



INSIDE INFO



LINEBACKER OF THE WEEK
PAGE 4



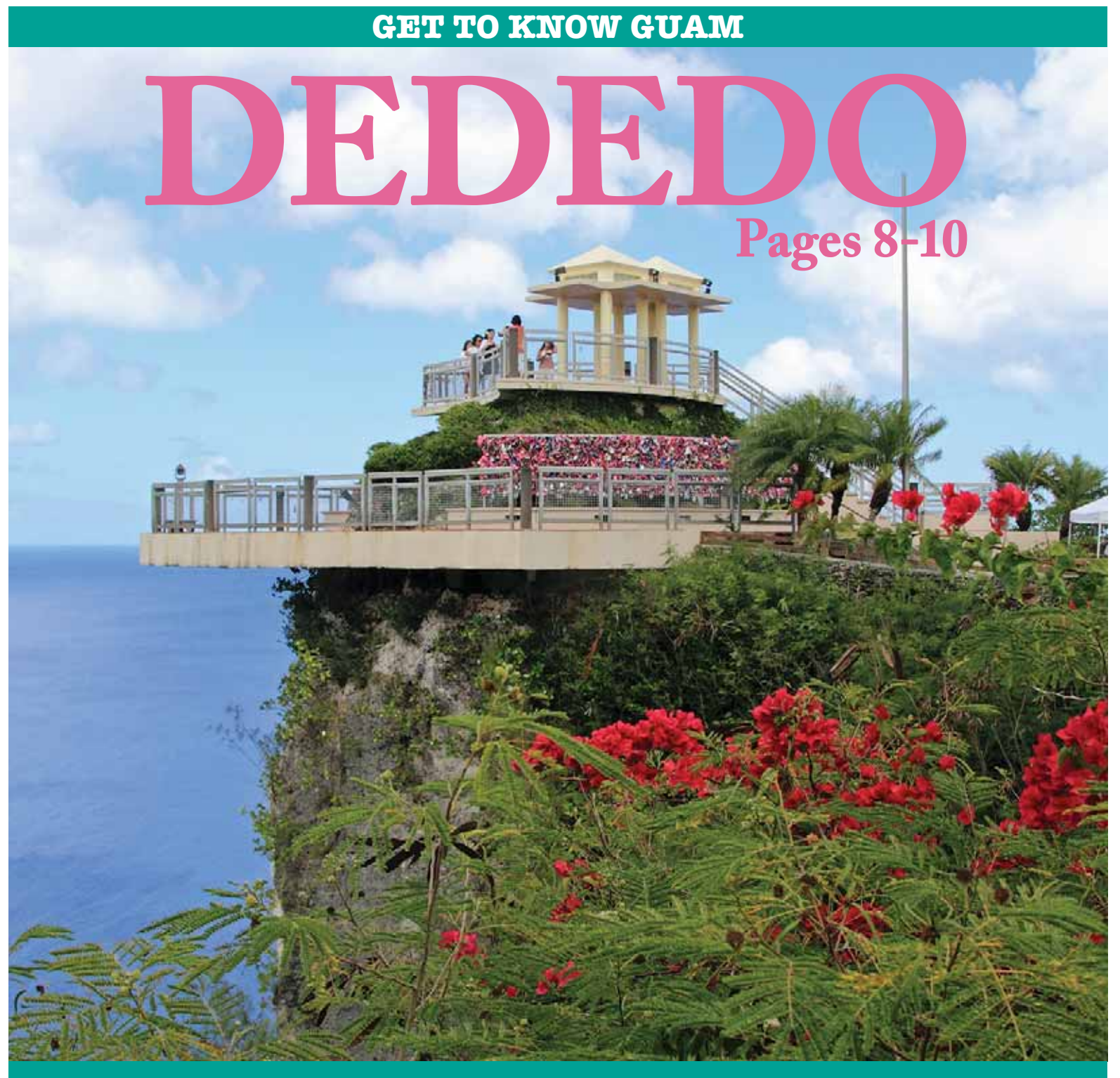
PHYSICAL THERAPY CLINIC ENSURES TEAM ANDERSEN FIT TO FIGHT
PAGE 6



'THAT'S NOT IN MY SPENDING PLAN'
PAGES 12-13



TOUR OF GUAM BIKE RACE TO BE HELD DEC. 11
PAGE 14



DEDEDO

Pages 8-10

USCGC Oliver Henry returns from patrol

BY CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER SARA MUIR,
U.S. COAST GUARD FORCES MICRONESIA

SANTA RITA – The Sentinel-class fast response cutter USCGC Oliver Henry (WPC 1140) arrived at homeport in Guam, Sept. 19, following a patrol across Oceania.

“The crew of Oliver Henry just completed a 43-day historic patrol across Oceania, where we patrolled and visited ports in the Federated States of Micronesia, Papua New Guinea, and Australia. We also patrolled the exclusive economic zones of those countries and Solomon Islands during

our time,” said Lt. Freddy Hofschneider, commanding officer of Oliver Henry. “Our trip was significant in that we validated the capability of the fast response cutters homeported here in Apra Harbor, Guam, showing what we can do to promote regional stability in terms of fisheries and continue to build a better relationship with our regional partners.

The crew conducted training, fisheries observations, community and key leader engagements, and a multilateral sail. They covered more than 16,000 nautical miles from Guam to Cairns, Queensland, Australia, and returned with several

stops in Papua New Guinea and one in the Federated States of Micronesia.

“The fact that we can take these 154-foot ships with a crew of 25 and a lieutenant commanding officer and push them so far over the horizon, even as far as Australia -- which is what Oliver Henry just did -- is an incredible capability for the region,” said Capt. Nick Simmons, commander U.S. Coast Guard Forces Micronesia/Sector Guam. “I’m proud of the work the Oliver Henry did, the resiliency of the crew deployed for 43

SEE PATROL ON PAGE 2



To place an ad, call 355-5160
guam.stripes.com/contact



National Oceanic Resource Management Authority – Fisheries Compliance Division representative to cover patrol highlights and future opportunities. The Oliver Henry commanding officer visited the FSM National Police Maritime Wing headquarters to discuss multilateral efforts. Finally, members of the cutter's engineering team conducted a subject matter expert exchange with the crew of FSS Palikir, the last active Pacific-class patrol boat, on shipboard repairs and preventative

docomo pacific
Better Together

MOBILE

DIGITAL TV

HOME PHONE

INTERNET

NEW!

CHOICE BUNDLES

Choose more, save more.

Save over \$1,000 per year!*

Scan QR code and explore your choices.

LIMITED TIME OFFER

\$100

Account Credit*

with INTERNET 75 or higher bundle

more TALK TEXT MUSIC ENTERTAINMENT SPEED LONG DISTANCE GAMES MOVIES APPS STREAMING CHANNELS SPORTS SHOWS

LINEBACKER OF THE WEEK

Staff Sgt. Travis Javier

‘His work ethic has helped improve readiness’



Staff Sgt. Travis Javier receives the Linebacker of the Week Award from Brig. Gen. Paul R. Birch and Chief Master Sgt. John E. Payne at Andersen Air Force Base on Sept. 7.

STORY AND PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS ALLISON MARTIN, 36TH WING

ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE – U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Travis Javier, the non commissioned officer in charge of programs with the 36th Maintenance Squadron, was recognized as the 36th Wing’s Team Andersen Linebacker of the Week, at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, Sept. 7, 2022.

The Team Andersen Linebacker of the Week recognizes outstanding enlisted, officer, civilian and total force personnel who have had an impact on achieving Team Andersen’s mission, vision and priorities.

After arriving at Andersen AFB, Javier started out as an aircraft structural maintenance craftsman where he oversaw seven new Airmen. He took the initiative and developed a training device to ensure more than 200 core tasks were conducted for on-the-job training. Additionally, he deployed with the 4th Reconnaissance Squadron as the fabrication lead where he created blueprints for a global positioning system repeater mount to facilitate further missions and improve payload checks for the drones, averting 120 contracted man-hours.

His attention to detail led to his transition to the NCOIC of programs for the squadron. He hit

the ground running by clearing a three year wing safety shortfall by revamping the unit’s Polaris training program. He spearheaded the unit fitness program as the post-COVID testing resumed, hosting run clinics as well as organized fitness three times a week which led to a 98% pass rate within the squadron.

Javier’s supervisor, Master Sgt. Jerrad Cruz, the flight chief with the 36 MXS, explained that Javier’s work ethic and ample unit involvement sets the tone for his peers and subordinates to mirror. He consistently demonstrates the importance of supporting each other. Javier upholds the phrase “leave it better than you found it” by promoting and facilitating squadron moral events. As well as encouraging others to vocalize the issues they see and present solutions so we build a better Andersen AFB one brick at a time.

“Staff Sgt. Javier is one of our strongest assets and his work ethic has helped improve readiness and our squadron’s facilities,” said Master Sgt. Jerrad Cruz, flight chief with the 36 MXS.

Tech. Sgt. Robert Bechtelheimer

‘It’s important to work hard and lead by example’

STORY AND PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS EMILY SAXTON, 36TH WING

ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE – U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Robert Bechtelheimer, a maintenance team lead with the 734th Air Mobility Squadron, was recognized as the 36th Wing’s Team Andersen Linebacker of the Week, at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, Aug. 31, 2022.

After arriving at Andersen AFB, Bechtelheimer took the lead on the 734 AMS Human Factors and Confined Space programs. His knowledge and leadership skills were vital to bringing together Air Force Instruction requirements and creating a safe environment for maintenance to succeed. Bechtelheimer’s prior qualifications allowed him to provide Tactical Combat Casualty Care training for five deploying members.

As a maintenance team lead, Bechtelheimer is responsible for training and developing a team of eight personnel across six air force specialty codes to allow for maintenance support of C-17 and C-5 aircraft that travel through Andersen AFB. His efforts allow the Air Mobility Command to provide airlift and project airpower for 800 aircraft per year across the Indo-Pacific theatre.

Outside of work, Bechtelheimer volunteers his time at the Tumon USO to give back to the community. He has also hosted many financial seminars to share his passion about stocks, cryptocurrency and wealth generation. Bechtelheimer recently acquired his realtor license and has used his knowledge to help his fellow service members navigate the process of buying a home.



Tech. Sgt. Robert Bechtelheimer receives the Linebacker of the Week Award from Col. Larry Fenner and Chief Master Sgt. John E. Payne at Andersen Air Force Base on Aug. 31.

“It’s important to work hard and lead by example because you can develop people to better themselves, even if it’s not work related,” said Bechtelheimer. “One day this uniform is going to come off and you need to prepare for what you’re going to do for the rest of your life.”

GSA in Guam

GSA Global Supply® is partnering with M80 Systems, a local small business, to serve civilian and military customers in Guam. M80 is now storing and delivering approximately 350 high-demand National Stock Number (NSN) items formerly stored in and shipped from the continental United States. The change reduces delivery time to a few days from weeks or months.

Customers can order using GSA websites (GSA Global Supply or GSA Advantage!®) or via existing customer logistics platforms (e.g., GCSS-Army). GSA’s systems recognize the items stocked in Guam and fulfill orders locally. Other items will ship from the mainland. An electronic catalog is available.



The new program does not replace existing retail stores managed by GSA at Andersen AFB and Naval Base Guam. Instead, the stores and new outlets are complementary. For more information, please contact your local GSA Customer Service Director, Brandy Untalan, at 671-333-4721 or brandy.untalan@gsa.gov.

Check Out GSA’s Guam Catalog!



Scan this QR code to view GSA’s Guam catalog.



Traverse any terrain in the versatile BMW X3. Performance, power, and efficiency all packed in an all-terrain and rugged utility vehicle. When adventure calls, the X3 will take you there.

Features include: 19in. LT/Alloy Runflat Tires, Perforated Interior with Ambient Lighting, BMW Individual Exterior Line, Driving Assistant and Parking Assistant, BMW Live Cockpit Professional, and premium HiFi Audio System.

BMW Military Incentive available for qualified buyers.
Trade-ins are welcomed. Shop online at **AKGuam.com/ak-bmw**.



Atkins Kroll Inc.

443 South Marine Corps Drive,
Tamuning, Guam 96913

Call 671-649-6410

Showroom Hours: Monday ~ Friday 8am to 6pm
Saturday 8am to 5pm | Sunday 10am to 4 pm

Jacob Torres
BMW Sales Consultant
(671) 489-2055

Kevin Chu
BMW Sales Consultant
(671) 727-6708

Selina Lian
BMW Sales Consultant
(671) 688-2168

*On approved credit. Terms and conditions apply. See dealer for details. Price shown with incentives applied. Vehicle not exactly as shown.



Left: Capt. Meredith LaKonski performs an initial evaluation with a patient at the PT Clinic on Andersen Air Force Base on Sept. 7. Center: Staff Sgt. Monica Rivera (Left), Tech. Sgt. Joel Andres (Center) and LaKonski. Right: Rivera assists a patient with putting on a TheraBand before performing closed kinetic chain ankle mobilization exercises at the PT Clinic. Photos by Airman 1st Class Lauren Clevenger

Physical Therapy Clinic ensures Team Andersen fit to fight

ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE

ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE – “Physical therapy is not just about rehabilitation, it gives patients an opportunity to learn and actively participate in their recovery,” said U.S. Air Force Capt. Meredith Lakonski, 36th Medical Group Physical Therapy Clinic element leader.

The PT clinic, located in the Coral Reef Fitness Center, provides care for approximately 10 patients and one group class a day.

“We empower people to take an active role in their care and

participate in their recovery,” said Lakonski. “We advocate for health, wellness and fitness. With our help many can find the joy and happiness they may have lost due to pain or injury.”

The team treats acute or chronic musculoskeletal pain, impact injuries, joint and muscle pain, post-operative conditions and sports injuries.

“I direct neuromusculoskeletal care of the active duty members assigned to Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, where I am responsible for reviewing referrals, evaluating patients and guiding the

“We empower people to take an active role in their care and participate in their recovery.”

- Capt. Meredith Lakonski

treatment that they will receive, which is usually active participation based care,” said Lakonski. “We perform therapeutic

exercises, strength and power training, manual therapy, balance training, return to run protocols, mobility and flexibility programs.”

Physical therapists are trained on the intricate movements of the body and they share their knowledge to prevent injuries from occurring.

“PT is most effective as preventative care,” said Tech. Sgt. Joel Andres, 36 MDG human performance flight chief. “Our patients can learn how to take care of themselves so that they don’t get re-injured.”

A patient’s rehabilitation can be

a lengthy journey, but having the opportunity to see their recovery makes the process worthwhile especially when they can get back to doing their part in completing the mission, Andres said.

“PT has allowed me to gain a deeper understanding of the body systems and apply that to my joy of exercise and movement,” said Lakonski. “I love interacting with all the different kinds of people and being able to educate and find innovative ways to help them reach their goals.”

Craft Beer and Whiskey Festival

WIN \$500 EA.
BEST COUPLE
BEST GROUP

WIN \$300
BEST MALE & FEMALE
GREASE COSTUME
WINS \$300 EACH!

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!
\$100

DUSIT THANI GUAM RESORT
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22
2PM - 10PM

BEER is the word
CRAFTBEERFESTGUAM.COM

A 21 AND OVER EVENT

CIRCLE K



A TRUE TASTE OF
MODERN CHAMORU FUSION CUISINE!

SUNDAY
Brunch

WITH FREE
FLOWING
MIMOSAS &
DRAFT BEER!



HAGÅTÑA, GUAM

130 E. MARINE CORPS. DR. STE 103B

SUNDAY 10:00AM - 12:00PM

12:30PM - 2:30PM (2 SEATINGS)

FOR RESERVATIONS VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.MESKLAGUAM.COM

OR CALL US AT (HAGATNA) 671-479-2652/3





FOLLOW US!



@meskla

@meskla

@meskla

@meskla

@meskla



Supporting the Whole You

National University is here to support
your educational mission with credit for
military experience, and military-trained
enrollment advisors.

NU.edu

Veteran-Founded.
Nonprofit. 75+ Degree Programs.

The appearance of U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) visual information does not imply
or constitute DoD endorsement.





GET TO KNOW GUAM

A VILLAGE PROFILE COURTESY OF GUAMPEDIA

Editor's Note: The U.S. territory of Guam is comprised of 19 villages, many with their own distinct character, history and points of interest. Stripes Guam and Guampedia have joined forces to present this weekly feature on each of them in the hopes that it will help our readers get out – and get to know – our gracious hosts. To learn more about Guam's people, history, culture and places, visit: guampedia.com

Dededo (Dededu)

.....Where things happen.....



A woman and her baby stand at the grave sites of U.S. military war dogs. In Dededo there is a cemetery that serves as the final resting place for at least 25 war dogs used during WWII to explore caves, detect mines and booby traps. Photo by National Park Services



soon learned that the village was to be bulldozed anyway for the construction of Harmon Field, an Air Force air field. In 1946, villagers began to move to the site of the new Dededo village about two and a half miles to the north in an area previously known as Ligan. The following year, the new Santa Barbara Church was built at the new Dededo village.

Throughout the 1950s, Dededo remained a tight-knit community — although people began to move away from agriculture, as employment became available at the surrounding military installations of the Naval Communications Station, Harmon Air Base, Naval Air Station, and Andersen Air Force Base. It was also during these years that Tagalog and Ilocano laborers were being housed at Camp Marbo, directly to the east of Dededo village. Some of these men went on to settle permanently in Dededo when their contracts expired.

Big changes came to Dededo again in November of 1962 and 1963 when typhoons Karen and Olive destroyed most houses in the village. The resulting federal disaster aid resulted in a economic revival and considerable immigration of workers to fill needs of the construction industry. The first major housing project in Dededo was the all-concrete 1,500 house Kaiser subdivision on Y Sengsong Street in the mid-1960s.

The next project completed in 1970 was the 1,500-unit Ligan Terrace subdivision. These modern houses attracted CHamorus from villages throughout the island as well as recently arrived Filipino families to settle permanently in Dededo. Since that time each decade has brought new housing subdivisions which are rapidly enclosing former areas of ranches and dense jungle, and this diverse community continues to grow. ↗

A VILLAGE PROFILE COURTESY OF GUAMPEDIA

The origin of the village name Dededo, *Dedidu* in Chamorro, may come from the practice of measuring using fingers. The Spanish word for finger is “*dedo*.” It can be theorized that someone measured out the original village this way. Another possibility is that the word “*dededo*” is a version of the word “*dedeggo*,” which means “heel of the foot,” or that it comes from the word “*deggo*” which means to “walk on tiptoes.”

Village history

The history of Dededo is complicated, due to the fact that the boundaries of the village have changed considerably during the 20th century. During the Early American period, the northern half of present-day Dededo was the village of Machanao. Most of Machanao became Andersen Air Force Base and Naval Communications Station. Now Machanao is no longer a village, but a section of Dededo. The pre-war village of Dededo

extended further south to include what are now the villages of Tamuning-Tumon-Harmon, while the village center of old Dededo was located in present day Harmon between the two-story McDonald's and the San Miguel Brewery building.

Dededo began in the early 20th century as an area of widely spread ranches centered in what is now the Harmon Industrial Park. Among the agricultural products of the area were copra, timber, fruits, vegetables, and cattle. The village center, which included a Padre San Vitores School (opened in 1929) and Santa Barbara Church, was located in the vicinity of the present-day Harmon McDonald's Restaurant. Fishing also played an important role in the life of many Dededo residents, since the village was only a short bull cart or horseback ride from Tumon Bay. There were also two stores that served the community where residents could exchange farm produce, especially copra, for various goods. By 1941, at the outbreak of World War II, 1,529 people lived in Dededo and the surrounding ranch areas of Tumon and Tamuning.

Surprisingly, the village of Dededo made it through World War II intact. Nevertheless, Dededo villagers



Guam National Wildlife Refuge, Ritidian Point

Points of interest



Santa Barbara School, Dededo village's only Catholic school, sits along the village square across from the public library, mayor's office, community center and church. Photo by Tanya M.C. Mendiola, Guampedia

Institutions

Religious institutions

There are several religious organizations and institutions in the village including Santa Barbara Catholic Church, St. Andrew's Catholic Church (Korean), St. Paul's Assembly of God, Pacific Revival Center, Abundant Life Church, Guam First Church of the Nazarene, Iglesia Ni Cristo, Family Baptist Church, Baha'i Faith, and Korean Seventh-day Adventists.

Schools

Dededo has several public and private schools to accommodate the growing number of residents of the island's most populous village including Guam Public School System institutions: Astumbo Elementary School, Finegayan Elementary School, Juan M. Guerrero Elementary School, Maria A. Ulloa Elementary School, Wettengel Elementary School and Vicente S.A. Benavente Middle School; an Archdiocese of Guam school: Santa Barbara Catholic School; and two private Christian schools: St. Paul's Christian School and Pacific Christian Academy.

Over the past decade, several new Guam Department of Education schools have also been built in Dededo: Liguana Elementary School, Astumbo Middle School, and Okkodo High School.

Historical

Guam National Wildlife Refuge, Ritidian Point

The refuge covers 771 acres – 371 acres of coral reefs and 400 acres of land – owned by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The refuge also includes 22,456 acres of federally-possessed Guam lands in U.S. Air Force and Navy installations that are classified as refuge "overlay." It was established in 1993 and receives thousands of visitors annually.

The Ritidian Unit of Guam Refuge has a visitors center with an interactive display of Guam's birds, several of which are extinct because of the devastation caused by the brown tree snake, an introduced species. Groups can arrange for guided tours to get a taste of Guam's ancient past. The area was the site of an ancient Guam village and also has several coconut groves remaining from when the area was used during the copra trade. The area is also a popular spot for local families who want to have a weekend picnic or barbecue along the nearly pristine beach and its shores. It is also a favorite spot for fishermen as the area teems with marine life.

War Dog Cemetery

This cemetery is the gravesite for trained military dogs who participated in combat during World War II. The

This village at a glance

- **Population:** According to the 2010 US Census, Dededo has a population of 44,943.
- **Village officials:** Melissa B. Savares, Mayor, 2005-Present; Scott D. Duenas, Mayor, 2001-2005; Jose A. Rivera, Commissioner/Mayor, 1989-2001; Patricia S. Quinata, Commissioner, 1985-1989; Martin C. Benavente, Commissioner, 1981-1985; Jose M. Garrido, Commissioner, 1977-1981; Prospero C. Zamora, Commissioner, 1976-1977; Vicente S.A. Benavente, Commissioner, 1952-1976; Ramon S. San Agustin, Commissioner, 1944-1951; Hector Sgambelluri, Commissioner, 1941-1944; Juan Pangelinan, Commissioner, 1940-1941; Ignacio A. Santos, Commissioner, 1934-1940; Jose F. Lujan, Commissioner, 1932-1934; Peter John S. Benavente, Vice Mayor, 2017-Present; Andrew A. Benavente, Vice Mayor, 2005-2016; Melissa B. Savares, Vice Mayor, 2001-2005; Doris S. Palacios, Assistant Commissioner/Vice Mayor, 1989-2001; Patricia S. Quinata, Assistant Commissioner, 1981-1985; Martin C. Benavente, Assistant Commissioner, 1978-1981; Erwin F. Flauta, Assistant Commissioner, 1977-1978; Prospero C. Zamora, Assistant Commissioner, 1973-1976; Teresita B. Umagat, Assistant Commissioner, 1971-1974; Manuel M. Lujan, Assistant Commissioner, 1934-1941; Ignacio A. Santos, Assistant Commissioner, 1918-1934
- **Village description:** Dededo is Guam's second largest and most populous village, encompassing thirty square miles of northwestern Guam. Most of Dededo is located on Guam's limestone plateau and sits above the Northern Aquifer, an important fresh water resource for the island as it provides for about 80 percent of Guam's drinking water. The main sections of this northern village lie on either side of Route 1, officially known as Marine Corps Drive, Guam's main thoroughfare. From a small pre-war farming community, Dededo has become a major commercial and residential center. The village is home to the Micronesia Mall, the largest shopping mall in the region, located at the corner of Route 1 and Route 16 (Army Corps Drive). Along Route 16, there are several small stores and other businesses that cater to the area's Filipino residents. Also along this strip is a two-story McDonald's restaurant, and the gated

Iglesia Ni Cristo Church. Along Fatima Road, off the highway, there are several vegetable stands selling local crop products.

Past the mall, going north there are several housing developments on either side of Route 1 built in the mid-1960s and throughout the 1970s. The cement homes are built close together and were all of the same design. Over the years, renovations were made to the original square design of several of the residences. Some homes expanded vertically while others grew horizontally utilizing the majority of space of the mostly quarter-acre property lots.

Near the Santa Barbara Catholic Church area is the Dededo Skate Park, a newer community installment with several obstacles, including cement ramps, hand rails, steps, and a bowl for skaters. The concrete skate park sits on land it shares with Lencho Park. The whole area fronts the highly-commuted Route 1.

Behind the park is the area known as "Dededo Village." It is the village square, where the mayor's office, community center, public library and Santa Barbara Catholic Church and school are located. This is not the original center of the village, which prior to World War II was located along today's Route 16, but after the war several Dededo residents relocated further north after the US military used their land to build an airfield, in present-day Harmon Industrial Park. Other families throughout the island also moved into Dededo after the war.

Past this area is the section of Kaiser, another housing development, situated along either side of Ysengsong Road. This area was built after the 1962 devastation of Typhoon Karen as a housing area for displaced residents. Further into Ysengsong are several other sections and newer housing developments.

There are several schools throughout the village, a soccer field, a waste transfer station, and a golf course. The village has two beaches off its shores. One is Tanguisson Beach, with its beautiful rock formations, in a secluded area located at the bottom of a narrow winding road. There one will find the beach park that shares its space with an island power plant. The other beach is in the area known as Ritidian. Most of this area has been declared a national wildlife refuge.

– By Konsehelon Mahot Guãhan/ the Mayor's Council of Guam



Shoppers walk through the Micronesia Mall center court. The mall is the largest in Micronesia and a major attraction for tourists and locals. Photo by Sheila Tyquingco, Guampedia

canine burial plots are marked with small headstones and a plaque.

Recreational

Coco Palm Resort

Coco Palm Resort, also known as Coco Palm Beach

Garden, is a privately owned resort located in a secluded area in Urunao. The area around the facilities is beautifully landscaped with tropical flowers and plants and because it is located along the beach, it gives guests a front-row seat of Guam's northwestern coastline.

Dededo Flea Market

The Dededo Flea Market has a new location, at the corner of Marine Corps Drive and West Santa Monica Avenue. On weekend mornings, the area is filled with canopies covering the variety of merchandise — from new to secondhand — as throngs of people crowd around in search of bargains.

Guam International Country Club

The Guam International Country Club is located just off Route 1, headed toward Yigo, and is an 18-hole golf course designed with the help of professional golfer Aya-ko Okamoto.

SEE GUAM ON PAGE 10

Did you know?

- **Traditional Chamorro place names:** Dededo's traditional Chamorro place names include: Liguana, Mogfog, Macheche, Finegayan, Ukudu, Isengsong, Gugagon, Ipaopao, Tanguisson, Hilaan, Haputo, Ague and Toguac. The place names of Machanao (pre-World War

II village) that are now part of Dededo village include Pugua, Mogua, Caiguat, Falcona, Urunao, Achae, Ritidian, Pajon, Alacunao, Tailalo and Machanao itself.

- **Village fiestas:** Dededo's Catholic residents celebrate two fiestas of patron saints: Santa Barbara's feast day is held during the first week of December and St. Andrew Kim feast day is on the first Saturday of July.

– Guampedia

GUAM: Lots of things to see and do

Points of interest



A skater takes advantage of the ramp at the Dededo Skate Park, a new addition (opened in 2007) to the recreational scene for the youth and adults alike. Photo by Tanya M.C. Mendiola, Guampedia

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 9

Dededo Skate Park

Built with the assistance of US Housing and Urban Development funds this skatepark measuring 11,000 square feet opened in November 2007. It has several obstacles including cement ramps, steps, hand rails, and a bowl for skaters to enjoy for free and off the streets.

Micronesia Mall and Theaters

Dededo is home to the Micronesia Mall, the largest shopping mall in Micronesia, located at the corner of Route 1 and Route 16 (Army Corps Drive).

The two-story mall boasts a department store, nearly fifty shops, an expo hall, a travel agency, the satellite area for the Guam Museum, hair salons, toy stores, movie theaters and about twenty eateries, fast food restaurants, a coffee shop, a specialty ice cream shop, a cookie shop next to a candy shop, an indoor amusement park and arcade, banks and a supermarket.

Sports facilities

Dededo is also the location of several sports-related facilities including the Guam Sports Complex, the Robbie Webber Soccer Field, and the Wettengel Rugby Field.

Starts Guam Golf Resort

The Starts Guam Gold Resort is located along Route 3A, NCS Guam. It has a 27-hole golf course and offers guests hotel amenities, a restaurant, a pool, restaurants and a spa.

Tanguisson Beach Park

The area of Tanguisson is located at the bottom of a cliff in Dededo. To get the beach area visitors will have to drive down a secluded narrow winding road. To the north, there are beautiful mushroom-shaped rock formations in the water. A popular hiking spot for locals and visitors is a fresh water sinkhole, called the Lost Pond, is located toward the northern end of the area. Nearby are the remnants of an ancient CHamoru village. Access to Lost Pond and the ancient CHamoru village is limited due to private property ownership, as of February 2019, according to Dededo Mayor Savares.



Santa Barbara Catholic Church towers in the middle of Dededo village. In 1947, the church was re-established in this area. Residents relocated the village center further north after a military airfield was built on land where they lived. Photo by Tanya M.C. Mendiola, Guampedia

See more of what Guam has to offer at:
GUAM.STRIPES.COM

This is a reprint from Guampedia.com, an online resource about Guam history and the CHamoru people, used here with permission.



Join the LH Rewards Membership and get access to L Guam Loyalty!
Existing LH Rewards Members can enroll into the "L GUAM LOYALTY" Program

ENJOY THE FOLLOWING BENEFITS:

- Starbucks Coffee for New Members
- Length of Stay Benefits
- Welcome Back Benefits
- 20% F&B Discount

*Some conditions may apply



More Stays, Better Rewards.

Join the Free Membership Program
Earn LH Points
Enjoy Rewards Benefits



T: +1 (671) 646-6811
F: +1 (671) 646-6813



Lotte Hotel Guam, LLC Gun Beach
Road, Tamuning Guam 96913



www.lottehotel.com/guam/en



lotteguamreservation@lotte.net

READY TO WELCOME YOU HOME

Moving back to CONUS and want to learn about the power of your VA Loan entitlement?

- ❖ Up to 100% financing
- ❖ No mortgage insurance
- ❖ Low closing costs
- ❖ No loan limits

Col. Curt Wilken, USAF (Ret.) and Maj. Tim Lewis, USA (Ret.) have been helping Active Duty and Veterans maximize the power of their VA Loan.

We could get you pre-qualified before leaving, allowing you to make offers and possibly buy before arriving at your new location.

CALL OR TEXT 808-219-8624 | EMAIL [CWILKEN@CCMTG.ME](mailto:cwilken@ccmtg.me)

The consultation is free and there is no obligation.



CURT WILKEN | 808-219-8624

Sales Manager | NMLS ID #1663678 | USAF (Ret.)
cwilken@ccmtg.me | castlecookemortgage.com/curt-wilken



Castle & Cooke
 MORTGAGE, LLC



TIM LEWIS | 801-554-7916

Vice President - Consumer Direct UT | NMLS ID #157603 | USA (Ret.)
tlewis@ccmtg.me | castlecookemortgage.com/tim-lewis | Office: 801-308-5105



This is not a commitment to make a loan. Not all who apply will qualify. Loans are subject to borrower and property qualifications. Contact Loan Officer listed for an accurate, personalized quote. Interest rates, program qualifications, and offerings are subject to change without notice. 201 Merchant Street, Suite 2300 Honolulu, HI 96813 | Corp Address: 13751 South Wadsworth Park Drive, Suite 101, Draper UT 84020 | 0822CCMFLY050



VINCE
 JEWELERS
 GUAM'S FOREVER JEWELER




Timeless and Traditional

GUAM JEWELRY COLLECTION

SAVE UP TO 60% off
Exclusions apply. See store for details.





VOTED PIKA'S BEST OF GUAM JEWELRY STORE 2017-2021 & BEST LUXURY BRAND 2020, 2021

AGANA SHOPPING CENTER
671.472.1888

EAST AGANA (MAIN BRANCH)
671.646.1688

GUAM PREMIER OUTLETS
671.649.9888

MICRONESIA MALL
671.633.8888

facebook/vincejewelers

www.vincejewelers.com

@vincejewelers

'That's not in my \$pending plan'

BY JESSICA BENDA,
LOS ANGELES TIMES

Hey, remember that Palm Springs trip your friends always talk about taking but never put on the calendar? It's actually happening. And while that upscale hotel sounded divine over 1 a.m. nachos, some people are worried for their wallets now that trip planning has truly begun.

Varying expectations kill weekend trips. Different income levels, spontaneous add-on activities and not budgeting add stress to what's supposed to be a fun getaway. Yet we tend to avoid financial conversations with friends because they're uncomfortable, even though they'd make everyone more comfortable in the long run.

"We really can't talk about money without talking about the emotions of money," says Becky White, founder and chief executive of Los Angeles-based Root to Rise Therapy. "A lot of people aren't used to being upfront about where they're at and what they can budget for, and the fact that we're all in really different places."

While you don't need to pass around your paychecks, it's helpful to gauge how much each person on the trip is willing to spend. White recommends changing the language we use to discuss money: Instead of saying, "I can't afford that," try, "That's not in my



Photo courtesy of Los Angeles Times


spending plan." This switch shifts the focus to what you're willing to spend rather than what you can spend.

Keep in mind that finances are just the tip of the iceberg, says Gitu Bhatia, who has a doctorate of psychology and practices in Los Angeles. The discomfort wrapped up in talking about money isn't often about money itself — it's about the power struggles that come with it.

"It's the other stuff: How people have grown up, what their family's

attitude towards money is. All of those things are not apparent to most of us," Bhatia says. "Even within relationships, one person has more ease of spending money, another person may have a lot of fear attached to money. So there's deeper things that sometimes get touched on without people being aware."

A vacation with friends is a life-long memory at best and severs relationships at worst. To keep your time together as stress-free as possible, try these financial tips:



Plan ahead

Are you staying at a high-end bungalow or cramming into the cheapest Motel 6 you can find? What activities are you doing? How much are you willing to spend on dinner? Some may be able to pull off spur-of-the-moment Vegas trips, but don't assume everyone can. Talk about these factors in advance.

While we often want to be spontaneous, planning ahead gives

friends time to budget, says Fly-nanced founder Cinneah El-Amin, who teaches working women how to build wealth and save for travel. El-Amin notes that not everyone has disposable income to spend on an Airbnb or flights right away, so time is essential.

The biggest challenge often is getting on the same page about expectations and finding ways to merge the desires of luxury and budget travelers.

"If you don't set those expectations early on in the planning process, it can lead to people feeling like they're spending more than they want to, they are spending more than they can afford to, or just not being able to attend altogether, which is not the best feeling," El-Amin says.

In some cases, a friend might offer to cover another's cost. This can provide a sense of relief but also shift the power dynamic, Bhatia says. "There are times that things will be easier for you, and sometimes it might not be as easy for me. So this time, it's my turn to pitch in, and next time, maybe you can pitch in."

If you offer to help a friend pay for a trip and they accept, swiftly follow up with the payment. It's uncomfortable for a friend to have to ask for the money afterward, White notes.

Decide who's booking everything — and make sure they're paid back

Car Buying, Fully Loaded

- Get a decision in seconds on low-rate auto loans¹
- Shop, compare and get up-front pricing through our Car Buying Service, powered by TrueCar[®]
- Learn more about your vehicle's history with CARFAX^{®2}
- See if you could save on auto insurance from Liberty Mutual[®], made available through TruStage^{®3}
- Explore **FREE** trial subscriptions to SiriusXM's Platinum Plan

Terms and conditions apply. [Learn more at navyfederal.org/carbuying](#).⁴



Navy Federal Credit Union is federally insured by NCUA. ¹Credit and collateral subject to approval. ²CARFAX is a registered trademark of CARFAX, Inc. ³TruStage[®] Auto & Home Insurance Program is made available through TruStage Insurance Agency, LLC and issued by leading insurance companies. The insurance offered is not a deposit, and is not federally insured, sold or guaranteed by Navy Federal. Product and features may vary and not be available in all states. Discounts are not available in all states, and discounts vary by state. Certain discounts apply to specific coverages only. To the extent permitted by law, applicants are individually underwritten; not all applicants may qualify. Navy Federal Credit Union is in no way responsible for any products or services provided by or through TruStage, Liberty Mutual or their affiliates, subsidiaries and insurance company partners. AUT-4210544.1-0122-0224 ⁴Navy Federal Credit Union is in no way responsible for any product, service, purchase or lease provided by or through CARFAX, TruStage, Liberty Mutual, SiriusXM or the Navy Federal Car Buying Service operated by TrueCar. © 2022 Navy Federal NFCU 14083 (3-22)

→ Someone has to risk putting down their credit card for the hotel. If that's you, El-Amin suggests waiting until you receive deposits from everyone else.

Once you agree on dates and pick lodging, give the group a deadline for payments. Once everyone has paid, then go ahead and book on your card. That way, you're not left in a financially dire situation if friends bail — and people are more likely to commit to something they paid for. "If you're going to put down this deposit, that really means that you're serious about this trip," El-Amin says.

Beyond lodging, other costs can snowball throughout the trip. Activities and meals often are put on one person's card, which can become hard to keep track of, especially if different people pay for each event (then there's the hassle of saving receipts). El-Amin and White both recommend apps like Splitwise, which helps log and divide payments between the whole group or specific members.

"That has been a huge lifesaver, especially amongst friend-group trips, because then there's so much transparency around what people owe," El-Amin says. "And there's not that awkward conversation after a trip being like, 'Hey, girl, you still owe me for this.'" Integrate settling up into your departure day so that loose ends are tied up before everyone heads home.



Don't be afraid to split up

White remembers splitting the bill at a pricier-than-expected dinner and the sadness she felt about how her budget had been blown. While your friends are on a trip together, it's OK to break into smaller groups to better fit one another's budgets.

White advises being clear about your own boundaries. If the group decides to switch plans and splurge on fancy dining, especially while splitting the bill, others can try a cheaper restaurant. Don't be

afraid to do your own thing.

Mix in group activities or meals that everyone is comfortable with, White says.

"It's so important to honor what it is you want to get out of your vacation and then have a lot of flexibility and patience for what other people's needs might be," she says.



Stick to your budget

In her early 20s, El-Amin, now 28, used to travel spontaneously without knowing how she'd pay for it, but it led her into debt. Then she created a separate bank account where she'd deposit a bit of each paycheck to build up travel funds.

"Whether or not I have a trip that I'm actively planning, I'm still making sure that a portion of my paycheck is going towards saving for travel. I can take advantage when friends reach out to me or I see flight deals at a really cool place, I already know that I have the money," El-Amin says.

Designating travel funds creates opportunity and sets financial boundaries. Going over budget on this vacation might mean sacrificing another trip later.

El-Amin also recommends investing in travel insurance on group trips. Say half the group

gets COVID-19 and excursions are nonrefundable, then travel insurance could protect you.



When all else fails, stay level-headed

It's important to keep communicating every step of the way. Rising tensions may be due to issues building up over more than just money (like who got which room in the Airbnb or didn't clean up after breakfast).

"Oftentimes, if there is an emotional reaction to something, it's not just about one thing," Bhatia says. "It could be about relationship issues that have come up before and may be a displaced reaction. They may be upset about something else, but that will be the one thing that they might focus on and the reason they got angry or upset."

Bhatia recommends building in time for rest as well as active communication. "Talking things through makes for a better outing."



SPOOKY STAYCATION

starting at

\$195 +11% tax

Halloween-themed Oceanfront Room
All Halloween decorations are available to take home
2 hrs early check-in or late check-out

Reservations must be made three days before arrival

This offer is valid until October 31, 2022. Some conditions may apply.

(671) 649-8815

reservations.nikkogum.com



hotel nikko guam

Your votes. Your favorites. Your Best of the Pacific.

ANNOUNCING THE BEST OF 2022

Pick up the magazine or get it online



STARS AND STRIPES



COMICS CORNER



– Daryl Talbot

G.A.I.N. Pet of the Week



Chloe

Hello there, my name is Chloe. I'm a polite kitty however I'm still acclimating to life with humans. Although I'm a little timid at first, a little affection and love will definitely break me out of my shell. I love getting new cat toys and playing with the cat wands (those are my favorite). I'm looking for my furever home and family.

Call G.A.I.N. (Guam Animals In Need) Animal Shelter in Yigo at 653-4246 or visit <www.guamanimals.org> for more information on adopting this pet. G.A.I.N. is a shelter-based humane society with a mission to prevent cruelty to animals, educate the public and promote good animal laws. Under Water World will donate one adult admission for every Pet of the Week adopted.





OPEN AIR DINING

OPEN 6PM-12AM DAILY
TUMON, GUAM



Tour of Guam bike race to be held Dec. 11



WEBSITE

GUAM VISITORS BUREAU

Ride and Shine!

Sign up for the short (42km) or long course (105km) and get ready for some of the toughest climbs in the region.

Pacific Cup Championship

New for 2022 - the Pacific Cup Championship! With the support of the Oceania Cycling Confederation (OCC) and the Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI), the first ever Pacific Cup Championship will be held in conjunction with the Tour of Guam.

Athletes representing the Pacific island nations of Fiji, New Caledonia, Tahiti, Samoa, CNMI, Cook Islands, Vanuatu, and host country Guam, will compete in the 105km course to determine the male and female Pacific Cup Champions. In subsequent years,

ABOUT TOUR OF GUAM 2022

- PRESENTED BY: Guam Cycling Federation
- DATES: December 11, 2022
- LOCATION: Guam Museum Park
- TIME: 6:30 a.m. To 12:30 p.m.

this event host will rotate amongst these OCC member nations and will serve as a platform to further develop the sport of cycling in the region.

Packet Pick-up

Packet pick-up will take place at Skinner Plaza near the Guam Museum on Saturday, December 10 from 9am until 12pm. Your packet will include your event shirt, race timing chip, zip-tie (to secure your timing chip to your bike), bike number, helmet number, info sheet, and some goodies from our sponsors. Please bring ID

to insure we are issuing the packet to the correct person.

Tour of Guam - History

The Tour Of Guam started back in 2010 when the race started and finished at Jeff's Pirates Cove in Ipan, Talofofo. A few years later the staging point was moved to the capital city of Hagatna where it remains today.

The Guam Cycling Federation, along with the generous support of the Guam Visitors Bureau, holds the event for the benefit of the local cycling community and as an attractive option for active sports-minded travelers to visit Guam and participate in this annual event.

The race also serves to crown Guam's National Road Cycling Champion for both male and female riders who meet Guam's residency requirements as defined by the Guam Nat'l Olympic Committee.



Pumpkin Spice & everything nice!

Get your Fall favorites right here!



Brown Sugar Cold Brew
With Pumpkin Spice Cold Foam



Pumpkin Spice Latte
Make it sugar free & non-dairy!
Extra charge for non-dairy milk





COFFEE & TEA • GUAM



Scan for website & to apply for a job online, or go to www.infusionguam.com. Follow us on IG & FB at @infusionguam!



Boonie Stomps Guam

INFORMATION PROVIDED BY
GUAM BOONIE STOMPERS



Madofan

REMINDER! We no longer meet at Chamorro Village. We meet at the trailhead.

Every Saturday, Guam Boonie Stompers offers public hikes to a variety of destinations such as beaches, snorkeling sites, waterfalls, mountains, caves, latte sites, and World War II sites. We meet at the trailhead on Saturdays at 9 AM. Directions to the trailhead will be posted on the Guam Boonie Stompers Inc Facebook page. The cost is \$5.00 for hikers over 17. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Hikers should provide their own transportation. Guam's trails are not developed. Weather conditions can make the hikes more difficult than described. No reservations required.

For more information:
www.facebook.com/GuamBoonieStompersInc



Guam Boonie Stompers is a non-profit Guam corporation composed of volunteer leaders committed to leading hikes to and protecting the unique natural destinations on our island.

One of the most adventurous and memorable outdoor activities you can experience on Guam is "boonie stomping," which is what locals call hiking through the jungle. Guam's landscape is dotted with stunning off-the-beaten-path sites including secluded rivers and coastlines, cascading waterfalls, majestic mountain peaks, natural caves, remnants of ancient Chamorro civilization and historical World War II battlegrounds.

Boonie stomping trails range from easy walks across beaches to very difficult treks over rough rocky terrain. Many trails are unmarked and conditions can widely vary depending on weather, so it is recommended to go boonie stomping with an experienced guide or with a group such as the Guam Boonie Stompers.

Founded in 1970, Guam Boonie Stompers is a non-profit organization committed to helping island residents and visitors explore and preserve the natural beauty of Guam. Every Saturday, Guam Boonie Stompers leads groups to remote beaches, snorkeling sites, waterfalls, mountains, caves and cultural and historical sites.

To participate, the group meets at 9 a.m. at the center court of Chamorro Village in Hagåtña. After a short briefing, participants take their own transportation and meet at the trailhead. Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. There is a nominal \$5 fee and no reservations are required.

Guam's tropical climate can sometimes mean intense rain and sweltering heat, so it is best to be very prepared when going on a boonie stomp. Bring plenty of water, wear appropriate clothing and shoes, and always inform someone of where you're going and when you expect to return.

Guam's beautiful landscape and fresh air offers many opportunities to enjoy the outdoors. When it comes to unique activities on Guam, add an element of adventure to your trip with an only-on-Guam boonie stomping experience.

Complete 10 Boonie Stomp hikes to earn a free Boonie Stomp T-Shirt.

We are military veterans and have base access



Why PCS Used Car Lot?

- ✓ Veteran-owned & operated
- ✓ Quality vehicles most with low mileage
- ✓ "No pressure" sales approach
- ✓ High customer service ratings

Visit our website at www.pcsusedcarlotguam.com for the latest inventory



PCS USED CAR LOT

Find us on

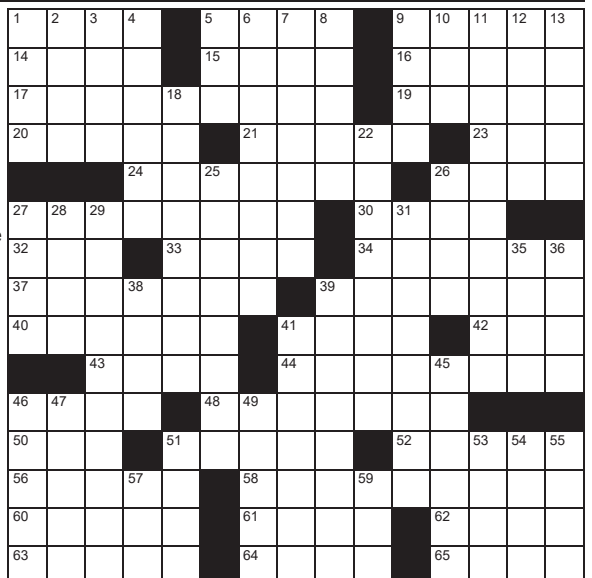
We are a quality used car dealer giving you private party prices!

Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- Supermarket section
- Strip of wood
- Greyhound fleet
- Vince's "Wedding Crashers" co-star
- Creative spark
- Open, as a bottle
- Refuge
- Code name?
- Furnish with a fund
- Lift in a gym
- Moray, e.g.
- Blunder
- Farmer's place, in song
- Like many wines
- Alda or Arkin
- Outback runner
- Word after dial or earth
- Laughing statue
- Debra of "Will & Grace"
- Season of heavy rain
- Recite, as a mantra
- Tropical wood
- Withdraw, with "out"
- Marine growth
- 2011 Spielberg movie
- Ask for I.D.
- Sub sandwich
- Curtain holder
- Boxing play
- Toward the stern
- Make a case for
- Underwater swimmer
- Fixed gaze
- Ticklish Muppet
- "Rosanna" band
- Start to "got a clue"
- Marsh plant
- Shemar Moore series



Copyright 2022 by The Puzzle Syndicate

DOWN

- Amount of medicine
- Naomi's co-star in "The Improbable"
- Extend credit
- 1040 entry
- "Elementary" actress
- Changing with the times
- Apartment amenity
- "Frida" star Salma
- Saddens, with "out"
- Popular card game
- Patio entrance, often
- Art studio item
- Hex
- Doing a '60s dance
- Coastal area
- Prehistoric period

- Root beer brand
- Patrick's "Ghost" co-star
- Sign of foreboding
- Chemical weapon of WWI
- Bozo
- Brewer's need
- Poker stake
- Auctioneer's closing word
- Interim period

- When repeated, what little stars do
- Circles the earth
- 1929 event
- Largest artery
- Stair part
- Stocking stuffers?
- Declare openly
- Crumbly cheese
- Horse gait
- Ashes holder
- Silent assent

Answers to Previous Crossword:

E	B	B	S	T	O	W	C	H	I	M	E
G	L	O	P	L	E	N	A	H	O	N	E
Y	A	R	E	E	X	A	S	P	E	R	A
P	R	I	C	E	W	A	R	I	S	S	U
T	E	S	T	Y	C	O	O	P	T	E	D
R	E	S	O	L	V	E	S	I	T	S	
N	O	D	U	L	E	L	U	R	E	B	R
E	R	E	M	I	T	E	M	A	U	D	L
W	A	C	D	A	M	E	C	R	E	E	P
S	L	O	P	S	M	A	C	K	E	D	
R	A	D	I	A	T	E	K	I	C	K	S
S	T	A	T	E	D	A	L	B	A	C	O
N	O	T	I	C	E	A	B	L	E	A	N
A	R	E	N	A	S	L	A	T	T	E	N
P	E	D	A	L	H	E	R	S	E	Y	E

Take a trip across the Pacific and beyond with

DESTINATION PARADISE

Pick up the magazine or get it online

STARS AND STRIPES

Stripes Sports Trivia

With LeBron James taking his throne to L.A., six of the NBA's top 8 all-time leaders in career points have played for the Lakers. King James will likely become a top-4 scorer during the upcoming season, making the top 4 all one-time Lakers. Who are the two outsiders in the top 8? A hint: one should be a no-brainer. The other isn't quite as easy.

Answer

Michael Jordan & Dirk Nowitzki

SUDOKU

Difficulty: Easy

		2				5		
3						1		7
	8		2	7	6			
6		8		1			2	
2			7		4		5	1
			5			8		
	9	3				6		
	7	6		2				9

Copyright 2022 by The Puzzle Syndicate

Edited by Margie E. Burke

HOW TO SOLVE:

Each row must contain the numbers 1 to 9; each column must contain the numbers 1 to 9; and each set of 3 by 3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 to 9.

Answer to Previous Sudoku:

3	9	8	1	5	7	6	4	2
2	1	4	3	9	6	5	7	8
6	7	5	8	2	4	3	9	1
1	8	6	4	3	5	9	2	7
9	4	3	6	7	2	1	8	5
7	5	2	9	8	1	4	3	6
8	6	7	5	4	9	2	1	3
4	2	1	7	6	3	8	5	9
5	3	9	2	1	8	7	6	4

Free shuttle service

The automotive matchmakers

Military discounts

GUAM CARMONY
(671) 979-2277

- Only dealership with used cars under 10k!
- Financing Available!
- Over 150 Cars in stock!
- Free Shuttle Service!
- Serving the community for over 10 years!
- Military Discounts!

www.guamcarmony.com
131 W Soledad Ave Hagåtña, 96910, Guam
(Across from Hagatna Boat Basin, next to Mosa's Joint restaurant)

THE VETERANS' CHOICE

PATRIOT CAR RENTAL

477-CARS
PATRIOTCARRENTAL.COM

Military Special

\$25 / day rentals
\$500 / month rentals

Free shuttle service

477-CARS (2277) 140 Hernan Cortez Ave Hagatna, GU 96932 across Agana boat basin next to Main Street bakery.

Our Services

Dentistry for Kids and Adults
Tooth Colored Fillings
Non-metal Crowns and Bridges
Oral Surgery
Professional Cleaning
Urgent Dental Care

WE WELCOME TRICARE!

Open on weekends!
Open evenings on weekdays!



ISLAND DENTAL

CALL (671) 989-5999



Island Dental



island.dental

Located in Dededo
Next to American
Grocery



AMERICAN
GROCERY

AJISEN
RAMEN

MARINE CORPS DRIVE

STARS AND STRIPES®

stripes.com

Volume 9 Edition 17 ©SS 2022

GUAM EDITION

OCTOBER 3, 2022



JUSTIN A. FISHER / U.S. Marine Corps

U.S. military service members and civilian personnel attend a grand opening ceremony of a new commissary at Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan, in 2016. Thousands of U.S. service members will soon see a boost in their housing allowance stipends and lower prices at commissaries, according to a memorandum issued by Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin.

‘Taking care of our service members’

Defense secretary issues orders aimed at putting more money into troops’ pockets **Page 2**

COVER STORY

Some troops to see boost with new initiative

By COREY DICKSTEIN
Stars and Stripes

Thousands of U.S. service members will soon see a boost in their housing allowance and lower prices at commissaries, the Pentagon announced recently.

Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin also ordered the creation of a new Basic Needs Allowance to begin in January for low-income troops. He also pledged new investments in the Pentagon's child care programs, new initiatives to ease the permanent change of station process and efforts to improve military spouse employment.

In a memo titled "Taking care of our service members and families," the retired four-star general described his orders as "personal for me."

"I have seen firsthand how much our military families sacrifice to keep our force strong, healthy, and ready to defend this exceptional nation. In the face of challenges and frustrations, our families show incredible resilience," Austin wrote in the memo.

Austin's order directs an automatic increase in Basic Allowance for Housing for active-duty troops in 28 U.S. locations where rent prices have spiked an average of more than 20% in 2022.

Austin also ordered a thorough review of BAH payments for 2023 "to ensure that

calculations reflect the unusually dynamic fluctuations in the housing market."

Austin called for the Pentagon to "fully fund" its commissaries to reduce food costs for on-post shoppers. The new order aims to rapidly lower commissary prices by 3% to 5%, depending on item categories, according to the Pentagon.

Air Force Brig. Gen. Pat Ryder said that the Pentagon was introducing new funding to lower overhead costs for commissaries for them to pass on the savings to eligible shoppers.

By law, commissaries must pay their own operating costs via their profits, but Ryder said the new model would significantly reduce their burden. Commissaries on Defense Department installations across the world sell food tax free with a 5% surcharge used to pay for new commissary construction and renewal efforts.

"We've changed the commissary funding model to ensure that the Defense Commissary Agency is able to provide savings by eliminating the requirement for them to earn a profit margin from higher prices to pay their operating costs," Ryder told reporters at the Pentagon.

Ryder estimated savings would reach service members, families and other eligible shoppers within about two weeks.

The general said the commissary effort had long been in the works and was not a

reaction to record inflation in recent months.

Austin "wants our military men and women to be able to come home, to put food on the table, to have the money in their pocket that they need to be able to live a healthy life," Ryder said. "They deserve a comfortable life while they serve our nation — and so this is one of his priorities."

The Basic Needs Allowance is a new stipend for service members with dependents whose gross household income falls some 130% below the federal poverty line, according to a law passed last year by Congress instructing the Pentagon to implement the new benefit. The Pentagon said troops can apply for the new stipend beginning in January.

The National Military Family Association last year reported some 14% of enlisted service members in the ranks of E-1 to E-6 reported visiting food banks during the previous year because they could not afford to feed their families.

Austin promised the Defense Department would continue to find ways to improve life for military families and put more money in their pockets. Among them, Ryder noted, is an expected 4.6% pay raise next year — the largest pay boost for troops in 20 years.

"These actions reflect the [Defense]

Department's sacred obligation to honor and support our service members and families," Austin wrote Sept. 22. "We remain profoundly committed to doing right by our military families, just as our military families remain profoundly committed to their loved ones and to the nation that they all do so much to defend."

The 28 U.S. locations that will see BAH increases starting in October are: Vandenberg Space Force Base, Twenty Nine Palms Marine Corps Base, and San Diego in California; Dover Air Force Base and Rehoboth in Delaware; Patrick Space Force Base, Miami/Fort Lauderdale, Orlando, West Palm Beach, Volusia County and Fort Myers Beach in Florida; Kings Bay Naval Base/Brunswick in Georgia; Maui County in Hawaii; Chicago; Boston, the Cape Cod-Plymouth region and Martha's Vineyard in Massachusetts; Brunswick and the coastal region in Maine; Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri; Helena, Mont.; Wilmington, N.C.; northern New Jersey; Newport and Providence in Rhode Island; the Beaufort/Parris Island area in South Carolina; Knoxville, Tenn.; Houston, and the Quantico/Woodbridge area of Virginia, according to the Defense Department.

dickstein.corey@stripes.com
Twitter: @CDicksteinDC

Officials say social media may be key to increasing recruitment

By SVETLANA SHKOLNIKOVA
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon should harness the power of social media and influencers to change young peoples' perception of the military and entice them to enlist amid a challenging recruiting environment, defense officials told a Senate panel last week.

The officials partly blamed negative news coverage for hurting enlistment goals and said members of Generation Z must be galvanized to see the value of serving their country and the benefits of the military. Despite assessing more than 170,000 potential enlistees, the military anticipated collectively missing its recruiting goals when the fiscal year ended Sept. 30.

"The portrayal of the mission and what service looks like for military members and their families is often skewed in the media and in the minds of the current youth generation," said Stephanie Miller, deputy assistant secretary of defense for military personnel and policy. "The next generation of Americans to serve should know that there has never been a better time for them."

Miller and the personnel leaders of the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps described an

exceptionally tough recruitment year and told members of a Senate Armed Services Committee subpanel that investment in more targeted advertising and marketing would help address the growing problem.

Current recruitment efforts rely too much on an outdated, "telephone book-era" method to recruit youth through high school directories rather than focusing on social media, said Michael Strobl, the acting deputy commander for manpower and reserve affairs for the Marine Corps.

"What we really want to be able to do here is to be able to provide more personalized and tailored content," Miller said.

The youth market is increasingly disconnected and unfamiliar with the military, with only 1 in 11 eligible individuals between the ages of 17 and 24 showing a propensity to serve, said Lt. Gen. Caroline Miller, the deputy chief of staff for manpower, personnel and services for the Air Force. Only 23% of young people are fully qualified to enlist while the rest are disqualified for obesity, addiction, medical and behavioral health conditions, and other issues.

"We anticipate the recruiting environment to be even more challenging in 2023 and beyond,"

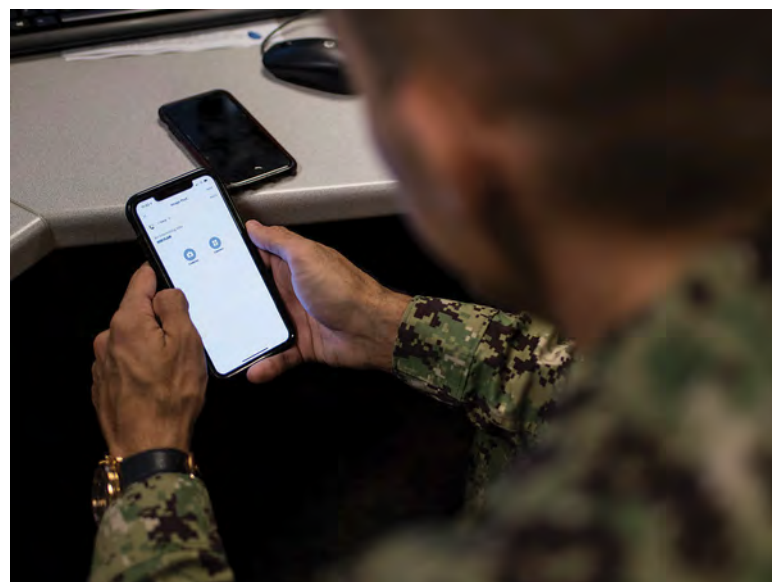
Lt. Gen. Miller said.

A historically low level of interest among young people as well as a strong labor market and intense competition with the private sector are all expected to continue contributing to recruitment woes, officials said.

Sen. Thom Tillis, R-N.C., said the public is misled by "disproportionately negative and often inaccurate portrayals" of military service and young people are particularly susceptible to "incorrect" narratives. Surveys of potential recruits show young people mainly pass on military service due to the possibility of becoming injured or dying or suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder or other psychological issues, he said.

"While there are some jobs in the military that can be dangerous, most people serve without being exposed to any more danger than the average American does on a worksite," Tillis said.

While recruitment lags, retention is at a record high across all the military branches, said Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, D-N.Y. She attributed the paradox to the benefits of service: more education, a higher household income, greater levels of civic engagement and a lower level of unemployment among veterans



ZACHARY ESHLEMAN/U.S. Navy

Defense Department officials told a Senate panel that the Pentagon needs to use social media to change young peoples' perception of the military to help entice them to enlist in military service.

than the general population.

Defense officials told senators that they want to sell that narrative to young people and create a "national dialogue" on service through high-tech tools. Chief among them is targeted advertising for potential applicants that would allow the Marine Corps, for example, to track what users of its website click on.

Utilizing that technology requires action from Congress, which would need to expand the Pentagon's current authorities for marketing and advertising to match the capabilities of the commercial advertising industry. The move would undoubtedly prompt discussions about data

privacy, Tillis said.

Strobl said he welcomed working with the committee to figure out how to leverage modern technology while balancing privacy. Today's youth are on social media "all the time" but the military lacks the ability to do effective outreach to them, he said.

"We must work together to change the narrative, to promote the value so that our nation's youth do not miss out on the benefits of service and our country does not miss out on them," Strobl said.

shkolnikova.svetlana@stripes.com
Twitter: @svetashko

MILITARY

Military to hire 2K civilians to aid assault victims, train troops

By ROSE L. THAYER
Stars and Stripes

The Defense Department and service branches are hiring 2,000 civilians to serve as training experts and special-victim advocates, replacing the previous standard of assigning service members to do the job, military leaders told lawmakers.

Reaction from members of the House Armed Services Committee subpanel on military personnel were split to this change, which is one of 82 recommendations the military is implementing after an independent review of its handling of sexual assault and harassment within the ranks.

Rep. Jackie Speier, D-Calif., chairwoman of the subpanel, praised the move to hire professionals from outside the military.

But Rep. Mike Gallagher of Wisconsin, the ranking Republican on the subcommittee, said it was troubling to hire people without “a coherent plan for a new prevention program.”

The hearing Sept. 21 focused on whether progress has been made by military leaders to implement the recommendations of the Independent Review Commission on Sexual Assault in the Military, which submitted its report in July 2021 to Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin. He established the commission shortly after becoming secretary and in September 2021, he laid out the plan for implementing the recommendations.

Undersecretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness Gilbert Cisneros told the committee that defense officials hope to hire the 2,000 civilians by the end of fiscal 2027.

“We’ve assigned people tasks as a collateral duty in order to do this,” he said. “Our goal is to professionalize that workforce. It’s going to be a civilian workforce. The prevention workforce is going to do the training, and it’s not just on sexual assault and sexual harassment. They’re going to cover child abuse. They’re going to cover suicide prevention. They’ll cover other subjects as well.”

Defense officials said last month that they were speeding up the hiring efforts of the 2,000 personnel after an annual report on the prevalence of sexual assault and harassment in the military showed a 13% increase in 2021. Speier called the report “catastrophic news.”

“Sexual assault and harassment in our military is a readiness issue. It makes our force less lethal. It makes recruiting a challenge. It makes young men and women scared to serve,” she said.

Speier cited a July memo from the Army on the reasons why young people are less likely to enlist that showed 28% fear sexual harassment and sexual assault.

“With the most recent report, I know we still have a long way to go. But I also know the department is working hard to implement new prevention strategies,” she said. “I feel confident that if the Department of Defense keeps their foot on the pedal, and Congress doesn’t turn a blind eye, this is the beginning of the end for those who wish to harm their brothers and sisters in arms.”

The undersecretary from each of the military services also testified at the hearing and said each branch is on track to meet the timelines established to implement the recommendations. The most impactful reform — the creation of a spe-



KATIE NELSON/U.S. Army

Giveaways are displayed at an event earlier this year at Fort Shafter in Hawaii. Defense officials said they are speeding up hiring efforts after an annual report on the prevalence of sexual assault and harassment in the military showed a 13% increase.

cial prosecutor’s office in each military service — is on track to be operational in each by December 2023, the deadline mandated by Congress. Each service already has at least a dozen attorneys certified as special victim counsel to work in these offices, the officials told lawmakers.

The Air Force will conduct a six-month pilot program to locate its new civilian workers in facilities with other victim services, said Undersecretary Gina Ortiz Jones. The service plans to have 223 prevention officers in place by the end of 2023.

“This pilot aims to improve the response to and outcomes for personnel who experienced harm and violence such as sexual assault, sexual harassment, domestic violence, stalking and cyber harassment,” she said.

The Army will first direct its new hires, about 81, to five bases, Undersecretary Gabe Camarillo said. Those bases are Fort Hood in Texas, Fort Sill in Oklahoma, Schofield Barracks in Hawaii, Camp Humphreys in Korea and Fort Riley in Kansas. They were chosen because of the risk factors identified at those bases, the

variety of the units, and the different mission sets.

The Navy is in the process of hiring 82 new prevention personnel, Undersecretary Erik Raven said. The priority is Norfolk in Virginia, San Diego in California, and Hawaii.

Cisneros and the branch leaders stressed that passing a defense budget through Congress as soon as possible will help them meet their hiring goals.

Rep. Sylvia Garcia, D-Texas, told Cisneros that she fears the military isn’t moving fast enough on any of the recommendations and pushed him to implement stricter deadlines.

“There was a minute there that I was encouraged,” she said. “But I’m beginning to lose that encouragement because I keep hearing of more cases. I would strongly urge you to make sure that all the branches have the resources, the people power, the facilities, the training, the education and the skill set ... [to] get it done as quickly as possible.”

Thayer.rose@stripes.com
Twitter: @Rose_Lori

Navy exchange is ordering thousands more rank tabs

By KELLY AGEE
Stars and Stripes

Some sailors are concerned that rank tabs will be in short supply as the Oct. 1 deadline approaches for wearing the insignia on their uniforms.

The black rank insignia, normally associated with the Navy parka, became an optional uniform item in October 2020 as easier to recognize on the Navy camouflage working uniforms, according to a Navy administrative change.

But the Navy on May 27 made the rank tabs mandatory on all working uniforms. The one exception is for sailors in tactical training and operations who are not required to wear rank tabs, at their commander’s discretion.

Sailors poured out their concerns about a shortage of the



U.S. Navy

The Navy Exchange Service Command in Virginia Beach, Va., is making plans to replenish its stock of rank tabs, a spokeswoman said.

black insignia tabs after MyNavy human resources posted the deadline reminder on its official Facebook page.

“Attention Shipmates,” the post states. “Here’s your uniform reminder: Starting October 1, 2022, wear of the black cold

weather parka rank insignia on all uniform components with rank tabs will be mandated. Follow the link for all the details!”

More than 1,200 comments were written in response to the MyNavy post, many of them expressing skepticism that supplies would conform to the deadline.

“How can we get them if they are sold out everywhere and backlogged,” wrote Petty Officer 3rd Class Luke Oberle, of Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Fla., in response.

In an email to Stars and Stripes, Oberle said he tried to buy the tab from his local exchange website and discovered it backlogged by orders by about five months.

The Navy Exchange Service

Command in Virginia Beach, Va., is making plans to replenish its stock of rank tabs, a spokeswoman said.

“We recognize that stock levels at some Navy Exchange Uniform Shops may look sparse as locations are selling out in as little as 24 hours after being restocked,” exchange spokeswoman Kristine Sturkie told Stars and Stripes by email. “The Navy Exchange Service Command team is aware and continues to track minute by minute stock levels, while updating replenishment schedules based on that data.”

Since May, sailors have purchased 276,000 black Navy rank tabs, nearly 20,000 per week, she said.

agee.kelly@stripes.com
Twitter: @KellyA_Stripes



**EMERALD
PACIFIC
GROUP**



Car Rental Survey For Service Members & Families

Your opinion can help you win a FREE 2-day car rental with Enterprise in Guam!

Scan the QR code and answer 5 short questions, which ask about your car rental preferences.



The questionnaire does also require your Name, Phone Number, and Email Address—this helps to ensure the validity of each entry.

*No purchase necessary to Enter, Win or Claim the prize.
A purchase does not increase your chance of winning.*

MILITARY

New Air Force group to test AI, anti-drone tech

By J.P. LAWRENCE
Stars and Stripes

The Air Force is starting a new organization to field-test unmanned systems and artificial intelligence technologies in the Middle East, the service's top general in the region said recently.

The small task force, dubbed Detachment 99, will look for cheaper ways to detect Iran's aerial drones, Maj. Gen. Alexis Grynkeiwich, head of 9th Air Force (Air Forces Central), said late last month at the Air Force Association's annual Air, Space and Cyber Conference in Maryland.

"It's a small group of super-empowered airmen that I'm going to provide resources to so they can rapidly innovate and experiment in our literal sandbox that we have in the Middle East," Grynkeiwich said at the conference.

The group will resemble the

Navy's Task Force 59, which has tested commercially available, relatively inexpensive unmanned surface vessels on missions in Middle East waters since its founding last year.

Detachment 99 would collaborate with Task Force 59, Grynkeiwich said. It also could work with the Air Force Academy, where Grynkeiwich is working to get funding for cadets to build drone systems, he said.

The group initially will look to test multiple short-range surveillance systems that are "below the million-dollar price point, preferably in the thousands" of dollars, Grynkeiwich said.

Aerial drones are capable of skirting radar and surveillance systems, especially when multiple militaries are involved and they may not be able to share information quickly, he said.

Detachment 99 would start with a small in-house active duty AFCENT team of about 10 peo-



IRANIAN DEFENSE MINISTRY/Twitter

An Iranian Ababil-5 drone is seen on display in Iran. The Air Force is starting a new organization to field-test unmanned systems and artificial intelligence technologies in the Middle East, Maj. Gen. Alexis Grynkeiwich, 9th Air Force commander, said Sept. 19.

ple, said Capt. Kayshel Trudell, spokeswoman for the 9th Air Force. Trudell added that the Air Force is looking for volunteers.

Neutering the Iranian aerial drone threat and regaining full air superiority in the Middle East is a priority for the Air Force in the region, Grynkeiwich told Stars and Stripes in a July interview.

Various systems to counter specific drones exist but don't always work well together in the face of Iranian drones, which are

some of the most advanced in the world, the general said.

U.S. officials are looking into whether an Iran-affiliated militia was behind a rocket attack that targeted a U.S. base in northeast Syria on Sept. 18, which U.S. Central Command said did not cause casualties.

U.S. forces in Syria also have seen "troubling" behavior from Russian forces in the region in recent months, with transport planes and fighter jets flying over U.S. troops without any warning,

Grynkeiwich said. He attributed that to the personal motivations of some Russian officers.

"Generals who were in charge of certain aspects of the Ukrainian invasion have been sent into Syria as their follow-up assignment because of their failure in Russia, and I believe some of those Russian leaders are trying to rebuild their reputation," Grynkeiwich said.

lawrence.jp@stripes.com
Twitter: @jplawrence3

Space Force unveils official song

By SVETLANA SHKOLNIKOVA
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — The Space Force unveiled an official song for its guardians, adopting "Semper Supra" as the music of the military's newest branch.

The song name is Latin for the Space Force's motto, "Always Above," and was created to capture the "spirit de corps" of the service's troops and bring them a sense of pride, according to the Space Force.

"We wanted a song that spoke to our guardians, that brought to life our motto," Gen. John "Jay" Raymond, chief of space operations, said in a video announcing the song.

The Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard all have official songs to represent the values, traditions and culture of each individual branch.

Work on a song for the Space Force began when the service was formed in 2019.

James Teachenor, a former member of the Air Force band at the Air Force Academy, spearheaded the effort and wrote the lyrics and melody.

"It was quite a long work in progress for a while because I wanted to make sure that everything that was in the song would adequately represent all the capabilities that our Space Force is involved with," Teachenor said in the video.

The Space Force is dedicated to handling threats in space and oversees U.S. military satellites and radars.

Once Teachenor created the foundation for "Semper Supra," the chief musician for the Coast Guard, Sean Nelson, stepped in to provide harmony and orchestration.

"Semper Supra"

We're the mighty watchful eye,
Guardians beyond the blue,
The invisible front line,
Warfighters brave and true.
Boldly reaching into space,
There's no limit to our sky.
Standing guard both night and day,
We're the Space Force from on high.

Nelson plays trombone in the Coast Guard band and is a staff arranger.

"At first, it started with singing and the piano," Nelson said. "I became familiar with the other branches' songs, but I wanted this one to have its own modern spin to reflect what the Space Force is — modern, new and very advanced."

Nelson added more than 30 instrument parts to the song, which the Coast Guard band then went on to record.

The Space Force spent months developing and revising the music with the band before picking the final version of "Semper Supra."

"This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to establish a Space Force song that will be part of our culture and heritage for years to come," Raymond said.

"Our traditions are part of the fabric that weave us all together as we execute our missions side-by-side. I will be proud to sing 'Semper Supra' alongside my fellow guardians."

shkolnikova.svetlana@stripes.com
Twitter: @svetashko

USAF planning to reverse cuts in special duty pay

By KYLE ALVAREZ
Stars and Stripes

The Air Force will not cut special duty assignment pay after all, reversing a decision that would have slashed as much as \$450 a month from some paychecks, the service's top civilian said.

Air Force Secretary Frank Kendall announced the reversal in a wide-ranging speech at the Air Force Association's annual Air, Space and Cyber Conference in Maryland on Sept. 19.

He said the planned cuts were "out of sync with the rapid changes in our economy," according to an Air Force statement issued the same day.

He cited the pandemic and the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war as economic stressors. The reductions had been slated to take effect Oct. 1.

"Leadership knows we can't expect airmen and guardians to give their all to the mission when they are worried about paying for gas to get to work, finding child care or providing their family a safe place to live," Kendall told an audience of over 2,500, according to the

Air Force statement.

The cuts would have affected airmen in over 30 fields, ranging from combat controllers to recruiters. Their pay was to be reduced by between \$75 and \$450 a month depending on their job.

The change in tone comes as many service members are speaking up about the economic hardships facing them. Air Force leaders were openly discussing the impact of the planned pay cuts, which were announced Sept. 2.

"It's tough to look at the airmen and say, 'Yes, we have tough economic times, but I'm going to cut your pay anyway,'" Air Force Vice Chief of Staff Gen. David Allvin said the day before the announcement, as quoted by Air & Space Forces magazine.

Kendall added that the service wants to ensure that basic housing allowance keeps pace with costs, which have skyrocketed in many markets because demand for housing is far outstripping supply.

alvarez.kyle@stripes.com
Twitter: @Kal2931

PACIFIC

'That's him'

Nephew of a WWII Marine casualty witnesses recovery of uncle's remains on Okinawa

BY MATTHEW M. BURKE
Stars and Stripes

ITOMAN, Okinawa — Larry Paleno, 61, had never been outside the United States, but he dropped everything and flew to Okinawa after learning that a team of volunteers may have discovered the remains of his uncle lost in World War II.

Marine Pfc. John Quinn Jr. was killed June 29, 1945, one week after the Battle of Okinawa ended, when he entered a supposedly cleared cave in Itoman for souvenirs and was ambushed by Japanese soldiers. He died alongside Pvt. John Hartman, who rushed in to save him. The cave was sealed after the Japanese troops refused to surrender.

On the eve of Paleno's visit earlier this month, Kuentai-USA, a Japan-based non-governmental organization working to find Quinn and Hartman, unearthed what it thinks are Quinn's remains. Paleno grew emotional after viewing the spot where his uncle was believed to lie.

"Very surreal; wow," he said, his voice wavering. "All these volunteers; it's unbelievable, all the work they've done in that cave to find him."

The apparent discovery of Quinn's remains Sept. 6 capped a long journey for Paleno, a recently retired union electrician from Kings Park, N.Y. He began researching his uncle in 2006 after watching Steven Spielberg's classic film "Saving Private Ryan."

His efforts took on a greater urgency a year later after his uncle, Gerald Quinn, requested a memorial Mass for his long-lost brother that was attended by dozens of family and friends.

"When I started, nobody knew anything about him; you know, what happened to him, where he was. Every story was different," Paleno told Stars and Stripes.

He said his search picked up steam after stumbling upon the 6th Marine Division's website. Bill Pierce, a veteran of the battle and then public affairs director for the organization, helped Paleno request Quinn's service



MATTHEW M. BURKE/Stars and Stripes

Larry Paleno, right, of Kings Park, N.Y., gazes at a ring that may have belonged to his uncle, Marine Pfc. John Quinn Jr., outside a cave in Itoman, Okinawa.



Yukari Akatsuka

This ring, which may have belonged to Quinn, was found inside an Okinawa cave.

record and casualty file from the National Archives. In those files, Paleno found the coordinates for the cave on Okinawa.

Subway search

In 2011, retired Marine Maj.



Yukari Akatsuka

This dog tag belonging to Quinn was found inside an Okinawa cave along with human remains and other items.

Kerry Quinn, no relation to Pfc. Quinn, contacted the family to return one of the missing Marine's dog tags that had been found in the cave. Paleno traveled to Washington, D.C., the following year to accept it and

met then-Marine Corps Commandant Gen. James Amos.

About six years later, Paleno, on his way to work one day aboard the subway, Googled his uncle's name. He was shocked to learn that Kuentai had begun looking for Quinn. He reached out to the group's secretary general, Yukari Akatsuka, and started planning for a trip.

"The pandemic hit, and we couldn't go," he said.

Paleno lost touch with the group in the two years that followed. Kuentai went back to excavate the cave in April. Paleno reconnected with the group during a second dig in July and again started to plan a visit.

"If I don't come now, I'll never come," he recalled. "It was something that I had to come see."

Meanwhile, Kuentai volun-

teers made a promising discovery.

On Sept. 5, they were trying to clear a giant rock that had caved in over the years when Senior Airman Lukas Maschmeier, 23, of the 18th Component Maintenance Squadron at Kadena Air Base, spotted an American-made rubber boot sole. The volunteers agreed to focus their efforts in that area.

The following day, they found another of Quinn's dog tags, then a Marine Corps ring, a belt buckle, a Marine Corps button and bones and teeth. They paused digging and cordoned off the area to await Paleno's arrival.

"Now, looking at the outside of that area, it looks like fragments of a skull right there," Maschmeier said, describing the discovery as he prepared to reenter the cave. The volunteers also found what looks like a pelvic bone.

"This right here is the fruits of repatriation, literally giving remains and personal effects back to the family," Maschmeier said.

'Nobody ever looked'

Airman 1st Class Collin Brady, 21, of the 18th Munitions Squadron, believes they have found Quinn's final resting place.

"It was under a big ol' rock," he said. "Nobody ever looked under that rock, and it's just kind of amazing that we somehow pinpointed that location, and it's even more amazing that Larry's here, all the way from New York."

Brady helped find Quinn's dog tag and what could be his Marine Corps boot camp graduation ring.

As Paleno stood outside the cave holding his uncle's dog tag, tears streamed down his face. Later that day, while recovering what they believe to be Quinn's remains, Kuentai volunteers also found teeth they believe could belong to Hartman.

Paleno accompanied Kuentai to the Okinawa Prefectural Peace Memorial Museum in Mabuni to turn over the recovered remains. He hopes they will be given to the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency to identify and return to the family for burial. Quinn still has two siblings who remember him well.

"We wanted to find him and bring him home and bury him with our family and we never thought that would be realized," Paleno said. "But I have no doubt that that's him and maybe that will happen someday. I'm so grateful."

burke.matt@stripes.com
Twitter: @MatthewMBurke1

Max D. Lederer Jr., Publisher

Terry Leonard, Editor

Robert H. Reid, Senior Managing Editor

Doreen Wright, Guam Edition Editor

Scott Foley, Revenue Director

CONTACT US

633 3rd Street NW, Suite 500, Washington, D.C. 20001

Editorial: (202) 886-0005

Advertising: (202) 886-0014

Additional contact information: stripes.com

This publication is a compilation of stories from Stars and Stripes, the editorially independent newspaper authorized by the Department of Defense for members of the military community.

The contents of Stars and Stripes are unofficial, and are not to be considered as the official views of, or endorsed by, the U.S. government, including the Defense Department or the military services. The Guam Edition of Stars and Stripes is published jointly by Stars and Stripes and this newspaper.

The appearance of advertising in this publication, including inserts or supplements, does not constitute endorsement by the Department of Defense or Stars and Stripes of the products or services advertised.

Products or services advertised in this publication shall be made available for purchase, use, or patronage without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, marital status, physical handicap, political affiliation, or any other nonmerit factor of the purchaser, user, or patron.

© Stars and Stripes, 2022

Fall in Love

WITH YOUR HOME

12 Months Interest Free Financing - Free Design Consultation
Window Treatments - Professional Delivery & Installation



THE BEST SELECTION OF HOME FURNITURE ON GUAM



★ MILITARY DISCOUNT ★
FOR ALL SERVICE MEMBERS

FURNITURE *Kathy style*

671-300-9590 | Open Everyday 10am - 6pm | furniturekathystyle.com | @furniturekathystyle
Main Showroom: 118 Martyr St, Hagåtña, GU | Kathy's Outlet: 114 Unit C Taitano Rd, Harmon, GU

WE PROUDLY CARRY THESE BRANDS AND MANY MORE!



ENJOY ALL OF BALDYGA GROUP'S EXCITING TOURS!



TAOTAO TASI
BEACH DINNER SHOW

TAOTAO TASI
features a delicious dinner, beautiful performers, gorgeous costumes, and fire dancers!



the beach
RESTAURANT & BAR

THE BEACH BAR
has a breathtaking ocean view, great food, and an awesome atmosphere, for a weekend of relaxation!



Big Sunset Cruise
DINNER AND DOLPHIN WATCHING

BIG SUNSET CRUISE
Enjoy sightseeing, stargazing, dolphin watching, and all-you-can-drink & eat!



Ride the Ducks
Guam

RIDE THE DUCKS
Is it a bus? Is it a boat? No, it's a DUCK! It's Guam's ONLY land and water tour!



www.BestGuamTours.com | info@baldyga.com | 671-646-8000

[f](#) [@](#) [@bestofguam](#) | [@bbaguam](#) | [@beachbarguam](#) | [@duckguam](#) | [@cruisequam](#)

