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Newest CPOs pinned at NBG

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The newest chief petty officers (CPO) were pinned during a ceremony hosted by Commander, Submarine Squadron 15 (COMSUBRON 15) on Naval Base Guam, Sept. 16.

The former CPO selectees went through six weeks of training and team building.

"We make chief thinking we know what we think we know, but we don't," said Chief Hospital Corpsman (SS/SW/AW) Chad Roberts, assigned to the Los Angeles-class submarine USS Buffalo (SSN-715). "We're trained to rely on fellow chiefs and rely on each other."

The newly pinned chiefs agreed that humility was the biggest lesson learned.

Explosive Ordnance Disposal

(EOD) Mobile Unit 5's Chief Explosive Ordnance Disposal Technician (EWS/FPJ) Kyle Dewey said, "I learned a lot of humility through the whole process. I also learned to focus less on myself and focus on my Sailors."

During the ceremony, the chiefs were able to have their anchors pinned on by family, friends and mentors.

Chief Logistics Specialist (SW)

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Ceremony: Chief Machinist's Mate (SS/DV) Joshua Willet, assigned to the Los Angeles-class submarine, USS Buffalo (SSN 715), gets pinned by his sponsors during the pinning ceremony on Naval Base Guam Sept. 16. Sailors from commands around Guam were pinned at the ceremony hosted by Commander, Submarine Squadron 15. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Gabrielle Blake/Released)



Sailors join residents in keeping Guam clean

Cleanup: Sailors, assigned to the submarine tender USS Frank Cable (AS 40), pick up trash during the International Coastal Cleanup at War in the Pacific National Historical Park at Asan Beach, Sept. 17. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Melvin Nobeza/Released)



By Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class (SW) Peter Lewis

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Sailors from commands around Guam joined island residents Sept. 17 to support Ocean Conservancy's International Coastal Cleanup, a worldwide event aimed at improving the environment.

Volunteers representing multiple commands, including USS Frank Cable (AS 40), U.S. Naval Base Guam, and Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 25, picked up trash at 18 sites around the island.

U.S. Naval Hospital (USNH) Guam Sailors helped give Pago

Bay in Chalan Pago-Ordota a much-needed facelift.

"I wouldn't like coming down to the beach and seeing trash all up on the beach there," said Hospital Corpsman Seaman Apprentice Patrick Powell. "So I figured this would be a great way of helping out."

According to one USNH Guam chief, giving back to the community is something the Navy supports on island and other places Sailors are stationed.

"Sailors have been doing community service all over the world," said Chief Hospital Corpsman (FMF) Raj Chand. "Wherever our community is, wherever we are

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Valuable lessons learned in HazMat technician training

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Firefighters from Naval Base Guam (NBG) and Andersen Air Force Base's (AFB) Fire and Emergency Services, participated in a hazardous material (HazMat) technician training exercise Sept. 15 to become certified HazMat technicians.

Fire Instructors Will Hadley and Bryn Crandell, from Goodfellow Air Force Base in San Angelo, Texas, conducted seven days of both indoor and outdoor training prior to the exercise. The training taught how to stop a chemical leak, wear Level A suits to prevent con-

tamination, and other material.

"In order to really protect the public, the property and the environment around the installation, they need to be properly trained," said Crandell. "It's really important so they can protect the public from the harmless chemicals that are out there."

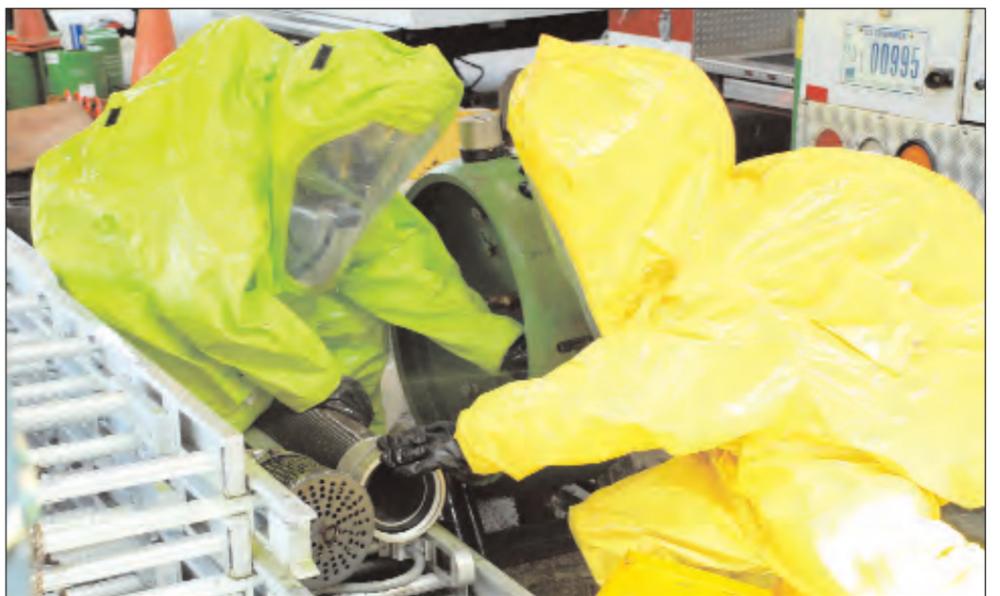
As part of the training exercise, the firefighters had to set up a decontamination station. The firefighters were broken up into teams of two and had 30 minutes to stop a simulated chlorine leak. They each had to respond, monitor the scene, and check for leaks and hazards. Firefighter Airmen 1st Class Kasey Hair, assigned to Civil Engineering Squadron, was part of the first team to respond. "We went in and

capped off a one-ton cylinder which normally carries chlorine, which is what we would most likely run into out here," Hair said.

After stopping the leak, each team was taken through the decontamination line to wash off the chemicals.

Firefighter Airmen 1st Class, Joshua Kennedy, assigned to Civil Engineering Squadron, said the training was beneficial and important for him to go through in his career.

"I learned a lot about what is hazardous and how to mitigate a HazMat incident," Kennedy said. "Every firefighter should know how to control a HazMat incident - what goes on, the equipment used, how to set up a decontamination station and everything that deals with HazMat."



Simulation: Airman 1st Class Kasey Hair and Airman 1st Class Joshua Kennedy, assigned to Civil Engineering Squadron on Andersen Air Force Base (AFB), work to mitigate a simulated chlorine leak during a hazardous material (HazMat) technician training exercise on Naval Base Guam (NBG), Sept. 15. Fire Instructors from Goodfellow Air Force Base in San Angelo, Texas, came to give training to NBG and Andersen AFB's Fire and Emergency Services. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Gabrielle Blake/Released)

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.

U.S. Navy Water Quality Report Available Online

The Safe Drinking Water Act requires the U.S. Navy Water System to issue an annual report on water quality. If you would like to learn more about U.S. Naval Base Guam's drinking water, the 2010 U.S. Navy Water System Water Quality Report is now available online at www.cnic.navy.mil/marianas.

Orote Commissary Case Lot Sale

The Orote Commissary Case Lot sale is scheduled for Sept. 29-Oct. 2 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. The sale is open only to authorized ID card holders. Cash, check and credit cards accepted. For more information, see the store for details or call 339-5177/3.

Fellowship Breakfast

Looking for Christian Friendship? Please come out for the Protestant Men of the Chapel's Fellowship Breakfast the first Saturday of each month at 8 a.m. in Andersen Air Force Base Chapel II Annex. The next fellowship breakfast is scheduled for Oct. 1.

36th Munitions Squadron Closed

The 36th Munitions Squadron will be closed due to a 100-percent-semiannual inventory Sept. 1-30. A 100-percent-semiannual inventory is a closed-warehouse-wall-to-wall inventory. Only emergency issue requests for munitions submitted in writing and approved by the group commander or equivalent will be processed during the inventory. Anyone needing assistance during this time can contact Munitions Operation at 366-3556 or Munitions Control at 366-6300.

Protestant Religious Activities for Men on Andersen Air Force Base

Looking for a message of hope? Join the men's weekly Bible study on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. at the Hot Spot conference room on Andersen Air Force Base. Looking for a Christian friendship? Come out for the men's Fellowship Breakfast every first Saturday of the month beginning at 8 a.m. in the Chapel 2 annex.

Naval Criminal Investigative Service ID Theft Awareness Campaign

If you are deployed away from your usual duty station and do not expect to seek new credit while you are deployed, consider placing an "active-duty alert" on your credit report. An active-duty alert requires creditors to take steps to verify your identity before granting credit in your name. To place an active-duty alert or to have an existing alert removed, call the toll-free fraud number of one of the three nationwide consumer reporting companies. This announcement is brought to you as part of the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) ID Theft Awareness Campaign, which will run through Sept. 30. As part of the campaign, NCIS Resident Agency Marianas, Guam will be conducting briefings to commands aboard U.S. Naval Base Guam regarding the prevention of ID theft and awareness of online security to help maintain the operational readiness of military members and their families. For more information or to schedule a briefing, call Master-at-Arms 3rd Class Guelmy Camacho at 339-7220 or 888-3091.

Air Force Office of Special Investigations Recruiting Effort
The Air Force Office of Special Investigations (AFOSI) is looking for enlist-

ed Airmen for special-agent duty once they have first served in another career field. Those eligible are staff sergeants with less than 10 years time in service, technical sergeants with less than one

Navy Pacific Fleet Rock Band will be on Guam holding performances this week:

- Sept. 23:
7 p.m., Micronesia Mall center court in Dededo.
- Sept. 24:
1:30 p.m., Guam Premier Outlets food court in Tamuning.
6 p.m., Agana Shopping Center center court.
All performances are free, and the public is welcome.

year time in grade and less than 11 years time in service. Senior Airmen are accepted on a case-by-case basis. If you have a line number for staff sergeant, you will be considered as one. First-term Airmen are releasable from their current career field but must be within their retraining window. Career Airmen are releasable with the approval of their career field manager. Current active-duty officers may also retrain into AFOSI from most career fields. Applications can be accepted 10-13 months prior to date eligible for return from overseas (DEROS). Those interested in a career as an AFOSI special agent can contact AFOSI Det. 602 on Andersen Air Force Base at 366-2987 for a recruitment package. For more information, visit <http://www.osi.andrews.af.mil>.

U.S. Naval Base Guam Housing Security Measures

While the incidents of crime in Navy family housing are low, U.S. Naval Base Guam recommends housing residents implement the following prevention measures:

- Ensure that all doors, windows, garages and vehicles are locked at all times.
- Turn on all outside lighting at night.
- Secure all valuable items. Do not leave valuable items that are in your home in plain sight to someone outside looking in through a window or door. Evaluate your home from the outside for things that might tempt a thief. Consider closing blinds and curtains to make it difficult for a thief to see valuable items.
- Report broken locks and lighting to the Housing Help Desk and follow up if there is not a prompt response.
- Report suspicious activity in the community - day or night - to the Security

Department at 911 or 339-3414.

Relocation of U.S. Naval Base Guam Bachelor Housing Service Desk

Bachelor Housing Front Desk Services is now located at Building 18 located on U.S. Naval Base Guam. All contact numbers will remain the same. For more information, call 333-2284/5.

Report Fraud, Waste, and Mismanagement

The Joint Region Marianas (JRM) Hotline provides an opportunity to report significant cases of fraud, waste and mismanagement. Anyone can file a hotline complaint. All reporters have the right to remain anonymous. To contact the JRM Inspector General, e-mail M-GU-JRM-IG-HOTLINE-FRAUD-WASTE-ABUSE@fe.navy.mil or call 349-1001. You may also mail your report in to JRM Inspector General Office, PSC 455 Box 211, FPO AP 96540. Remember, the more detailed information you provide the better we can assist you.

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.

Coalition of Sailors Against Destructive Decision

The Coalition of Sailors Against Destructive Decision (CSADD) Program provides an additional resource and communication tool that facilitates positive Sailor interaction and complements a commander's message directing proper conduct both on and off duty. 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.

Frank Cable divers receive new support vessel

By Damage Controlman 3rd Class Delesia Buchanan
USS Frank Cable (AS 40) Public Affairs

Divers attached to the submarine tender USS Frank Cable (AS 40) are among the first in the Navy to receive one of two new 50-foot Armstrong Marine Custom Dive Support Vessels, Sept. 19.

The second dive support vessel will assist the Navy's other submarine tender, USS Emory S. Land (AS 39), which is forward deployed to Diego Garcia, an atoll that lies east of Africa's coast.

According to Chief Navy Diver Jeremiah Lively, these vessels will allow divers to perform Surface Supplied Diving (SSD) operations in support of Underwater Ship's Husbandry (USH) work on tended units.

"I couldn't be happier about the addition of these boats to our mission readiness," Lively said.

The new support vessels will increase efficiency by allowing divers to perform faster operations without having to stow gear, conduct post-dive maintenance on the SSD system or the diver's gear when repositioning to another location, Lively said.

"Having the capability to move from one dive job to the next without having to break down



New Vessel: Capt. Nelson P. Hildreth, commanding officer of the submarine tender USS Frank Cable (AS 40), observes Chief Boatswain's Mate Richard Kinney as he drives the new dive vessel, Sept. 19 in Apra Harbor. Frank 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 Damage Controlman 3rd Class Delesia Buchanan/Released)

dive site every time is just one of the many ways this boat will greatly increase productivity," Lively said.

The vessels will let divers moor to the tending unit, allowing for easier and faster submarine repair. They are created for a team that may be on board for hours at a time, providing divers with comforts such as an air-conditioned lounge, toilet and shower.

"The boat has its own generator, compressors, depth finder and [Global Positioning System]," said Navy Diver 1st Class Mark Martinez. "Everything is there. We don't have to order anything else to accommodate our job."

Prior to receiving their new dive vessel, Frank Cable divers used two trailers to store their gear and perform operations. Martinez said this was difficult because it required divers to walk back and forth



Lifeline: Seaman Stuart Olson, assigned to the submarine tender USS Frank Cable (AS 40), passes a lifeline to Machinist's Mate 2nd Class Anthony Dorman, as they prepare to moor the dive vessel following a test run, Sept. 19 in Apra Harbor. Frank 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 Damage Controlman 3rd Class Delesia Buchanan/Released)

from the pier to the tending unit to acquire extra equipment, tools and parts.

Before the divers can use these support vessels, they must first satisfy Job Qualification Requirements (JQR).

Frank Cable conducts maintenance and support of submarines and surface ships deployed in the U.S. 7th Fleet area of responsibility.

For more news from USS Frank Cable, visit www.navy.mil/local/as40/.

Andersen's Best: Partin maintains vigilant surveillance



Air Traffic Controller: Senior Airman Roland Partin, 36th Operations Support Squadron air traffic controller, was awarded Team Andersen's Best at Andersen Air Force Base (AFB), Sept. 15. As an air traffic controller, Partin is responsible for the separation of both civilian and military aircraft inside Andersen AFB's assigned airspace and for maintaining vigilant surveillance of Andersen's airfield environment. Senior Airman Partin recently graduated Airman Leadership School in which he received the coveted John L. Levitow award. Additionally, Partin is a unit physical training leader and leads 3 to 4 sessions per week to ensure the squadron's fitness needs are met. Andersen's Best is a recognition program that 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/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 Benjamin Wiseman/Released)

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Respect key to 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' repeal

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On Sept. 20, 10 U.S.C. 654, the law commonly known as "Don't Ask, Don't Tell," was repealed.

The President, Secretary of Defense and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff have certified, based on advice and input from key leadership, that the statutory prerequisites for repeal have been met and the force is prepared for repeal. They've certified that the Department of Defense (DoD) is ready to

make this change consistent with the standards of military readiness, effectiveness, unit cohesion and recruiting and retention of the Armed Forces.

More than 1 million service members have accomplished training to prepare them for the repeal. The training explains the new policies and provides information about specific behaviors, statements and actions to our Airmen. At the root is the message of respect for all service members and officials said this is key to the creating a culture of relevance, effectiveness and efficiency.

"The repeal of 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' will lead to changes in policy, but many of our policies will require no change," said Brig. Gen. John Doucette, 36th Wing commander. "It remains the policy of the Department of Defense to treat all members with dignity and respect, and to ensure maintenance of good order and discipline."

Airmen can get more information on the repeal at the Air Force official site, www.af.mil/dontask,donttell/index.asp. Officials have also created a "Don't Ask, Don't Tell repeal site" under the Life and Career tab on the

Air Force Portal with informational resources for leaders at all levels. The site includes lesson plans and slide presentations, frequently asked questions, training vignettes and guiding principles.

"Leadership remains crucial to making this a smooth transition," said Rear Adm. Paul Bushong, Commander, Joint Region Marianas. "Fundamentally, the force, the mission, the basic tenets of the oath we all take haven't changed. Leadership, professionalism, discipline and respect continue to be the underpinnings of our military service."

As the Air Force undergoes this transition, it will be the dedication to the Air Force core values that makes the shift a smooth one.

"By following our core values, we will successfully implement this change with the same unparalleled professionalism we have demonstrated with every transformation we have undertaken, in both peace and war," Doucette concluded.

Visit www.defense.gov/home/features/2010/0610_dadt/ for more information. Base legal offices can also provide Airmen information on the repeal.

Marines of 31st MEU prepare for deployment



Urban Training: A Marine from the Force Reconnaissance Platoon of the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), enters a compound in search of an illegal weapons cache during the Realistic Urban Training Exercise (RUTEX) on Guam, Sept. 16. The exercise serves as part of a multi-week series of training to prepare the Marines of the 31st MEU for their upcoming deployment. The 31st MEU is the United States' force in readiness for the Asia-Pacific region. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Lance Cpl. David Adams/Released)



Live-fire Raid: Marines from the Force Reconnaissance Platoon of the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), are inserted by an MH-60 Black Hawk helicopter to conduct a live-fire raid on Guam during a Realistic Urban Training Exercise (RUTEX), Sept. 16. The exercise serves as part of a multi-week series of training to prepare the Marines of the 31st MEU for their upcoming deployment. The 31st MEU is the United States' force in readiness for the Asia-Pacific region. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Lance Cpl. David Adams/Released)



31st MEU: Marines from the Force Reconnaissance Platoon of the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), enter a building after opening the door with explosives during the Realistic Urban Training Exercise (RUTEX) on Guam, Sept. 16. The exercise serves as part of a multi-week series of training to prepare the Marines of the 31st MEU for their upcoming deployment. The 31st MEU is the United States' force in readiness for the Asia-Pacific region. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Lance Cpl. David Adams/Released)



Reconnaissance: Marines from the Force Reconnaissance Platoon of the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), are extracted by an MH-60 Black Hawk helicopter during a Realistic Urban Training Exercise (RUTEX) on Guam, Sept. 16. The exercise serves as part of a multi-week series of training to prepare the Marines of the 31st MEU for their upcoming deployment. The 31st MEU is the United States' force in readiness for the Asia-Pacific region. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Lance Cpl. David Adams/Released)

Team Andersen honors POWs, MIAs

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Team Andersen Airmen carried out tradition and honored prisoners of war (POW) and those missing in action (MIA) with a 24-hour vigil run and retreat ceremony Sept. 15 and 16.

This year's event kicked off with the run at Arc Light Memorial Park on Andersen Air Force Base (AFB) 4 p.m. Sept. 15, and was concluded at 4 p.m. Sept. 16. During the vigil run, volunteers ranging from small teams to entire squadrons ran in timed increments, carrying a baton which was passed among Airmen for a consecutive 24 hours through rain and shine.

"We are here to honor and remember those who haven't returned and to make sure they aren't forgotten," said Col. Donald Dreschler, 36th Wing vice commander. "This is a bit of a heritage as well; remembering those who are fighting and have fought in the past, and especially those who haven't returned home."

This tradition is demonstrated across the Air Force annually on the third Friday in September.

The baton carried during the run was inscribed with 19 names of military members stationed at Andersen AFB who have been a POW or MIA. At the conclusion of the run, the baton was presented to Dreschler.

"We gather here to today as a



Memorial Run: Members of the wing staff agencies led by Col. Donald R. Dreschler, 36th Wing vice commander, run the first leg of the Prisoner of War and Missing in Action memorial run on Andersen Air Force Base (AFB), Sept. 15. Squadrons of Team Andersen signed up to run in one-hour shifts beginning from 4 p.m. on Sept. 15 to 4 p.m. on Sept. 16, running through the night. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Carlin Leslie/Released)

remembrance of our responsibility and to stand by those who are serving," Dreschler said. "To our heroes missing, we will never forget."

The colonel then joined with the ceremony's distinctive guest, Francisco Carbullido, and laid a wreath at the base of the General

Andersen memorial in honor of those lost, deceased and never forgotten.

Carbullido was taken as a POW for three years and is the last remaining defender of Wake Island. He was recognized during the ceremony for all he endured.

"The ceremony was very im-

pressive," Carbullido said. "It reminds me of what I went through, yet with this kind of ceremony I have no regrets. I hope people will remember this for there were a lot of sacrifices made."

Accompanying Carbullido was his son Phillip, who was also impressed with the ceremony.



Opening Remarks: Col. Donald R. Dreschler, 36th Wing vice commander, makes opening remarks during the Prisoner of War and Missing in Action memorial run on Andersen Air Force Base, Sept. 15. The memorial run lasted for 24 hours over a two-day period ending with a closing ceremony in front of 36th Wing headquarters. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Carlin Leslie/Released)

"I'm honored to be here to witness this event and for him to take part in the ceremony," Phillip Carbullido said. "It commemorates those still missing in action."

The ceremony concluded with the retiring of the flag in the honor of all POW and MIA who are not forgotten.

Learn sexual assault reporting guidelines

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If someone confides in you that he or she is a victim of sexual assault, do you have to report it? The answer to this question is: it depends.

According to Air Force Instruction, if you are a victim advocate, healthcare personnel, sexual assault response coordinator (SARC) or chaplain, the answer is no.

Also, if you are an active duty member (including noncommissioned officers) and another active duty member that you do not supervise tells you he or she was sexually assaulted, you are encouraged to—but not mandated—to report to your chain of command. You can lead the victim to the SARC, chaplain, mental health or medical facility to get the individual the help he or she needs without taking away her restricted reporting option.

If an active duty member is told about a crime of sexual assault by a friend or coworker, and then reports the assault to his chain of command, the report will become unrestricted. This means an investigation through the Air Force Office of Special Investigations

(AFOSI) or Security Forces will begin, regardless of whether this is the victim's desire.

The restricted reporting option is currently only available to active duty personnel, as well as Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard Members who are performing active or inactive duty training. The restricted reporting option allows a victim to receive support from the SARC, a victim advocate, a mental health professional, a chaplain or healthcare personnel confidentially without notifying that individual's chain of command. A victim of sexual assault can even choose to undergo a sexual assault forensic examination (SAFE), which aims to collect evidence from the assault, under the restricted reporting option. Any evidence gathered from the examination is stored under the restricted report number and the victim has one year to decide if he or she would like to initiate an investigation by switching to an unrestricted report.

Though the restricted reporting option is only available to active duty personnel, dependants over the age of 18 who are victims of sexual assault are eligible for services through the Sexual Assault Prevention and Re-

sponse (SAPR) Office. They can receive all of the services described under the restricted reporting option; however, an investigation through AFOSI or Security Forces will be initiated.

If you are an Air Force member or civilian employee unable to receive confidential communications and you receive a report of sexual assault by a subordinate in your supervisory chain, you must report the matter to AFOSI as soon as possible.

To read more about sexual assault reporting requirements in the Air Force, see AFI 36-6001 2.12.

The guidelines for active duty Navy personnel are somewhat different. Only SAPR Victim Advocates or a SARC can offer restricted reporting. Navy chaplains also offer privileged communication. If you are an active duty member in the Navy and you are informed of a sexual assault you are a mandated reporter.

In order to preserve the right to restricted reporting, a victim of sexual assault should talk to a SARC or SAPR Victim Advocate before speaking with anyone else, including friends and family.

For more information, contact the SAPR Office at 36wg.cvk@anderson.af.mil.

EODMU 5 field training preps for annual exercise



'Fast Rope': Aircrew Survival Equipmentman 1st Class (AW/PJ) Adam Messier (standing right), of Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit (EODMU) 5, instructs members of the Singaporean Navy in proper "fast rope" techniques, at the EODMU5 compound on board U.S. Naval Base Guam, Sept. 14. The training is preparation for an upcoming annual field training exercise, which will allow explosive ordnance technicians from the two navies to work together, study and learn from their counterparts. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class (SW) Peter Lewis/Released)



Left: Andron Murchison, Step Afrika performer, yells to the crowd during a performance at the Coral Reef Fitness Center at Andersen Air Force Base (AFB), Sept. 15. The Step Afrika dance performers entertained members from Andersen AFB and the local community with an hour-long combination of dancing and singing. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Benjamin Wiseman/Released)

Below: The Step Afrika dance team performs for military personnel, dependents and local residents at the Coral Reef Fitness Center at Andersen Air Force Base (AFB), Sept. 15. The group's main goal is to promote an understanding of and appreciation for stepping and the dance tradition's use as an educational tool for young people worldwide. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Benjamin Wiseman/Released)

Step Afrika educates through dance



Above: Navy Morale, Welfare and Recreation patrons watch as members of Step Afrika perform during an exhibition at the Charles King Fitness Center on board U.S. Naval Base Guam, Sept. 16. Step Afrika! is the only professional dance company in the world dedicated to the tradition of stepping. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class (SW) Peter Lewis/Released)



Above: Children from Andersen and the local community learn the dancing techniques of step with dance performers from the group Step Afrika at the Coral Reef Fitness Center at Andersen Air Force Base (AFB), Sept. 15. The children learned several of the moves and actually performed a full dance at the end of the training lesson. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Benjamin Wiseman/Released)



Right: Local elementary school children dance along with the performers of Step Afrika during a performance at the Coral Reef Fitness Center at Andersen Air Force Base (AFB), Sept. 15. The fitness center was full of people as the group performed several dances throughout the night. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Benjamin Wiseman/Released)



Cut The Cake: Two members from Andersen Air Force Base (AFB) cut the cake during the 64th annual Air Force Ball held in Tumon, Sept. 9. It is tradition that the youngest and oldest Airmen, by time in service, cut the cake together during the ceremony. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Carlin Leslie/Released)

Festivities abound at annual Air Force Ball



Boogie: Several Airmen and their significant others attend the 64th annual Air Force Ball held in Tumon, Sept. 9. Mess dress and formal was the wear for the event and all attendees came to enjoy the night's festivities with other Airmen and their families from around the base. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Carlin Leslie/Released)



Souvenir: The 64th annual Air Force Ball was held for personnel from Andersen Air Force Base (AFB) in Tumon, Sept. 9. Each year, Andersen AFB hosts the ball for Airmen to come and enjoy an evening of dancing, food and the company of fellow wingmen from around the base. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Carlin Leslie/Released)

Officials seek Pitsenbarger Award nominees

From Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

Air Force Sergeants Association is seeking nominations for the 2012 Pitsenbarger Award.

The AFSA Pitsenbarger Award annually recognizes an Air Force enlisted service member who has performed a heroic act, on- or off-duty, that resulted in saving a life or preventing serious injury to another person or persons.

The heroic act must have placed the nominee in risk of personal danger and been a legitimate attempt to save life or prevent serious injury to another person or persons. The award period is Jan. 1, 2011, through Dec. 31, 2011.

Nominees must be Air Force enlisted active duty, Guard or Reserve. Each major command, field operating agency and direct-reporting unit may submit only one nomination.

Organizations and base-level personnel must contact their Major Air Force Command, field operating agency or direct reporting unit for applicable suspense dates and additional information regarding nomination procedures.

Mail nominations directly to Air Force Sergeants Association, ATTN: Military and Government Relations, P.O. BOX 50, Temple Hills, Maryland, 20757-0050 (if you use express mail, send nominations to 5211 Auth Road, Suitland, Maryland 20746) by March 1, 2012.

AF civilian early retirement, separation incentives announced

By Debbie Gildea

Air Force Personnel, Services and Manpower Public Affairs

The Air Force is implementing civilian Voluntary Early Retirement Authority (VERA) and Voluntary Separation Incentive Pay (VSIP) programs, Air Force officials announced today.

"Our goal with these programs is to mitigate the impact of reduced fiscal year 2012 funding on our permanent civilian workforce," said Maj. Gen. Sharon K. G. Dunbar, the Air Force director of force management policy.

Reduced Air Force funding starting in fiscal 2012 is the result of a Secretary of Defense efficiency initiative that holds civilian manning at fiscal year 2010 levels Department of Defense-wide. This initiative reduces previously planned growth in the Air Force civilian workforce by nearly 9 percent. Air Force officials estimate that reduced funding levels are sufficient to support just over 180,000 civilians as of Oct. 1.

"Complying with lower civilian funding levels requires ad-



justing the size of our civilian workforce by about 1 percent this next fiscal year," Dunbar said. "To do this, we're postured to approve up to 6,005 VSIP applications along with implementing VERA. These voluntary programs will also help generate flexibility to balance positions with mission priorities."

Air Force officials also implemented hiring controls in May, followed by a 90-day hiring freeze that went into effect last month. Much like the voluntary programs, the temporary hiring freeze and ongoing hiring controls are designed to reduce the size of the civilian workforce and generate vacancies for permanent employees whose positions may be restructured, transferred or eliminated, the general explained.

Servicing civilian personnel offices have already started sur-

veying eligible civilians for their interest in these programs. Surveys are targeted to those in job series that may be affected by downsizing or restructuring.

Targeting the surveys requires balance, the general explained.

"If we target too narrowly, the number of volunteers may fall short of what we're seeking. At the same time, an overly broad survey may cause angst among employees in positions that will not be affected," Dunbar said.

To be eligible for VERA, employees must be at least 50 years old with 20 years of creditable service, or have 25 years of creditable service at any age.

Whereas VERA is a temporary measure to increase retirements, VSIP is a financial incentive to encourage eligible employees to voluntarily separate from civil service. A VSIP payment is equivalent to an employee's severance pay entitlement, up to a maximum of \$25,000, before taxes.

Officials are authorized to approve a maximum of 6,005 VSIP applications from eligible civilians. VSIP applications may

be approved if there is a direct link between an employee's separation and avoiding adverse personnel impact elsewhere.

"Employees who received surveys should familiarize themselves with the VERA and VSIP material on the Air Force Personnel Services website at <https://gum-crm.csd.disa.mil/>," Dunbar said.

Specific VERA and VSIP information can be accessed via the news and announcements link. In addition, servicing civilian personnel offices are postured to assist interested civilians.

Officials said employees should thoroughly consider all options prior to submitting an application for VERA or VSIP. Employees who apply for VERA and/or VSIP make a commitment to separate Dec. 31, 2011 if their application is approved. This commitment cannot be withdrawn except for extreme hardship or extraordinary circumstances.

For information about other personnel issues, visit the Air Force personnel services website at <http://www.afpc.af.mil/>.

SECAF delivers address on state of Air Force

By Staff Sgt. Mareshah Haynes
From Defense Media Activity

NATIONAL HARBOR, Md. (AFNS) – Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley addressed hundreds of Airmen, sister service members and industry leaders during the Air Force Association's 2011 Air & Space Conference and Technology Exposition, Sept. 19.

Donley spoke about the state of the Air Force in regards to budget concerns, current and future operations and what Air Force officials are doing to maintain the force's capabilities.

"We are in a season of important national debate ... we have to move forward in a way that protects our national security and will provide our national leadership with the tools necessary to defend America's interests in the complex security environment in which we live," Donley said.

Spending reductions across the Department of Defense (DoD) to help reduce the national debt will affect Air Force planning at all levels.

"Though very tough, these reductions are considered achievable as DoD reviews its roles and missions and examines all areas of the budget for savings," Donley said. "To get these savings, we will need to accept greater risk in some areas, terminate some lower priority programs, streamline others, continue driving efficiency in our operations and make some tough choices about the core tenets of our national security strategy.



Conference Address: Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley addresses Airmen, sister service members and industry partners Sept. 19 about the state of the Air Force during the Air Force Association's 2011 Air & Space Conference and Technology Exposition at National Harbor, Md. Donley explained how the Air Force will seek to maintain key air power capabilities in an austere budget environment. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Melissa Goslin/Released)

"It's safe to say that every single line of the budget is under scrutiny," he said.

Donley emphasized that DoD leaders are aware of how spending reductions could affect the services and are working to mitigate any setbacks in the mission.

"(Defense) Secretary Panetta has made a commitment to ensure that our military has everything it needs to protect our national security at a time of considerable fiscal challenge in our country," he said. "And most importantly to our Airmen, he has promised to fight for service members and their families as we face these budget challenges. He understands the importance of keeping faith with military service members and their families."

Donley also explained how balancing the force and modernization of equipment will play a factor in the way the budget is expended. Each factor must be considered in conjunction with the others.

"As we look at the Air Force budget, balance has been our guiding principle," he said. "If our force structure – the size and composition of our Air Force – is too large given the resources available, then we risk not being able to sustain the costs of ownership, such as providing for pay and benefits, training and materiel readiness. We need to avoid a hollow force."

Donley went on to say, if the force is too small, it could unintentionally drive some mission areas and career fields to unsustainably

low levels, while losing the flexibility to accommodate new or evolving missions, or risk ability to sustain expeditionary operations.

Balancing the force also includes continuing to integrate total force Airmen and assets.

"As we consider the broad scope of changes ahead, we are committed to maintaining an Air Force presence in each state, to include at least one active-duty, Reserve, or Air National Guard unit," Donley said. "This reflects our commitment to the total force, our ongoing efforts to find the right balance between our active duty and our Air Reserve Component forces, and recognition of airpower's important role in supporting governors and civil authorities in managing the consequences of natural disasters."

The secretary said that while it would benefit no one to downplay the hard choices that confront the Air Force, neither should the picture be painted as so bleak that service members fear the nation is turning its back "on those who have served with such devotion and on the institutions that have kept our nation secure for generations."

"I want to make clear that as the Department of Defense adapts to the evolving budget environment, your Air Force is committed to keeping faith with our Airmen and their families and to sustaining core Air Force missions," he said.

Although much work remains before the Air Force can expect strategic clarity regarding budget reductions, Donley said there are certain key capabilities service of-

icials are working to protect. One such area is the Joint Strike Fighter program, which provides the Air Force with the F-35 Lightning II.

"There are certain capabilities we will protect," he said. "We will apply best military judgment to oppose reductions that would cause irreparable harm. (Chief of Staff of the Air Force) General Schwartz and I are determined to set the right course, to make the right investments so that the Air Force evolves in positive directions, even with limited resources."

"We remain committed to maintaining air superiority and the capability to hold any target at risk," he said. "With a fighter fleet now averaging 22 years old and with two decades of declining fighter force structure, modernizing our aging and smaller fighter force depends on the fifth generation capabilities of the joint strike fighter. Simply put, there is no alternative to the F-35 program. It must succeed."

Despite budget reductions, Donley said he is confident the Air Force will maintain its ability to flight, fight and win across the full spectrum of operations.

"The Air Force has always been a forward-leaning military service, always at the forefront applying new technologies to strengthen U.S. national security," he said. "And throughout our history, we have demonstrated the flexibility to evolve according to changing needs and requirements. The Air Force must be prepared to keep evolving as we finish today's fight and continue our mission to protect America today and in the future."

USS Frank Cable Sailors hard at work



Left: Hull Maintenance Technician Fireman Jasima Slaughter, assigned to submarine tender USS Frank Cable (AS 40), sands a baycup in the ship's sheet metal shop. Frank 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 1st Class David R. Krigbaum/Released)

Right: Lt. Cmdr. John Hoyos and Hospital Corpsman Apprentice Stacy Delano, both assigned to the submarine tender USS Frank Cable (AS 40), perform a dental examination. Frank 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 1st Class Melvin Nobeza/Released)



Left: Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Edgardo Victorino, assigned to the submarine tender USS Frank Cable (AS 40), performs a microscopic urine test. Frank 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 1st Class Melvin Nobeza/Released)





Resuming Flight: The Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley and Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz have recently approved an implementation plan developed by Air Combat Command officials that will allow the F-22 Raptor to resume flight operations after a four-month standdown. (U.S. Air Force file photo by Tech. Sgt. Ben Bloker/Released)

F-22 fleet to resume flight operations

From the Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (AFNS) – The Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley and Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz have recently approved an implementation plan developed by Air Combat Command (ACC) officials that will allow the F-22 Raptor to resume flight operations after a four-month stand-down.

The commander of ACC directed a standdown of the fleet May 3 as a safety precaution, following 12 separate reported incidents where pilots experienced hypoxia-like symptoms.

The incidents occurred over a three-year period beginning in April 2008.

Officials remain focused on the priorities of aircrew safety and combat readiness.

The return-to-fly plan imple-

ments several risk mitigation actions, to include rigorous inspections, training on life support systems, and continued data collection.

“We now have enough insight from recent studies and investigations that a return to flight is prudent and appropriate,” Schwartz said. “We’re managing the risks with our aircrews, and we’re continuing to study the F-22’s oxygen systems and collect data to improve its performance.”

In a task force approach to implementation, ACC officials developed a comprehensive incremental return-to-fly plan that balances safety and the expedient qualification of pilots against the inherent risks of flying advanced combat aircraft, officials said.

The entire fleet will undergo an extensive inspection of the life support systems before returning to flight, with follow-on daily inspections, officials said.

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Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz

The aircraft is capable and authorized to fly above 50,000 feet. Pilots will use additional protective equipment and undergo baseline physiological tests.

The return-to-fly process will begin with instructor pilots and flight leads regaining their necessary proficiency, then follow with other F-22 wingmen.

Prior to the standdown, ACC officials convened a Class E Safety Investigation Board (SIB) in January 2011 to look into hypoxia-related reports.

At the same time, a hypoxia deep-dive integrated product team began an in-depth study on safety issues involving aircraft oxygen generation systems.

In June 2011, the Secretary of the Air Force directed the Air Force Scientific Advisory Board to continue the oxygen generation study concurrent with the ongoing SIB.

A releasable report will be made available later this year.

The F-22 Raptor entered service in 2005. As of May 2011, the Air Force has fielded 170 of the aircraft.

As America’s primary air superiority weapon system, the F-22 has flown more than 300 missions in support of Operation Noble Eagle and deployed on a rotational basis to the Pacific region and Southwest Asia.

F-22 overseas deployments support the Department of State’s Theater Security Program, formal arrangements with our foreign partners to establish defense cooperation, promote regional stability, and deter potential aggression.

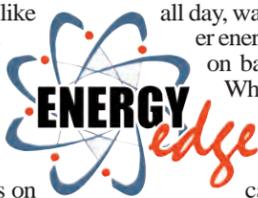
Call new hot line to help counter energy waste

By Derek Briggs
U.S. Naval Base Guam Energy Manager

Have you heard the news lately? Budgets are being cut and energy prices just keep going up. So what can we do about it? In addition to

practices we do every day, like turning off lights when you leave the room, we now have a Regional Energy Waste hot line. The number is 349 4NRG or 349 4674.

If you see outside lights on



all day, water leakage, or other energy and water waste on base, give us a call.

Whether it’s Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, give us a call.

Please leave a message with a description of the problem, your name and a phone number so we can get back to you. The Energy Team will find the right person to address the issue and work to resolve the problem.

Together we can reduce our

energy use and maybe save a little money in the process.

Next month, October is Energy Awareness Month and this year’s theme is, “Turn Words into Action ... Turn Action into Results.” The hot line is one way we can help to accomplish it.

CPO: 'One of the greatest achievements'

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Desiree Saylor, assigned to Military Sealift Command, Ship's Support Unit, was the only female out of the 21 chiefs pinned.

"Being pinned as a chief is one of the greatest achievements," Saylor said. "Being part of the chief's mess is a milestone."

Chief Navy Counselor, John Jeffries, assigned to Naval Base Guam, was promoted to chief in 2007. He said going through induction season every year is exciting.

"It brings back a lot of good memories and I actually learn a lot each season," Jeffries said. "Helping out opens up my eyes to new things and each person brings a new perspective to the training."



Family Support: Chief Logistics Specialist Desiree Saylor (SW), assigned to Military Sealift Command, Ship's Support Unit, hugs her daughters after being pinned during the Chief Petty Officer Pinning Ceremony on Naval Base Guam Sept. 16. Sailors from commands around Guam were pinned at the ceremony hosted by Commander, Submarine Squadron 15. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Gabrielle Blake/Released)



CPO: Chief Master-at-Arms Samuel Ortiz (SW/AW), assigned to Naval Base Guam (NBG) Security, gets piped aboard after being pinned as a chief petty officer during the pinning ceremony on NBG Sept. 16. Sailors from commands around Guam were pinned at the ceremony hosted by Commander, Submarine Squadron 15. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Gabrielle Blake/Released)

Frank Cable holds chief petty officer pinning ceremony



Officer Creed: Newly-pinned chief petty officer, assigned to the submarine tender USS Frank Cable (AS 40), listen to the Chief Petty Officer Creed at the chief petty officer pinning ceremony held at the Naval Base Guam theater. Frank 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 2nd Class Jeremy Starr/Released)



Above: Chief Machinist's Mate Juan Abreu (SW/AW), assigned to the submarine tender USS Frank Cable (AS 40), smiles as he receives his cover from Senior Chief Hull Maintenance Technician Johnny Sanchez during the chief petty officer pinning ceremony at the Naval Base Guam theater. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Jeremy Starr/Released)



Congratulations: Chief Machinery Repairman Troy Williams (SS/SW), assigned to the submarine tender USS Frank Cable (AS 40), congratulates newly-pinned Chief Machinist's Mate Mark Leos at the chief petty officer pinning ceremony held at the Naval Base Guam theater. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Jeremy Starr/Released)



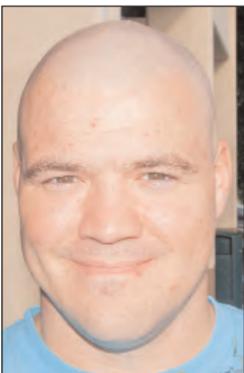
Left: Newly-pinned Chief Hull Maintenance Technician Aaron Barnby (SW), assigned to the submarine tender USS Frank Cable (AS 40), is pinned by his wife at the chief petty officer pinning ceremony at the Naval Base Guam theater. Frank Cable conducts maintenance and support of submarines and surface vessels deployed in the U.S. 7th Fleet area of responsibility. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Jeremy Starr/Released)

How do you help protect the environment?

Joint Region Edge asked its readers how they help keep our environment healthy.



"I do my best to recycle whatever I can. Also, if I see trash lying around, I pick it up to keep the island clean."
 — Machinist Mate 1st Class Josh Keown
 USS Frank Cable (AS 40)



"Since I moved off base, I try even harder to keep up with my recycling."
 — Information Systems Technician 2nd Class (SS) Justin Brodhaugen
 USS Frank Cable (AS 40)



"I participate in events like the International Coastal Cleanup. I know that if we all pitch in, we can make a huge positive impact on the island and the environment."
 — Master-at-Arms Seaman Apprentice Jeremy Sullivan
 Naval Security Forces Guam



"I recycle, avoid littering and try to buy things that I know have been produced from recycled materials."
 — Eleanor Manibusan
 Army and Air Force Exchange Services warehouse worker



"Recycling and separating plastics, paper and glass. I decompose my green waste since it's good fertilizer."
 — Edward Sanchez
 36th Civil Engineer Squadron engineering equipment operator



"Recycling, I don't litter and I pick up small trash I see around my building or at home."
 — Staff Sgt. Damon Harrell
 36th Communications Squadron asset management supervisor

Cleanup: International effort spans 152 countries

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located, it's our home. So it makes sense for us to take care of it, and it also makes sense for us to get everybody involved."

According to Ocean Conservancy's Web site, during the past 25 years the International Coastal Cleanup has become the world's largest volunteer effort for ocean health. The volunteers in the cleanup's global network not only pick up trash, they also record every item they find on standardized data cards. Ocean Conservancy compiles and analyzes the data

each year and publishes the world's only item-by-item, location-by-location snapshot of marine debris in an annual report. An estimated 145 million pounds of trash from shores of lakes, streams, rivers and beaches have been cleaned from 152 countries and locations on just one day each year.

For more information on volunteer opportunities, contact your command community service coordinator.

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



Above: Sailors from U.S. Naval Hospital Guam and island residents collect trash around Pago Bay as part of the International Coastal Cleanup, Sept. 17. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class (SW) Peter Lewis/Released)



Community Service: Sailors, assigned to the submarine tender USS Frank Cable (AS 40), pick up trash during the International Coastal Cleanup at War in the Pacific National Historical Park at Asan Beach, Sept. 17. Frank 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 1st Class Melvin Nobeza/Released)



Right: Sailors from U.S. Naval Hospital Guam and island residents collect trash around Pago Bay as part of the International Coastal Cleanup, a worldwide event sponsored on the island by the Guam Coastal Management Program, Sept. 17. According to Tammy Jo Anderson Taft, spokeswoman for the Guam Environmental Protection Agency, more than 3,000 people volunteered at 18 sites around the island. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class (SW) Peter Lewis/Released)

Guam Boy Scouts build strong values



Troop 23: Boy Scouts of Troop 23 from U.S. Naval Base Guam stand in formation during the annual Boy Scouts of America, Aloha Council Chamorro District summer camp in Talofofo June 21. (U.S. Coast Guard photo by Cmdr. Yuri Graves/Released)



Above: Boy Scouts of Troop 23 from U.S. Naval Base Guam put the finishing touches on their troop flagpole during the annual Boy Scouts of America, Aloha Council Chamorro District summer camp in Talofofo June 24. (U.S. Coast Guard photo by Cmdr. Yuri Graves/Released)

By JoAnna Delfin
Joint Region Edge Staff

As one of the nation's largest youth organizations, the Boy Scouts of America is a program for young people that builds good character and teaches participants the value of responsibility in the community.

Through good leadership and camaraderie, members of the Boy Scouts of America are able to experience different activities such as hiking, fishing, camping. With almost every activity, scouts have an opportunity to earn different badges and work their way from a Cub Scout to the highest rank of Eagle Scout.

As the national program continues to gain hundreds of scouts annually, the Chamorro District of the Boy Scouts has garnered support and membership from various organizations.

Derek Cepeda, Boy Scouts of America, Aloha Council Chamorro District executive, explained the history of the organization on Guam.

"Guam has had boy scouting since the creation of the Guam Council in 1947," he said. "The Chamorro Boy Scout Council was chartered in 1970 before merging with the Kilauea Council in Hawaii."

Cepeda added that boy scouting on Guam is now administered as the Aloha Council's Chamorro District and has an estimated 450 participants per year, majority of which are military dependents.

"The most active units are the military units," he said. "What's good about the military is that there is a strong relationship between scouting and the military because of how scouting is [structured]."

He added that scouting and the military have deep historical connections as the Boy Scouts of America drive to shape the moral and values of young people to become positive and active members of society.

Cmdr. Yuri Graves, United States Coast Guard Sector Guam deputy



Summer Camp: Boy Scouts and their families take a group photo with Lt. Gov. of Guam Ray Tenorio during the annual Boy Scouts of America, Aloha Council Chamorro District summer camp in Talofofo June 24. (U.S. Coast Guard photo by Cmdr. Yuri Graves/Released)

commander, is the scoutmaster of Troop 23 which is chartered by the Navy League of Guam.

"I was in scouts myself for a number of years and I was a life scout, almost an eagle scout, and have always encouraged my boys to do it," he said.

Graves added the Boy Scouts helped his sons make a smooth transition when the family relocated from Japan to Guam.

"When they came to Guam that was the one thing they knew was going to be there and was going to be kind of the same thing," he said. "It was certainly one of the things they could count on when they moved to Guam."

The military's involvement with

the Boy Scouts allows great opportunities for the boys to take part in exploring different parts of the services' operations.

Graves explained that as a service member, his career allows him to

share first-hand experiences with his troop.

"For me, there are many things I can apply from my work to the scouts and I'm always able to find a way to tie those lessons into our mer-

it badge system," he said.

Though he has opened the door for his troop to experience different activities of the military, Graves also ensures his troop understands and appreciates their environment and social surroundings.

"There's so much here with the hikes and things like that, that you wouldn't be able to see anywhere in the states," he said. For most of the boys coming from the mainland, it's an exotic experience."

Interested boys who are 5-17 years old can enroll in the Boy Scouts of America. The yearly registration fee is \$15. If a boy is member of the organization but is not assigned to a troop on Guam, he can visit the Guam Boy Scouts headquarters in Tamuning to sign up.

The Boys Scouts service center, located across John F. Kennedy High School along Marine Corps Drive in Tamuning, is open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from

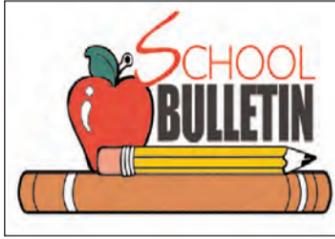
11 a.m.-4:30 p.m., and Saturdays from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. The center is closed on Sundays, Mondays, Wednesdays and holidays.

For more information, call 649-0639 or email guamboyscouts@gmail.com.

School Bulletin aims to promote educational activities in the Navy and Air Force communities. If you know of an education-related event that you would like to include, send it to jointregionedge@fe.navy.mil or call 349-2113.

Navy College Office

The Navy College Office is



located on U.S. Naval Base Guam in Barracks 1. For information regarding Navy college

programs, available schools and other educational resources, call 339-8291 or visit the overall Navy College Office Web site at <http://www.navycollege.navy.mil>.

Active-duty service members are invited to attend the Tuition Assistance Course every Thursday at 9 a.m. at the Navy College Office in Barracks 1.

For more info, call 339-8291.

Phone Numbers

Andersen Elementary School: 366-1511

Andersen Middle School: 366-3880/5793

Commander William C. McCool Elementary/Middle School: 339-8676

Guam High School: 344-7410

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 NBG Library from 3:30-4 p.m. and at Andersen AFB Library from 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. For more information, call NBG at 564-1836 or Andersen AFB at 366-4291.

**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 only \$2.95 and you can build your own fajitas! For more information, call 366-6166.

Texas Hold'em Night

Texas Hold'em tournaments are held every Tuesday starting at 6 p.m. in Hightides Enlisted Lounge at the Top of the Rock (Andersen AFB). Play is free for Club Members and \$5 for non-members. Weekly prizes are awarded. Open to ages 18 and older. For more information, call Top of the Rock at 366-6166.

Wing Night

At Café Latte (Andersen AFB) every Thursday from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Load up your plate with wings for only 35 cents per ounce! For more information, call 366-6166.

Bowl Your Brains Out

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

call 366-5085.

TGIF Night

Enjoy your favorite beverages and social hour snacks every Friday in Hightides Enlisted Lounge beginning at 4 p.m. Unwind and enjoy a game of pool or darts with your friends. For more information, call 366-6166.

Saturday Nights at Bamboo Willies

They'll be cranking up the karaoke machine, so come on down and have some fun. There will be lots of giveaways. The Bamboo Willie's menu will be available and there will be beverage specials. 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 along with all your traditional breakfast favorites, plus a variety of breakfast burritos and sandwiches. For more information, call 366-6166.



Pope John Paul II: A bronze statue of Pope John Paul II stands in the middle of Guam's capital village of Hagatna Sept. 19. The statue was constructed two years after he celebrated Mass with island residents in 1981. A new statue has since replaced the original one. (U.S. Navy photo by JoAnna Delfin/Released)

Pope statue serves as special reminder

By JoAnna Delfin
Joint Region Edge Staff

Guam's capital city of Hagatna holds many different historical sites, monuments and statues that serve as constant reminders of the island's rich history.

One particular statue stands out among the rest along Chalan Santo Papa street, near the Dulce Nombre de Maria Cathedral Basilica.

Thirty years ago Pope John Paul II took the stage and celebrated Mass with island residents.

Today, the exact ground where he stood in front of thousands of residents stands a newly refurbished bronze statue that turns in a 12-hour rotation.

"That statue constantly reminds us that that is where the pope's mass was," said Father Eric Forbes, of the Capuchin Friary of Guam, who attended the mass. "If that statue weren't there, I'm sure I'd remember it from time-to-time. But since that statue is there, it's not only time-to-time, it's every time I see that statue I remember that's where the pope was."

According to Forbes, Pope John Paul II visited the island at the request from Guam's then-Archbishop Felixberto Flores.

Though the pope spent less than 24 hours on Guam, Forbes, a seminarian at the time, clearly remembered a personal encounter with him as the pope prepared to leave the island.

"I was assigned to be a driver of some dignitaries and we were able to drive on the tarmac and were told to stand in a single file line," he said. "When the pope came out of his limousine, he came up to our line and I was able to shake his hand and see

him face-to-face."

Two years after Pope John Paul II celebrated Mass on Guam, the former mayor of Hagatna, Felix Ungacta, and other private entities worked to establish the statue at its current location.

Though the statue has survived numerous typhoons, earthquakes and other elements of Mother Nature, it stands as a symbol of the faith of the Chamorro people.

"Every time you see that statue, you can be reminded that even though you may not have been alive at the time, Guam was important enough that a pope stopped by," Forbes said.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 23:

- 7 p.m., Rise of the Planet of the Apes, (PG-13)

SATURDAY, SEPT. 24:

- 2 p.m., Rise of the Planet of the Apes, (PG-13)
- 7 p.m., Final Destination 5, (R)

SUNDAY, SEPT. 25:

- 7 p.m., Final Destination 5, (R)

The movie schedule is subject to change due to circumstances beyond Meehan Theaters on Andersen Air Force Base. **The Meehan Theater hotline is 366-1523.**

- Sept. 19-29, Temporarily closed for renovation

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.**

(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 heart of a boonie dog

By Lt. j.g. Matt Drayton

U.S. Naval Base Guam Chaplain's Office

Anyone who has driven out the main gate traveling north on Marine Corps Drive can't help but notice a small mangy boonie dog sitting on the side of the road. There he is like a faithful sentry watching the oncoming traffic. The first time I saw him I almost screeched to a stop because I thought he was hurt. Why else would a dog be laying on the road inches from the tires of heavy trucks and cars? The only thing that

stopped me was how peculiar it was; his happy dangling tongue and a look that lie somewhere between relaxed and determined. The next day, I didn't see him. That afternoon, I was relieved to find him in the same exact place as he was the day before.

After a week, I realized the dog was a fixture, so I asked my colleague, "What's with the dog on the

side of Marine Corps Drive?" He then shared with me the story of the mangy dog. He shared that some compassionate soul, every evening on their ride home, made a habit of tossing out scraps from their leftover McDonald's feast. Now, the dog is there every day, waiting with dangling tongue and determined eyes for his late day snack.

Three weeks ago, I was driving out of base once again and saw my good friend sitting on the side of the road, content as ever. The thought of

it brought another story to my mind, the story of the Syrophenician woman and Jesus in Mark 7:27-28. This story, like that of the boonie dog, seems odd at first glance, but becomes more significant when you discover what is really going on. The story unfolds with Jesus in the vicinity of a city called Tyre. While there, he runs into a Greek/Syrophenician woman, who humbly begs Jesus to drive a demon out of her. As was his custom, Jesus uses the dialogue as a springboard for his larger message.



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Heart: Spiritual condition matters

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She, being a Greek and a woman, did not feel worthy of Christ's healing. At that time, women were seen as second-class citizens and Greeks were seen as pagan in Jewish circles. Jesus seizes the opportunity to teach a much greater lesson, namely that acceptance into his kingdom is not about gender, race or station in life, but rather it is about the spiritual condition of the person's heart. He said, "First let the children eat all they want, for it is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs." She then replied "even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." In utter humility, she draws the parallel of herself as an unworthy "dog." Jesus then points out it is her humble, desperate heart reaching out to her savior that makes her worthy. Jesus then celebrates her response and meets her need.

Summed up, the woman's reply to Jesus demonstrates that the response of one's heart ultimately qualifies one's relationship to God. Now, every time I see that mangy boonie dog on the side of Marine Corps Drive, waiting for the scraps of some willing Sailor's lunch, I am reminded of what my heart posture should be toward God: humble, desperate and expectant!

USNH Guam reign as champs



Possession: Members of the Naval Security Forces (NSF) Guam and U.S. Naval Hospital (USNH) Guam soccer teams fight for possession, during the Captain's Cup Soccer championship game, at Blue Jacket Field on board U.S. Naval Base Guam, Sept. 16. USNH Guam would go on to dominate NSF Guam in two shutout games, and clinch the championship. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class (SW) Peter Lewis/Released)



Downfield: A member of the Naval Security Forces (NSF) Guam soccer team kicks the ball downfield, during the Captain's Cup Soccer championship game versus U.S. Naval Hospital (USNH) Guam, at Blue Jacket Field on board U.S. Naval Base Guam, Sept. 16. USNH Guam would go on to dominate NSF Guam in two shutout games, and clinch the championship. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class (SW) Peter Lewis/Released)

4th consecutive win for NAVFAC



Victory: Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Marianas' Captain's Cup volleyball team celebrate their fourth consecutive championship victory at the Charles King Fitness Center, Sept. 1. An incorrect caption was published on page 19 in the Sept. 9 issue of the Joint Region Edge. (Photo courtesy of NAVFAC Marianas Facilities, Engineering and Acquisition Division Engineering Technician Oscar Gumataotao/Released)

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.

Captain's Cup Flag Football

Tournament will be held Oct. 4. Game times are 6 p.m., 7:10 p.m. and 8:20 p.m. Players must be 16 years of age. Sign up and complete the team roster by Sept. 26 at Charles King Fitness Center. There will be a mandatory coaches meeting at Charles King Fitness Center Sept. 28 at 6 p.m.

Fall Youth Soccer League

The Fall Youth Soccer League, open to youth ages 4-12, has started and will run through Nov. 15. Registration is currently open. Practices will be held from 5:30-6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Player cards cost \$25 and can be purchased at the Guam Football Association office in Hamon. There is also a registration fee of \$20, which includes a jersey. For more information and practice locations, call 637-4321.

MWR 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. Classes are in full swing and available at Charles King Fitness Center pool. For more information, call 333-2049.

Group Fitness Age Compliance

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.

The following is a list of sports and health-related activities held on Andersen Air Force Base. To submit your sports short, call 366-2228.

Pre-/post-natal 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. Zumba is a Latin fitness dance class that also incorporates aerobics movements. Zumba fuses hypnotic Latin rhythms and easy-to-follow moves to create a dynamic workout system that will blow you away. 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

Save money when you take advantage of the Palm Tree Golf Course's Driving Range Special every Monday from 4-8 p.m. During this time, you can hit as many balls as you want for just \$5. For more information, call 366-4653.

Monthly Green Fee Card

Palm Tree Golf Course can now save avid golfers big bucks! 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.

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.

Aikido Class

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.