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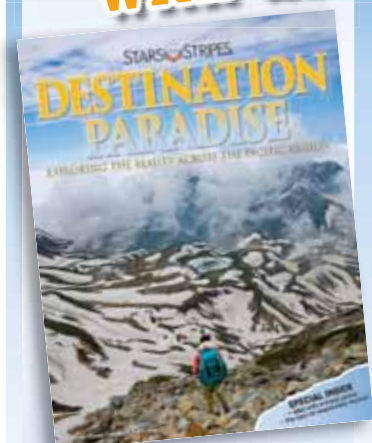
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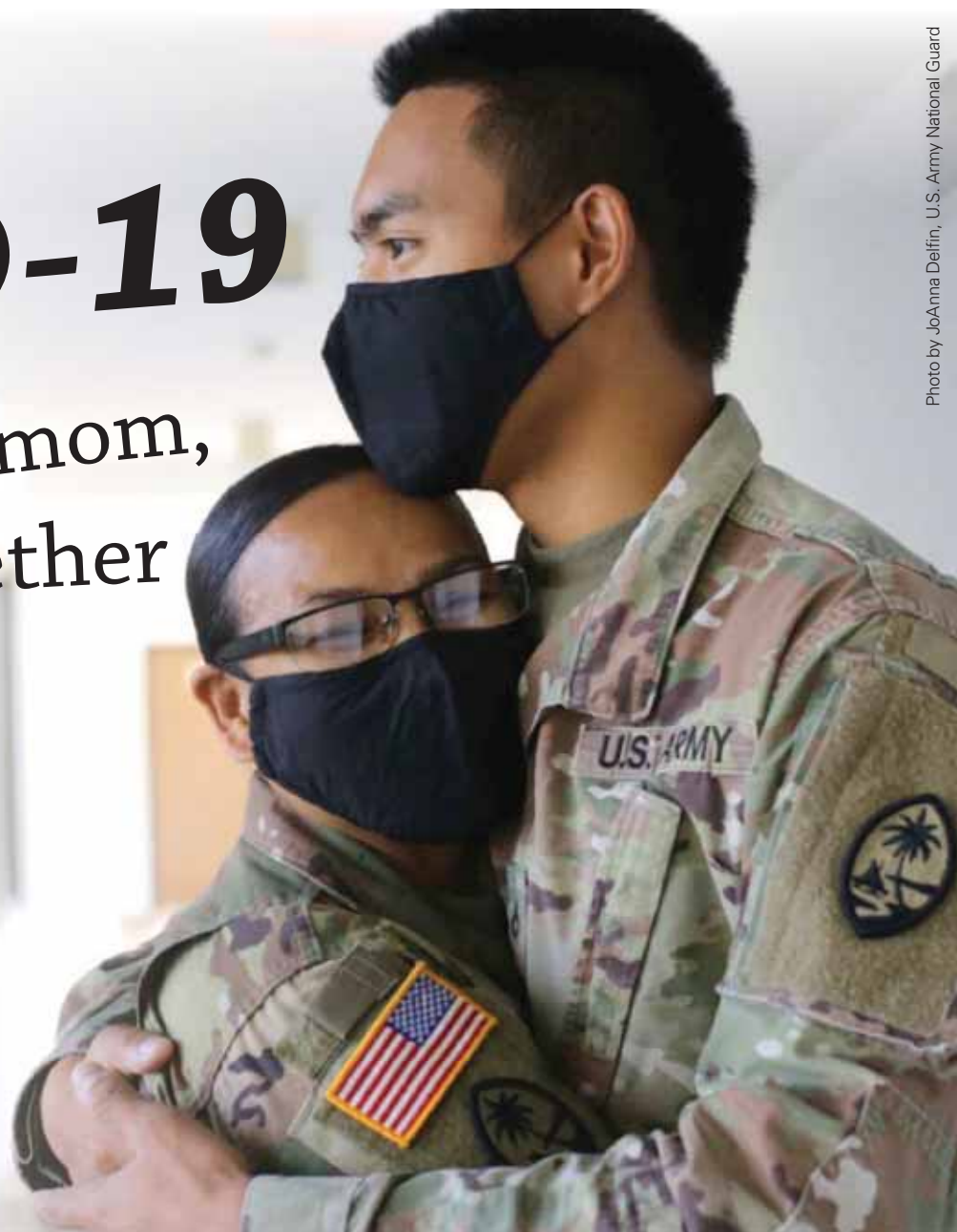


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MEET TEAM ANDERSEN

'I thrive on having a plan'

BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS ALEXIS COPELAND,
36TH WING

I am 19 years old and I'm from right outside of Houston, Texas. The beginning of my junior year I knew exactly what I wanted to do, join the Air Force. I wanted to be apart of something with structure and organization. I thrive on having a plan. I wanted to have a family to go to and be a part of.

When I got the news that I received Command Post as my job I was skeptical, but excited. It's challenging and not what I'm used to, but I enjoy learning something new everyday. In



Copeland

our career field we can do lots of things. It all varies from base to base and you'll never be doing the same thing. Our duties range from notifying the base about emergencies, facilitating aircrew missions, and reporting to higher headquarters. We are the liaison for the entire base's information dissemination.

Andersen was my first choice to get stationed at. I have family on island that have lived here for 30 years. They travel a lot, but some holidays I get to spend with them here. It's nice having familiar faces around me being that I'm so far from home. I'm super fortunate that the Air Force decided this would be my first assignment.

My whole life I had to figure out how to set an example for my younger siblings. I'm really close to my family. Leaving them was the hardest thing I had to do. I will never forget that feeling, but it was what I was supposed to do.

If I could give someone thinking about joining the military one piece of advice, I'd say, keep a positive attitude and open mind. The effort you put in is what you'll get back. You can do anything you put your mind to."

Airman 1st Class Alexis Copeland, 36th Wing Command Post Controller, Andersen AFB, Guam.

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U.S. NAVAL HOSPITAL GUAM

U.S. Naval Hospital (USNH) Guam began collecting COVID-19 convalescent plasma (CP) May 31 in support of the Department of Defense effort to develop therapeutics to support active duty readiness.

USNH Guam coordinated a four-day evolution with Naval Base Guam at the hospital's Armed Forces Blood Bank Center to collect the CP, which is the liquid part of blood from patients who have recovered from an infection. Recovered COVID-19 patients have virus-specific antibodies that may help those currently fighting COVID-19 recover and keep those who are moderately ill from becoming seriously ill. While there is currently no approved treatment for COVID-19, CP has been successfully used to counter other viral infections and may help fight this new virus.

During the four-day event, CP units were collected from 138 volunteers, all sailors assigned to the USS Theodore Roosevelt who have fully recovered from COVID-19. Their donations will help the larger effort of working towards a possible treatment for COVID-19 and may help others fight the disease.

"We had a 4-day window to recruit and screen volunteer donors, and to collect, manufacture,



HM3 Bailey Carter stores plasma at U.S. Naval Hospital Guam.

and test these products," said Officer, Lt. Cmdr. Stephanie Golla. "This resulted in the collection of over 200 convalescent plasma units that will be

available for transfusion."

USNH Guam screened all volunteer donors to determine whether they met the eligibility requirements outlined by the Food and Drug Administration. To be eligible, a donor must be in good health, fully recovered from COVID-19, and meet other specific criteria, such as having a documented positive test.

"We are grateful for their willingness to donate," said Golla. "This would not have been possible without them."

Golla expressed that the USS Theodore Roosevelt sailors, with their display of courage and mental fortitude in this endeavor, are exemplary models of our fighting force.

"It feels good to be a part of this process by having a purpose other than being quarantined," said Aviation Electronics Technician 2nd Class Charles Curry. "I feel grateful for the time USNH Guam staff have taken out of their lives to help us."

USNH Guam collected CP to serve in the production of antibody therapeutics and treatment for its service members and beneficiaries infected with the virus. DoD's efforts to make treatment available at its health care facilities support its mission of a medically ready force.

"This process shows we are step a closer to home and ready to get back to a new normal," said Curry.



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Airmen detain Tech. Sgt. Jordan Salas, a player in the active shooter-hostage exercise.

Training for the worst

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SENIOR AIRMAN MICHAEL S. MURPHY,
36 WING

ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE — Airmen assigned to Andersen Air Force Base conducted an active shooter/hostage negotiation training at North West Field, Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, on May 29. Airmen conducted the exercise to build trust between their counterparts, test their hostage-negotiations proficiencies and display their around-the-clock response posture.



Andersen Air Force Base first responder's vehicles are shown during an active shooter-hostage exercise.



Airmen assigned to the 36th Security Forces Squadron prepare to enter a building during an active shooter-hostage exercise.



U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Robert Keefe, 36th Security Forces Squadron bravo flight chief, communicates to his response team.

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How to recover airfield after attack

BY MSGT JONATHAN CRANDELL,
U.S. AIR FORCE

ANDERSEN AIR BASE — If our military history has taught us anything, it is this: war, and how we defeat our enemies, evolves over time. As our global adversaries develop new tactics and weaponry, and engage in long-term strategies to usurp U.S. national security, our National Defense Strategy requires us to meet these threats head-on to protect what matters most – our freedom. We must train to develop agile, innovative, and ready Airmen Engineers who are prepared to tackle a complex global environment. Exercises like COPE North 2020, held at Andersen AFB, give participants the opportunity to train in a joint environment, testing combat readiness and simulating a real-world situation. This trilateral field training exercise incorporates joint and combined U.S. Pacific Air Forces with participants from the U.S. Air Force, U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps, Japan Air Self-Defense Force (JASDF), and the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF).

The Rapid Explosive Hazard Mitigation (REHM) and Rapid Airfield Damaged Recovery (RADR) exercise for this year's COPE North event included over 300 combined and joint personnel that made up 3 separate teams. It was the first time in Air Force history these teams successfully repaired 18 craters per team for a total of 54 craters. This is significant since capability claims were developed under "ideal" conditions.

One portion of this exercise involves REHM, carried out by Explosive



Explosive Ordnance Disposal technicians with the 36th Civil Engineer Squadron place explosives on the runway as part of a Rapid Airfield Damage Repair Exercise at Andersen Air Force Base in February. Photos by Airman 1st Class Amir R. Young, U.S. Air Force

Ordnance Disposal (EOD) personnel and designed to rapidly remove unexploded ordnances (UXOs) from the runway surface in order to pave the way for RADR. MSgt Neil Gertiser, 554 RHS EOD Cadre stated, "EOD is the first personnel onto the airfield to assess the damage. Upon the selection of the Minimum Operating Strip, the EOD team begins REHM, designed to rapidly remove UXOs from the airfield at a rate of 500 per hour, paving the way for RADR. During COPE North 2020, the 26 member joint EOD team was able to clear 1200 UXOs from 5000 feet of runway within 2 hours and 17 minutes, allowing the RADR teams to begin repairs ahead of schedule."

Once the green light is given, the crater repair team can utilize their six step process to create an efficient assembly line operation that ends with a concrete or asphalt cap. Since AFCEC implemented RADR training in late 2018, this concept has been taught by RED HORSE Cadre at Silver Flag training sites in the U.S., Europe, and Guam. MSgt Richard Loreto, 554 RHS Silver Flag Cadre, stated, "The COPE North exercise not only proved the validity of AFCEC's RADR tactics, techniques and procedures, but also proved effective interoperability by executing RADR with our joint and partner nation forces. What makes the RADR system unique is



the assembly line process of small tasks. We can train inexperienced personnel in hours-to-days, so they gain enough proficiency to perform their small part in a big process. This is the most important factor as to why the U.S. Air Force can successfully integrate other services and countries into our airfield recovery operations."

As chaos and uncertainty continues to escalate around the world, Air Force Civil Engineers will continue to answer our nations call. If anyone asks how to recover an airfield after an attack – RADR is the answer, and Air Force Civil Engineers are prepared to deliver!

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Pandemic ramps up PCS move rivalries

It's summer PCS season, when 40% of the 400,000 military and DOD civilian moves take place each year. This time brings back memories of our family's final military move in May 2017. It was our 11th in 23 years of marriage, and it was pretty much like all the rest — a stressful experience involving tedious planning, unexpected crises, broken and lost belongings and physical exhaustion.

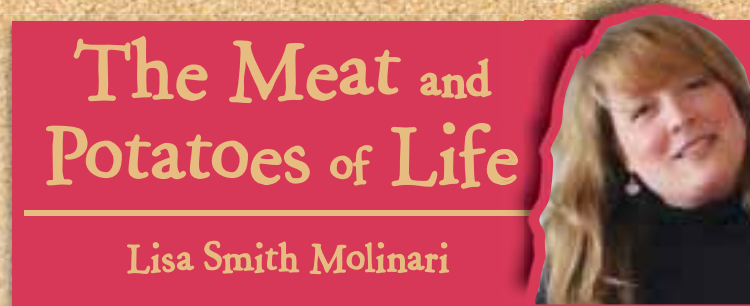
Like most military spouses, I've told stories of PCS moves to my friends around kitchen islands, bunco tables and backyard patios. Like the time the movers snapped the leg off our dining room buffet, or when they neglected to put our crib back together when I had a newborn baby and a toddler, or that move when my husband's entire collection of military challenge coins disappeared.

Two-thirds of PCS moves have been delayed, causing a massive backup.

Within military spouse culture, telling tales of moving mishaps is a sort of competitive sport. Kind of like talking about childbirth. The spouse who has endured the most misery wins.

It's hard to imagine the PCS experience getting worse for military families, but thanks to the coronavirus, moving hassles have reached epic new levels. The Stop Movement Order announced by Secretary of Defense Mark Esper in April has been extended through June 30, causing delays that could last until the end of the year.

Two-thirds of PCS moves have been delayed, causing a massive backup. Some military families who had already started the moving process got trapped in limbo between two locations, paying double housing costs due to leases or mortgages executed before the Stop Movement Order. Others shipped household goods and



moved into temporary housing, then got stuck without their belongings. Parents can't register their children for the 2020-21 school year because they don't know where they will be living. Kids who planned to enter new schools at the end of summer may have to enroll mid-school year, making it more difficult for them to adjust socially and academically. While Congress is working to pass legislation that would provide financial relief to many of the affected families, uncertainty and stress abounds.

To make matters worse, the backup is further complicated by the military branches' efforts to offer incentives to delay retirements and separations, and to reenlist those who had already retired or separated. They hope these strategies will balance the drop in recruits caused by the COVID-19

shutdown, and provide medical personnel and troops who can deploy immediately so that readiness is not further compromised. However, moving priority will go to those who can deploy or fill medical billets, while waiting families will be pushed back in the line.

The Pentagon says that it will allow 30,000 waiting families to be granted waivers to move before June 30. However, those who are able to move will be required to follow mandatory coronavirus prevention guidelines that could further delay the process. No matter which way you cut it, military families will endure major PCS hardships this year.

One day, when life returns to some form of normalcy, military spouses will inevitably gather together like they always have, to chat around fire pits, bunco

tables, kitchen islands, base housing patios, backyard barbecues and coffee shops. They will share bottles of wine and pots of coffee; they will laugh, and they will tell miserable tales about childbirth, deployments and PCS moves — just like military spouses have for decades. The only thing that remains to be seen is, now that the pandemic has upped the ante, who will win the unspoken competition over who has endured the most hardship?

I, for one, will resist the urge to offer up my often-told PCS stories while in the company of anyone who has endured a PCS move during the pandemic. Out of respect, I will graciously concede defeat.

But there's no guarantee I won't try to get back in the game with a good labor and delivery story. Our firstborn weighed more than nine pounds, so it's a doozy.

Score.

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Guam Guard mother, son in this together

STORY AND PHOTO BY JOANNA DELFIN,
GUAM NATIONAL GUARD

BARRIGADA – During a time of uncertainty, when the world is navigating to define a new normal, members of the Guam National Guard find comfort in service knowing their loved ones are near and are not alone.

Lt. Col. Marleen Tarusan-Legaspi and her son Pfc. Nikolas Legaspi are two of those Guard members. The last few months have allowed them to serve shoulder-to-shoulder during the COVID-19 response.

Tarusan-Legaspi serves as the J1 for the GUNG's Joint Task Force 671, managing personnel accountability, strength reporting, and manpower management, all focal points for a joint task force during a defense in support of civil authorities operation. Legaspi is part of JTF 671's Task Force Shield and was assigned to Task Force Response, providing operational support and security for various mission assignments.

"I'm very proud that we're able to work alongside each other," said Tarusan-Legaspi. "For me, I was more concerned about his safety, because COVID-19 is different than anything we've seen before. I've worked several state-active duty missions before, but this response is different due to the unknown variables of the pandemic."

The response is Legaspi's first mission. He said he's proud to serve at home helping his family, friends and fellow Guamanians.

"I thought it would be a good way to help the community and raise awareness with my friends and family about the seriousness of the pandemic," he said. "I'm always reminding my friends and family that the National Guard is here because our island needs us. We're here to protect our island."

Though their jobs are different, Tarusan-Legaspi is



Lt. Col. Marleen Tarusan-Legaspi and her son Pfc. Nikolas Legaspi.

glad she and her son are able to work together as it allows them to share their experiences specific to the response, providing her a sense of comfort.

"In any aspect of the guard we are here to support. One of our missions is to be there anytime and anywhere our community needs us," she said. "I'm very glad that we're in this together, and I like the fact that I know what he's doing and that he's safe. It's very different than when he left for basic training, because I really felt disconnected from him. Having him here has been reassuring for me and has put me a little more at ease."

Though his parents both served in the National

Guard, Legaspi didn't initially intend to join. However, he raised his hand to serve in the National Guard in 2018, after he and a family member decided to experience something new in life while making a difference in their community.

"I wanted to experience for myself what the National Guard had to offer I didn't know too much about the military, I just knew my parents were both officers in the military," he said. "I enlisted with Pfc. (Christopher) Timeteo, and we really didn't know a lot about the guard. It was a spur of the moment, and we wanted to make a change. It was a fresh start for both of us."

Though she was off island when Legaspi decided to enlist, Tarusan-Legaspi proudly swore in her son and nephew and shared lessons she learned after serving more than 30 years in service.

"I was actually in Kansas for about a year, and I came home and found out he decided to take a pause in school and do something different," she said. "I told him that I would support him in whatever path he decides to follow."

"Everything I've learned in my career and through my achievements, I let him know there are certain things we need to look out for. It's not just about ourselves, but our fellow Soldiers. I let him know that as a private first class, and as a Soldier, you need to take care of those around you."

Legaspi takes a page from his parents' playbook and applies their lessons while serving.

"It's a good feeling to serve with my mom, I always have a mentor," he said. "Whenever I have a question that I don't know the answer to, I can always turn to her. I feel good because I'm following in her and my dad's footsteps. Where she's at is somewhere I aspire to be and it's an achievable goal, it's just going to take some time."

FROM THE ARCHIVES

On May 14, 1945, Stars and Stripes published its first newspaper in the Pacific. To commemorate 75 years serving the military community in the theater, we're taking a look back at Stripes history through the writing and photography of a dedicated staff spanning generations. Stars and Stripes has proudly supported the Pacific military community since the beginning and will continue to serve the troops and families at the heart of our work.

— Pueblo crew of 82 freed by N. Korea —

BY CRAIG GARNER,
STARS AND STRIPES
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PANMUNJOM — The 82 crewmen of the USS Pueblo began their trek to freedom Monday at 11:30 a.m. Korean standard time across a small footbridge nicknamed "the bridge of no return" leading from North Korea to the truce site at Panmunjom.

The march from Communist captivity came exactly 11 months after North Korean patrol boats seized the U.S. Navy intelligence ship off the port of Wonsan last Jan. 23.

Cmdr. Lloyd M. Bucher, the captain of the Pueblo who came under much fire for not putting up a struggle at the time of the seizure, was first across the bridge as a steady snow fell.

He identified the six officers, 74 enlisted men and two civilians who filed into the Panmunjom Joint Security Council after him.

The body of Seaman Duane D. Hodges, of Creswell, Ore., who was seriously injured when the ship was captured and died later, was also returned.

The formal signing of the document which handed the crew over to the U.S. was conducted at Panmunjom at 9 a.m. Monday between senior United Nations command delegate Maj. Gen. Gilbert H. Woodward and North Korean spokesman Maj. Gen. Pak Chung Kook.

In the document prepared by the North Koreans and read

by Gen. Woodward said that the Pueblo had illegally intruded into North Korean territorial waters and conducted espionage activities.

Immediately after reading the statement Gen. Woodward followed up with a repudiation in which he said U.S. authorities have found "no convincing evidence that the ship at any time intruded into the territorial waters claimed by North Korea."

Woodward made it expressly clear that he signed the Communist document "to free the crew and only to free the crew."

He explained at a press conference after the signing that he did not think it meant "a humiliation" for the U.S. government.

The U.S. never did "apologize" for the alleged intrusion as the North Koreans had insisted in countless propaganda broadcasts.

However, a U.S. Defense Department spokesman said the U.S. concurred to sign the "purported agreement" since the North Koreans had taken a firm stance in the 28 secret meetings held at Panmunjom since the seizure that "the crew would be held indefinitely if the statement was not signed."

In Woodward's repudiation he firmly asserted that "the ship was not engaged in illegal activities" and that "he could not apologize for action which he did not believe took place."

At the brief 9 a.m. meeting



Cmdr. Lloyd Bucher talks to the press. Photo by Pete Vegell, Stars and Stripes

across the Panmunjom conference table North Korea's Gen. Pak told Woodward that "the crew was in normal condition." Woodward said in Pak's terms this means the 83 crewmen were in good health.

North Korea's delegate Gen. Pak during the meeting threatened to delay the release since

he said the U.S. State Department had violated the agreement between the two nations about publicizing the time of the release. However, he later reneged and delayed the return only a half-hour.

Woodward said he was certain there was no compensation paid to the North Koreans by

the U.S. for the men's freedom.

After the Pueblo crew was exchanged at Panmunjom's joint security area they were scheduled to be taken to the UNC advance camp, four miles south of the truce area.

At the advance camp they were to clean up and be given a meal in private. Then they were to be transported to the 121st evacuation hospital at ASCOM near Seoul where each crew member was to receive a physical examination.

A Defense Department spokesman said plans called for the crew members to be taken to a U.S. naval hospital in San Diego upon leaving Korea.

Their scheduled departure time from Korea is still tentative, but the spokesman said naturally everyone hoped the crew would be able to be home for Christmas.

The Pueblo was seized last January and precipitated a crisis in the U.S. which saw President Lyndon Johnson activate over 14,000 Air Force reservists and dispatch the nuclear aircraft carrier Enterprise off the coast of North Korea.

Many U.S. congressmen branded it an act of war and a speedy military buildup in South Korea was carried out.

Since then the U.S. and North Korean negotiators have been locked in verbal combat over how and when the surviving crew members would be returned. It appears that the major breakthrough took place at the 26th Pueblo meeting at Panmunjom on Dec. 17.

SFC, wounded 9 Times, wants 3rd Korean tour

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CAMP DRAKE, Japan — Fifteen years of Army service and a chestful of decorations, including the nation's second highest award, hasn't satisfied SFC Charles E. Ashton's appetite for a good scrap. The Camp Drake military policeman from Colton, Cal., has asked to go back to Korea for the third time.

From the North African shores where he first saw enemy action during the second World War, up through Europe, and in the Korean campaign, Ashton has collected among his other decorations, the Distinguished Service Cross, the Silver Star with three Oak Leaf Clusters, the Soldier's Medal, the

Bronze Star with four clusters, and the Purple Heart with eight clusters.

THE DSC, his most recent decoration, was awarded him after his ingenious escape from a Communist PW camp in January, 1951, in which he plotted and carried out a rescue plan for 159 other American prisoners. He had been interned near Pyongyang for 42 days.

Much of his combat experience has been with patrols, and the Silver Star, Bronze Star, and Purple Heart awards all resulted from his feats while engaged in patrol and scouting activity. One of the Silver Stars, which he received simultaneously

with the Bronze Star and Purple Heart, was awarded during action near Kaesong when he led a platoon that annihilated 235 Communists.

Ashton received the Soldier's Medal the year before Pearl Harbor while he was assigned to basic cadre at Camp Polk, La., when he assisted in evacuating troops from a burning barrack.

Following his escape from the Reds and his ultimate hospitalization, Ashton returned to the States in September, 1951, and again volunteered for Korean service. He was sent to the Far East in November, 1952, and assigned to the MP detachment at Camp Drake.



Sgt. 1st Class Charles E. Ashton, at work at Camp Drake, Japan, in March, 1953.



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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

Merizo (Malesso')

..... Where water, pride abound



Merizo (Malesso') Combento Photo by Guampedia

BY DOUGLAS PLATE,
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Always known as a place for fishing, the village's original name, Malesso', derives from the Chamorro word *lessu'*, a juvenile stage in the growth of rabbit fish.

Juvenile rabbit fish, or *mañahak* in Chamorro, run in schools at certain times of the year in the bays and inlets of the village. Their arrival is always an occasion of great excitement, as groups of people large and small work nets to gather the local delicacy.

Village history

While there are few accounts of the pre-Spanish colonial era on Guam, Merizo's abundance of fresh water, its protected lagoon, extensive reef and shorelines, and its fertile valleys suggest that the area likely sustained a large population. By 1833, howev-

er, the population was estimated at only 318. By this time, disease, calamity and the Spanish-Chamorro wars had reduced the native Chamorros.

Despite the dramatic decrease in the Chamorro population during the Reducción (efforts to subdue Chamorros into accepting Christianity and Spanish rule), the population of Merizo was significant enough for Father Diego Luis de San Vitores to order the building of the fifth mission on Guam in Merizo in 1672.

No trace of the original mission structures exists today. The recently restored Malesso' Kombento, home to the parish priest, and the Kampanayun Malesso' (Merizo Belltower), both Spanish-era structures, as well as the new church dedicated in September 2002, attest to the church's enduring place in village life.

In March 1721 a drunken British privateer captain, angered over soured hostage negotiations, brashly tried to steal a Spanish supply ship anchored in front of the village in the Mama'on Channel. The British ship ran aground. The beleaguered crew,

fired upon from shore cannons at close range, finally wrested the vessel off the reef and escaped after a fifty-hour battle that killed two of them.

Life in Merizo went on more or less quietly through the turn of 20th century, even as American naval rule replaced the Spanish on Guam. That would change in the dawn of World War II. During the Japanese invasion of Guam in 1941, a contingent of 5,000 Japanese invasion troops actually began coming ashore at Bile Bay on Merizo's western shore. Finding no road to Agat, the soldiers re-boarded their boats and headed north to join their comrades.

The Japanese occupation of Guam set Merizo on a course that, in July 1944, would make the village a locus of infamous brutality and stirring heroism. Almost four years after the Japanese invasion and occupation of Guam, their situation began to grow desperate as American ships bombarded the island in preparation for the July 21 landing and retaking of Guam. The Japanese troops stationed in Merizo rounded up two groups of thirty Chamorros each. Forty-six Chamorros were slaughtered with grenades, bayonets, and sabers.

At Tinta, in the Geus River valley, some escaped death by lying still under the corpses of their relatives and friends, while others were able to flee. Not one of the thirty in the second group survived the massacre at Faha, just behind the village cemetery. Each year in July, people hike for prayer services to the original massacre sites in remembrance of the forty-six villagers. Similar massacres took place in Fena, near the present day Santa Rita, and Yigo.

When word of the massacres got to villagers, who by that time had been marched inland to a camp, seven Merizo men killed ten Japanese



Left: Flestan Tasl, 1958 Right: Merizo Pier and Small Boat Ramp, 2014 Photos by Guampedia



➤ soldiers and drove the rest from village. This left Merizo the first village on Guam to be liberated, and the only one to be liberated by the Chamorros themselves.

At this point, a group of six Merizo men paddled and sailed a canoe out to a U.S. warship. The crew picked up the Chamorro men, and the six served as scouts in the effort to retake Guam.

This village at a glance

- **Population:** As of the 2010 US Census, the population of Merizo was 1,850.
- **Village officials:** Ernest T. Chagualaf, Mayor 2009 - Present; Sherry L. Chagualaf, Mayor, 2007-2008; Sherry L. Chagualaf, Acting Mayor, September 2006 - December 2006; Rita A. Tainatongo, Mayor, 2001-2006; Ignacio "Buck" S. Cruz, Commissioner/Mayor, 1985-2000; Jose R. Tyquengco, Commissioner, 1981-1985; Ignacio "Buck" S. Cruz, Commissioner, 1979-1981; Joaquin Q. Acfalle, Commissioner, 1977-1979; Francisco C. Chagualaf, Commissioner, 1952-1976; Jesus C. Barcinas, Commissioner, 1944-1952; Juan E. Lujan, Commissioner, 1931-1941; Ramon P. Cruz, Commissioner, 1922-1930; Prudencio Gogue, Commissioner, 1917-1921; Jose Ada Reyes, Commissioner, 1915-1917; Jose Lujan, Commissioner, 1910-1914; Jesus C. Barcinas, Deputy Commissioner, (no dates provided). (Courtesy of Konsehelon Mahot Guahan/ the Mayor's Council of Guam)
- **Village description:** Merizo skirts Guam's scenic southern shoreline on a long strip of land between mountains and sea.

Cocos Lagoon, several miles square and enclosed by a large triangle of reef, extends about three miles out from the village. Cocos Island Resort draws day visitors to the small, densely vegetated, low-lying strip of land along the lagoon's southern exposure. The lagoon is distinguished from the deeper water outside the reef by an array of vivid blues and greens that signify shallow water over sand flats and protected coral gardens. Mama'on Channel, the lagoon's deep main pass, runs west to east past Merizo Pier and the village boat ramp, gradually shallowing as it cuts farther into the lagoon.

Fiestan Tasi (Festival of the Sea) is held annually in Merizo, and celebrates the importance of the ocean to Guam's past, present and future. It often includes boat races and other water sports competitions and exhibitions. Dates of the festival vary from year to year.

On the other side of the winding main coastal road, Route 4, several rivers flowing to the sea from the nearby mountains cut lush valleys through dry savanna foothills. Much of the population lives in these rural valleys, which are mainly residential areas dotted with a few farms and ranches, shadows of the community's agrarian past.

So far, residents have viewed cautiously any prospect of extensive development, and the village remains primarily residential. Commerce is limited to the privately owned Cocos Island Resort and its ancillary vendors, and to a few small village-based retail stores, a gas station, and a branch of the Bank of Guam.

In May, swimmers travel from all over Asia to join local swimmers in the Cocos Crossing, a 2.2-mile race from Cocos Island, on the southern edge of Cocos Lagoon, across the lagoon to Merizo Pier.

Points of interest

Institutions

Merizo Martyrs Memorial School

Constructed in 1966, this is one of the public elementary schools on Guam. The school sits between the Merizo Community Center and the Office of the Mayor of Merizo atop Pigua, a high spur of land that forms one side of the Geus River Valley.

San Dimas Catholic Church

A new church building was dedicated Sept. 29, 2002, replacing a dilapidated tin-and wood structure that had served parishioners as a church for more than a decade. Mass and festivities honoring Merizo's patron, San Dimas, occur annually on the third weekend of April.

Historical

Kampanayun Malesso

The Merizo Belltower, or Kampanayun Malesso just across the main road from the Kombento, dates to 1910 and the tenure of Father Cristobal de Canals. It was ncluded in the National Register of Historic Places and restoration efforts took place in the early 1980s.

Malesso Kombento

This nineteenth century building was restored in 2000 to its original design under a grant from the Guam Preservation Trust. It is the home of the parish priest and a museum.

Merlyn G. Cook School

Now a youth recreation center near the Merizo Pier park, the building originally housed a naval radio facility in the early 1920s. Named in 1931 for the Guam Public School System's first leader, it served as the village schoolhouse for a decade in the late '20s and early '30s. The Guam Preservation Trust restored the building recently so that it could be used again by village residents.



Santa Mairian Kamalen Park, 2014 Photo by Guampedia

Santa Marian Kamalen shrine/park

Across the street from the kombento a small park with a marble statue of Santa Marian Kamalen. There is a plaque explaining that according to local legend, the site is where a fisherman from Merizo was fishing in the bay, between Merizo and Cocos Island, when he spotted a statue of the Virgin Mary being carried by two golden crabs.

Recreational

Cocos Island

The narrow, mile-long island, originally called Dano, lies about two miles off the village along



Cocos Island Photo by Guampedia

Guam's southern reef line, with the Pacific Ocean on one side and Cocos Lagoon on the other. About a third of the island at the west end is a government-owned public park, and once was the site of a U.S. Coast Guard LORAN station. Camping is permitted. The other two-thirds is a privately owned day resort. The Rothschild family, of banking fame, once owned the whole island. They were copra traders in pre-war Guam.

Currently, the small island is being looked at as a refuge for ko'ko (the Guam rail).

Malesso' Fiestan Tasi

Malesso' Fiestan Tasi, or Merizo Festival of the Sea, is an annual event held in November that celebrates the importance of the ocean in Chamorro Culture. Thousands of people gather in Merizo to enjoy the various water races, a fishing derby, an ocean parade filled with decorative floats, Chamorro cultural displays and arts and crafts, concession stands and southern hospitality.

Merizo Pier and Small Boat Ramp

This public facility fronts Mama'on Channel, the main pass into Cocos Lagoon.

Priest's Pools

The Priest's Pools are natural freshwater pools in the Pigua River hidden in the hills of Merizo.

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Did you know?

In 1946, the first woman was elected to the Guam Congress. Rosa Aguigui Reyes, from Merizo, served in the congress – an advisory body to the island's naval governor – and was also a longtime educator. She died January 2007 at the age of ninety-one.



On Guam the most common type of home during the U.S. Naval Era was a rectangular pole and thatch structure with a raised floor. Pole and thatch houses line this Malesso' street in a photo taken before World War II, 1930's. Photo by Balthazar Aguon

STORY AND PHOTOS BY SARAH HODGE,
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In these strange times, many of us are going back to our kitchens to rediscover long-lost domestic arts like bread baking (if you are lucky enough to find yeast and flour!), experimenting with fermentation, and making our own everyday staples – in my case, I've gone back to baking my own yeast bread, making tofu and fermenting my own yogurt and pickles at home.

One of the items that is in weekly rotation in my house is fresh Japanese tofu, but

if you don't have access to Japanese grocery stores, you can make your own fresh soymilk and tofu at home with only two or three ingredients and some basic equipment. In fact, once you've tasted homemade tofu and soymilk, you may never go back!

My friends from Raw Rutes (www.rawrutes.com) were kind enough to send a review unit of their Sumo tofu press, which also doubles as a tofu maker. Raw Rutes manufactures a range of tools for harvesting, dehydrating and fermenting foods, including its line of Ninja tofu presses, which are both functional and attractive.

Quarantine Kitchen

Homemade soymilk and tofu

Tool



Made in the USA from polished stainless steel, the eye-catching press (weighing in at a hefty 6 pounds) removes up to 35% of the tofu's total weight in water in as little as 15 minutes! The press also doubles as a mold for homemade tofu when lined with cheesecloth.

Ingredients



Homemade tofu requires only three ingredients: dried soybeans, water, and nigari, a seawater extract that causes the soymilk to form curds. Nigari can be purchased in dried form or liquid form and is usually sold concentrated, so you'll need to mix it with water first before adding to your soymilk. If you don't have access to nigari, don't worry – lemon juice will also work!

Here is Raw Rutes' recipe for homemade organic tofu:

- 1 ½ cups raw organic soybeans (a 300-gram bag is just the right size)
- 4 ½ cups filtered water
- 1 – 2 teaspoons nigari or lemon juice



See more featured recipe:
Black Pepper Tofu by Mob Kitchen
on next page

Directions

1. Soak soybeans in 4 ½ cups filtered water overnight.



2. Add soybeans and soaking water to a blender or food processor and blend until you have a foamy "milkshake" (I used the puree setting on my Vitamix).

3. Boil 5 cups of filtered water in a large pot and add the contents of the blender.

4. Bring to a boil and simmer on medium-low for 8 minutes, stirring occasionally.

5. Line a strainer with cheesecloth and strain this mixture through into a bowl. Push or squeeze out as much liquid out as you can. The resulting liquid is fresh, unsweetened soymilk. The solids are called "okara" in Japanese and can be stir-fried or mixed into baked goods to add moisture and fiber. Okara is low in fat and high in calcium, protein and dietary fiber, and is most commonly used in unohana, a popular and traditional savory side dish made by combining okara and chopped vegetables like carrots, burdock, negi (leek or green onion), shiitake mushrooms, shoyu (soy sauce), and mirin (Japanese rice wine).

Stop at this step if you only want fresh soymilk.



6. Now mix 1-2 tsp of calcium sulfate (gypsum), 1-2 tsp nigari flakes (magnesium chloride), or 1 ½ tablespoons lemon juice in one cup of filtered water and stir to dissolve.

7. Rinse the cooking pot, pour the soymilk in, and bring the temperature up to right around 150 degrees. Don't boil it!

8. Turn off the heat, and add half of the coagulant mixture you made to the pot. Stir it around eight times in a figure eight motion. Stop stirring and let it settle. Then add the rest of the coagulant, and start gently stirring again eight times. Cover the pot and let it sit for half an hour.

9. After 30 minutes, the whey and curds should have separated. Now the fun part! Line your Tofu Ninja or Sumo Press with two layers of cheesecloth and spoon the curds in!



10. There's going to be a lot of liquid (the "whey") draining out. (It's best to load your press up in a container with sides or in the sink for easier cleanup). Once the press is loaded up and the drainage slows to a trickle, press it for right around half an hour.

11. Then flip the press over, pop the tofu out and throw it in the fridge for a few hours to firm it up even more. Use it fresh or store it submerged in water in the fridge for up to 5 days.

12. Enjoy!



Black pepper tofu

Cooking Time (includes preparation time): 50 mins.
Feeds: 4 People

Ingredients

- 2 x 280g firm tofu (I used one block of homemade tofu)
- 2 Tablespoons Black Peppercorns (crushed)
- 2 Tablespoons White Sugar
- Large Knob Chopped Ginger
- 2 Garlic Cloves
- 4 Spring Onions
- 1 White Onion
- 5 Tablespoons of Butter
- 1 Red Chilli
- 400g of basmati rice or short-grained Japanese rice
- Cornstarch
- 5 Tablespoons of Dark Soy Sauce
- 5 Tablespoons of Light Soy Sauce

Method

This tongue-tingling black pepper tofu is the perfect vehicle for your homemade tofu!

1. Chop tofu into cubes. Pat with paper towels to dry, then coat in cornstarch.
2. Add some vegetable oil to a wok. Fry the tofu until browned and set aside.
3. Get your rice on (I used my Zojirushi rice cooker).
4. Clean wok. Place on heat and add a splash of oil. Add 4 tablespoons of butter followed by the onion, garlic and ginger. Fry until soft.
5. Add your peppercorns and sugar. Mix together. Once the sugar has dissolved, add your soy sauce. Stir again.



6. Add 1 chopped red chilli and 3 chopped spring onions. Stir and then re-add your tofu. Mix it in, add 1 more tablespoon of butter, allowing it to melt. Remove from the heat.
7. Serve the tofu on top of a mound of steaming rice, garnish with chopped spring onion and enjoy!



– Recipe by Mob Kitchen / Ben Lebus, from “Mob Kitchen Veggie” cookbook

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GUAM VISITORS BUREAU

July 21 is a significant day for Guam as people from every inch of the island commemorate Guam's Liberation Day. Seventy-five years ago, on July 21, 1944, the 3rd Marine Division stormed the island's beaches off the coasts of Asan and Agat to recapture the island from the Japanese Imperial Army.

Marines fought their way toward the center of the island to Manenggon in Yona, the site of Guam's largest concentration camp. It was there that CHamoru men, women and children found re-invigorated hope in America's return to the island.

Though many CHamoru lives were lost during the war, the people of Guam remember and pay them homage every year at these memorial sites. Each memorial serves as a reminder of those who came before us, those who suffered the pains of war and to remind us to never forget the struggles our people endured.

If you're visiting the island, be sure to visit these sites listed below:

MANENGGON

The Manenggon Memorial is the site of Guam's largest concentration camp during World War II.

At that time, it was home to 75% of the island's population. U.S. Marines worked their way inland from the beaches to free the CHamoru people interred

at the camp. Today, an annual memorial ceremony is held to honor the victims and survivors of the war.

MARINE 5TH FIELD SERVICE DEPOT MONUMENT

As one of the newer memorial sites, the Marine 5th Field Service Depot Monument in the village of Maite pays tribute to the U.S. Marine supply outlet that was established after the island's liberation. Following the war, Guam residents found jobs at the depot and moved to the village to be closer to the Marines.

KĀLAGUAC MEMORIAL MONUMENT

The Kālaguac Memorial Monument in Barrigada is in memory of the families who were forced from their homes by Japanese soldiers to construct an airfield at Tiyan.

ASINAN

The first memorial for the Asinan concentration camp was held earlier this month with a ceremony in honor of those who were forced to this smaller camp in Yona.

MANGILAO MEMORIAL

Located at the Mangilao Mayor's Office, the Mangilao Memorial Monument honors the victims and survivors from World War II who suffered at the hands of the Japanese.

ASAN LANDING

As the sun rose over the island on July 21, 1944, U.S.

Marines fought to reclaim the island from the Japanese on the shores of Asan. The annual Asan Landing Memorial honors the brave Marines who fought for the Liberation of Guam and her people.

TINTA/FAHA

Nearing the end of the Japanese occupation of Guam, imperial forces gathered about 800 residents of the village of Merizo and herded them into the Tinta and Faha caves. Coercing the residents into thinking they were being brought there to work, the Japanese threw hand grenades into the caves, killing many of the CHamorus. The annual Tinta/Faha memorial and mass is held to remember these victims.

FENA

Located in the village of Santa Rita is Fena Cave. After Marines invaded the island, Japanese forces killed more than 30 CHamorus, specifically Santa Rita and Agat residents, here with grenades and bayonets.

Now being naval property, the cave is not accessible to the public year-round. A monument at the Old Agat Cemetery is dedicated to those who suffered and died.

SUMAY

The historic village of Sumay was the economic hub of the island before the war. On Dec. 8, 1941, the Japanese dropped bombs in the village, disabling communication systems and killing village residents. Following the war, the U.S. Navy occupied Sumay and moved residents to the nearby village of Santa Rita.

Every year, former Sumay residents and their descendants take part in an annual mass on the Naval Base to pray for loved ones lost during the war.

CHAGUI'AN

As the United States continued to secure the island, 45 CHamoru men were taken from Manenggon and forced by Japanese soldiers to carry supplies to Yigo. These soldiers then killed the men to prevent them from sharing information. Though the massacre was only discovered in recent years, a memorial is held to remember the CHamoru men who lost their lives.





Boonie Stomps Guam

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Every Saturday, Guam Boonie Stomps 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 9:00 AM in the Center Court of Chamorro Village in Hagatna. 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.

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Ylig to Tagachang

June 27 Lubugon to Fonte Swim Hole	<i>Medium</i> 3 hours for 2 mile
<p>We'll visit the ruins of the historic site of the U.S. Navy radio station and "Operation Magic", hidden in the thick jungle. Then we'll hike to the 1910 brick dam, climb to the excellent lookout, and explore the valley downstream to cool off in the waterfalls and pools.</p> <p>Bring: 2 quarts water, get wet shoes, gloves, swim suit, sun screen, insect repellent, lunch, and camera.</p> <p>Special conditions: Sword grass, possible muddy trail, mosquitoes, and some short steep slopes.</p>	
July 4 Ylig to Tagachang	<i>Easy</i> 3 hours for 1 mile
<p>The perfect family hike! Celebrate Independence Day by getting the kids out of the house to enjoy an easy, fun, and educational hike. We hike to Turtle Cove where the brave can jump from the head to the pool below, then walk along the flat reef with lots of swimming, snorkeling, and exploring.</p> <p>Bring: 2 quarts water, get wet shoes, gloves, swim suit, sun screen, snorkel gear, and camera.</p> <p>Special conditions: Some walking in water, no shade.</p>	
July 11 Mt. Tenjo to Maguagua	<i>Medium</i> 3 hours for 2 miles
Mt. Tenjo to Tarzan Falls	<i>Difficult</i> 5 hours for 4 miles
<p>We hike to see some US foxholes from WWII, the WWI gun positions and their command post, optionally walking the knife edge trail. We exit by either the medium Maguagua Falls trail or the difficult Tarzan Falls route.</p> <p>Bring: 3 to 4 quarts of water, hiking shoes, gloves, sunscreen, insect repellent, lunch, snacks, and camera.</p> <p>Special conditions: sword grass, steep rocky or muddy slopes, and long distances for the Tarzan Falls option.</p>	

Stomp Tips:

- 1) Alcohol and hiking do not mix.
- 2) Do not bring beverages with caffeine on hikes.
- 3) Bring plenty of water with you on hikes.
- 4) When hiking, lots of little snacks are better than one big meal.
- 5) Always carry a well stocked personal first aid kit.
- 6) Carry a couple of extra shoelaces in your first aid kit. They have many uses.
- 7) Always bring a small flashlight in case you get lost, or delayed. Save your phone battery for calls.
- 8) Do not hike alone and let someone know where you are going and your return time.

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A how-to: Starting a book club for your kids

STORY AND PHOTOS BY ALLIE WHALEN,
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One of my favorite parts about homeschooling my kids are the books we get to enjoy together! We love reading chapter books aloud and sharing our favorite parts. As a book lover, it's only natural to foster that love in my kids and want to share it with friends, too! I have wanted to start a book club for kids since my own kids were too young to appreciate it. When I met a like-minded homeschooling mom here in Okinawa that was also interested in starting a book club, I knew I hit the jackpot!

Ashley and I met through a wonderful network of homeschool moms that connect through a group called Wild + Free. We have kids that are similar ages and we have a love for the classics, so it didn't take us long to figure out that we should start a book club together! About a month later our Wild + Free Okinawa Book Club was created and we have enjoyed seeing not only our kids, but also the moms, create friendships over a shared love of books.

Our first Wild + Free Okinawa Book Club met in January after the rush of the holidays and our book choice was *Island of the Blue Dolphins* by Scott O'Dell. Ashley and I both read the book as kids (and loved it!!) so we were thrilled to share it with our own kids! We knew we wanted a location that would do the book justice so we met at a remote beach in the rugged northern parts of our little island. Everyone brought a picnic lunch and a craft to share. We had activities including cave drawings, jewelry making, and animal matching cards.

But don't let all of our plans fool you! These kids (ages 2-11) had more fun running around, exploring the beach, and hiding in caves than they did with the activities. And that's ok! We talked about the book during snack breaks and the kids had so much fun being with their friends. And that was the most important thing after all. We encouraged stronger friendships in our community and those friendships grew a little more through the book we shared together. Book club is a great way for kids to forge closer friendships over a shared experience of great literature. The love of literature is a gift in itself!

Even if your kids aren't homeschooled, book club can be a fun way to pass the summer months! The summer is the perfect opportunity to help your kids and their friends coordinate a book club. The work load during the school year often doesn't leave time for reading extra books. Why not challenge your kids to choose a group of friends and two books that they're interested in? You could choose two dates and meet at different locations to discuss the books. It will also help keep your kids motivated to continue reading during the summer months.

If you would like to start a book club for your kids, here are some things to consider that will help it be successful:

- Choose two coordinators or hostesses to run the group. The work load of managing the communication and social media pages is so much easier (and so much more fun!) when you split the work load. Sometimes all you need is one other like-minded person to help get your idea off the ground.
- Choose someone to facilitate the book discussion. The perfect time to have a book discussion is after you've let everyone reacquaint with each other. You might even find that you have a captive audience while kids are eating.

- Pick a theme for your book and make a Pinterest idea board. You can easily share the idea board on a Facebook group page and everyone can pick a snack or activity to share with the book club.

- Read the classics! I feel like there is too little time to read all of the books on my "To Be Read"

list. Book club is the perfect opportunity to work on the classics with your kids.

- Aim for quarterly meetings. If you try to fit in too many books in one year it will be difficult to keep up with. But planning your books and meetings with the four seasons makes it manageable and fun!

- Remember that everyone has their favorite style for reading books. Some fun ways to read books are: listen to a book on Audible while driving, read a book aloud at bedtime, morning circle time, or for school!

- Meet at special locations for book club. Some fun places could be at the beach, at a botanical garden, or in the forest or woods.

- Book club can also be as easy as gathering a group of kids in your home and letting them enjoy some homemade cookies while you facilitate the discussion.

If you live here in Okinawa and you'd like to join our book club we'd love to have you! You can find our group on the Wild + Free Okinawa Book Club Facebook Page and you can find Ashley and myself on Instagram. The more, the merrier!

And if you enjoy checking off lists as much as I do, I've got a checklist full of classic books you can enjoy with your kids, by yourself, or with your book club! Print it out and hang it up to encourage reading all year long!

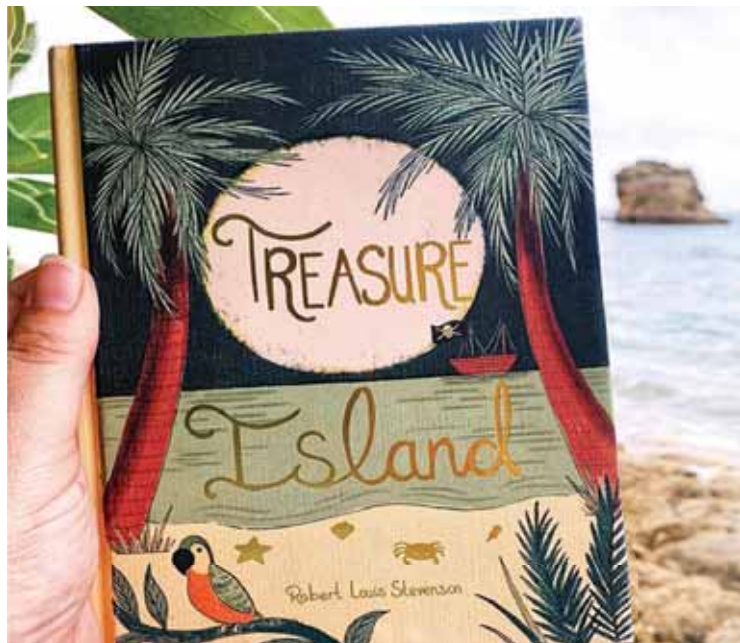
I hope you've been encouraged to pick up a new book or an old favorite! And I hope you'll share your reading adventures with me!

I'll leave you with some encouraging words from Gladys Hunt – "Reading enlarges my vision of the world; it helps me understand someone who is different from me. It makes me bigger on the inside. We tend to see the world from our own perspective; it is good to see it from the eyes of others. Good literature helps me understand who I am in relation to what others experience. Far from being an escape from reality, good literature is a window into reality. I read to feel life."

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the book club classics list

- Treasure Island
- Secret Garden
- Charlotte's Web
- Little House on the Prairie
- Swiss Family Robinson
- The Hobbit
- Anne of Green Gables
- Caddie Woodlawn
- Robin Hood



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



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5 tips for a productive summer with kids

BY ADDISON TAKATS, STRIPES GUAM

As your little ones are starting to enjoy their summer, you might be wondering what you're going to do to fill the next few months. In trying to find the balance between letting kids enjoy a summer free of rigidity and not feeling like you wasted time here are a few tips for a productive summer!

1. Pick one "life skill" to learn.

Ask your child what's one thing they would like to be proficient at by the end of summer. This one thing big like learning how to swim or tie a show, or can be as simple as learning how to blow a bubble with gum, or learning how to draw the perfect heart!

3. Chose a mountain to conquer!

Spend a day hiking, or casually strolling through a local park. Make the day an adventure by allowing imaginative games to run wild or pick up a copy of an available map and let your little one try to chart out the path.

2. Clean out a closet.

Sit down with your child and, together, chose

some clothes to donate. It will help make extra room for those new back-to-school clothes while introducing an important practice to your child. You can always celebrate post-donation with an icy treat!

4. Pick a big-kid book to read.

Depending on your child's age it might be an appropriate time to break out a book that would require your reading but has a story they can follow (ex: Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone). Sit down for a half-hour a few nights a week before bed and read a couple of chapters aloud. You'd be amazed by the bonding powers this simple activity has!

5. Spend a day completely in jammies.

Sometimes, you just have to enjoy the freedom summer offers. Make a conscious effort to not schedule every second of every day and take a day here or there to enjoy doing nothing. Spend a day where both you and your child stay in pajamas all day, watching favorite movies and munching on goodies!

No matter how you spend the summer, as long as you're taking some quality time with your little one, you'll be creating memories they'll never forget.



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Answer

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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.

Answers to Previous Sudoku:

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by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

1 Parks in 1955 news

5 Playful water critter

10 Picnic staple

14 Comic strip penguin

15 Most writing

16 First-rate

17 Card balance

18 Carry out (crime)

20 Install as king

22 Set up, perhaps

23 Touch up, as text

24 Hammerhead part

25 Thanksgiving Day event

27 Milton's "____ Lost"

31 Little helper

32 Earliest stage

34 1,000 kilograms

35 Bit of slander

37 That group's

39 Close in on

40 Behind bars

42 Steer clear of

44 Caesar's seven

45 Not fit to eat

47 Full of testosterone

49 Planetary path

50 Plague

51 Egg entree

54 Closet repellent

57 Bag of tricks

59 Do as directed

60 One of the Waltons

61 Key word

62 Norwegian king

63 Broken-off branch

64 Has to have

65 Camping shelter

DOWN

1 Was a passenger

2 Start the bidding

3 Deceptive action

4 Bronchial disorder

5 Frazier, to Ali

6 Pollster's find

7 Damaged, as a ligament

8 Psychic ability

9 Pot, in the past

10 Costner's "Bull Durham" co-star

11 Fertile soil

12 Penny ____

13 Hoe target

19 Grab the tab

21 Start over

24 Place for a pergola

25 "GoodFellas" Oscar winner

26 Detective Pinkerton

27 Grievance

28 Sure to happen

29 Kind of mail

30 Chill-inducing

33 Must, in legalese

36 Reminiscent

38 WWII's Rosie and others

41 Greg Louganis, e.g.

43 Cable competitor

46 Securing strip

48 PC start-over

50 Filled with ennui

51 Loads from lodes

52 Nothing other than

53 Like some proportions

54 Parasitic insect

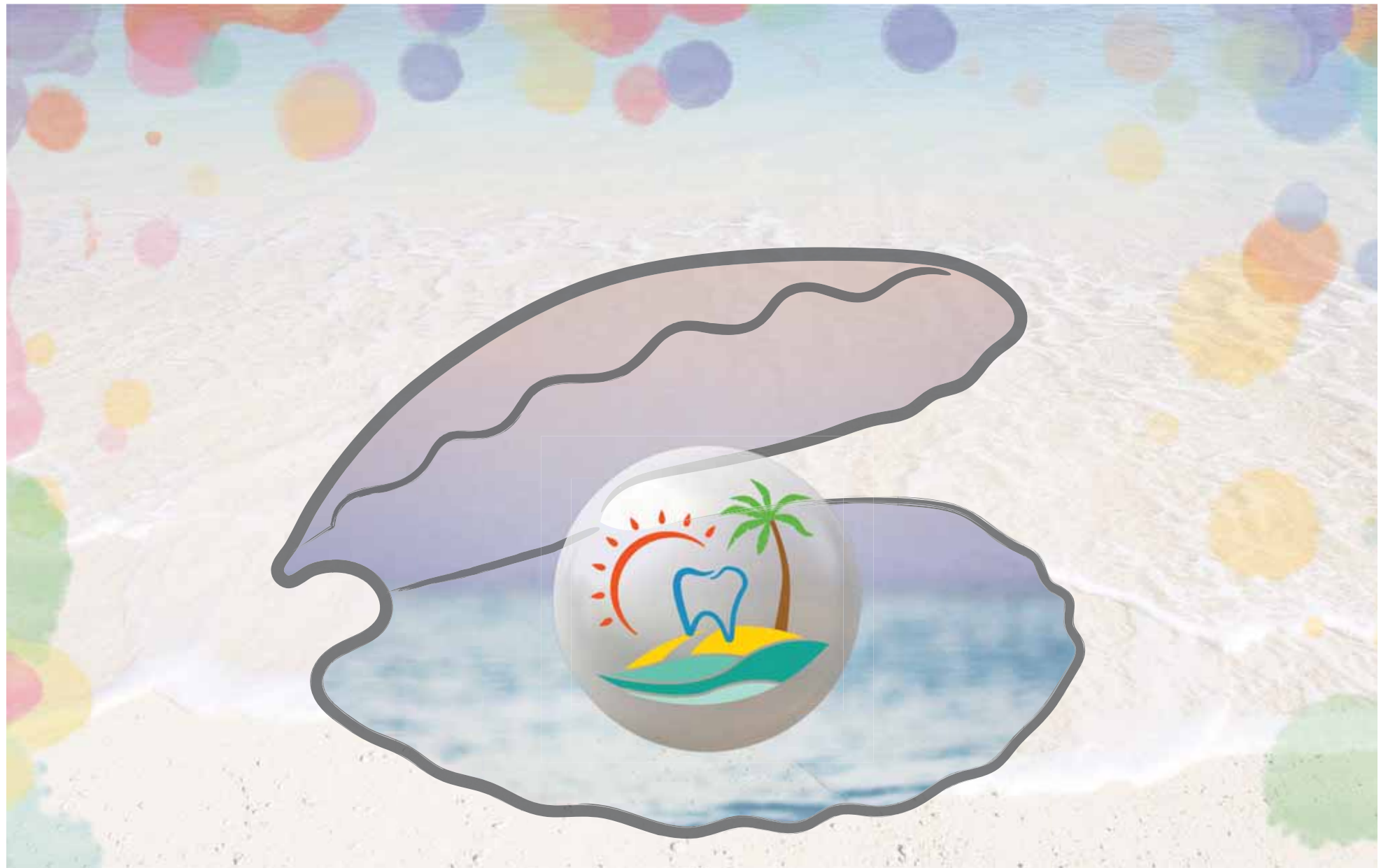
55 Emulate Pisa's tower

56 Uber rival

58 "Take ____"

Answers to Previous Crossword:

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Forgotten sacrifice

Remembering the Korean War at 70

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Master Sgt. Frank L. Chandler Jr. comforts a soldier grieving for the death of his buddy in August 1950 on Subok Mountain.

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KOREAN WAR AT 70

'The Forgotten War' set stage for tensions

By KIM GAMEL
Stars and Stripes

SEOUL, South Korea — The Korean War is often called the “Forgotten War” in the United States because the 1950-53 conflict was overshadowed between World War II and Vietnam.

However, the legacy of the stalemated Cold War-era war looms large over the divided peninsula, setting the stage for decades of tensions as North Korea builds up its nuclear arsenal while the United States and China vie for influence in the region.

Earlier this month, North Korea blew up an inter-Korean liaison office on its side of the border and threatened to redeploy troops that had been withdrawn from the frontier as part of a 2018 military agreement.

That prompted an unusually angry response from South Korea and raised fears of renewed hostilities after the collapse of peace talks and parallel U.S.-North Korean nuclear negotiations.

June 25 marked the 70th anniversary of the start of the war. Here's a look at the war and its lasting impact on the Koreans and the United States.

Question: When was the Korean Peninsula divided?

Answer: The former kingdom, which had been occupied by the Japanese from 1910 to 1945, was divided into a communist North and a U.S.-backed South after World War II. Two Army colonels, Dean Rusk and Charles “Tic” Bonesteel, were tasked with drawing a border that would be agreeable to the United States and the Soviet Union. Rusk, who later became a secretary of state, recalled the moment in his memoir, “As I Saw It.”

“Neither Tic nor I was a Korea expert, but it seemed to us that Seoul, the capital, should be in the American sector. We also knew that the U.S. Army opposed an extensive area of occupation,” he wrote. “Using a National Geographic map, we looked just north of Seoul for a convenient dividing line but could not find a natural geographical line. We saw instead the 38th Parallel and decided to recommend that.”

After negotiations aimed at reunifying the peninsula failed, separate countries were established in 1948, with Syngman Rhee elected in U.N.-supervised elections in South Korea and Kim Il Sung taking power in the North.

Q: When did the war start?

A: On June 25, 1950, about 100,000 North Korean troops poured across the border and pushed toward Seoul after Soviet leader Josef Stalin gave Kim Il Sung the green light to invade South Korea and unify the peninsula under communist control. The United States and the Soviet Union had withdrawn most of their troops by the time of the invasion, but the Soviets left the North Koreans far better armed for battle. The ill-equipped South Koreans were caught by surprise and forced to retreat south. The U.N. Security Council approved a U.S. resolution calling for an “immediate cessation of hostilities” and the return of North Korean forces to the 38th Parallel. The Soviet Union missed its chance to veto the resolution because it was boycotting the Security Council over the U.N. refusal to recognize the communist People's Republic of China as the true Chinese government.

Worried about the spread of communism, President Harry S. Truman ordered U.S. forces to Korea under U.N. auspices within a week of the invasion and appointed Gen. Douglas MacArthur to command the combined forces. Truman didn't seek



U.S. Navy

United Nations' delegate Rear Admiral Arleigh A. Burke, USN, is surrounded by correspondents and a photographer on his return from the Kaesong cease fire talks in a photo dated July 12, 1951, two days after the start of formal negotiations.

Read more about the Korean War on its 70th anniversary at [stripes.com/korea70](https://www.stripes.com/korea70)



a formal declaration of war from Congress, insisting America's presence on the peninsula was no more than a “police action.” But Congress voted to extend the draft and authorized Truman to call up reservists. “This was the first part of the domino theory,” said Michael Alexander, a retired colonel and the historian for the South Korea-based 2nd Infantry Division. “It was the first hot flash in the Cold War.”

Q: Why did the war last so long?

A: The North Koreans pushed the U.N. forces back to a defensive line on the southeastern tip of the peninsula known as the Pusan Perimeter, but a daring amphibious assault behind enemy lines at Inchon forced the North Koreans to retreat and allowed the allied troops to recapture Seoul in September. MacArthur predicted troops would be home in time for Christmas dinner.

But victory was short-lived after the five-star general decided to make a push north of the 38th Parallel toward the Yalu River, capturing Pyongyang while prompting the Chinese to enter the war in late November as the Americans neared their doorstep.

“We had the war won. MacArthur was right. We would have been home by Christmas. The North Koreans were defeated,” Alexander said in an interview at his office at the military museum on Camp Humphreys.

“But the U.S. over-reached, then China gets involved,” he said. “They overwhelm us with sheer manpower, and they push us all the way back to south of Seoul.”

Mainly U.S. and French forces won a decisive battle in February 1951 at Chipyong-ni, dealing a severe blow to the

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Division combat medics give treatment to Thunderbird infantry wounded on the second day of the Shanghai Heights battle west of Chorwon on June 21, 1952.

KOREA WAR AT 70

Korean War vets look back with pride

By SETH ROBSON
Stars and Stripes

Retired Army Col. William Weber, a Chicago native and veteran of World War II, arrived in Korea in 1950 as a company commander with the 187th Airborne Regimental Combat Team soon after the fighting started.

By February 1951 he was headed home after being severely wounded by enemy mortar fire in 12-hour a battle to hold a hilltop position.

"The first time I got hit I lost part of my arm," he said. "A couple of hours later I lost part of my leg."



Weber

Weber, now 94, knew his wounds were grave but believed it was his duty to stay in command and prevent Chinese attackers from taking the hill.

"I had responsibility for my men," the three-war veteran

said. "We were surrounded so evacuation of wounded personnel was not possible."

The Americans held the hill and by daylight the next morning the Chinese had been defeated, he said.

Weber was one of more than 5 million Americans who served in the Korean War, which lasted from 1950 to 1953. June 26 marks the 70th anniversary of the day when the North Korean People's Army crossed the 38th parallel into South Korea.

More than 2 million Korean War veterans are still alive today. Here are some of their memories.

'Dead Americans all around'

Nighttime bugle calls on Nov. 27, 1950, alerted New Yorker Charlie Rangel and his buddies that the enemy was near.

"We heard Chinese saying we were surrounded," recalled the former enlisted member of the 2nd Infantry Division and longtime congressman, now 90.

Chinese troops had crossed an icy river and dug into mountains overlooking the troops' position.

"To this day nobody has explained to me how the entire 8th Army was surrounded by the Chinese," Rangel said.



Rangel

On Nov. 30, the Chinese attacked.

"It was horns, bugles and countless Chinese and guns and screaming and yelling," he said. "There were dead Americans all around me."

Rangel was shot and blown out of a weapons carrier and found himself under the vehicle as the Chinese overran the position.

"I knew my life was over," he said.

But when Rangel came out from under the truck, he found dozens of stunned members of his unit. Rangel climbed over a mountain and made his way back to United Nations lines.

"Forty people followed me, and three days later they were pinning a medal on me in the hospital," he recalled. He received a Bronze Star with "V" device for valor.

Rangel said he never had a bad day after Nov. 30, 1950, when so many of his comrades died needlessly.

When he came home from the war, he dedicated his life to civil rights and working in Congress as a Democrat from New York.

"When I talk to Koreans who want to honor me, I'm honest enough to say that in 1950 when I was called on a Sunday morning to go to Korea, I had no idea where Korea was," he said.

"When it was over, I thought the last thing I would want to do was return to that hellhole. Korea was flattened to the ground," he said.

It took some amazing people to rebuild South Korea through hard work and technology into a powerful democracy and American ally, he said.

"Who knows what could have happened if South Korea had fallen to the Chinese, whether Japan would have been next or the Philippines," he said.

"You have to pay for democracy, and you have to make certain you keep democracy going, free and democratic, an example for the whole world," he said.

'Seoul was rubble'

Charles Garrod, 86, of Delaware, spent 18 months in Korea, from 1952 to 1953 as an enlisted Air Force radio maintainer with the 51st Fighter Interceptor Wing at Suwon.



Garrod

It was his job to relay forward observers' warnings of "red air attacks" – using a public address system to tell troops to douse lights and fires and man weapons stations.

"Thirty minutes later Chinese bombers would fly over us and bomb a fake base made up of inflatable aircraft and buildings several miles south," he said.

Garrod's last memory of the war is of walking through South Korea's battered capital.

"I had such a dispirited view because there was almost nothing standing. Seoul was rubble," he said.

He remembered the Korean people as always struggling, in trouble and living in fear.

"When I came back in 2007 and saw Seoul as it is today, my mind couldn't get around it. It went from rubble to magnificence," he said.

After the armistice

Jody McLead, 89, a retired Air Force noncommissioned officer, arrived in South Korea in 1953, shortly after the armistice.

He was assigned to the 310th Fighter Bomber Squadron, which was soon flying escorts for prisoners of war returning to the north, he said.

The F-84 Thunderjets flown by the squadron had seen extensive service during the war. They had plenty of battle damage, and South Korea was littered with unexploded ordnance, McLead said.

Almost seven decades later, the former airman is still working in South Korea, as a contractor issuing specialized tools to mechanics at Camp Humphreys. He's seen so much change over the years.

"The Koreans have really created a nice place to live," he said. "The Korean War created a situation that needed assistance and America and our allies came forth to do it."

'An obligation to protect'

Weber went on to fight in the Vietnam War during his 38-year Army career. Seven decades later he's convinced that



Weber

America did the right thing getting involved in Korea.

A nation must choose how it will address issues elsewhere in the world, whether it will remain aloof or become involved, he said.

"The Korean War was one that as a nation we became

involved to prevent the spread of Communism into free areas of the world," he said. "It wasn't that the U.S., per se, was threatened by the actions of the Chinese communists and the Russians. We had an obligation to protect the people of South Korea. It was important that the free world took a stand against armed aggression."

The great tragedy, he said, is that the Korean people, with thousands of years of history, remain divided.

"When I look at it from the standpoint of history, I can conclude that this conflict we were involved in was justified in that the result was a betterment for the world at large and in particular, the people we were defending," he said.

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Chinese and eventually leading to the start of armistice talks in July. But fighting persisted for more than two years amid troubled negotiations.

Q: Why is it called the "Forgotten War"?

A: For one thing, Truman sought to prevent it from becoming a major conflict so he labeled it a "police action." It also fell between the patriotic fervor of World War II and the first televised war in Vietnam. The murky end result also failed to capture the American public's imagination since there was no clear victory.

The Korean War Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., wasn't finished until 1995. The military also censored much of the media coverage.

Melinda Pash, the author of "In the Shadow of the Greatest Generation: the Americans who Fought the Korean War," said support for the war was initially high but dropped as the country failed to mobilize. "By the time

you get to 1951, when you're looking at the front pages of newspapers as I did for my book, you're going to see everything but Korea — the stock market, union strikes, even UFOs," she said in a telephone interview from her home in Fayetteville, N.C. "It doesn't affect most Americans."

Q: What was the damage?

A: More than 36,000 American troops died, according to the Pentagon. 7,580 remain unaccounted for after being lost in the war, with most remains irretrievable in North Korea. Both Koreas were devastated by three years of fighting and estimates of the overall death toll — mostly civilians — range from 3 million to 4 million. North Korea was particularly hard hit by airstrikes, including the use of napalm, which experts say helps explain its hatred of the United States.

Q: Why are American service members still stationed in South Korea?

A: The fighting officially ended at 10 p.m. July 27 after a

U.S. Army general and a North Korean general acting on behalf of Pyongyang and China signed an armistice in lieu of a peace treaty, agreeing to suspend open hostilities and establishing the Demilitarized Zone that divided the peninsula as a buffer between the forces. South Korea's president refused to sign it in frustration that the peninsula had not been unified, but Seoul has supported the agreement, which stands today.

The United States and South Korea signed a mutual defense treaty two months later, keeping tens of thousands American troops on the divided peninsula. That has led to periods of high tension, but open conflict has not resumed.

"The Korean War is also a great example of how wars don't stop when the shooting ends," Pash said. "If you look at relations between China, South Korea, North Korea, Japan and the U.S. today, they continue to be shaped by that long-ago war."

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Personnel of Companies A and K, 35th Infantry Regiment, keep a lookout for movement in the Communist-held area in the background, as U.N. forces bombard the vicinity with white phosphorous shells in 1951.

KOREAN WAR AT 70

Chinese-American Marines risked more than most

By SETH ROBSON

Stars and Stripes

The possibility of dying from friendly fire was a worry for Franklin Chang, one of a small group of Chinese American Marines who fought in the Korean War.

The rifleman feared U.S. forces might mistake him for one of the communists, he said in a June 8 telephone interview from his home in Honolulu.



Chang

Chang, 87, recalled patrolling ahead of other troops and warning them to shoot off to the side if they saw him drop.

"At that time the enemy were stripping uniforms off our dead and wearing them because they were very poorly equipped," he said.

The possibility of being a target for other American troops "when they see me with a Chinese face wearing a Marine uniform," was a concern, Chang said.

Back in the rear, the Chinese Marines were sometimes mistaken for members of the Korean Service Corps — South Korean civilians who carried food and ammunition to troops in the field and often wore U.S. uniforms.

"They used to try to kick me out of the chow line," Chang recalled, adding that people were surprised when he answered back in English.

'They were the enemy'

Perhaps the most famous Chinese-American Marine to serve in the conflict



Chang family photos

Franklin Chang is seen in the snow while serving in Korea.

is the late Maj. Kurt Chew-Een Lee.

The enlisted Marine in World War II became the Marines' first Asian-American officer after earning his commission in 1946, according to his 2014 obituary in the Los Angeles Times after he died at 88.

"I wanted to dispel the notion about the Chinese being meek, bland and obsequious," he told the newspaper in 2010.

Lee was an infantry platoon leader during the battle at the Chosin Reservoir in December 1950. He was wounded more than once and was awarded the Navy Cross for "extraordinary heroism" and Silver Star.

"To me, it didn't matter whether those

were Chinese, Korean, Mongolian, whatever — they were the enemy," Lee said of the communists.

'Young and foolish'

Chang, the son of a Chinese immigrant and a San Francisco-born Chinese mother, enlisted in 1950.

I was young and foolish," he said. "I had seen too many movies."

As a youngster he'd spent some time in China after his father moved the family back during the Depression. They returned to the United States after war broke out between Japan and China, he said.

In Korea, he was sent to the 1st Marine Division as a replacement and found himself standing at attention in front of a commander who didn't want to send him or another Chinese American Marine to the front line.

"I said, 'No sir, we are going to go up and join our companies,'" he recalled.

Six Chinese Americans served with the 1st Marines during the Korean War, Chang said.

"I knew all of them," he said. "One was from New York, another was from Pennsylvania and the rest of us were from the San Francisco Bay area. They've all passed on now and I'm the last one standing."

Seven decades after hostilities ended — June 25 marked the 70th anniversary of the Korean War — Chang recalls fighting in the mountains and manning observation posts near the front line that were hit by enemy fire each night.

His Chinese heritage wasn't that helpful in dealing with the communists, he said.

"I didn't speak any Chinese because I was raised American and went to an all-American school," he said.

His final post in Korea was overlooking the village of Panmunjom, where an armistice agreement was reached July 27, 1953.

"I used to watch trucks come down from North Korea and trucks come up from the south for meetings in Quonset huts," he recalled. "They just sat at the tables and looked at each other for 15 to 20 minutes and left. They never really talked. The United Nations had won the war already."

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Fan of Korea vets maps memorials

By SETH ROBSON

Stars and Stripes

Hannah Kim has met 1,200 Korean War heroes and visited memorials in all 50 states as well as those in U.S. territories and foreign countries that participated in the conflict.

"Many people ask me how I ended up being almost obsessed with Korean War veterans," Kim, 37, of Washington said in a recent telephone interview.

As the daughter of South Korean immigrants, her interest was sparked by a visit to the Korean War Veterans Memorial in Washington as a 22-year-old college student in 2007.

"It's extremely humbling," she said of her trip to the memorial, which features 19 sculptures of troops from all four service branches standing, as if on patrol through a Korean rice paddy.

"For some reason it really struck me," Kim said. "That's where I fell in love with these veterans."

Kim felt embarrassed that she knew almost nothing about the war at the time, she said.

"More than 36,000 Americans died," she said. "I wanted to do something to honor them."

In 2008, she campaigned to make July 27 National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day, which was established by Presi-

dent Barack Obama in 2009.

"The reason why I'm free and why South Koreans and Koreans around the world are free is 100 percent because of the sacrifices of the veterans," she said.

Kim, who describes herself as "a child of an immigrant family from a war-torn country," said she wants to collect veterans' stories before it's too late.

Her travels have taken her to 180 Korean War memorials including those in all 50 states and U.S. overseas territories. She's mapped the memorials on a website: <https://koreanwarmemorials.com/?fbclid=IwAR2ogkdcF7-w66rHWfCViJHVi-rsVfdhW-CF85TI8Rer6z5Pwf2PP34fR-XM>

Kim estimates she has met 1,200 veterans.

"They're extremely proud but at the same time they hope the entire peninsula would be free and the Korean people united," she said.

She's traveled to all of the countries that participated in the war including Russia, China and North Korea.

"What's important is to honor the veterans and remember them," she said.

Stories about veterans focus on the past but the Korean War has never ended, she said.

Hostilities ended in an armistice signed by the combatants in July 27, 1953, but there has never been a formal peace treaty.

"Every veteran knows they were called to service or they volunteered for the cause of freedom," she said. "Every veteran will tell you war should never happen, and we need to work harder for peace."

World War II, Korean War and Vietnam War veteran William Weber, 95, served on the Korean War Veterans Memorial Foundation Advisory Board and was president of the Korean War Veterans Memorial Foundation. He said he had worked with Kim on projects involving veterans.

"She's a very personable young lady," he said in a recent telephone interview. "Her heart is in the right place. She has a very strong feeling for Korean War vets."

Kim spent several years working as communications director and chief of staff for Korean War veteran and former congressman Charlie Rangel, D-N.Y.

Soon after she started in his office, Kim approached Rangel, seeking help working with other veterans.

"She hoped she could spend some time working with Korean veterans," he said in a telephone interview June 4. "That was exciting for me because you



Hannah Kim

Hannah Kim with World War II, Korean War and Vietnam War veteran William Weber.

could never do enough to thank veterans of the forgotten war."

Rangel said Kim's visits to veterans brought them a sense of joy.

"There's no Korean veteran that I know of that hasn't found this lady to be a remarkable representative of the love and affection that Korean Americans have for those who sacrificed themselves in the Korean War," he said.

Big events had been planned for the war's 70th anniversary but the coronavirus stopped that from happening. That's sad for

the veterans, Kim said.

"They are all nearing 90 and many are in quarantine," she said. "Probably half of the veterans live alone. Their spouses have passed on and they look forward to these gatherings and meeting of old comrades."

People should use the anniversary of the war to reflect on veterans' service and continue their legacy, she said.

"We need to still remember to fight for the peace because the war never ended," she said.

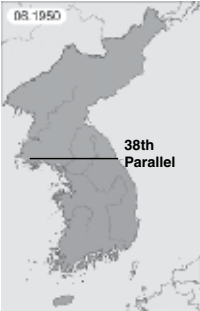
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KOREAN WAR AT 70

The Korean War
1950

June 25

Tens of thousands of North Korean soldiers pour across the 38th Parallel, which had divided the peninsula into a Soviet-backed communist North and a U.S.-backed South since 1945. *(The 38th Parallel. Roke)*



June 28
North Korean troops capture Seoul for the first time. *(Hundreds of thousands of Koreans fled south in mid-1950. U.S. Defense Department)*

June 27

The U.N. Security Council adopts Resolution 83 authorizing member states to provide military assistance to South Korea. President Truman orders air and naval forces to support the South as the United States takes the lead. *(A US B-29 Superfortress bomber dropping its bombs. U.S. Air Force)*



June 30

Truman orders U.S. ground forces to South Korea. *(Soldiers of the 2nd Infantry Division, from Fort Lewis, in action in Korea. U.S. Army)*



July 5

American troops engage in their first ground action with the North Koreans during the Battle of Osan. *(Task Force Smith arrives in South Korea. U.S. Army)*



Oct. 25

The Chinese, who surprised allied forces by crossing the Yalu River to intervene on North Korea's side, begin offensive operations against South Korea. *(Chinese forces cross the Yalu River to join the Korean War. Li Min, PLA Daily)*

Nov. 1

The Chinese People's Volunteer Army routs American troops at Unsan in the first U.S.-Chinese combat of the war.

Dec. 25

The retreat of all U.N. and South Korean forces is complete, marking the end of the attempt to conquer the North. *(Marines of the 1st Division march south from Koto-ri, less than 24 hours away from the port city of Hungnam. Their retreat cost the Chinese an entire army group, containing between 10 and 12 divisions of combat troops. U.S. Army)*



Sept. 27
U.S. and South Korean forces recapture Seoul after the Americans make a daring amphibious landing behind enemy lines at Incheon. *(Men and equipment are unloaded on Incheon's Red Beach. U.S. Navy/National Archives)*



Oct. 19

U.S. and South Korean forces capture the North Korean capital, Pyongyang, days after advancing across the 38th Parallel. *(U.S. Army truck crossing the 38th Parallel. USIA)*



Nov. 27

The deadly Battle of Chosin Reservoir begins with more than 100,000 Chinese troops surrounding 30,000 U.S.-led forces, who suffer heavy casualties but manage to hold the area as a retreat route. *(Between Hagaru-ri and Koto-ri. Infantry moving along the flank of the column. Marine Corps Archives & Special Collections)*



April 30
U.N. forces stop an enemy advance on Seoul. *(Personnel of Companies A and K, 35th Infantry Regiment. Army Signal Corps Collection / U.S. National Archives)*



March 14

U.N. forces regain control of Seoul. *(Marines move out over rugged mountain terrain while closing with the hostile North Korean forces. Sgt. Frank C. Kerr, U.S. Marines)*



Oct. 13

The 2nd Infantry Division seizes a battlefield known as Heartbreak Ridge after a month of fighting. *(U.S. Army infantrymen of the 27th Infantry Regiment, near Heartbreak Ridge, take advantage of cover. Feldman, Army)*

Oct. 25

Truce talks resume in the border village of Panmunjom. *(North Korean Army officers and U.S. military representatives initial maps defining the future Demilitarized Zone or DMZ at Panmunjom, October 1951. U.S. Air Force)*



Jan. 4

Chinese and North Korea forces capture Seoul. *(Prisoners from the British 29th Infantry Brigade captured during the Third Battle of Seoul. PLA Daily)*



April 11

Truman fires Gen. Douglas MacArthur for insubordination. Lt. Gen. Matthew Ridgway assumes command. *(Gen. Douglas MacArthur. U.S. Air Force)*



July 10

Truce talks begin at the border town of Kaesong, although fighting continues for nearly two more years. *(UN correspondents confer at Armistice Conference site, Kaesong, Korea. U.S. National Archives)*

Aug. 23

The communist side breaks off negotiations.

1951

1953

July 27

Armistice agreement is signed at 10 a.m., ending the fighting and creating the Demilitarized Zone. The sides fail to agree on a peace treaty, setting the stage for decades of continued tensions. *(U.S. National Archives)*



MILITARY

A look at some of the military's best photos of 2019

Stars and Stripes

A lightning bolt rips through a purple sky above the amphibious transport dock ship USS John P. Murtha in a photo that helped earn Petty Officer 2nd Class Kyle Carlstrom the 2019 military photographer of the year award.

Carlstrom, of Naval Air Station North Island, Calif., was one of nine Defense Department personnel re-

cently named winners of the annual Defense Media Awards. Others included Samuel King of the 96th Test Wing at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., who was named DOD's top civilian photographer for his work, including an image of an Air Force bugler framed by the gold fringe of a U.S. flag.

Coast Guard Petty Officer 2nd Class Travis Magee won the defense communicator of the year award for his video, photography and writing work with Coast

Guard District 8 in New Orleans, La.

The awards program is open to military personnel and civilian employees of the DOD and military services, who work as graphic artists, photographers, videographers, communicators and writers.

All of the 2019 winners and their portfolios can be seen at <https://www.dvidshub.net/awards/dma/2019>.

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SAMUEL KING JR./U.S. Air Force

Airman 1st Class Giovanni Wilson, an honor guard at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., plays taps during the 50th annual explosive ordnance disposal memorial service in May 2019. This photo and others earned Air Force civilian photographer Samuel King Jr. the Defense Media Activity's civilian photographer of the year award.



EUGENE OLIVER/U.S. Air Force

Moody Mud Run participants swim under a barbed wire obstacle in Ray City, Ga., in one of the photos that earned Airman 1st Class Eugene Oliver the Air Force's military photographer of the year.



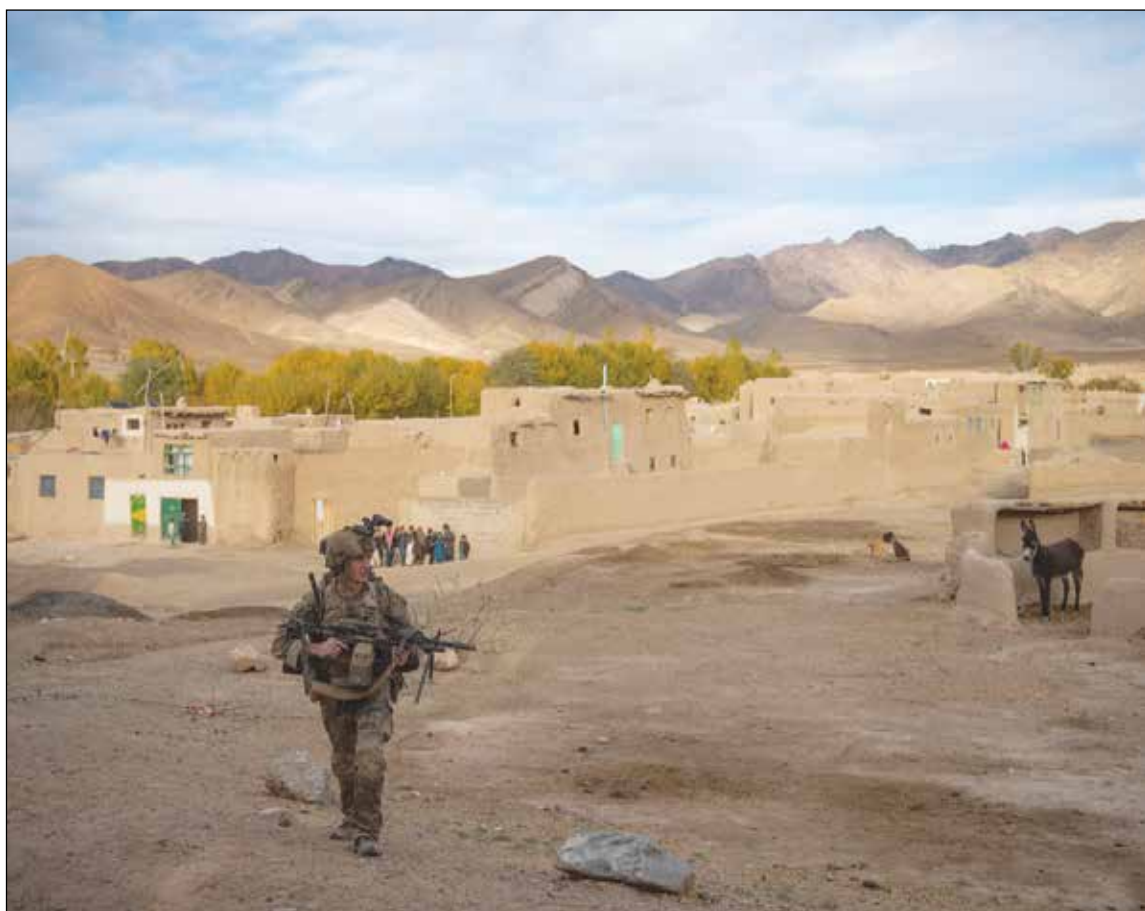
JENNESSA DAVEY/U.S. Marine Corps

Gunnery Sgt. Saul Moreno monitors in-flight operations in Wellton, Ariz., in April 2019. The photo helped earn Cpl. Jennessa Davey the Marine Corps' military photographer of the year award.



KYLE CARLSTROM/U.S. Navy

Seaman Rakeem Williams stands watch during a lightning storm aboard the amphibious transport dock ship USS John P. Murtha on Nov. 18. The photo was part of a portfolio that earned Petty Officer 2nd Class Kyle Carlstrom honors as the Defense Media Activity's military photographer of the year for 2019.



ALEX MANNE/U.S. Army

A U.S. Army soldier patrols through a village in Afghanistan on Nov. 4 in a photo from the portfolio that earned Staff Sgt. Alex Manne recognition as the Army's military photographer of the year.

PACIFIC



ON THE QT

DIRECTIONS

Drive toward Tarague Beach on Perimeter Road on Andersen Air Force Base, Guam. There's a small sign advertising the B-52 relic on the roadside.

TIMES

Open at all hours

COSTS

No entry fee

— Seth Robson

Ghostly ruins

B-52 relic calls to aircraft buffs at Andersen AFB on Guam

BY SETH ROBSON
Stars and Stripes

If you're stuck on base at the home of the 36th Wing on Guam, it's worth a short jaunt to check out the tail section of a B-52E Stratofortress that was blown into the jungle during a super typhoon in 1976.

It's only a short walk into the trees beside Perimeter Road near Tarague Beach to reach the relic, which looks a bit like a crashed flying saucer.

When the relic was discovered in the jungle in 1997, people initially thought it was part of a famous plane known as the "Old 100," which was displayed at the base's Arc Light Memorial from 1974 to 1983, the sign states.

In fact, the tail is from a Grey Ghost, as aircraft with an aluminum and white anti-flash paint scheme were known on the island.

"This contrasted with the operational ARC LIGHT B-52Ds that were painted camouflage and black," an information panel next to the relic states.

The Grey Ghosts were used as ground instruction training airframes and then for firefighting and rescue training.

The tail, which had been cut off the aircraft after it was scrapped, was blown into the jungle by Super Typhoon Pamela when it struck Guam in 1976 with 150 mph winds.

"Later the encroaching jungle concealed it until rediscovered in 1997 after Super

Typhoon Paka," the panel states.

B-52s have been flying out of Andersen Air Force Base since March 29, 1964, according to the Air Force.

During the Vietnam War, they launched from there as part of Operation Arc Light. Each was capable of carrying more than 100,000 pounds of bombs to provide air support to ground troops fighting the communists, 36th Wing historian Jeffrey Meyer wrote in an April 25, 2012, article on Andersen's official website.

During the 1970s and 1980s, B-52s flew out of Guam during Operation Bullet Shot and Linebacker I and II.

"With 153 B-52s on the ramp, Andersen AFB became the single largest source of combat airpower the world has ever seen," he wrote.

Since 2004, Air Force bombers such as the B-1B Lancer, B-52 Stratofortress and B-2 Spirit have been frequent visitors to Guam.

On July 21, 2008, six crewmembers of a B-52H, call sign Raider 21, died when their aircraft went down about 30 miles northwest of Guam, Meyer wrote.

"Raider 21 is one of five B-52s lost from accidents in the waters around Guam over the aircraft's history here. Additionally, during the Vietnam War a dozen B-52s left Andersen AFB for ARC LIGHT missions and never came back," he wrote.

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It's worth the short trip on Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, to check out the tail section of a B-52E Stratofortress, top and above, that was blown into the jungle during a super typhoon in 1976. The remains look like something out of a science-fiction movie.



A sign on Perimeter Road near Tarague Beach at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, marks the resting place of the tail section of a B-52E Stratofortress.

PACIFIC

Much of WWII museum collection in Hawaii on the auction block

By WYATT OLSON
Stars and Stripes

FORT SHAFTER, Hawaii — About half of the collection that made up the Home of the Brave Museum in Honolulu is now on the auction block, while the items most closely related to World War II and survivors of the 1941 Pearl Harbor surprise attack are headed for Colorado.

The museum had struggled to survive over the past three years, closing its doors in December in preparation for relocation from the city's funky-but-cramped warehouse district to the tourist-laden Waikiki Beach, which has been a ghost town since late March in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic.

"This coronavirus has absolutely wiped us out," said Glen Tomlinson, who has been operating the museum since the early 1990s with his wife, Janet.

The couple maxed out their bank credit and took out a second mortgage on their house to keep the doors open as they searched for a benefactor. An investor had stepped in to make the Waikiki Beach location a reality, Glen Tomlinson said, but the widespread economic setback from the coronavirus shutdown ended that possibility.

They now plan to move themselves and the remaining core collection to Colorado, where they hope to set up a similar but more modest operation.

The collection is chock full of military memorabilia from mostly World War II but also more recent wars — uniforms, equipment, buttons, insignia, weapons, gadgets, helmets and a whole lot more. The online auction at oahuauctions.com, where items are displayed, ends June 26.

"We got all the stuff out of the museum and into our garage," Tomlinson said. "And then this damn coronavirus thing. It was like the perfect storm. We had an investor lined up to do this whole thing. We just lost it."

The Tomlinsons also ran the Brewseum, a military-themed brew pub next door that generated decent revenue for the operation. But, like all bars on Oahu, it was ordered closed in



Oahu Auctions

A full World War II-era Army Air Corps uniform, complete with insignia, shirt, pants, tie and hat, is among the uniforms being auctioned.

'All of the signed prints ... from all the Pearl Harbor survivors — I'm keeping all of that to try and do almost like a mini-museum over there in Colorado.'

Glen Tomlinson
Home of the Brave Museum

March by Gov. David Ige in an effort to stem the spread of the coronavirus.

Among the items up for online bidding are tables, chairs, taps and decorations from the brew pub, along with the 1942 Willys jeep that adorned the Brewseum.

While it no longer has an engine or transmission, the jeep is the same year and model used by Adm. Chester Nimitz as his so-called "land flagship" in Hawaii during World War II.

The couple went through the



WYATT OLSON/Stars and Stripes

Glen Tomlinson, owner of the Home of the Brave Museum in Honolulu, talks about a collection of World War II Nazi artifacts donated over the years by American war veterans in 2017.



WYATT OLSON/Stars and Stripes

This 1942 Willys Jeep, which has no engine or transmission, was centerpiece decor at the Home of the Brave brew pub in Honolulu.

museum collection and withheld "the real historical items" from sale, particularly World War II-era items donated through the years by Pearl Harbor survivors — hundreds of whom toured the museum through the years.

One of the Tomlinsons' three sons lives in Colorado and wants to help restart the Brewseum there.

They hope the auction will yield enough to pay off debt they've accrued through personal bank loans.

"There's some really cool items in there," Glen Tomlinson said of the auction bill. "There are some really cool collectibles, one-of-a-kind things. But all of the signed prints — the ones that actually have meaning to me from all the Pearl Harbor survivors — I'm keeping all of that to try and do almost like a mini-museum over there in Colorado."

He is reluctantly leaving

behind some of the museum's larger items, including a cherished customized table that was once on the carrier USS Enterprise and signed by a Pearl Harbor survivor.

"I didn't want to let that go," Tomlinson said, "but you can't take everything."

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Oahu Auctions

A Red Cross flag and other World War II-era medical supplies are being auctioned.

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