

## Trick or Treat From Palau

By BU3(SCW) Ida Grigson

The Seabees of Civic Action Team (CAT) Palau 01-24 hosted the largest “Haunted House” in the Republic of Palau on the nights of 30-31 October, giving a scare to over 500 people as part of an extremely successful community relations event held in the shops of Camp Katuu.

The Civic Action Team did their best to bring an American tradition to the remote tropical island of Palau. The men and women of CAT 01-24 labored into the night to turn several shops into frightening chambers of horror. The effort led by CM1(SCW) Jerome Kindell included an eerie BU3(SCW) Ida Grigson “hanging” by a noose, BU1(SCW) Allen Johnson on the hidden air hose, and CM2(SCW) Joshua Renner on the air horn.

The tour featured a maze of terror designed “to scare the betelnut out of them” said EO2(SCW) Matthew Thibeault. Judging from the screams heard throughout the night, the tour was quite effective at doing just that. HM1(SCW/SW) Nancy Saba, who monitored the entrance to the house noted, “kids were going through 3 and 4 times.”

In addition to the haunted house, scary movies were shown by EA1(SCW) Aaron Marshall in the camp’s outdoor movie theater, which drew big crowds both nights. There were also games for those children too little to enjoy the haunted house, where they could win small prizes and of course, lots of candy! CAT Officer-in-Charge LT Steve Lepper said, “approximately 60 pounds of candy were handed out over the 2 nights of festivities.”

Although all 13 team members were exhausted at the end of the haunted house, the Palauans were very grateful for their efforts, which made it well worth the time.



Palauan children having a *frightening* good time.



Superman plays some Halloween games.



UTC Grant gets ready to pounce on his next victims. Do NOT try at home.