

GTMO residents honor Dr. King's legacy, welcome new president

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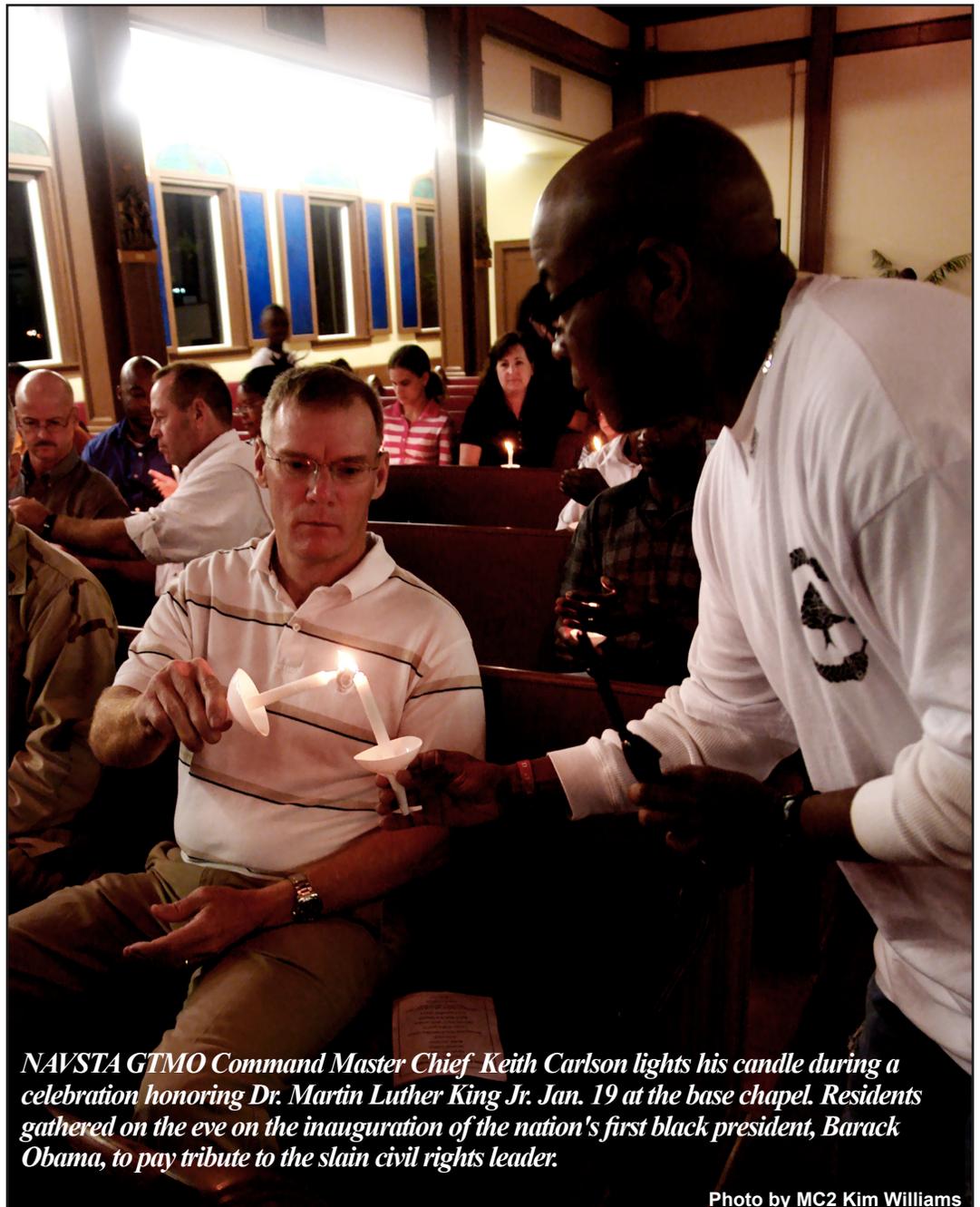
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Guantanamo Bay (GTMO) residents gathered Jan. 19 and 20 at the Windjammer Ballroom and base community center to commemorate the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and the inauguration of the nation's first black president.

Both the legacy of King and election of President Barack Obama are significant to American history and are pivotal to the future of the world and how it accepts and embraces change.

On the eve of the presidential inauguration, individuals spoke about the impact of King's accomplishments with regard to the military and the world, and how he was instrumental in launching civil rights' initiatives making the historic Jan. 20 event possible.

"This is truly an exciting time for us as a people and us as a nation," said master of ceremonies Theresa Moses. "I recall when my elementary school was segregated and the sit-ins in North Carolina like it was yesterday, so I personally feel the energy [from the change of presidency]," Moses added. "You cannot help but to celebrate where we've come [as a society that elected a black president] and my God, where



NAVSTA GTMO Command Master Chief Keith Carlson lights his candle during a celebration honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Jan. 19 at the base chapel. Residents gathered on the eve on the inauguration of the nation's first black president, Barack Obama, to pay tribute to the slain civil rights leader.

Photo by MC2 Kim Williams

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GTMO GAB



What is Your Most Memorable Life Moment?



"Going to Iraq. As a K-9 handler, I was responsible for 16 Airmen, Marines, Soldiers and Sailors."

-MA1(SW/AW) Chris Siford -Ophelia Mays



"Meeting my husband. We were participating in a survey. I asked him to be my partner not knowing I was getting a partner for life!"

AD2(AW) Tinashe Chigumira-Gardner



"Hearing my daughter cry shortly after she was born."

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Community Service Opportunity

Jan. 25

9 a.m. at SCSI Parking Lot

***Touch up painting
around base (approx 2 hours).**

***Hours will be logged for military
personnel working toward a
Volunteer Service Medal.**

FMI call ENS Underwood at 4524.

Help keep GTMO beautiful!

Navy expands PTS to 'second-term' Sailors

From NPC Public Affairs

Millington, Tenn.

MILLINGTON, Tenn. (NNS) -- The Chief of Naval Personnel announced plans Jan. 20, to expand the Navy's Perform to Serve (PTS) program from first-term Sailors, to all E-6 and below with 10 years or less of service.

"The Perform to Serve program is a vital element of our Navy's total force strategy providing an opportunity to keep our best and brightest Sailors in order to meet future fleet and manpower requirements," said Vice Adm. Mark Ferguson, Chief of Naval Personnel. "The program that empowers our Sailors to perform to serve is now being expanded to include both Zone A and Zone B Sailors."

PTS is a centralized reservation system that helps the Navy manage reenlistments of Sailors with less than six years of service, or Zone A. While most Sailors are permitted to reenlist in their current rate, Sailors in overmanned ratings may be offered reenlistment in an undermanned rating and Sailors with a poor performance history may not be granted permission to reenlist. According to NAVADMIN 017/09 PTS will expand Feb. 1 to include Zone B, which is Sailors with six to 10 years of service.

Additionally, beginning Feb. 1 all Sailors with an approved PTS application must sign a page 13 within 30 days of message receipt to accept or decline their PTS reservation.

According to statistics from the Center for Career Development, in 2008 almost 90 percent of Sailors who applied for PTS remained in their current rating.

Controlling the number of Sailors in specific ratings provides better advancement opportunities for Sailors, while helping the Navy manage manpower requirements.

"When we started PTS in 2003, there were a lot of Sailors whose promotion opportunities were severely degraded because their rating was overmanned. PTS has helped the Navy to balance its ratings and where there is more balance, there are better promotion opportunities," said Senior Chief Personnel Specialist Ron Miller, PTS Branch, Enlisted Community Management Branch, Navy Personnel Command.

Sailors should consult their career counselors about 15 months before their end of active obligated service (EAOS) to fill out the paperwork to have the command submit a PTS application, regardless of their intentions to re-enlist.

Sailors should read NAVADMIN 017/09 available at the NPC Website for complete details.

For more information regarding the submission process, application format or other PTS issues, please visit the NPC website or contact NPC's Customer Service Center by calling 1-866-U-ASK-NPC (1-866-827-5672).

For more news from Navy Personnel Command, visit www.navy.mil/local/npc/.

Religious Services/ Base Chapel

Catholic

Daily Catholic Mass Mon. - Fri. 5:30 p.m. (Main Chapel) Vigil Mass, Sat. 5 p.m. (Main Chapel) Sun. Mass, 7:30 a.m. (JTF-Troopers Chapel) Sun. 9 a.m. Mass (Main Chapel)

Protestant (GTMO Chapel)

Sat. 11 a.m. Seventh Day Adventist Service (Room B) Sun. 5:30 a.m. Iglesia Ni Christo (Room A) 8 a.m. Pentecostal Gospel Temple (Room D) 9 a.m. LDS Service (Room A) 10 a.m. Liturgical Service (Room B) 11 a.m. General Prot. Service 11 a.m. United Jamaican Fellowship (Bldg 1036) 1 p.m. Gospel Service 1 p.m. LORIMI Gospel Service (Room D) 6 p.m. GTMO Bay Christian Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)

Friday Religious Services

1:15 p.m. Islamic Service (Room C) 7 p.m. Jewish Service (FMI call 2628)

Religious Services/

JTF Troopers Chapel

Catholic Services

Wed. 11 a.m. Spanish Mass (New) Sat. 6:30 p.m. Vigil Mass (PPI Chapel) Sun. 7:30 a.m. Sunday Mass (New)

Ombudsman Corner

**NAVSTA Ombudsman
Connie Schiltz
84792/78519**

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Marjorie True
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NEGBombudsman@yahoo.com**

**US Naval Hospital
Ombudsman
Michael Amenson
Pager 72090 #073**

Cuban-American Friendship Day

Northeast Gate Fun Run

Jan. 30, 8 a.m.

Sign up by Jan. 27

at Denich Gym

FMI call Ryan at 75576/84415



Photo by MC2 Kim Williams

Philadelphia native Carol Leaphart and HM2(FMF) Nigel Kisson stand at attention during the a recorded rendition of the Star Spangled Banner Jan. 20 during the GTMO community inauguration dinner.

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we are on our way to."

The ceremony's guest speaker Army Lt. Col. Alexander Conyers compared King to a military general in his reflection on his life to the audience.

"Like a general, King understood that to change a country you must win the hearts and minds of her people and change the minds of those resistant to change. And like a true general, King was willing to and [eventually] gave the ultimate sacrifice for his country," said Conyers.

King was a figure of change that met much opposition, but his adversity proved to be the victory in another man's mission to change.

On Jan. 20, the nation's 44th president, whose father was born in Kenya and mother in Kansas, was sworn into the nation's highest office.

Barack Hussein Obama, a man who during King's time would have faced problems just placing his vote, now represents the U.S. to the world. GTMO residents gathered on the night

of the inauguration to mark that day in history.

"The whole world was waiting for Dr. King's vision to be fulfilled, and it was today," said Philadelphia native Carol Leaphart.

"This is the stuff that will go into to history. It is a moment that we will never again live, so we must cherish it and remind our children so that they can pass it on to their children," said Navy Lt. Karine Pierre, U.S. Naval Hospital Guantanamo Bay.

Pierre organized the event in which members of the GTMO community ushered in their new commander in chief.

"The Lord moved me to organize this event, to open this opportunity to everyone [in GTMO who wanted to attend] so that we all could celebrate a new beginning. I was moved tonight by everyone's speeches and reflections on what this presidency means to them and I believe that this is democracy and freedom at its finest."



Photo by MC2 Kim Williams

GTMO residents march down Recreation Road singing "We Shall Overcome" en route to the base chapel Jan. 19. The GAAA, which sponsored the event, will also host it's annual gala Feb. 28 at the Windjammer Ballroom.

Women's History Month News

The 2009 GTMO Women's History Month committee is looking for Dedicated members.

Members can be military or civilian.

Interested?
email pao@usnbgtno.navy.mil
or call 4520.

W.T. Sampson Photography Club

***This week's featured artist:
Carlos Galarza, 4th Grade***



Our W.T. Sampson Photography Club has been designed to promote student's creativity through the eyes of a young artist. 4th – 6th grade students learn about different strategies to be able to take the best pictures in different environments.

Selected pictures will be published in the Gazette to recognize their best effort in a positive way. Picture categories will include school activities, objects in motion, & nature.

The following picture is a great example of how our children learn to discover the beauty of nature. It was taken by Carlos Galarza (fourth grade student). He really enjoyed taking pictures of the GTMO sunset at Phillips Park.

*Enjoy!
Maria Figueroa
Photography Club Sponsor*



**Born 11/14/2008 at 4:07 a.m.
7 lbs 14 oz., 20 inches
Parents: Tinashe Chigumira-Gardner &
Ronald Gardner**

**W.T. Sampson
presents:**

**"Humorous
Parenting with
Trevor Romain"**

**Jan. 27, 6 p.m.,
in the High School
Media Center.**

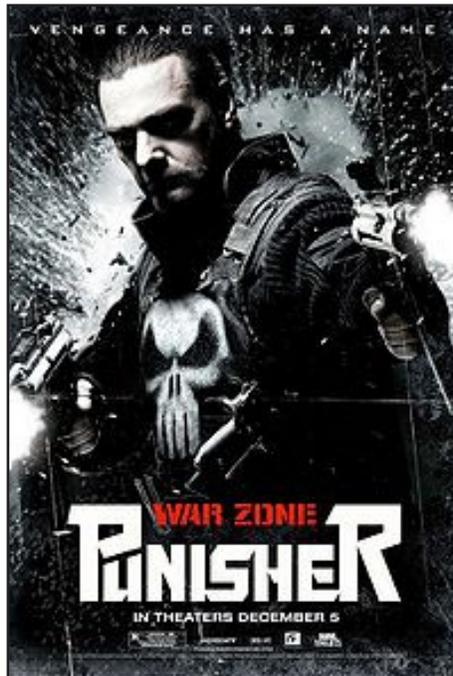
**This event is open to
the GTMO
community.**

**Baby sitting will be
provided for dona-
tion by the National
Honor Society in the
High School gym.**

Downtown Lyceum

Punisher: War Zone

Infamous vigilante and anti-hero Frank Castle (Ray Stevenson) is six years into his vengeance-driven zeal as the Punisher. When he brutally assaults a "beat the rap" party for notorious mob boss Gaitano Cesare, he is alerted to the fact that Billy Rusotti (Dominic West) has escaped to his recycling plant hideout by Detective Saffioti (Tony Calabretta) who along with Detective Martin Soap (Dash Mihok) were staking out the party.



Friday, Jan. 23

***The Boy in
the Striped Pajamas***

7 p.m., PG, 115 min.

Quantum of Solace

9 p.m., R, 109 min.

MIDNIGHT MOVIE

Punisher: War Zone

PG-13, 122 min.

Saturday, Jan. 24

Nothing Like the Holidays

7 p.m., PG-13, 122 min.

Soul Men

9 p.m., R, 117 min.

Sunday, Jan. 25

Grand Torino

7 p.m., PG, 115 min.

Monday, Jan. 26

Sex Drive

7 p.m., PG-13, 165 min.

Tuesday, Jan. 27

Twilight

7 p.m., PG-13, 90 min.

Wednesday, Jan. 28

Punisher: War Zone

7 p.m., PG-13, 121 min.

Thursday, Jan. 29

Valkyrie

7 p.m., R, 95 min.

MWR Happenings

BELLY DANCING

Experience the exotic art of belly dancing and let the ancient rhythmic beats transport you to Arabia.

Bring your scarf
and your hips!!

FMI Karissa 77262
or instructor 78469

Class will be held at Marine
Hill Fitness Center
Sundays @ 3 p.m.

GTMO'S BIGGEST LOSER

Mandatory meeting Jan. 28 in
Denich Gymnasium @ 8 p.m.
(Everyone must be present!).

Pick up your team form at
Denich Gym.

Teams will not be accepted
after 5 p.m. Jan. 23.
FMI Ryan Rollison 75576

YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Season start Jan. 24

Age groups include: 4-6,
7-10, 11-14

Sign up @ Denich Gym by
Jan. 5.

\$35 registration fee
FMI Robert Neuman 2113

VOLUNTEER COACHES NEEDED FOR YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Season starts Jan. 24

Age groups include: 4-6,
7-10, 11-14

FMI 2113

GTMO Classifieds

For Sale

(2) HP All in one printer, perfect condition \$60 OBO, Snorkeling Gear from Dive shop, all for \$200 OBO, JVC surround theater system new in box \$390 OBO. Sharp microwave oven, in good clean working condition \$50 OBO. Men's mountain bike \$50 OBO, women's bike \$40 OBO FMI call 78459 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

(2) Looking for used PS2 with memory card (worth \$100 or less or OBO) FMI please call 2400-DWH or 78592-AWH.

(2) Diving gear Oceanic Delta 3 BC's, Oceanic Chute 2, Regulator XS scuba page, Mare's fins Scuba pro twin jet Wight, knife and a lot more All for \$700 or OBO.

(2) MUST SELL!!! Dining chairs \$25 each. FMI call 84149

(2) 27 inch (Zenith) TV For sale \$150 or OBO, FMI call 77541.

(2) Dark Wood DR Table w/6 chairs, \$550; Glass Patio Table w/6 chairs, foot stool & end table, \$100; Whirlpool Washer/Dryer, \$125/ea; Sharp Microwave, \$25; 27" Color TV, \$35 FMI call 74878.

(1) ISP for \$69.99 p/mo. Requires 1.8m SATELLITE Dish, 3 Watt BUC, LNB, modem, and VOIP adapter. Purchase all for \$2,000—commercial grade equipment, 1.2m SATELLITE Dish - \$500, BIRDOG Satellite Finder - \$500, Kenmore DRYER & WASHER—top loading. \$800 for both. FMI call 84049.

(1) 21 speed mountain bike. New seat, a helmet and an air pump Asking \$130. 13 inch Sony TV, like new condition \$100 OBO FMI call 78288.

(1) Kitchen Table seats 4, \$50; Charcoal grill approx. 1ft. by 1ft. stands 6in. in height. \$15, FMI 77264.

(1) 2 dryers for sale: \$10 and \$50. FMI call 74860

(1) LYNX CREDIT: \$413 of transferrable Lynx credit. Must be used by OCT 2009. Transferring and will take best offer. Satellite Dish: 4 ft. dish with 75 ft. of cable. Gets all channels. \$400. FMI call 84703.

VEHICLES & BOATS

(2) 1991 reliable smooth riding VOLVO-7404-Dr Car, automatic, clean interior/exterior, am/fm radio, and cold A/C. \$3899 (OBO)

FMI call 8-4149.

(2) Pink ACER Aspire One Laptop Model ZG5, \$425 Assorted old Cuban Coke, Beer bottles found in GTMO. FMI call 75724.

(2) 1985 Plymouth voyager, excellent running condition W/only 53K miles for \$1800 OBO. FMI call 75228/75227 look for Rene or Jr.

(2) NISSAN Stanza 1989 AC working \$1400 OBO Call Omar at 78742.

(2) Hyundai Excel 1990 AC working \$1300 OBO call Omar at 78742.

(2) P/U Dodge Dakota 1997 Cold A/C Excellent running condition \$3200 OBO, 1987 Chevy P/U Good running condition \$2500 OBO. FMI call 75210.

(1) 2001 Silver Nissan Xterra, very reliable, 115K miles, Great A/C, newer off-road tires, ceiling-mounted DVD/TV, \$6,500 OBO. FMI call 77325.

(1) Rocketa 150cc MOTORSCOOTER - \$1,600. FMI 84049.

(1) 1994 Nissan Presea 4dr. Sedan; cold a/c; stereo, great shape. \$2500; 1996 GMC pick-up truck; a/c; stereo; standard; great shape. \$2500. FMI call 77586.

(1) 1990 Nissan Pathfinder SE 4-dr, 214k miles, auto, needs some minor work, \$1500 OBO. FMI call 77264.

(1) 1997 Chevy Geo Metro. 4-Door. Low Mileage. Good on gas 40mpg. New battery and CD player. Runs Great. \$1800. FMI 78813.

(1) 2000 Land Rover Discovery II, 4.0L V8, 4x4, leather, dual pwr front heated seats, dual sunroofs, many other options, \$11,000, Available end Feb. FMI call 2640.

Employment

(2) NURSE, YH-0610-02. FMI call CNRSE Forward Deployed Detachment Office @ 4441 to 4822.

Announcements

(2) Pre Inventory Sidewalk Sale Saturday Jan. 17 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at NEX Atrium FMI contact Lydia Alvarez 75509/74497.

(1) Did you know your MWR Library owns:

10 of the New York Times' current nonfiction bestsellers and 13 of the current fiction bestsellers?

70 of Amazon.com's "100 Best Books of 2008"?

and many more are on order!

Stop by for reading suggestions today.

(1) Guantanamo Bay Girl Scouts is up and running but we could use more volunteers to be troop leaders. Please contact Melissa at GTMO.girlscouts@gmail.com or 77200.

(1) The GTMO Fire Department asks all residents to be mind full of the extremely High Fire Danger during this very dry spell. We ask all residents to practice good Fire Safety techniques. Please report any potential Fire hazards immediately to the Fire Prevention Department at 4178 or 4179.

(1) Relocating to JAX or Mayport areas? If you prefer quiet country living, we have a home in Macclenny available March 1.

3 year old home includes 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths (garden tub in master suite), 2 car garage and screened in back porch. 2100 sq. ft. (including garage) located on a quiet cul-de-sac. Includes several appliances (W/D, refrig.)

\$1300 a month (plus utilities). Ask about the special discounted rent for relocating GTMO residents! If interested contact JoAnn King: philiseddi@hotmail.com

Wanted/Misc. ads

(2) LOST: Italian gold bracelet. FMI call 74300.

(2) I lost my watch a few weeks ago while scuba diving from Windmill Beach. I noticed that someone put an ad in the gazette announcing that they had found an old watch on Windmill Beach. The ad appeared in the Dec. 19 issue. The ad said to call 75830. I've been calling that number for two days now with no response. Please contact me if you are the person who found my watch at 72646 or Sherman.F.Morgan@jftgmo.southcom.mil.

Yard Sales

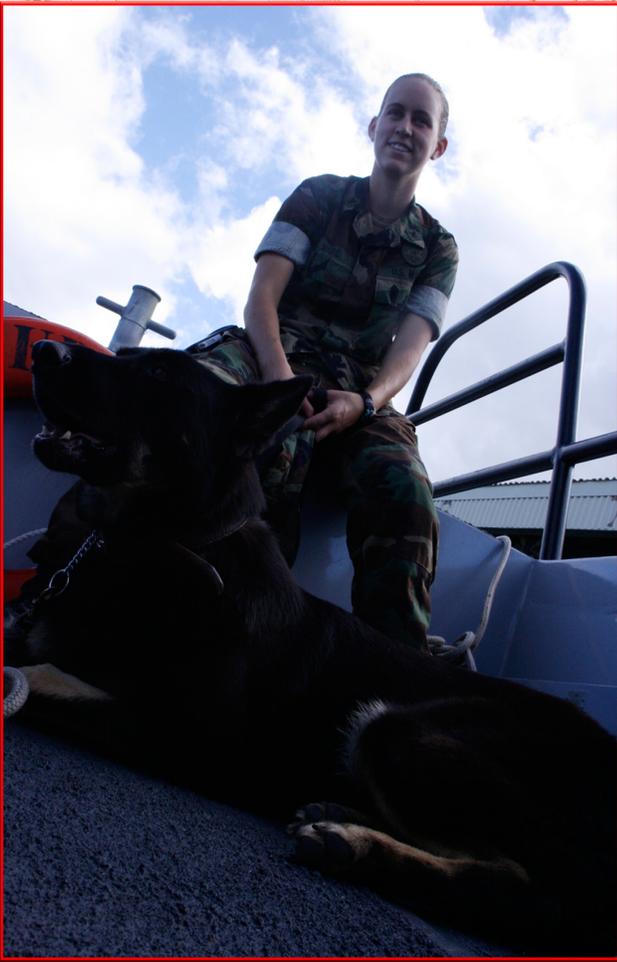
Jan. 24: Windward Loop AV36A, 8 a.m.

A note from Retired Steve, Exchange New Car Sales

I would like to take this time to thank every customer that walked through my door and every person who took advantage of this program to purchase a motorcycle or vehicle thru Exchange New Car Sales here at GTMO. It's time for Gina and I to transfer after 33 months on the island and head for higher seas. It has been my pleasure supporting the GTMO community from giving away a \$3000 prize at the NEX Customer Appreciation Day, funding the prizes for the Rock Paper Scissors contest, 3 Point Basket Ball Shoot, filling the Mustang for the Paper Towel Rolls contest, Design a T-Shirt contest, to donating gift cards to many organizations, and clubs on base. Overall, I have had a blast being a member of this community, helping out when I could. I enjoyed your office visits, even when you brought the kids! :-)
After all, it is all about you, The TROOPS!

*Stephen Doherty
 Military Car Sales
 USN (RET)*

NAVSTA K-9 PATROL TEAM



ANY DAY IN GTMO



PHOTOS BY M3 Benjamin Dennis

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