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Air Force, Navy to Conduct Training at Farallon de Medinilla, Warning Area 517

ASAN, Guam (April 14, 2017) – The Air Force will conduct training at the island of Farallon de Medinilla April 17-21 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Navy will also conduct training at Warning Area 517 (W-517) during the following dates and times:

- April 19 from 10 a.m. to noon
- April 20 from noon to 4 p.m.

The general public, especially fishermen, commercial pilots and marine tour operators are advised to stay clear of the areas during the dates and times indicated.

The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla will be on a 12-nautical mile radius on all quadrants. Farallon de Medinilla plays a special and unique role in national defense because its location provides frequent access that supports established training requirements. In addition, the air and sea space in the Farallon, located in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, provide sufficient room to conduct the many training profiles required to support aircrew combat readiness requirements.

During the dates and times indicated for W-517, Santa Rosa Reef and Galvez Bank are not open for public use. W-517 is an irregular shaped polygon comprising of 14,000 nautical square miles of airspace that begins south of Guam and extends south-southwest in international waters. W-517 supports surface and aerial gunnery, missiles, and laser exercises. W-517 is contained within the following coordinates: 13° 10"N/144° 30"E, 13° 10"N/144° 42"E, 12° 50"N/144° 45"E, 11° 00"N/144° 45"E, 11° 00"N/143° 00"E, 11° 45"N/143° 00"E, 12° 50"N/144° 30"E.

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