Cooking: A hot bowl of sinigang (SIH-nih-gang) waits to greet an anxious eater June 11. Sinigang is a sour Filipino soup that is similar to Chamorro kádu (KUH-doo). (U.S. Navy photo by JoAnna Delfin)

## 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.

## Children's Story Time

Every Wednesday at the NBG Library from 3:30-4 p.m. The Andersen AFB Library offers two story time readings at 10:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. For more information, call NBG at 564-1836 or Andersen AFB at 366-4291.



## 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, JUNE 17

7 p.m.: Water for Elephants • PG-13

### SATURDAY, JUNE 18

2 p.m.: Water for Elephants • PG-13

7 p.m.: Something Borrowed • PG-13

### SUNDAY, JUNE 19

7 p.m.: Something Borrowed • 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.**



### FRIDAY, JUNE 17

7 p.m.: Prom • PG  
9:30 p.m.: Madea's Big Happy Family • PG-13

### SATURDAY, JUNE 18

1 p.m.: Hoodwinked Too: Hood vs. Evil • PG  
3:30 p.m.: Something Borrowed • PG-13  
7 p.m.: Fast Five • PG-13

### SUNDAY, JUNE 19

1 p.m.: Rio • G  
3:30 p.m.: Thor • PG-13  
7 p.m.: Water for Elephants • PG-13

The schedule is subject to change due to circumstances beyond the theater's control. **The Big Screen Theatre hotline is 564-1831 or visit [mwrguam.com](http://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  
Chapel of Hope: Sunday, 6:30 p.m.  
Men's Bible Study: Every first  
and third Tuesday of the month  
at 7 p.m. at the Interfaith  
Chapel, second floor, room H205  
Women's Bible Study: Every second  
and fourth Saturday of the month  
at 8:30 a.m. at the Fellowship Hall,  
Building 61

**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

# The hidden art of kayaking

By Lt. j.g. Matthew Drayton

U.S. Naval Base Guam Chaplain

If you know me, you know I love kayaking. It attracted me from the beginning.

It was fluid, rhythmic, peaceful and I could maneuver the varying kinds of water to magnify a mood, or, if I pleased, wipe one away. The more I did it, the more comfortable it became and it seemed to open up an entire world of both places and experiences inaccessible otherwise.

There are things I could see from the water that one would never see or appreciate from the shore. For those that have experienced it, there is nothing like lowering your paddle upon your deck and allowing your hands to drop into the

cool water that flows so evenly on either side. An unavoidable calm overcomes you and, as the water moves through your fingers and your boat slows to a stop, the ripples in the water subside and you can see your reflection with increasing clarity.

On the very best days it's not a blurred vision of your silhouette that makes the day meaningful but the quiet reflection upon the complexities of life and the answers that float to the surface.

Kayaking is more than just relaxation and reflection – its an adventure. As I consider the many lakes, rivers, and shorelines of my life, never once have they seemed mundane.

There were moments when I felt lost. There were times when I was protected from the elements by the cover of trees and times when I bobbed amidst swells larger than cars. There have been weeks where the current pushed me gently and others where that same current capsized me.

I mention all this not to advertise Guam kayak rentals but to let you know I now recognize more fully the value of it all. Kayaking in its purest sense mirrors the Christian faith and life. The key is to move with God and not against Him.

Faith is not a skill but an art, and art takes time and attention. I have witnessed many young and inexperienced boaters hurt themselves because they think they can beat the river. The reality is that we have no more control over the governing forces of the universe than we do over the water.

The preferred alternative is not to rule over the ebbs and flows of the river or ocean – they exist and remain in motion whether we recognize it or not. The goal is to become the artist – to turn our instincts inside out, learn to move with the water, and understand its governing principles.

The more we do it, the more comfortable it becomes and, when we faithfully paddle onward, God leads us to places of both beauty and calm that we never knew existed.







# Derby girls bring attitude, good intentions

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

The Guam Pacific Rim Rollers are looking for new girls to join their fast-growing league. No skating experience is necessary.

Pacific Rim Rollers is a roller derby league that is looking to expand its reach throughout the Pacific. They hope to start developing new teams in Saipan and other surrounding islands.

These fun-loving skate jocks come from all walks of life and have united with a common goal of empowering women through sports.

"Our league consists of housewives, mothers, active-duty Air Force and Navy personnel, medical professionals, artists, teachers and businesswomen," said Danae "Goldie Socks" Thompson-Wooldridge. "We are bringing local and military women together, creating lasting bonds and friendships while supporting and encouraging each other in derby and in life."

Contemporary roller derby is an American-invented contact sport. The game consists of two teams who engage in formation roller skating around an oval track. Points are scored when the designated scoring player, known as the "jammer," of a given team laps members of the opposing team.

Thompson-Wooldridge said there is no ideal build for a roller girl and there's a place for



Femme Fatale: Members of the Pacific Rim Rollers don their roller derby personas for a group shot in Dededo May 8. Pacific Rim Rollers is a roller derby league that is looking to expand its reach throughout the Pacific. (Photo by Jimmy Snaer Badong courtesy of the Guam Pacific Rim Rollers)

girls of all shapes and sizes.

"Come on girls," she said. "You know what, we say it all the time – size doesn't matter. A small frame can be an advantage on the track. You only need a small opening to slip through and you're a smaller target for the blockers. Petite girls who work on their speed can excel

as jammers and some of the hardest hits can be delivered by small blockers who develop their muscle mass."

On the other hand, Thompson-Wooldridge said bigger girls can make formidable blockers and represent both a psychological and physical obstacle for other players.

"It's just harder to get around a big girl," she said. "A plus-sized lady who trains for speed can also become an outstanding jammer – taking out her opponents while she scores points on them."

The top requirement for success is to be as fit as possible. That means developing stamina and building muscular strength both for skating power and to prevent injuries. You can develop these skills through practice.

The organization does more than skate. They enjoy participating and volunteering in the local community. They also switch on their personas to fundraise for charities or public events.

"Aside from skating and competitions, a major part of the Pacific Rim Rollers is giving back to the community," she said. "You will see us representing the Pacific Rim Rollers at community events by volunteering, being a part of charity fundraisers and helping to give back to the community."

If you think you might be interested in joining the league, check out their Web site at [www.pacificrimrollers.com](http://www.pacificrimrollers.com) or become a fan of "Pacific Rim Rollers" on Facebook.

"There are many other opportunities to get involved such as volunteers, referees, coaches, team managers, sponsors, and anyone willing to support us, feel free to stop by," Thompson-Wooldridge said.

Pacific Rim Roller practices are Tuesdays from 8-9:30 p.m. at the Tamuning Community Center basketball court.

## Run to honor fallen Sailor

By Anna-Victoria Crisostomo  
Joint Region Edge Staff

The inaugural Luis Souffront 5K Freedom Run, sponsored by Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit (EODMU) 5's Chief Petty Officer Association, will be held at Skinner Plaza in Hagatna July 30.

Show time is 5:30 a.m. Go time is 6 a.m. Early registration is \$6 for students, \$7 for adults and \$25 for a group of four. Payments can be made at Hornet Sporting Goods in Tamuning. On race day, registration will cost \$10 per person.

Explosive Ordnance Disposal Technician 1st Class Luis Souffront of Miami, Fla., served on Guam with EODMU 5 from 2002-2005.

According to Senior Chief Explosive Ordnance Disposalman (EWS/FMF/DSW/SW) Coalesce Brown, of EODMU 5, Souffront supported Special Forces as they deployed to Vietnam, Cambodia and Japan while

he was on Guam. After leaving the island, Souffront was assigned to a Navy SEAL team in Virginia Beach, Va. Souffront was killed while serving in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom as a result of injuries sustained from an improvised explosive device Feb. 7, 2008.

Proceeds from the event will go towards construction of a memorial for Souffront at the EODMU 5 command on Naval Base Guam.

Although Brown never personally served with Souffront, he said the impact of losing a fellow EOD Sailor is always felt by all in the close-knit group.

"Our [EOD] community is very, very small," Brown said. "So everyone knows everyone. So he's still considered like alumni of the command. Guys who were stationed here in Guam at the mobile unit, they're considered always part of the family."

Brown encouraged all to come out and support the 5K. For more information, call 339-8163/7701.

## 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).

### Morale, Welfare and Recreation Swim Program

Register now for the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Swim Program. There are classes for all ages and skill levels. Learn to swim or just improve your stroke. June classes are in full swing and available at Charles King Fitness Center pool. For more information, call 333-2049.

### Group Fitness Age Compliance

Beginning May 2, all group fitness classes in the basketball court must comply with the basketball court's age policy. According to the policy, "youth 9 years old and younger must be under interactive supervision of an adult." The Family Fitness Room and drop-in child care are now available.

### Run Registration

Runners can now submit run 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.

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.

### Beach Volleyball Tournament

Coral Reef Fitness Center will be having a Beach Volleyball Tournament at Tarague Beach June 25-26. Deadline for teams to sign up is June 24. For more information, call 366-6100.

### Pre/Postnatal Exercise Class

The Coral Reef Fitness Center offers a low-intensity class designed for pregnant women and new mothers. A doctor's clearance form is required to participate. Forms can be picked up at the Fitness Center. For more information, call 366-6100.

### Zumba

Free Zumba classes are held at the Coral Reef Fitness Center. The routine features interval training sessions where fast and slow rhythms and resistance training are combined to tone and sculpt your body while burning fat. For more information, call 366-6100.

### Monday Driving Range Special

Take advantage of the Palm Tree Golf Course's Driving Range Special every Monday from 4-8 p.m. Hit as many balls as you want for \$5. For more information, call 366-4653.

