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Guam, military communities honor veterans



Veterans of the Year Recipients of 2011's Veterans of the Year award approach the stage to be recognized during a Veterans Day ceremony at the Ricardo J. Bordallo Governor's Complex in Adelup, Nov. 11. (U.S. Navy photo by JoAnna Delfin/Released)

By JoAnna Delfin
Joint Region Edge Staff

Members from local and military communities on Guam commemorated Veterans Day at the Ricardo J. Bordallo Governor's Complex in Adelup Nov. 11.

The event, hosted by the Office of the Governor and the Guam Office of Veterans Affairs, brought together active, retired, reserve and National Guard service members in a long-standing tradition of remembrance.

Following a fly-over by a B-52 bomber from Andersen Air Force Base, the Joint Color Guard posted colors as the Guam Territorial Band performed the National Anthem and Guam Hymn.

Keynote speaker, Capt. Casey White, U.S. Coast Guard Sector Guam commanding officer, then addressed the crowd and encouraged all to take an active role in supporting and honoring veterans from every service.

"We as a society are getting better in distinguishing and paying trib-

ute to our veterans," White said. "But if we fail to recognize that these veterans came from, and are still an integral part of our communities, nationwide, we'll have forgotten the very same lessons that those who we honor here today have taught us."

According to White, there are 26 million U.S. veterans worldwide of which 16,000 reside on Guam.

White reflected on how veterans have affected her life and military career and inspired her to work to become the person she is today.

"Getting to know veterans will change your life for the better," she said. "It is their service to the nation and their willingness to put the welfare of the American people above their own that is the hallmark of this day."

Following her speech, White, along with other military officers and island officials, presented certificates and medals to several veterans and service members.

"It is an extreme honor [to receive the award]," said Master-at-

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Andersen's PRTC trains frontline defenders

By Senior Airman Benjamin Wiseman

36th Wing Public Affairs

The 736th Security Forces Squadron (SFS) Commando Warrior Flight instructed a class of defenders training for upcoming combat operations at the Pacific Air Forces Regional Training Center (PRTC) on Andersen Air Force Base, Oct. 9.

Airmen from the 736th SFS Commando Warrior Flight are responsible for training frontline defenders from all bases assigned to Pacific Air Forces (PACAF) on central command and regional training requirements to prepare them for deployment.

"We can train 1,500 defenders

per year," said Tech. Sgt. Joseph Crow, 736th SFS Commando Warrior Flight operations noncommissioned officer in charge. "We split 10 classes up with 150 slots in each class."

Airmen from the 736th SFS Commando Warrior Flight strive to make the training as real as possible for the front line defenders to prepare them for real-world scenarios.

"It allows them to see a scenario in a training environment, practice the scenario and prepare in case it happens during a deployment," Crow added.

The curriculum for the class is broken up into different sections to include counter improvised explo-

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Security: Senior Airman John Mizerak, right, 35th Security Forces Squadron member from Misawa Air Base, Japan, stands guard during a training scenario held at the Pacific Air Forces Regional Training Center on Andersen Air Force Base, Nov. 7. Members of the 736th Security Forces Squadron Commando Warrior Flight created several different scenarios to allow participants to train for real world actions and reactions. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Benjamin Wiseman/Released)



HAZMAT Exercise

NBG Security trains for emergency

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Marine ball

Marines celebrate birthday

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NOVEMBER 23

"Thanksgiving Dinner To-Go Pick Up"
AAFB Pick it up between 4:30am and 7:30pm at Top of the Rock. Call 366-6166.

Thanksgiving Eve Mass
AAFB 6:30pm, Andersen AFB, Chapel One, Catholic Worship Service.

NOVEMBER 24

"Thanksgiving Meals To-Go Pick Up"
MWR Pick it up at 10pm at Top o'the Mar. Call 472-4606/7.

Traditional Thanksgiving Lunch Feast
MWR 11:00am-2:00pm, Top o'the Mar. \$23 for Adults / \$11.50 for Children. Call 472-4606 for more information.

USO Thanksgiving Lunch
 Noon-5:00pm, Royal Orchid Hotel.

NOVEMBER 25

NEX: After Thanksgiving Sale
NBC 25th, 26th and 27th "Santa Arrives at Noon"
 Time: 5am-9pm / Sat 7am-9pm / Sun 9am-7pm
 Location: Main Store.

NOVEMBER 26

MWR Festival of Trees!
MWR Commands will decorate trees at Top o'the Mar 1:00pm-6:00pm. Trees will be on display for public viewing: November 27 to January 3.

Hanging of the Greens
AAFB 6:00pm, Andersen AFB, Chapel Two, Protestant Worship Services.

NOVEMBER 27

Liturgical Service Begins First Sunday of Advent
AAFB 11:30am, Andersen AFB, Chapel One, Protestant Worship Services.

NOVEMBER 29

Tops in Blue
USCG UOG Field House at 6:30pm. Doors open at 5:45pm. Call 366-2339 for more info.

NOVEMBER 30

Special Children's Storytime: Christmas for our Troops Sign Up Deadline
AAFB Event is December 7 at Library at 10:30am and 3:00pm.

DECEMBER 1

Annual Andersen Door Decorating Contest
AAFB December 1-14, with judging taking place 14 December. Open to all Andersen offices, dormitory rooms and base housing units. Entry forms available at the Hotspot. Call 366-2339 for details.

Holiday Dinner To-Go

AAFB You can order a complete turkey or ham dinner from AAFB Top of the Rock from December 1 - 16, pick it up December 23 between 4:30 and 7:30 pm. Call 366-6166 for more information.

Holiday Wine Tour

MWR Top o'the Mar, 6:00pm, doors open at 5:30pm, \$15 (includes Hord'oeuvres and souvenir wine glass).

DECEMBER 2

NEX Balloon Bash
NBC 6:00pm-9:00pm, Main Store, Home Gallery, and Home Center.

DECEMBER 3

Christmas Cards Making Class
AAFB AAFB Arts and Crafts 10:30am-12:30pm, \$12 fee. Includes instruction and materials for 6-5x7 cards w/ envelopes.

DECEMBER 3 CONTINUED

Christmas Tree Lighting: brought to us by Naval Base Guam
NBC 6:00pm at Chapel, for the festivities. Lighting at 7:00pm. This event is free.

DECEMBER 4

Advent Liturgical Service
AAFB 11:30am, Andersen AFB, Chapel One, Protestant Worship Services.

DECEMBER 7

MWR's Holiday Culinary Boot Camp Class
MWR Top o'the Mar 5:30pm. Call 685-5142 for more information.

Special Children's Storytime: Christmas for our Troops.

AAFB 10:30am and 3:00pm, Library, Sign up at the Base Library beginning November 30.

Annual Andersen Giant Holiday Card Contest

AAFB Judging will take place December 7 and winners announced at the Base Tree Lighting Ceremony that evening. Pick up rules and entry forms at the Hotspot, or call 366-2339 for more information.

Base Tree Lighting Ceremony

AAFB Starting at 6:00pm. Enjoy festive entertainment and a visit by Santa. Call 366-2339 for more info.

DECEMBER 8

Guam High School Presents: a Holiday Band Concert!
NBC 7:00pm, doors open at 6:15pm, The Big Screen Theater.

Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary Mass
AAFB 6:30pm, Andersen AFB, Chapel One, Catholic Worship Service.

Harlem Globetrotters!!

AAFB 6:30pm at Coral Reef Fitness Center, Free Event. Call 366-6167 For more information.

DECEMBER 9

NEX Balloon Night
NBC 5:00pm-7:00pm, Mini Mart.

Harlem Globetrotters!!

NBC Charles King Fitness Center, In Courts 1-2 at 6:00pm, doors open for seating at 5:15pm. Free Event. Concessions will be available for sale. Cash only.

36FSS and Armed Forces Entertainment Presents the Players from the Florida Marlins Baseball Team

AAFB Youth Dance Clinic 3:00pm at AAFB Youth Center Gym, Youth Baseball Clinic, 3:00pm at Arc Light Baseball Field. Meet & Greet/Autograph Signing 6:00pm at Coral Reef Fitness Center. Call 366-6167 for more information.

DECEMBER 10

USO/Matson Run for Our Heroes
 Run for Our Heroes! Round-trip ticket for two from United as a Grand Prize drawing. Tee shirts for the first 1,000 runners. 5:00am: Show time /6:00am: Go Time, "Old USO in PH!"

Origami Gift Box Class

AAFB 10:30am-12:30pm at AAFB Arts and Crafts Center \$12 fee includes instruction and materials.

Creative Jewelry Design

AAFB AAFB Arts and Crafts Center 1:30pm-3:30pm \$45 fee includes instruction, materials and tools.

DECEMBER 10 CONTINUED

MWR and Armed Forces Entertainment bring you: The Florida Marlin Baseball Players

NBC We will have a Youth Clinic at 2:00pm at Ebbett Field NBG. Softball Game with the Florida Marlins at Ebbett Field, NBG at 7:00pm. Contact MWR sports for information on how to get in on this game! This is a Free Event.

Free Outdoor Movie Night

AAFB AAFB Arc Light Park at 7:00pm. The movie will be "A Christmas Story." Movie will be shown, weather permitting. Call 366-2339 for more info.

DECEMBER 11

NEX Pet Pictures with Santa
NBC 11:00am-4:00pm, Home Center (registration December 1-9)

Advent Liturgical Service

AAFB 11:30am at Andersen AFB, Chapel One, Protestant Worship Services.

DECEMBER 12

MWR Liberty 12 Days of Christmas!
NBC December 12-23, Bidding Day December 24th, Open to Active Duty Single Sailors at NBG's Single Sailor Sanctuary.

DECEMBER 13

Palm Tree Golf Course Holiday Pro Shop Sale
AAFB December 13-24. Unbeatable prices! Everything must go! For more information, call 366-4653.

Parish Penance Service

AAFB 6:30pm at Andersen AFB, Chapel One, Catholic Worship Service.

DECEMBER 14

MWR & CYP presents the Children's Holiday Dance Recital
NBC (Practice and Event), 4:00pm-6:00pm at The Big Screen Theater, Free.

DECEMBER 15

MWR & CYP presents the Children's Holiday Dance Recital
NBC (Practice and Event), 4:00pm-6:00pm at The Big Screen Theater, Free.

Guam Territorial Band Concert

NBC Starts at 7:30pm at Big Screen Theater.

DECEMBER 16

CYP and MWR present Children's Holiday Program!
NBC Kids will celebrate the holidays and winter recess! Holiday festivities, entertainment, and music! Ages 1-12. Call NBG CYP 685-5013, 2:30pm-4:00pm, Free.

MWR Ultimate Frisbee Tournament

NBC December 16 Time: 5:00pm-9:00pm on 16, December 17 Time: 8:00am-TBA on 17, at Blue Jacket Field. Sign up deadline 12/7 at CKFC.

NEX Carnival Night

NBC 6:00pm-9:00pm, Main Store Only.

DECEMBER 17

NEX Breakfast with Santa
NBC 8:00am-10:00am to be determined.

Monthly Flea Market

AAFB From 8:00am-11:00am in the Hotspot Gym AAFB. Table fee for sellers is just \$10 each. Sign-up at the Hotspot, or call 366-2339 for more information.

Christmas Ornament Craft

AAFB 10:30am-12:30pm at AAFB Arts and Crafts Center. \$12.00 fee includes instruction and materials for 7 to 8 projects.

MWR Reindeer Run 5k

NBC Show time: 6:00pm, Meet right outside Clipper Landing. Go time: Immediately following the Christmas Boat Parade.

MWR Marina's Christmas Boat Parade

NBC Registered before Noon on December 1, 2011. Rain date will be Sunday, December 18th. Parade will begin after sundown 6:30pm at Sumay Cove Marina.

DECEMBER 18

Advent Liturgical Service
AAFB 11:30am at Andersen AFB, Chapel One, Protestant Worship Services.

Winners Announced for the MWR and Command Festival of Trees!

MWR The Command winner of the Holiday Command Festival of Trees for the MWR Holiday Split Slick and \$500 in MWR credit will be announced at Top o'the Mar brunch at noon.

DECEMBER 19

MWR's Big Screen Theater presents Winter Break Matinees

NBC Monday-Thursday, December 19 - 29, Monday to Thursday each week, we will feature Free matinees at 3:00pm. The Theater will be closed Christmas Day.

"Christmas Meals To-Go Deadline"

MWR Meals can be picked up at Top o'the Mar 12/24 by 10am. Call 472-4606/7

DECEMBER 21

Ho Ho Ho 5K Run/Walk
NBC Starting at the Palm Tree Golf Course Driving Range Parking Lot. Show time is 6:00am. Go time is 6:30am. No sign-up required. Call 366-6100 for more information.

NEX Midnight Madness

NBC 7:00pm-Midnight at Main Store only.

Ecumenical "Lessons & Carols"

NBC 7:00pm, NBG Chapel. Combined faith gathering that will retell the true story of Christmas alongside everyone's favorite Christmas carols.

DECEMBER 22

MWR Gingerbread House Decorating Contest!
NBC At Naps starting 9:00am for setup and showcase; winners announced at 10:30am. Cost: Be prepared to make your own gingerbread house and bring to MWR. Materials will not be provided.

DECEMBER 23

Jewish Chanukah Service
NBC 6:30pm, NBG Chapel.

DECEMBER 24

Christmas Eve Mass
NBC 5:30pm, NBG Chapel.

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass

AAFB 6:30pm (No 5:00pm Mass) at Andersen AFB, Chapel One, Catholic Worship Service.

Protestant Candle Lighting Service

NBC 7:00pm, NBG Chapel.

Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist

AAFB 8:30pm, at Andersen AFB, Chapel One, Protestant Worship Services.

DECEMBER 25

Protestant Christmas Service
NBC 8:00am and 11:00am, NBG Chapel.

Christmas Day Mass (The Nativity of the Lord)

AAFB 8:30am, Andersen AFB, Chapel One, Catholic Worship Service.

Christmas Day Mass

NBC 9:30am, NBG Chapel.

Christmas Day Combined Parish Service

AAFB 10:30am at Andersen AFB, Chapel Two, Protestant Worship Services.

MWR Celebrates Christmas Feast at Top o'the Mar

MWR 11:00am-2:00pm. \$23 for Adults / \$11.50 for Children. Reservations recommended. Call 472-4606 to reserve today.

USO Christmas Dinner at the Guam USO

12:00pm-5:00pm, Royal Orchid Hotel.

DECEMBER 30

MWR Holiday Cigar Night at Molly McGee's Irish Pub
NBC 5:00pm-8:00pm, \$26 pp. Open seating; however tables can be reserved by calling 564-1834.

DECEMBER 31

New Year's Eve Mass
AAFB 5:00pm at Andersen AFB, Chapel One, Catholic Worship Service.

New Year's Eve Mass

NBC 5:30pm, NBG Chapel.

New Year's Eve Family Bash

NBC 8:00pm at Grote Point Lanes, Fun, Games, Giveaways, Party Favors. Reserve a Lane deadline is 12/20.

DECEMBER 31 CONTINUED

Celebrate New Year's Eve at Molly McGee's!!
NBC Festivities starts at 9:00pm! Ring in the New Year at midnight!! Molly McGee's Irish Pub.

Watch Night Service

AAFB 10:30pm, Andersen AFB, Chapel Two, Protestant Worship Services.

Celebrate New Year's Eve at Bamboo Willie's!

AAFB Ring in the New Year at midnight!!! Bamboo Willie's.

Celebrate New Year's Eve at Top of the Rock!!

AAFB Get dressed up and ring in the New Year at midnight!!! Top of the Rock.

JANUARY 1

Protestant New Year's Day Service

NBC 8:00am & 11:00am, NBG Chapel.

New Year's Day Mass

NBC 9:30am, NBG Chapel.

New Year's Day Mass (Mary, Mother of God)

AAFB 9:30am at Andersen AFB, Chapel One, Catholic Worship Service.

New Year's Day Combined Parish Service

AAFB 10:30am at Andersen AFB, Chapel Two, Protestant Worship Services.



Chamorro Christmas Night! by FFSC

NBC December 12 at 6:00pm-8:00pm at Naval Base Community Center, FREE. Come and sample some island holiday desserts, iced cocoa, sing songs, and even ride a carabao! Fun for all those that are young at heart and those that are in need of some Christmas cheer island style!!!

McCool Christmas Concert by McCool Middle School

NBC December 13 at 6:00pm at The Big Screen Theater, FREE. McCool Middle band students to perform!

Caroling with Naval Base Guam Chapel

NBC December 14, 6:00-8:00pm at Chapel, there will be Christmas Caroling and Cookie Exchange from 6:00pm-8:00pm. Bring the children to a caroling event and let them participate in the Chapel's wonderfully scrumptious cookie exchange. This is a FREE event.

Christmas Craft Night by Naval Base Guam Recreation Committee!

NBC December 15, 6:00pm-7:30pm. Christmas Craft Night at the NBG Community Center. Get into the holiday spirit by making Christmas crafts and participating in the cupcake walk. We promise there will be laughter and fun for all!!! FREE

Holiday Movie Under the Stars with MWR!

NBC December 16 at 7pm, "Polar Express", Molly McGee's Field, NBG FREE for the movie, concessions are additional charge.

Navy Marine Corps Relief Society - Kids Shopping Day

NBC December 17 9:00am-Noon NMCRS Thrift Store. Buy a lot for a little!

AAFB Andersen Air Force Base
NBC Naval Base Guam
MWR MWR Off Base Facility
N-13 Naval Base Guam Telecommunications Site
36FSS 36FSS Off Base Event



Soldier works to keep food safe for community

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

Joint Region Edge Staff

Spc. Larry Arnold is a five-year Army veteran who joined the service because as a single parent he knew it would be a great opportunity for himself and his child.

"I love the Army," Arnold said. "It's great for service members and family alike. It's a well-structured organization, and being organized is a key element in one's success."

Arnold currently works at the Orote Commissary on board U.S. Naval Base Guam, as a food inspector and motor sergeant. He said his job is a great fit for him.

"I was a manager of a restaurant for years before I joined the service, and I got really familiar with food safety and food defense," he said. "So this was a specialty I felt like I could be successful in."

Arnold inspects the commissary and all food sold there in order to ensure the cleanliness and general food safety, for all service members and their families on island.

"When other service members see us performing our inspections, they ask what we are doing," Arnold said. "As we explain, they are not only being educated on food safety, but it lets them know that there are people out there making sure that their food is safe."

According to his supervisor, Sgt. Carmelo Mendoza, Arnold is devoted to his job and the Army, and sets a great example for his peers.

"His motivation and dedication to his job is always

a good example for other junior soldier[s] to follow," Mendoza said. "Spc. Arnold was in a supervisory position as a junior enlisted, in charge of the commissary section for three months. During this time he was able to improve and implement new procedures to ensure we are giving the commissary the best quality of support."

Mendoza called Arnold "an asset to the command, who helps to make everyone around him better."

"He always takes care of whatever mission is assigned with no issues," Mendoza said. "Arnold always has a positive effect on the command, and his positive attitude reinforces the morale of this command."

Arnold, who is currently pursuing a degree as a physician assistant, said that he learned his "can-do" attitude from role models in both his personal and professional lives.

"My first role model was my father," he said. "He taught me to be the man I am today, and I definitely owe my positive outlook and drive to his example."

"I've also had the privilege to learn from some of the men and women in the world's finest armed forces," he continued. "There are really so many, it's hard give credit to just one, but all members I've served with have motivated and influenced me in a different but beneficial way. I've worked with many great Soldiers and they've all motivated me to always push forward and do my best."

For anyone looking to imitate his streak of success, Arnold had a few words of advice.

"Always keep in mind knowledge and teamwork," he said. "I work hard and learn as much as I can, but I alone do not accomplish the mission. It always is and always should always be a team effort."



Safety Check: Spc. Larry Arnold, an Army food inspector, checks for proper produce temperature at the Orote Commissary on board U.S. Naval Base Guam, Nov. 15. Arnold regularly inspects the commissary and all food there in order to ensure the cleanliness and general food safety for all service members and their families on island. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class (SW) Peter Lewis/Released)

Andersen's Best: Staff Sgt. Christopher McKay

By Senior Airman Carlin Leslie

36th Wing Public Affairs

Staff Sgt. Christopher McKay, 20th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron intelligence analyst, was awarded Andersen's Best on Andersen Air Force Base, Nov. 3.

McKay spearheaded higher headquarters directed missions providing critical training for the 36th Wing and Australian Air Force exceeding Pacific Command mission objectives.

He also coordinated RED FLAG 12-1 sorties which assisted 33 aviators on their mission planning and was awarded a RED FLAG superior performer.

His diligent work has protected \$342 million in assets, and further pushed the knowledge of contentious bomber presence in the Pacific Arena.

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.

To nominate your Airman for Andersen's Best, contact your unit chief or superintendent explaining their accomplishments.



Outstanding Job: Staff Sgt. Christopher McKay, 20th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron intelligence analyst, was awarded Andersen's Best on Andersen Air Force Base, Nov. 3. 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)

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VEC assists Sailors, veterans in updating SMARTs

By Susan Henson

Center for Personal and Professional Development Public Affairs

In recognition of Veterans Day, the Navy's Voluntary Education staff is reminding Active and Reserve Component Sailors as well as veterans considering a college education to update their Sailor/Marine American Council on Education Registry Transcript (SMART).

Many Sailors know SMART transcripts can help them gain additional college credits based on their military experience and training. But those who have separated from active duty may not readily consider how updating their SMART can still help them finish a degree.

Earning college credit can be accomplished in a number of ways. Many people take college-level courses through instructor-led or distance-learning classes. Some take College Level Examination Program (CLEP) exams to help them earn credits toward their degree. Information on a service member or veteran's SMART lists non-traditional credits and military experience that can translate into college credit recommendations to apply toward a degree requirement or program of study.

"I highly encourage all Sailors and veterans to contact the Virtual Education Center (VEC) to request a SMART update," said Center for Personal and Professional Development (CPPD) Commanding Officer Capt. Chuck Hollingsworth. "It's a great way to maximize what you've accomplished in your Navy career by getting as much college credit as possible toward finishing your degree—at no additional cost to you."

SMART transcripts list personal student data, courses, and occupations evaluated by the American Council on Education (ACE), including descriptions, learning outcomes, and equivalent college credit recommendations, as well as national college-level exam results. Official SMART transcripts can be sent to accredited colleges and universities to fulfill the requirements for a student's selected degree path.

Dr. Mary Redd-Clary, CPPD's director of the Navy Voluntary Education program, said these details on a SMART can be a critical part of a Sailor, Marine or veteran finishing a degree. And people are taking advantage of this opportunity. "In the past year, more than 76,600 Sailors, Marines and veterans have requested their SMARTs through the VEC," she said. "More than 34 percent of the VEC staff's work supports SMART requests from our customers."

SMART transcripts may be ordered from the VEC by mail, or calling the VEC's toll-free number, both which are available on the VEC's web page. Requests for official copies sent to colleges and universities require the completion of an order form, which is available on-

line, and the student's signature.

For more information regarding eligibility requirements, service members should contact their local Navy College Office or the VEC. More information is also available on the Navy College Program website at https://www.navycollege.navy.mil/dsp_vec.cfm.

For more information about CPPD, visit <https://www.netc.navy.mil/centers/cppd/>. For more news from the CPPD, visit www.navy.mil/local/voled-pao/. To connect with CPPD on Facebook, visit <https://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Center-for-Personal-and-Professional-Development/100056459206>.

Guam celebrates 236-year legacy of the few, the proud, the Marines

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

Joint Region Edge Staff

Service members, families, friends, and civilian partners came together Nov. 12 at the Hyatt Regency Guam Resort and Spa in Tumon, Guam, to celebrate 236 years of faithful service during the 2011 Guam Marine Corps Ball.

The birthday celebration started off with a cake cutting. Col. Robert Loynd, officer in charge of Marine Forces Pacific (Fwd) Guam and Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (MarForPac), shared some of the first slices with the oldest and youngest Marines present, Master Gunnery Sgt. Ignacio Cruz and Pvt. Randolph Tamagan.

"The 236th birthday of the U.S. Marine Corps is a significant day for us," Loynd said. "Like every Marine birthday, Marines around the world have been celebrating this as one of the most important events we recognize each year. We reconnect with our corps, the legacy of our heroes, those who've gone before and those Marines who are coming here in the future."

Guam Acting Gov. Ray Tenorio was also on hand to sign a proclamation observing the Marine Corps birthday. Tenorio emotionally spoke



Birthday Cake: Col. Robert Loynd, Officer In Charge, Marine Forces Pacific (Fwd) Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands, cuts the cake during a celebration of the inception of the Marine Corps, at the Hyatt Regency Guam in Tumon, Nov. 12. The Corps was established in 1775, and 2011 marks its 236th birthday. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class (SW) Peter Lewis/Released)

of the important ties Marines have had with the island, dating back to the island's liberation from occupying Japanese forces during World War II.

"Without the sacrifice, bravery and valor of the Marines and those who served before you, we might not have the opportunity to stand in this room right now," Tenorio said. "If Marines did not liberate the Chamorro people, imagine what life

would be like on Guam right now. [We] thank you from the very bottom of our hearts to all of you in the Marine Corps and all who have served our country, for defending a grateful country and for protecting the freedom of America and all Americans everywhere."

The Marines in attendance agreed the event was a fitting dedication to the Corps.

"I just feel really special tonight



Award Presentation: Colonel Robert Loynd (right), Officer In Charge, Marine Forces Pacific, presents Acting Governor Ray Tenorio with a plaque during a celebration of the inception of the Marine Corps, at the Hyatt Regency Guam in Tumon, Nov. 12. The Corps was established in 1775, and 2011 marks its 236th birthday. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class (SW) Peter Lewis/Released)

and take great pride in wearing the uniform and celebrating the Marine Corps," said Cpl. Korey Smith, of MarForPac (Fwd).

"It's days like today that remind us that we're all in this together and all serving together," said Staff Sgt. Matthew Savina, of 3rd Marine Expeditionary Forces Band. "It's nice to have each other to rely on."

One Navy corpsman was privileged to be able to celebrate this occasion with her fellow service men

and women. "We work closely with the Marines and we are really a military family," said Hospitalman Courtney Osborne, of U.S. Naval Hospital Guam. "I feel honored and I'm glad we can come out here tonight to celebrate and pay homage to those who are protecting us. We're all here for the same purpose."

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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.

USO Thanksgiving

The Guam USO invites all military personnel and their families who may be far away from home for the holidays to enjoy its popular candlelight holiday feast Nov. 24 from noon-5 p.m. on the ground floor of the Royal Orchid Hotel in Tumon. The event features turkey and ham with all the fixings, festive drinks and desserts.

The celebration also features performances from local entertainers, raffles, and much more. Guests can enjoy the regular free services of the Guam USO including internet, long distance calls to the states, Skype phones and Skype video calls, small theater, Wii, PS3

and X-box 360 gaming on flat screens, billiards and much more.

Contact the Guam USO at 647-4876 before Nov. 22 to reserve your place for "Thanksgiving at the USO!"

Please arrive at the USO by noon on Thanksgiving Day. Food will be served on a first come, first served basis.

Christmas Mailing Dates

The United States Postal Service wants to be sure your loved ones receive mail from you on time. Please see the following postal dates to mail out packages for the holiday season: From Guam to the U.S. Mainland—First class/priority mail, Dec. 16, express mail, Dec. 20, parcel post, Nov. 12; Hawaii—First class/priority mail, Dec. 19, express mail, Dec. 21, parcel post, Nov. 12; Saipan—First class/priority mail, Dec. 17, express mail, Dec. 21, parcel post, Nov. 26; Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of the Marshall Islands, and Palau—First class/priority mail, Dec. 12, express mail, Dec. 19, parcel post, Nov. 26; APOs and FPOs—First

class/priority mail, Dec. 10, express mail, Dec. 15, parcel post, Nov. 17; International—First class/priority mail, Dec. 10, and express mail, Dec. 15. Visit www.usps.com for more information.

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

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

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.

Holiday safety is a shared responsibility

By James Lentz
Joint Region Marianas Safety Manager

It is once again that time of year that brings us together with friends, family, co-workers, and others in the spirit of thanksgiving and fellowship. It is that time where we plan, we socialize, and we gather to share in the peace that the season brings us. While we gather, it is also the time of year where we may place ourselves at risk through our behavior to opportunities that have

less than beneficial consequences to ourselves, those we care for, and others around us.

We could sit and list the various programs and resources at our disposal that make us feel secure in our planning and thought processes; yet, it all comes down to one simple activity — responsibility through personal risk management.

One of the challenges that face us within our activities is what we deem to be “acceptable risk.” Is it acceptable that the large number of deaths and injuries caused by auto-

mobile and recreational mishaps are preventable through our actions? Once we have answered the initial question we can then move to the second part, “What can we do to prevent it?” This becomes even more crucial during this time of year as people become exposed to the possibility of off-duty mishaps, ranging from recreational, motorcycle, off-road accidents, and automobile accidents that are in the most part preventable.

We are bombarded daily with messages that place us in a “box” as

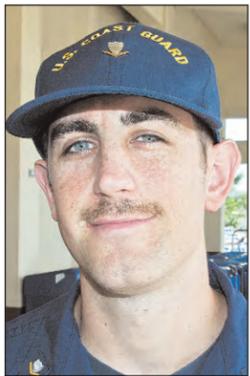
to where our motivation and actions lie both personally and professionally. From a personal level, is it acceptable that we may place others or ourselves in danger because of our actions or inactions?

What can we do to prevent it? The question leads us to delve deeper and examine tips to keep safe this holiday season, how to assist others in meeting their goals to stay safe and how we can positively influence others within our community to ensure they arrive home unharmed.

Not only are we members of the armed forces, we our members of a shared community. This includes the responsibility not only to be constantly vigilant and prepared, but also a mission to be there for each other by helping ourselves, our friends, and other members of our community to prevent tragedies that can occur when people don’t manage risk.

Be safe, manage your risk, and enjoy your holidays without placing yourself or those around you in danger.

What is your favorite Thanksgiving food?



“I like making sandwich from the leftover turkey.”

*Machinery Technician 3rd Class Robin Branch
U.S. Coast Guard Sector Guam*



“I love some leftover turkey sandwiches.”

*Boatswain's Mate 1st Class (SW) Tom Manke
Maritime Expeditionary Security Squadron 7*



“My favorite part of the Thanksgiving meal is definitely a well-cooked turkey.”

*Machinist's Mate 1st Class (SS/DV) Nick Northup
USS Houston (SSN 713)*



“I would have to say the dressing is my favorite Thanksgiving food”

*Tech. Sgt. Anna Jordan
36th Communications Squadron*



“Turkey, pizza and Chamorro food.”

*Senior Airman Brandon Manglona
44th Aerial Port Squadron*



“Turkey”

*Staff Sgt. Romn Itugot
36th Maintenance Squadron*

NMCB 133 Seabees dedicate Pohnpei classrooms

By Lt. Wesley Howard
Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 133

Seabees from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 133's Detail Pohnpei recently dedicated a three-classroom building at Palikir Public Elementary School as part of a Construction Civic Action Detail (CCAD) in Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia (FSM).

U.S. Ambassador to FSM Peter Prahar was the guest speaker at the dedication. Prahar said he hoped the

school would serve as an anchor for the community and stressed that the community, parents, teachers and most especially the principal of the high school would need to demonstrate how much they value education by making sure each is meaningfully involved with the school.

The Palikir Elementary School, which serves more than 600 students from early childhood education to eighth grade, provides primary education for the residents of central Sokehs, the capital of FSM. Four Seabees and four appren-

tices from the Pohnpei State Department of Education's Work Development and Skills Transfer Program constructed the 30-foot-by-100-foot building. The three-classroom structure with removable interior partition walls and additional computer lab capability will greatly improve the learning environment for the students. It can also serve as a community hall for public functions or to facilitate school graduation ceremonies.

CCAD FSM is a U.S. endeavor to provide humanitarian and civic

assistance construction projects to the government and communities of FSM, while informally training local construction trainees in general engineering methodologies. The goal of this mission was to develop lasting relationships between the U.S. and Micronesia and to assist the Micronesian government in the development and implementation of a certified construction skills apprenticeship program.

To facilitate this mission, NMCB 133 Seabees teamed up with 16 local apprentices selected by pro-

gram. The fundamental construction and safety knowledge gained by the apprentices during this mission will provide a basis for acceptance into Center for Micronesian Empowerment construction projects in Guam, ultimately creating a potentially healthy work environment and rewarding career for members of the Micronesian society.

NMCB 133 is currently deployed to the Pacific Command area of operations in support of ongoing humanitarian and civic missions

6 HAZMAT training prepares NBG first responders

By Mass Communication Specialist Seaman Apprentice Chris Salisbury
U.S. Naval Base Guam Public Affairs

U.S. Naval Base Guam (NBG) conducted a Weapons of Mass Destruction training exercise in a vacant housing area on base known as South Tupalao Nov. 8.

The exercise involved NBG security, Fire and Emergency Services, Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit 5 Detachment Marianas and members of the Army's 196th Infantry Brigade out of Fort Shafter, Hawaii. The drills began with a safety briefing and a mock emergency call to base security. First responders arrived at the scene to investigate the disturbance.

"We received [a mock] call of two male individuals in abandoned housing, both armed with handguns," said Master-at-Arms Seaman Noel Ortiz, of NBG security.

After breaching and clearing the house, the security forces reported their findings to headquarters. Several unknown mock substances were found in multiple houses and needed to be tested as a safety precaution.

"This drill was to actually have our first responders, either federal side or outside the local territory of Guam, work together in respond-



Field Training: Master-at-Arms Seaman Noel Ortiz lies on a gurney while Firefighter Paramedic Edward Lyell, right, and Firefighter Emergency Medical Technician Luis Santos, of U.S. Naval Base Guam (NBG) Fire and Emergency Services prepare to take him to the hospital. Ortiz was "wounded" during a Weapons of Mass Destruction exercise at South Tupalao housing on NBG, Nov. 8. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist Seaman Apprentice Chris Salisbury/Released)

ing to a weapons of mass destruction-type scenario," said Alan Perez, 196th Infantry Brigade Training and Readiness Division exercise coordinator. "It's always good to have military and territory of Guam responders work together".

Several decontamination drills were conducted to ensure the safety of all participants.

The valuable lessons learned throughout the exercise will help prepare emergency responders for possible future hazardous material situations.

"I learned that communication is paramount in situations like this," Ortiz said. "You need to communicate with your team members to make sure all areas are covered."

USS Frank Cable Sailors prep Tomahawk



Teamwork: Gunner's Mate 2nd Class Lance McConnell and Machinist's Mate 2nd Class (SS) Jason Hefner, both assigned to the submarine tender USS Frank Cable (AS 40), hold a tag line while off-loading a lifting adapter from the Missile Tube Extension Loader (MTEL) during a Naval Air Systems Command Tomahawk Site Certification in Piti, Nov. 8. Frank Cable conducts maintenance and support of submarines and surface vessels deployed in the U.S. 7th Fleet area of responsibility. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Melvin Nobeza/Released)



Careful Precision: Sailors from the submarine tender USS Frank Cable (AS 40) prepare to load a training Tomahawk Vertical Launch System (VLS) container during a Naval Air Systems Command Tomahawk Site Certification in Piti, Nov. 8. Frank Cable conducts maintenance and support of submarines and surface vessels deployed in the U.S. 7th Fleet area of responsibility. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Ricardo Danan/Released)



Beautifying Island: Airmen from the Guam Air National Guard comb through the Veteran's Cemetery Nov. 10, collecting trash and debris as part of the Guam Guard's effort in preparing for Veteran's Day. (Guam National Guard photo by Maj. Michele Limtiaco/Released)

Guam National Guard helps clean island

By Capt. Ken Ola
Guam National Guard Public Affairs

More than 200 Soldiers and Airmen of the Guam National Guard filled up dozens of bags with trash and debris during a roadside cleanup of Army Drive Route 16 as well as two other locations Nov. 10.

The Guam Guard members collected the trash and debris along both sides of Army Drive from the tri-intersection in Barrigada to the intersection of Route 1 and Army Drive, across from the Micronesia Mall. Other teams of Guard members al-

so cleaned up at the Veterans Cemetery in Piti and the softball fields at Tiyan.

The cleanup is a quarterly event for the Guam National Guard and conducted as part of its community service and the Government of Guam's Island Beautification Task Force program. The cleanup was also intended to show the Guam Guard's support for fellow veterans as the island observed Veterans Day.

The Guard Soldiers and Airmen also took some time to mow the grass and clean up inside and outside the two softball fields on Tiyan.

New washer and dryer can save money, and energy

By Derek Briggs

U.S. Naval Base Guam energy manager

This week, I wanted to talk about laundry systems and the energy used in this necessary chore. When looking at washing and drying that we do on any laundry day, we've always thought that the biggest energy use was heating the water used on most cycles. Well, it turns out that 81 percent of the energy used in doing our laundry is on drying side of laundering.

Heating water comes in second at 13 percent.



Some washing machines help with drying by using a high-speed spin cycle to remove more water than other machines. Many of these are front loading washing machines. Check to see if your washer is energy-star rated which means it is an energy-efficient machine. Although dryers are not energy efficient, newer models have a moisture sensor that will turn off the dryer when clothes are dry. To see how your washer and dryer stack up, visit www.energystar.gov, which lists all energy-efficient models.

Saving laundering energy isn't always high-tech. Sometimes it is as simple as using a clothesline to dry our clothes. Not only will it save energy as the sun is free, but clothes will smell outdoor fresh.

US, ROK EOD techs engage for success

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

Joint Region Edge Staff

Sailors from Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit (EODMU) 5 completed a 10-day engagement with their Republic of Korea (ROK) counterparts Nov. 18.

"The purpose of the ROK mil-to-mil engagement is to improve bilateral interoperability and to increase tactical level training between the U.S. and Korean forces," said Ensign Steven Lombardo, officer in charge, EODMU 5, Platoon 502.

During the first day of the engagement, Sailors from EOD Training Unit 1, from San Diego, came out to demonstrate the SeaBotix. This technology provides the potential to identify sea mines through its integrated sonar and video capabilities. EODMU 5 and ROK Navy personnel were allowed hands-on time to test the machine.

"SeaBotix is a commercially available modular robot system," said Lt. j.g. Jonathan Bach, of EODMU 5. "The Navy has been experimenting with using it for mine location and identification. It's actually pretty cool. It does a lot more than I



thought." The EOD technicians from the two navies also participated in a day of rappelling training where they were able to practice rapid descents from atop EODMU 5's 90-foot rappelling tower. Utilizing a close-quarters combat training facility, nicknamed "The Kill

House," the Sailors demonstrated house-clearance tactics to each other, highlighting differences.

"The Sailors, both U.S. and ROK, benefit from these engagements because they foster strong relationships between individuals, as well as with countries that we will continue to work with in the fu-

ture," Lombardo said. "It also helps to strengthen regional maritime security."

EODMU 5 is a forward deployed mobile command providing EOD detachments and a fly-away recompression chamber detachment to 7th Fleet. The primary mission is to enable access for carrier and expeditionary strike groups, mine countermeasures operations and special operations forces. Secondary missions include support to the U.S. Secret Service and the command's naval operations sponsor in the testing and development of acquisition programs and their associated tactics, techniques and procedures.

Navy EOD technicians are an elite team of warriors who eliminate hazards from conventional ordnances, weapons of mass destruction, sea mines, improvised explosive devices and accomplish expeditionary diving and salvage objectives. These Sailors foster trust and cooperation with like minded nations, ensure offensive maneuver for conventional and special forces, and mitigate harm to U.S. and coalition forces, as well as civilians.

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Multi-service office to advance air-sea battle concept

From the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense Public Affairs

The Department of Defense announced the creation of a new office to integrate air and naval combat capabilities in support of emerging national security requirements, Nov. 9.

In the 2010 Quadrennial Defense Review, former Secretary of Defense Robert Gates directed the Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps to develop a comprehensive con-



cept to counter emerging anti-access/area denial challenges. The services collaborated to develop the

as they work together to maintain a continued U.S. advantage against

Air-Sea Battle (ASB) concept. On Aug. 12, Navy Adm. Jonathan Greenert, Marine Corps Gen. Joseph Dunford and Air Force Gen. Philip Breedlove established the Air-Sea Battle Office, creating a framework to implement the ASB concept.

The ASB concept will guide the services as they work together to maintain a continued U.S. advantage against

the global proliferation of advanced military technologies and anti-access/area denial (A2/AD) capabilities. Air-Sea Battle will leverage military and technological capabilities that reflect unprecedented Navy, Marine and Air Force collaboration, cooperation, integration and resource investments.

The Air-Sea Battle Office (ASBO) will oversee the concept implementation by facilitating coordination among the services, influencing service war games, fostering development and integration of air and naval capabilities, and collaborating with the joint forces. The Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps will each dedicate a minimum of two field grade officers or civil service equivalents to the ASBO.

Implementation of the ASB concept by the Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps will foster positive change in the institutional relationships among the services, the integration of acquisition strategies, and the conceptual approach to warfare. The ASB concept is a natural and deliberate evolution of U.S. warfighting to counter emerging A2/AD threats that include conventional ballistic missiles, long-range precision cruise missiles, advanced integrated air and missile defense systems, electronic and cyber warfare capabilities, submarines, surface combatants and modern combat aircraft. Air-Sea Battle will enable the projection of force in defense of U.S. interests and those of U.S. allies and by sustaining stability and freedom of access throughout the global commons.

Air Force modernization takes B-2 to North Pole

By Kate Blais
95th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

Taking off from the flight line at Edwards Air Force Base (AFB), Calif., Oct. 27, a B-2 Spirit traveled to the top of the world and back again on a mission to test the aircraft's hardware and software upgrades, endurance and performance at extremely high latitudes.

The more than 18-hour mission to the North Pole and back to Edwards AFB consisted of developmental and operational test points to prove that the B-2's software upgrade works well and is able to operate anywhere in the world.

Although the B-2 has been to the North Pole in simulated tests, this is the first time the aircraft has physically traveled there, making this a milestone in B-2 testing.

"A goal of the test force is to prevent a situation where an aircraft experiences an anomaly with a new system for the first time in an operational mission," said Lt. Col. Hans Miller, 419th Flight Test Squadron (FLTS) commander. "This flight to the North Pole could reveal data and lessons that were not seen in a lab or simulated environment."

"This is the first time the B-2 has operated at this extreme of a latitude before and (I believe) the longest flight so far for this hardware and this software," said Maj. Michael Deaver, 31st Test and Evaluation Squadron's B-2 Extremely High Frequency (EHF) Test director. "Being a global bomber, it may be required to operate at extreme latitudes, if not where the target is, but possibly for



Momentous Flight: The B-2 Stealth Bomber on a test mission from Edwards Air Force Base, Calif. The polar flight helped ensure that the B-2 maintains its global combat power capability in all environments with new computers for future growth and sustained contributions to the greater Air Force mission (U.S. Air Force photo by Bobbi Zapka/Released)

the flight path it'll take to get there."

The mission worked to verify that the software upgrades — which include new communication and new navigation equipment — still allows the B-2 to operate effectively anywhere in the world.

"The main objective of this mission is to look at how the software and hardware works over a long duration (of time)," said 1st Lt. Derek Moore, a 419th Flight Test Squadron test conductor. "We try to push the limits of the aircraft and come back and make sure that operationally it can still meet objectives."

The operational portion of this mission consisted of releasing four unguided BDU-38 bombs over the Precision Impact Range Area

at Edwards AFB after more than 18 hours of flight. According to Deaver, one of the biggest objectives was to make sure that the aircraft knew where it was and that it could get to a weapons release point.

To get to that point, extensive coordination throughout the 419th FLTS, Bomber Combined Task Force and other Edwards AFB assets, as well as outside support including the Department of State, was necessary for a successful mission.

"Support from the Air Force Flight Test Center allowed us to use the Speckled Trout (412th Flight Test Squadron) as a resource, which served as an airborne control room and communication hub," said Jeremiah Farinella, a 419th FLTS test con-

ductor and operations engineer. "That allowed us to troubleshoot some issues that we saw when we were airborne and provided us communication back to Edwards, which was essential to our success and allowed the pilots to stay focused on the mission."

Fairchild Air Force Base, Wash., provided a KC-135 tanker aircraft for aerial refueling support. The tanker refueled the B-2 over Alberta, Canada, to ensure that the B-2 could complete the endurance portion of the mission to the North Pole and then back to Edwards, said Farinella.

The B-2 was further supported with fuel from a second KC-135 from Edwards AFB in the R-2508 Isabella Aerial Refueling Track, which helped ensure that the B-2 could complete the operational

portion of the polar mission.

"We had an incredible team that went with us, lessened our workload greatly, and contributed to the fact that we were able to get up there and back safely," said Maj. Andrew Murphy, a 419th FLTS B-2 experimental test pilot. "(The team) really lowered the risk of the mission for us."

Flight testing helps find problems early on so that they can be fixed before aircraft end up in the field, Murphy continued.

"The warfighter needs to know where they can and can't go," Murphy said. "Essentially, we've proven the fact that they can get up into those (high) latitudes safely and effectively. That previously was a question mark."

"The trained team of aircrew, engineers, technicians, (and) program managers from government and the contractor will take data from the flight to sustain the capability of the B-2 in all regions of the globe," Miller said.

"Given that we are developmental test, we have an early stake at finding deficiencies," said Cheryl Caluya, a 775th Test Squadron EHF project engineer. "We're making sure that the B-2 is still capable of what it could do yesterday."

At Edwards AFB, ensuring that the B-2 maintains its legacy capabilities contributes to the greater Air Force mission.

"It's a very good cross-check to ensure that we maintain global vigilance and can strike any target in the world at any time, providing overall global combat power," Farinella said.



Warm Welcome: Capt. Pete Hildreth, commanding officer of the submarine tender USS Frank Cable (AS 40), greets Lt. Kunwook Kang, operations officer of the Republic of Korea (ROK) Park Wi (SS 065) on the quarterdeck during a ship tour. Frank Cable conducts maintenance and support of submarines and surface vessels deployed in the U.S. 7th Fleet area of responsibility. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Jeremy Starr/Released)

ROK navy visits USS Frank Cable



Hospitable Tour Guide: Navy Diver 2nd Class John Miranda, assigned to the submarine tender USS Frank Cable (AS 40), shows sailors from Republic of Korea (ROK) Park Wi (SS 065) the Recompression Chamber the divers use on board the ship. Frank Cable conducts maintenance and support of submarines and surface vessels deployed in the U.S. 7th Fleet area of responsibility. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Jeremy Starr/Released)

Navy League tours USS Frank Cable



Above: Cmdr. Timothy Sparks, executive officer of the submarine tender USS Frank Cable (AS 40), leads a tour of the ship for the Navy League of the United States Guam Council. Frank Cable conducts maintenance and support of submarines and surface vessels deployed in the 7th Fleet area of responsibility. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Corey Hensley/Released)

Below: Cmdr. Timothy Sparks, right, executive officer of the submarine tender USS Frank Cable (AS 40), greets John Dennett, vice president of the Navy League of the United States Guam Council, during a tour of the ship. Frank Cable conducts maintenance and support of submarines and surface vessels deployed in the 7th Fleet area of responsibility. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Corey Hensley/Released)



USS Frank Cable Sailors work with Capsule Launch System



Careful Attention: Sailors and Civilian Mariners, assigned to the submarine tender USS Frank Cable (AS 40), work together to guide the lifting adapter to connect with the Capsule Launch System (CLS) Training Shape Fixture Nov. 10. Frank Cable conducts maintenance and support of submarines and surface vessels deployed in the U.S. 7th Fleet area of responsibility. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Delesia Buchanan/Released)

Veterans: Strong show of island's patriotism

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Arms 1st Class (AW) Alfred McGuire, of U.S. Naval Base Guam (NBG) Security, who received the Sailor of the Year award. "So many veterans have paid the ultimate price and gone before us and allowed us to have the freedoms and the equalities that we have in the great country that we have as Americans. It's an extreme honor to carry on their legacy."

In honor of veterans worldwide, a wreath was placed at the Veterans Memorial monument at Adelup as a traditional 21-gun salute was rendered followed by the somber melody of Taps.

36th Wing Vice Commander Col. Donald Drechsler shared his thoughts on the joint military and local event.

"It's like a brotherhood, if you will, seeing all the military services and those who have served before,"

he said. "Our veterans enabled us to have a free country and enjoy the life and freedoms we have today."

NBG Commanding Officer Capt. Richard Wood was in attendance and reflected on the island community's support of veterans and the bond shared between the local and military residents of Guam.

"I've always been impressed with the patriotism and the willingness of the people of Guam to serve in the armed forces," he said. "It's just natural that the military would work together with the local government to honor those who are serving as well as those who served in the military and are now serving their communities as veterans through the various veterans organizations. We're all American citizens, we're all residents of Guam and we all have an interest in making sure that we work together to make this a better place for everybody."



Freedom Birds: Island female dignitaries release the Freedom Birds during a Veterans Day ceremony at the Ricardo J. Bordallo Governor's Complex in Adelup, Nov. 11. (U.S. Navy photo by JoAnna Delfin/Released)



Wreath Laying: Island female dignitaries look on as Father Duenas Memorial School Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps cadets lay a wreath at the Veterans Memorial during a Veterans Day ceremony at the Ricardo J. Bordallo Governor's Complex in Adelup, Nov. 11. (U.S. Navy photo by JoAnna Delfin/Released)

21-Gun Salute: Members of the 36th Wing Honor Guard render a 21-gun salute during a Veterans Day ceremony at the Ricardo J. Bordallo Governor's Complex in Adelup, Nov. 11. (U.S. Navy photo by JoAnna Delfin/Released)



PRTC: Airmen to share lessons with colleagues

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sive device training, advanced tactics, convoy operations, and navigational skills.

During the 17-day training course, defenders are put through a robust schedule of training. Some days the training is very intense and can last more than 16 hours. The class also trains straight through with no days off.

"This training was great," said Capt. Joseph Eanett, operations officer from 35th Security Forces Squadron, Misawa Air Base, Japan. "I've been through two different PRTC courses and what the 736th SFS is doing here on Andersen is as real as it gets. This training taught me how to lead in chaos and how to regain control in a zero-control, intense environment and then attack. I am highly impressed with the training that the 736th SFS is providing."

Row added he will share what he has learned during the training with his squadron.

As more front line defenders from PACAF are tasked to deploy, the Andersen PRTC and the Airmen from the 736th SFS Commando Warrior Flight will continue to train more defenders to ensure each is ready for battle.



'Ready, Aim': Staff Sgt. Sabrina Smith, 36th Security Forces Squadron team leader, fires a mounted M240 heavy machine gun during training at the Pacific Air Forces Regional Training Center training course on Andersen Air Force Base, Nov. 5. The course included counter improvised explosive device training, advanced tactics, convoy operations and navigational training. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Benjamin Wiseman/Released)



Hold Steady: A line of frontline defenders prepare to fire simulated rounds at targets during training at the Pacific Air Forces Regional Training Center on Andersen Air Force Base, Nov. 7. The 736th Security Forces Squadron Commando Warrior flight is responsible for preparing frontline defenders from around the Pacific Air Force for deployment. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Benjamin Wiseman/Released)

Training: A line of frontline defenders prepare to fire simulated rounds at targets during the advanced weapons tactics portion of a Pacific Air Force Regional Training Center training course on Andersen Air Force Base, Nov. 7. The defenders trained for several hours a day to ensure they were prepared to deploy. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Benjamin Wiseman/Released)

USS Frank Cable Sailors beautify Merizo Village



Left: Sailors assigned to the submarine tender USS Frank Cable (AS 40) remove bushes during a community service project in Merizo Nov. 10. Frank Cable conducts maintenance and support of submarines and surface vessels deployed in the U.S. 7th Fleet area of responsibility. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Melvin Nobeza/Released)



Clean Up: Chief Electrician's Mate Frederick Asuncion, assigned to the submarine tender USS Frank Cable (AS 40), picks up bushes during a community service project in Merizo Nov. 10. Frank Cable conducts maintenance and support of submarines and surface vessels deployed in the U.S. 7th Fleet area of responsibility. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Melvin Nobeza/Released)



Above: Chief Machinery Repairman Tony Castro and Chief Electrician's Mate Frederick Asuncion, both assigned to the submarine tender USS Frank Cable (AS 40), cut bushes during a community service project in Merizo Nov. 10. Frank Cable conducts maintenance and support of submarines and surface vessels deployed in the U.S. 7th Fleet area of responsibility. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Melvin Nobeza/Released)

Left: Electrician's Mate 1st Class John Gering, assigned to the submarine tender USS Frank Cable (AS 40), removes bushes during a community service project in Merizo Nov. 10. Frank Cable conducts maintenance and support of submarines and surface vessels deployed in the U.S. 7th Fleet area of responsibility. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Melvin Nobeza/Released)

Coast Guard participates in school festival

From U.S. Coast Guard Sector Guam

Members of the U.S. Coast Guard Sector Guam and Coast Guard spouses participated in the annual Octoberfest at Merizo Martyrs Memorial Elementary School Oct. 31.

More than 20 Coast Guard volunteers took part in the action, manning booths for face painting, coconut bowling and other carnival-type activities.

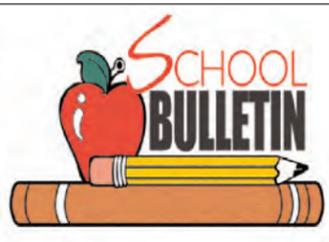
The event was well attended by students and parents alike. Despite a couple of rain showers during the day, there was no evidence of dampened enthusiasm among the students, who cheered when it was announced that school would be in session the following day.

The Coast Guard has a special relationship with the village of Merizo, which dates back to World War II, when local residents sheltered Coast Guardsmen from Japanese forces taking possession of the island.

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XXXX: Damage Controlman 2nd Class Shelly DeLeon, of U.S. Coast Guard Sector Guam, encourages a student as he attempts to pin the tail on the donkey during an Octoberfest activity held at Merizo Elementary School in Merizo, Oct. 31. (U.S. Coast Guard photo by Cmdr. Felton Gilmore/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

DoDEA names acting area director for Pacific schools

From Department of Defense Education Activity

Acting Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) Director Marilee Fitzgerald selected educator Dr. Steven Bloom for a temporary assignment as the acting director of DoDEA Pacific schools.

During the 120-day career broadening assignment, Bloom will be responsible for management of DoDEA schools located in Guam, Japan, Okinawa, and South Korea.

Bloom is the current superintendent for the DoDEA Guam District. He will assume leadership responsibilities for DoDEA Pacific on Nov. 20 and will join the Area

Office — located in Okinawa, Japan — on Nov. 28. Current DoDEA Pacific Director Diana Ohman has accepted a position with the Department of Veterans Affairs and also begins her new role on Nov. 20. A formal job announcement for the permanent area director for DoDEA Pacific was posted to the USAJobs web site on Nov. 2 with a closing date of Dec. 7.

“Dr. Bloom has a proven record of success,” Fitzgerald said in announcing the selection. “He is a strong educational leader and has modeled effective command and community relations. Having previously served as the deputy director of DoDEA Pacific schools, Dr.

Bloom’s selection minimizes the disruption associated with any senior leadership change. Dr. Bloom has a deep understanding of the operations, strategic initiatives, challenges and opportunities in the Pacific theater. We look forward to Dr. Bloom’s leadership during this time of transition.”

As superintendent of the Guam District, Bloom is responsible for over 2,700 students, 450 employees, and an annual budget of approximately \$36 million. He entered the DoDEA system in 1982 as a special education teacher before becoming the principal at Torrejón, Spain. From there, Bloom applied his extensive background in education and curriculum to the

various administrative and supervisory positions he has held within the DoDEA Europe and Pacific areas.

Bloom’s first assignment to DoDEA Pacific began in 1993 as a supervisory education specialist in the education division of the Area Office. In June 1996, he became Superintendent of the Okinawa District and in 2000, he rejoined the Area Office as deputy director of DoDEA Pacific before being selected for his current superintendent position in Aug. 2010.

DoDEA Guam District Assistant Superintendent Jeff Arrington will serve as the acting superintendent for the Guam District during Bloom’s 120-day assignment.



Starlab Fieldtrip: Dr. Gina Gonzales, left, and her eighth-grade science class visit the new Digital Starlab at Cmdr. William C. McCool Elementary/Middle School on U.S. Naval Base Guam, Nov. 10. (U.S. Navy photo by Mayuko Spence)

Star lab gives students new look into space

By Nick Moore
 Cmdr. William C. McCool
 Elementary/Middle School, eighth grade

The eighth-grade students in Dr. Gina Gonzales' science class at Cmdr. William C. McCool Elementary/Middle School tested the new star lab, Nov. 9. The students can see

the galaxy and can learn more about outer space.

"It was the most detailed experience of the solar system that I have had," said Sebastian Tarazona, an eighth-grader.

The lab blows up like a big bouncy house and the planets and stars are projected on the rounded ceiling.

"It was the best virtual experience I have ever seen," said Michael Thornton, eighth grade.

It is pitch black inside until the light show goes on.

"It's a good way to demonstrate an understanding of the solar system," said Dr. Gonzales, eighth-grade science teacher at McCool.



Airplane Display: An eighth-grader shows his airplane model and board about the Flying Kings during National History Day at Cmdr. William C. McCool Elementary/Middle School on U.S. Naval Base Guam, Nov. 9. (U.S. Navy photo by Skyler Bagwell/Released)

McCool celebrates National History Day

By Skyler Bagwell
 Cmdr. William C. McCool
 Elementary/Middle School, eighth grade

It's National History Day in Dr. Cecilio Gonzales' eighth-grade research project class. Students had three months to create a board on a history topic of their choosing.

The students will bring the boards to the Guam competition and compete in five different divisions. They are website, documentary, dramat-

ics, essay or exhibit.

"It means that students can celebrate history," Gonzales said.

Winners in the divisions will go to College Park in Maryland to compete for a four-year scholarship.

"There are two big educational competitions. They are The National Science Fair and National History Day," Gonzales said.

Eventually all eighth-graders will have to do a project. Gonzales said that with this contest we can understand the importance of learning our history.



National History Day Display: An eighth-grader displays his National History Day board about the capture of Guam during the Spanish-American War at Cmdr. William McCool Elementary/Middle School on U.S. Naval Base Guam, Nov. 9. (U.S. Navy photo by Skyler Bagwell/Released)

Annual Christmas Festival rings in the holiday season

By JoAnna Delfin
Joint Region Edge Staff

Sparkling lights, tall trees and melodic music signify the start of the holiday season on Guam. Every year the Guam Chamber of Commerce (GCC) brings cheerful spirit to island residents with their Christmas Festival at Skinner Plaza in Hagatna.

Santa's Body Guard: Staff Sgt. Sharnta Bullard, of 36th Medical Operations Squadron, watches over a decorated house and yard for Santa Claus at Guam Chamber of Commerce's 18th Annual Christmas Festival at Skinner Plaza in Hagatna Nov. 2010. Bullard and dozens of other service members helped set up the grounds, passed out free popcorn, watched over children and supported other activities for several hours. (Joint Region Edge file photo)

This year's 19th annual event, themed The Gift of Christmas, will take place Nov. 26 at 4 p.m. with the tree lighting ceremony at 6 p.m.

For 38 nights, Skinner Plaza will be donned with Christmas decorations and lights, and will host several events on different days. According to a GCC news release, the festive event will commemorate 33 years of the organization hosting a holiday celebration in appreciation

for the general public's patronage of its members and activities throughout the year.

Kristine Lujan, festival co-chairperson, said the planning committee has been working diligently to create the best possible event for island residents.

"Our planning committee is in the midst of preparing a spectacular event for the entire island, residents and visitors alike," she said. "We

are encouraging everyone to carve out a few hours to enjoy some wholesome family fun and to celebrate the unity of our community."

Carrying on traditional festival celebrations in the past few years, everyone will be able to enjoy Santa's Workshop where Mr. and Mrs. Claus will be handing out gifts to all their visitors; a Dear Santa station where kids will have a chance to write to Santa himself; sweet treats,

children's games, rides and activities, and the Magic of Snow event where island residents will be able to experience a white Christmas. The First Lady's office in collaboration with the Regalu Foundation will also set up a life-size Nativity display.

For more information, contact the Guam Chamber of Commerce at 472-6311 or visit www.guamchamber.com



FREE

Movies Under the Stars

Come out and enjoy the movie "Polar Express" with the whole family at Molly McGee's Field on U.S. Naval Base Guam Dec. 16, 7 p.m. The event is free. For more information, call 688-7038.

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, Nov. 29. Doors open at 5:45 p.m. and the show starts at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call 366-2339

Armed Forces Appreciation Fridays

Active duty military members can stop by Gecko Lanes, Fridays from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and bowl free as an appreciation for your service. Please show your ID at the front desk. 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 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.

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.

Tuesday Texas Hold'em nights

Texas Hold'em tournaments are held at 6 p.m. in the Top of the Rock ballroom. Play is free for club members and \$5 for non-members. Open to ages 18 and older. For more information, call 366-6166

On a Budget

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.

\$10 AND UP

Holiday Wine Tour
The Holiday Wine Tour is scheduled for Dec. 1, 6-9 p.m. at Top o' the Mar. No reservations needed. \$15 per person. For more information, call 472-4606/7.

On a Budget

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.

Holiday meals to go
Let the wonderful chefs at Top O' the Mar prepare a traditional feast for you. Enjoy a turkey for only \$55, turkey meal for \$105, ham for \$65, or a ham meal for \$115. Dinners include fresh mashed potatoes, corn on the cob, traditional stuffing and gravy, cranberry sauce,

candied yams, dinner rolls, a choice of pecan, pumpkin or apple pie. Orders must be placed by Nov. 21. For more information, call 472-4606.

Thanksgiving luncheon
Sit down to a great Thanksgiving lunch at Top O' the Mar. Nov. 24 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Adults are \$23 and children, ages 5 -11, are only \$11.50. For more information, call 472-4606.

Christmas Day Traditional Feast
Enjoy Christmas with family and friends at Top O' the Mar. Dec. 25 from 11 a.m.-2p.m. The lunch is open to the public. Adults are \$23 and \$11.50 for kids. Call 472-4606/07 to reserve a table by Dec. 23.



FRIDAY, NOV. 18

7 p.m.: Reel Steel • PG-13

SATURDAY, NOV. 19

2 p.m.: Reel Steel • PG-13
7 p.m.: The Ides of March • R

SUNDAY, NOV. 20

7 p.m.: The Ides of March • R

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



FRIDAY, NOV. 18

7 p.m.: Dreamhouse • PG
9:30 p.m.: What's Your Number? • R

SATURDAY, NOV. 19

1 p.m.: Moneyball • PG-13
3:30 p.m.: Dolphin Tale • PG
7 p.m.: 50/50 • R

SUNDAY, NOV. 20

1 p.m.: Abduction • PG-13
3:30 p.m.: Dreamhouse • PG
7 p.m.: Don't Be Afraid of the Dark • R

The schedule is subject to change due to circumstances beyond the theater's control.
The Big Screen Theatre hotline is 564-1831 or visit mwr-guam.com.

(Source: Navy Morale, Welfare and Recreation Office)

Chapel Schedule

Naval Base Guam

Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Roman Catholic Mass

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:30 p.m.
 Sunday Mass: 9:30 a.m.
 Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 5 p.m. and Sunday, 9 a.m.

Protestant Worship Service

Sunday Service: Traditional Service: 8 a.m.
 Contemporary Service: 11 a.m.
 Women's Bible Study: Monday, 9 a.m.
 Men's Bible Study: Wednesday, 6 p.m.
 Prayer Time: Thursday, 11:30 a.m.
 Choir Practice: Traditional: Wednesday, 6 p.m.
 Choir Practice: Contemporary: Tuesday, 6 p.m.

Jewish Shabbat

Friday, 6:30 p.m.

Naval Hospital Guam

Roman Catholic Mass

Monday-Friday, 11:30 a.m.

Chapel of Hope: Sunday, 9 a.m.

Protestant Services

Chapel of Hope: Sunday, 6:30 p.m.
 Men's Bible Study: Every first and third Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Interfaith Chapel, second floor, room H205
 Women's Bible Study: Every second and fourth Saturday of the month at 8:30 a.m. at the Fellowship Hall, Building 61

Andersen Air Force Base

Roman Catholic Mass (Chapel 1)

Weekday Mass: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, 11:30 a.m.

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5 p.m.

Sunday Mass: 9:30 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 4:30-4:50 p.m.

Catholic Women of the Chapel: First and third Wednesday of the month, Chapel 1 Annex, 6:30 p.m.

Catholic Youth of the Chapel: Second and fourth Wednesday of the month, Chapel 1 Annex, 6:30 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal: Saturday 4-5 p.m. and Sunday, 8-9 a.m.

Protestant Worship Service

Praise Service: Sunday, Chapel 2, 9 a.m.

Gospel Service: Sunday, Chapel 2, 11:30 a.m.

Emerging Worship Service: Sunday, Lighthouse, 6 p.m.

Protestant Women of the Chapel: Second Monday of each month, Chapel 2 Annex, 6:30 p.m.

Protestant Men of the Chapel: Wednesday, Lighthouse, 7 p.m.

Protestant Youth of the Chapel: Thursday, Chapel 2 Annex, 7 p.m.

Protestant Young Adults: Thursday and Saturday, Lighthouse, 6 p.m.

Protestant Sunday School: (September-May) Sunday, Chapel Activity Center, 10:15 a.m.

Schedules subject to change. To confirm times or for information about other programs, call the chapels at:

Andersen Air Force Base: 366-6139
 U.S. Naval Base Guam: 339-2126
 U.S. Naval Hospital Guam: 344-9127

Talk for the Thanksgiving Table

By Capt. Timothy Overturf

Joint Region Marianas Chaplain

"Man overboard," screamed the Mayflower lookout. Young John Rowland, accustomed to the ship's gentle rolling from the ocean swells, had not been prepared for the vicious shift of the Mayflower deck beneath him. As he lost his footing and plunged into the salty, green water his arms flailed wildly for something to grab. Miraculously, a slender line passed through his hand and he seized it with all his strength.

William Bradford described Rowland's unexpected blessing this way, "but it pleased God that he caught hold of the topsail halyard which hung overboard and ran at length." John Rowland managed to hold on while shipmates hauled him in and took him aboard with a boathook. He was just one of the many thankful pilgrims when that small band celebrated their first Thanksgiving a few months later.



From that day forward, Rowland was a living reminder of the things that only God can do.

The pilgrims' testimony of God's involvement continued ashore. They had prayed earnestly that God would establish them on the land. The Lord answered their prayers through a Native American friend named Squanto.

"Squanto continued with them and was their interpreter and was a

special instrument sent of God for their good beyond their expectation," said pilgrim Governor William Bradford. "He directed them how to set their corn, where to take fish, how to procure other commodities, and was also their pilot to bring them to unknown places for their profit, and never left them till he died."

The Pilgrims quickly recognized that their introduction to Squanto was not accidental but, rather, another illustration of divine provision.

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Thanksgiving: Employ practices to take time to discover more than silver lining

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Consider salting your Thanksgiving-table talk with historical and personal accounts of God's superintendence of daily life. Moreover, employing this simple practice throughout the year may temper what seem to be "rough days." It's much more than just finding the silver lining in the cloud; it's discovering the one who moves the clouds. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

JRM awards employees for hard work, dedication

Peterson: Rear Adm. Paul J. Bushong, right, commander, Joint Region Marianas (JRM), presents a Special Act Award to Gary Peterson, during an awards ceremony at the JRM headquarters in Asan, Oct. 28. Peterson earned the award while serving as JRM's Executive Director. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class (SW) Peter Lewis/Released)



Balajadia: Rear Adm. Paul J. Bushong, right, commander, Joint Region Marianas (JRM), presents a Special Act Award to Frank Balajadia, during an awards ceremony at the JRM headquarters in Asan, Oct. 28. Balajadia earned the award while serving as JRM's Deputy Operations Manager. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class (SW) Peter Lewis/Released)



Jacobs: Rear Adm. Paul J. Bushong, right, commander, Joint Region Marianas (JRM), presents a Special Act Award to Gregory Jacobs, during an awards ceremony at the JRM headquarters in Asan, Oct. 28. Jacobs earned the award while serving as JRM's Security Specialist. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class (SW) Peter Lewis/Released)

Globetrotters coming to dazzle Guam

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

Joint Region Edge Staff

The original Harlem Globetrotters will be performing their athleticism, comedic performances and magnificent tricks for service members and their families on Guam, Dec. 8-9.

The two-day event kicks off at the Coral Reef Fitness Center on Andersen Air Force Base (AFB) 6:30 p.m., Dec. 8 and at the Charles King Fitness Center on U.S. Naval Base Guam 5:15 p.m., Dec. 9. Concessions will be available for patrons and will accept cash only.

Leslie Gould, Morale Welfare and Recreation special events coordinator, said the crowds should expect to see a great show.

"They are famous around the world," Gould said. "They put on a

good show. I saw them in Sigonella and television. Our Guam show will be the best."

According to the team's Web site, Abe Saperstein formed a small basketball team called the Savoy Big Five in order to promote a nightclub known as the Savoy Ballroom. The team later became The Harlem Globetrotters.

In 1941, just before the start of World War II, the Globetrotters signed Reece "Goose" Tatum, an all-time great who developed amazing comedy moves and changed the direction of the team. By the end of the war, the Globetrotters had played 30,000 games, losing only 2,190, and was featured on the cover of "Life" magazine.

The team toured the world, breaking cultural and social barriers along with basketball records. They were the first team to play basketball in Europe. In 1950, a Globetrotter named Nathaniel "Sweetwater"

Clifton became the first African-American player to be drafted by the National Basketball Association. In 1959 at the height of the Cold War, the Globetrotters went on a sold-out tour in Russia.

In the next 50 years, tens of thousands of people around the world turned out for each of the Globetrotters games, including presidents, kings and popes. Their lineup has included some of the greatest players ever, including Wilt Chamberlain and Magic Johnson. Both players were inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame. The Globetrotters has appeared in their own movies and TV shows and has been seen by hundreds of millions of people in 120 countries.

For more information on the Andersen show, call 366-6167. For more information for the NBG show, e-mail mwrguamevents@gmail.com.



Team Support: The Original Harlem Globetrotters look on as their teammates battle the Washington Generals at the Coral Reef Fitness Center on Andersen Air Force Base, December 2010. (Photo courtesy of Warfighter and Family Readiness)



Slam Dunk: Jermaine "Hi Rise" Brown leap frogs over the referee to slam dunk the ball at the Coral Reef Fitness Center on Andersen Air Force Base, December 2010. (Photo courtesy of Warfighter and Family Readiness)

Sports Shorts

The following is a list of sports and health-related activities held on U.S. Naval Base Guam. To submit your sports note, e-mail jointregionedge@fe.navy.mil.

Captain's Cup Ultimate Frisbee

Register for the Captain's Cup Ultimate Frisbee Tournament at the Charles King Fitness Center by Dec. 7. Tournament will be on Dec. 16-17. For more information, call 685-5243.

Harlem Globetrotters

Come and see the original Harlem Globetrotters at the Charles King Fitness Center, 6 p.m., Dec. 9. For more information, e-mail mwr-guamevents@gmail.com

Fall Youth Soccer League 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.

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

Turkey Shootout

Show your best free throw at the Turkey Shootout at the Coral Reef Fitness Center, Nov. 18-23. Showtime is 6 p.m. and go time is at 6:30 p.m. Register at the fitness center, or call 366-6100 for more information. Deadline to register is Nov. 14.

Harlem Globetrotters

Come and see the original Harlem Globetrotters at the Coral Reef Fitness Center, 6:30 p.m., Dec. 8. For more information, call 366-6167.

Zumbatomic Children's Dance Class

Have the kids join in the Zumba movement with Zumbatomic at the Coral Reef Fitness Center. Classes for the Lil' Stars, children ages 4-7, are held on Wednesdays from 3-4 p.m. for eight weeks with a fee of \$30. Big Stars classes, children ages 8-12, are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3-4 p.m. for eight weeks with a fee of \$50. All classes are conducted at the Hotspot. For more information, call 366-2339.

Zumba

Free Zumba classes are held at the Coral Reef Fitness Center, Monday-Wednesday at 7 p.m. and Saturdays at 8:30 a.m.. Zumba is a Latin fitness dance

class that also incorporates aerobic 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.