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Andersen AFB hosts Marine training

By Senior Airman Veronica McMahon

36th Wing Public Affairs

In the military, it is a service member's duty to be technically and tactically proficient in their jobs as well as prepared to deploy and face tomorrow's fight. These standards are upheld through training and exercises.

Team Andersen hosted and provided assistance to 400 service members of a different service in October.

Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12, Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 115 and Strike Fighter Squadron 94 arrived on Andersen Air Force Base (AFB) Oct. 6 to conduct aerial and ground training and bolster combat readiness.

"The Marines and Navy are here on a joint exercise to explore the air

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Ready for Flight: Two F/A-18 Hornet fighter jets from Marine Corps Air Base Iwakuni, Japan, during training at Andersen Air Force Base, Oct. 20. The Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12, Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 115 and Strike Fighter Squadron 94 arrived on Oct. 6, to begin aerial and ground training on Andersen as part of a month-long deployment to improve combat efficiency. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Benjamin Wiseman/Released)

Service members, Special Olympics Guam athletes bowl to bond



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

Joint Region Edge Staff

Service members from various Guam-based commands teamed up with the local community to host the annual Special Olympics Guam (SOG) bowling event at Century Lanes in Tamuning, Oct. 22.

The all-day event began with the tour-

nement followed by lunch, and closing with an awards ceremony for participants.

Personnel Support Seaman Tiffany Johnson, of Personnel Support Detachment, Guam volunteered for the bowling event two years in a row. She was pleased to lend a helping hand to members of the community and build friendships with event participants.

"This [event] is very important," she said. "We get to learn about the athletes and their families. We also get to learn a little bit about their culture."

Yeoman 1st Class (SW/AW) Maria Manchion, of Military Sealift Fleet Support Command, Ship Support Unit, Guam, is a board member of the SOG and said she was excited to spend time with the athletes.

"With the athletes and coaches spending so much time together, they really do form a bond," Manchion said. "The athletes depend on the coaches and the coaches really do enjoy their time spent

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NBG spreads the word about fire prevention to local school

By Mass Communication Specialist Seaman Apprentice Chris Salisbury
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Public Affairs Office

Firefighters from U.S. Naval Base Guam (NBG) Fire and Emergency Services visited the third grade classes of Marcial A. Sablan Elementary School in Agat, Oct. 21.

The visit was part of the fire department's mission to promote October as Fire Prevention Awareness Month and inform the youth of Guam about fire hazard, fire safety and escape procedures.

"I think it's very important that community is involved in our fire prevention training," said Fire Inspector Bethany Satterlee, of NBG Fire and Emergency. "Everyone needs it no matter where you are."

The students were excited to see the department's large, red fire truck outside and a firefighter dressed in full fire attire. Demonstrations by NBG Fire and Emergency personnel helped the children feel more comfortable with the firefighters in case they are ever in a fire emergency.

"October is fire prevention month, so we try to train as many people as we possibly can in October and throughout the rest of the year on fire safety," Satterlee said.

By reaching the children at a young age, Satterlee hopes the knowledge presented will prevent fire related incidents and injuries with the youth of Guam.

"I think that every kid, no matter where they live or where they go to



Left: Fire Inspector Bethany Satterlee, of U.S. Naval Base Guam Fire and Emergency Services, speaks to a third grade class about fire safety at Marcial A. Sablan Elementary School in Agat, Oct. 21. October is Fire Prevention Awareness Month. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist Seaman Apprentice Chris Salisbury/Released)

school, should be able to have some kind of fire prevention, safety training," she said. "I feel really good about being able to come out."

NBG's Fire and Emergency Services maintains communications throughout all of Guam and responds to emergencies on and off base.

"It is very important to have communication between the base; the base is also our community," said third-grade teacher Francine Cruz. "They help in every which way they can and it helps us with our limited resources."



Below: Capt. Carlos Presnell and Lt. John Cruz, of U.S. Naval Base Guam Fire and Emergency Services, demonstrate fire safety gear to a third grade class at Marcial A. Sablan Elementary School in Agat, Oct. 21. October is Fire Prevention Awareness Month. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist Seaman Apprentice Chris Salisbury/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.

National Prescription Take-Back Day

Drop off your expired or unwanted medication (both-controlled and non-controlled) on Oct. 29 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the following locations: Micronesia Mall center court, Agana Shopping Center center court, Andersen Air Force Base Exchange and Commissary, and U.S. Naval Base Guam Navy Exchange. No questions asked.

Holiday Art & Craft Fair

Start your holiday shopping early at the Holiday Art & Craft Fair, Oct. 29 at Top O' the Mar. The event is open to the public. Entrance fee is \$5 for adults and \$1 for children ages 12 and under. Proceeds will go to support the USO. For more information, call 647-4876.

Retiree Appreciation Day

A Retiree Appreciation Day event is scheduled for 8 a.m., Nov. 5 at Andersen Air Force Base Sunrise Conference Center. Participants will be able to obtain information about services available to retirees and family members on and off base as well as enjoy demonstrations by the 35th Wing. Register at www.36fss.com/retiree.html.

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.

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.

Andersen's Best: Tech. Sgt. Julian Hoffman



Top Performer: Tech. Sgt. Julian Hoffman, 36th Logistics Readiness Squadron Fuels Flight non-commissioned officer in charge, was awarded Team Andersen's Best at Andersen Air Force Base, Oct. 13. Andersen's Best is a recognition program which highlights a top performer from the 36th Wing. Each week, supervisors nominate a member of their team for outstanding performance and the wing commander presents the selected Airman/Civilian with an award. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Carlin Leslie/Released)

By Senior Airman
Carlin Leslie
36th Wing Public Affairs

Tech. Sgt. Julian Hoffman, 36th Logistics Readiness Squadron (LRS) Fuels Flight non-commissioned officer in charge (NCOIC), was awarded Team Andersen's Best on Andersen Air Force Base,

Oct. 13. Hoffman is the unit deployment manager responsible for calculating personnel and equipment requirements based on current Air Expeditionary Forces guidance, schedules auxiliary and constant training for 94 assigned personnel. So far this year, he has single-handedly readied 24 personnel for multiple Central Com-

mand and Pacific Command area of responsibility taskings.

"Sgt. Hoffman's work ethic and commitment to quality work are unmatched," said Master Sgt. Brian Hinson, 36th LRS. "He embodies the Air Force core values of integrity, service before self and excellence in all we do. Sgt. Hoffman's duty title does not even begin to describe

his contributions to the 36th LRS."

According to Hinson, Hoffman is also the unit's fitness program manager, part-time unit training manager, government purchase card holder and equipment custodian for a \$100,000 fuels support equipment account.

Andersen's Best is a recognition program which highlights a top per-

former 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.

Coast Guard recognizes Sector Guam's key spouse

From U.S. Coast Guard
Sector Guam Public Affairs

Margaret Graves, spouse of Cmdr. Yuri Graves, deputy sector commander at U. S. Coast Guard Sector Guam, was selected as the Coast Guard District Fourteen's recipient of the Honolulu Navy League's Key Spouse Recognition.

The key spouse program honors a deserving spouse each calendar year from each service that has functioned as the communication and organization focal point for a unit, demonstrating a tireless effort to

support their unit and families.

Margaret Graves, better known as Maggie to the Coast Guard family on Guam, has made a commitment to solidifying relationships between all local Coast Guard units. She began the Coast Guard Spouse Friendship Group, developed the Ombudsman program for Sector Guam and was a key member in planning the first ever Coast Guard Ball on Guam. She was also the driving force behind supporting 24 evacuees from Activities Far East when Coast Guard families needed to relocate to Guam after the earth-

quake and subsequent tsunami in Japan earlier this year.

As a strong advocate for the Adopt-a-School Program, Margaret Graves reached out to Merizo Martyrs' Elementary School to initiate a number of projects. In a matter of weeks, she developed a schedule for spouses to read to students and assist with school projects. She also began one of the most successful fundraisers to date, coordinating with Coast Guard members and their families to donate school supplies, sports equipment, games and books to the school.

"Sector Guam is proud that one of our own was recognized," said Capt. Casey White, USCG Sector Guam commander. "Mrs. Graves is an extremely positive influence on our Coast Guard personnel and their families. Not only is she active with the Coast Guard, the local community has also benefitted from her good work."

Margaret Graves will be honored Nov. 4, in the Honolulu Mayor's Office and Nov. 5, during the pregame festivities of the University of Hawaii vs. Utah State football game. She will also receive a \$1,000 cash award and tickets to the game.



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Teachers teach teachers

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

Hundreds of educators from private and public schools around the island were on-hand for Professional Development Institute (PDI) Students Technology Assessment Research Standards (STARS) XV, at Guam High School, on board U.S. Naval Hospital Guam, Oct. 21.

The annual gathering is an opportunity for teachers across the island to come together and share their experiences, teaching styles, and practices.

Capt. Richard Wood, commanding officer, U.S. Naval Base Guam, praised the attendees for their dedication to educating youths, and for fostering collaboration amongst all educational facilities on the island.

"Your presence here speaks of your commitment to the role you have undertaken," Wood said. "Today you have the opportunity to enhance teaching strategies and foster relationships that better the ability of the schools on Guam to meet the demands of an ever-growing island."

Wood applauded the island's educators for their commitment to help Guam's students grow into active members of the community.

More than three dozen seminars were held throughout the day, and allowed the educators to gain information and insight that they may never have been exposed to otherwise. Many of the teachers were in agreement that the day of peer-education was greatly beneficial.

"We've had a lot of interesting sessions," said Joe Waggoner, a fourth grade teacher at Andersen Elementary School. "I picked up several new ideas from other teachers that I plan to use with my students. In any educational community, it's nice to collaborate because you get



Welcoming Remarks: Steven Bloom, Superintendent, Department of Defense Education Activity Guam, speaks during the annual Professional Development Institute (PDI) Students Technology Assessment Research Standards (STARS) gathering at Guam High School, on board U.S. Naval Hospital Guam, Oct. 21. The event offers teachers from public and private schools across the island an opportunity to mingle and explore each others teaching styles and practices. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class (SW) Peter Lewis/Released)

new perspectives and innovation, and that will benefit the teachers, the curriculum, and, ultimately, the students."

Don San Agustin, a teacher with Saint Paul Christian School, said the event helped to reenergize him with new ideas and encouragement.

"Teachers work hard, and get a lot of encouragement when we see our students do well," he said. "Coming

together with our peers to exchange ideas give us that much more encouragement to [strive] hard. I think when I go back to class, this conference will help get my energy up and get me charged up to go back and do the best for my kids."

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



Wealth of Knowledge: Teachers from schools all around Guam share ideas during the annual Professional Development Institute (PDI) Students Technology Assessment Research Standards (STARS) gathering at Guam High School, on board U.S. Naval Hospital Guam, Oct. 21. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class (SW) Peter Lewis/Released)

Excellent results earned in flight line inspections

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

The Air Traffic System Evaluation Program (ATSEP) and the Standardization and Evaluation Program - Weather Operations (SEPWO) inspections conducted at Andersen Air Force Base (AFB) Sept. 19-23, brought praise across the board for members of the 36th Operations Support Squadron (OSS).

The evaluation was conducted in order to assess the quality, adequacy and safety of the air traffic system supporting flying operations at Andersen as well as weather support from the 36th OSS weather flight.

"The ATSEP is an over-arching inspection," said Capt. Anthony Hayes, 36th OSS Airfield Operations commander. "It includes an assessment of air traffic system capability, air traffic and flight proce-

dures, air traffic control, airfield management, terminal instrument procedures, air traffic control and landing systems support and civil engineering support."

Similarly, the 36th OSS Weather Flight's capabilities, procedures and ability to perform specific tasks were put under the microscope during the weeklong inspection.

"With missions such as the continuous bomber presence and theater security package, Andersen plays host to many expeditionary flying squadrons and mission-critical aircraft year round," said Tech. Sgt. Vernee White, 36th OSS Weather Flight chief. "Weather plays an important role in the base's ability to support this mission and must be prepared to function efficiently during any situation."

According to official ATSEP and SEPWO write-ups, Team Andersen is more than prepared to fulfill its role in the Pacific Theater. The air traffic system, scored on a pass/fail

basis, passed with a compliance rating of 91 percent and was hailed for providing outstanding support to the 36th Wing and its multifaceted operations and mission sets.

"There has been definite improvement since the last ATSEP inspection conducted here on Andersen," Hayes said. "For example, several airfield improvement projects completed in the last two years enhanced flying safety. This type of effort is what led us to be the first to break 90 percent compliance in the past two and-a-half years."

Garnering further kudos for the wing, the 36th OSS Weather Flight was awarded a well-deserved "excellent" rating and an overall score of 94 percent.

"This inspection is a big deal to the 36th OSS," White said. "We have been preparing for months; staying late, working weekends. Now we're reaping the fruit of that labor and dedication."

Hayes attributed this unprece-

dent success to having a team of high-speed Airmen and a stellar teaching program.

"This was definitely a group effort," he said. "Personnel from every area performed tasks flawlessly and with confidence. The training program we have in place is effective and the product has been very knowledgeable Airmen who can fulfill their jobs in high-stress environments."

Comparable to a base-wide Operational Readiness Inspection, the ATSEP and SEPWO are the most critical, large-scale inspections the 36th OSS must undergo. Though previously conducted once every two to three years, the 2011 iteration of the inspections are said to be the last as they are phased out by future all-inclusive inspections.

"We are proud to go out on such a high note and our team will continue to strive for improvement and excellence in future inspections," Hayes said.

Congratulations to all involved and top performers listed below:

▲ Capt. Anthony Hayes - 36th OSS Airfield Operations Flight commander

▲ Master Sgt. Anthony Matthews - 36th OSS Deputy Airfield manager

▲ Tech Sgt. Vernee White - 36th OSS Weather Flight chief

▲ Tech Sgt. Priscilla Lopez-Lucas - 36th OSS Airfield Management Training, non-commissioned officer in charge

▲ Tech Sgt. Joseph Arce - 36th OSS Air Traffic Control Training and Standardization and Evaluation, non-commissioned officer in charge

▲ Tech Sgt. Julian Duenas - 36th OSS Control Tower Watch supervisor

▲ Staff Sgt. Paul Alfred - 36th OSS Weather forecaster

▲ Senior Airman Roland Partin - 36th OSS Tower Air Traffic controller

NEX Guam celebrates diversity

By Sue Gentapanan

Navy Exchange Guam District

Navy Exchange (NEX) Guam hosted a diversity event on Oct. 21 at the NEX main complex on U.S. Naval Base Guam.

Organized and presented by NEX Guam staff and management, 10 countries were exhibited during the event including Guam, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Palau, Scotland, Puerto Rico, Saipan, Japan, Honduras, China and the Philippines. Each table representing their country was decorated and filled with cultural and characteristic items including photos and posters. Some of the NEX vendors also came out and supported the event.

The purpose of the event was to remind everyone that workplace diversity is not just NEX issue, but a people issue, focused on the differences and similarities each and every NEX Guam staff member



Cultural Writing: Sachiko Mori from Japan showcases Kanji writing during the Navy Exchange Guam's diversity event on U.S. Naval Base Guam, Oct. 21. (Photo courtesy of Sue Gentapanan, NEX Guam/Released)



Muy Caliente: David Peel and a group of dancers perform Latin dance routines at Navy Exchange Guam's Diversity event on U.S. Naval Base Guam, Oct. 21. (Photo courtesy of Sue Gentapanan, NEX Guam/Released)

brings to an organization regardless of their background.

NEX is proud and satisfied with

the outcome of their first diversity event that their staff and management contributed to and accom-

plished. They are hoping to convey that diversity is a way of life, and is meant to be respecting and learn-

ing from others who come from a different background other than their own.

Service member receives NAM award for heroic efforts

By Mass Communication

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U.S. Naval Base Guam

Public Affairs Office

Lt. j.g. Susan Vanwey received the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (NAM) on U.S. Naval Hospital (USNH) Guam Oct. 20.

Deputy Chief, Installations & Logistics, and the 23rd Director of Navy Nurse Corps Rear Adm. Elizabeth S. Niemyer presented Vanwey with the award for her heroic actions that saved the life of Daryl Diras who was suffering from several heart blockages. Vanwey responded to a distress call at the Charles King Fitness Center on U.S. Naval Base Guam (NBG), Aug. 29.

"My first reaction was to go help," Vanwey said. "Don't think, just go. Getting the electricity to him was very important."

Vanwey's initial response and first aid actions, including the use of a defibrillator gave NBG Fire and Emergency Services time to get Diras to the emergency room, which resulted in his life being saved.

"We appreciate what she did for Mr. Diras," said NBG Fire and Emergency Services Acting Battalion Chief Philip Guerrero. "That makes our job a lot easier. We wish a lot more people were like her and understand what actions needed to be taken in that situation."

Guerrero added that due to Van-

wey's actions, his team was able to sustain and provide oxygen to Mr. Diras as he was being transported to USNH.

"To see an individual who took the initiative and took care of a patient, that's what we do as Navy nurses, it was a real honor to see that," Niemyer said. "I was delighted to see our nurse recognized."

The NAM award is given to junior personnel for outstanding acts and meritorious service.

"It was nice to receive it but unnecessary," Vanwey said. "It was a team effort with my husband and the fire department."

Diras was flown to the Philippines and received quadruple bypass surgery and is now recovering back in Guam. He and his family were very thankful for Vanwey's actions.

"No words can describe how I feel and how much they've done for me," Diras said.



Top Right: Daryl Diras and his wife Araceli Diras show their appreciation to Lt. j.g. Susan Vanwey at U.S. Naval Hospital Guam, Oct. 21. Vanwey responded to an emergency and saved the life of Daryl Diras at the Charles King Fitness Center on U.S. Naval Base Guam, Aug. 29. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist Seaman Apprentice Chris Salisbury/Released)

Right: Deputy Chief, Installations & Logistics, and the 23rd Director of Navy Nurse Corps Rear Adm. Elizabeth S. Niemyer, right, presents a Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal to Lt. j.g. Susan Vanwey at U.S. Naval Hospital Guam, Oct. 21. Vanwey responded to an emergency and saved the life of Daryl Diras at the Charles King Fitness Center on U.S. Naval Base Guam, Aug. 29. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist Seaman Chris Salisbury/Released)



Team Andersen wished a fun, safe Halloween

By Senior Airman
Veronica McMahon
36th Wing Public Affairs

With candy, pumpkins and costumes lining store shelves and spooky decorations hung in windows, it's no doubt that Halloween is right around the corner and Team Andersen wants to ensure that everyone has a fun and safe holiday.

Trick-or-Treating this year will be from 6-8 p.m. in base housing, and both the 36th Security Forces Squadron (SFS) and 36th Wing Safety Office have some advice for parents and children.

"We've got to ensure that it is not only a fun event, but a safe event for our families and our Airmen," said Lt. Col. William Percival, 36th Wing Safety chief. "We are engaging with unit leadership and safety representatives to keep good communication."

Along with safety office personnel keeping an eye out, 36th SFS will be doing their part as well.

"Pumpkin Patrol will be out and about again this year," said Staff Sgt. Brittany Howard, 36th SFS. "It is a foot patrol consisting of Security Forces and other base volunteers, responsible for ensuring the safety of the trick-or-treaters in base housing."

Howard also offered some tips for parents, children and pets.

"For parents, they should know the area their kids are trick-or-treating, ensure children abide by curfew and make sure they stay in groups if unaccompanied," she said. "For children, don't eat candy that is already opened, be careful crossing the streets, carry a flashlight, no vandalism and be aware



Trick or Treat?: Halloween can be full of treats for young children, but parents should beware of hidden tricks, like the blade in this candy bar. To avoid any accidents on Halloween night, be sure to inspect candy before it is consumed. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Alex Montes/Released)

when going to a stranger's house."

"During trick-or-treating times I highly recommend no one drives in the area where the kids are," Percival said. "It's important to keep traffic to a minimum."

People should also be aware of their pets,

Howard said. If they are not walking around with families they should be inside. If they are wearing a pet costume a mask should not be covering the nose or eyes.

If anyone notices anything suspicious or wrong, call the law enforcement desk at 366-

TRICK-OR-TREAT

U.S. NAVAL BASE GUAM:
All residents that wish to participate in the Halloween Trick or Treat event should turn their porch light on. Please be courteous and do not disturb those residents who do not wish to participate. Trick-or-treating is scheduled for Oct. 31 from 6-10 p.m. on U.S. Naval Base Guam.

ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE
Trick-or-treating is scheduled for Oct. 31 from 6-8 p.m. on Andersen Air Force Base.

HAUNTED HOUSE
The 36th Civil Engineer Squadron is putting on a haunted house from 7 p.m. to midnight Oct. 28-31, at 1960 Pacific Lane in Andersen Air Force Base housing. Donations will be accepted and snacks and beverages will be sold.

CANDY X-RAY
THE 734th Air Mobility Squadron will X-ray Halloween candy at the Air Mobility Command passenger terminal from 6-8:30 p.m. Oct. 31.

2910/2911. In case of an emergency, call 911 and let the operator know if you are on base or what village you are in so they can connect you to the appropriate operator.

"There is no doubt that this wing is committed to this being a fun and safe event," Percival said.

What's your favorite Halloween costume?



"I like dressing up as a princess. Why? Because I'm a girl, and what girl doesn't want to be a princess?"

*Equipment Operator
Constructionman (SCW)
Ashley Ventura
Naval Mobile Construction
Battalion 133*



"My favorite costume is a ninja, because I like karate."

*Electrician's Mate Fireman
Maurice Matthews
USS Frank Cable (AS 40)*



"I like to dress as a Power Ranger, because it takes me back to my childhood. I loved that show!"

*Master-At-Arms Seaman
Sean Miller
Maritime Expeditionary
Security Squadron 7*



"I'm not too big on costumes, but I think I prefer the Cosplay brand of Comic Con costumes. Pretty much anything that closest resembles the artists rendition of a superhero as possible. My favorite superhero costume would probably be Captain America."

*Staff Sgt. Jason Smith
36th Wing Chapel Financial
Management non commis-
sioned officer in charge*



"I like the classic movie monsters from the old school horror movies. You know, like Frankenstein, Wolfman or the Creature from the Black Lagoon."

*Staff Sgt. Sean Finley
36th Wing Chapel Chaplain
non commissioned
officer in charge*



"In relation to Pagan and Christian belief, I would say my favorite costume is Thor."

*Lance Cpl. Kenneth
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Marine Corps Air Station
Marine Aircraft Group 12,
Iwakuni, Japan*

Bowling: Strong bonds built with athletes

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together. We have coaches here for the second year and they have the same team members because the athletes remember them. The athletes and their families greet the volunteers in town and treat them like family members.”

Master-at-Arms 2nd Class Kyle Newman, of U.S. Naval Base Guam Security, said he enjoyed his time over the last eight weeks making new friends.

“They remember me,” he said. “At first they had to get to know and accept me. Now we have regular conversations.”

As participants and coaches spent quality time together, Leone Rohr, a mother of two young SOG bowling athletes, expressed her appreciation for the service members and their goodwill toward her sons and within the local community.

“They have been here every week, especially our coach who has been here early and on time,” Rohr said. “It’s been very encouraging for the kids.”



Smile for the Camera: Personnel Specialist 3rd Class Sorogane Robert, left, and Personnel Specialist Seaman Kyle Taylor support an athlete during the annual Special Olympics Guam bowling event at Century Lanes in Tamuning, Oct. 22. Service members from various Guam-based commands teamed up with the local community and spent eight weeks helping the athletes train for the event. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Corwin Colbert)

Marines: Training increased flight line activity

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space around Guam and do training missions to keep our pilots current on their qualifications and keep enlisted Marines current on maintenance and what they do day to day in their line of work,” said Marine Chief Warrant Officer Joy Craig.

The deployers came equipped with 20 Marine F/A-18s and have logged more than 200 flight hours

and 120 raids conducting air-to-air and air-to-ground training. Due to the training mission there has been a lot more activity in the air space and on the flight line.

Their time training here has given service members the opportunity to work together, as well as Airmen the chance to support partnership efforts within the Air Force and the military.

According to 36th Maintenance

Group personnel, Andersen Airmen are providing help with maintenance workspaces, aircraft hangar space and a foreign-object-free runway making this joint training visit a successful one.

“Since the exercise began, the flight line has been a lot busier,” said Tech. Sgt. Jose Sanchez, 36th Wing Foreign Object Debris (FOD) monitor. “Having fighters on deck is a lot different than heavies. As far as

FOD goes we have been doing our regular practices, and above and beyond that, many other sight inspections due to the training.”

Sanchez also credited the 36th Civil Engineer Squadron Horizontal Shop for their support during the training.

Along with supporting the increase in activity, Airmen have been assisting the Marines as well. And along with maintenance, operations

have also had a crucial role this past month.

Lt. Col. Robert Horton, 36th Operations Support Squadron (OSS), applauded Airmen for assisting the Marine and Navy F/A-18 missions.

“We began by providing approximately 450 airfield driving certifications that enabled the Navy and Marine forces the ability to maintain and operate their jets,” he said. “Our airfield operations flight has maintained the airfield, ensuring capabilities required by fighter aircraft were operational and provided timely response to any airfield issues, while our air traffic controllers worked surge ops supporting windows of constant aircraft launch and recovery.”

Horton added though tremendous support was offered by airfield operations, the partnership did not end there.

“The 36th OSS weather flight provided 21 weather watches, warnings and advisories, and 30 verbal weather briefings that helped protect ATR (Aviation Training Relocation) assets and personnel. Furthermore, the operations and plans flight has been instrumental in integrating ATR flying into the wing flying schedule and proving workspace and equipment for their use.”

The combined efforts of the Airmen from various units did not go unnoticed.

“The Airmen at Andersen have been very helpful,” Craig said. “Everything from vehicle support to messing facilities to access on the flight line, and also the Sailors with HSC-25 (Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 25) have helped out a lot too. Everybody’s been supportive of what we are doing here.”

GSA and NAVFAC drive into future with hybrid electric vehicle



From Department of Navy Energy Public Affairs

The General Services Administration (GSA) presented Naval Facilities Engineering Command Headquarters (NAVFAC) a Chevy Volt electric vehicle as part of a Department of Defense (DOD) and GSA Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicles (PHEV) Pilot project, Oct. 20.

NAVFAC Headquarters was the recipient of one of two vehicles presented and the U.S. Department of Treasury was the recipient of the second Chevy Volt.

Deputy Assistant to the Secretary

Test Drive: Tom Hicks, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Energy, tests a Chevrolet Volt electric car after accepting the vehicle on the Navy's behalf. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Arif Patani/Released)

of the Navy for Energy, Tom Hicks was the senior Navy official attending the ceremony and spoke on behalf of the Navy.

"Many thanks to GSA for all of your efforts," Hicks said. "This is a positive step in the direction to meet Secretary of the Navy's (SECNAV's) energy goals and to reduce petroleum use in commercial vehicles by 50 percent by 2015."

The Department of the Navy is a leader in energy security committed to enhancing energy independence, war fighting capabilities and energy security to better enable our combat capabilities, sustain the environment for future generations, and promote a clean energy economy.

Play video at: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2IJG317Bjxk&feature=channel_video_title

For more news from the Department of Navy Energy visit, <https://energy.navy.mil>.

Recycling is a community effort

By Troy Imamura
Joint Region Marianas
Recycling Program Manager

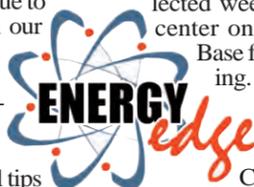
Recently, Joint Region Marianas entered into an agreement with the Government of Guam to dispose of its municipal solid waste at the Layon (la-ZHON) Landfill. With this change, certain processes were put in place in to maintain compliance with the landfill and transfer station permit. While we continue to divert solid waste from our landfills, it is important for all personnel to develop the recycling culture needed to help sustain this effort.

Here are some helpful tips about recycling on island. The Harmon Transfer Station accepts municipal solid waste from residential and commercial customers however, they will not accept:

- Hazardous Waste**
- Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB) waste
 - Industrial waste
 - Untreated infectious/medical waste
 - Liquid waste
 - Green waste (including household waste)
 - Petroleum contaminated waste
 - Construction and demolition waste
 - Wood waste
 - Grease trap waste
 - Oily waste
 - Tires
 - Electronic, white goods/appliances
 - Recyclable materials

- Vehicles and boats
- Motor oil, paint and solvents
- Batteries and corrosive waste
- Radioactive waste
- Explosives/munitions

Here are some other recycling opportunities. For military housing residents, recycling bins are used to collect recyclable materials such as aluminum cans, plastic bottles (PET 1&2), and glass bottles and are collected weekly for the recycling center on Andersen Air Force Base for sorting and processing.



Recycling drop off locations can be found at the Orote Point Commissary on U.S. Naval Base Guam (NBG), NBG Navy Exchange (NEX), and NEX mini marts for glass bottles, aluminum cans, plastic bottles (PET type 1&2), and loose cardboard boxes only.

All hands, military and civilians, are encouraged to use the recycling collection points. Newspaper recyclables may be dropped-off at a local pet shop to be utilized for animal bedding.

Finally, selected buildings such as bachelor officers' quarters, Joint Region Marianas Headquarters, base chapels, and certain Morale, Welfare and Recreation facilities are provided with office recyclable bins for the collection of plastic bottles, aluminum cans, office paper and magazines.

Please help reduce our waste stream to the landfills and help build a more sustainable future. For additional information, please contact Troy Imamura at (671) 349-3116.

Public comment period extended to Oct. 31 for DoD Public Access Plan

From Naval Facilities Engineering Command Marianas Public Affairs

Guam and Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) residents have through Monday, Oct. 31 to submit public comments in the Department of Defense (DoD) Public Access Plan.

The Public Access Plan is required by the Guam and CNMI Programmatic Agreement (PA) associated with the Marine Corps Realignment effort. The plan is intended to facilitate visits to cultural and historic sites of interest and significance located on DoD properties on Guam and in the CNMI.

"The PA requires close coordination with signatories, invited sig-

natories, concurring parties and interested members of the public," said Jennifer Farley, Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Marianas natural resources specialist. "The extra time for public comments is our continued commitment to partner with the Guam and CNMI State Historic Preservation Offices (SHPO) and stakeholders."

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

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

Boom operator brings career full circle

By Airman Basic
Anthony Jennings
36th Wing Public Affairs

After nearly a quarter of a century of traveling the globe while working in an office that is 30,000 feet above the surface of the earth, an Airman at Andersen Air Force Base (AFB) recently brought his career full circle before retiring Oct. 28.

Master Sgt. Richard Anderson, 36th Mobility Response Squadron (MRS), has worked as a boom operator in the KC-10 Extender for most of his 24-year career, refueling airplanes and conducting cargo missions.

The KC-10's primary mission is aerial refueling but it can also combine the tasks of a tanker and cargo aircraft by refueling fighters and simultaneously carrying the fighter support personnel and equipment on overseas deployments.

While assigned at his first duty station at K.I. Sawyer AFB, Mich., Anderson spent the first three years

of his career refueling aircraft in the KC-135 Stratotanker. Thanks to the Hawaii Air National Guard, he was given the opportunity to fly and perform his duties on an aircraft that, for him, evoked a feeling of nostalgia.

"I started off my first three years of active duty service working in the KC-135," Anderson said. "Getting the chance to not only fly, but perform my duties on an aircraft I haven't operated in for 20 years was an amazing experience and I can't think of a better way to finish my career."

The Knox, Ind., native was born June 10, 1967, and moved to Phoenix, Ariz., when he turned 18 and began working on roofs with his uncles. After two years of working in the Arizona sun, he decided it was time for him to find a career that was a little more, professional.

"I worked from 5 a.m.-1 p.m. in the afternoon and was beginning to worry that I'd soon develop skin cancer if I stayed on those roofs," Anderson said with a quiet laugh. "I wanted to find a job where I would-

n't have to work like that. I wanted to find something more professional and the Air Force is just that. If you weren't a professional before you enlisted, you were molded into one once you got in. Now I work with professionals every day."

Anderson enlisted for a myriad of reasons, but amongst the top was the opportunity to travel. Flying to places such as Canada, Guatemala, Venezuela, Italy, Diego Garcia, Somalia, Thailand and Australia, just to name a few, has made his time in the Air Force worthwhile.

"As an aircrew member, I've had the opportunity to travel the globe," Anderson said. "I've seen most of the world several times and I think I can count on one hand the amount of states I haven't been to."

One of the most influential people that has help mold Anderson's successful career is his former instructor who perished in a plane crash at Dyess AFB, Feb. 1, 1989.

"Dave Vickers, my instructor, helped me to mature the fastest out of all my supervisors that I can re-

member," Anderson recalled. "He set a good example for me to follow from the very beginning. He taught me what I needed to do and how I needed to do it. He was just one of those guys who did it the right way, and made you want to do it the right way too."

Although losing his instructor was tragic, it also reminded Anderson of the importance of doing his job the right way.

"Flying in general makes you mature fast," he said. "When you enlist right out of high school, you're still pretty immature. The boom operator career field places a lot of personal responsibility on the individual. My primary job and an Airman's primary job are pretty much the same, to refuel an airplane in-air. So you go from high school, to 'I'm responsible for operating correctly in my realm of responsibility from point A to point B, if I don't do this correctly people could die;' that's a lot of responsibility for some people."

Since arriving at Andersen in

Nov. 2009, he has been working in the 36th MRS. While he may not be doing his primary Air Force Specialty Code, he said working there has broadened his perspective of the various Air Force career fields.

"I once thought I had the greatest job in the Air Force and I still firmly believe that," he said. "But I've found out now that everyone I work with thinks the same about their job. It's an eye-opening experience to work with people and know they have a love and passion for their career field as I do with my own."

With retirement in the horizon, Anderson looks forward to returning home to his wife, Monique, in New Hampshire.

"The thing about retirement that I look forward to most, is the fact I can do whatever I want," he said. "Now I have the choices to shape my future, I just hope I make the best of those choices. I've had a very fulfilling career and I wouldn't change a thing. I'm happy with where it started, where it's ending, and everything in between."

3rd PRS and its Mariana Islands' history

By Jeffrey N. Meyer

36th Wing Historian

On Nov. 1, 2011, there will be an anniversary of sorts for an event that has been a time long forgotten. Sixty seven years ago, Nov. 1, 1944, the 3rd Photo Reconnaissance Squadron (3rd PRS) from Isley Field, Saipan, made history while flying a reconnaissance mission over Tokyo.

The significance of this event was that it was the start of 20th Air Force, XXI Bomber Command's B-29 bombing missions of Japan from the Mariana Islands. This mission was also the first U.S. aircraft to fly over Tokyo since Doolittle's Raid on May 18, 1942. This was after two and a half years of an Island Hopping Campaign that finally brought U.S. forces close enough to reach the Japanese capital.

Still, more amazingly this mission was completed by a lone Boeing F-13A Reconnaissance Superfortress called Tokyo Rose that was piloted by Captain Ralph D. Steakley, who took over 700 photographs of future bomb sites in 35 minutes and returned safely to Saipan. In just over 3 weeks on Nov. 24, 1944, the XXI Bomber Command would begin its sustained strategic bombing of Japan and Tokyo.

The history of the 3rd PRS would begin as they initially formed on May 15, 1941 and then activated on June 10, 1941 at Maxwell Field, Ala. From 1941 to 1944 the unit was re-designated several times before becoming the 3rd Photographic Reconnaissance Squadron, Very Heavy (VL), at Smoky Hill Army Air Field, Kan. (Schilling, AFB) on May 19, 1944. The forward echelon moved to Saipan on Sep 18, 1944 and the Tokyo Rose arrived on Oct. 31, 1944. The aircrew had a night's rest and then flew their historic mission the very next day. 17 more photo reconnaissance missions were flown as single sorties prior to the

first B-29 bombing raid against Japan from Saipan on Nov. 24, 1944. Sadly, the 3rd PRS would lose two aircrafts and their aircrew of 10 Airmen during this time.

Lt. Fred Savage, 3rd PRS pilot and World War II veteran, who flew 23 combat missions over Japan said, "We would fly our F-13A at about 30,000 feet during photo missions because Japanese fighter aircraft could not reach us...though one time I did to climb to 42,000 feet to fly over a tropical storm."

During most of his missions Savage flew the F-13A named the Valiant Lady, but did fly the Tokyo Rose on a few missions before his aircraft arrived from the states. He remembered the great camaraderie of the unit and his aircraft's crew.

One of the saddest moments of his combat missions was when one of the "Bubble Blister" windows on the side of Valiant Lady blew out and the aircraft quickly decompressed and one of his crewmen was pulled out of the fuselage. A parachute was sited, but the airman was never seen again. Fortunately, this would be the only casualty of the Valiant Lady during these long and very hazardous missions.

When Maj. Gen. Curtis Lemay took command of the XXI Bomber Command, he wanted his photo reconnaissance mission near his headquarters at Harmon Field, Guam.

On Jan. 11, 1945 the 3rd PRS moved from Isley Field, Saipan to Harmon Field and would later add another designation, "Very Long Range" (VLR) to their name on Jan. 31, 1945. However, there was a problem with Harmon Field's runway; it was too short to safely take-off a fully loaded F-13A or B-29 on a mission to Japan.

To remedy the situation flights were staged from Harmon Field to North Field (modern day Andersen Air Force Base). The crews were briefed about 2 p.m. each day and then flew their planes with a light fu-



Tokyo Rose: The photo depicts the crewmembers of the "Tokyo Rose" after receiving medals for the first photo reconnaissance mission over Tokyo, Nov. 1, 1944. (Photo courtesy of Col. Richard M. Hutchins, Retired U.S. Air Force)

el load to North Field. The crews were then bussed back to Harmon Field while the planes were fully fueled and serviced for their night takeoffs. The crews were awakened at midnight, fed and bussed back to North Field. After completing their missions, the planes would land back at Harmon.

From there the film was rushed to the photo lab immediately so Gen. Lemay could be updated on the air war's progress. The crews then debriefed and the maintenance cycle restarted to ready the planes for their next missions. Savage said some of best memories of the war were during his tour at Harmon Field (modern day Harmon Industrial Park).

"The Seabees would sell their mothers for booze or a ride on a B-29 Bomber," he said. "The 3rd PRS chapel was built after a trade with the Seabees for 24 bottles of whiskey."

Savage's most memorable moment came when the Valiant Lady was assigned to fly 15 minutes behind the Enola Gay on Aug. 6, 1945, during the "Little Boy" atomic

bombing of Hiroshima. He piloted his aircraft in a slow right turn around the cloud twice and his crew took many photos.

Three days later as standby aircraft they would take damage photographs of Nagasaki after the "Fat Man" atomic bomb was dropped by the B-29. A frightening moment happened right after that photo mission when the Valiant Lady was nearly shot down by heavy flak north of Nagasaki over the city of Shimonoseke.

However, the flak over Shimonoseke was not Savage's scariest moment while flying in the Valiant Lady. During "Operation Sunset" when aircraft and their crews were flying home to the states after the war the Lady's no. 3 engine went out, then became un-feathered, and caught on fire during its landing at Johnson Island. The F-13A landed safely, but the crew and its passengers had to wait an additional two long weeks for parts before continuing their journey home.

Another of the many interesting stories about the 3rd PRS is the ac-

count of Eddie Okura. He was an 11-year-old Japanese boy living in Tokyo when on Nov. 1, 1944 he looked up into the sky and saw a large silver F-13A flying alone overhead. Unknown to the crewmembers of the Tokyo Rose, Eddie would become fascinated by that moment and grow up with a passion for aviation history and a desire to find the crew.

Okura finally met the surviving crew members and the families of the original crew of the Tokyo Rose on Apr. 21, 1995. Additionally, his father would establish the Okura Hotel on Guam. Since then he has donated aviation historical materials to Andersen over the years.

Overall the 3rd PRS made many sacrifices during World War II, during their 466 solo missions. They would lose nine F-13As, and 46 Airmen were either killed or missing-in-action. Before its inactivation on Mar. 15, 1947, the 3rd PRS would lose one more aircraft in peacetime. An F-13A crashed on takeoff from North Field at Andersen on June 11, 1946. All 10 crewmembers were presumed dead and very little of the aircraft was ever recovered.

Today, the 3rd PRS's heritage lives on in the 3rd Space Operations Squadron (3SOPS) at Schriever Air Force Base, Colo. 3 SOPS conducts on-orbit operations for the Defense Satellite Communications System III and Wideband Global SATCOM satellites for the Department of Defense. The 3 PRS's old photo reconnaissance mission continues today at Andersen via the 9th Operations Group, Det. 3's RQ-4 Global Hawk.

Recently, the Global Hawk completed a reconnaissance mission of Japan that had nothing to do with its World War II bombing mission roots, but all about a humanitarian effort to save many lives after the earthquake and tsunami devastated Japan on March 11, 2011.

Air Force paints the town blue, helps beautify island

By Staff Sgt. Alexandre Montes

36th Wing Public Affairs

Airmen from the 36th Maintenance Squadron/Munitions Flight (MXS), 36th Wing chapel and their families gathered to participate in a Guam beautification project Oct. 15.

Tech. Sgt. Miguel Brown, 36th Wing chapel assistant, asked Jojuana Santos, 36th MXS unit program coordinator, to help coordinate an island beautification project, and they gladly accepted.

"After working with Mangilao Mayor, Mr. Nito Blas, it only took two weeks to plan and begin the bus stop painting," Santos said. "With the children of Guam in mind, I was motivated to do this project. After all, they are the ones that benefit most from this project."

After the chapel donated the painting equipment, both organizations turned out in full force to

completely reface a dilapidated bus stop and its immediate area in Mangilao, Guam. All 20 adults and five children started to clean up the surrounding area of debris and trash. Once the area was cleared, the bus stop was ready.

The team began to pressure wash the old paint dirt off the bus stop. Once it was dried, it was all hands on deck. One by one, including the children, the bus stop began its makeover.

"Our efforts beautified the grounds, erased graffiti and enhanced the neighborhood while making a positive impact on local community relations," said Maj. Robert Leo, 36th MXS commander. "Nearly 50 percent of passing cars honked in support as they went by which was a bonus."

Throughout the Air Force, Airmen are encouraged to volunteer and help their local communities. Becoming a volunteer can help service members grow professionally and strengthen the culture of today and tomorrow's Air Force.



Clean Up Everybody, Everywhere: Airmen from the 36th Maintenance Squadron, 36th Wing chapel and their families pick up debris and trash prior to painting a bus stop for an Island Beautification project in Mangilao, Guam Oct 15. Throughout the year, squadrons from Andersen AFB volunteer their time to help clean, repair and build areas in Guam communities in support of the Islandwide Beautification Task Force. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Alexandre Montes/Released)

Grade-schoolers learn to be energy aware

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

Joint Region Edge Staff



Members of Guam's military energy awareness team visited Cmdr. William C. McCool Elementary and Middle School, on board U.S. Naval Base Guam (NBG), Oct. 19, and spoke with students about being energy conscious.

"We're here with a message to teach children to conserve energy, not just at home, but even at school," said David Motroni, Marine Corps energy manager. "We tend to reach out to the younger age group because that's where we want to start embedding the concept into their everyday lives."

Motroni, dressed as Brite, the Department of Defense energy efficiency mascot, and Derek Briggs, NBG energy manager, spoke to the children about various ways to conserve energy, including unplugging electronics and monitoring household temperature.

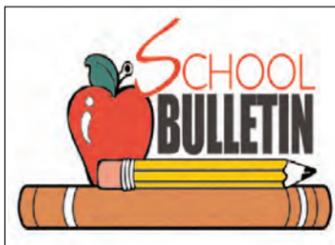
"Some ways I've learned to conserve energy are to use solar panels, turn off lights when you're not using them, and turn off the heater every now and then," said Jerwin Vilorio, a gifted education student.

In 1991, October was designated as Energy Awareness Month via a presidential proclamation. For more than 15 years, government organizations have observed this month with activities and programs to promote public understanding of our energy needs and to reduce energy consumption in our everyday lives.

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

Above: Students welcome Brite, the Department of Defense energy efficiency mascot, during an energy efficiency presentation at Commander William C. McCool Elementary and Middle School, on board U.S. Naval Base Guam, Oct. 19. 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. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class (SW) Peter Lewis/Released)

Below: Derek Briggs, U.S. Naval Base Guam (NBG) Energy Manager, and Brite, the Department of Defense energy efficiency mascot, speak to students about ways to conserve energy, during a presentation at Commander William C. McCool Elementary and Middle School, on board NBG, Oct. 19. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class (SW) Peter Lewis/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 or call 349-2115.

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.

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

Seahawk Submissions

Students aim to eliminate bullying

By Charles Subbiondo

Cmdr. William C. McCool
Elementary/Middle School, 8th grade
Teacher: Denise Giamelle

Students at Cmdr. William C. McCool Elementary/Middle school are raising bully awareness through the power of technology. Eighth-grade students Brendan Haight

and Deams Fitzgerald starred in two videos with an anti-bullying message.

Seahawk News Network (SNN) showed the videos and other commercials and talked about bullying awareness.

Since SNN's efforts began, bullying awareness has skyrocketed and hopefully will continue to rise until bullying is entirely extinct from McCool School.

Hispanic Heritage Month

By John Bardales

Cmdr. William C. McCool
Elementary/Middle School, 8th grade
Teacher: Denise Giamelle

In celebration of Hispanic

Heritage Month the elementary and middle school Spanish programs decorated the halls and played music every morning and after school.

They had a family night with traditional dances, drawings on

corrugated paper, listening to some legends, making flowers, pottery and papel picado, or paper designs. Everyone was invited to the school on Thursday, Oct. 20.

School bus safety is important

By Shaughn Hoops

Cmdr. William C. McCool
Elementary/Middle School, 8th grade
Teacher: Denise Giamelle

Bus safety is really important. It can be the difference between life and death. In many situations people have been hurt or

died not following the rules.

The rules of bus safety are mainly like the rules of the classroom. Six inch voices, wearing seat belts, sitting down, not standing up, and no eating or drinking on the bus are all rules.

One of the dire consequences is being suspended from the bus and school. At our bus safety assembly, we heard about a girl in

middle school who was killed in an accident. Her fellow bus mates were messing around and the driver closed the door on her and her clothing got caught. She was run over by the bus and died.

We practiced evacuating the bus safely today. We jumped out the back doors to make sure we knew how to leave the bus in an emergency without panicking.

Ancient spirits inhabit the island

By JoAnna Delfin
Joint Region Edge Staf

According to oral traditions and beliefs, the native people of Guam are thought to still inhabit and roam the island on a daily and frequent basis. Though they cannot be seen by the untrained eye, there have been more than hundreds of accounts of island residents and visitors experiencing the power and strength of Guam's ancestors, or Taotaomona (tao-tao-MOH-NAH).

The behavior the taotaomona is observed in many different ways. Some locals will say that these ancestors bring good and peace to a person or group of people, while others believe the taotaomona exist to haunt and bring trouble.

"I believe there are different types of taotaomona," said 77-year-old Maria Cruz of Piti. "It depends on how you treat them. If you treat them good then they will treat you good, but if you are disrespectful to them and their land they can become angry and make you sick."

According to Cruz, it is very important to ask permission from the taotaomona when entering the jungle, the land of the taotaomona, to explore or even use the restroom.

"If you go into the jungle and you don't ask permission and you hit a



Taotaomona Home: According to local legend the Banyan tree, or Nunu tree, pictured here Oct. 20, is the dwelling place of the Taotaomona. (U.S. Navy photo by JoAnna Delfin/Released)

tree or disrespect the land they can make you sick or make your body swell," she said. "You have to respect their land and they will respect you. Even if you cannot ask them in Chamorro, ask them in your heart

and they will hear you."

Cruz added that she is able to see, feel, and smell the taotaomona. She recalled a time when her granddaughter was in the bedroom sleeping and she saw a man pass through

the house.

"I was in the bathroom when I heard my granddaughter get up and she screamed," Cruz said. "When I was going to check her, I saw like a ghostly man, like an ancient

Chamorro man, walk through the hallway, but it was very quick."

As Cruz went to check on her granddaughter she noticed her granddaughter was short of breath and crying.

"I asked her what was wrong and she said when she was sleeping she felt something or someone jumping on her chest and she could not breathe," Cruz recalled. "I was worried for her so I took her father's used red shirt, sprayed cologne on it and wrapped it around her because that is what makes the taotaomona go away."

Most local residents believe that if you have been touched by a taotaomona, they are usually left with a handprint or some other type of mark on their body. The mark looks like a bruise but does not hurt when pressure is applied.

The taotaomona is most commonly found deep in the jungles of the island and is believed to live in the Banyan, or Nunu (NOO-NOO), tree. However, many people have experienced the taotaomona in their own home as much of the island was once inhabited by our Guamanian ancestors.

So be sure that no matter where you go, you are aware of your surroundings and you respect the land, air, and sea for you never know who or what might be in your presence.

Tops in Blue to perform for Airmen, local community

By Airman 1st Class Whitney Tucker

36th Wing Public Affairs

A free, public event is scheduled to take place at the University of Guam Field House in Mangilao Nov. 29 at 6:30 p.m.

For the first time in more than a decade, Tops in Blue, the premier entertainment showcase of the U.S. Air Force, will perform for service members and civilians alike.

"This year's show is unique because local residents are able to attend," said Michele Jacobs, 36th Force Support Squadron Hot Spot director. "The wing commander, Brig. Gen. John Doucette, wanted to showcase some of our talented Airmen and share this unique Air Force asset with the community."

Comprised of 35 to 40 of the most gifted dancers, musicians and vocalists the active-duty Air Force has to offer, the group will present "Rhythm Nation," a celebration of the evolution of American

music from the early 1900s to the present.

According to the group's fact sheet, Tops in Blue is one of the oldest and most widely traveled entertainment groups of its kind. Since its first world tour in 1953, Tops in Blue has performed on film, produced albums and appeared on national television with legendary TV personalities such as Ed Sullivan, Bob Hope and many others. The enormous and ever-growing popularity of the group has landed them front and center, performing at events such as the Super Bowl, National Basketball Association (NBA) finals and for heads of state and dignitaries.

"This show appeals to individuals of all ages, from all walks of life," Jacobs said. "The individuals are very talented, the dances are well choreographed and the performance is interactive and engaging."

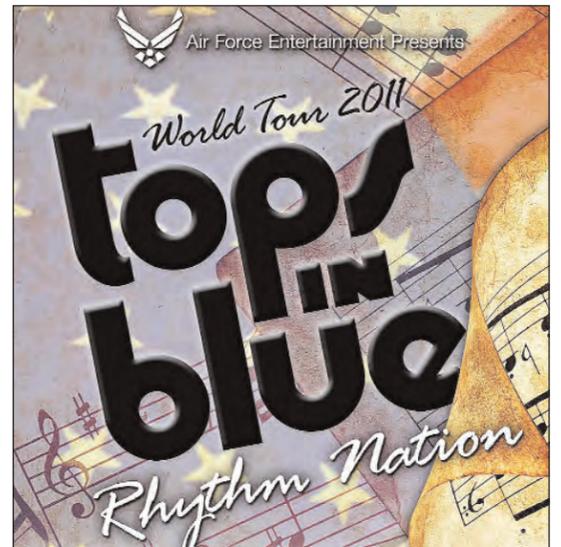
Jacobs added the show offers a little bit of something for everyone to enjoy, from the high-energy dance performances, to the upbeat music.

"Children love the high-tempo dancing and vibrant colors while adults appreciate the quality of the entertainment," she said.

Not only is Tops in Blue composed of top-notch performers, the group has also mastered the art of self-sufficiency.

"This is a group of very hardworking individuals," Jacobs said. "This year's tour took the members throughout the continental United States and to more than 20 countries with close to 140 performances in just 10 months. For each show the performers set up and [tore] down more than 60,000 pounds of staging, lighting, audio, video and special effects equipment."

Representing a wide variety of career specialties, Tops in Blue is an elite group of the most gifted non-professional entertainers throughout the Air Force. These Airmen display pride, patriotism and dedication to their unique mission which is to promote and improve morale for Airmen, their families and all who devote themselves to the fight for freedom.



Special Performance: Tops in Blue, the premier entertainment showcase of the U.S. Air Force, is scheduled to perform for service members and civilians alike at the University of Guam Field House in Mangilao Nov. 29 at 6:30 p.m. (Graphic courtesy of U.S. Air Force)

FREE

Tops in Blue Rhythm Nation Listen to the music of Tops in Blue during a free concert at the University of Guam Field House in Mangilao. Doors open at 5:45 p.m. and the show starts at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call 366-2339



are set up for parents to help their child climb, build, stack, and play! \$3 per class. Parents can register beginning October 1. Classes start Nov. 4 for children walking to 3 years of age and their parents. For more information, call 564-1844/5 or 727-2575.

Buck Saturday Matinee

Every Saturday from noon-6 p.m. enjoy \$1 games, rental shoes, 16 oz. soda, small fries and small nachos at Gecko Lanes. For more information, call 366-5117.

UNDER \$10

Moms and Tots Need to keep your kids busy? Enroll in the Mom and Tots program! Stations

Kids Day Sundays

Bring the kids to Gecko Lanes every Sunday from noon-8 p.m. and pay just \$1 per game with a free kid's shoe rental. For more information, call 366-5117.

Holler for a Dollar Tuesdays

Don't miss Gecko Lanes' Tuesday evening special, "Holler for a Dollar". Every Tuesday from 6-10 p.m. enjoy games, shoe rentals, and fountain drinks for \$1 each. For more information, call 366-5117.

Thirsty Thursdays

Games, shoe rentals and fountain sodas are on special for \$1 each every Thursday from 6-10 p.m. For more information, call 366-5117.

Brown Bag Fridays

How Much Can You Stuff? Every Friday, you can fill a bag with as much clothing as you can fit for only \$5 at the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society. 9-11 a.m.: Open to E5 & below (Active Duty/dependents only); 11 a.m.-1 p.m.: Open to all authorized patrons. For more information, call 564-1879.

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

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– Capt. Timothy Overturf
chaplain, Joint Region Marianas

Lessons learned lessen error

By Capt. Timothy Overturf
Joint Region Marianas Chaplain

One wrong step foils the clearest directions. Yet, lessons learned early can save us from future calamity. Hudson Taylor, a missionary in the 1800s, learned a lesson as a young boy that prompted him to honesty the rest of his life. Howard Taylor's biography of Hudson Taylor recounts this important lesson.

Hudson Taylor developed the habit of sneaking candle stubs into his bedroom in order to read at night. Naturally, his parents clearly prohibited such activity because of the fire hazard.

One evening, after shoving a handful of stubs into his pocket, he casually walked through the living room toward his bedroom. His ruse appeared to be successful once more until, unexpectedly, a house guest sitting by the fire invited Hudson to join him while the gentleman told the family a story. Propped up on the guest's knee, Hudson dutifully listened to the story.

Unfortunately, his pocket was

toward the crackling fire. The melting candle stubs revealed the clandestine attempt and Hudson's deception was discovered.

Our stories differ from Hudson Taylor's but our experiences similarly confirm that lessons learned now reduce the possibilities of ill-advised choices tomorrow.

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tions though, God doesn't abandon us, he lovingly corrects us. In fact, Proverbs 6:23 assures us the commandment is a lamp and the teaching is light; and reproofs for discipline are the way of life.

Though our story may differ from Hudson Taylor's, our lives corroborate the principle that lessons learned lessen error.
Peace, Chaps.



Recovery: Guam High School Panthers recover a fumble during the Interscholastic Athletic Association of Guam high school football championships at George Washington High School Oct. 22. The panthers unsuccessfully defended their title to the George Washington Geckos losing 14-0. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Corwin Colbert/Released)

Panthers lose championship



Fumble: Guam High School Panthers defense causes a fumble during the Interscholastic Athletic Association of Guam high school football championships at George Washington High School Oct. 22. The panthers unsuccessfully defended their title to the George Washington Geckos losing 14-0. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Corwin Colbert/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.

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 Harmon. 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.

Spookfest 5K Run/Walk

Coral Reef Fitness Center will have their annual Spookfest 5K Run/Walk Monday, Oct. 31, starting at the Palm Tree Golf Course Driving Range Parking Lot. Show time is 6 a.m., go time is at 6:30

a.m. For more information, call 366-6100

Zumba Scream-a-thon

The Coral Reef Fitness Center will be hosting a Zumba Scream-a-thon on Saturday, Oct. 29 from 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Come in a Halloween-themed costume and enter to win prizes. Event is open to everyone. For more information, call 366-6100

Pre/Postnatal Exercise Class

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

Zumba

Free Zumba classes are held at the Coral Reef Fitness Center. 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.