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**Muster:** Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Guam, Marianas Security Officer David Palomo speaks to the DLA evacuees during the Dang'Kulun Napu (dahng-KOH-lohn nah-POO) 12 Tsunami Exercise on U.S. Naval Base Guam Sept. 5. DLA personnel evacuated the low-lying area of their building and mustered at Sampson Field behind Barracks 24 during the exercise. U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Jeremy Starr/Released

## Naval Base Guam completes typhoon preparedness exercise

By Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Jeremy Starr  
U.S. Naval Base Guam Public Affairs

U.S. Naval Base Guam (NBG), U.S. Naval Hospital Guam, the Joint Typhoon Warning Center, Commander, Submarine Squadron 15 and Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Guam, Marianas participated in a tsunami exercise Sept. 5.

According to NBG Installation Training Officer Chris Bobrowski, the exercise, titled Dang'Kulun Napu (dahng-KOH-lohn nah-

POO), was used to test NBG's emergency operations center (EOC) personnel.

"It also tested the EOC's ability to provide timely and accurate notifications to NBG's tenant commands and housing population of the approach of a tsunami," he said. "The EOC staff also did a first which was evacuate to an alternate EOC site, restore communications and continue operations."

The mock tsunami was generated following an earthquake in Mindanao which Bobrowski said is one of the most likely and most hazardous tsunami scenarios that would

impact Guam.

"This scenario only provides NBG with approximately three hours to prepare for and evacuate personnel and equipment at risk," Bobrowski said.

Lt. Col. Patrick Tucker of DLA Guam, Marianas, said the exercise allowed personnel to gain real-time experience in preparing for a tsunami and launching logistical dispersion of assets during the disaster.

"Safety and accountability are our

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## Andersen's Olympians: 36th Munitions Squadron

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

Though geographically separated from most of the units on Andersen Air Force Base, it was no surprise to hear the letters "A-M-M-O" reverberate through the air as the 36th Munitions Squadron (MUNS) kicked-off their annual Ammo Olympics with a squadron battle cry on Andersen Aug. 30.

The Ammo Olympics is an event where the Airmen of 36th MUNS build teams and compete in events that test the Airmen's strength, teamwork and ingenuity.

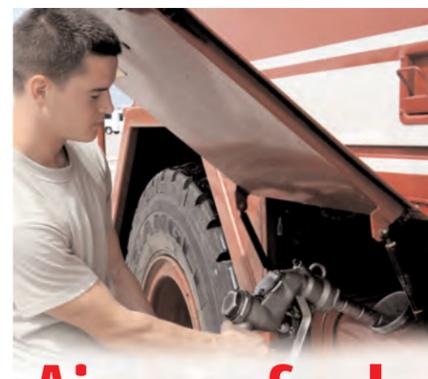
"The 36th MUNS is a big family," said Airman 1st Class Kiera Foltz, 36th MUNS storage crew member and one of the event organizers. "This event is a great way to get together, have fun and be competitive."

During the event, the Airmen compete in events that include materials that they

encounter or produce on a daily basis. They used vehicles that they utilize in transporting munitions to the flightline as well as parts of munitions they produce on a work day.

"Along with promoting teamwork and camaraderie, the event promotes munitions Airmen's ingenuity and innovation," Foltz said. "Organizers come up with

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## NEWS NOTES

### Job Announcements

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

### U.S. Naval Base Guam Community Advisory

The public is advised to avoid the Sumay and San Luis Beach areas the morning of Sept. 15 from 6 a.m. until an "all-clear" is given. Sailors from Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit 5 will perform a render safe procedure (RSP) at 7 a.m. on a five-inch World War II projectile found Sept. 7 in the Sumay area. The RSP will render the projectile completely safe for transport to the Naval Magazine range for detonation.

### U.S. Navy Water Quality Report Available Online

The Safe Drinking Water Act requires the U.S. Navy Water System to issue an annual report on water quality. If you would like to learn more about U.S. Naval Base Guam's drinking water, the 2011 U.S. Navy Water System Water Quality Report is now available online at [www.cnic.navy.mil/marianas](http://www.cnic.navy.mil/marianas).

### Andersen Air Force Base 2011 Consumer Confidence Report

Andersen Air Force Base's (AFB) drinking water is safe to drink and is in compliance with all federal and local regulations. Under the Environmental Protection Agency's Consumer Confidence Reporting Rule of the federal Safe Drinking Water Act, the base bioenvironmental engineering office is required to annually summarize water analytical test results from the previous year and create summary report available to all water consumers. This report is available on the Andersen Intranet under featured links, Andersen Consumer Confidence Report. Printed copies are available at the library and the bioenvironmental engineering office located in the aerospace medicine clinic. For more information or to receive the report by e-mail, call 366-7166.

### National Drug Take Back

Members of Team Andersen will have the opportunity to dispose of unwanted or unused prescription drugs in a safe and appropriate environment during the National Drug Take Back Initiative Sept. 29 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Andersen Air Force Base officials will provide a medication drop-off site for individuals who already have base access at the entrance of the Base Exchange. The initiative is designed to raise awareness and increase education about prescription drug abuse, and issue that often goes unrecognized. According to the Partnership for a Drug Free America, approximately 2,500 teens use prescription drugs to get high for the first time everyday. For more information, call 366-5139.

### Ninth Annual Travel Fair

Come discover all the places to go and see during the Ninth Annual Travel Fair for U.S. Naval Base Guam (NBG) and Andersen Air Force Base. The NBG fair will be held Oct. 3 at Top O' the Mar from 5:30-8:30 p.m. For more information, call 989-2301. The travel fair for Andersen will be held Oct. 4 at the Sunrise Conference Center from 5:30-8:30 p.m. For more information, call 366-2586.

### Andersen Air Force Base Mortuary Affairs Notice

Brig. Gen. Steven Garland, 36th Wing Commander, regretfully announces the death of Master Sgt. Philip N. Stoughton. Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to the estate of Stoughton should contact Capt. Ruben Ligsay, Summary Court officer at 366-6313.

## 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.

### 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

# COMMUNITY Corner

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### The Big Screen Theater

SEPTEMBER 14 (FRIDAY)  
4 PM DIARY OF A WIMPY KID PG  
7 PM SAVAGES R

SEPTEMBER 15 (SATURDAY)  
1 PM ICE AGE CONTINENTAL DRIFT PG  
3:30 PM BATMAN: DARK KNIGHT RISES PG-13  
8 PM THE WATCH R

SEPTEMBER 16 (SUNDAY)  
1 PM DIARY OF A WIMPY KID PG  
3:30 PM STEP UP REVOLUTION PG-13  
7 PM MADEA'S WITNESS PROTECTION PG-13

Movie Hotline 564-1831 US Naval Base Guam

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## MWR HAPPENINGS

### U.S. Naval Base Guam

#### Fleet and Family Support Center Classes

Sept. 17: SAPR training secondary victims of sexual assault from 1-2 p.m.  
Sept. 21: Ombudsmen Appreciation Luncheon at Top O' the Mar from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.  
Sept. 27: Welcome to Guam orientation from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.  
Sept. 28: Island Tour from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.  
For more information, call 333-2056

#### October Culinary Boot Camp

Learn how to cook traditional comfort foods during the October Culinary Boot Camp. This session will focus on comfort food dishes people prepare to make them feel at home and how to prepare them with a healthy twist. The boot camp is Oct. 10 from 5:30-9:30 p.m. Registration deadline is Oct. 9. For more information, call 685-5142.

#### Teen Center

The Teen Center is for teen's 13-18 currently enrolled in high school. There is no registration fee; however, parents need to fill out a registration packet, which is required for all program participants. The program has a "Self Release Policy" (in accordance with the unattended base instruction), so teens may sign themselves in and out of the center. Program activities are focused on the Boys & Girls Club of America Core Programs: Character & Leadership; Education and Career; Health & Life Skills; The Arts; Sports, Fitness, & Recreation. Pre-teen and teens are also encouraged to participate in club activities such as Power Hour, Image Makers (Photography), Torch Club, Fitness Authority, Smart Girls, Fine Arts, Career Launch, Passport to Manhood, and special events. For more information, call 564-1844.

## 36th FSS HAPPENINGS

### Andersen Air Force Base Airman and Family Readiness Center Classes

Sept. 18: Pre/post-deployment briefing  
Sept. 19: Bundles for babies from 8:30-11:30 a.m.  
Sept. 19: Credit management from 1-2 p.m.  
Sept. 20: Pre/post-deployment briefing  
Sept. 20: Spouse newcomer's orientation from 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.  
Sept. 21: Island tour from 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m.  
For more information, call 366-8136.

#### Chamorro Cultural Experience

The Airman and Family Readiness Center and the Hurao Academy will offer a special Chamorro Cultural program Sept. 28 from 3-7 p.m. at the Hotspot. Activities will include weaving, traditional dancing, net throwing and basic Chamorro language lessons. There will also be displays of native artifacts, local food samples and door prizes. Admission is free and is open to all military members and families. All single and deployed military members are highly encouraged to attend. For more information, call 366-8136.

### The Hotspot is looking for Instructors

The Hotspot would like to offer a variety of classes for the Team Andersen community and is looking for qualified instructors for the following: martial arts, dance, Zumba, gymnastics, drivers training and others. Call 366-2339 for more information.

### Country Line Dancing Classes

Now you can learn Country Line Dancing at classes held at the Hotspot. Beginner classes are Tuesdays from 7-8 p.m. Intermediate and advanced classes are Thursdays from 7-8 p.m. Cost is just \$35 per month, or \$10 per class. Inquire about our family discount rate. For more information, call the Hotspot at 366-2339.

## SPORTS SHORTS

### U.S. Naval Base Guam

#### Get Golf Ready

Get Golf Ready is designed to teach everything you will need to play golf in a few lessons. We will show you there are many ways to play the game while combining fun, friends and fitness. Event dates are as follows: Sept. 10-14, 17-21 and 24-28. Fees are \$99 per week, per person. Registration deadline is Sept. 1. For more information, please call 344-5838.

#### Warrior "10"

Show your strength during Warrior 10 at the Charles King Fitness Center Sept. 24-28. Warrior 10 is 10 collective exercises that complete a circuit to demonstrate overall strength and endurance. For more information, call 685-5267. Registration ends Sept. 27.

#### Self Defense Brazilian Jiu Jitsu

Sign up for Self-Defense Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Mondays and Wednesdays: Beginners class from 6-7 p.m. and advanced class from 7-8 p.m. Saturday: Beginners class from 10-11 a.m. and advanced class from 11 a.m.-noon. Age requirement: Students must be 6 years old 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

#### Typhoon Classic Softball Tournament

Get your swing on during the Typhoon Classic Softball Tournament from Sept. 17-21 at the Coral Reef Fitness Center. For more information, call 366-6100.

#### FitFamily Dizzy Bat Race

Join the FitFamily event this month Sept. 30. Show time is 5:30 p.m. and the race starts at 6 p.m. Registration deadline is Sept. 28. For more information, call 366-6100

#### Self-Defense Classes

Coral Reef Fitness Center now offers self-defense/Jiu jitsu classes Monday and Wednesday from 11 a.m.-noon and Saturdays from noon-1 p.m. for beginners. Advance student classes are Saturdays from 11 a.m.-noon. Classes are open to age 6 and older and is \$45 per student per calendar month. For more information, call 366-6100.

### Restricted Establishments

*The Guam Armed Forces Disciplinary Control Board has placed restrictions on the following establishments:*

#### Club Romeo and Juliet in Tumon

• Off-limits to all military personnel

#### Club Lush in Tumon

• Off-limits to military personnel ages 18-20 and all military personnel between 1-8 a.m.

*Service personnel, whether in uniform or in civilian clothing, found entering or leaving the establishments during the restricted periods may be subject to disciplinary action under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.*

# Team Andersen's Best Staff Sgt. Dustin Castle

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

**S**taff Sgt. Dustin Castle, 734th Air Mobility Squadron (AMS) Command and Control training noncommissioned officer in charge, was awarded Team Andersen's Best Sept. 6.

"When operating out of the alternate command post, (Staff) Sergeant Castle repaired the ultra high-frequency radio used to coordinate with transient aircraft and missions," said Tech. Sgt. Garrett Toomas, 734th AMS C2 and Castle's supervisor. "The radio acts as the command post's lifeline to ensure other agencies are notified and pre-positioned to support transient aircraft missions."

Castle donated 36 off-duty hours towards the Siemens console installation. He also disassembled the old console and led a team of four personnel in transitioning operations to the alternate command post.

Team 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 or civilian with an award.

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



**Hard Work Pays Off:** Staff Sgt. Dustin Castle, 734th Air Mobility Squadron Command and Control training noncommissioned officer in charge, was awarded Team Andersen's Best on Andersen Air Force Base Sept. 6. Team 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/civilian for Team Andersen's Best, contact your unit chief or superintendent explaining their accomplishments. U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Mariah Haddenham/Released

## Vigil run pays tribute to **POWs and MIAs**

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

Team Andersen is scheduled to honor prisoners of war (POW) and those missing in action (MIA) with a 24-hour vigil run and retreat ceremony on Andersen Air Force Base Sept. 20-21.

"The run recognizes the sacrifices and contributions made by all veterans who have served our nation," said Master Sgt. Calvin Mason, 36th Medical Group first sergeant and vigil run coordinator.

The event is scheduled to start at the Arc Light Memorial Park at 4 p.m. Sept. 20 and will conclude with a retreat ceremony Sept. 21.

During the vigil run, volunteers from each squadron, ranging from small teams to entire squadrons, will run in timed increments and pass a baton inscribed with 19 names of military members sta-

tioned here who were POW or MIA.

"The run is dedicated to honoring and remembering the men and women who have yet to return home," Mason said. "It also educates Airmen on the importance of accountability in wartime actions and emphasizes that no one should be left behind or forgotten."

Attending the event, will be Francisco Carbullido, who was taken as a POW for three years and is the last remaining defender of Wake Island.

Carbullido is scheduled to be accompanied by his son Phillip, who also escorted him to the event last year.

"The run is an important way for us to ensure that our country's missing heroes are never forgotten," Mason said. "We are highly encouraging participation."

For more information or questions about unit scheduling times, contact Mason at 366-6541.





# Andersen flightline's unsung heroes

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

With exercises like Valiant Shield 2012 conducted on Andersen Air Force Base, the 74 members of the 36th Logistics Readiness Squadron's (LRS) fuels flight are always on their feet, fueling some of the United States largest joint and coalition exercises in the Asia-Pacific region.

"We store 66 million gallons of fuel, making Andersen the home of the largest fuel storage facility in the Air Force," said Senior Airman Michelle Sweeney, 36th LRS fuels distribution operator, expediter and trainer.

The fuels flight receives, stores and distributes every form of fuel, from gasoline and diesel for vehicles and backup generators to jet fuel for aircraft that use the Andersen airfield. It is the Airmen's job to ensure every drop is clean, dry, accounted for and delivered on time.

"Nothing on that flightline would move without us," said Master Sgt. Kasey Saunders, 36th LRS fuel distribution non-commissioned officer in charge. "We handle every drop of fuel that comes onto this base before the customer can use it."

During normal day-to-day operations, 36th LRS fuel dis-

tribution element conducts 30 to 45 fuel runs per day.

"As a distribution operator, I assist daily in ensuring our vehicle fleet is in proper operating condition," Sweeney said. "We deliver fuel to the aircraft in timely manner in order to fulfill mission requirements."

During exercises such as Valiant Shield, fuel runs will increase to approximately 300 runs a day.

"We will pump more than four million gallons of fuel and launch more than 2,000 aircraft sorties during this exercise," Saunders said.

Along with supporting all Air Force operations on base, the 36th LRS fuels flight supports all Navy Search and Rescue operations for Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 25.

"We provide support 24/7, 365 days a year," Saunders said. "We don't cease operations for official functions, and many people don't know that we work 12-hour shifts on a regular basis."

Commonly seen on Andersen are the R-11 refuelers, also referred to as "the big green trucks."

The fuel distribution element utilizes these refuelers, which can hold 6,000 gallons of jet fuel and dispense at a rate of 600 gallons a minute.



**Top:** Service members work together to fuel an aircraft on the flightline on Andersen Air Force Base Sept. 7. Team Andersen fuels some of the United States largest joint and coalition exercises in the Asia-Pacific region. U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Mariah Haddenham/Released

**Above:** An Airman from the 36th Logistics Readiness Squadron's fuel distribution element fuels a fire truck on Andersen Air Force Base Sept. 7. Andersen is the home of the largest fuel storage facility in the Air Force. U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Mariah Haddenham/Released

"Our role is vital to the movement of all vehicles and aircraft on this base," Saunders said.

With the long hours put in by these dedicated Airmen, the Andersen flightline remains dynamic and vitalized with sound of aircraft engines ready to take off and fulfill their mission. The efforts of the fuels flight keep Andersen moving and mission-ready.

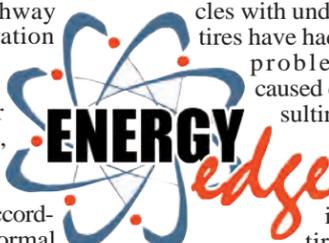
## Maintain correct tire pressure for safety, fuel savings

From the Department of the Navy's Toolkit

More than a quarter of automobiles and about a third of light trucks (including sport utility vehicles, vans and pickup trucks) on the roadways of the United States have one or more tires under inflated eight pounds per square inch (psi) or more below the level recommended by the vehicle manufacturer, according to a report by the Department of Trans-

portation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

A decrease in tire pressure can be caused by poor maintenance, driving habits, punctures, road conditions and the quality of material used in tire construction. According to tire experts, under normal driving conditions, air-filled tires can lose from one to two pounds per square inch per month as air permeates through the tires. Vehi-



cles with under inflated tires have had handling problems that caused crashes resulting in fatalities and injuries. Under inflated tires impact a driver's ability to control a vehicle against skidding, blowouts and other tire failures. An NHTSA study found that, in

1999, under inflated tires contributed to 0.8 percent of traffic fatalities and injuries, and estimates that 41 vehicular-related deaths occur annually because of blowouts alone from under inflated tires.

Under-inflation also shortens the life of a tire and decreases gas mileage. For every pound per square inch below the proper level, there is an average increase in fuel consumption of 0.4 percent.

Be aware that tire pressure will

vary dramatically with the seasons due to air temperatures, being higher in the summer and lower in the winter. This means you need to check tire pressures regularly to maintain the manufacturer's recommended pressure.

You can usually find the tire pressure recommended for your vehicle on a sticker located inside the driver's side door jamb, the glove box or owner's manual. Do not use the maximum pressure printed on the tire's sidewall.

# New DOD policy for TDY and PCS cancellations

From the Defense Travel Management Office

Beginning Oct. 1, any travel authorization that includes air travel must be approved and ticketed at least 72 hours in advance of the scheduled flight departure to avoid airline reservations from being cancelled. This is due to a new policy being instituted by the airlines under the fiscal year 2013 General Services Agency's (GSA) City Pair contract.

Under the new policy, if an authorizing official (AO) does not approve an authorization within 72 hours of departure, the airline reservation will be cancelled and the traveler will arrive at the airport without a ticket or a reservation in the airline's system. This applies to all City Pair and non-contract government flights that are either booked through defense travel administrator (DTA) or through a commercial travel office (CTO).

Those travelers making travel

plans within 72 hours of departure must have their authorization approved and tickets issued within 24 hours of creation to avoid cancellation. If making plans within 24 hours of departure, authorizations must be approved and ticketed at least six hours prior to flight departure time to avoid cancellation.

If airline reservations are cancelled, a traveler will be notified via email or phone by their CTO.

Arriving at the airport without a ticket can impact mission, travel funds and put unnecessary stress on the traveler. If this occurs, travelers are not advised to re-book at the airline counter. Often, counter agents are not familiar with GSA's City Pair Program and may book the traveler on a full priced fare at a much higher cost. To re-book a flight, travelers should follow their normal ticketing process. Travelers should take their travel itinerary with them to the airport. If your reservation has been cancelled, the itinerary will provide contact infor-

mation for your CTO, as well as, reservation details to help you re-book.

In the current fiscal environment where it is necessary to be conservative with travel budgets, monitoring the status of travel documents and ensuring travel authorizations are approved, is the best way to avoid unnecessary costs and stress associated with re-booking travel.

#### Tips for travelers:

- Monitor the status of your travel authorization. If your trip is approaching and your authorization has not been approved, contact your AO immediately. If your AO is unavailable, contact your DTA.
- Ensure your DTS profile is current. Often, travelers forget to update their profile with the government travel charge card expiration date if they received a new card. Without a current card in your profile, a reservation cannot be purchased.



- Take your travel itinerary with you to the airport. If your reservation has been cancelled, the itinerary will provide contact information for your CTO as well as reservation details to help you re-book.

#### Tips for AOs:

- Monitor documents awaiting your approval.
- Ensure a backup AO is designated if you will be on leave or deployed.

#### Tips for DTAs:

- Run the new "Pending Airline Cancellation" report to identify

those authorizations at risk for cancellation.

- Run traveler status Reports to notify agency program coordinators (APC) which travelers are scheduled for travel to ensure government travel charge cards are activated.

#### Tips for APCs:

- Review the Accounts Information Reports and advise DTAs regarding invalid and expired government travel charge cards.
- Review the approved status reports and assist with activating government travel charge cards for travelers with upcoming trips.

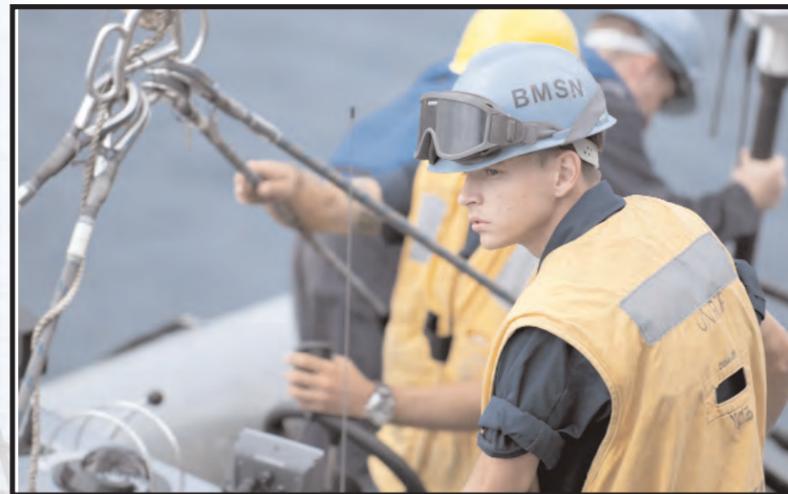
# Mustin makes brief Guam stop



**Flying Colors:** Ship's Serviceman Seaman Sheltonkainoa Talaro, assigned to guided-missile destroyer USS Mustin (DDG 89) raises the Navy Jack as the ship sets anchorage following sea and anchor operations in Piti Sept. 9. Mustin is currently on patrol in the 7th Fleet area of operations. U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Devon Dow/Released



**Above:** Sailors assigned to guided-missile destroyer USS Mustin (DDG 89) conduct small boat operations after getting underway from Guam Sept. 9. U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Devon Dow/Released



**Left:** Boatswain's Mate Seaman Larry Mayberry, assigned to guided-missile destroyer USS Mustin (DDG 89) serves as boat deck petty officer in charge during small boats operations following sea and anchors operations in Piti Sept. 9. U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Devon Dow/Released

# Facilities provide service members sanctuary

By Shaina Marie Santos  
Joint Region Edge Staff

The Single Sailor Sanctuary on U.S. Naval Base Guam (NBG) and Hotspot on Andersen Air Force Base (AFB) are two locations that strive to enhance the military's quality of life by offering ready access to service members looking for something to do.

The facilities are offered through Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Guam's Liberty Program and the 36th Force Support Squadron (FSS).

According to MWR Guam Liberty Coordinator Korinna Taitano, the mission is to offer elements that contribute to the overall well-being of Sailors.

"It provides an outlet for Sailors to explore the local area with trips and outings in a safe, alcohol and tobacco-free environment," she said. "The Liberty center and program is a communication hub for single Sailors by providing recreational usage, computers and Wi-Fi services

that help Sailors stay connected with their family and friends while away from home."

36th FSS Hotspot Director Michele Jacobs agreed with Taitano and added that base recreational programs also serve to meet a variety of interests.

Jacobs said Hotspot is to provide a variety of programs, events and activities that are diverse and meet the needs and interests of patrons from all backgrounds.

"It's a place where people can go to relax, hang out with friends and have fun," Jacobs said. "It provides an alcohol-free alternative. It's where you can communicate with your friends and family overseas."

Besides computers and Internet, both facilities offer movie theaters, music rooms, gaming areas fitted with the latest gaming platforms, pool tables, and snacks for sale. Use of both facilities is completely free.

Taitano said the benefits of recreational facilities are long term and affect the whole Navy.

"While providing the individuals participating with enhanced physical, social and emotional benefits,



**Service:** Sonar Technician 1st Class (SS) Jerry Gwyn, background, awaits a serve from Sonar Technician 2nd Class (SS) Michael Marquez, both of USS Michigan (SSGN 727), at the Single Sailor Sanctuary on U.S. Naval Base Guam Sept. 6. Morale, Welfare and Recreation Guam offers the facility to provide service members a place for relaxation and entertainment. U.S. Navy photo by Shaina Marie Santos/Released

active participation in a quality Liberty Program also benefits the work unit, the command and ultimately, the Navy through higher levels of readiness and retention."

The Single Sailor Sanctuary is open from Monday-Friday from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturdays, Sun-

days and holidays from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Use of the facility is open for active duty single Sailors and geographical bachelors ages 18 and older. For more information about the Single Sailor Sanctuary, call 564-2280.

The Hotspot is open Monday-

Thursday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 12 p.m. to 11 p.m. and Sundays from noon to 8 p.m. Use of the facility is open for military ID card holders ages 18 and older. For more information about the Hotspot, call 366-2339.

# Safety Second

## Staying safe in stormy weather

By Shaina Marie Santos  
Joint Region Edge Staff

With Guam's rainy season upon us, being prepared to weather a storm is important to keeping yourself and your family safe.

Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Marianas Safety and Health Manager Melissa Cruz said with flooding common on Guam, there are a number of things to keep in mind when in or away from home.

When on the road, Cruz suggests reducing speeds, keeping alert and if possible, taking an alternate route. She said there are also other factors to consider when at home.

"If using extension cords or any electrical tools outside, keep plugs away from wet surfaces," she said. "If not in use, unplug the cord and keep it in a safe place."

Cruz suggested that for leaking roofs make sure no appliance or equipment is plugged directly underneath.

"Take no chances," she said. "As-

sess the home and identify those hazardous areas that will require you to relocate any appliances or electrical equipment. Take immediate corrective action to correct the unsafe condition. Also, check the condition of (your) vehicle. Check tires, fuel, wipers (and) battery."

In the event of a thunderstorm, NAVFAC Marianas Safety and Health Specialist John Larrew suggests taking cover, especially in a closed space.

According to Larrew, thunder is caused when there is a buildup of electricity in the clouds, which releases a lightning strike in the process, creating a rapid expansion and contraction of air which makes the "thunder sound".

"Inside a closed building is a safe place versus an open garage, picnic shelter or under a canopy and even under tall trees," he said. "(People) need to take cover from lightning strikes if they hear thunder, as this could cause an electrocution and possibly death."

Larrew added that to determine

the distance of the storm, the rule of thumb is to count every second from seeing a lightning flash and divide by five, every five seconds being equivalent to a mile.

On construction sites, Larrew said workers are advised to seek closed shelter if possible.

"For those crane operators like the ones at the (U.S.) Naval Hospital (Guam) project, they are advised to sit in a fetal position on the insulated seat and wait out the storm," he said.

Larrew also warned that people should stay away from elements that have the ability to conduct electricity such as metal or water.

"Avoid using wired telephones, electrical appliances or even taking a shower or using the kitchen faucet as lightning strikes will follow metal or water paths to ground," he said.

He added that it is important to stay away from bodies of water, as a lightning strike in water can still carry an effect from miles away and during a storm, rough waves and undercurrents can cause drowning.



**Storm Tracking:** Naval Facilities and Engineering Command Marianas Safety and Health Specialist Patrick Rivera presents a live weather forecast from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association Web Site at his office in Asan Sept. 5. Keeping weather forecasts in mind is one way to be prepared and safe during stormy weather. U.S. Navy photo by Shaina Marie Santos/Released

According to NAVFAC Marianas Safety and Health Specialist Kevin Rosario, keeping the weather in mind should be a daily practice in safety.

"It is important to consider the weather at all times for driving purposes, pre-planning of events and for better preparation," he said. "On an everyday basis people use weather forecasts to determine what to

wear. Since outdoor activities are severely curtailed by heat, heavy rain, snow and the wind chill, forecasts can be used to plan activities around these events and to plan ahead and survive them."

To see Guam's weather forecasts before making your way to an event or making plans, you can visit [www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/](http://www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/) for updates.

# EXERCISE: Residents should always remain ready

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number one priority," he said. "We moved all DLA personnel from the low-lying area near NBG headquarters to high ground at the tsunami safe refuge area at Sampson Baseball Field behind Barracks 24. We are moving our command and control capability up there at Andersen (Air Force Base) so we can build and conduct logistics response to the humanitarian relief caused by the disaster as necessary from that location."

DLA Guam, Marianas set up their command and control pivot at the 734th Air Mobility Squadron on Andersen where the DLA has its theater consolidation shipping point they use to distribute their assets.

"The biggest thing DLA personnel took away from the exercise was that all the personnel from the command understood the importance of knowing where the high ground is and what is the safest way in getting there in case of an actual emergency," said DLA Guam, Marianas' Security Officer David Palomo.

Bobrowski said the exercise was a huge success for NBG.

"It demonstrated that we can respond to a minimal or short-notice event and can continue to coordinate and provide emergency support in the event a real tsunami was issue for Guam."

He added though the tsunami was part of a drill, individuals need to be kept informed and aware of the natural disasters that pose a threat to the island.

"NBG needs to continue to educate our personnel, tenant commands and housing residents on what to do and where to go in the event a tsunami warning is issued for Guam."

To learn more about NBG, visit [www.cnic.navy.mil/guam](http://www.cnic.navy.mil/guam).

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

**Higher Ground:** Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Guam, Marianas personnel evacuate the low-lying area of their building during the Dang'Kulun Napu(dahng-KOH-lohn nah-POO) 12 Tsunami Exercise on U.S. Naval Base Guam Sept. 5. U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Jeremy Starr/Released



# COMPETITION: Promotes resiliency, well-being

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ways to integrate our daily work to the competition while the

Airmen figure out how they can accomplish the task the fastest and easiest way possible."

Ammo Olympics events include the four-person 750 pound inert-bomb pull, fin toss, ten-ton tractor pull, forklift obstacle course and tug-of-war.

"I always look forward to the tug-of-war," said Senior Airman Jeremy Cowger, 36th MUNS storage munitions crew chief. "Here on Guam, it usually rains through the whole thing. Everyone gets super muddy and still (has) big smiles on their faces."

The event was a made possible by the cumulative effort of members of the 36th MUNS booster club. The club members planned the events, tallied scores and organized the food, making sure that the Airmen of the 36th MUNS have a relaxing day of fun and camaraderie.

The Ammo Olympics gives the Airmen a chance to showcase their creativity, personalities and pride in their work places along with their skills. To show shop spirit, munitions Airmen made matching shirts and costumes for their teams.

"We work a pretty high volume out here especially since we are just coming out of an operational readiness exercise," Cowger said. "It's nice to have an event like this and come out here to enjoy the company of people you work with in a relaxed setting."

Events like the Ammo Olympics allow 36th MUNS Airmen take a breather from their

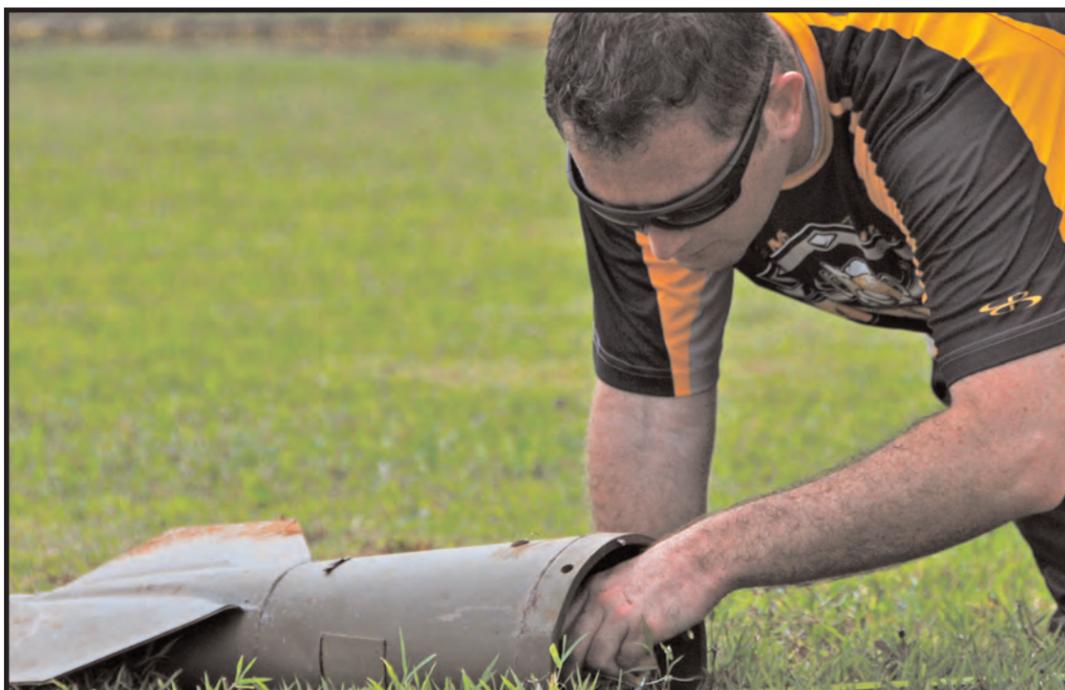
otherwise busy schedules. This year alone, the 36th MUNS participated in multiple exercises, which include the multinational Rim of the Pacific Exercise and the Combat Ammunition Production Exercise, the largest munitions production exercise in the Air Force.

"Along with the exercises we've participated in, we support the Marines and tenant units when they are on island," said Maj. Jason Kalman, 36th MUNS commander. "We also recently conducted retrograde, where we offloaded thousands of tons of explosives and replenished our stockpile."

"With that level of work day in and day out, Airmen look forward to an event like Ammo Olympics where they can have fun and show off their skills," Kalman continued. "It is good for them to have the opportunity to decompress and promote resiliency and healthy well-being among our Airmen."

**Top:** Airmen from the 36th Munitions Squadron (MUNS) work together to pull a 750 pound inert bomb during the Ammo Olympics on Andersen Air Force Base Aug. 30. The Ammo Olympics is an annual event where the Airmen from the 36th MUNS build teams and compete with each other in events that test the Airmen's strength, teamwork and ingenuity. U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Marianne Santos/Released

**Bottom:** Staff Sgt. Erick Cole, 36th Munitions Squadron munitions inspector, measures how far an Airman tossed a fin during the Ammo Olympics on Andersen Air Force Base Aug. 30. U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Marianne Santos/Released



# FRANK CABLE IN SUBIC

**Teamwork:** Sailors assigned to the submarine tender USS Frank Cable (AS 40) steady the Rugged Hull Inflatable Boat (RHIB) as it is lowered into the water in Subic Bay, Philippines Sept. 3. Frank Cable conducts maintenance and support of submarines and surface vessels deployed in the U.S. 7th area of responsibility. U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Corey Hensley/Released



By Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Corey Hensley  
USS Frank Cable (AS 40) Public Affairs

Submarine tender USS Frank Cable (AS 40) arrived in the Republic of the Philippines for some well-deserved liberty Sept. 3.

This visit to Subic Bay is the first foreign port Frank Cable has visited since finishing its dry dock period in Portland, Ore. After six months of extensive work, Frank Cable returned to Guam ready to continue its mission in the Western Pacific.

"The crew has worked very hard preparing the ship by completing several major inspections to certify the ship for a visit of this nature," said Frank Cable Command Master Chief (SS) James Schneider. "They have earned the opportunity to experience the culture and traditions that the Philippines have to offer."

According to Schneider, the ship and her crew had no problem returning to business as usual during this underway period, including training, running drills and improving the material condition of the ship.

"Every day in our Navy is a training opportunity," Schneider said. "We have performed a fire drill, flooding drill, a force-protection drill, several man-over-board drills and a gun exercise. We also had the opportunity to hone our navigation skills, as we transited a challenging passage through the Philippine island chain."

For some Sailors, this trip to the Philippines is a first time experience. For others, like Ship's Serviceman 2nd Class (SW) Barry Degoma, who is native to No-



**Mabuhay:** Capt. Alberto Pilar (PF 15), executive officer of the Navy frigate BRP Batangas Bay (PF 15), during a tour of the Frank Cable in Subic Bay, Philippines Sept. 4. Sailors of the frigate were training with the USS Frank Cable (AS 40) during the visit. U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Corey Hensley/Released



**Introduction:** Cmdr. Timothy Sparks, executive officer of the USS Frank Cable (AS 40), provides an overview of the outdoor machine shop to Capt. Alberto Pilar (PF 15), during a tour of the Frank Cable in Subic Bay, Philippines Sept. 4. U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Jason C. Swink/Released

# FRANK CABLE ARRIVES SUBIC BAY



Capt. Pete Hildreth, commanding officer of the submarine tender USS Frank Cable (AS 40), gives greetings with Capt. Alberto Cruz, commanding officer of the Philippine BRP Gregorio Del Pilar (PF 15), during a port visit to Subic Bay, Philippines Sept. 4. Frank Cable took the opportunity to provide technical assistance and conduct community service projects with the crew of the BRP Gregorio Del Pilar during a brief port visit to the Philippines. U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Jason C. Swink/Released

Manila, it is a return to a place that holds fond memories. "I am excited to be home again," Degoma said. "It gives you that great feeling that you will get to see old friends and more especially your families, and relatives." Degoma said he is excited for his fellow shipmates to see all that the Republic of Philippines has to offer,

saying that there are many tours, parks and volunteer opportunities for Frank Cable Sailors.

Religious Programs Specialist Seaman Donald Bishop, who visited Subic Bay with the ship before, agrees with Degoma on the area's rich history and its people.

"I was there last year and was out and about getting materials for (community service projects) as well as going on them, and everywhere I went there were friendly, helpful people who were just overjoyed with us helping out," Bishop said.

During their stay, the Frank Cable crew had several community service projects scheduled. Schneider said he is looking forward to Sailors having the opportunity to reach out to the local community.

"Our increased presence in the region will allow us to provide services that are not normally accessible such as medical/dental services," Schneider said. "In port, we are taking on several challenges in the community and getting involved with the community service projects. Interacting one-on-one with the local population is the best training and education we can get."

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

For more information, visit [www.navy.mil](http://www.navy.mil), [www.facebook.com/usnavy](http://www.facebook.com/usnavy), or [www.twitter.com/usnavy](http://www.twitter.com/usnavy).

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



The submarine tender USS Frank Cable (AS 40), gives greetings with Capt. Alberto Cruz, commanding officer of the BRP Gregorio Del Pilar, during a port visit to Subic Bay, Philippines Sept. 4. U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Jason C. Swink/Released



**Fresh Paint:** Personnel Specialist Seaman Apprentice Nicole Rosado, assigned to the submarine tender USS Frank Cable (AS 40), paints the wall in the charity wing of the James L. Gordon Hospital in Olongapo City, Philippines Sept. 6. Frank Cable Sailors and civilian mariners spent the day working with members of the hospital staff to paint various rooms and hallways throughout the hospital. U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Corey Hensley/Released



**Dental:** Sailors assigned to the submarine tender USS Frank Cable (AS 40) prepare to extract a patient's tooth outside city hall in Olongapo City, Philippines Sept. 4. During this community service event, Sailors from the ship's Health Services department, along with Olongapo City's Health Department, spent the day caring for several hundred patients from the local area. U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist Seaman Chris Salisbury/Released



**Dive, Dive:** Navy divers, assigned to the submarine tender USS Frank Cable (AS 40), begin a diving evolution to perform hull maintenance on the ship's dive boat in Subic Bay, Philippines Sept. 3. U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Corey Hensley/Released



**Cleanup:** Sailors, assigned to the submarine tender USS Frank Cable (AS 40) and local volunteers remove overgrown vegetation during a community service project at the Olongapo City Public Cemetery Sept. 5. U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Jason C. Swink/Released

## NAVFAC MARIANAS MANAGER

By Shaina Marie Santos  
Joint Region Edge Staff

# fishes for fun

Although Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Marianas Supervisory Base Support Vehicles and Equipment (BSVE) Manager Peter Perez manages equipment on land, his passion has fins and is found under the sea.

Perez has been with NAVFAC Marianas since its beginning, serving in the civil service for a total of 28 years and is currently a Contracting officer representative, providing program management and assessment oversight for the base operating support contract BSVE services.

Perez, who was born and raised in Tumon, learned to fish from his father, who taught him rod and reel, spearfishing and the patience required for both methods.

"I brought food to the table," he said. "I quickly became everyone's favorite nephew and almost always gave more fish away."

Fishing has always been a competitive sport in the Perez family and this Perez continues to carry on that tradition to present day. Perez fishes competitively among the community and in off-island tournaments and consistently spends time fishing twice a week, filling his weekends and holidays with fresh catch.

"I spend countless hours planning, preparing and executing my fishing plan," he said. "When you actually catch a fish, the feeling is worth a thousand words. When you throw a net and surround a school of fish, when you cast and hit your mark, seeing and feeling the fish bite your lure is an amazing accomplishment."



**Big Fish:** Naval Facilities Engineering Command Marianas Supervisory Base Support Vehicles and Equipment Manager Peter Perez re-enacts a pose after catching a winning marlin at the Sumay Cove Marina on U.S. Naval Base Guam Aug. 31. Though Perez manages equipment on land, his passion has fins and is found under the sea. U.S. Navy photo by Shaina Marie Santos/Released

accomplishment."

Like his father before him, Perez also

passed his knowledge onto his three children who have competed against him in

fishing derbies.

"My three children Daniel, James and Christina know how to fish and they respect the ocean," he said. "They continue the traditional fishing practices and I hope some day they will teach their children."

Perez offers sound advice and tips for first-time fishers; especially knowing the tide schedule and listening to weather advisory reports as a start.

Safety is an especially important thing to remember when fishing. Perez said the safety of his fishing partners, himself and his boat crew is not negotiable. Before going out to fish, he suggests checking your equipment, swing gear, and ensuring all emergency contact numbers are accurate. He also recommends a extra dive lights, a first aid kit, and much more to be completely prepared.

"Just like work, you plan, prepare and execute," he said. "Consult with fellow fishermen; know the moon phases and never fish alone. Always fish with a partner, prepare a safety plan and bring a camera to capture the moments because everyone has a fishing story."

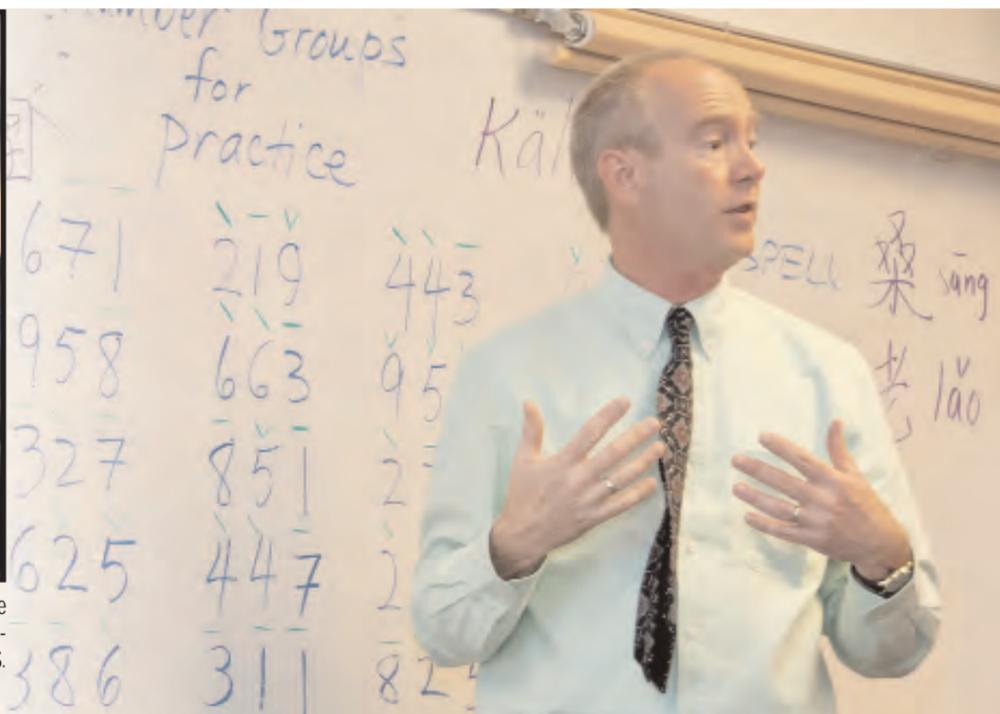


## IMAGINATION MOVERS

# THRILL AUDIENCE



**Pumping up the Crowd:** Disney's The Imagination Movers pumps up the crowd at The Big Screen Theatre on U.S. Naval Base Guam Sept. 8. The band also performed at Andersen Air Force Base and was hosted by Navy Entertainment. U.S. Navy photos by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Corwin Colbert/Released



**Practice Makes Perfect:** A student practices his writing skills during a foreign language class at the Cmdr. William C. McCool Elementary and Middle School on U.S. Naval Base Guam Sept. 7. At MEMS, students from sixth through eighth grade have the opportunity to learn Spanish or Mandarin Chinese. U.S. Navy photo by Shaina Marie Santos/Released

**A Whole New Language:** Cmdr. William C. McCool Elementary and Middle School (MEMS) language teacher Thomas Sandvick begins class at the school on U.S. Naval Base Guam Sept. 7. U.S. Navy photo by Shaina Marie Santos/Released

# Language program

By Shaina Marie Santos  
Joint Region Edge Staff

## introduces culture to young minds

Cmdr. William C. McCool Elementary/Middle School (MEMS) students have the opportunity to learn a foreign language that may broaden their minds and encourage diversity.

According to MEMS language teacher Thomas Sandvick, learning a foreign language and culture can benefit students in a number of ways.

"Learning about another culture allows students to expand their view of the world community," he said. "They compare and contrast cultural norms of foreign cultures with their own, providing an opportunity to take a critical look inside their

own culture. The same goes for language."

At MEMS, Mandarin Chinese and Spanish classes are available for students from the sixth to eighth grade. Sandvick, addressed by his students as Sang Laoshi when instructing Mandarin Chinese at the school, meets with his students for 75 minutes every other day for instruction.

"Students learn all the facets of the language, from tone, to radicals as building blocks of characters, to the stroke order for how to write characters," he said. "To help with pronunciation, students learn to read

Pinyin, a phonetic system developed by the Chinese and used by the international media as a standard system of spelling Chinese names. For language communication, students learn to greet one another, talk about family, school life, activities or hobbies and use dates and time."

According to Sandvick, learning a foreign language must be tied to learning the culture behind it.

"Culture is a reflection of language and vice versa; therefore, the two are not treated as separate entities," Sandvick said. "To the greatest extent possible, language is taught within the context of culture."

An example of students using language in the context of culture is students being put in situations in which they can practice them.

"In learning their Chinese names, students are put in a situation similar to what would happen in a Chinese classroom at the start of class when the teacher takes attendance," Sandvick said. "At the same time, students learn the proper classroom etiquette for starting and ending class each day by going through the process themselves every day."

The instruction is also kept up to date, creating a virtual travel experience for students.

"Students don't just learn to say numbers in Chinese, but learn historical and present-day significance of certain numbers used in Chinese," Sandvick said. "Students also learn hand gestures for the numbers they would likely encounter in an open street market in China. In addition to all this, technology is used as much as possible."

According to Sandvick, learning a new language at a younger age helps students speak the language better than if they were to learn it later.

"The younger a student is when she or he begins the study of a second language, the easier it is to master the language," he said. "Younger minds are more flexible in processing languages. Students who begin speaking a second language at a young age have a greater capacity to master the phonetic system and intonation patterns, thereby increasing their ability to be understood by native speakers of the language."

Sandvick said learning a foreign language does not only have benefits for the student, but for the world as a whole.

"Learning a foreign language or culture provides a culturally-literate citizen who is more empathetic and able to adapt easily to cultural situations that might otherwise be difficult to navigate or understand," he said. "Overall, the learner of a foreign language and culture develops the skill that allows him or her to participate with confidence in a multi-cultural society, whether that be locally or globally, at work or for leisure. Foreign competency is a vital piece of 21st century education and is embraced not only by our school but DoDEA (Department of Defense Education Activity) worldwide."

## 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, Thursday, 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.  
 Catholic Men of the Chapel: First and third Tuesday of the month, Chapel 1 Annex, 6 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.  
 Liturgical Service: Sunday, Lighthouse, 9 a.m.  
 Gospel Service: Sunday, Chapel 2, 11:30 a.m.  
 Emerging Worship Service: Sunday, Lighthouse, 5 p.m.  
 Protestant Women of the Chapel: Second Monday of each month, Chapel 2 Annex, 6:30 p.m.; Wednesdays (September-May), Chapel 2 Annex, 8 a.m.  
 Protestant Men of the Chapel: Wednesday, Lighthouse, 6 p.m.; First Saturday of the month, Chapel 2 Annex, 8 a.m.  
 Protestant Youth of the Chapel: Thursday, Chapel 2 Annex, 7 p.m.  
 Protestant Single/Unaccompanied: Thursday, 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 Cmdr. Melvin H. Underwood  
 Joint Region Marianas Force  
 Chaplain

In light of the recent milestone of casualties in the ongoing struggle in Afghanistan, I began to think about the fragility of life and the weight of meaning attributed to the actions we take in our lives. What does it all mean? Is there any real, long-lasting purpose to what we do? Is the sacrifice worth the reward?

As I thought on these things, I was reminded of the quote, "All the world's a stage and we are merely players."

Such is the worldview of many in the writings of Shakespeare. In King Lear (III:vii) there is a man of such minor importance he is simply called "First Servant." All of the players around him are long-term players. They know how the play ends because they have long term plans, but they are wrong. First Servant has no such plans, does not know how the play will end and, simply, is a witness to a horrible crime. This crime he will not abide and with his sword out, attempts to stop the act. At the same moment of his heroism he is stabbed in the back and dies. That is the sum total of the part he plays—just more than eight lines. But of all the parts of the play, I

# A play your place in it

thinks his is the part most profound. Why?

First, he plays his part well and with honor. Second, we never hear him bemoan his fate or dishonor himself with petty demands for fairness or social justice. He lives well, acts with honor and dies with dignity. We should all wish to attain such loftiness.

The biblical doctrine of end time events teaches us that we cannot know when this world drama will end. The lights may come up and the curtains come down at any moment even before you have finished reading this paragraph. To some this idea is frustrating, what with so much left undone. "I haven't ended my enlistment," "I haven't got-

ten married yet," "I haven't reached retirement eligibility." Certainly no kind and loving God would be so ill-mannered as to interrupt all of my plans. Not now, of all

## CHAPLAIN'S Corner



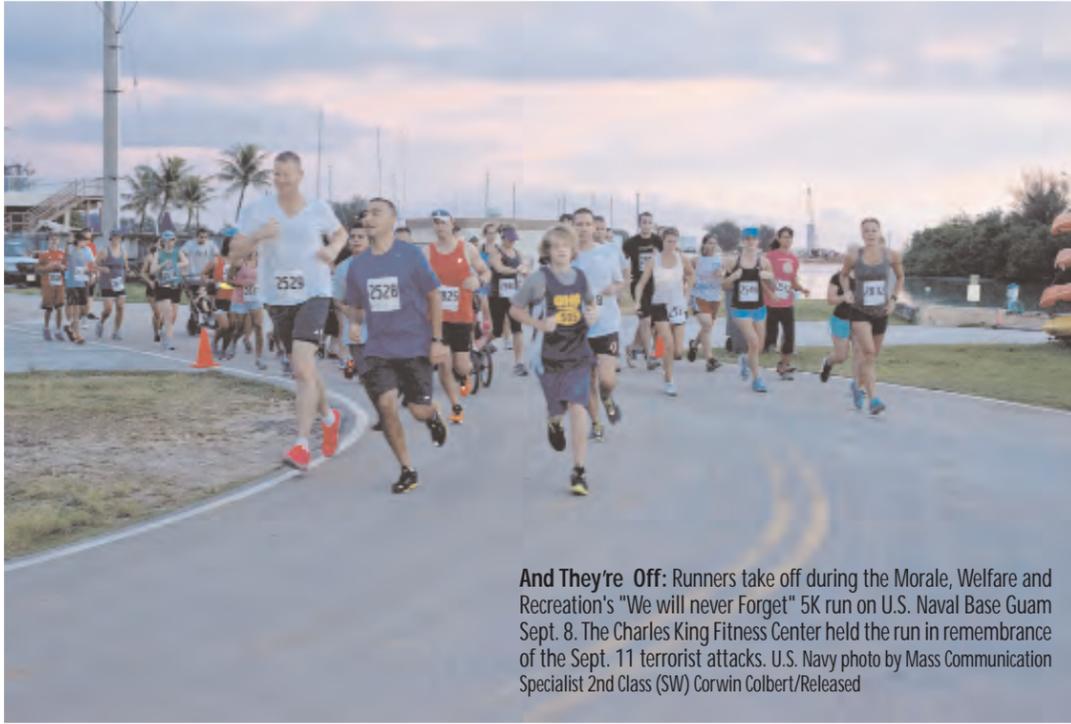
moments. Yet life does have a way of interrupting; in minor irritations or catastrophic loss, as we have recently experienced.

We keep on thinking these things because we have made so many plans and we falsely assume that we know the end of the play. We do not know the play. We do not even know whether we are in Act one or Act five. We do not know who are the major and minor characters, but the author does. The audience, if there is an audience (if there is a great cloud

of witnesses watching us), may have an idea. But we, never seeing the play from the outside, never meeting any characters except the tiny minority who are "on scene" in the same scenes as ourselves, wholly ignorant of the future and poorly learned from our past, cannot tell at what moment the end ought to come, if at all.

The end will come and it will come when it ought. Of that we can be sure. But still we waste our time guessing when it will come, never bothering to prepare ourselves for the eventuality. That the end has meaning we may also be sure, but we cannot yet see its meaning on this side of the play. When it is all over, we may be told. We are led to believe that the author will have plenty to say to each of us on the part that we have played. I urge all of you to take a reflective moment of self-criticism and critique. Look at your part in the play of life and honestly see if you are playing fully to you potential. Are you playing your part well and with honor? Are you a poor performer today? Look deep into your soul and know that the player you are today is the player you are preparing to be for all of eternity. After all, it is the "playing it well" that matters infinitely and eternally. Play well—and play better, and if need be, raise your game!

# NBG community commemorates 9/11



**And They're Off:** Runners take off during the Morale, Welfare and Recreation's "We will never Forget" 5K run on U.S. Naval Base Guam Sept. 8. The Charles King Fitness Center held the run in remembrance of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Corwin Colbert/Released



**Go!** Sonia Andrade, left, is cheered on by her son as she finishes a the Morale, Welfare and recreation's "We will never Forget" 5K run on U.S. Naval Base Guam Sept. 8. U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Corwin Colbert/Released



**Above** Lt. Chad Haack of Naval Munitions Command East Asia Detachment Guam, right, beats Lt.j.g. Ray Dennis of Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit 5, to the finish line during the Morale, Welfare and Recreation's "We will never Forget" 5K-run on U.S. Naval Base Guam Sept. 8. U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Corwin Colbert/ Released