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### **LOCAL FAMILY CLEANS TANK BEACH, MARINE BEACH**

**Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands (NMI)** – The “Landfill of Bottle Caps” and “Plastic Beach” were no match for one local family who joined in the Marianas Visitors Authority’s (MVA) Beautify My Marianas campaign last Saturday (Jan. 10).

Twenty-one family members and friends picked up debris at Tank Beach and Marine Beach in Saipan, as reported by participant Sarah Lynn T. Kapileo in an after-action report.

“As we parked (at Tank Beach), there were trash scattered under the short coconut trees that lined the parking area...beer cans, bento boxes, cigarette butts, plastic bags, spoons and forks. After we picked up all the trash in the parking area, we walked down to the beach, where tons of trash was seen,” said Kapileo. “It was explained that most of the trash that lined up along the shore were washed up by the waves. Bottles of water, soda, detergent, oil and others filled up our bags. Bottle caps! There were tons of them...”

Following Tank Beach, the group proceed to Marine Beach.

“It was an ugly site to see,” said Kapileo. “Under the pavilions, there were bottles and

cans of beer and soda, Styrofoam plates, cups, spoons and forks. We walked down to the beach, and there we found baskets, more bottles and other plastic rubbish that washed up on the shore. My little cousins were now tired and just want to look at the many shells and hermit crabs that were running around the beach. It made me wonder how many other creatures lost their lives because of this rubbish.”

The team cleaned at Marine Beach for almost three hours.

“It was hard work, but hard work that paid off,” said Kapileo. “And our little cousins came to understand that it is not right, at all, to throw trash around.”

The “Beautify My Marianas” program offers \$100 for each 1-mile cleanup in assigned areas. For more information or an application for “Beautify My Marianas” visit the MVA homepage at [www.mymarianas.com](http://www.mymarianas.com).



Sarah Lynn Kapileo, family members, and friends cleaned Tank Beach and Marine Beach in Saipan on Jan. 10, 2015, as part of the Marianas Visitors Authority's Beautify My Marianas program.



Family members young and old of Sarah Lynn Kapileo cleaned Tank Beach and Marine Beach in Saipan on Jan. 10, 2015, as part of the Marianas Visitors Authority's Beautify My Marianas program.

The Northern Mariana Islands of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota are a chain of idyllic islands in the West Pacific, offering a friendly, fun and exciting vacation in paradise. They are an excellent destination for families, adventure and sports-minded travelers, as well as business people looking for a tropical haven. Adventurous travelers from Asia, Australia, Europe and elsewhere looking for new travel discoveries will find them in the Mariana Islands, just three hours travel from most cities in Japan, and four from Asia and Australia. The Northern Marianas are served from Tokyo and Osaka in Japan by Delta and Asiana Airlines. From Korea, Asiana provides direct flights from Seoul and Busan. China is served from Beijing, Shanghai and Guangzhou. Russia is served via Vladivostok and Khabarovsk. United Airlines has daily flight connections from nine cities in Japan to Saipan via Guam. United States mainland connections can be made by United Airlines to Saipan via Guam, and Delta Airlines from the west coast to Saipan via Narita. For more information visit [www.mymarianas.com](http://www.mymarianas.com).

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