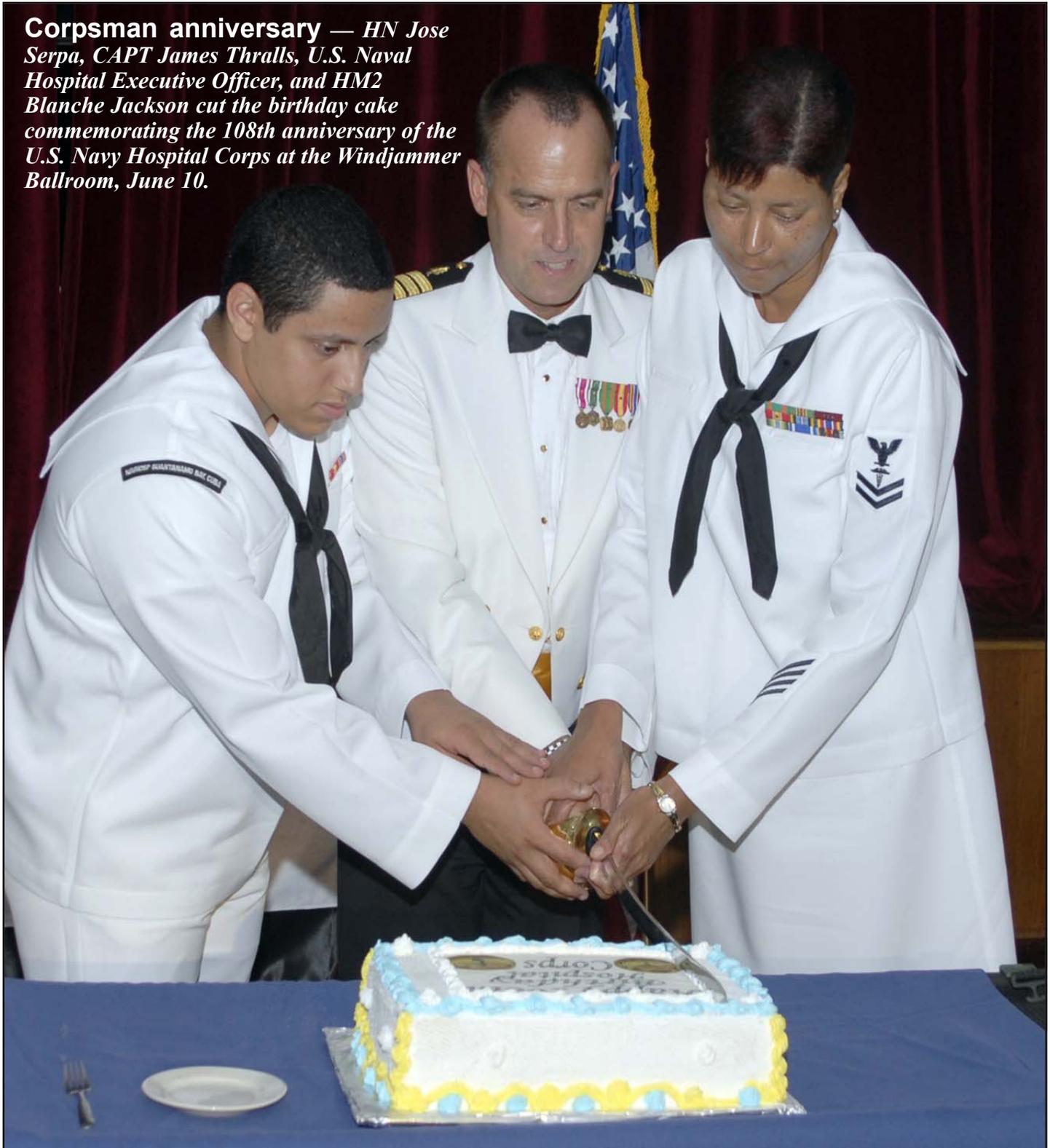


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**Corpsman anniversary** — *HN Jose Serpa, CAPT James Thralls, U.S. Naval Hospital Executive Officer, and HM2 Blanche Jackson cut the birthday cake commemorating the 108th anniversary of the U.S. Navy Hospital Corps at the Windjammer Ballroom, June 10.*



# DoD identifies Guantanamo detainee suicides

By Sgt. Sara Wood, American Forces Press Service

The Defense Department released the names of the three detainees Monday who committed suicide June 10 at U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

The detainees, who were found unresponsive in their cells just after midnight Saturday, included a Yemeni with ties to al Qaeda, a Saudi who had been recommended for transfer to another country, and another Saudi who participated in a prison uprising in Afghanistan, military officials reported.

The three appear to have hanged themselves with nooses made of bed sheets and clothing, Navy Rear Adm. Harry B. Harris, Joint Task Force Guantanamo commander, said at a June 10 news conference. Harris said he believes the suicides were an act of "asymmetric warfare" meant to advance al Qaeda's cause in the war on terror.

Ali Abdullah Ahmed, the Yemeni, was a mid- to high-level al Qaeda operative with links to principal al Qaeda facilitators and senior membership, according to information released by DoD. Throughout his time at Guantanamo Bay, Ahmed was noncompliant and hostile to the guard force, and



he was a long-term hunger striker from late 2005 to May 2006. Ahmed had been formally recommended for continued detention in Guantanamo Bay.

Mani Shaman Turki al-Habardi al-Utaybi, a Saudi, was a member of Jama'at Tabligh, a militant recruitment group for al Qaeda and other jihadist terrorist groups, according to the DoD release. Jama'at Tabligh has been used by al Qaeda to cover travel throughout the world and has been banned in Saudi Arabia since the 1980s. Utaybi had been recommended for transfer to another country for continued detention in that country.

Yassar Talal al-Zahrani, a Saudi, was an actual front line fighter for the Taliban who had traveled to Afghanistan to take up arms against anti-Taliban forces, according to the release. Zahrani facilitated weap-

ons purchases for Taliban offensives against U.S. and coalition forces. He was captured by Afghan forces and participated in an Afghan prison uprising in Mazar-e-Sharif, Afghanistan, that resulted in the November 2001 death of CIA officer Johnny Michael Spann.

A cultural advisor is assisting Joint Task Force Guantanamo to ensure that the remains are handled in an appropriate cultural and religious manner, Harris said. The bodies will not be buried within 24 hours, as per normal Islamic law, because autopsies must be performed, he said, but Joint Task Force Guantanamo has a religious fatwah, or law, from a reputable imam allowing for delays when the cause of death is uncertain.

The U.S. Naval Criminal Investigative Service has initiated an independent investigation to determine the cause and manner of death, Craddock said.

The detainees appear to have hanged themselves with nooses made from clothing and bed sheets, Harris said. The three detainees' cells were on the same cell block and were near each other, but not next to each other, he said.

Harris said the joint suicides were clearly planned by the detainees as a way to advance their cause in the war on terror.

"I believe this was not an act of desperation, but an act of asymmetric warfare aimed at us here at Guantanamo," he said. "We have men here who are committed jihadists. They are dangerous men and they will do anything they can to advance their cause."

The three detainees who died had all participated in a hunger strike at one time, Harris said. The Yemeni detainee was a long-term hunger striker who had begun his strike in 2005 and

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Photo by MC1 Robert Lamb

**School's over! — Congratulations to the W.T. Sampson High School Class of 2006, whose graduation took place at the base Chapel on Friday, June 9. Graduating seniors are: Heather McGarity, Nick Basel, Langston Edwards, Jessica Brewer, Heather Panaro, Aaron Carvajal, Alyssa Roper, Felecia Green and Faith Walker. Fair winds and following seas to all.**

# Cardboard Boat Regatta makes a big splash

Story and photos by MC2(AW) Honey Nixon, Public Affairs

The air was thick with excitement as boat crews and spectators made their way to the shore at MWR's Sailing Center for the annual Cardboard Boat Regatta, June 10.

Most of Guantanamo Bay was well represented as numerous commands, departments and organizations showed off their 'homemade' vessels.

There were 29 entries, ranging from the extravagant, complete with glitter, to unpainted cardboard with names written in magic marker. But in the end, all eyes were on who reached the shore first.

The Child Development Center entry was the winner of the open division. They kept their vessel simple, propelling it with human propulsion (a person in the back acting as a motor). They narrowly beat 'USS Port Services,' who finished second.

Materials used for the boats, although constrained by some rules, were only limited by the imagination of the teams. Some teams, however, still relied on tried and true materials.

"This is 100 percent cardboard and duct tape," laughed QMSR Jared Kinder, official 'captain' of the 'USS Port Services.' "It took us two weeks to finish the boat, and we didn't take on any water except for the for the water balloons people were throwing at us."

"Calling strokes kept us in rhythm," added BM2 Gilbert Pacheco, also on the Port Services team. "It really helped a lot."

Other teams suffered the opposite fate, like 'Shuttle Victory,' which broke apart and sunk not 15-ft. from the shoreline.

"We had plenty of buoyancy," said John Youberg, on the 'Shuttle Victory' team. "The wind tunnel test we did prior to the competition didn't tell us the ex-



**Open Division teams race to the to the finish line during MWR's annual Cardboard Boat Regatta June 10. Many youngsters also took part in the Youth Division race.**

act truth. When we tested it, the air went over the wings just fine, but I guess our center of gravity was a little too high."

The fun of the competition helped teams take their losses in stride.

"The team that won was more aerodynamic, and they also had human propulsion, which we considered doing," said Youberg, who is a three-year veteran of the race. "I was a little disappointed, but we've got bigger plans for next year. Although I won't reveal our secrets, 'bigger is better' will be the theme."

Fortunately, reaching the shoreline wasn't the only way to take home a trophy, as each boat competed in other categories such as 'best looking,' 'best name,' and even 'best Titanic sinking.'

In the end, it didn't matter whether some boats went to a watery grave, or arrived victorious on the shoreline, most agreed it was all about the journey and the fun everyone has.

"You can see, a lot of people came out," Youberg added, "and this is so great for everyone's morale, it just gets bigger and bigger every year."



**Team 'USNS Merciless,' dressed in scrubs to match their theme, stayed in good spirits as they near the finish line.**

## 2006 Cardboard Boat Regatta

### Youth Division

- 1st: USS Maine - Brady Beddo
- 2nd: USS Ugly - Remington and Ryan
- 3rd: Crazy Noodle- Amy and Melissa Harriston

### Open Division

- 1st: 6-hour Job - Vet Clinic
- 2nd: USS Port Services - Randall Brown
- 3rd: CDC - Terrill Hill, Lloyd Marshall
- Best Name: Ringy Dingy - SCS1
- Best Theme: Victory Shuttle Adventure - John Youberg
- Best Looking: Finding Nemo - Maria Figueroa
- Best Titanic Sinking: USS Red Stripe - Debbie Montuon/JTF
- Achievement Award: The DeGroff family

# Make hurricane preparedness a top priority

By MC1 Bob Lamb, Public Affairs Office

Since the first day of Hurricane season, which began June 1, the station has seen an increase of rain and wind here at Guantanamo Bay. Memories of last year's hurricane devastation along the Gulf Coast and Florida should still be on everyone's minds, and because of that, we should all be prepared for the upcoming season.

Numerous days of high winds and rain can turn quickly into a hurricane or tropical storm in and around GTMO. But what if a base resident is not at home when a hurricane approaches? What if someone is on vacation when the winds pick up? Who will take the time to clean up around their yard and home when the station goes to Readiness Condition II?

These are questions that need to be answered before a base resident is sitting on a beach in Malibu, Calif. and reads about Hurricane Ernesto forming just off the southern coast of Cuba.

Because of the geographical area where GTMO is located, hurricanes may form very quickly. Hurricanes seem to form in the Caribbean at a moment's notice, and sometimes outside the scheduled June 1 - November 30 timeframe.

During Readiness Condition II all residents are required to remove outdoor furniture, trashcans and other moveable objects from their yard.

Housing director, Rudy Sammons said, "During the hurricane season, residents should leave their yards in hurricane-ready condition. "If for some reason they are unable to do that, their house-sitter or the person looking after their home during their absence is required to accomplish whatever needs to be done if a storm threat-



Photo by MC1 Robert Lamb

**Unsecured objects around the yard can become missile hazards during hurricane season.**

**"Per the Naval Station Family Housing Handbook, residents should notify the Housing Office if they're gone for more than 72 hours. I recommend they tell us if they will be off-island for any period of time."**

Rudy Sammons  
Housing Director

ens."

Many items in a resident's yard can become missile hazards, and can be thrown long distances during even minor increases in wind. Securing toys, patio furniture, plant holders and even birdbaths can save neighbors windows from being broken, or avoid someone's car being damaged.

Any debris should be appropriately discarded from around a home.

Sammons also emphasizes that upon notification on an approaching storm, the housing office is extremely busy with hurricane preparations in common areas (securing picnic tables, trash receptacles, etc.), and making office and personal preparations as well.

"We drive through housing

areas to ensure residential items are secure. If we find a housing unit that needs attention, we contact the resident to perform the preparations," said Sammons. "If we have received notification that a family is off-island, we contact the house-sitter or overseer. If the family did not provide the housing office with notification of their vacation, we will contact the sponsor's command for assistance."

Base residents are also advised to straighten up their garage areas as well.

According to the National Weather Service, approximately 80 percent of residential hurricane wind damage starts with wind entry through garage doors.

Any resident who plans on going on vacation and is leaving their home for any length of time should to contact the Housing Office.

"Per the Naval Station Family Housing Handbook, residents should notify the Housing Office if they're gone for more than 72 hours, said Sammons. "However, I recommend they notify the Housing Office if they will be off-island for any period of time."

Although a hurricane can cause significant damage, personnel can prepare their home with a little effort, and can help their neighbors as well. They can then rest a little easier when the storm does hit and their neighbors will too.

All residents should know if they reside in a hurricane-resistant home or not. Anyone living in Paola Point, Radio Point, Deer Point, Marina Point, Hibiscus Hollow, Radio Range, Tierra Kay or Marine Site, is designated a shelter were they need to stay until the hurricane has passed.

Anyone who has made arrangements to stay with someone else who resides in hurricane-resistant housing must complete a Hurricane Relocation Memorandum, and notify the Housing Office where they will be staying when they are instructed to evacuate your residence.

"The form is available at the Family Housing Welcome Center front desk. We're trying to get it loaded on the intranet under Housing Department," says Sammons.

Once the form is completed, it can be returned to the Housing office either in person, fax (4981) or via e-mail at [guantanamo@housing.navy.mil](mailto:guantanamo@housing.navy.mil).

Every year the station Public Affairs Office publishes a hurricane supplement to the 'Gazette' that contains pertinent information about available shelters, necessary hurricane supplies, and station readiness conditions. This year's publication was printed May 19, and is available at several locations on station.

It is also available online at [www.nsgtmo.navy.mil/htmlpgs/gazetteonline.htm](http://www.nsgtmo.navy.mil/htmlpgs/gazetteonline.htm), or on the Naval Station intranet home page.



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# Windmill Beach gets needed repairs after last year's hurricane damage

Story and photo by MC1 Robert Lamb

Significant storm surges from Hurricane Dennis damaged structures and littered beaches along the Guantanamo Bay coast last July. One of those beaches was Windmill Beach which was covered by storm surge up to 14 feet.

Because of the damage, Windmill Beach was closed for quite some time, while personnel from the Public Works Dept. removed logs and boulders from cabana areas and surveyed the damage.

Although parts of Windmill Beach are now open, repairs are still underway almost one year later. The repair contract was awarded to Burns and Roe and Dick Corporation (BRDC) with Resident Officer in Charge of Construction (ROICC) responsible for overseeing the completion of the job.

The contract, which has required a number of modifications throughout the scope of the work, called for repairing cabanas, roadways, guardrails and even dredging the swimming area to increase the depth of the water. One of the most important aspects of the contract involved repairing the sea wall that protects the cabanas from high seas. A portion of the sloping concrete sea wall had been demolished and will be replaced with a new 8" thick concrete wall near cabanas three and four.

"The biggest challenge with a job like this, is working near water," said ENS Joseph Wignarajah, Asst. ROICC. "It creates safety and quality control issues that you don't see in normal construction. One major difference is that we have to use marine-grade concrete. Also, an additional challenge with this project is placing the



**Burns, Roe and Dick Corporation (BRDC) workers carry sandbags in order to shore-up the improved sea wall at Windmill Beach.**

concrete on a slope."

Representatives with the Army Corps of Engineers also had a hand in the repairs, offering BRDC and ROICC advice on how to assess the damage, and make repairs to the damaged sea wall.

"They took a look at the project and made informal recommendations to us and BRDC, which we took into consideration," Wignarajah added.

Existing water service to most of the cabanas has been restored, and damaged water lines to cabanas No. 1, No. 2 and No. 3, are being re-routed to a new location. Damaged asphalt and concrete roadways around the north area of Windmill Beach were repaired with

reinforced concrete. The cost of the demolition and removal of the storm debris and repair of Windmill Beach has been estimated at more than \$190,000. Final completion of the project is scheduled for the end of the summer.

BRDC Contractor, Larry Casper, who has been working on the station since the original sea wall was built, and said he believes the new improvements will hold up.

"The new sea wall, designed by BRDC, will be even stronger than the original one that is in place at this time," said Casper. "It had been around for as long as I have, about 25 years."

## Stress Management Seminar



There will be a Mind-Body Connection seminar on managing stress featuring Dr. Christopher Streeter at the Naval Hospital Galley, June 29 at 6:30 p.m.

Refreshments and coffee will be provided. No RSVP required. FMI call 72650.

# Port Services plays a vital role at GTMO

By MC1 Igo Wordu, Public Affairs Office

Anyone who has been to the newly refurbished Leeward Air Terminal appreciates the level of improvements made to that facility. Many people, however, are unaware of the large part that personnel working for the Naval Station Guantanamo Bay Port Services Department played in the project.

Port Services personnel assisted in the multi-million dollar project by installing more than 1,000 feet of wood molding and 2,800 sq. Ft. of floor tiles around the terminal. Additionally, with financial support from terminal management and Air Operations, Port Services acquired the numerous miniature military planes and historical photographs that are being used to decorate hallways in the terminal.

That is only a snippet of numerous responsibilities Port Services personnel perform around the base. With a \$2 million budget, the department manages the base harbor. They are responsible for the repair and maintenance of 42 watercraft, valued at more than \$23 million dollars. Additionally they safely transport more than 10,000 personnel and 5,000 vehicles to and from Leeward every month.

Port Services Leading Chief Petty Officer, BMC(SW)



Photo by MC1 Igo Wordu

***This hallway in the Leeward Air terminal is lined with vintage model airplanes and pictures of GTMO.***

Tommy Lowery, said much of the credit goes to the dedication of the junior Sailors who put in long hours in order to get numerous projects completed.

"Several times, my Sailors work way beyond normal working hours, and many times they are at work before most people are waking up," Lowery said.

He added that his dependable chain of command provides the necessary tools the Sailors need to perform their jobs.

BM1(SW) Dexter Williams echoed the same praises about his junior Sailors and the leadership as well.

"Our Sailors, I must say, were dedicated to this project and every other project we do,"

he said. "What you see at the terminal is a testament to their hard work, attention to detail, and the spirit they have to work as a team."

For a small department with only 12 Sailors, Port Services plays a major role at GTMO and for the entire Navy. They assist the Joint Task Force (JTF) during detainee movements in direct support of Operation Enduring Freedom. They assist Weapons Department personnel with the placement of gunfire

and mortar targets, directly supporting personnel in maintaining their weapons firing proficiency and capability to defend sea Defensive areas. Port Services also provides logistic support to U.S. Coast Guard and Navy vessels in support of counter-drug and migrant operations.

Other projects Port Services as been involved in include building the platform at Phillips Park where JTF held their change of command earlier this year, and renovation projects for the Northeast Gate conference room. They also assisted the Resident Officer of Construction with creating a valuable waterway plan to facilitate repairs to the bridge on the Guantanamo River.

"Our department continues to accomplish missions and tasks with high degree of efficiency because of our young Sailors," said Lowery. "Our accomplishments are a reflection of excellent leadership and vision of our department head, CDR Donald Smith."



Photo by MC1 Igo Wordu

***BM2 Randall Brown performs routine maintenance on the CO/VIP ladder at Bulkeley Landing.***



Photo by MC1 Robert Lamb

***High school awards — NAVSTA Commanding Officer, CAPT Mark Leary, presents Anna Massengill with a shadow box in recognition of her 29 years of teaching with DoDDS.***

# Marines host tour of the Battle of Cuzco Well



*Residents head to the top of Quick Hill. A monument there recognizes the bravery of Sgt. John Quick and Pvt. John Fitzgerald who were awarded the Medal of Honor. A close-up of the plaque is below.*



*Capt. Robert Messick, Marine Corps Security Force Co. Executive Officer, talks to enthusiastic residents about the events that took place during the Battle of Cuzco Well. The annual tour was held on June 11, marking the 108th anniversary of the battle on June 14, 1898.*



Photos by MC1 Igo Wordu

*The Marines who fought in the Battle for Cuzco Well were part of a larger battalion who established an encampment at what is now McCalla Hill. The monument there is dedicated to the first Marines killed at Guantanamo Bay.*



## DOD identifies detainees who committed suicide ...

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just ended it last month, he said. The other two detainees participated in one hunger strike in 2005 and another short one this year, he said.

The three detainees were not charged under military commissions and were not being actively interrogated, Harris said.

None of the three detainees had attempted suicide before, Harris said. Craddock added that all three had gone through combatant status review boards and administrative review boards, and none were on

medication or had any indication of mental illness.

Harris said he believes the detainees were acting on a rumor circulating in the camps at Guantanamo that says three detainees must die for all the detainees to be released. This rumor has no basis and is not encouraged by the guard force, he said.

The suicides are not thought to be linked to the June 8 death of terrorist leader Abu Musab al Zarqawi, Harris said, because the detainees at Guantanamo do not yet know

of his death.

All three detainees left suicide notes in Arabic, which are being included in the investigation, Craddock said.

The servicemembers at Guantanamo Bay are dedicated and, together with Joint Task Force Guantanamo leaders, have worked hard to ensure the conditions don't exist to allow for suicides, Harris said. However, the enemy combatants at Guantanamo are a determined group that will do anything they can to advance their cause, he said.

"These are dangerous men, and they're not here by accident or happenstance," he said.

Joint Task Force Guantanamo leaders are already reviewing procedures to look for ways to ensure things like this won't happen in the future, Harris said. For example, the guards have begun taking bed sheets away from detainees in the morning and giving them back at night, he said.

"We remain focused on our mission; it's a vital mission in the global war on terror," he said.

# Committee reviews military compensation

By Kathleen T. Rhem, American Forces Press Service

A year-long review of total military compensation could eventually result in streamlined allowances and a fundamental shift in thinking on how the uniformed services pay members and retirees.

The war on terrorism "focuses our efforts in ensuring we do the right things by the folks we are deploying," retired Air Force Brig. Gen. Jan D. "Denny" Eakle said in an interview May 24.

Eakle heads the 10th Quadrennial Review of Military Compensation, which got under way April 1. This review will focus on five main areas:

Ensuring the compensation system supports an adequate supply of military personnel with the abilities and experience to meet national security objectives; maintaining quality of life for military personnel and their families; re-evaluating special and incentive pays to enhance service flexibility; assessing the need for more flexible recruiting and retention authorities; and reviewing the retirement system.

One of the most dramatic issues being looked at has to do with how the department figures active versus retired pay.

"Today we have a compensation system that provides an awful lot of deferred compensation to those who have served, those who are retirees," Eakle said.

She noted that employees are "vested" in their retirement programs at five years in most civilian corporations. However, military retirees generally must serve 20 years before being eligible for any percentage of retired pay.

"The balance between the deferred compensation and the current compensation, the compensation being paid to



those who are currently in places in harm's way, is very different than you would see in other compensation systems," Eakle said. "I believe that the war on terror has focused our efforts on making sure that we are taking care of today's servicemen and women."

The recently concluded Defense Advisory Committee on Military Compensation recommended in February that members be vested at 10 rather than 20 years and that retirement payments be graduated ranging from 25 percent of base pay at 10 years to 100 percent of base pay at 40 years. The group also recommended that the government contribute 5 to 10 percent of base pay to military members' Thrift Savings Plans, as is the case for federal civilians.

This committee's recommendations serve as a starting point for the quadrennial review. Eakle explained that the purpose of her review is now to take these recommendations and look at their implications on the ability of the services to recruit and retain personnel and to further develop them to enable them to be effective for the services.

She said any recommendations would be implemented "several years" in the future

because it would take time to work out details and, in some cases, legislation would need to be changed.

"No current retiree or current military member would be affected by the changes we may recommend," she said. "But you could end up with a system where there would be less in the retired pay because we would bring it forward and pay it to the individual while they are serving."

She also said any such shift away from deferred compensation would be accompanied by initiatives to better educate service members on financial planning for retirement.

Another change that would come out of the quadrennial review is simplifying the vast and confusing system of special pays and allowances military members are entitled to under various circumstances. Eakle said this system of more than 60 different pays and allowances accounts for no more than 5 percent of total compensation but are labor-intensive to manage and track. It also makes it difficult for servicemembers to effectively monitor that they are receiving correct pay and allowances.

"If we make them simpler, we will reduce the management requirements for watch-

ing so many pays...and the member would have a better understanding of what they are entitled to," she said.

The quadrennial review takes into account unique recruiting and retention challenges for each of the seven uniformed services. In addition to Defense Department service branches, the review's recommendations will apply to the Coast Guard, in the Department of Homeland Security; the commissioned corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, in the Department of Commerce; and the commissioned corps of the Public Health Service, in the Department of Health and Human Services.

"The pay regulations that apply to the Department of Defense and the Coast Guard apply to those two services as well," Eakle said.

The ninth Quadrennial Review of Military Compensation, completed in 2002, recognized that the modern force is more educated than in the past and that current pay doesn't include a premium high enough to retain this more educated force. A large pay raise targeted toward mid-grade enlisted members and junior officers came about because of this realization.



## American Red Cross needs you!

The American Red Cross is looking for people to volunteer for fundraising and marketing.

100 percent of the funds raised on the station is utilized to support the programs for the Guantanamo Bay Community.

Interested volunteers should contact Denise Clark at 5060.

## Worship Services

### Catholic

**Catholic Mass** (Main Chapel)  
 Tuesday-Friday, noon  
 Daily Mass (Cobre Chapel)  
 Confession, Saturday, 4 p.m.  
 Vigil Mass, 5 p.m.  
 Sunday Mass, 9 a.m. (Cobre Chapel)  
 Eucharistic Adoration, daily 24 hrs.

### Protestant

**Sunday**  
 Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday Services, Main Chapel, 11 a.m.  
 Children's Sunday School, 11:30 a.m.  
 Gospel Worship Service, 1 p.m.  
**Monday**  
 Prayer Group, 6 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)  
**Wednesday**  
 Men's Fellowship, 6:30 p.m.  
 (Fellowship Hall)  
 Gospel Bible Study, 7:30 p.m.  
 (Sanctuary A)  
**Thursday**  
 PWOC - 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)  
 Sunday, Protestant Liturgical Service,  
 10 a.m. (Sanctuary B)

### Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

(Sanctuary A)  
 Monday, Family Home Evening, 7  
 p.m. (m. 8)  
 Sunday Sacrament, 9 a.m.

### Filipino Christian Fellowship

(Sanctuary A)  
 Sunday Worship, 7 p.m.

### Iglesia Ni Cristo (Sanctuary B)

Bible Study, Thursday, 7 p.m.  
 Sunday Worship, 5:30 a.m.

### Pentecostal Gospel Temple

(Sanctuary D)  
 Sunday Worship, 8 a.m. & 5 p.m.

### Seventh Day Adventist (Sanctuary B)

Prayer Meeting, Tuesday, 7 p.m.  
 Vesper Meeting, Friday, 7 p.m.  
 Sabbath School, Saturday, 9:30 a.m.  
 Divine Service, Saturday, 11 a.m.  
 Bible Study, Saturday, 4:30 p.m.

### Islamic Service (Sanctuary C)

Friday Worship, 1:15 p.m.

### United Jamaican Fellowship

(Bldg. 1036, next to Phoenix Cable)  
 Sunday Service, 11 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

### Shabbat Service

Second Friday of the month, Rm. 11,  
 7:30p.m.

# Seaman to Admiral Program accepting applications

By MCC Bruce Moody, Naval Service Training Command Public Affairs

The Seaman to Admiral (STA-21) commissioning program, which provides a pathway for qualified Sailors to receive college educations and Navy commissions, is soliciting applications for fiscal year 2007.

Deadline for applications is July 15, 2006. The selection board will meet during September 2006, and the names of selectees will be announced via message traffic in October 2006.

"STA-21 is a full-time undergraduate education and commissioning program open to enlisted personnel of all paygrades and ratings who meet eligibility requirements," said Cmdr. Cathy L.W. Kempf, head of Selection and Placement for Naval Service Training Command, Officer Development.

STA-21 is designed to improve support for Sailors interested in earning a baccalaureate degree and a commission as a naval officer. Selectees are authorized a maximum 36 months of full-time, year-round study to complete a baccalaureate degree, however, preferential consideration will be given to those applicants requiring 24 months or less of full time study.

Participants in the STA-21 program remain on active duty while attending college and benefit from an education voucher valued at up to \$10,000 per



year to cover tuition, fees and book costs. STA-21 participants will become members of and drill with a local NROTC unit. Upon graduation, STA-21 participants will be commissioned as ensigns and return to active duty in the fleet.

In addition to the \$10,000 per year voucher, Sailors receive their basic pay and basic allowance for housing and are eligible for advancement, and many will be eligible for fleet housing units, as well.

Candidates may apply for either the STA-21 Core Option or the STA-21 Target Option programs. The STA-21 Core Option allows officer community assignment to an unrestricted line designator during the final year of college based on the needs of the Navy, individual qualifications, aptitude, experience and preferences.

A limited number of STA-21 Target Option billets are available for those interested in joining the following communities upon entry to STA-21: Nuclear (Surface or Submarine), Aviation (Pilot), Aviation (Naval Flight Officer (NFO)), Surface Warfare (SWO), Special Operations (SPECOPS), Special Warfare (SPECWAR), Nurse Corps (NC), Supply Corps (SC), Special Duty Officer (Intelligence), Special Duty Officer (Information Warfare), and Civil Engineer Corps (CEC). Those not selected for these Target Options will, if desired, be considered for the

STA-21 Core Option. With the exception of Special Warfare and Submarine options, STA-21 designators are open to both genders.

All STA-21 officer candidates will attend the Naval Science Institute (NSI) course at Officer Training Command, Newport, R.I., prior to beginning college studies at an NROTC-affiliated college or university. NSI is an eight-week course of intense officer preparation and indoctrination. Course enrollment is timed to allow college entrance during fall, spring or summer semesters/quarters.

A limited number of selectees will be chosen to attend a three-month individualized program of study at BOOST (Broadened Opportunity for Officer Selection and Training) School in Newport to assist in the transition to college. Following completion of BOOST, selectees will attend NSI en route to their university assignment. Program coordinators stress that age requirements are significantly different this year.

For a complete list of requirements and more information on STA-21, see OPNAVINST 1420.1A, NAVADMIN 161/06, or visit the STA-21 Web site at <https://www.sta21.navy.mil>.

Sailors should consult with their command career counselor and chain of command for submission requirements and recommendations.

## Scuba diving regulations

In accordance with COMNAVBASEGTMOINST 1711.1, all scuba divers shall adhere to the "buddy system" and shall remain in visual contact with each other at all times.

Scuba diving is permitted in all areas except the Industrial Area, Deer Point, Saint Nicholas Channel, Mohomilla Bay, east of Windmill Beach to Kittery Beach, Guanatanamo River and Cuzco Wildlife Preserve.



## Birth Announcement

*Michele and Gary Palmer announce the birth of their son, Ethan Michael Palmer on May 30.*

# Downtown Lyceum

**Friday, June 16**

**Cars**

8 p.m., G, 116 min.

**The Sentinel**

10 p.m., PG-13, 108 min.

**Saturday, June 17**

**American Dreamz**

8 p.m., PG-13, 107 min.

**Thank You for Smoking**

10 p.m., R, 92

**Sunday, June 18**

**X-Men: The Last Stand**

8 p.m., PG-13, 107 min.

**Monday, June 19**

**CARS**

8 p.m., G, 116 min.

**Tuesday, June 20**

**The Sentinel**

8 p.m., PG-13, 108 min.

**Wednesday, June 21**

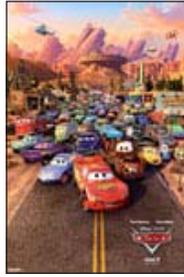
**American Dreamz**

8 p.m., PG-13, 107 min.

**Thursday, June 22**

**Thank You For Smoking**

10 p.m., R, 92 min.



## Cars

*Kids/Family, Animation, Comedy*  
Cast: Owen Wilson, Paul Newman, Bonnie Hunt, Richard Petty, Cheech Marin

*Storyline: Lightning McQueen, a hotshot rookie race car driven to succeed, discovers that life is about the journey, not the finish line, when he finds himself unexpectedly detoured in the sleepy Route 66 town of Radiator Springs.*



## The Sentinel

*Drama, Thriller, Adaptation*

Cast: Michael Douglas, Kiefer Sutherland, Kim Basinger, Eva Longoria, Paul Calderon

*Storyline: Pete Garrison is a U.S. Secret Service agent who saved a president's life by jumping in front of a hail of bullets, more than 20 years ago. Well-liked and respected by his colleagues, Garrison is a career agent who now heads the First Lady's detail. He lives in a high-level, orderly world of hierarchical structure, plans, maps, motorcades, code names, lingo and procedures. It's a universe that makes sense, until secrets begin to tear it apart.*

# MWR Happenings

## Windjammer Dinner Theater

Monday, June 19, at 5:30 p.m. Bring the family to the Windjammer Club to enjoy dinner and then watch family oriented G- or PG-rated movies. This Monday, "Ice Age 2: The Meltdown," begins at 5:30 p.m., and the second movie, "Big Momma's House 2," begins at 8 p.m.

## Summer Camp Parent's Meeting

June 16, or June 23, 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. at the Youth Center. If your child plans on attending camp, you must attend one of these meetings. FMI call 74658.

## Advanced Pottery

June 17-18, 11 a.m.- 2 p.m. This class is to demonstrate basic techniques of bowl turning, and using the extruder. Register at the Ceramic Shop in Bldg. AV 81. The fee is \$50 per student. Students will receive clay and glazes needed for class. FMI call Scott at 4795.

## Liberty Glow Golf Tournament

June 23, 7:45 p.m. check-in begins at the golf course. Shotgun starts at 8:15 p.m. Two-man teams with best ball format. Carts and clubs provided. Registration is required. FMI call 2010.

## Men's Health 5K Run

June 24, 6 a.m. Run begins and ends at base gym. Register by June 23 at the gym. Open to both men and women. FMI call 2193 or 72102.

## MWR Scavenger Hunt Race

July 4, 9 p.m., race begins at Deer Point Liberty Center. No more than five people per team. Sign-up at Deer Point Liberty Center. Prizes will be awarded for first and second place. Open to all military and DoD personnel. FMI call Julie or Aril at 2010.

## Summer Reading Program

July 1-30 at the Community Library. A registration gala kicks off the program June 30, 3-6 p.m. at the Library. There will be free t-shirts, prizes, rock-wall, bouncers, beverages, and food provided. FMI call Maxine at 4700.

# GTMO Shopper

## For Sale

- (2) Lawnmower, 21-in. w/extra blade, runs well, \$30. FMI call Norm at 77448.
- (2) Ashley 5-piece black dining set w/glass top. FMI call 77570.
- (2) Beyond Micro 3.5 external hard drive, 300 GB. \$250. FMI call Omar at 2153 or 2447.
- (2) Black futon w/wooden frame, \$60. FMI call Emil at 78111.
- (2) Sony Play Station PSP, portable, brand new, 2 games, \$200; 2 authentic Coach purses, great condition, \$125 each OBO. FMI call 75512.
- (2) Sidi motorcycle riding boots, red and black, SZ 12.5, \$200; Icon Field Amor riding boots, brand new, SZ 11.5, \$95. FMI call Todd at 77871 or 79556.
- (2) Trek women's mountain bike w/helmet, \$45; Perception 13-ft. kayak w/rudder, paddle, and lifejacket, \$900; Old Town 11-ft kayak w/paddle and lifejacket, \$650; 7th Edition Psychology book, \$50. FMI call 77909.
- (2) HP Photosmart 7350 printer, \$40; Playstation 2 w/2 controllers and 2 extensions, \$50; Playstation 2 games. FMI call 77465.
- (2) 27-in. Hitachi TV, \$140; 20-in. Sylvania TV flat-screen TV, \$80; Compaq Pentium III, 15-in. flat screen monitor, HP Photosmart 7350 printer, \$450; entertainment center, \$40; carpets, \$25 each OBO; VCR Panasonic, \$20; Goldstar microwave, \$40. FMI call 77303.
- (1) Paintball gun, 2006 Ion w/ upgrades, \$500 OBO. FMI call 79585.
- (1) Tan and brown sofa w/ loveseat, good condition, \$100; burgundy recliner, \$75; wooden coffee table w/end tables, \$75; entertainment center, \$50; computer desk, \$30. FMI call Carol or Sonny at 77841.
- (1) Patio table w/chairs, seats 10, like new, \$200. FMI call 75892.
- (1) Livewell w/battery and bilge pump, handmade, \$80. FMI call Jaron at 2345 DWH or 79448 AWH.
- (1) Washer and dryer, \$250; 6-drawer dresser, \$50; 2 end tables, \$20; futon, \$50; entertainment center, \$50; gas grill, \$30. FMI call 2465.
- (1) Cherry tomato potted plants,

\$3 each; tomato tree potted, \$3 each; potted serrano chili pepper plants, \$2 each. FMI call Margaret at 77614.

## Vehicles/Boats

- (2) 2001 G-XR Suzuki 1000 motorcycle, low miles, custom paint, chrome rims and accents, many custom parts. FMI call Todd at 77871 or 79556.
- (2) 1990 Toyota Corolla, white, automatic, 4-door, CD player, A/C, new tires, \$3,500 OBO. FMI call Rick at 75798 AWH.
- (2) 1999 Nissan Pathfinder LW, automatic, A/C, CD, leather interior, low miles, \$8,500. FMI call John at 79466 AWH.
- (2) 2001 Chrysler Town and Country minivan, loaded, \$12,800 OBO. FMI call 772293 or 77390 AWH.
- (2) 1991 Harley Davidson FXSTC softail, custom, green and silver, \$7,500. FMI call 4004 DWH or 79545 AWH.
- (2) 14-ft. v-hulled boat w/9.9 Johnson motor, \$450. FMI call Anthony at 75646 or 4553.
- (1) 1994 Mazda B-3000, A/C, air suspension, new parts, runs great, \$4,500. FMI call Sonny at 77841 or Carol at 74333 DWH.
- (1) 2001 PT Cruiser, A/C, extras, runs great, \$11,000. FMI call Sonny at 77841 or Carol at 74333 DWH.
- (1) 1986 Ford Escort w/hatchback, \$1,500 OBO. FMI call 77365.
- (1) 2001 Chevy Cavalier, 5-spd, \$7,000 OBO. FMI call 4503 DWH or 79551 AWH.
- (1) 2004 Jeep Grand Cherokee, excellent condition, AC, moonroof, \$23,000. FMI call Bob at 75732 or 84234.
- (1) 16.5-ft. MFG boat, new paint, new 100-hp motor, lots of extras, \$2,500 OBO. FMI call 77466.

## Employment

- (2) Human Resources Office announces the following vacancies: Medical Clerk, closes June 16; Auto Medical Records Administrator, closes June 16; Transportation Asst., closes June 23; Social Services Aide, closes Dec. 29. FMI call 4441.
- (1) The Navy Exchange has the following job vacancies: Sales Clerk, closes June 23; Loss Prevention Investigator, open

until filled. FMI call 5041.

(1) Navy Federal Credit Union is seeking a part-time Member Service Representative, flexible schedule, 30-50 hours per week. FMI call Kim Veditz or Brandy Thirumalai at 74333.

## Announcements

(2) The 108th Philippine Independence Day Celebration will now be held from 5:30 - 10 p.m., June 17 at the Windjammer Ballroom. There will be food, a cultural show and crowning of the Ms. Philippine Independence. Tickets are available now. FMI call Cathy at 75737.

(2) Effective June 15 until Sept. 1, the Youth Center Open Registration Program's weekend hours are: close 5:30 p.m. on Fridays, and open from 7 p.m. to midnight on Saturdays.

(2) Vacation Bible School 2006 registration ends June 16. Children may register at the NAVSTA Chaplain's office. No registration can be done by phone. Vacation Bible School runs June 19 - 23, 9 a.m. - noon at the NAVSTA Chapel. Ages 4-11 are welcome. Volunteers are still needed. FMI call 2323.

(2) The Hispanic American Heritage Association is seeking new members. Everyone is welcome. Meetings are held at the Media Center every Wednesday at 6:15 p.m. FMI call Scott at 77820.

(2) MWR now has Motorcycle lifts for up to 1,500-pds. FMI call 77941.

(1) The JIDC will be having a bake sale and car wash on June 17 at 9:30 a.m. FMI call 74658.

(1) *All's well that ends well.* As I leave GTMO, I'd like to thank my friends and colleagues who have shared a desire for academic excellence, a barrel of laughs, and a tolerance for my eccentricities. To the students of W.T. Sampson: Go Pirates!. Beware of the shadow that flies across the moon. It might be the Wicked Witch coming to check your school work. I love you all. Thanks to the entire community for your support of the 'The Pirates Helping Pirates' project, and most especially to the 40

women who donated ball gowns to the girls of Pass Christian. To the Cuban, Jamaican, and Filipino workers who have made my stay here so pleasant, I will never forget your help, and your wonderful smiles. I am now off on *Walkabout*. Have a wonderful life. Anna Massengill.

(1) Navy Federal Credit Union would like to congratulate Kim Brown for winning the portable DVD player during their membership drive.

(1) The Teen Center's Summer Camp hours are: Monday - Thursday, 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Friday, 11 a.m. - midnight; and Saturday, 1 p.m. - midnight. FMI call 2096.

(1) The Teen Photography Camp will run June 19-23. FMI call 2096.

## Wanted

(2) Will pay cash for fishing/pontoon boat. FMI call Mike at 77977 or 2129.

(2) Looking for folks that want to wakeboard. FMI call Garry at 78197 or 84581.

(2) Dog sitter needed, retriever needs a summer home. He is house broken, kenneled trained, and loves people. FMI call 75899 AWH.

## Lost or Found

(1) IPOD found. Please call with description. FMI call Nick 77614 AWH.

(1) Keys lost w/Virginia Beach printed on a blue strap. FMI call Ken at 90180 or 5195.

## Yard Sales

June 17 — Caribbean Circle, #3A, 7 a.m. - 10 a.m.

June 17 — Villamar, #14C

June 18 — Nob Hill, #30A, 8 a.m.

June 18 — Nob Hill, #10A, 8:30 a.m.

June 18 — Marine Site, #124M, 8 a.m. - 10 a.m.

**Editor's note:** *GTMO Shopper inputs must be submitted no later than noon on Tuesday. Submit in writing by email to pao@usnbgmto.navy.mil. Personal email addresses can no longer be included in 'Shopper' ads.*

# A little something before they go



**Scholarship** — *Beth Gracia presents Heather McGarity with a scholarship from the Officers and Civilians Spouses' Club. She also received the Captain's Award from NAVSTA Commanding officer, CAPT Mark Leary.*



**Salutatorian** — *Heather Panaro is congratulated by W.T. Sampson principal, Frank Simone, after she received the award for being the top female graduate in her class. Heather also received a scholarship from the Officers and Civilians Spouses' Club.*



**Top Honors** — *Students having the highest GPA were: Kevin Banks, Hayden Kemp, Cory Frye, Morgan Keener, Edwin Stearns and Stephanie Tickner.*



**Good Luck** — *Langston Edwards receives a scholarship from MA1 Regina Tyson, President of the W.T. Sampson Booster Club.*

Photos by MC1 Robert Lamb



**Valedictorian** — *HMC(AW/SW) Matthew Berg presents Nick Basel with a scholarship from the Chief Petty Officers' Association. He also received a scholarship from the Officers and Civilians Spouses' Club, W.T. Sampson Booster Club and the Professional Nurses' Association.*