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Event joins community, military

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The local and military communities on Guam came together for Armed Services Recognition Day, an event held in recognition of Guam's Liberation Day, at the War in the Pacific National Historical Park in Asan July 9.

During World War II, Japan forces captured Guam and occupied the island for three years until U.S. service members liberated the island July 21, 1944.

The event, organized by the Asan-Maina Mayor's Office, gave members of Guam's local and military populations a chance to come together as a united community and celebrate the 67th anniversary of Guam's liberation.

Asan-Maina Mayor Vicente "Benny" San Nicolas said Armed Services Recognition Day brought current service members to the place where their predecessors landed on Guam in 1944 to liberate the island. "This is where everything took

place – the landing, the invasion through the village," he said. "So that is why it is an important day for us, for the island in itself."

During the public event, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard commands participated with static displays and demonstrations. Personnel volunteered their time to discuss their missions and service in the military.

Senior Airman Patrick Taylor, of 736th Security Forces Squadron (SFS), said he was honored to be a part of the event and show the local

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Can I Fly It?: Children talk with Aviation Warfare Systems Operator 2nd Class (NAC/AW) Daniel Farnham, right, of Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 25, about the functions of the MH-60S Knighthawk helicopter during Armed Services Recognition Day at the War in the Pacific National Historical Park in Asan July 9. (U.S. Navy photo by JoAnna Delfin)



96th EBS wins award, improves community

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

"Humbled, honored and ecstatic," said Lt. Col. John Edwards, 96th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron (EBS) commander, when asked how he felt when his unit was presented with the Guam Chamber of Commerce Na'La' Bonita [na la bu-NEE-tah] Award June 29.

The mission of the Na'La' Bonita Guam Program is to beautify Guam with a community anti-litter and beautification program that creates public awareness and community involvement between the Chamber, the Government of Guam and the local community.

The award recognizes businesses, individuals and organizations that contribute to improving the quality and beauty of the island.

The 96th EBS, deployed to Andersen Air Force Base in support of Andersen's continuous bomber presence, received the award for their outstanding commitment to keeping local beaches clean, safe and beautiful, an initiative fondly dubbed the "9+6 Beach Cleanup."

"After Ray Tenorio, lieutenant governor of Guam, mentioned his Guam Beautification Task Force at the 36th Wing Dining Out, we found a natural point of synergy between the military and the Government of Guam's Department of Parks and Recreation," Edwards said. "Some discussions and a shared desire to

support the all-important military-civilian relationship led to the development of the 9+6 Beach Cleanup effort."

Recognizing the value in the goals of the Guam Beautification Task Force and taking advantage of the opportunity to build lasting

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I'd Like to Thank: Lt. Col. John Edwards, 96th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron (EBS) commander, speaks after the 96th EBS received the Na'La' Bonita [na la bu-NEE-tah] Award from the Guam Chamber of Commerce for their dedication to beautifying Guam June 29. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Carlin Leslie)



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Guam Chamber salutes service members

By Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class (SW) Peter Lewis
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The Guam Chamber of Commerce's Armed Forces Committee (AFC) hosted the 13th Annual Salute to the U.S. Armed Forces in Guam, a dinner in honor of the island's military community, at the Outrigger Guam Resort in Tumon July 6.

"We have a deep appreciation for all our men and women in uniform who defend our land every day," said Paul Blas, AFC chairman. "Thank you for your service and for defending our freedom and independence."

Though the tribute was for the armed forces, Rear Adm. Paul Bushong, Commander, Joint Region Marianas, praised the committee and the citizens of Guam for all they do to welcome and motivate military members on Guam.

"It's always a pleasure to be able to express appreciation for what our servicemen and women do but I'd also like to thank the Chamber of Commerce for their efforts to make the military feel welcome here on island and thanks to everybody on Guam that encourages the military and makes us feel like

family," he said.

As part of the salute, the more than 250 military members and their guests in attendance were treated to a gracious banquet and drinks as well as a raffle drawing with prizes including complimentary airfare.

Airman 1st Class Arthessius Hampton, of Andersen Air Force Base's 644th Combat Communications Squadron, said the event really showed him how much the local community appreciates the military.

"This was a great event and really showed me how much the island supports the military," he said. "I am grateful that the locals make us feel so welcome. It really puts me at ease and helps me get rid of my homesickness."

Information Systems Technician 3rd Class Daniel Nam, of U.S. Coast Guard Electronic Support Det. Guam, said he enjoyed the event and the camaraderie it promoted.

"This was an awesome event and really showed how the locals support the military," he said. "It was also a great opportunity to meet other service members from different branches – the best of both the civilian and military on Guam. What a great night."

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



A Night of Appreciation: Col. Robert Loynd, Marine Forces Pacific (Forward) Guam and Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands officer in charge, gives brief remarks during the 13th Annual Salute to the U.S. Armed Forces in Guam at the Outrigger Guam Resort in Tumon July 6. The event, which is hosted by the Guam Chamber of Commerce's Armed Forces Committee, serves as an expression of appreciation for what the men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces do each day to protect the nation's freedom. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class (SW) Peter Lewis)



All Smiles: Service members and their families enjoy themselves at the 13th Annual Salute to the U.S. Armed Forces in Guam at the Outrigger Guam Resort in Tumon July 6. The event, which is hosted by the Guam Chamber of Commerce's Armed Forces Committee, serves as an expression of appreciation for what the men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces do each day to protect the nation's freedom. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class (SW) Peter Lewis)



Savory Offerings for Some Special People: Service members enjoy the banquet at the 13th Annual Salute to the U.S. Armed Forces in Guam at the Outrigger Guam Resort in Tumon July 6. The event, which is hosted by the Guam Chamber of Commerce's Armed Forces Committee, serves as an expression of appreciation for what the men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces do each day to protect the nation's freedom. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class (SW) Peter Lewis)



A Couple of Merry Makers: Service members and their families enjoy themselves at the 13th Annual Salute to the U.S. Armed Forces in Guam at the Outrigger Guam Resort in Tumon July 6. The event, which is hosted by the Guam Chamber of Commerce's Armed Forces Committee, serves as an expression of appreciation for what the men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces do each day to protect the nation's freedom. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class (SW) Peter Lewis)



Round-Table Celebration: Service members enjoy themselves at the 13th Annual Salute to the U.S. Armed Forces in Guam at the Outrigger Guam Resort in Tumon July 6. The event, which is hosted by the Guam Chamber of Commerce's Armed Forces Committee, serves as an expression of appreciation for what the men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces do each day to protect the nation's freedom. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class (SW) Peter Lewis)

Yeoman dedicated to command, shipmates

By Mass Communication Specialist
1st Class (SW) Peter Lewis
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For 17 years, Yeoman 1st Class Donald H. Borowski Jr. has faithfully served his nation as a member of the U.S. Navy. He said that he joined because the Navy offers a cornucopia of benefits.

"There's just so much you get out of being in the Navy," Borowski said. "You learn a trade along with other invaluable skills. You can go to school. You can travel across the entire world. What is there not to like?"

Borowski said he loves being a yeoman. "I picked my rate because I like the professional development that goes along with being a yeoman," he said. "I get to interact with service members of all ranks and that gives me a somewhat unique view of things. I get to learn from everyone, not just my direct supervisor."

As the flag writer for Commander, Joint Region Marianas, Borowski is directly responsible to one of the island's highest-ranking active-duty service members.

"I maintain Rear Adm. Paul Bushong's calendar, travel planning and requirements, personal letters and correspondence, protocol, and other day-to-day tasks," he said. "It's a very involved job and I am tested on a daily basis. It's great."

According to Borowski's supervisor, Lt. Frank Borrego, the YN1 is an invaluable member of the flag staff.

"YN1 provides great watch-team backup for all front office matters," Borrego said. "It doesn't matter what the topic or subject, he will interject his experience and guidance



Taking Time for Shipmates: Yeoman 1st Class Donald H. Borowski Jr., right, Joint Region Marianas flag writer, gives instruction to a junior shipmate at their command headquarters in Asan July 13. Borowski was selected as his command's Senior Sailor of the Quarter for First Quarter 2011 in part because of his superior support of junior personnel at his command. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class (SW) Peter Lewis)

to ensure success."

Borrego also said Borowski provides excellent mentorship for all personnel in the command.

"YN1 continuously exudes ideas on additional items that can be done to assist in keeping morale at its highest and ensures continuous team building," Borrego said. "This has included improvements to our awards selection system

and initiatives such as quarterly command boonie stumps, which YN1 heads up and guides."

Because of his positive influence on the command, Borowski was recently selected as his command's Senior Sailor of the Quarter for First Quarter 2011. He has also received three Flag Letters of Commendation for his efforts.

For those looking to emulate his proven success, Borowski had a simple suggestion.

"The key to superior performance is to always work to the best of your abilities," he said. "No one can ask more than that of you and, if you keep this in mind when you work, your work will be the best it can be and people will take notice."

Andersen's Best: Civilian takes the spotlight



Santos Makes Things Happen: Jojuana Santos, 36th Maintenance Squadron (MXS) unit program coordinator, was awarded Andersen's Best July 8. Santos is the bedrock of the 36th MXS machine and has proven her worth during numerous squadron inspections. "Her enthusiasm within the squadron is infectious and she's directly helped earn 'satisfactory' and 'excellent' ratings over the last three major inspections," said Maj. Robert Leo, 36th MXS commander. Santos' superior skills and commitment allow her to juggle her daily duties with the Air Force and Guam Army National Guard. Her recent overhaul of the 36 MXS electronic file plan ensured the squadron was ready for the recent compliance inspection.

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 or civilian 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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Voice of a Survivor: Manuel Diaz

(Editor's Note: This article is the third in a five-part series about Guam's World War II survivors in observance of Liberation Day.)

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Most local World War II (WWII) survivors on Guam will tell stories about the bombing of Sumay, tending to rice fields and the long journey to the Manenggon concentration camp in Yona. Manuel Diaz's story, however, sheds light on a different perspective.

In 1940, Diaz joined the U.S. Navy at the age of 17 and trained aboard USS R.L. Barnes (CVE 20). A year after he joined the service, Diaz was assigned to USS West Virginia (BB 48) in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

Diaz was carrying out his daily ship duties when Pearl Harbor was bombed on the morning of Dec. 7, 1941.

"I went overboard because the commander gave orders for us to abandon ship once the attack happened," Diaz said.

As Diaz plunged into the water, explosions continued around him. He struggled to swim to shore as safely as he could.

"The oil was burning right on top of the water so we swam underneath the water where the oil was burning," he said.

Once he and other survivors reached shore, Diaz remembered being brought to a receiving station where authorities informed him and his shipmates that West Virginia had sunk and many had perished.

"When they told me, I was shocked," he said. "I could remember I had all my stuff in the ship – everything that belongs to me – but I don't have it anymore because [the ship] went down. As far as I remember I lost all my stuff."

Diaz then received orders to report to USS Maryland (BB 46).

Across the Pacific, an aerial attack had been launched on Sumay and Hagatna Dec. 8, 1941. As Diaz faced the aftermath of the bombing in Hawaii, his father, six sisters, other family members and friends sought refuge from the attack on his home. The limited means of communication made it nearly impossible for Diaz to contact his family after the bombing and throughout the war.

"I was never able to contact my family," he



A Story of Service: World War II survivor and Navy veteran Manuel Diaz, left, and Joint Region Marianas Command Master Chief (SW/AW) Paul Kingsbury salute towards the commemorative wreath during a ceremony in recognition of the 69th anniversary of the Battle of Midway at the WWII Memorial Park on U.S. Naval Base Guam June 3. (U.S. Navy photo by Anna-Victoria Crisostomo)

said. "It wasn't until almost a year later I contacted them through a letter from the Red Cross that they are OK."

A month after the attacks on Guam and Pearl Harbor, Maryland set sail for Long Beach, Calif., for repairs. While stationed there, Diaz was assigned to USS New Mexico (BB 40) where he would be part of a mission that literally hit too close to home.

"When I was on New Mexico, I remember coming back to Guam in 1943," he said. "We were bombarding Guam from the ocean, shooting guns toward Asan and the mountains."

The thought of striking home while his friends and family were on the island tore at Diaz's heart.

"I can hardly say how hard it was," Diaz said with tear-filled eyes. "When I think about it, I always hope that nobody in the family will get hit because it's a big gun that we were firing."

As New Mexico sailed away from the island,

Diaz could only hope and pray his family remained unharmed.

When he arrived back at California, Diaz received orders to return to Pearl Harbor.

"After the bombardment, I went back to Hawaii," Diaz said. "I worked for the admiral for about a year when the Japanese were still [on Guam]."

In 1944, American forces launched an aggressive attack against the Japanese to liberate Guam. Diaz was still assigned to Pearl Harbor when he received word of the campaign's success.

"I felt very happy when I found out the Americans liberated Guam," he said. "The only thing I feel bad about is that my family is still there."

A year after Guam's liberation, Diaz finally returned home and began searching for his father and sisters. A wave of emotion flooded over him and his family as they reunited after more than three years of separation and with no communication.

Pearl Harbor: By the Numbers

- Six Japanese carriers launched 181 planes with torpedo bombers, dive bombers, horizontal bombers and fighters in the first wave of their attack
- 170 additional Japanese planes were launched in the second wave of the attack
- 90 ships were anchored in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, at the time of the attack
- Eight American battleships were the primary targets of the Japanese – seven of these were anchored at Pearl Harbor while the USS Pennsylvania (BB 38) lay in dry dock across the channel
- 1,177 crew members were killed aboard the USS Arizona (BB 39) – the greatest loss of life on any ship that day
- 21 ships from the U.S. Pacific Fleet were sunk or damaged in the attack
- 188 American aircraft were destroyed and an additional 159 were damaged
- 2,403 Americans were killed and an additional 1,178 Americans were wounded
- The attack lasted less than two hours

Source: Naval History and Heritage Command Web site

"When I found all my sisters and my father, I was so happy to see them still living," Diaz said. "I was hugging them and they were hugging me because for a long time they didn't see me and they were happy I was alive too."

As Guam approaches its annual liberation celebration, Diaz said he is happy that, more and more, the community is reaching out to him to share his story.

"It's good to share because it's a long story, a very long story," he said. "I wasn't that popular before. Nowadays people are contacting me and I am telling the story."

News Notes

Job Announcements

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

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Human Resources Officer, Closes July 18

Financial Technician, Closes July 18

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Marianas

Performance Assessment Representative, Closes July 18

Industrial Equipment Mechanic, Closes July 21

Safety and Occupational Health Manager, Closes July 21

U.S. Naval Hospital Guam

Occupational Health Nurse, Closes July 16

Andersen Air Force Base Air Force Ball

Brig. Gen John W. Doucette, 36th Wing commander, requests the pleasure of your company at the 64th Anniversary Air Force Ball beginning at 6 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency Guam in Tumon Sept. 9. Tickets are on sale at the Army and Air Force Exchange Service Base Exchange on Andersen Air Force Base until 2 p.m. July 15. After July 15, tickets will be on sale with squadron representatives until July 18. Ticket costs vary depending on rank.

Naval Criminal Investigative Service ID Theft Awareness Campaign

The Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) ID Theft Awareness Campaign kicked off July 1 and will run through Sept. 30. The prevention of ID theft and the awareness of online security will help maintain the operational readiness of military members and their families. As part of the campaign, NCIS Resident Agency Marianas, Guam will be conducting briefings to commands aboard U.S. Naval Base Guam. For more information or to schedule a briefing, call Master-at-Arms 3rd Class Guelmy Camacho at 339-7220 888-3091.

2010 Consumer Confidence Report Now Available

Andersen Air Force Base's (AFB) drinking water is safe to drink and is in compliance with all federal and local regulations. Under the Environmental Protection Agency's Consumer Confidence Reporting Rule of the federal Safe Drinking Water Act, the base Bioenvironmental Engineering Office is required to annually summarize water analytical test results from the previous year and make the summary report available to all water consumers. This report is available on the Andersen Intranet under "Featured Links, Andersen AFB Consumer Confidence Report." Printed copies are also available at the base library and the Bioenvironmental Engineering Office located in the Aerospace Medicine Clinic. For more information or to receive the report by e-mail, call 366-7166.

Key Spouse Training

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

Community center reopens on NBG

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

The U.S. Naval Base Guam (NBG) Family Housing Community Center reopened during a ribbon-cutting ceremony July 7.

The center, which was closed for more than a year, underwent major renovations that cost more than \$1 million. The project was completed by Reliable Builders Inc. of Tamuning, Guam.

"This is obviously something the community has been looking to have back for quite a while," said Capt. Richard Wood, NBG commanding officer. "I want to thank all our families for their patience. I know it wasn't easy for the long wait."

Improvements included new carpeting, air conditioners, fresh paint, roof work, mold removal, a new entrance door, a new fire suppression system, typhoon shutters, refinished parking lot, solar lighting in the playground and parking lot, a kitchen, a multipurpose room and smooth-sliding dividers to partition the room into three separate sections.

The building, which boasts 6,018 square feet, is a no-fee location. The center can be used for meetings, trainings, gatherings and parties by service members, their dependents and nonprofit organizations. Commands can use the center if their meeting pertains to housing issues.

Marlyna Gumabon, NBG installation

housing director, said the community center will be beneficial to all military families on the base.

"What's so important about the building is it allows families to hold functions such as a birthday party without having to pay for a gathering place," Gumabon said. "It's been down for a while, so I am excited that it is finally open."

Gumabon said the next major housing project to be completed will be 30 new units in the North Tupalao housing area on NBG.

The Family Housing Community Center is open Monday through Sunday from 7:30 a.m.-10 p.m. For more information or to make reservations, contact Davina Cruz at the NBG Housing Office at 339-5753 Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Snip, Snip Hooray!: From left to right, Jong Kim, Reliable Builders Inc. president; Lt. Cmdr. Somchanh Cavanh, of Naval Facilities Engineering Command Marianas; Marlyna Gumabon, U.S. Naval Base Guam (NBG) installation housing director; Capt. Richard Wood, NBG commanding officer; and Cmdr. Kevin Gillam, NBG executive officer, cut a yellow ribbon to signify the reopening of the newly-renovated Family Housing Community Center on NBG July 7. The center, which was closed for more than a year, underwent major renovations that cost more than \$1 million. This image was intentionally masked for security purposes. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Corwin Colbert)



What's your favorite thing about your base community?

Joint Region Edge asked its readers to name their favorite thing about their base community.



"I like the gym and all the machines. It has everything you could want. The pool is great as well."
— Fire Controlman 2nd Class (SW) Alexander Tilson
Maritime Expeditionary Security Squadron 7



"The Civil Engineer Squadron really has invested in the landscape of Andersen Air Force Base. This is a really beautiful base. Also, I love running and the fact the Force Support Squadron puts together a lot of 5K runs. There is a huge running community here."
— Maj. Gretchen Anderson
36th Civil Engineer Squadron operations flight commander



"The [Navy Exchange] is great. I am going to check out the fitness center. I heard it was great."
—Machinist's Mate 1st Class (SW) Clinton Fulgoni
USS Frank Cable (AS 40)



"The great attitude of the Airmen on the base – I've been here for 14 months through operational readiness inspections and compliance inspections and heard a lot of the comments from the inspector generals centered on the overall attitude of the Airmen made the difference. An upbeat attitude can overcome any challenge."
—Capt. Ian Holzhauer
36th Wing Judge Advocate chief of military justice



"Everyone here is so courteous and respectful. This is my fourth base and I haven't met anyone who was too busy to show concern for their fellow wingman. It's as simple as holding open a door."
— Staff Sgt. Dedrick Harrington
36th Maintenance Squadron Aerospace ground equipment craftsman



"I love the prices at the commissary. The gym is great as well. The equipment is always available."
—Clarissa Tedtaotao
Navy spouse

Pacific Partnership shares culture, stories

By Airman 1st Class Haleigh Greer
Pacific Partnership 2011 Public Affairs

POHNPEI, Federated States of Micronesia — Members of the Pacific Partnership 2011 team from USS Cleveland (LPD 7) participated in Pohnpei Public Library's Library Camp, in Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), July 12.

"School is out for the summer but some parents want their kids to stay active and continue learning so they send them to library camp," said Lt. Phillip Ridley, Pacific Partnership 2011 chaplain. "Here they are learning library skills, playing sports with each other and learning about different parts of the world. Each child gets a 'passport' and, when they finish learning about a new country, they get a sticker to show they have completed that country."

Over the course of three days, Sailors, Marines, Soldiers and Airmen along with civilian volunteers from nongovernmental organizations Project HOPE and the University of California, San Diego's Pre-Dental Society engaged in multiple activities with the children while also taking the time to teach them about North America, this week's topic at the camp.

"I feel that it was great experience for us and the kids as well," said Lt. Melinda Garcia, Pacific Partnership 2011 supply officer. "We played soccer, did arts and crafts, read to the children individually and, at the end, we all came together to read stories to the entire group. It was a fun experience."

"I think community relations projects are



Bonding Over Books: Personnel Specialist 2nd Class Tricia Fletcher, right, helps a Micronesian girl pick out a book during Pohnpei Public Library's Library Camp, in Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia, July 12. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Tony Tolley)

a great bonus on these missions," said Hanna Taylor, a registered nurse with Project HOPE. "The medical, engineering and veterinary sites are important but it's also nice for us to be able to interact with the local people on a personal level and show them what people in America

are really like."

Pacific Partnership 2011 members also had the opportunity to work alongside Peace Corps volunteers from the U.S. as they ran the library's inaugural reading camp.

"It's nice to see a different type of government

organization like the Navy," said Cori Jo Jahnsen, Peace Corps volunteer. "We didn't know a lot about Pacific Partnership and they didn't know a lot about us but it was nice to come together to learn from one another and achieve a common goal."

The library was constructed by U.S. Navy Seabees in the late 1970s and a team of Seabees will work to refurbish it beginning in August.

FSM is the fifth and final mission port for Pacific Partnership 2011, which has completed operations in Tonga, Vanuatu, Papua New Guinea and Timor-Leste. In four mission ports, the Pacific Partnership team has treated more than 36,000 patients, cared for more than 1,500 animals, conducted more than 40 community service projects and completed more than 20 engineering projects.

Pacific Partnership is an annual humanitarian assistance initiative sponsored by the U.S. Pacific Fleet.

Born out of the aftermath of the 2004 Indonesian tsunami, Pacific Partnership began in 2006 and has gone to many countries in Southeast Asia and the South Pacific, treated more than 240,000 patients, and continued to enhance interoperability with partner nations.

For more news about Pacific Partnership 2011, go to www.cpf.navy.mil/pp11, www.facebook.com/pacificpartnership/ and <http://twitter.com/pacificpartner>.

For more news from Navy Public Affairs Support Element West, visit www.navy.mil/local/pacсандiego/.

Fuller new leader at 36th LRS



Passing the Guidon: Col. Alan Wieder, left, 36th Mission Support Group (MSG) commander, passes the 36th MSG guidon to Maj. Nicole Fuller, newly-appointed 36th Logistics Readiness Squadron commander, during a change of command ceremony at Andersen Air Force Base June 28. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Carlin Leslie)

Gates retires, sends a farewell message

Special from Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates

To the men and women of the United States Armed Forces:

It has been the greatest honor of my life to serve and to lead you for the past four and a half years. All of that time, we have been engaged in two wars and countless other operations.

It has been a difficult time for you and for your families – from long and repeated deployments for those in all four services and the associated long separations from loved ones to the anguish of those of you who have lost friends and family in combat or those of you who have suffered visible and invisible wounds of war yourselves.

Your dedication, courage and skill have kept America safe even while bringing the war in Iraq to a successful conclusion and, I believe, at last turning the tide in Afghanistan. Your countrymen owe you their freedom and their security.

They sleep safely at night and pursue their dreams during the day



because you stand the watch and protect them.

For four and a half years, I have signed the orders deploying you, all too often, into harm's way.

This has weighed on me every day. I have known about and felt your hardship, your difficulties, your sacrifice more than you can possibly imagine. I have felt personally responsible for each of you and so I have tried to do all I could to provide whatever was needed so you could complete your missions successfully and come home safely, and, if hurt, get the fastest and best care in the world.

You are the best that America has to offer. My admiration and affection for you is without limit and I will think about you and your families and pray for you every day for the rest of my life. God bless you.

Pacific Partnership 2011 wraps up



Above: An MH-60S Seahawk helicopter approaches the flight deck as personnel move cargo during an underway replenishment aboard USS Cleveland (LPD 7) July 10. Pacific Partnership is an annual humanitarian assistance initiative sponsored by the U.S. Pacific Fleet that has completed operations in Tonga, Vanuatu, Papua New Guinea and Timor-Leste. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Michael Russell)



Right: Capt. Jesse A. Wilson, left, Pacific Partnership 2011 mission commander and Destroyer Squadron 23 commander, meets Chief Machinist's Mate Salper Rodriguez's, center, family during the opening ceremony for Pacific Partnership 2011 in Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia, July 4. Pacific Partnership is an annual humanitarian assistance initiative sponsored by the U.S. Pacific Fleet that has completed operations in Tonga, Vanuatu, Papua New Guinea and Timor-Leste. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Christopher Farrington)



Some Fun Fitness: Cpl. Jose Meza teaches a Micronesian child how to do a pushup at the Pohnpei Public Library in Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia, July 7. Pacific Partnership is an annual humanitarian assistance initiative sponsored by the U.S. Pacific Fleet that has completed operations in Tonga, Vanuatu, Papua New Guinea and Timor-Leste. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman First Class Haleigh Greer)



What's in There?: Lt. Cmdr Cory Russell, left, examines the ear canal of a Micronesian girl at Pohnpei Hospital in Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia, July 12. The hospital was one of the medical civic action project sites for Pacific Partnership 2011. Pacific Partnership is an annual humanitarian assistance initiative sponsored by the U.S. Pacific Fleet that has completed operations in Tonga, Vanuatu, Papua New Guinea and Timor-Leste. (Photo By Kristopher Radder)

GUNG celebrates 30th anniversary

From Guam National Guard Public Affairs

Gov. Eddie Baza Calvo signed a proclamation declaring July 2011 Guam National Guard (GUNG) Month July 1.

The proclamation officially kicked off the GUNG's commemoration of 30 years of service to the nation and to the island. The event was especially poignant for Calvo because his father, former Gov. Paul M. Calvo, was the first commander in chief for the GUNG.

Key events were planned throughout the month. The GUNG conducted a resumption of command ceremony for Maj. Gen. Benny M. Paulino at the Ricardo J. Bordallo Governor's Complex in Adelup July 9. The ceremony formalized Paulino's return to command following his appointment as the Adjutant General (TAG) of the GUNG by Eddie Calvo. Paulino previously commanded the Guam Guard from 1996-2002 under former Gov. Carl T.C. Gutierrez.

With a full formation of troops, the ceremony included military traditions such as trooping the line and an impressive pass in review to conclude the formalities.

The annual GUNG 5K Run/Walk, which has become one of the largest 5K races on Guam, was held the following morning at the Guam Premier Outlets in Tamuning. Race coordinators said there were more than 1,800 registered runners. Several units from the Guard's Army and Air Force components also ran together. In total, it was estimated that more than 2,000 runners participated in the event. Proceeds from the race are slated to benefit the Guard's Family Readiness Groups.

The Guam Guard also hosted its 2nd Annual Toughest Responder Competition (TRC) at the GUNG Joint Readiness Center in Barrigada July 10. The tourney was open to all military service members as well as local and federal first responders. The competition aimed to build "esprit de corps" and camaraderie amongst various military services with civilian first responders.

Thirteen teams participated in this year's competition. There were 10 teams from different units in the Guam Guard. Defending champions Maritime Expeditionary Security Squadron 7



Look Sharp: Acting Gov. Ray Tenorio, right; Command Sgt. Maj. Dan Elliott, center, of the Guam Army National Guard; and Adjutant General of the Guam National Guard (GUNG) Maj. Gen. Benny Paulino troop the line during a resumption of command ceremony at the Ricardo J. Bordallo Governor's Complex in Adelup July 9. The GUNG is celebrating its 30th anniversary with several events throughout July. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Jess Toves)

and teams from Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 25 and the U.S. Coast Guard also participated.

Three main events made up the TRC – the morning's 5K; a CrossFit workout of the day, which involved performing up to 50 pullups and flipping large tires across a 150-meter path; and a team obstacle course, which tested the responders' skills, strength and endurance and included moving a pile of sandbags, a back-crawl course, farmers' carry, skid pull and fireman's carry.

The GUNG is also holding various sports

competitions between units from its Army and Air Force components throughout the month of July. Sports include basketball, volleyball, softball, golf and soccer. The championship games and an awards ceremony will be held Aug. 7.

The National Guard of the United States is the oldest component of the armed forces and one of the nation's longest-enduring institutions. The GUNG traces its roots back to the first insular military organization on the island known as the Guam Militia. The GUNG was

formally established on Dec. 24, 1980, when President Jimmy Carter signed Public Law 96-600, which was introduced by the 96th United States Congress.

Thirty years ago, 32 men and women on Guam raised their right hands and took the oath of military service to become the charter members of the newly-established GUNG July 21, 1981. Today the organization's personnel strength has grown to at least 1,600 members between its Army and Air Force components.



Get Out the Jack, I'm Going In: Competitors struggle to move large tires during the Guam National Guard's (GUNG) 2nd Annual Toughest Responder Competition (TRC) at the GUNG Joint Readiness Center in Barrigada July 10. The TRC was part of the GUNG's 30th anniversary celebration. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Jess Toves)



Whistle While You Work: Members of the Battalion Elite Team transfer sandbags while wearing protective masks during the Guam National Guard's (GUNG) 2nd Annual Toughest Responder Competition (TRC) at the GUNG Joint Readiness Center in Barrigada July 10. The TRC was part of the GUNG's 30th anniversary celebration. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Jess Toves)

Feds seize opportunity to help needy

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Commander, Navy Installations Command
(CNIC) in partnership with the Department of
Defense (DOD) has joined the nationwide
effort known as "Feds Feed Families."

"We are moving forward as a team doing
what we can to help others," said Capt. James
Fisher, CNIC Chaplain Corps Strategic Plans
and Programming director.

The third annual Feds Feed Families Food
Drive Campaign encourages federal employees

to bring nonperishable food items to their
offices for distribution to local food banks.
This year's theme is "Feeding Families one
Fed at a Time."

The campaign is an initiative by the Office
of Personnel Management (OPM), which has
requested DOD support due to the impact of
a series of natural disasters on our nation that
have depleted charitable resources in response
to significant demand signals.

This is the first year DOD is participating
in the campaign.

"American families should never have to
go hungry," said OPM Director John Berry.
"Federal workers are big-hearted people who
are eager to help those in their communities
who need it most. Together, we hope to
collect 2 million pounds of food nationwide
this summer."

Last year, Feds Feed Families collected 1.7

million pounds of food during the summer
months, far exceeding its goal of 1.2 million
pounds.

This initiative is a response to the "United
We Serve Act" signed by President Barack
Obama in April 2009 calling for all Americans
to contribute to the nation's economic recovery
by serving their communities.

Capt. Timothy Overturf, Joint Region
Marianas region chaplain, is heading up the
effort on Guam.

"DOD employees have always generously
served our country and given to those in need,"
he said. "This campaign will provide a great
service to local people and families in need.
If a lot of people each give a little, we will
make a tremendous impact."

On Guam, food will be donated to the
Salvation Army and all local donations will
go toward helping the needy on island.

Donations may be made at the Navy Exchange
and Orote Point Commissary on U.S. Naval
Base Guam.

Several local commands will also be
accepting donations. The campaign will run
through Aug. 30. Donations will be accepted
at any time and boxes will be picked up on
July 27 and Aug. 31.

"I want to thank everyone ahead of time
who will participate in this worthwhile cause,"
Overturf said. "The local community on
Guam gives so much support to the military
and this is a great opportunity for us to give
back. I know that we will use this campaign
to have a great, positive effect on the island."

For more information on the local
campaign, contact Overturf at timothy.overturf@fe.navy.mil or 483-3833. To learn more
about the national Feds Feed Families
program, visit www.fedsfeedfamilies.gov.

Deployed Airmen support wounded warriors

By Capt. Korry Leverett
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BAGRAM AIRFIELD, Afghanistan —
Airmen in Afghanistan are spending extra
time on physical fitness, not for their own
personal well-being but for service members
who have sacrificed so much in Iraq and
Afghanistan.

Approximately eight Airmen from the
455th Expeditionary Maintenance Group
(EMXG) quality assurance (QA) section are
taking pledges and doing pushups in order to
raise money for the Wounded Warrior Project.

The idea stemmed from Tech. Sgt. Daniel
Cain, 455th EMXG QA inspector, who was
determined to do more than his day-to-day
job of providing oversight for the maintenance
group in their effort to generate aircraft
sorties. Cain deployed from Andersen Air
Force Base (AFB) in Guam.

"The quality assurance team regularly
volunteers its time for litter duty at the

Contingency Aeromedical Staging Facility
to help wounded warriors make their trip back
home," Cain said. "I can remember a young
Army private who we helped transfer on his
journey home. He had lost both of his legs and
part of one arm. Every day injured Soldiers
return home like that private and I felt like our
team could do more to help them on their
journey to recovery."

Cain found information about the Wounded
Warrior Project online and began to research
what his team could do to show their support.

"I went online to learn about the Wounded
Warrior Project and gathered as much infor-
mation as I could before signing our team up
to start raising money," he said. "From there,
it became a huge success and everybody wanted
to help however they could."

Every afternoon the Airmen get together
to do as many pushups as they can before
the day ends. The pushups can't be done alone
— they must be completed with a spotter
participating in the fundraiser or a senior

noncommissioned officer to ensure the
pushups are done according to the Air Force
physical fitness standards.

"It's a good way for us to get together as a
team and push ourselves," said Master Sgt.
Frank Espinoza, 455 EMXG QA chief
inspector. "It also reminds us of how nice we
have it, even though we are deployed to
Bagram. It keeps things in perspective. We are
all sacrificing a little but the wounded warriors
are truly heroes."

The team started doing pushups June 20
and will continue the challenge until Aug. 31.
In the first 15 days, the group completed
21,056 pushups, raising more than \$4,669.

The Airmen expect to reach their goal of
\$10,000 but believe it's not just about meeting
the goal but exceeding the expectations they
set for themselves and, more importantly,
raising as much money as possible to support
their cause.

"When I heard about the effort I wanted to
do anything I could to help and get in great

shape in the process," said Senior Airman
Jacob Star, 455 EMXG maintenance analyst.
"I've got a friend who said I couldn't do more
than 20,000 pushups and, if I did, he would
triple his donation. I plan on doing 20,001
pushups before the effort is over."

"People have pledged everything from half
a penny a pushup to much higher amounts
supporting our effort," Espinoza said. "We've
also reached back to our home stations and
anyone we can think of in order to spread the
word."

Support has already been pledged by the
455th Expeditionary Security Forces
Squadron and Airmen at Andersen AFB,
Mountain Home AFB in Idaho and other
locations across the Air Force.

To contribute to the Wounded Warrior
Project through the 455 EMXG, contact Cain
via e-mail at daniel.cain@bgab.afcent.af.mil.

For more information on the Wounded
Warrior Project, visit www.woundedwarrior-project.org.

Performance board to review senior enlisted

From Naval Personnel
Command Public Affairs

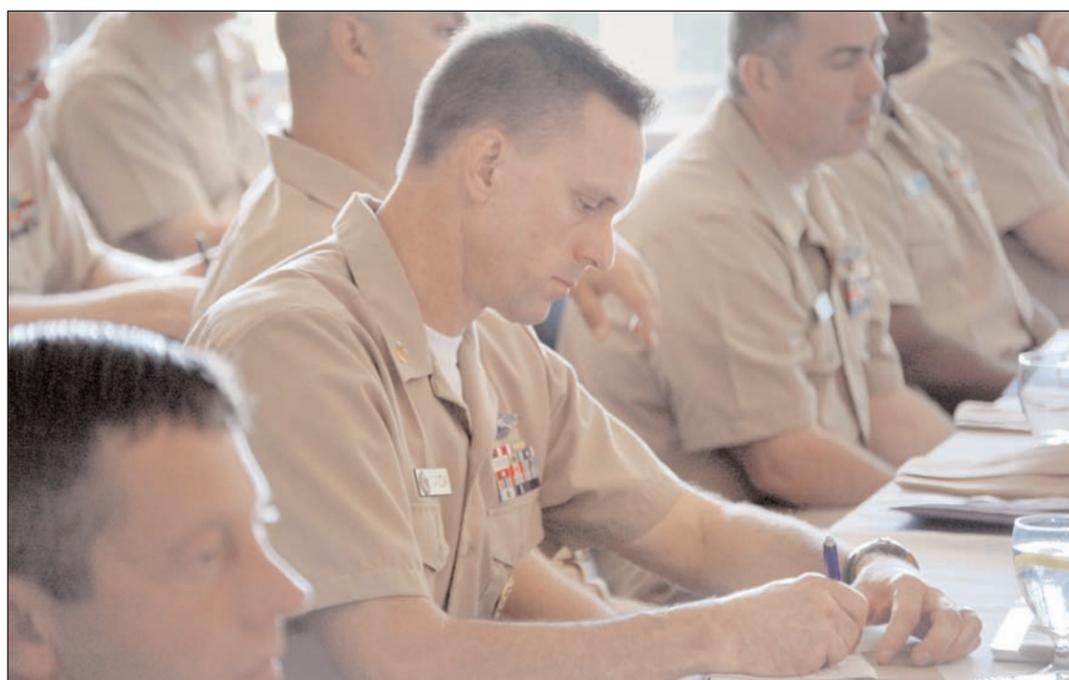
MILLINGTON, Tenn. — The fiscal year (FY) 2012 performance-based senior enlisted continuation board will convene Dec. 5, the Navy announced in a message July 6.

According to NAVADMIN 194/11, active, full-time support and Reserve E-7 to E-9 Sailors with 19 years of service and three years time in rate as of Sept. 1, will be considered by the board.

“Performance is the key,” said Navy Personnel Command (NPC) Force Master Chief (AW/SW/NAC) Jon Port. “The Navy requires our senior enlisted to lead Sailors and enforce our standards. One of the major ways they do this is by living our standards and conducting themselves professionally and ethically. Those master chiefs, senior chiefs and chiefs out there who achieve great success through team and personal performance set the example for others to follow.”

The board will focus on performance within the last five years or since advancement to current grade, whichever is later. Among the specific performance indicators the board will consider are:

- Documented misconduct involving either Uniform Code of Military Justice (nonjudicial punishment) or civilian offenses;
- Moral or professional dereliction such as relief for cause or detachment for cause;
- Continuity gaps in evaluation/fitness reports greater than 90 days;



Making the Grade: Command master chiefs listen to a lecture at the Port O' Call Banquet and Conference Center at U.S. Naval Station Great Lakes during the Command Master Chief Continuum Conference June 25, 2010. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Mark Meredith)

- Evaluation/fitness reports with marks suggesting substandard or marginal performance;

- Any documented circumstance related to performance which results in a Sailor's inability to perform in his or her rating or duties.

“The board will look at these factors and the entire record,” Port said. “They will use their judgment when determining who to select for continuation. Bottom line, we want to keep the Sailors who are best

for the Navy.”

Some senior enlisted Sailors who otherwise meet the time in service and grade criteria will be exempt from the board. These Sailors include:

- Sailors with an approved transfer to the Fleet or Retired Reserve;
- Selectees for command senior and command master chief;
- Personnel enrolled in Safe Harbor;
- Fleet, force and command

master chiefs, chiefs of the boat and command senior chiefs if the Sailors possess the Navy Enlisted Classification Code (NEC) 9580, 9579 or 9578;

- Sailors with nuclear NECs;
- Sailors with orders to or serving in the first two years of an overseas or Department of Defense area tour at the board convening date.

The Naval Education and Training Professional Development and Technology Center will publish the

names of board-eligible Sailors on Sept. 15.

The names will be posted to both the Navy Enlisted Advancement System Web site at <https://neasos.cnet.navy.mil> and on Bupers Online at <https://www.bo1.navy.mil> for command representatives to view. Individuals can view their board eligibility profile sheet on Navy Knowledge Online Advancement Center Page at <https://www.nko.navy.mil/portal/careermanagement/navyadvancementcenter> by selecting “Enlisted Retention Board Eligibility Profile.”

Candidates' correspondence to the board must be received by Nov. 15. Any letters must be originated by the eligible Sailor. This date is also the last day for commands to resolve eligibility issues and problems. Sailors who are on the list Nov. 15, will be considered eligible for review and requests for removal after this date will not be approved.

Once continuation board results have been approved, commanding officers will have seven days to notify and counsel those members who have not been selected for continuation. Sailors who are not selected must submit their Fleet Reserve or retirement paperwork by May 15, 2012, with an effective date no later than Sept. 30, 2012.

For more information, read the message at the NPC Web site at www.npc.navy.mil or call the NPC Customer Service Center at 1-866-U-ASK-NPC (827-5672).

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

New GUARNG checklist prioritizes energy conservation

By Al Molarte

Guam Army National Guard Energy
Manager

The Guam Army National Guard (GUARNG) has two installations – the site of the United States Property and Fiscal Office Guam, GUARNG Readiness Center and Joint Force Headquarters in Barrigada and Fort Juan Muna, which has 34 small buildings including classrooms, barracks and a maintenance shop.

We are always looking at ways to conserve energy in our facilities. We

have our own unique way to save energy and monitor use of the installations' buildings.

Our military facilities use an “Activity Security Checklist” located in every building.

These checklists are used to conduct inspections of work areas in an effort to ensure all preventative security measures are in place after

everyone has gone home for the day. The completed forms are posted in the main entrance and exit of the building.

GUARNG has changed this existing form to a “Building Energy Savings and Security Checklist” to include extra measures to ensure energy-saving measures are in place at the close of the business day.

The checklist covers everything

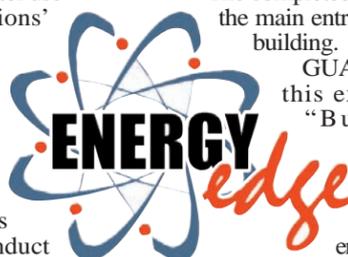
from turning off air conditioning, lighting systems and office machines to checking doors, windows, lavatories and shower faucets to make sure they are properly secured.

GUARNG personnel work closely with installation security personnel to monitor each building and report any violations to the appropriate facility management officer and energy manager. They also advise section commanders about their findings and when to take corrective action.

Energy savings were noted just

two months after instituting the new form, particularly in the Fort Juan Muna area where the individual buildings were easier to monitor. Actions from personnel and energy discipline were the major factors in achieving the goal of reducing facility energy consumption.

Behavior modification and energy discipline play a large part in saving energy in buildings and facilities. Using building-specific checklists allows us to identify and control behavior and building energy consumption.



United: Public gets up-close look

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community what his command is all about. Taylor and other 736th SFS personnel displayed an arsenal of weaponry, security equipment and surveillance equipment used at their command.

"It's good to see the people appreciate what we're doing," he said. "Serving now is a good way to look back at people who served before us."

Lt. Mark Ziegler, of Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 25, helped families navigate their way through the command's MH-60S Knighthawk.

"It seems like the kids like to come out to these things," he said. "They come out and check out the helicopter, get up front, check out the back and see what we do so it's really a pleasure to have them and show them around and get excited to fly helicopters."

Ensign Richard Russell, of U.S. Coast Guard Sector Guam, agreed with Ziegler as his command's 25-foot response boat was bombarded with curious children.

"So far we've had a lot of kids jumping on board and taking a look," he said. "We're just here to show what the Coast Guard's all about and have fun."

Chief Construction Mechanic (SCW) James Sawyer, of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 133, said the event was a good opportunity to teach the Guam community about the Seabees' mission.

"[We're here] just to get the name of the Seabees out there and to let the American people know we are a construction unit and we help," he said.

Navy spouse Brandi Frye said she was excited to be at the event and see what different organizations had to offer.

"It think it's great the local community gets to come out and see what we get to see every day," she said. "Our husbands are in the Navy and we get to see the helicopter. It's nice to see the young kids in the community come out and see what we're all about."

Naval Base Guam Commanding Officer Capt. Richard Wood said he

was impressed with the event.

"It's very nice, especially for the young kids to come out and see and understand what the military does," he said. "Any time you get an opportunity to interact with the public, it's a good thing for the Navy because we're all citizens in addition to being Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors or Marines."

Wood encouraged the military and local community to support one another in an effort to build a stronger and healthier partnership.

"I think the armed services are so important to Guam and I think Guam is so important to the armed services," he said. "This is just one way that the military and community have to interact."

Bang Bang: Gunner's Mate 1st Class (EXW) Ronald Sherman, of Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit 5, teaches a child about command equipment during Armed Services Recognition Day at the War in the Pacific National Historical Park in Asan July 9. (U.S. Navy photo by JoAnna Delfin)



Good Doggy: Staff Sgt. Tina Stelly and military working dog Cila, both of 36th Security Forces Squadron, demonstrate suspect apprehension techniques during Armed Services Recognition Day at the War in the Pacific National Historical Park in Asan July 9. (U.S. Navy photo by JoAnna Delfin)



Sailing Away: A child checks out the equipment on the U.S. Coast Guard Sector Guam's 25-foot response boat during Armed Services Recognition Day at the War in the Pacific National Historical Park in Asan July 9. (U.S. Navy photo by JoAnna Delfin)

Award: Airmen make positive impact on Guam

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bonds with members of the local community, the bomber squadron readily committed to the pairing and got to work.

"Currently, we have completed 11 cleanups," Edwards said. "We have collected approximately 8,000 pounds of garbage, moved more than 9,000 pounds of concrete to reinforce an eroding shoreline and

contributed more than 495 personnel hours to the project."

When Phil Flores, Guam Chamber of Commerce member and chairman of the Na'La' Bonita Program, became aware of the strides made by the visiting unit, he was more than happy to recognize them for their above-and-beyond contribution to islandwide beautification.

"Answering our lieutenant governor's call to arms on his Guam

Beautification Task Force, these individuals have devoted many of their weekends to exploring Guam's beautiful beaches and taking up a pledge to ensure that they're safeguarded along with the rest of our great country," he said. "Not long after their arrival in April of this year, the group began tirelessly picking up trash and debris along Guam's coastline."

Flores said he also believes in the bridge-building power of island

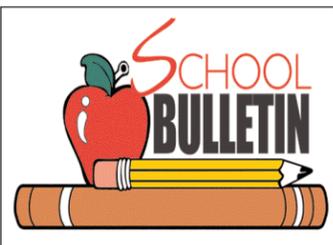
beautification and its ability to serve as a testament to future military-community relations.

"You hear some people who are afraid of the military buildup because they think it will have a negative impact on the island's environment," he said. "The 96th EBS were a prime example of what a positive effect the military can have here on Guam."

Edwards echoed Flores' sentiments

and expressed a desire to visit newfound friends in the coming months and years.

"Aside from cleaner beaches we at the 96th EBS hope to leave behind stronger military-civilian relationships and an example of what we can achieve together," he said. "It has been a great and unique opportunity for the 'Red Devils' and we look forward to returning to Guam in the future."



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.

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. 19 New-student orientation for freshmen at the cafeteria from 9-11 a.m.

Aug. 22 New-student orientation for sophomores, juniors and seniors at the cafeteria from 9-11 a.m.

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

Girls volleyball clinic will be conducted at the school gym from 9 a.m.-noon July 18-22. Girls ages 14 to 18 years old can pick up an application/waiver form at the Guam High School front office. Participants are asked to bring knee pads and water. Deadline to submit completed application/waiver forms is 10 a.m. July 14. For more information, call 344-7410.

Football practice begins from 7:30-9:30 a.m. at the Guam High School field Aug. 1. For more information on practices or summer workouts, call 686-5265 or e-mail Jacob.dowdell@pac.dodea.edu.

Cross country practice begins at 4:30 p.m. at the north side of the Gov. Joseph F. Flores Memorial Park (formerly Ypao Beach Park) in Tumon Aug. 6. For more information, call 344-7410.

It's not too late to enjoy summer

By JoAnna Delfin

Joint Region Edge Staff

The tail end of summer vacation is rapidly approaching and kids are still looking for fun things to do before heading back to the classroom. U.S. Naval Base Guam (NBG) and Andersen Air Force Base (AFB) are offering many activities at their youth centers throughout the remainder of July and August to help kids enjoy what's left of summer.

In an effort to keep kids active this summer, the centers are offering sports camps and tournaments for those interested in soccer, baseball and basketball at the Coral Reef Fitness Center on Andersen AFB and the Charles King Fitness Center on NBG.

Andersen Teen Center Coordinator Robert Rogers encouraged parents to take advantage of the sports events.

"Not only do our sports activities keep kids moving, it teaches basic fundamentals to those who don't participate in school sports," he said. "The activities also promote a sense of fair play and discipline."

For kids who would rather get their culinary and creative skills in shape, the NBG and Andersen AFB centers will also offer cooking classes and arts and crafts sessions so youth can expand their skills in the kitchen and keep their minds sharp. Rogers and NBG Youth and Teen Center Program Lead Esterlynn Rivera added that cooking courses will also teach young participants some important basics about nutrition and making healthy food choices.

Because the centers offer so many activities on a daily basis, Rogers and Rivera encouraged parents to view the full schedule of events, which includes times, dates and locations, at www.mwr-guam.com for NBG or www.36fss.com for Andersen AFB.

In order to qualify for access to the centers, youth must be dependents of an active-duty, retired, Reserve or National Guard service member. The NBG Youth and Teen Center accepts youth ages 10-18. The Andersen Youth Center accepts youth ages 10-13 while the Teen Center accepts those ages 13-18. Access to the youth centers on both bases is free but some fees may be assessed for specific activities. Parents must register their children prior to their first visit.



Summer Fun: Teens enjoy a board game at the Andersen Air Force Base (AFB) Teen Center July 12. Youth centers on U.S. Naval Base Guam and Andersen AFB are still offering a variety of activities to help youth take advantage of what is left of summer vacation. (Photo by Nicole Sablan courtesy of the Andersen AFB Teen Center)

Even after summer is over, the centers offer a safe environment for all eligible youth to hang out with friends and participate in other activities.

"Having the kids come here helps them develop their social skills outside of school," Rogers said. "It allows them to socialize in a safe place that is structured."

Rivera agreed with Rogers and encouraged dependants to see what the centers are all about.

"We want everyone to participate," she said. "We base our activities on the participants' interest and implement them monthly."

As children enjoy themselves, parents can rest assured they are in good hands. Staff members at both centers are CPR- and first-aid certified, and prepared to handle emergency situations.

"Our facilitators are trained to meet the protocol and expectations of any kind of emergency

situation," Rivera said. "We have drills monthly and we have an on-site supervisor able to assist in any situation."

NBG's Youth and Teen Center, located in Bldg. 1982, is open Monday through Thursday from 3-6 p.m., Friday from 3-8 p.m., Saturday from 1-8 p.m. and is closed Sundays and holidays. On Fridays and Saturdays, the facility implements a strict 7 p.m. curfew for youth ages 10-12.

The Andersen Youth Center, located in Bldg. 1622, and Teen Center, located in Bldg. 1605, are open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m.-noon for summer activities and noon-5 p.m. for open recreation.

For more information about the NBG Youth and Teen Center, call 339-6130. For more information about the Andersen Youth Center, call 366-7706. For more information about the Andersen Teen Center, call 366-1640.

The art of Chamorro barbecue

By JoAnna Delfin
Joint Region Edge Staff

Just as playing baseball is one of America's favorite pastimes, barbecuing is regarded as one of Guam's favorite activities. Regardless of the occasion, Chamorros always find a reason to round up family and friends and have a barbecue.

While hotdogs and hamburgers are traditionally found on the grill on the U.S. mainland, choices such as steak, chicken, pork, beef and seafood are favored among local barbecue masters. The choice of meat varies from cook to cook and the marinade selection does as well.

Marvin Crisostomo, local barbecue enthusiast, said every family has their own technique.

"Most people use the traditional ingredients but some families add their own secret ingredient to make the marinade more flavorful," he said.

On Guam, the "traditional" Chamorro marinade ingredients are soy sauce, vinegar, onions and garlic.

Barbecue on Guam is about more than just food. It's about making time to get together with your family and friends and share successes or just shoot the breeze.

"Barbecue used to be thought of as just making dinner," Crisostomo said. "Today it's more than just setting a dinner. It's cause for celebration. It's just to get your family together just because."

Crisostomo added that, for him, barbecue is a craving.

"It's like going to the beach," he said. "You just get in that mind set and you want to go – you have to go. Barbecue is like a mood."

The next time you feel like breaking out your grill, leave the dry rub and sweet sauce in the pantry and try adding some local flair to your favorite meat.



Grilled to Perfection: Steak sizzles on the grill July 7. The meat was prepared in a "traditional" Chamorro marinade of soy sauce, vinegar, onions and garlic. (U.S. Navy photo by JoAnna Delfin)

Steak marinade and barbecue recipe

One two-pound steak
One-half cup vinegar
One cup soy sauce
One onion, sliced
One tablespoon minced garlic
Black pepper to taste
Defrost the steak so the meat can absorb as

much of the marinade as possible.

Mix the soy sauce, vinegar, onion and garlic in a shallow pan. Add the defrosted meat and some black pepper. To get the full flavor of the marinade in the steak, cover the pan with foil or plastic wrap and place in the refrigerator overnight.

Prepare your grill for cooking.

If using charcoal or wood, allow it to stay hot and place the meat on the grill. A slow

cooking process is recommended to allow the flavors of the marinade to emerge while not burning or drying out the meat.

Watch your barbecue carefully and turn every two to five minutes depending on your heat.

When the meat is cooked to your liking, set it aside and allow to cool for a few minutes before slicing or serving to keep the juices in the meat.

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, JULY 15

7 p.m.: Kung Fu Panda 2 • PG

SATURDAY, JULY 16

2 p.m.: Kung Fu Panda 2 • PG
7 p.m.: Judy Moody and the Not Bummer Summer • PG

SUNDAY, JULY 17

7 p.m.: Judy Moody and the Not Bummer Summer • PG

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, JULY 15

7 p.m.: X-Men: First Class • PG-13
9:30 p.m.: Priest • PG-13

SATURDAY, JULY 16

1 p.m.: Kung Fu Panda 2 • PG
3:30 p.m.: The Conspirator • PG-13
7 p.m.: Bridesmaids • R

SUNDAY, JULY 17

1 p.m.: Judy Moody and the Not Bummer Summer • PG
3:30 p.m.: Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides • PG-13
7 p.m.: The Hangover Part II • R

MONDAY, JULY 18

3 p.m.: Judy Moody and the Not Bummer Summer • PG

TUESDAY, JULY 19

3 p.m.: X-Men: First Class • PG-13

WEDNESDAY, JULY 20

3 p.m.: Kung Fu Panda 2 • PG

THURSDAY, JULY 21

3 p.m.: Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides • 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.**

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

AF training, faith work together

By Airman 1st Class Samuel Taylor

436th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

While at Soto Cano Air Base (SCAB) in Honduras, Capt. Richard Rojas, Andersen Air Force Base chaplain, and a group of 25 SCAB members boarded a helicopter and set off for a spiritual retreat on Roatan Island off the Honduran coast.

Then the storm rolled in. The clouds and rain reduced the helicopter crew's visibility as they were driven down lower and lower by the descending fog. Unable to radio for help due to the weather, the crew made a forced landing at a site surrounded by a tropical jungle.

Following the landing, the helicopter was spotted by several locals who offered to lead the group through the jungle to a nearby town.

Rojas' training was put to the test as he found himself on a march through the Honduran jungle, determined to lead his party to safety.

"The military entrusted me with the best training in the world," Rojas said. "I knew I was responsible for those 25 people."

Most members were improperly dressed and equipped to navigate the tropical jungle and were reluctant to leave the landing site. Rojas and a few others agreed to make the trek to find assistance. Immediately, Rojas and the group began to encounter the dangers of the jungle.

"We were all miserable – eaten alive by mosquitoes and shivering from the cold," Rojas said. "No one had the right footwear – most wore sandals and I was walking barefoot."

The group crossed over waterways

and maneuvered the muddy terrain until they reached a town where they telephoned for help. A member of the group suggested they bed down for the night and retrieve the helicopter crew and passengers the following day.

"The others were sitting out there unprotected, exposed to the jungle," Rojas said. "I thought, 'It's not about me at this point. I'm not about to leave any of our group behind.'"

Rojas and a few guides decided to re-enter the jungle at about 10 p.m. to escort the rest of the helicopter group to safety. After slogging through knee-deep mud in the darkness, Rojas finally reunited with the group at the landing site.

"When they saw us, everyone at the helicopter burst out laughing," Rojas said. "Someone snapped a picture while I stood there dripping, a leech attached to one leg."

The crew and some passengers elected to remain at the helicopter while Rojas led the rest back to the village.

"We all just fell into bed – exhausted but grateful," Rojas said.

The following day, Rojas and the rest of the group returned to the helicopter and safely flew back to Soto Cano Air Base.

"God saved us from the jungle," he said.

However, more than divine force waw at work. Rojas' training and decision making played an important role in keeping the party safe.

"I just thought of the [Airman's] Creed," Rojas said. "It specifically says, 'I will never leave an Airman behind.' If I wouldn't leave them in combat, why would I do it in the jungle?"

In addition to sticking to the creed, Rojas' venture into the jungle helped confirm his commitment to his training.

"Not every day yields good weather," Rojas said. "Some days we will face trials. With God, Air Force training and the right resources, any Airman can overcome their challenges."



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.

U.S. Naval Hospital Guam 5K Run/Walk

Register now for U.S. Naval Hospital Guam's first 5K Run/Walk beginning at Sumay Bay on U.S. Naval Base Guam July 23. Show time is 5:30 a.m. Go time is 6 a.m. Registration before race day is \$10 per person. On race day, registration fees will increase to \$12 per person. First 100 participants to register will receive a T-shirt and the top three finishers in the run and walk categories will receive prizes. For more information or to register, call 482-9239 or 888-8662.

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, 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.

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.

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.

Monthly Green Fee Card

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

Aikido Classes

Aikido is a traditional Japanese martial art of self-defense that focuses on using the force of the opponents attack and redirecting it. 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.

Lap Swimming

The Andersen pool offers lap swimming outside the 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 will be available Thursdays, weekends, holidays and down days. Also, the pool is looking for certified swimming instructors and lifeguards. For more information, call Outdoor Recreation at 366-5197 or Human Resources at 366-1189.

Volleyball league begins



Ready: Members of Joint Region Marianas' "J9" team scramble to set up a play during the first Captain's Cup volleyball game at the Charles King Fitness Center on U.S. Naval Base Guam July 12. J9 lost to "Team USDA." (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Corwin Colbert)



Set: Members of Joint Region Marianas' "J9" team scramble to set up a play during the first Captain's Cup volleyball game at the Charles King Fitness Center on U.S. Naval Base Guam July 12. J9 lost to "Team USDA." (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Corwin Colbert)



Spike: A member of "Team USDA" spikes a volleyball during the first Captain's Cup volleyball game at the Charles King Fitness Center on U.S. Naval Base Guam July 12. Team USDA dominated the game and beat Joint Region Marianas' "J9" team. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Corwin Colbert)

