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## MOPP implemented in ORE

By Airman Basic Anthony Jennings

36th Wing Public Affairs

Team Andersen recently completed 2011's first Operational Readiness Exercise on Andersen Air Force Base Oct. 7.

The week-long exercise tested Team Andersen's Ability To Survive and Operate (ATSO) in simulated wartime contingencies while fulfilling their primary duty; providing the President of the United States sovereign options to decisively employ airpower across the entire spectrum of engagement.

"We stressed our ability to fight-in-place, survive mission denial tactics by the 'bad guy' and continued to operate," said Brig. Gen. John Doucette, 36th Wing commander. "Our 'exercise play area,' historically confined to the flight line and industrial areas, expanded into the main base proper. We did this in an attempt to educate everyone on

proper response actions to adverse scenarios as well as find out where we need to concentrate our resources to improve our warfighting and ATSO capabilities."

The week was full of Andersen firsts. Foremost this was also the first time all Airmen on base donned MOPP gear for the ATSO scenarios.

Mission Oriented Protective Posture, or MOPP, describes the

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Keeping in Check: Members of Team Andersen receive advice from Senior Airman Adrianna Mercado, 36th Security Forces Exercise Evaluation Team member, on Andersen Air Force Base (AFB) Oct. 7. The Airmen are reviewing the Airman's Manual to check and review findings on simulated M-8 paper during an Operational Readiness Exercise on Andersen AFB. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Carlin Leslie/Released)



## GUNG leaders meet with AFP Reserve Command



By Capt. Ken Ola

U.S. Army National Guard

Key leaders of the Guam National Guard (GUNG) and the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) Reserve Command and Retiree Affairs met in Manila recently to finalize community-based projects in the

Partnering Efforts: Guam Army National Guard 1st Sgt. Ronald Brantley, left, receives a certificate from Maj. Gen. Joel Marayag, Armed Forces of the Philippines Deputy Chief of Staff for Reserves and Retiree Affairs, during closing ceremonies at a recent State Partnership Program workshop in Manila, Philippines. (Guam National Guard photo by Capt. Ken Ola/Released)

coming year under the State Partnership Program (SPP).

The SPP is a Department of Defense sponsored program administered by the National Guard Bureau, partnering Guard units from different states with selected countries for nation building, among other projects.

About 40 reservists from the AFP Reserve Command branches – Army, Air Force, Navy and Marines – were on hand at the conference and met with GUNG senior leaders.

Maj. Gen. Joel C. Marayag, deputy chief of staff for Reserve and Retiree Affairs (J9), lauded the effort to come together and plan the upcoming events.

"It is good to know that we have one aspiration and that we are able

to work together for the improvement not only of the AFP reserve force but also of the Guam National Guard," he said during the opening ceremony.

Maj. Gen. Benny M. Paulino, adjutant general for GUNG, noted in his opening address, how the close relationship developed over the years between the two organizations has helped the program's overall success.

"Through these conferences we learn more of each other and how we can advance the partnership with our training needs and goals," he said. "We also strengthen the partnership through the professional fellowship derived from close

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Dive Certified Airman marks milestone

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Top Performer CS1 Christy Gay

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# ESS to provide safer construction sites

From U.S. Naval Base Guam Public Works Department

Munitions and Explosives of Concern (MEC) are known or suspected to be present at various sites on Guam due to World War II (WWII) battles and subsequent military activities. MEC is a safety hazard and may constitute an imminent and substantial endangerment to personnel and residents. For this reason, the future of Department of Defense installations on Guam will involve the identification and removal of

MEC prior to construction projects beginning.

To detail how explosives safety standards are applied to munitions responses, a document called an Explosives Safety Submission (ESS) has been developed. It also addresses how the project will comply with applicable environmental requirements. The ESS requires that construction sites be surveyed for potential MEC items prior to the start of construction. Once these items are located, trained professionals with years of explosive safety experience will dig to identify and remove

## Attention North Tupalao and Harborview

Residents of North Tupalao and Harborview housing are strongly encouraged to attend a community meeting scheduled for Oct. 20, 6 p.m. at the Naval Base Guam (NBG) community center. Capt Richard Wood, NBG commanding officer, and base housing officials will discuss Explosives Safety Submission impacts on housing residents.

them.

For example, out of the 1,836 anomalies found at the Military Working Dog construction site on Naval Base Guam, only two of the items were identified as ordnance,

which were both deemed safe for transport and proper disposal.

Most of anomalies to be found at other construction sites are expected to be scrap metal, old construction debris, and garbage. Re-

gardless of this expectation, there is a risk that MEC could be found. Exclusion zones, commonly referred to as arcs, are enforced while the sites are being cleared. Any facilities or residences inside these zones will need to be vacated during this process. Additionally, roads that are within the zones will be closed. Access will be limited to authorized MEC personnel only. Residents and tenants will be notified at least 30 days in advance of MEC clearance work so that impacts to quality of life can be minimized.

# Andersen Airman: 20 millionth PADI certified diver worldwide

By Airman 1st Class Whitney Tucker

36th Wing Public Affairs

One of the seven wonders of the natural world, Australia's Great Barrier Reef, is arguably the most renowned scuba diving location on earth.

Each year, thousands of tourists flock to the Pacific for an opportunity to experience the natural beauty of this historic landmark firsthand. This year, one member of Team Andersen will be joining their ranks after being dealt a particularly sweet hand by lady luck.

Second Lt. Alexandra Swanson, 36th Civil Engineer Squadron Engineering Flight project programmer, was recently awarded a weeklong trip for two to the Great Barrier Reef after becoming the recipient of the 20 millionth Professional Association of Diving Instructors (PADI) Open Water Diver course certification Sept. 4.

Swanson, a recent Air Force Academy graduate and California native, arrived on Guam in late July and welcomed the opportunity to get reacquainted with the ocean.

"I have always loved the water, no matter what shape or form it comes in," she said. "I learned to swim when I was two; my dad was an old windsurfer and he would take me out on his board when I was



20 Millionth Diver: After becoming the 20 millionth person in the world to complete the Professional Association of Diving Instructors Open Water Diver course, 2nd Lt. Alexandra Swanson, 36th Civil Engineer Squadron Engineering Flight project programmer, was awarded a weeklong trip for two, to Australia's Great Barrier Reef by Lee Webber, president of Micronesia Divers Association. (Photo courtesy of Rick Cruz)

young. He wanted me to have the same love for the water and adventure as he did."

Though a family move put an early end to her love affair with the water, Swanson's desire to explore and discover remained unchanged and as a young cadet she set out to

see what the world had to offer.

"It wasn't until five years ago when I began traveling in college that I realized I wanted to start diving," she said. "It appealed to me for the same reasons that traveling does: you get to glimpse a whole new side of the world that most oth-

er people are completely unaware of."

The PADI Open Water Diver course is among the most popular scuba certification courses in the world and consists of classroom teaching modules in addition to hands-on training with a PADI In-

structor.

On Andersen, Guam Tropical Dive Station has partnered with Outdoor Recreation to offer all the educational materials and diving equipment necessary to become a certified diver and to pursue higher levels of open water certification.

According to the 36th Force Support Squadron Web site, classroom and pool training is conveniently located on base and includes a PADI crew pack, instruction, a buoyancy control device, a regulator and air.

Since attaining her goal of becoming a certified open water diver, Swanson has not shied away from exploration in this new frontier. With her trip to the Great Barrier Reef on the horizon, the new diver intends to do more than just get her feet wet.

"When I arrived here I thought the location was perfect for traveling to some unique places on this side of the world," the lieutenant said. "But I never would have imagined that simply by pursuing and reaching a personal goal, I would have the chance to visit Australia and explore one of the wonders of the world. I am very grateful and I intend to take full advantage of this rare opportunity."

For more information on Andersen's Dive Shop visit the 36 FSS Web site at [www.36fss.com](http://www.36fss.com) or call 366-6975.

## News Notes

### Job Announcements

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

### Annual Guam Firefighter Muster Event

Andersen Fire and Emergency Services will sponsor the Annual Guam Firefighter Muster Event Oct. 15-16 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Paseo Stadium parking lot in Hagatna. The annual event gives the community a chance to see local and military firefighters compete in several different events such as a truck pull, polo competition and combat challenge. For more information, contact Chief John Tajeron, of U.S. Naval Base Guam Fire and Emergency Services, at 339-3484.

### 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.cnmc.navy.mil/marianas](http://www.cnmc.navy.mil/marianas).

### 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 third Saturday of the month beginning at 8 a.m. in the Chapel 2 annex.

### Air Force Office of Special Investigations Recruiting Effort

The Air Force Office of Special

Investigations (AFOSI) is looking for enlisted 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 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.

# Enlisted aide loves service, rate

By Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class (SW) Peter Lewis  
Joint Region Edge Staff

Culinary Specialist 1st Class Christy Ann Gay said she joined the Navy 18 years ago to travel the world while doing an important job that she loved.

"I enlisted as a non-designated seaman recruit in deck," she said. "When I started to mess crank, I became very interested in becoming a cook, and was determined to work hard at it."

As a third class petty officer, Gay was accepted into special programs. She began as a server and worked in the Secretary of the Navy Mess at the Pentagon. Soon after, she was picked up as an enlisted aide and began working in flag officer residences.



"As I rose through the ranks, I was also entrusted with more responsibility and began taking on independent duty billets," she said. "I am the chef and the Sailor I am today by having the opportunities to work with and taking advantage of the knowledge and experience of those the Navy has placed before me."

Gay said that she also enjoys taking advantage of the ability to travel and be stationed in different parts of the world that the Navy provides.

"The Navy has been a very advantageous career," she said. "It allows me to experience different types of cuisine and learn about food as a culture. These last 18 years have been a



Cooking Up a Storm: Culinary Specialist 1st Class Christy Ann Gay prepares dinner for Commander, Joint Region Marianas, at the admiral's home in Asan, Oct. 11. As an enlisted aide, CS1 performs a variety of duties in support of flag officers, including household management, personal chef responsibilities, and uniform preparation. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class (SW) Peter Lewis/Released)

great experience."

Gay is currently assigned to the Flag Staff of Commander, Joint Region Marianas, Rear Adm. Paul Bushong. She has been selected as the command's Sailor of the Quarter twice in fiscal year 2011. She has also been nominated for the Navy's Enlisted Aid of the Year.

"I truly believe I have the best job in the Navy," she said. "As an Enlisted Aide I am able to provide a much needed service for the

Navy's top leaders. I get to use my job as a chef to create fantastic meals for the admiral and his guests, and it helps to bring important people on island together, breaking bread with one another."

According to her supervisor, Lt. Frank Borrego, CS1 stands out from her peers and constantly sets a superior example for junior and senior personnel alike.

"Petty Officer Gay provides great support

for all matters, not only related to the admiral but to the entire staff," Borrego said. "It doesn't matter what the topic or subject of concern. She interjects her experience and guidance to ensure success."

The lieutenant called Gay a "well of knowledge" who is "constantly finding ways to improve processes" and who "motivates Sailors to do their best and always improve themselves."

"CS1 provides excellent mentorship for all personnel in the command," Borrego added. "She is always ready to take action, and has her juniors learn by example and not just do as they're told. She continuously exudes ideas to assist in keeping morale at its highest for the entire staff, both military and civilian. These are traits of a good leader."

Though her job entails household management, personal chef responsibilities, and uniform preparation, Gay still finds time to be part of the Navy Ball Committee, as well as the First Class Petty Officer Association. She also teaches cooking classes sponsored by Navy Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

The senior petty officer said that she gets her motivation to excel from the examples of the great Navy chefs that she has worked with.

"I've had a lot of role models during my 18 year career," she said. "Having the chance to work with and absorb the knowledge from amazing and talented chefs within the Navy has allowed me to grow as a Sailor and an enlisted aide. I have worked with some truly inspiring people, and I can always draw inspiration from their examples when I am faced with difficult tasks."

For anyone looking to emulate her success, Gay had a few words of advice.

"I think I'm successful because I truly enjoy what I do," she said. "Find something you're good at and that you enjoy. Then you'll be happy to go to work every day and you'll find it easy to always give your best at work."

# General Dempsey's letter to the troops



It is an honor to be the 18th chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. I am thankful for the opportunity to continue to serve with you.

The most important thing I want you to know is that I trust you to do what's right for each other and for our country.

Thanks for your service. You have fought harder and your families have sacrificed more than most will ever know. You make us the finest military on the planet. We're powerful, versatile, responsive, and resilient. We are admired by our allies and partners, and we are dread-

ed by our enemies. You are our decisive advantage.

To ensure we remain the joint force our nation needs, I'll focus on a few key themes as I begin my time as chairman.

We must achieve our national objectives in the current conflicts. As long as our forces remain in harm's way, we must ensure they have what they need to succeed.

We must look beyond our current requirements-to 2020-and develop Joint Force 2020 to provide the greatest possible number of options for our nation's leaders and to

ensure our nation remains immune from coercion. Keeping our military the best led, best trained, and best equipped force in the world is the non-negotiable imperative. Doing so in a new fiscal environment will be hard, but we've overcome similar challenges in our past, and the nation is counting on us to overcome them again.

We must renew our commitment to the Profession of Arms. We're not a profession simply because we say we're a profession. We must continue to learn, to understand, and to promote the knowledge, skills,

attributes, and behaviors that define us as a profession.

And, of course, we must keep faith with our military family. Our active, guard and reserve service members, our wounded warriors, our families, and our veterans deserve the future they have sacrificed to secure.

Continue mission! I am proud to serve with you.

**MARTIN E. DEMPSEY**  
General, U.S. Army

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# October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

By Mass Communication Specialist Seaman Apprentice Christopher Salisbury

U.S. Naval Base Guam Public Affairs Office

Capt. Richard Wood, commanding officer of U.S. Naval Base Guam, signed a proclamation declaring the month of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month Oct. 4.

"Domestic Violence Awareness

Month is observed annually throughout the nation to support awareness and education efforts aimed at eliminating domestic violence," Wood said. "The Navy and Naval Base Guam want to partner with all Sailors and Navy families to stop domestic violence and this proclamation is the first step in our awareness and education campaign."

The captain believes domestic vi-

olence prevention is a group effort and is dependent upon the people in the community. By stopping domestic violence in the Navy, an example can be set for the community to follow.

"Domestic violence is preventable; if we work together to provide families the support that they need to deal with stressful situations, we can prevent these often impulsive acts and eliminate the impact of do-

mestic violence on our families and our children," Wood said. "Domestic violence is also absolutely unacceptable in the Navy and in our community and while we stand ready to help we must also hold those who commit such acts accountable."

The proclamation begins a month-long series of awareness and educational activities aimed at educating the community on the causes and methods of preventing do-

mestic violence.

"Our goal is to raise awareness and teach families how to prevent a stressful situation from becoming a domestic violence incident," Wood said. "We want to raise awareness during the month and then continue our prevention efforts throughout the year, ensuring that every family and Sailor knows how to recognize, prevent and respond to domestic violence."



Display: Capt. Richard Wood, commanding officer of U.S. Naval Base Guam, stands by Erlinda Montecalvo, left, from Fleet and Family Support Center, and Vilma Gray, from the New Parent Support Program, in support of Domestic Violence Awareness Month Oct. 7. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist Seaman Apprentice Chris Salisbury/Released)



Be Informed: Erlinda Montecalvo, right, from Fleet and Family Support Center, and Vilma Gray, from the New Parent Support Program, hand out flyers to Aviation Support Equipment Technician 3rd class Michael Monarez and his wife, Alexis Monarez, in support of Domestic Violence Awareness Month Oct. 7. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist Seaman Apprentice Chris Salisbury/Released)

## New chiefs assist Navy Marine Corps Relief Society

By Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Waris Banks

USS Frank Cable Public Affairs

The newest chief petty officers, assigned to the submarine tender USS Frank Cable (AS 40), presented the Guam branch of the Navy Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS) with a \$1,863 gift, Oct. 6.

The NMCRS is a nonprofit organization that assists Sailors, families and veterans. Some of the organization's services include emergency loans, disaster relief assistance and a visiting nurse service.

Guam NMCRS Director Summer Sweeney said she appreciated the donation, especially since it comes well before the society's spring fund drive season. She said this gift from Frank Cable's newest chiefs is "fantastic."

"Of course, 100 percent of our donations come back to our programs," she said. "And without them, we wouldn't be able to do what we do."

Chief Machinist's Mate Marc Leos, of Mesquite, Texas, chose the NMCRS, because

the Chief's Mess has "to be sure that we're looking out for all Sailors and not just the ones in our own divisions."

Chief Hull Maintenance Technician Joshua Paxton, of Findlay, Ohio, said he has seen firsthand how the NMCRS really steps in to help Sailors in need.

"I've had a guy that worked for me once," he explained. "His mother died, and he was able to get a ticket through the NMCRS."

In all, Paxton said, the nine newly-pinned chiefs dedicated about 50 hours of their time washing cars, selling burritos and bagging groceries to raise the money.

The NMCRS office at U.S. Naval Base Guam is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. The NMCRS Thrift Shop sells uniforms, household goods and clothing. For more information, visit [www.nmcrs.org](http://www.nmcrs.org).

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

For more news from USS Frank Cable (AS 40), visit [www.navy.mil/local/as40/](http://www.navy.mil/local/as40/).



Donation: Chief Machinist's Mate Juan Abreu, assigned to the submarine tender USS Frank Cable (AS 40), presents the Guam Branch Navy Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS) Director, Summer Sweeney, with a check for \$1,863 in the Chiefs' Mess. Abreu, along with Frank Cable's eight other newly-pinned chiefs, did 50 hours of volunteer work to raise the money. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Waris Banks/Released)

## Comments accepted for proposed DOD Public Access Plan

By U.S. Naval Facilities Engineering Command Marianas Public Affairs

The Guam and Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) State Historic Preservation Offices (SHPO) in coordination with Joint Region Marianas (JRM) are accepting public comments for the Department of Defense (DoD) public access plan through Oct. 24.

Required by the Guam and CNMI Programmatic Agreement (PA) associated with the Marine Corps Realignment, this public access plan will facilitate visits to cultural and historic sites of interest and significance located on DoD properties in Guam and CNMI.

"This is a collaborative process," said Jennifer Farley, natural resources specialist, Joint Region Marianas. "Community involvement is so crucial at this phase, as we draft a plan designed to bal-

ance access to cultural and historic sites on military installations with military operations, and improve current procedures."

Interested members of the public may download comment forms at the Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Pacific Cultural Resources Information (CRI) website: <http://bit.ly/NAVFAC-GuamPA>, or at the Guam SHPO website: <http://www.historyguam.org>.

### Printed forms

Printed forms in English, Chamorro and Carolinian are available at the following locations:

#### GUAM

- Guam SHPO Office
- Office of the Department of Chamorro Affairs
- Each village Mayors' Office
- Office of the Mayors Council of Guam
- University of Guam Micronesia

#### Area Research Center (MARC)

#### CNMI

- Saipan, Tinian and Rota SHPO Offices
- Saipan, Tinian and Rota Mayors' Offices
- Office of the Mayor of the Northern Mariana Islands
- Public Libraries in Saipan and Tinian
- CNMI Department of Chamorro Affairs
- CNMI Department of Indigenous Affairs

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protective equipment service members use in a toxic environment during a chemical, biological, radiological, or nuclear strike. The protective equipment includes the gas mask, mask carrier, the Joint Service Lightweight Integrated Suit Technology (JSLIST), gloves and overboots.

"This was the first time the base as a whole participated in the ATSO scenario," said Maj. Bruce Murren, 36th Wing Inspector General. "In the past, it was limited to a small group of personnel from across the Wing in a selected area of the base. Logistics was a factor this time around. The 36th Logistics Readiness Squadron needed to issue equipment to the entire 36th Wing for the ATSO scenarios."

The multiple mission sets, such as deploying the 36th Contingency Response Group, conducting Continuous Bomber Presence and protecting base assets from terrorist attack, create real-world challenges for the Airmen who are expected to respond under pressure.

"Scenarios covered day-to-day operations and incidents that may arise based on them, such as a build-



On the Dot: Staff Sgt. Michael Johnson, 36th Wing readiness support team, checks the readings on a hazardous material identification machine during a base-wide Operational Readiness Exercise on Andersen Air Force Base, Oct. 3. The Hazmat ID machine is used by the team to get a readout on the chemical breakdown of unknown substances. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Benjamin Wiseman/Released)

ing fire and chemical spill," Murren said. "We also had scenarios that focused on contingency operations involving receiving and deploying Airmen. Every Airman has the potential to deploy into harm's way and needs to be able to respond accordingly."

Lessons learned from the exer-

cise will be applied in subsequent exercises and implemented to guarantee each Airman's ability to assess and appropriately react during contingencies, as well as diagnose any weak points in operational procedure.

Because this is the first time many service members have donned



Review: Members of Team Andersen review the Airman's Manual to assess simulated findings on M-8 paper as part of an Operational Readiness Exercise on Andersen Air Force Base, Oct. 7. The Airman's Manual provides information on all unidentified explosive objects and chemical agents to allow correct identification and reporting to upper echelons. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Carlin Leslie/Released)

scious."

Despite the multiple challenges of implementing an exercise of this magnitude for the first time in an installation's history, base leadership was satisfied with Team Andersen's 'Ability To Survive and Operate' capabilities.

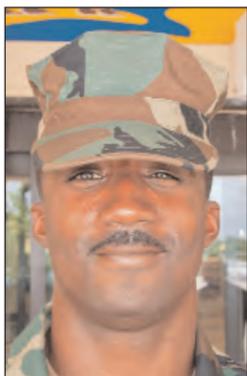
"Considering this is the first time in the installation's history to have Mission Oriented Protective Posture's implemented in the exercise, our Airmen performed extremely well and adapted to every scenario," Doucette said. "They had the right attitude and despite having to operate in full MOPP gear, they continuously showed a sense of urgency."

MOPP gear, in some cases since basic military training, safety was a major concern.

"The number one priority going into any exercise is safety," Murren said. "The days get long and it is hot. People had their required personal protective equipment and stayed hydrated. Hydration was a key factor since many folks were wearing MOPP gear that haven't done so in the past. There were no serious injuries or equipment damage, so people stayed safety con-

# What is your favorite thing about Halloween?

Joint Region Edge asked its readers about Halloween favorites



"My favorite part is the smile on my daughter's face when I take her trick-or-treating"

— Aviation Structural Mechanic Airman Joshua Gill  
Strike Fighter Squadron 94



"I like dressing up. It's really fun to get to wear crazy costumes one night a year."

— Yeoman 2nd Class (SS) Marcus Norman  
Commander, Submarine Squadron 15



"I like going out with my friends and seeing what people dress up as."

— Machinist's Mate Fireman Justin Swanson  
USS Frank Cable (AS 40)



"I like the costumes. It's cool to see what the kids are wearing since I'm usually just handing out candy and not dressing up myself."

— Staff Sgt. Douglas Marusa  
36th Munitions Squadron



"It's the candy. It's an excuse as an adult to eat a lot of candy."

— Lt. Dan Vroman  
Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 25



"Definitely the costumes. I'm looking forward to possibly being either Afro Samurai or The Punisher."

— Senior Airman Brandon Gordon  
36th Communications Squadron

# ROTC programs return to Ivy League schools

By Donna Miles  
American Forces Press Service

With the fall semester busily under way at colleges and universities across the United States, some of the most prestigious among them are charting a new course with the return of ROTC programs to their campuses.

ROTCs are making a comeback at Ivy League schools after being banned from many of them for decades — first in objection to the Vietnam War, and more recently because of the now-repealed “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” law that banned gay men and lesbians from serving openly in the military.

With both objections now history, ROTC programs are returning to more campuses, including the Ivies.

The University of Pennsylvania, Princeton and Cornell universities and Dartmouth College never dissolved their long relationships with ROTC. Cornell hosts Army, Navy and Air Force ROTC detachments. Princeton and Dartmouth sponsor Army ROTC. Penn has a Naval ROTC program.

More of their sister schools are following suit. Harvard, Yale and Columbia universities approved the reintroduction of ROTC programs to their campuses earlier this year.

Harvard President Drew Faust called Naval ROTC’s return to the Cambridge, Mass., campus “an im-

portant new chapter in the long and storied history of military service by members of the Harvard community.”

At Yale, university and military officials agreed to establish Naval and Air Force ROTC programs next year. University President Richard Levin welcomed the return, citing the contributions the graduates will make to the military, and the opportunities the new relationship will offer for those who choose to serve.

Air Force Secretary Michael B. Donley, who joined Levin on Sept. 12 in signing an agreement to establish an Air Force ROTC detachment at Yale in the fall of 2012, called the decision a “win-win.”

“First, a permanent presence for Air Force ROTC will make it easier for Yale students who are interested in military service to access ROTC education and training ceremonies,” he said. “Second, a Yale presence will give the Air Force a way to connect and engage with some of the brightest and most diverse students in America.”

Navy Secretary Ray Mabus signed similar agreements to establish Naval ROTC detachments: in March with Harvard, in April with Columbia, and in May with Yale.

In announcing the Columbia University Naval ROTC program, Mabus called the decision a renewal of a long and rich history between the university and the Navy.

“Columbia’s tremendous support to our men and women in uniform

returning from the recent wars is overwhelming, as are the growing numbers of veterans who are woven into the fabric of this great institution,” he said. “The return of Naval ROTC to campus will only serve to enhance and strengthen our institutions and contribute to the success of this great country.”

Other elite schools appear to agree. For example, the faculty senate at Stanford University voted in April to invite ROTC to return to its Southern California campus. University officials reportedly are in “serious discussions” with the military branches about setting up an on-campus ROTC program, but no agreements have yet been reached.

Meanwhile, Brown University in Providence, R.I., the last Ivy League institution to ban ROTC from its campus, is studying the issue. University President Ruth Simmons invited discussion on inviting ROTC back to the campus before her report to the university corporation this month.

Former Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates, a longtime educator himself, was a staunch advocate of restoring ROTC to the nation’s elite schools. During his visit in September 2010 to North Carolina’s Duke University, which sponsors three ROTC programs, Gates called for other prestigious universities to follow Duke’s example.

“Over the past generation, many commentators have lamented the absence of ROTC from the Ivy

League and other selective universities — institutions that used to send hundreds of graduates into the armed forces, but now struggle to commission a handful of officers every year,” he told the Duke assembly.

Gates applauded efforts to restore military recruiting and officer training programs to these schools, and encouraged some of the country’s most gifted students to consider joining them.

“A return of ROTC back to some of these campuses will not do much good without the willingness of our nation’s most gifted students to step forward — men and women such as you,” he told the Duke students.

For at least one Ivy League graduate, her alma mater’s decision to reinstitute ROTC came just a tad too late.

Last month, Mary McDonald sat alongside dozens of other young men and women at the Baltimore Military Entrance Processing Station doing final preparations before shipping off to Army basic training.

With a Columbia University degree under her belt, along with an internship at the prestigious Center for Strategic and International Studies think tank, McDonald knew she had a lot of career choices. But at age 24, she had no doubt about what she wants — and said she’s not alone among Ivy League students and alumni. “I can’t think of anything better than to lead soldiers, period,” she said.

Her goal, she explained, is to complete basic training, get accepted into Officer Candidate School and ultimately, become a military intelligence officer.

Like most of today’s recruits, McDonald said the 9/11 attacks shaped her world view and her decision to join the military.

She was a high school freshman in Hastings-on-Hudson outside New York City when terrorists launched the attacks. McDonald recalled that she was in biology class, hearing loudspeakers call students by name to the principal’s office and TVs being rolled into the classrooms.

Looking back, McDonald expressed regret that her generation was considered too young to be a part of the national response.

“We weren’t asked to do anything,” she said. “So now, I want to make a contribution. My generation is very eager to serve. We just want an opportunity.”

The 9/11 attacks “very directly affected my world view,” McDonald said. And events under way now, including military operations around the world, she said, will shape America’s foreign policy for the foreseeable future.

“I want to be at the center of it,” McDonald said. “I want to deploy 100 percent.”

(American Forces Press Service photo editor and research assistant Lisa Stafford contributed to this article.)

## Andersen AFB to host Retiree Appreciation Day

By Airman 1st Class  
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36th Wing Public Affairs

The 36th Wing is scheduled to host its annual Retiree Appreciation Day beginning at 8 a.m. Nov. 5 at the Sunrise Conference Center on Andersen Air Force Base.

The day’s festivities are open to all retired military service members and their families, and will feature refreshments, a complimentary lunch buffet courtesy of the base commissary and Andersen’s Top of the Rock, door prizes and several other attractions.

“Retiree Appreciation Day is an event set aside to honor retirees and highlight their service to our nation,” said Chief Master Sgt. Retired Mark Overton, Andersen’s director of retiree affairs. “It is also a great source for retirees and their family members to receive the latest information about benefit services and support from base agencies.”

Retiree Appreciation Day will kick-off with the Posting of Colors by the Andersen Honor Guard, a performance of the National Anthem and Guam hymn, and comments from wing leadership followed by a brief question and answer session.

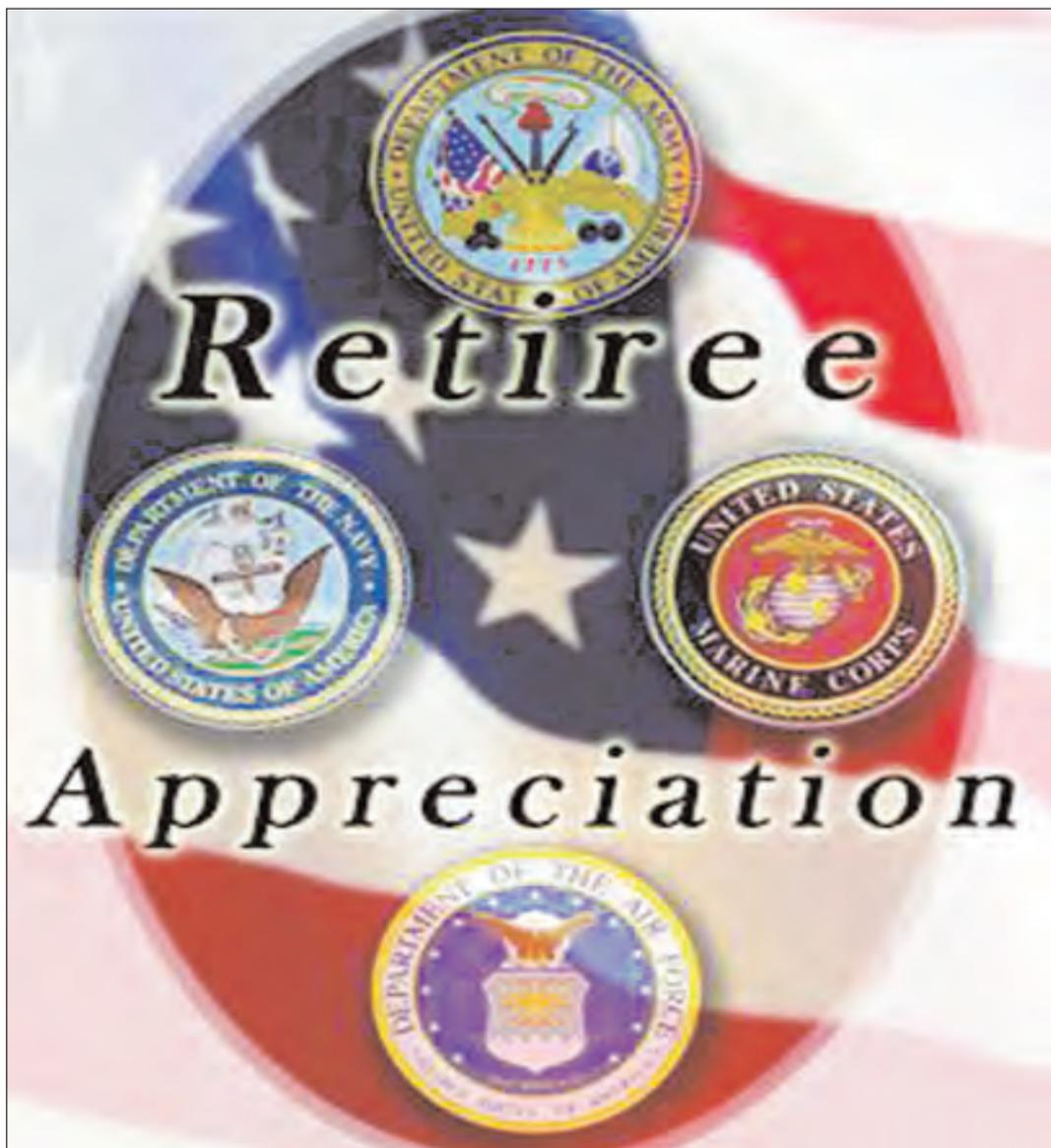
Numerous booths will have information about services available to retirees and family members on, and off-base.

“Representatives from the 36th Force Support Squadron, 734th Air Mobility Squadron, 36th Medical Group, Veterans Administration and many more will be on hand to offer assistance and share information on the many programs retirees can take advantage of,” Overton said.

Breaking with tradition, guests will have an opportunity to become acquainted with the wing mission and some of its assets to include a military working dog demonstration, an RQ-4 Global Hawk static display and finally, a demonstration by the 36th Contingency Response Group.

“Retirees make up an important part of military culture,” Overton said. “Combined with briefings by leadership, viewing of static displays and demonstrations provides retirees a broad view of what the base does for the Air Force in the Asia-Pacific theater. Retirees share in the praise that today’s active-duty military continue to press on beyond the foundation they helped to build, carrying the mantle of serving our country and freedom forward.”

For more information on Andersen’s upcoming Retiree Appreciation Day, contact the Retiree Activities Office at 366-2574.



# CNO visits USS John C. Stennis in Arabian Gulf

By Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Kathleen O'Keefe

USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74) Public Affairs

Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Adm. Jonathan Greenert with Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) (SS/SW) Rick West visited Sailors aboard the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74) in the Arabian Gulf Oct. 8.

The CNO and MCPON dined with John C. Stennis Strike Group (JCSSG) Sailors, observed daily operations throughout the ship while transiting the Strait of Hormuz and addressed Stennis Sailors during an all hands call in the hangar bay.

Upon arrival aboard Stennis, the guests were welcomed by Rear Adm. Craig Faller, commander, JCSSG; and Capt. Ronald Reis, Stennis' commanding officer.

After spending time observing daily operations Greenert served as presiding officer at the reenlistment ceremony for 12 JCSSG Sailors and took the time to greet each Sailor individually before addressing the crew as a whole.

During his address Greenert emphasized the importance of the missions that carrier strike groups, like JCSSG, carry out each day and praised their power, flexibility, sustainability and mobility while carry-



Address: Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Adm. Jonathan Greenert speaks to Sailors during an all-hands call aboard the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74). Greenert and Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) Rick D. West spent the day touring spaces, meeting Sailors and observing shipboard operations. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Walter M. Wayman/Released)

ing out the nation's business.

"I'm really amazed being here on USS John C. Stennis," Greenert said. "What you do and what you are doing today as we speak is at the forefront of all that we are about. Make no mistake about it; all eyes are on you."

Greenert also discussed the three tenets he plans to focus on during his tenure as CNO, which are warfighting first, operate forward and be ready.

"What I'm asking you to do, as you do your job day in and day out,

is to think of these three things," Greenert said. "We have some tough challenges ahead. We are shaping our strategy to fit the future. There is a realization as operations draw down in Afghanistan that we have been on watch with our brothers and sisters that are ground forces and we will keep the watch. There is understanding of the value of the Navy there."

The CNO spent a good deal of time answering questions from Sailors concerning a variety of issues including the Perform to Serve

(PTS) program, the future of the Navy's role in Afghanistan and the possible consequences of defense budget changes.

Personnel Specialist 1st Class (SW/AW) Marianogerard Zamora, who had the opportunity to ask the CNO about PTS, expressed his confidence in the CNO's ability to lead the Navy into the future.

"I had a chance to meet Adm. Greenert when he was a Vice Adm. working on the Individual Augmentee program, and his focus on Sailors as well as the mission really resonated with me," Zamora said. "It's reassuring that the Navy knows how to pick its leaders. I strongly believe we are heading in the right direction with Adm. Greenert as our CNO."

The address ended with the MCPON leading the crew in a resounding 'hooyah' before departing the stage to greet Sailors.

The visit to Stennis was Greenert's last stop on a tour that included visits to Japan, Korea and Bahrain, and it was his first official trip to a deployed naval vessel since his appointment as CNO.

For more news from Chief of Naval Operations, visit [www.navy.mil/local/cno/](http://www.navy.mil/local/cno/). For the CNO's official Blog "Operating Forward" go to: <http://cno.navy.mil/dodlive.mil/2011/10/09/operating-forward/>.

## Medical codes no longer prevent some deployments

By Jon Hanson

Air Force Personnel, Services and Manpower Public Affairs

Air Force officials have approved expanding the deployment opportunities for Airmen who typically had limited opportunities to deploy in support of air and space expeditionary force operations.

Last month, the 602nd Training Group Provisional at Keesler Air Force Base, Miss., began accepting Airmen with restrictive deployment availability codes to fill openings in its operations center and at training detachments.

"The overarching intent is to support 2nd Air Force without reducing the Air Force's ability to meet combatant commander requirements," said Col. Henry Polczer, the director of AEF and Personnel Operations at the Air Force Personnel Center. "We will accomplish this by sourcing to a name those Airmen who would otherwise not be able to deploy."

The 602nd TRG (P) provides support to Airmen attending Army combat skills training, combat Airman skills training and the basic combat convoy course, officials said. These courses provide Airmen specific training to prepare them for their deployment and meet the needs of the combatant commander. The AEF and Personnel Operations directorate will use the Military Personnel Data System to source those individuals with deployment availability codes which makes them normally unavailable for worldwide deployments.

"The use of MilPDS to source these individuals is relatively new," said Wanda Davies, the deputy chief of scheduling division for AEF and Personnel Operations. "It is usually done by sourcing to the unit type code which requires the commander to select personnel from their unit to fill the AEF requirement."

The key is for those Airmen with medical DAV codes, and their supervisors, to understand they might be selected for stateside taskings and to be prepared, Davies said. These Airmen will either work in the 602nd TRG (P) operations center or at one of the training detachments. This new selection process currently covers approximately 100 requirements.

For more information about the AEF process, visit AEF Online at <https://aef.afpc.randolph.af.mil>. To get information about personnel issues, visit the Air Force personnel services Web site at <https://gum-crm.csd.disa.mil>.

# Cope North planning underway



Meeting of the Minds: Senior Master Sgt. Vincente Cruz, 13th Air Force exercise logistics superintendent, briefs the logistics of Exercise Cope North during a planning meeting on Andersen Air Force Base, Sept. 28. Two different meetings were held in the morning; one meeting discussed the logistics and movement of troops to the exercise, while the other was held to discuss mission planning and scheduling of the exercise. Exercise Cope North is a bilateral exercise that offers the opportunity for participating countries to work with their coalition partners while preparing for possible real world contingencies. Members of the U.S. Air Force, Japanese Air Self Defense Force and Royal Australian Air Force met to plan logistics and daily operations for the upcoming exercise. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Benjamin Wiseman/Released)

## NEX patrons learn about energy awareness



Shine Brite: Florante Melecio, DZSP 21 Energy Efficiency manager, speaks with patrons about energy conservation, during an energy awareness event at the Navy Exchange on U.S. Naval Base Guam, Oct. 12. October has been designated by the federal government as Energy Awareness Month. For more than 15 years government organizations have observed the month with activities and programs to promote public understanding of energy needs and ways to reduce energy consumption. Photo altered for security purposes. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class (SW) Peter Lewis/Released)

## Lights off add up to big savings

By Kevin D. Evans

Joint Region Marianas Energy Manager

Are there lights that seem to be on all the time when nobody is using the area? This is known in the energy management business as an energy saving opportunity.

There are a number of reasons the lights may be left on:

Several people use the area and nobody is taking responsibility for the light switch. They may not know when other people are still in the area.

There is no light switch or it is hard to find.

The lights are the high intensity discharge type often used in industrial areas, and they require time to warm up. When these lights spend a lot of time on when nobody is in

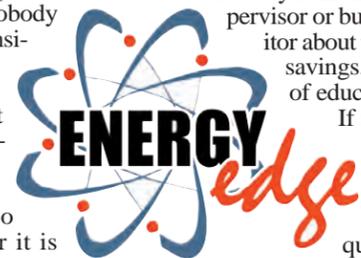
the area, it may be cost-effective to change them to an energy-efficient instant-on type such as fluorescent or light-emitting diode.

Someone believes the old myth that it takes more energy to turn fluorescent lights back on than can be saved by shutting them off during the day, or even overnight.

If you see lights on a lot when nobody is in the area, tell your supervisor or building energy monitor about the potential energy savings. It may be a matter of educating personnel.

If it is a design issue, maintenance personnel might be able to evaluate the lighting requirements and possibly make some changes, helping your building and your base to be just a little greener.

Many small contributions can add up to big savings.



# GUNG: Guam, Philippines strengthen ties

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interaction and dialogue.”

According to Paulino, the partnership between GUNG and the AFP Reserve Command is more than 10 years strong and there have been more than 50 training events conducted, encompassing areas as diverse as civilian-military training, military-to-military training, and humanitarian missions such as engineer and medical civic action projects.

“I consider the close relationship with the J9 to be a reason why the partnership has achieved such success,” Paulino said. “When the J9 and I started this partnership 10 years ago, I could not have imagined that it would take us where we are today. The speed at which we have achieved our success was due not only to the interest we both share in pursuing the partnership but also to the strong friendship we had nurtured over the years. I consider the latter to be the strong bond that binds our relationship.”

Lt. Gen. Anthony J. Alcantara, AFP deputy chief of staff, also addressed the group and expressed confidence with the continuing partnership between the two organizations.

“We bring to the forefront the well-known and strong community-based experiences of the Guam National Guard and the tireless pride of our AFP reservists to serve their own country,” he said.



Coming Together: Senior leaders from the Guam National Guard and the Armed Forces of the Philippines Reserve Command recently participated in a workshop to plan the community-based events under the State Partnership Program involving the two commands. (Guam National Guard photo by Capt. Ken Ola/Released)

Alcantara also said the partnership is in line with the AFP’s internal security peace plan called ‘bayanihan’ (bayah-neeH-HAN), loosely translated as the spirit of cooperation.

“The plan is focused on the people,” Alcantara said, “Where the priority is ensuring basic respect and

the basic rights of the people.”

Late last month, members of the Guam Air National Guard’s 254th RED HORSE squadron worked the AFP Reserve counterparts to renovate several classrooms at a school in Cebu, under an Engineering Civic Action Project (ENCAP). Cebu is in the central islands of the Philippine

archipelago.

Earlier this month, GUNG medical personnel supported an AFP Reserve medical team and conducted a Medical and Dental Civic Action Project (MEDCAP/DENCAP) at two different ‘barangays’ (bah-rahng-GAHS), or villages, also in the vicinity of Cebu. The GUNG and

AFP Reserve Teams treated close to 2,600 residents between the two villages.

Missions such as these, under the SPP, help strengthen relations between the Philippines and the United States. The Philippines is the GUNG’s assigned partner state.

# Andersen hosts fire awareness parade



Left: Members of the Andersen community wave as the Fire Prevention Week parade travels through housing on Andersen Air Force Base, Oct. 8. Andersen's theme this year for Fire Prevention week is "Protect Your Family from Fire", and the Andersen Fire and Emergency flight will be having events from Oct. 9-15 to educate base personnel on fire safety. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Benjamin Wiseman/Released)



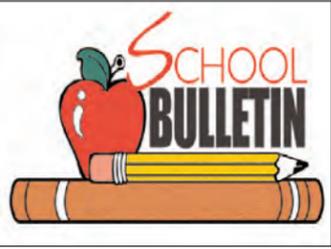
Right: Children from the Andersen community scurry for candy as the Fire Prevention Week parade travels through base housing on Andersen Air Force Base, Oct. 8. Several emergency response vehicles were featured in the parade, and candy was tossed to waiting children as the parade traveled through the community. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Benjamin Wiseman/Released)



Above: Michelle Wood and her son, Kai, Andersen dependents, wave as the Fire Prevention Week parade travels through base housing on Andersen Air Force Base, Oct. 8. Andersen's theme this year for Fire Prevention week is "Protect Your Family from Fire," and the Andersen Fire and Emergency flight will be having events from Oct. 9-15 to educate base personnel on fire safety. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Benjamin Wiseman/Released)

Sparky: Sparky the Fire Dog waves at members of the Andersen community as the Fire Prevention Week parade travels through base housing on Andersen Air Force Base, Oct. 8. Families came out to see the parade that the Fire and Emergency Response flight held to kick off Fire Prevention Week. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Benjamin Wiseman/Released)





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

**Cmdr. William C. McCool**  
Elementary/Middle School  
Oct. 18: Red Ribbon presentation  
Oct. 21: No school, professional development day

**Andersen Middle School**  
Oct. 21: No school, teacher professional development day  
Oct. 24-28: Red Ribbon Week  
Oct. 25-26: School Picture Days

**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 information, call 339-8291.

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## Andersen students learn school bus safety

By Senior Airman Veronica McMahon  
36th Wing Public Affairs

Andersen Elementary School (AES) students attended school bus safety training at the school's Dolphin Theater on Andersen Air Force Base Oct. 7.

The training was provided in several sessions for children ranging from kindergarten to fifth grade.

Facilitated by Mark Kelley, student transportation specialist, the training introduced a series of subjects such as safety at the bus stops, behavior on the bus, emergency exits and things to be aware of while riding the bus.

"The students were very easy and very receptive," Kelley said. "It's important for them to learn to be safe on and off the buses."

School officials also agreed the training is important for these age groups.

"Training like this is important so kids are aware of what to do on and off the bus," said Cherie Wong, AES transportation clerk.

According to Wong, riding the bus is a privilege and students should know how to ride it safely.

"The children were very responsive and enthusiastic, especially when Buster came out," Kelley said.

Buster is a school bus mascot used to make training fun and assist in educating the children. The training invited the students to be interactive with the animated bus, engaging them in learning the safety rules.

According to Wong, overall the students seemed to already be aware of the school bus safety measures, and responded well to the training's reinforcement.



Wheels on the Bus: Buster, the talking school bus, speaks with children at Andersen Elementary School on Andersen Air Force Base, Oct. 7. Buster is part of an education program the DoD Education Activity uses to teach children about school bus safety and rules. (U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Carlin Leslie/Released)



## Educational reading can be delicious and fun

By Martha Sudo  
and Tom Wiglesworth  
Andersen Elementary School

What do you get when you mix reading and eating? A fun, educational and satisfying activity that brings words to life through delicious sandwiches and snacks.

Martha Sudo's 5th fifth-grade class recently held its first book café at Andersen Elementary School for the school year Sept. 30.

According to Sudo, the class read the book, "Island of the Blue Dolphins," by Scott O'Dell. This book won the Newberry Award metal in 1961, even before the students, let alone their parents, were even born. This was one of the stories in the Department of Defense Education Activity curriculum for English Language Arts (ELA) and met the DODEA standards.

The story is a historical fiction; in that the setting, events, and characters may be real, but the story is fictional. The book was based on the story of the "Lost Woman of San Nicholas Island" just off the coast of California. The theme was survival, respecting all life and forgiveness.

In collaboration with the English as Second Language (ESL) teacher, Tom Wiglesworth, learning centers with activities were developed covering all of the core subjects of reading, writing, math, science, and social studies.

There was a book talk about the story, which culminated with the students taking the Scholastic Reading Counts Quiz for the book and earning Reading Counts points. To top it off, a café setting of snacks consisting of tuna fish sandwiches on turtle rolls, gold fish crackers, seaweed, blue whale gummies, coconut candy, and coconut drinks were served.

"It was good, awesome, and I had a lot of fun," said Student student Jalen Villegas. "The tuna sandwiches were really good. I learned that the character Karana learned to be good at surviving. If I had to survive, I would get some things to survive like sticks and a pocket knife that has tools on it."

Interactive Reading: Andersen Elementary School Principal Willette Horne-Barnes works alongside fifth-grade students at the Book Café at Andersen Elementary School, Sept. 30. (Photo courtesy of Martha Sudo)



# First Dogtoberfest event held in Asan

By Lt. Matt Knight  
Joint Region Marianas  
Public Affairs Officer

Service members, dependents, and Guam community members came together Oct. 9 to promote responsible dog ownership in the first Guam Animals In Need (G.A.I.N.) "Dogtoberfest" held behind the Isla Veterinary Clinic and Harley Davidson in Asan, Guam.

"The event itself is to promote responsible dog ownership in a fun venue and we've paired up with G.A.I.N. to set the groundwork for this to become one of their biggest yearly fundraisers," said Dona Bushong, event planner and G.A.I.N. volunteer. "Activities [include] demonstrations by the Navy K-9 unit, along with agility and obedience demonstrations."

Other events at Dogtoberfest included mini workshops on topics such as how to choose a dog, how to take care of your dog; how to train a dog; contests for the prettiest, handsomest and best costumed dog; a bouncy house for children; a free balloon animal demonstration courtesy of the Navy Ball committee; food vendors; craft vendors; and baked goods donated by military families which were for sale by donation.

The event was designed to educate both the military and Guam communities while providing some financial assistance to G.A.I.N. through the revenues earned at the booths.

"The value of G.A.I.N. is really education," said Carol Laughlin, G.A.I.N. vice president and Dogto-



Doggy's Day Out: Naval Base Guam Fire Department's mascot Sparky interacts with community and military members and their families at the Guam Animals In Need (G.A.I.N.) event designed to promote responsible dog ownership. Oct. 9. (U.S. Navy Photo by Lt. Matt Knight/Released)

berfest event coordinator. "We see in the military community that we are very transient. A lot of times we don't take into consideration moving a pet. Especially for example moving to Guam or Japan or something like that it can be very expensive. G.A.I.N. is on the forefront of educating the general community, but the military as well about are you really ready for a pet and the commitment that is involved with taking on that responsibility."

Educational activities throughout the event were designed to teach pet owners of any age the value of responsibly owning a pet.

Machinist Mate 2nd Class (SS) Sean Yelland, of USS Frank Cable (AS 40), an event volunteer who helped coordinate the games and spent the event working with the

kids teaching them how to take care of their pets, said that one of the goals was to give people more of an awareness how to treat their dogs.

"Personally, I think it is very important for a kid to learn how to take care of a dog at an early age," he said. "Education is the key to changing how people act around and treat animals."

Laughlin said the military spouses and military members who volunteered at the event were critical in supporting everything from the information booths to the dog training demonstrations.

"I want to extend our gratitude to the military community," she said. "We absolutely could not have pulled this off without them and we are very grateful."



Cross if you Dare: The White Lady's Bridge in Asan-Maina is surrounded by tall trees and bushes Oct. 7. According to local legend, the bridge is inhabited by a ghostly woman who perished in the river during a heavy storm many years ago. (U.S. Navy photo by JoAnna Delfin/Released)

## Local bridge has spooky twist

By JoAnna Delfin  
Joint Region Edge Staff

During the early Spanish period on Guam, a Spanish officer and his Chamorro wife lived in the central village of Asan-Maina. The village was rich with green grass, tall trees and a river that provided fresh drinking water to residents.

Before the couple wed, the husband was dashing, romantic and polite; however, after they returned from their honeymoon, the man became cruel and abusive to his young wife, according to local legend.

Every night he would demand his wife to go to the river and collect freshwater to drink with his dinner. With fear of being struck, the wife obliged and carried out her husband's demands.

After a while, she did not mind her nightly task especially when the moon was full and the wind rustled the trees in the jungle. It was at this time she felt most at peace.

One night as a storm was quickly approaching the island, the husband sent his wife to the stream again to collect water – only this time there was no moon to guide her along the way.

As she approached the river she visited every night, she was swept away as the once peaceful stream had turned into a violent and raging flood. The woman began screaming frantically in hopes that someone would hear her voice and rescue her from impending doom.

The storm approached the island quicker and the flood grew stronger and stronger, eventually sweeping

the woman far away. Her cries for help came unheeded and the young bride was gone forever.

Local residents believe the spirit of the woman still wanders the Maina bridge, known by island residents as the White Lady Bridge, when the moon is full. She is said to have long silver hair, red, water eyes, and wearing a long white, flowing dress-similar to a wedding gown. Her screeching cry can still be heard along the bridge in hopes that someone will find and rescue her.

"I used to ride my bike down the bridge with my friends just for fun," said local resident Michael Flores. "We used to see who could stay in the middle of the bridge the longest without getting scared."

Flores added that though he has never actually seen anything, he gets an eerie feeling when he's around the

bridge. "It's a weird sensation," he said. "It's like goose bumps only 10 times worse and then you can smell that sweet flower that my grandma used to say only comes around when there's a spirit in your presence."

Though there are different versions of this story, the White Lady, as she is most commonly referred to, is believed to haunt women and children most especially when they cross her path.

She is believed to appear during the hours of dusk and dark and in places such as the bridge that sealed her fate, Harmon Heights and Polaris Point. It is said that if she touches you, she will leave a red spot on your body as a reminder of who she is.

### FREE

**Guam Micronesia Island Fair**  
Enjoy the song, dance and culture from different Micronesia islands at the annual Micronesia Island Fair at Gov. Joseph Flores

Memorial Park in Tumon, Oct. 14 -16. Various groups and organizations will showcase talent from Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Kiribati and Guam. For more information, call 646-5278.

### 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.

## 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

# God, the source of our confidence

By Lt. Cmdr. Ronald T. Rinaldi

USS Frank Cable (AS 40) Chaplain

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way... Be still and know that I am God." Psalm 46:1-2,10 (ESV throughout)

To say that Psalm 46 has had an amazingly rich history is an understatement. This psalm was impetus for St. Augustine's famous defense of the Christian faith, *The City of God*.

Martin Luther used it as his inspiration for his rallying cry of the Reformation, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God."

Even the translators of the King James Bible of 1611 got in the act by giving Shakespeare a 46th birthday present by including his name, though separated, in two different parts of this psalm.

For all that is noble and historic about Psalm 46, along with its boldness, it was mainly written to be sung, many translators believe, by a young girls' choir! Yet, the best aspect is that Psalm 46 is for all of us! Its main theme is that we can have confidence in God.

"No matter how much the world or our lives are shaken, it is a comfort to know that we can have confidence in our God. This is the most valuable source of strength in which we can rely through any difficult circumstance in life that may come our way."

- Lt. Cmdr. Ronald T. Rinaldi  
Chaplain, USS Frank Cable (AS 40)



The first reason you and I should have confidence in God is because we have his presence.

God is not absent from his creation as Jeremiah 23:24 states, "Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him?" declares the Lord. 'Do I not fill heaven and

earth?'" The great Puritan pastor and writer, Thomas Watson wrote concerning this truth, "God's center is everywhere, his circumference nowhere."

Certainly God's presence in all of our affairs and circumstances in life should bring us tremendous comfort.

The second aspect of why we can have confidence in God is because we have his protection. Verses two

and three in Psalm 46 show floods and catastrophic events in the world. Floods in Scripture often represent near death experiences or other types of calamities that can shake nations or individuals.

However, comfort is found in that God not only hears but he answers those who call upon him in times of trouble. Psalm 34:4 beautifully displays this as David wrote, "I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears." It truly is a wonder that God is there for you and me and he is not silent!

Third, God is displayed as a provider in Psalm 46. The river in the city of God in verses four and five is a source of life, peace, comfort, and provision for God's people. It is also a place of rest and refreshment.

There is an eschatological aspect to this passage as Revelation 22:1-2 speaks similarly of a tree bringing the water of life to the eternal celestial city. Having a future hope in

God has always brought joy to God's people.

In Psalm 37:25, David reflected on God providing for his children when he wrote, "I have been young, and now am old, yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken or his children begging for bread." God being our provider is another source for strengthening our faith.

So what do we do? We should have the faith and trust that leads to confidence in God. Verse 10 states that we should "Be still and know that I am God." In context it is a relaxing type of stillness where we trust God to do what he promised in his Word.

No matter how much the world or our lives are shaken, it is a comfort to know that we can have confidence in our God. This the most valuable source of strength in which we can rely through any difficult circumstance in life that may come our way.

## Still Moments



Retirement: Capt. Richard Wood, U.S. Naval Base Guam commanding officer, awards Chief Master-at-Arms (SW/AW/FMF) Christopher Atkinson IV, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal during Atkinson's retirement ceremony. Atkinson retired to the fleet reserves after 24 years of Naval and Army service. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (AW) Jeremy Starr/Released)

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# GHS wins homecoming



On the Run: A Guam High Panther running back eludes defenders sprinting up field for a gain of 15 yards during a homecoming football game Oct. 7. The Panther's beat the Southern High School Dolphins at home 20-0. (U.S. Navy photos by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Corwin Colbert/Released)



## Lady Bombers prepare season kick-off

By Senior Airman  
Veronica McMahon

36th Wing Public Affairs

The base-wide women's soccer team, Lady Bombers, is scheduled to kick-off their seven-a-side season Oct. 16, and is still actively looking for recruits.

The competitive and varsity-play soccer team is open to females of any military affiliation older than 15 years of age.

"In the true spirit of the Joint Region, the Air Force and the Navy have combined their most talented to create a competitive soccer team, the Lady Bombers," said Maj. Christa Sechrist, 36th Medical Support Squadron pharmacist and Lady Bomber player. "The team mainly targets women who have an affiliation to the Andersen military community, but is open to all women

who have an affiliation to the Guam military community. Dependents are also welcome to participate."

According to Sechrist, the team began in January 2006 and has since competed in every Guam Football Association women's league event. Master Sgt. Chad Albe began as the original coach, and after guiding the team through many victories, has recently passed the torch to Master Sgt. Kevin Avila.

"It's a competitive varsity-play team," Avila said. "And although we practice on base, the games are downtown against non-military affiliated teams in Guam."

Avila has been coaching soccer for roughly 18 years, but has only taken the lead as the Lady Bomber's coach for three months and said he is very impressed.

"Being the coach has been a blast so far," Avila said. "Especially with

the competitiveness and the drive the women have. I am proud to say I am the Lady Bomber's coach."

The players have also found a passion for the sport.

"I cannot put into words the honor and privilege it has been being a Lady Bomber and what it has meant to me," Sechrist said.

Seven-a-side soccer league is focused on team building and is a prelude for the premier league, 11-a-side, which starts in 2012. The Lady Bombers currently practice at the Andersen Air Force Base track Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:30 p.m., and are always seeking players.

All perspective players should e-mail the team coach, Sergeant Avila, at kevin.avila@andersen.af.mil or waterfuel9@gmail.com with a brief description of experience level, positions played and age.

## 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.

### 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 Hammon. There is also a registration fee of \$20, which includes a jersey. For more information and practice locations, call 637-4321.

### 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. 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 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. 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.