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**Fire in the Hole:** Smoke fills the quarry as three explosives are detonated simultaneously at the 544th RED HORSE (RHS) quarry on Andersen Air Force Base June 6. The 544th RHS explosive demolition team blasts once a month to stay qualified and at least once a quarter to obtain raw material from the quarry. U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Marianique Santos/Released

## REDHORSE blasts to build

By Airman 1st Class Marianique Santos  
36th Wing Public Affairs

“Five, four, three, two, one,” counted the Airman; a brief pause. Then boom! The deafening sounds reverberated in the quarry as members of the 554th RED HORSE Squadron (RHS) explosive demolition team watched the results of the explosives they had set earlier that day.

“We blast once a month to stay qualified and at least try to blast once a quarter at the RED HORSE quarry to get raw material off the mountain,” said Tech. Sgt. Joel Kennedy, 554th RHS explosive demolition team noncommissioned officer in charge. “We process the material from the mountain through our rock crusher to make construction material for the Pacific Air Forces

(PACAF) Regional Training Center.”

The rock they blast off the mountain is coral limestone, and when it is processed through their rock crusher, the material turns to base course.

“It’s a foundation for pretty much all construction we do,” Kennedy said. “All the roads, the concrete slabs; everything here on Northwest Field is sitting on material from the mountain.”

Material from the quarry saves the RED HORSE squadron around \$1.3-\$1.4 million a year.

“We accomplish this by getting construction material from the mountains ourselves instead of purchasing it somewhere else,” Kennedy said.

With the responsibility and risk of being on the team, Kennedy said the squadron chooses RED HORSE service members who are recommended by their

supervisors and ensure they are well trained before they officially become part of the team.

“This is the initial class, and we’ve brought in instructors from our pilot unit in Las Vegas to train them,” he said. “With the constant permanent change of station rotation affecting the demo team, we try to keep up our manning once a year with a two-week initial class.”

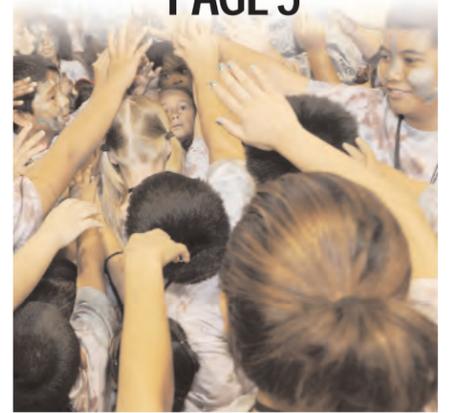
One of the Airmen from the new group, Airman 1st Class Kent Ippel, 554th RHS explosive demolition team member-in-training, said during the early stages of the two-week class, he enjoyed learning about set up.

“The thing I find most interesting about this [demolition]class so far is how to set up all the wiring, how to cap it,

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## Exercise tests Guam maritime response

**Briefing:** Sgt. 1st Class Matthew Ayuyu, right, conducts a briefing for first responders at the Incident Command Post at the Port Authority of Guam in Piti June 5. The briefing was part of Kontra I Piligru (kohn-TRAH ee PEH-lee-GROO), or ‘against danger’, a two-day multi-agency maritime exercise that tested the response of federal local maritime agencies. Guam National Guard photo by Capt. Ken Ola/Released



By Capt. Ken Ola  
Guam National Guard Public Affairs

The Port Authority of Guam (PAG) raised its security level June 6 following a potential domestic terrorist threat at the facility in Piti. Two people were detained in connection with incidents where unknown chemicals were found on two vessels at the port’s area of operations.

The scenario was part of a two-day

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# USCG Station Apra Harbor reveals newest response boat

**Ready to Assist:** U.S. Coast Guard Station Apra Harbor's newest asset, the Response Boat-Medium (RB-M) CG-45686, sails through Apra Harbor on U.S. Naval Base Guam April 5. The boat arrived on island April 1 and became operational May 21. "The CG-45686 increases the Coast Guard's near-shore search and rescue, and maritime law enforcement capabilities on Guam," said Senior Chief Boatswain's Mate Nicholas M. Pavlik, USCG Station Apra Harbor officer in charge. "Pavlik added the new boat allows for a wider search area. "[The boat allows] Coast Guard Station Apra Harbor to respond out to 50 nautical miles, which now includes Rota, in sea conditions up to 12 feet. According to Pavlik, the boat boasts more than 1600 horsepower and is the fastest and most maneuverable Coast Guard asset on island. It is equipped with the forward-looking infrared, direction finder and an outstanding communications package. U.S. Coast Guard photo by Chief Boatswain's Mate Bradley Dixon/Released



### NEWS NOTES

#### Job Announcements

Interested individuals can view available vacancies by visiting <https://www.cnic.navy.mil/Marianas/index.htm> or at <https://chart.dodhr.navy.mil>. For more information, call 349-6119/2224.

#### Andersen Air Force Base Totus Tuus

The Andersen Air Force Base Catholic community will host a free summer program called Totus Tuus for children grades first to 12th. The program be from June 17-22 at Chapel 2. The middle and high school program will be Sunday-Thursday from 7-9 p.m. and elementary program will be Monday-Friday from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Registration is ongoing. For more information, contact Michelle MacKeller at 366-3716 or michelle.mackeller.ctr@us.af.mil.

### SCHOOL BULLETIN

The school bulletin aims to promote educational activities in the Navy and Air Force communities. If you know of an education-related event that you would like to include, send it to [jointregionedge@fe.navy.mil](mailto:jointregionedge@fe.navy.mil) or call 349-2115.

#### 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  
Cmdr. William C. McCool Elementary/Middle School: 339-8676  
Guam High School: 344-7410

### MWR HAPPENINGS

#### U.S. Naval Base Guam

##### Fleet and Family Support Center Classes

June 20- SAPR POC training, from 8 a.m. -noon  
June 20- SAPR DCC Training, from 1-3:30 p.m.  
June 21- SAPR liaison training, from 8 a.m. -3 p.m.  
June 22- Interview techniques, from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
For more information, call 333-2056

#### Father's Day Brunch

Treat dad to a hearty brunch this Father's Day at Top O' the Mar June 17 from 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. There will be a "Grill your own steak" station along with live a band and professional photography. Brunch is \$27.95 for adults, \$13.95 for children and free for children ages four and younger. For more information or to make reservations, call 472-4606/7. Registration deadline is June 11.

## COMMUNITY Corner

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#### The Big Screen Theater

JUNE 15 (FRIDAY)  
7 PM PIRATES! THE BAND OF MISFITS PG  
9:30 PM THE CABIN IN THE WOODS R

JUNE 16 (SATURDAY)  
1 PM THE THREE STOOGES PG  
3:30 PM LOCKOUT PG-13  
7 PM THE FIVE YEAR ENGAGEMENT R

JUNE 17 (SUNDAY)  
1 PM PIRATES! THE BAND OF MISFITS PG  
3:30 PM THE LUCKY ONE PG-13  
7 PM HUNGER GAMES PG-13

Movie Hotline 564-1831 U.S. Naval Base Guam

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#### Fourth of July Celebration

This year's Fourth of July celebration starts at 10 a.m. and runs till 4 p.m. July 4. The festival will be held at the Blue Jacket Field, Community Field, Charles King Fitness Center pool, and the adjacent fields and grounds to the Blue Jacket Field. Festival is open to all with an ID card. Event is free.

#### Summer Culinary Youth Camp

Give the kids something fun to do at the Summer Culinary Youth Camp June 18-22 and July 23-27 from 2-4:40 p.m. Sign up and pay at the Information, Tickets and Travel Office and present paid receipt on day of class. Classes are limited to the first 40 students. Summer camp is \$50, which includes an apron, hat and supplies. Age 12-15 years old may participate. For more information please call 685-5142.

#### Summer Break Matinees

Looking for something to do this summer? Enjoy summer break matinees at the Big Screen Theatre. Beginning June 18 at 3 p.m. the theatre will be showing free movies from Monday-Thursday. For more information, call 565-1831.

### 36th FSS HAPPENINGS

#### Andersen Air Force Base

**Airman and Family Readiness Center Classes**  
June 18-10 steps to federal job search, from 2-3 p.m.  
June 20- Credit management, from 9-10 a.m.

June 20- Initial key spouse training, from 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.  
June 21- Spouse newcomer's orientation, from 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.  
June 22- Island tour from 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m.  
For more information, call 366-8136.

#### Dad's Picture Frame Class

Create a special gift for dad June 16 from 1-2:30 p.m. Celebrate Father's Day by learning and making homemade frames for your dad. Bring two 5x7 inch photos to frame. \$12.00 fee includes instruction and materials. Ages and older may participate, maximum six students. For more information, call 366-4248.

#### Father's Day Dinner at the Patio Pub

Enjoy a delicious dinner with dad at the Patio Pub at the Palm Tree Golf Course June 17 from 5-10 p.m. Reservations are required. For pricing, reservations and more information, call 366-4655 or 366-4653.

### SPORTS SHORTS

#### U.S. Naval Base Guam

**Father's Day 9-Pin No-Tap Tournament**  
Celebrate Father's Day with dad at the Orote Point Lanes and enjoy a 9-pin no-tap tournament June 17 at 1 p.m. Sign up at the front desk. For more information, call 564-1828.

#### Captain's Cup Soccer League

Time to bring your skills to the field. Sign you, and your team up at the Charles King Fitness Center. Active duty, reserve, Department of Defense (DOD) civilians, immediate family members, and DOD full-time contractors may sign up. Pick up the registration forms and fill them out correctly per instruction. The tournament will be held at the Blue Jacket Field July 17 at 6, 7 and 8 p.m. Registration is going on now and will end July 11. For more information, call 333-2471 or 685-5243.

#### Self Defense Brazilian Jiu Jitsu

Sign up for Self-Defense Brazilian Jiu Jitsu at the Charles King Fitness Center. Mondays and Wednesdays classes: Beginners class is from 6-7 p.m. and advanced class is from 7-8 p.m. Saturday: Beginners class is from 10-11 a.m. and advanced class is from 11 a.m.-noon. Age requirement: Students must be six years or older to participate. Fee is \$45 per student per calendar month. Register at the Charles King Fitness Center. Call 333-2049 for more information.

#### Andersen Air Force Base Ballroom Dancing at the Coral Reef Fitness Center

Learn salsa/merenque, country western two-step/shuffle and other popular dances at Coral Reef Fitness Center from an award-winning competitive ballroom dancer. In addition to the dances listed, you can, upon special request, learn the rumba, cha-cha, bachata, waltz, foxtrot, tango, Argentine tango, country western waltz and Flamenco (special equipment required). Class price structure is as follows: Singles - One class is \$15, four classes is \$50 and eight classes is \$90. Couples - One class is \$25, four classes is \$75 and eight classes is \$125. Sign-up at the fitness center, or call 366-8100 for more information.

# Harvest House Back2School Supply Stash

By Airman 1st Class Mariah Haddenham  
36th Wing Public Affairs

The Andersen Air Force Base Fire Department will volunteer at the Harvest Baptist Church for a school supply drive August 4 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. The event will be held at the Harvest Family Life Center, across the street from the Harvest Baptist Church in Barrigada.

Harvest House, an organization for the foster children of Guam, is connected to the Harvest Baptist Church and cares for approximately 260 children, only having around 27 foster parents in the program.

Events like the Harvest House's "Back

2 School Supply Stash" help provide foster children with the school materials that they are required to have at the beginning of a new school year, preparing them for a year of academic success.

"We've just recently taken up arms with Harvest House and become involved in their good cause, it's a great program," said Jason Crandall, 36th Civil Engineer Squadron firefighter and a Harvest House board member. "The Andersen Fire Department will be a drop-off location for school supplies. The primary items we are looking for are mesh or clear backpacks, organizational three-ring binders, assortment of pens and pencils and notebook paper. The last day for

donations will be July 27."

Each child will get to choose a backpack that will contain the primary donated items. Additional items being accepted are scissors, glue, colored pencils, crayons, pencils, index cards, highlighters, erasers and basic or scientific calculators.

"The 'Back 2 School Supply Stash' will include a bouncy house and a fiesta luncheon, we want to make a day of it for the children," Crandall said. "This gives the children a chance to socialize with other children in their same situation and helps them make friends."

The event helped more than 150 children last year and the organization is

hopeful to help just as many, if not more, this year.

"Last year's effort put new backpacks and school supplies into the hands of these dear children," said Crystal Box, foster mom and president of the Guam Foster Families Association. "To see their faces light up, the giant smiles as they got something that belonged to them was amazing, a wonderful thing to see. To know that families on Andersen and throughout the Joint Region Marianas are choosing help with this effort is very heartening. I would encourage them to come to the Harvest House event to see what their loving gifts do for these children."

# MSG Corner: Housing flight gets Airmen situated, ready to go

By Airman 1st Class Marianique Santos  
36th Wing Public Affairs

Like an organism, Team Andersen relies on its sub-units on base to create homeostasis, maintaining a stable, constant condition, in order to create a mission-conducive environment.

One of the units that play a vital part in getting the Airmen situated and mission ready is the 36th Civil Engineer Squadron's (CES) Housing Flight.

The housing flight ensures military members are provided adequate housing, whether they live in accompanied housing or the dormitories. The flight also helps service members who wish to secure housing off base.

"We want to ensure the units and the neighbor-

hoods are well maintained, clean, and safe," said Robert Anderson, 36th CES housing flight chief.

Prior to service members moving into a house or a dorm, maintenance contractors, also part of the housing flight, provide occupancy maintenance and replace materials that are damaged or worn out.

"We want to have everything ready for the tenant so that they could focus in getting their families settled, get themselves situated in their units and focused on the mission," Anderson said. "We try to have homes ready when they arrive. Our goal is, if somebody walks in the door today, we can

show them two units that are ready to be moved into."

Along with the option of living on base for accompanied service members, the housing office can also provide an off base referral listing of houses that passed government inspection.

"They could go look through that list and contact the realtor off base," Anderson said. "At any point in time, if there are issues between the landlord and the tenant, we can also act as a liaison."

The work of the housing flight does not end with the service member moving in; they assist in providing furniture as needed and maintenance assistance as well.

"The furnishing management office can provide loaner furniture before their household goods get here when the member arrives on island," Anderson said.

"They can also loan furniture when the members have their furniture shipped to their next base. They also manage

and inventory the furniture at the dorms."

"Housing maintenance is also part of our flight," he continued. "They have personnel available 24/7 if there are emergencies. Call them up and somebody should respond in an hour."

With all the different kinds of services that the housing flight provides, Anderson said the main issue that they always seem to come across is in infrastructure.

"The issue that we have is that our houses are very old," he said. "They were built in the early 60s and were built to that standard. The expectations of the occupant may be higher than what we can provide."

Renovations in base housing have been done in the past. The last one was six years ago and the housing flight is working towards renovating again sometime soon.

"We're still constricted with the size of the units so we can't make them bigger," Anderson said. "But there are always other ways to make the units

better."

Some of the renovations they have done recently include exterior painting of the houses, new sidewalks and recreational spots, like the new basketball courts. They are currently working towards creating more residential parking for the tenants and providing more lighting for family areas.

According to Anderson, the housing flight is open to concerns, ideas and suggestions that could improve housing.

"They need to know that if they have maintenance problems or issues, call us at the office and the front desk should refer them to someone who can assist them with their concern," he said.

"I use to be active duty, but that was years ago," Anderson continued. "My concerns back then are most likely different from the concerns of the base residents of today. They should voice out their concerns to their chain of command or just straight to us. We need their feedback."

**Making a Home:** Photographed June 9, the responsibility of the housing flight on Andersen Air Force Base is to ensure that the military members are provided adequate housing, whether they live in accompanied housing or the dormitories. The flight also helps service members who wish to secure housing off base. U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Marianique Santos/Released





**Left:** Aviation Ordnancemen 2nd Class (AW) Jonathan Robinson and 2nd Class (AW) Bonnie Thompson, of U.S. Naval Airborne Weapons Maintenance Unit (NAWMU) 1, transfer missiles at the command in Santa Rita April 4. NAWMU-1 is a munitions maintenance activity and combat support unit, manned and operated to conduct intermediate and select depot level maintenance on Guam. U.S. Navy photo by Chief Air Traffic Controller (AW/SW) Marvin Knowles Jr./Released



**Right:** Aviation Ordnanceman 2nd Class (AW) Jonathan Robinson, of U.S. Naval Airborne Weapons Maintenance Unit (NAWMU) 1, tests operations equipment at the command in Santa Rita April 4. U.S. Navy photo by Chief Air Traffic Controller (AW/SW) Marvin Knowles Jr./Released

# Superior weapons maintenance today, ready to fight tomorrow

By Chief Aviation Ordnanceman (AW/SW)  
Marvin Knowles Jr.  
*Naval Airborne Weapons Maintenance Unit 1*

With many different commands in the Navy and on Guam, a common unfamiliar unit is the Naval Airborne Weapons Maintenance Unit (NAWMU) 1 located on island.

NAWMU-1 is a munitions maintenance activity and combat support unit, manned and operated to conduct intermediate and select depot level maintenance. The command tests and repairs air missiles, guided weapons and their components in support of the Navy worldwide. Due to the highly technical skills required, there are no E-1-E-4 personnel assigned to the command.

Though based on Guam, NAWMU-1 maintains mobile capability to deploy detachments to forward areas when tasked by higher authority. However, supporting detachments abroad does not mean a shut-down of capabilities at home base.

From March-May this year, the command provided significant support to the fleet. A U.S. Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR) program office requested NAWMU-1 to deploy a detachment of Sailors to assist with the upgrade and testing of air-launched, surface-to-ground, High speed Anti-Radiation Missiles (HARM). The detachment departed Guam in late March and traveled to Iwakuni and Sasebo, Japan and Yechon, Korea. The in-theater sustainment



**Missile Check:** Aviation Ordnanceman 2nd Class (AW/SW) Quindric Woods, of U.S. Naval Airborne Weapons Maintenance Unit (NAWMU) 1, performs a missile inspection at the command in Santa Rita April 4. U.S. Navy photo by Chief Air Traffic Controller (AW/SW) Marvin Knowles Jr./Released

of this missile is critical to fighting the war on terror. Along with various theater station weapons personnel and a HARM program office field technician, NAWMU-1 Sailors reprogrammed and tested 450 tons of HARM valued at more than \$242 million.

In April NAWMU-1 technicians added

two missiles to existing capabilities. Two NAVAIR programs provided classroom and hands-on training. The command now has the skills required to perform missile component replacements, testing, and repairs for the AIM-9X Sidewinder and AGM-88E Advanced Anti-Radiation Guided Missiles.

Improving talents to disassemble, test, and repair missiles here in Guam, decreases the need to transport them back to the mainland and minimizes the time weapons are not ready for issue.

Also this year, the command received direction from Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet to assist with the inspection of AGM-84D harpoon missiles within the command's area of responsibility. The harpoon is an all-weather, over-the-horizon, anti-ship missile system. Command personnel opened and inspected missile containers for visible signs of water intrusion, obvious damages and corrosion and to ensure the missiles were serviceable and ready for issue.

In addition to these deployed detachments, NAWMU-1 received requests from two USNS T-AKE supply ships visiting Guam. The captains of these ships took advantage of their in-port periods to seek assistance from the skilled technicians of NAWMU-1. Overall, command Sailors inspected 174 tons of harpoon missiles valued at more than \$86 million on board the two ships.

NAWMU-1 has been extremely productive so far this year. The exceptional efforts by the command's Sailors have resulted in the inspection, testing, maintenance and sentencing of 624 tons of ordnance valued at \$330 million. This evolution facilitated a cost avoidance of tens of millions of dollars in transportation costs and has had a positive influence on fleet readiness.



**Building Bonds, Creating Friendships:** KUDOS (Kids Understanding Deployment Operations) participants, gather for a 'leave no one behind' hand slap after receiving a mock mission brief during Operation KUDOS at the Hot Spot Gym on Andersen Air Force Base June 2. The event, hosted by the Airman and Family Readiness Center, provided youth ages six-18 a better understanding of what military members undergo during an entire deployment process. U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Carrie Hinson/Released

# KUDOS:

## Kids Understanding Deployment Operations

By Airman 1st Class Mariah Haddenham  
36th Wing Public Affairs

Children and parents attended Operation Kids Understanding Deployment Operations at the Hot Spot on Andersen Air Force Base June 2.

The event was organized to educate children of service members about deployments and the processes their parents go through prior to deployment.

"The event helps children understand what their parents go through and why mom or dad might not be home for a while," said Joseph Catahay, chief of the Airmen Family and Readiness Center at Andersen. "When the children see what their parents go through, they better understand the stressors of the military lifestyle."

The event was a great success, educating on a variety of events from out-processing and in-processing to daily questions like where their parents work and why.

"Overall it's been a great experience," said Maj. Jamal Williams, 36th Force Support Squadron operations officer. "We've gotten a lot of feedback from the parents and kids who have come out to participate. We plan on making the event even bigger and better next year."



**Homecoming:** Friends and family members greet youth participants from Operation KUDOS (Kids Understanding Deployment Operations) upon their return from a simulated deployment at the Hot Spot Gym on Andersen Air Force Base June 2. U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Carrie Hinson/Released

# Keep safe over summer break

By Shaina Marie Santos  
Joint Region Edge Staff

Children and parents should not forget proper safety precautions while enjoying summer activities.

Critical Days of Summer, from May 26-Sept. 1, are when accidents related to increased levels of traffic, heat, and sports and water related activities occur more often

“The objective of the Critical Days of Summer Campaign each year is to call attention to the loss and, or injury service members and civilians experience during off-duty recreational activities and to reemphasize that safety is a personal decision making process,” said by Joint Region Marianas Regional Safety Manager James Lentz. “Because one lost life or even a severe injury is too many, we take this time to urge all of our personnel to look out for one another.”

U.S. Naval Base Guam (NBG) Child Development Center (CDC) Child and Youth Military Extension Intern Audrey Menager echoed Lentz, adding that during the summer, children are without protection they have at school.

“Unlike the school year, children over the summer do not have extra adult supervision throughout the day,” Menager said. “Also during the school year, teacher, monitors and other school staff are constant reminders and instructors of safe practices. Without these reminders and on-sight instruction, children may forget or not realize unsafe actions.”

Menager suggests parents keep in mind a child’s developmental level when enjoying summer activities.

“Know that especially younger children have a harder time remembering rules and safe practices,” she said. “Be patient and know they are not always purposely being risky.”

She added that being prepared with activities for children can also aid in keeping safe during the break.

“Give your children a daily schedule of things they can do,” she said. “When children get bored, that’s when reckless behavior starts. Giving your child options and times for things will help the day go faster and keep them occupied.”

Personal Trainer Miriam Howard, from the Charles King Fitness Center on NBG, cautioned parents of Guam’s humid weather and tropical waters as an added risk. Howard suggests proper hydration, using sun block and water flotation aides and taking frequent breaks to cool down.

“It’s important to keep safe all year, but the summer can bring additional risks with increased heat and humidity, and families spending more time participating in leisure activities outside,” she said.

Safety is an important part of every day life. Though often overlooked, taking appropriate measures to keep safe while participating in summer activities will also keep it fun.



**Water Fun:** Children keep cool on the slip ‘n slide during the 2011 Freedom Festival on U.S. Naval Base Guam July 4, 2011. Ensuring children are properly hydrated and cool is important especially during the summer months when temperatures are higher and students are on vacation. Photo courtesy of Morale, Welfare and Recreation

## Masterson onboard as new energy manager

By Kevin D. Evans  
Joint Region Marianas Energy Manager

Si Yu’us ma’ase yan adios. My wonderful time here on Guam is ending and my relief is onboard and I would like to take the time to introduce her to everyone.

Her name is Desiree Masterson, a certified energy manager, from Naval

Facilities Engineering Command Headquarters in Washington, D.C. She brings a wealth of experience from policy to project management. She was part of the initial team that stood up the energy office there. With the many recent changes in legislative and regulatory impacts to energy management she will be a great asset to the region. She looks forward to apply-

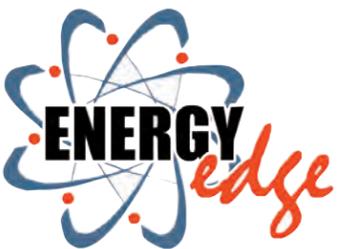
ing that experience to what we’ve already achieved here.

Masterson and her husband, John, are already sampling the delights to be found on Guam including food, boonie stomping and swimming. They hope to also travel to neighboring venues such as Saipan. Please welcome them both to Guam and the Marianas and let us all continue to conserve water and energy. Fi-



MASTERSON

nally, although I will miss Guam, my home in the Pacific Northwest will be my new energy assignment. Grandchildren await.



# SIMULATED THREAT: Integration of local, federal responders

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exercise known as Kontra I Piligru (kohn-TRAH ee PEH-lee-GROO), or "against danger" involving the PAG and first-responder teams on island.

Participating in the exercise was the Guam National Guard's (GUANG) 94th Weapons of Mass Destruction-Civil Support Team (WMD-CST), PAG, U.S. Coast Guard, Guam Fire Department, Guam Police Department (GPD), Guam Office of Homeland Security, the Area Maritime Security Training and Exercise Program, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Corrections and the U.S. Customs and Border Protection. The Guam Shipyard also provided support to the exercise through the use of additional training vessels.

According to 94th WMD-CST Commander Lt. Col Joseph Limtiaco, the exercise was intended to promote integration of the unit with local and federal response agencies in reaction to multiple events and venues and to a terrorist event in a maritime

environment.

"Among the overarching purposes of this exercise were to strengthen relationships between our response partners, as well as, promote learning situations through tactical operations, that will challenge us in a maritime setting like this," he said. "It was good to see the port authority and other first responders take advantage of this training opportunity and were able to test their own systems and procedures, alongside each other."

Kontra I Piligru also allowed the first responders and other agencies involved to test the practical application of the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and Incident Command System (ICS), according to officials.

Unit Deputy Commander Capt. Joseph Connelly, said the exercise is the first of what is planned to be an annual maritime exercise for the 94th WMD-CST, along with local and other federal first responders.

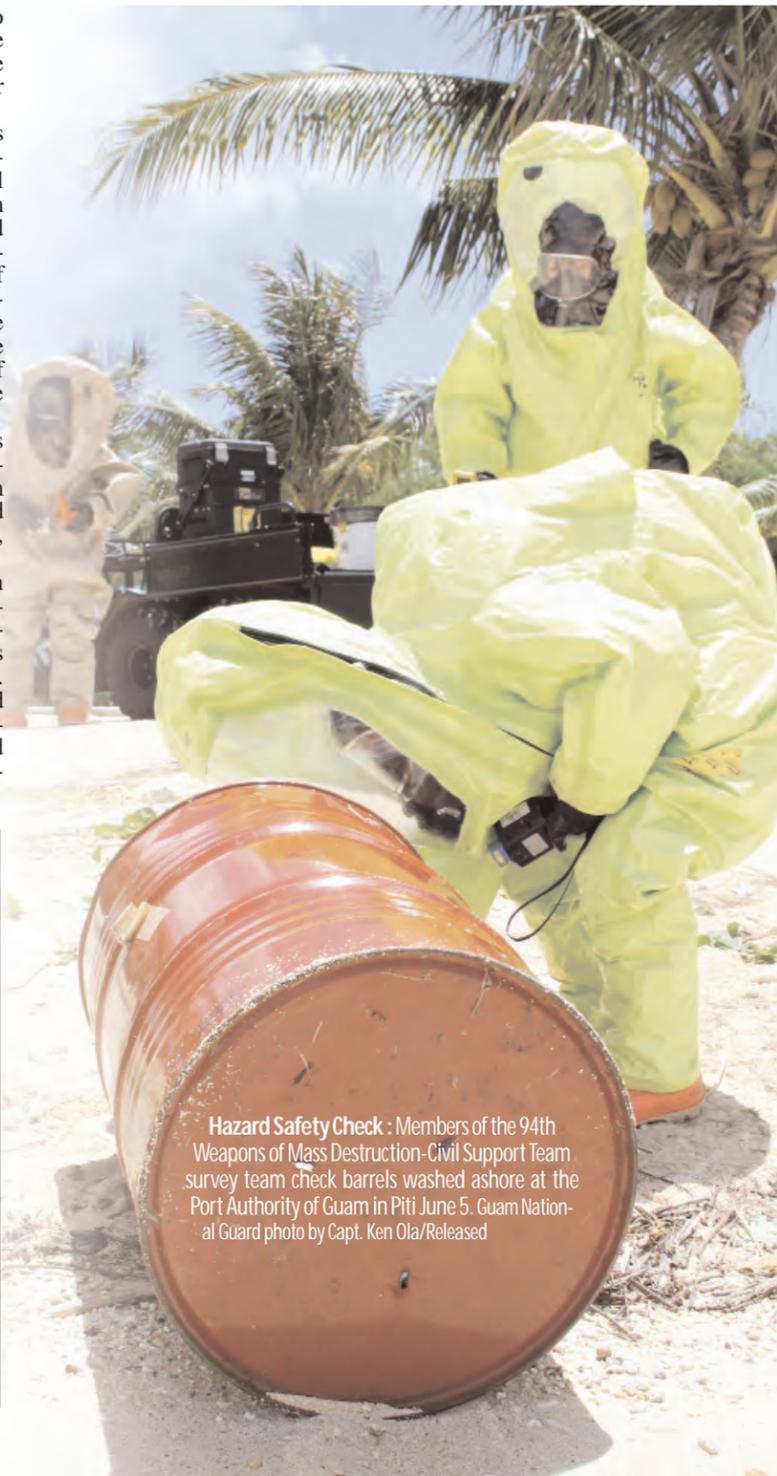
The first day of the exercise involved two barrels containing unknown chemicals washing onto PAG's Family Beach. Local

first responders were called in to cordon the area and assess the type of chemicals found, while the USCG secured the perimeter on the water.

Some of the exercise scenarios also involved an assault by members of the GPD's Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) on a vessel suspected as being used by domestic terrorists to manufacture "chemical weapons of mass destruction". Once the vessel was secured, members of the 94th CST's survey team were brought in to assess the type of chemicals that were on board the vessel.

The exercise also tested PAG's response procedures for such incidents. At least 80 people from all agencies who participated were involved in the exercise, Connelly added.

Five members of the 64th WMD-CST, New Mexico National Guard also joined to augment GUANG members throughout the training exercise. Four members of the 42nd WMD-CST, North Carolina National Guard were also on hand assisting as observers and controllers of the exercise.



**Hazard Safety Check :** Members of the 94th Weapons of Mass Destruction-Civil Support Team survey team check barrels washed ashore at the Port Authority of Guam in Piti June 5. Guam National Guard photo by Capt. Ken Ola/Released



**Teams Work Together:** First responders meet to exchange information about the potential domestic terrorist threat at the Port Authority of Guam in Piti June 5. Guam National Guard photo by Capt. Ken Ola/Released

# RHS: Team provides material to maintain operations, relief efforts

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crimping it and knowing the right procedures of doing so," he said. "Not paying attention to detail and getting careless is what makes things go wrong."

Despite knowing the hazards of working with explosives, Ippel said he doesn't necessarily find anything scary about this duty.

"You just have to pay attention to what you're doing," he said.

During RED HORSE's history at Andersen Air Force Base, the 554th, and 254th RED HORSE from the Guam Air National Guard, have re-awakened Guam's historical Northwest Field, building and maintaining PACAF's premier expeditionary combat skills training campus.

For as long as training goes on in this state-of-the-art training site, the members of the 544th RHS explosive demolition team will be blasting in Andersen's quarry; providing the material to build, maintain and support overseas contingency operations, disaster relieve and humanitarian assistance operations throughout the Pacific.

Kennedy said being part of the team is an incentive, a privilege. They don't just let anyone be part of their team; they pick the best performers out of those who apply.

"It feels good to be chosen," Ippel said. "I joined the demo team because I thought it would be interesting, fun and something I can learn a lot from. I'm glad to be part of this, and I can't wait to do real blasts with the team."



**Detonator:** The 554th RED HORSE Squadron (RHS) explosive demolition team members connect the explosives' wires to the sequential board during set up for a blast at the RED HORSE quarry on Andersen Air Force Base June 6. The demolition team blasts once a month to stay qualified and at least once a quarter to obtain raw material from the quarry. U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Marianique Santos/Released



**Remembrance:** Marines honor the life of World War II Marine dog handler and his military working dog during a wreath-laying ceremony at the War Dog Memorial on U.S. Naval Base Guam June 7. The ceremony commemorated the life of Private 1st Class Clarence Ratcliff and his partner, fallen WWII hero war scout dog, Yonnie. U.S. Navy photo by Annette Donner/Released



**Honoring a Comrade:** Marines from Marine Wing Communications Squadron 18 pay tribute to a World War II (WWII) Marine dog handler and his canine companion during a wreath-laying ceremony at the War Dog Memorial on U.S. Naval Base Guam June 7. U.S. Navy photo by Annette Donner/Released

# War Dog Memorial WWII Marine, C

By Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class  
(SW/AW) Jeremy Starr  
Joint Region Edge Staff

Service members, National Park Service (NPS) rangers and military working dogs commemorated the life of a World War II (WWII) dog handler during a wreath-laying ceremony at the U.S. Naval Base Guam (NBG) War Dog Memorial June 7.

A wreath was laid in front of the dog statue as Marines placed flags throughout the memorial for WWII veteran Marine Corps Private 1st Class Clarence E. Ratcliff, who passed away in February, and his fallen WWII hero war scout dog, Yonnie, who was killed in action on Guam during the liberation.

Yonnie is one of only 25 dogs who are remembered for their sacrifice in fighting for Guam's liberation against Japanese forces.

"It always feels good when you pay homage to a fellow Marine that did such great things for his country, stuff that not all of us has gone to do," said Guam native Lance Cpl. Matthew Perez of Marine Wing Communications Squadron 18 (MWCS-18).

NPS cultural resources program manager James Oelke was the guest speaker and read a special action report from the Provisional War Dog Company Headquarters Battalion 3rd Marine Division Fleet Marine Force. In the report, WWII officer Lt. William Taylor, commander of the 2nd War Dog Platoon and later 3rd War Dog Platoon, talked about the distinguished service of Ratcliff and Yonnie.

"Mr. Ratcliff had to have been an amazing individual," Oelke said. "As the job of the dog handler was as dangerous as any in the Marine Corps and the effort needed to do it well was great indeed."

Oelke said the tandem involved 20 combat patrols and counting for 15 enemy dead while

on night security operations. Ratcliff and Yonnie located five Japanese soldiers, all of whom were killed.

Barbara Alberti, superintendent to the War in the Pacific National Historical Park Guam and American Memorial Park Saipan, said Ratcliff and Yonnie trained at Camp Lejeune, N.C. and Camp Pendleton, Calif. before boarding ships bound for the Pacific Theater during the war.

Alberti said Yonnie was killed in action on Guam after he was hit by a Japanese bayonet.

Yonnie's name is etched in the memorial at the top of the second list. He was one of the 25 dogs who are remembered for their sacrifice in fighting for Guam's liberation against Japanese forces.

After he left Guam, Ratcliff landed at Iwo Jima Feb. 21, 1945 with a new war dog, Patton and was there when the Marines raised the American flag on Mount Suribachi. Ratcliff was wounded on Iwo Jima during the 36-day conflict that took more than 30,000 lives, 6,821 of which were Americans. Ratcliff was treated on the hospital ship USS Solace (AH-5) and carried the shrapnel in his body for 67 years after the war.

Upon arrival back in the states Ratcliff married his home town sweetheart, Virginia Dale Riggs, and had one daughter, Janice Vinson. Ratcliff and his wife were married 66 years until his death this past February. His wife passed away a month later.

Oelke said, "Clarence Edward Ratcliff embodied the highest honored traditions of the United States Marine Corps. His family said he lived a life of quiet nobility, virtue and forthrightness. He was a part of an exceptional breed of warriors who served with some exceptional dogs."

For more news from U.S. Naval Forces, Marianas, visit [www.navy.mil/local/guam/](http://www.navy.mil/local/guam/).



**Canine Companions:** Sailors and military working dogs, Marines and National Park Service rangers stand at attention during a wreath-laying ceremony at the War Dog Memorial on U.S. Naval Base Guam June 7. U.S. Navy photo by Annette Donner/Released

# War Dog Memorial honors canine companion

**Right:** Marines stake flags at the tombstones of 25 fallen World War II Marine war dogs during a wreath-laying ceremony at the War Dog Memorial on U.S. Naval Base Guam June 7. U.S. Navy photo by Annette Donner/Released

**Below:** A wreath is laid in front of dog statue, for a World War II (WWII) Marine dog handler and his canine companion during a wreath-laying ceremony at the War Dog Memorial on U.S. Naval Base Guam June 7. U.S. Navy photo by Annette Donner/Released



25 MARINE WAR DOGS GAVE THE  
GUAM IN 1944. THEY SERVED AS SENTINELS  
THEY EXPLORED CAVES, DETECTED

- KURT SKIPPER
- NIG MISSY
- BLITZ BURSCH
- YONNIE
- PONCHO
- PRINCE
- CAPPY
- ARNO
- PEPPER
- TAM (BUB)

OF  
PFC CLARENCE  
RATCHIE  
AND  
YONNIE

GIVEN IN THEIR MEMORY AND  
OF THE 2nd AND 3rd MARINE WAR DOGS  
THEIR LIVES TO THE BRAVERY AND  
GALLANT

# Honor dad

## with events on NBG, Andersen

By JoAnna Delfin  
Joint Region Edge Staff

This year Father's Day will be celebrated June 17, and with the many events taking place on U.S. Naval Base Guam and Andersen Air Force Base dad is sure to enjoy his special day with family.

Treat dad to a special brunch at Top O' the Mar where he can grill his steak the way he wants while enjoying a live band. There will be a professional photographer

on site to capture those special moments with dad you'll never want to forget.

On NBG families can enjoy a great day of bowling at Orote Point Lanes where fathers bowl for free when accompanied by their family. If he's got that competitive edge, sign him up for the 9-pin No-Tap Tournament and he can bowl for first place.

The 36th Wing Family Support Center is offering several different sports activities for that active dad such as the Father's Day 5k, bowling at Gecko Bowling Lanes or free golf at the Palm Tree Golf Course.

Close out the day with dinner at Bamboo Willies where dad can enjoy a grilled rib-eye steak, salmon or chicken dinner.

Eric Nikkel, Morale, Welfare and Recreation director, said events like the ones held on NBG and Andersen recognize the contribution of fathers to individual families and society.

"Father's Day festivities give us the opportunity to express thanks to our dads for all their unconditional love and affection," he said. "Observance of Father's Day makes fathers feel that their contributions

are acknowledged in society and also by their children."

Nikkel also touched on how important the day is especially to fathers who fight for our country and to keep their family safe.

"In the military, many of those fathers are asked to give their lives for that society we hold so dear," he said. "This [day] helps [children] appreciate the selfless care and protection provided by their father and hence they come emotionally closer to their dad."

### Father's Day Events

#### U.S. Naval Base Guam

##### Father's Day at Orote Point Lanes

June 17, 10:30 a.m.-10 p.m.

Fathers bowl for free when accompanied by their family. For more information, call 564-1828.

##### Father's Day 9-Pin No-Tap Tournament

June 17, 1 p.m.

Orote Point Lanes

Bowl four games. Top ten will meet at

match play and winners will move to pro-style step ladder game. \$25 per entry; sign up at the Orote Point Lanes front desk. For more information, call 564-1828.

#### Andersen Air Force Base Father's Day Bowling Special

June 17, all day

Gecko Lanes Bowling Center

Bring dad to Gecko Lanes and he

will get three free games of

bowling when accompanied by a

family member. For more information, call 366-5117.

#### Father's Day Golf Special

June 17, 7 a.m.-6 p.m.

Palm Tree Golf Course

Dads play free with a paying

family member. Call 366-4653

(GOLF) to schedule your tee-

time.

#### Father's Day 5k Run

June 17, show time is at 6 a.m., start

time is at 6:30 a.m.

Palm Tree Golf Course driving range  
No registration required. For more information, call 366-6100

#### Father's Day Dinner

June 17, 5-10 p.m.

Patio Pub at the Palm Tree Golf Course

Enjoy the atmosphere and a fantastic

view of the ocean while treating dad

to a grilled rib-eye steak, grilled

salmon or grilled chicken dinner. Kids

menu available. Reservations are re-

quired. For more information or to

make reservations, call 366-4655/3.



**Ready for the World:** Stacks of diplomas can be seen in front of Guam High School's class of 2012 during the commencement ceremony at the school in Agana Heights June 8. Ninety-seven students received their diplomas making the class the largest graduating class in the school's history. U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Jeremy Starr/Released

# GHS 2012 graduates look to the future

By Mass Communication Specialist  
2nd Class (SW/AW) Jeremy Starr  
Joint Region Edge Staff

Families and friends of Guam High School's (GHS) graduating class of 2012 watched as 97 students received their diplomas during the commencement ceremony at the school in Agana Heights June 8.

The ceremony was not only a milestone for the graduates but also for the school as the graduating class was the largest group in GHS history.

Class salutatorian Jessalyn Delos Santos, the school's executive president of the student council, congratulated fellow graduates and said the commencement was only stepping stone to their successful futures.

"The 12 years up to now is just teaching us the skills just to succeed in the next chapter of our life," she said. "So the graduation is just the beginning of the new part of our lives."

As a military dependent, Santos acknowledged the challenges military children face, such as transferring from different schools and making new friends.

Valedictorian Helene Rojas was ecstatic to receive the number one spot in her class and shared Santos' sentiments as a military child. "It's shocking," she said. "I

never expected that I would get this honor. It was mostly hard transferring schools in the middle of the years. That was a big adjustment to make."

Lt. Matt Ludwig, of USS Frank Cable (AS 40), watched with pride as his son walked across the stage to receive his diploma. Ludwig said he was grateful to see his son go through high school at the same place.

"I'm excited, I'm really, really proud of him and really glad that he got to do four years in one school," he said. "It's been really

tough. In his 18 years, he attended about 10 different schools; he finally got to do one for four years."

Chief Master Sgt. John Quinata, of the Guam Air National Guard, said though his daughter would be attending college off island, he couldn't have been more proud of her accomplishments.

"It has been great watching her go through her education and become an adult," he said. "It's bittersweet, I have some feelings of regret. She'll be going off to college in the U.S. and from there

on we are not [going to] see her everyday."

Though many graduates look to define themselves in the future as active members of society in their respective interests, two alumni hope to follow in their parents' footsteps.

As the son of U.S. Naval Base Guam Commanding Officer Capt. Richard Wood, Chip Wood wants to join the Navy like his father. Chip will attend the University of South Carolina and participate in the Naval Reserves Officers Training Corps.

Tyree Willis also wants to follow his parents and join the Air Force. He leaves for basic training at the end of June and has hopes of being a police officer with plans to join the CIA in the future.

## CPOA awards scholarship to GHS graduate

**Scholarship Recipient:** The Guam Area Chief Petty Officer's Association awarded Guam High School 2012 graduate Ashley Heffelfinger \$500 scholarship check at the school in Agana Heights June 6. Heffelfinger was awarded the scholarship based on her academic standing and essay. According to Joint Region Marianas Command Master Chief (SW) Greg Vidaurri, the organization established the scholarship program to recognize the dependent son or daughter of an active-duty chief petty officer assigned on Guam. U.S. Navy photo by Shaina Marie Santos/Released



## Chapel Schedule

### U.S. 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 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:  
Saturday, 5 p.m.

Protestant Worship Service

Sunday Service: Traditional and  
Contemporary Service:  
10:30 a.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.

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.

Military Council of Catholic  
Women: Second and fourth  
Tuesday 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: Chapel 1,  
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

By Lt. Cmdr. Ronald Rinaldi  
*USS Frank Cable (AS 40) Chaplain*

“But one thing I do: Forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Philippians 3:13-14

If we take a close look at our lives, very few things are absolutely necessary. We live in a day when people's lives are centered around iPhones, iPods, iPads, PCs, Android, Google, Twitter, Facebook, movies, music, sports and other sorts of media and entertainment that comes with an often hedonistic society.

Not so for the apostle Paul. Though he did not carry an iPhone, Paul sure knew how to post his message of faith first across the world in his own generation. Remarkably, he wrote the words above from a first century Roman prison – not exactly a model of the modern day carpeted prisons of our times.

Paul's single purpose here was to direct these believers to a “full speed ahead” faith walk with

# Forward full speed ahead

God. He led as their navigator in this instance and the direction Paul provided to them helps us steer the helm of our own lives in a way that will ultimately provide us with a fixed faith focus in fulfilling what God has called us to do in His world.

The imagery Paul used to make his point is that of a runner in competition racing toward a finish line. Now, runners must be in the proper gear. We never see Olympic runners wear boots – that would be ridiculous. But what Paul was saying is that he forgot his former life (that of one who sought to destroy the Christian faith) and shed it so he could

focus on faithfully crossing a finish line without looking back. He wore proper faith gear – nothing to anchor him down to his past. We must do the same.

Next, pressing or straining toward faith's finish line, Paul leaned forward reaching his hand toward the goal and his eyes were fastened on it.

With so many distractions and things that vie for our attention these days, faith in God is hard work – but still our greatest need. There is a famous photo from the Olympics of years past of a runner who took his eyes off the finish line near the end of the race and lost as the other runner kept his eyes on the finish

line, strained and leaned forward at the end and won it. Taking our eyes off our calling in God can cause us to lose our own proper direction in him as well. To go “forward full speed ahead” in our faith, our eyes must be fixed on Christ (Hebrews 12:1-2).

Finally, Paul knew what was at the end of the race by following God's calling in his life. For him, the crown of victory in following the upward call of God in Christ was worth every moment of the faith energy he put into it. Nothing but 100 percent commitment to prayer, knowing Scripture, being part of a body of believers, teaching and evangelizing – among other things; all centered around a life-changing faith that is available to all of us!

Again, in life there are few things that really matter. Don't get caught up in this iPod world. For even Jesus said, “Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things (necessities of life) will be added to you” (Matthew. 6:33). When we do this, we can faithfully move forward full speed ahead!



# NBG Security sweeps past NBG Fire



**Batter Up:** Master-at-Arms 2nd Class Jamy Tedrow, of U.S. Naval Base Guam (NBG) Security, swings at the ball during a softball game between NBG Security and NBG Fire and Emergency Services for the Morale Welfare Recreation (MWR) Guam's Captain's Cup at the Community Field in Santa Rita June 4. Security won 4-3. U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Jeremy M. Starr/Released



**Safe:** Master-at-Arms 2nd Class (EXW) Adam Levine, of U.S. Naval Base Guam (NBG) Security, beats the throw to first base during a softball game between NBG Security and NBG Fire and Emergency Services for the Morale Welfare Recreation (MWR) Guam's Captain's Cup at the Community Field in Santa Rita June 4. U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Jeremy M. Starr/Released