

Father surprises son at CPO pinning

By MC1 Robert Lamb, Public Affairs Office

There are normally two major milestones in an enlisted Sailor's career. One is when they retire proudly after serving their country, and the other is when someone pins anchors on their collar making them a U.S. Navy Chief Petty Officer (CPO).

Here in Guantanamo Bay, many CPO selectees don't have the opportunity to have someone special perform this simple, but privileged task. But at this year's pinning ceremony, on Sept. 15, HTC (SEL) Christopher Wills, received a special surprise.

His father, Phillip Wills, a Navy veteran from 1960-1969, who earned a Silver Star and Bronze Star for valor, wouldn't have missed his son's CPO pinning ceremony for the world, but wanted his visit to be a surprise.

"Because I decided to get out of the Navy back in '69, I live the Navy dream vicariously through my son, Christopher," said the elder Wills. "I have been to GTMO three times before, and my wife and I have visited Chris at every duty station since he joined the Navy back in 1994."

The younger Wills was named NAVSTA 'Sailor of the Year' (SOY) for 2005 and represented the station, competing against 21 other sailors for Navy Region Southeast Sailor of the Year.

"I was extremely proud of him after he called home and told us that he received such



Photo by MC1 Terry Matlock

Natasha Wills (wife) and Phillip Wills (father) pin Chiefs' anchors on HTC(SW) Christopher Wills during the CPO Pinning Ceremony, Sept. 15, at the Windjammer Club.

an honor, but him making Chief is really something special," the elder Wills said.

Wills had no idea that his father was in GTMO to surprise him on this special day. He arrived and remained out of sight for about 24 hours. Wills even witnessed his son, through a heavy cement block wall at the 'Goat Locker,' burying his dixie cup white hat, in one of the last events of this year's 'Season of Pride,' the transition training period for newly selected CPOs.

At the pinning ceremony, the

elder Wills stood in the back of the Windjammer Club waiting for the moment when his son's name was announced. BMC (SW) Tommy Lowery (the younger Wills' sponsor) stepped up to initially perform the pinning honors, when there was an announcement about a change in the program.

Just then the senior Wills began to walk through the crowd and head toward his son. At first the son stood motionless, but when his father began to pin the golden anchors on his collar, his smile grew

larger, his face began to go red, and some people may have been close enough to see a tear.

"I hold my emotions very close, I was very surprised though," said HTC Wills.

"He started to shed a tear or two, I saw it," said Lowery.

Wills was one of 16 GTMO Sailors who marched in front of a packed crowd as the final stage of this major milestone transpired.

"Only 7 percent of the Navy is allowed to be Chief Petty Officers," said CMDCM (SW/

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New universal ID card for Defense Department

By Gerry J. Gilmore, American Forces Press Service

New identification cards to be issued to Defense Department employees beginning next month will help standardize workforce identification and security access systems across the government, a senior Defense Department official said here Sept. 15.

The new common access card eventually will be issued to all federal employees and is part of a standardized, secure credentialing system that was mandated after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, Mary Dixon, deputy director of the Defense Manpower Data Center in Arlington, Va., said Sept. 15 during a joint interview with American Forces Press Service and the Pentagon Channel.

Starting Oct. 27, the new "super CAC" ID cards will be issued to employees over the next three years as the old cards reach their expiration dates, she said.

The new cards interface with a secure, encrypted credentialing database and are interoperable for personal identification as well as access to federal buildings and facilities, she said.

However, each facility will still determine who is authorized access, Dixon pointed out. Information embedded on

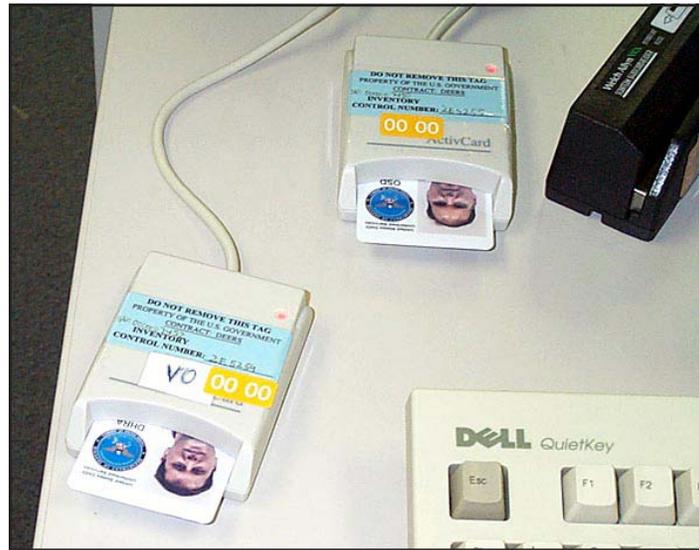


Photo by Staff Sgt. Kathleen Rhem, USA

Card readers like this, once attached to a personal computer, can be used to verify an individual's access to information or to digitally "sign" e-mail messages.

the cards is quickly referenced and compared to centrally stored personnel security clearance data, she said.

"It is an effort to try to improve the security in the federal government," Dixon explained. The new cards also help employees secure their computer networks, she said, as well as providing improved security for federal buildings, military installations and campuses.

"So, I can use this card, not just in the Department of De-

fense, but it can be read in other agencies," Dixon said. "If they choose to give me access, they can then read my card," she said.

The new card features the user's photograph, like other cards now in circulation, Dixon said. But its computer chip also will contain two encrypted fingerprints, as well as a unique personal identification number.

The new card can be read, either by swiping it or by waving it near a special card reader, she said.

Issuance of the new card has the potential of reducing the number of agency security badges, Dixon said, because federal agencies will refer to a standardized credentialing system. However, agency security administrators still have the authority to approve or deny access.

"The card, on its own, does not entitle you to any access to anything," Dixon explained. "It is an authentication token."

"Every time you use the card, it is authenticated, meaning somebody checks to make sure that card is a 'good' card issued in the Department of Defense to you, and that it is still valid," Dixon said.

As always, employees who believe their government-issued ID card has been lost or stolen are required to notify security administrators, Dixon said, who then deactivate the card.

This ensures that cards reported stolen or missing can't be used in DoD, she said.

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Catholic Mass Mon. thru Fri. 6 a.m. & 6 p.m. (Main Chapel)
 Confession, Mon. thru Fri. 5:15 a.m. & 5:15 p.m. (Main Chapel)
 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)
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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.

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GTMO observes PADI Clean-up Day

By MC1 Igo Wordu, Public Affairs Office

More than 47 volunteers turned up, Sept. 17, for a clean-up exercise sponsored by Project Aware and Reef Riders Association, including personnel from the U.S. Coast Guard, Joint Task Force, local contractors, W.T. Sampson school students, U.S. Naval Hospital, the Naval Station, and other GTMO residents.

The exercise was in recognition of the Professional Association of Diving Instructors (PADI) International Clean-up Day. PADI creates awareness for the preservation of sea wildlife by encouraging support for underwater science, environmental projects, and education. They also fund various environmental research projects to help their cause.

Local event organizer Lori Cochran said the exercise is necessary for the environment.

"Personally, I feel it's something that should be observed every day; as our actions today reflect how we live tomorrow," said Cochran. "Directly or indirectly, we are all responsible for the area around us. We live in an absolutely beautiful



Photo by MC1 Igo Wordu

Volunteers collected more than 1000 pounds of trash around GTMO waters and beaches.

place and we need to ensure our environment, above and below the water surface, is conducive for future generations to enjoy."

Much of the clean-up exercise was focused on the beaches and waters around GTMO on the Leeward and Windward sides of the base.

By the end of the day, the volunteers collected trash weighing more than 1,000 pounds – 536 pounds were collected by the Coast Guard; 164 pounds by W.T. Sampson High School Marine Biology class; 199 pounds by JTF per-

sonnel; and 48 pounds by Public Works Dept./Island Mechanical. A cook-out followed the trash clean-up.

"I would like to thank everyone who came out with their support and hard work," Cochran said. "We would never have been this successful without them. Everyone did an outstanding job, from the beach cleaners, divers, cooks, and the volunteers who weighed all the trash. I was told after the event by residents who have been here a long time, that this was the best turn-out they have ever seen."



Photo by Shawn L. Howren (U.S. Navy Ret.)

9/11 Salute — *Leeward Crash/Fire Crew show their respect with a moment of silence on Sept. 11, on the Leeward airfield taxiway to all the firefighters who lost their lives on Sept. 11, 2001. From left to right are Assistant Chief Davis, Firefighters Valentine, Henry, Jackson, Johnson, Facf, and Ferguson, Captain Nembhard, Lt. Reid, D/O Keane and EMT Nichols.*

Scrap metal shipped off-station

By MC2(AW) Honey Nixon, Public Affairs Office

For years, here in Guantanamo Bay, there has been a mound of scrap metal outside the recycling compound that has been growing, and growing, and growing. Last week was the culmination of a tremendous effort by the GTMO Environmental Department and Del-Jen, who worked hand-in-hand to remove 3,200 tons of scrap metal from GTMO's metal yard.

"Del-Jen has been aggressively compacting, crushing, cutting and baling the scrap metal," said Christopher Creighton, Environmental Compliance Program Manager. "The metal comes from DRMO, junked vehicles, construction demolition sites, and items turned in to recycling from metal-only dumpsters around base."

The accumulation at the metal yard is about the size of four to six football fields and is due to several factors.

"At one point, when GTMO was scheduled for closure, mountains of materials were turned in, which started the need for barge to come in for removal," Creighton explained. "But because fuel was higher priced and scrap metal had very low value, it just was not done (recycled off the station). And now, even though fuel prices are up, scrap metal prices are higher than ever, so it's a feasible thing to do."

Port Operations personnel assisted in the project coming to fruition by getting clearance for the *MV Audre* to come to Guantanamo to pick up the metal, says Creighton.

Other than a barge that took a smaller load of metal last year, there has been no record of a barge ever coming to GTMO for the purpose of removing scrap metal.



Photo by MC2(AW) Honey Nixon

Del-Jen workers remove scrap metal from the recycling center Sept. 11. The four-day project required 12-hour shifts, around-the-clock, to extract and load 3,200 tons of accumulating scrap metal onto the MV Audre, the barge that was going to haul the metal away from GTMO.

Ramil Magtoto, a Del Jen field supervisor, was proud to be part of the team that worked the long, hard hours to bring the much-needed project to completion.

Sixty-four Del-Jen employees worked 12-hour shifts, 24-hours-a-day, Sept. 10-14, to remove a large portion of the accumulated scrap metal, which will eventually make its way to Diaco (a steel company) in Cartagena, Colombia.

"The project went very

smooth," said Magtoto, "and I think everyone is excited to see the job completed."

"I'd like give a special thanks to the Del-Jen project managers, Del-Jen's scrap Metal Recycle Team, and Port Ops," added Creighton.

Even though the first phase of the project is complete, said Creighton, the goal for the large amount of the remaining scrap metal, is to have one-third of it removed from the station each year.



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Local runner realizes goal of a life-time

By Melissa Belleman

Editor's note: *The Gazette concludes Melissa Belleman's story of her quest to accomplish a lifetime goal. Last week, the Gazette left off with Belleman training for the 100-mile run at GTMO.*

I would start my long runs at 4 a.m., so that I could get in six hours of running before it became too hot. I found a 14-mile loop that included the access road to JPJ Hill and the dirt road that runs along side it, the Ridgeline Trail and most of its extensions (Tarantula Trail, Pelican Pass, Racer Run) and Hutia Highway. I would run out to Nob Hill, then to Cable Beach, and then try to get onto the trails just as the sun began to rise. I also worked on core strength and did calisthenics to strengthen my leg muscles, to accommodate the long stretches of downhill in Vermont.

Raceday.

I did not sleep well the night before but still managed a few hours rest. I woke at 2 a.m. left for the race at 3 a.m. After signing in, I made one more bathroom run and then it was time to line up. The race started promptly at 4 a.m. It was fun running in the dark on trails, waiting for the sun to rise. When the sun came up it was nice and hazy, so it was easy to keep cool.

The course consisted of a few miles of uphill, followed by a few miles of downhill, followed by a section of trail. We repeated this until we finished the 100 miles.

Mile 44.7 to 76.7.

At mile 44.7, I saw my support crew for the third time. This was also the first medical check, including a weight check. My weight was good, so my crew put me back on the road with a fresh camel-



Melissa Belleman

back. I felt very good about my time at this point. My pace was 5 mph and I arrived at the 44.7-mile point three hours earlier than I did last year. It helped that I paid more attention to the pre-race brief and accepted that I was going to feel a little fatigued after climbing 1000 feet. I slowed down some during the middle 30 miles. I arrived at the 55-mile aid station in 11:40, remembering that one of the speakers during the pre-race brief had said that runners' finish times could be figured by multiplying the 55-mile aid station time by 2. At this rate, I was definitely going to finish under 24 hours, which was my second goal for the day. Running 100 miles under 24 hours gives an ultra-runner status equivalent to that gained by a marathoner who has run a Boston Marathon qualifying time.

At the 60-mile aid station, I stopped and changed shoes, socks, and Dirty Girl Gaiters. It felt good to sit on a camp stool for just a few minutes. The aid station took 20 minutes, but it was time well spent. My spirits were high because I knew I was going to finish and the next section was unusually flat. I was able to stride out a bit and passed several other runners. The next time I saw my aid crew was at the second medical check, mile 68.7. From this point on, I was allowed a pacer.

Final 25.

I reached mile 76.7 about 10 p.m., and was starting to list a bit while running. I decided a little caffeine was in order. I started chewing one piece of caffeinated gum every hour. It took effect immediately, and did not upset my stomach like caffeine pills or caffeinated drinks usually do. I made pretty good time. The next 12-mile leg I ran was much gentler than the previous leg, so I made pretty good time. At mile 88.9, I had a mix-up at the next aid station that put me a little behind.

The first portion of the next leg was depressing because we went through a marshy field that was lopsided and full of horse-hoof divots. The good news was that I knew that I could definitely finish under 24 hours, but the bad news was that I was going to have to push myself to make the time.

Around mile 92, I lost heart

and said to Shirl (my pacer), who was doing her best to push me to run a little faster, "It is okay if I don't finish under 24 hours." She simply replied "Absolutely NOT!" and then forged ahead. I was so close to finishing in less than 24 hours that I knew I would be depressed if I finished in any time greater than that. I was starting to lose my sense of humor, too, so I have to admit I did not appreciate Shirl's energy. In fact, I became angry, which was good, because I picked up the pace and started running strong again.

The final miles were mostly on muddy trail, in the dark, so we ran as best we could. It was spooky and unreal, like a science fiction movie. The half moon hung low, glowing bright orange. I was rudely brought back to reality when I hit a very muddy patch of trail and my left shoe stuck in the

Olympic athlete will help celebrate NEX Customer Appreciation Day

Rulon Gardner graduated from the University of Nebraska with a degree in Physical Education. After graduating, he pursued his Olympic wrestling dreams. Eventually, he won a gold medal in the 2000 summer Olympics in Sydney, Australia.

His sacrifices and dedication to his dreams helped him reach his Olympic aspirations.

He is currently a resident athlete at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo. Some of his accomplishments include: Bronze Medal-2004 Olympic Games, Athens, Greece; 2001 USA Wrestling "Man of the Year;" 2001 ESPY Award



Olympic Gold Medalist, Rulon Gardner

"U.S. Olympic Athlete of the Year;" 2001 Wyoming Sports Hall of Fame "Athlete of the Year;" and 2000 USA Wrestling "Gre-co-Roman Wrestler of the Year."

The NEX Customer Appreciation Day celebration will be held on Oct. 14.

Downtown Lyceum

Friday, Sep. 22

The Ant Bully

8 p.m., PG, 88 min.

Little Man

10 p.m., PG-13, 98 min.

Saturday, Sep. 23

Lady in the Water

8 p.m., PG-13, 110 min.

Miami Vice

10 p.m., R, 132 min.

Sunday, Sep. 24

Snakes on a Plane

8 p.m., R, 106 min.

Monday, Sep. 25

Dallas Cowboy

Cheerleaders

8 p.m.

Tuesday, Sep. 26

Miami Vice

8 p.m., R, 132 min.

Wednesday, Sep. 27

John Tucker Must Die

8 p.m., PG-13, 87 min.

Thursday, Sep. 28

My Super Ex-Girlfriend

8 p.m., PG-13, 96 min.



Miami Vice

Cast: Colin Farrell, Jamie Foxx, Gong Li, Naomie Harris, Ciaran Hinds

Storyline: Ricardo Tubbs lives with Bronx-born intel analyst Trudy, as they work undercover to identify a group responsible for three murders. Sonny Crockett is charismatic and flirtatious until while undercover working with the supplier of the South Florida group-he gets romantically entangled with Isa-bella, the Chinese-Cuban wife of an arms and drugs trafficker. The intensity of this case pushes Crockett and Tubbs out onto the edge where identity and fabrication become blurred.



Little Man

Comedy, Drama, Kids/Family

Cast: Shawn Wayans, Marlon Wayans, Kerry Washington, Tracy Morgan, John Witherspoon

Storyline: A man anxious to be a father mistakes an extremely short-statured, baby-faced criminal on the run as his newly adopted son.

MWR Happenings

Windjammer Dinner Theater

Monday, Sep. 25, 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, "The Ant Bully," begins at 5:30 p.m., and the second movie, "Miami Vice" begins at 8 p.m.

Youth Center Activities

Fri, Sept 22, Gym skating

Sat, Sept 23, Bingo!

Fri, Sept 29, Pizza and movie

Sat, Sept 30, Bouncer night.

FMI on event times call the Youth Center at 74658.

Teen Center Activities

Fri, Sept 22, Skating Night

Sat, Sept 23, Disc Jockey Night

Fri, Sept 29, Rock Wall

Sat, Sept 30, Pool Party

FMI on event times call the Teen Center at 2096.

Youth Bowling League

Sept. 23, starts 5 p.m. 3-man teams. The league will last eight weeks. The cost is \$6.50 per person. FMI call 2118.

Dallas Cowboy Cheerleaders

Sept. 24, 8 p.m., Camp Bulkeley;

Sept. 25, 8 p.m., Downtown Lyceum.

Pop Culture Knowledge Bowl

Oct. 6, starts 7 p.m., Windjammer Ballroom. Brush-up on trivia and have a good time. Great prizes. Register teams by phone. FMI call 4700 or email beckerma@usnbbgtno.navy.mil.

Old School R&B Night

Every Thursday at Pier #6, 8:30 - midnight. FMI call 75868.

GTMO Shopper

For Sale

- (2) Sony Trinitron 32-in. color TV, excellent condition, \$275 OBO. Genesis Recon. BCD, mens, size LG, weight integrated, like new. FMI call 77796.
- (2) Lazy-Z-Boy queen sleeper sofa, country blue-gray, good condition. FMI call 2986 AWH.
- (2) Kenmore dryer, used, needs a timer, \$25. FMI call 77828.
- (2) Evinrude outboard motor, recently rebuilt, 2 stroke, in-line w/manual tilt/trim, runs great, \$2,500. FMI call Tom at 4874 DWH or 77823 AWH.
- (2) Small computer desk, \$30; Black stereo cabinet, \$35. FMI call 4164 or 75571.
- (2) Ab Lounge, perfect condition, \$100. FMI call Bruce at 75749.
- (2) Raptor full cover, 60-in, never water, inflatable tube, \$90. FMI call 77529.
- (1) Amp speakers, 2 BX5a monitors for studio, \$200. FMI call 78015.
- (1) Sharp Aquos LCD TV, 32-in., \$1,000. FMI call John at 78636.
- (1) Stereo Cabinet, black, \$35. FMI call 75688.
- (1) Lamps, plants, other household items. FMI call Gloria Martinez at 77161.

Vehicles/Boats

- (2) 1995 Yamaha FZR 600 motorcycle, new tires, new spark plugs, helmet, vest, cargo net, bike lock, and manual included, \$2,700. FMI call Dell at 75504.
- (2) 1997 Honda Shadow, 1100 cc., lots of extras, \$4,000 OBO. FMI call Chad at 77331.
- (2) 1989 Ford Probe GT, non turbo, new alternator, CD, \$2,500 OBO. FMI call 90116 or 75586.
- (2) 1985 Oldsmobile w/2 doors, CD, newly painted, automatic, runs well, \$2,500 OBO. FMI call 4577, 4165, or 78537.
- (2) 1987 Plymouth Reliant, new tires, runs great, \$1,500. FMI call Petty Officer Craig at 2369 DWH or 75673 AWH.
- (1) 2002 Infiniti G20, 4-door, silver, sports package w/sunroof, spoiler, multi-disc changer, \$11,000. FMI call Jorge at 3333 DWH or 79401 AWH.
- (1) 1997 Ford Ranger, good condition. FMI call Alisha at 77202.

(1) 1990 Acura Integra, silver, \$3,800. FMI call Carvajal at 75720 AWH and 3074 DWH.

(1) 1984 Oldsmobile Firenza, \$1,500 OBO. FMI call 4164 or 75571.

(1) 1987 Dodge Ramp pickup truck, \$1,500 OBO. FMI call 4164 or 75571.

Employment

(1) Human Resources Office announces the following vacancies: Medical Administrative Specialist., GS-07/09, closes Sept. 22; Inpatient Medical Records Tech., GS-05, closes Sept. 22; Outpatient Medical Records Tech., GS-05, closes Sept. 22; Civil Engineering Technician, GS-11, closes Sept. 25; Computer Asst., GS-07, closes Sept. 25; Office Automation Asst., GS-05, closes Sept. 25; Patient Account Tech., GS-0503-05/06, closes Sept. 25; Contract Surveillance Rep., GS-1101-09, closes Oct. 17. Social Services Aide, closes Dec. 29. FMI call 4441.

(1) W.T. Sampson has the following positions available: Educational Aide, GS-03/04, closes Dec. 31; Substitute Teacher, continuous; part-time Office Automation Asst., GS-0326-05, closes Oct. 2. Applications can be picked up and submitted to the W.T. Sampson High School Main Office. FMI call Ramonia at 3500.

(1) CACI International has an opening for an Electronics Technician with experience in the areas of installation, troubleshooting and security network administration. Candidate should also be familiar with wiring/fiber optic schematics and diagrams. FMI call Bryan Phillips at 4843.

(1) Anyone interested in becoming a spinning or Bosu instructor for MWR, call Karissa at 77262 or 84008.

Announcements

(1) Japanese instructor available for those interested in learning Japanese or who would like to continue learning. FMI call Misako Martin at 75830 AWH.

(1) An organizational meeting for the recently approved Naval Station Guantanamo Bay American Legion Post will be held Sept. 26

at the Acey Deucey space of the Windjammer Club, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Eligibility is based on period of service, not place of service. Servicemembers who are presently serving, or have served during World War I, World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War, Lebanon/Grenada, Operation Dessert Shield/Storm, or from Aug. 2, 1990 to present are eligible. FMI call CAPT William Vaughn at 5259.

(1) There will be a pot-luck, retirement party for Marie Goode-Spencer at the Community Center Sept. 23. Please bring a favorite dish to share and come bid her a fond farewell. She will be joining her husband, Bill Spencer, in Beaufort, SC. FMI call Roberta or Rudy at 4172 or 4174.

(1) Latino and new in GTMO? Come out and meet the Latino Community. FMI call Luis or Lydia Alvarez at 77463.

(1) The will be a Hispanic-American Heritage Association (HAHA) dinner dance, Sept. 30, 7 p.m., at the Windjammer Club. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased through Lupe at 4127 or BeltranLupe@usnbgmto.navy.mil or Spec. Gonzalez at 9705 or Miranda.Gonzalez@jftgto.southcom.mil.

(1) Effective through Oct. 21, new hours for the Marine Hill Mini-Mart are: Sunday-Wednesday, 7 a.m. - 10 p.m., Thursday-Saturday, 7 a.m. - midnight. The Marine Hill Gym will also be open until midnight, Thursday-Saturday. The new hours are on a trial basis only.

(1) Girl Scout registration is ongoing, \$10 council registration fee. FMI or to get a registration form, call Rob Hickey at 75789. There will also be a Junior Girl Scout meeting at the Elementary School, Room A-12, Sept. 23, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Forms will be available for those who have not registered. Please plan on staying for some important information given the first 15 minutes of the meeting. Thank you to all the volunteers for all the hard work. FMI call Anika at 75789.

(1) The First Class Association and MWR will sponsor a Family Skate Night, Oct. 1, 5 - 8 p.m., at the Roller Rink, next to the base

gym. Everyone is invited to attend. Skates will be provided. FMI call LN1 McLean at 4833 or PS1 Steer at 4233.

(1) There will be a Teen Outreach Bash (ages 12-18) at the Teen Center, Oct. 7, 2-6 p.m. Come hear about the upcoming events at the Teen Center. There will be lots of entertainment and refreshments. The teen that brings the most friends to register will get to organize a free party for themselves and 30 friends. All materials will be provided by the Teen Center. The location for the party can be at the Teen Center or Windjammer Pool. FMI call 2096.

(1) Quilting and starts 8 p.m., starts 8 p.m., Craft starts 8 p.m., Night, Oct. 30, from 6 - 9 p.m., at the Community Center. FMI call Gigi at 77365.

Wanted

(2) Looking for a child-free home for an older cat. Very sweet and loving. FMI call 77904.

(2) Used freezer or refrigerator w/ freezer. FMI call 77828.

(2) Violin/fiddle instructor for beginner. Need someone to teach and practice with. FMI call Jake at 9786.

(1) Will pay cash for fishing/pontoon boat. FMI call Mike at &977 or 2129.

(1) Guitar lessons. Willing to pay. FMI call Rob at 5010 DWH or 79506 AWH.

Lost or Found

(2) Wallet found on the ferry. FMI call 6448 or 77114.

Yard Sales

Sept. 23 — Caribbean Circle, #22A, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Sept. 24 — Windward Loop, #29D, 7 a.m. - noon.

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 with the ad.



Photo by Devon Christie

Swim meet — *Young swimmers show off their medals after the MWR-sponsored Youth Swim Meet held Sept. 16, at the Windjammer Pool. Swimmers competed in breaststroke, backstroke and freestyle heats in each age category. The age categories were; 5-year-olds and under, 5 - 8 year-olds, and 8-year-olds and above.*

Local runner achieves goal ...

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mud. When I tried to pull it out, only my foot came half way out. I then lost my balance and tried to pull up my second foot to rectify that, only to find that it was also stuck in the mud. My legs were too weak to handle this kind of problem so I started to fall over and instinctively reached out, grabbing the shirt of another runner with us, Mike. His legs were not in any better shape than mine, so he almost fell over, too, but he grabbed a tree. Shirl was ahead of us when she heard all the commotion, so she came back and shined her flashlight on us. We were too tired to figure out what to do. She simply said, "Melissa, get your foot out of the mud." As if this was the smartest idea since the Internet, I worked my foot into the left shoe, then worked out the shoe and foot, then I worked out the right shoe and foot, all the while apologizing for nearly wiping out the other runner.

We continued to pass other runners. We blew past the last

aid station and pushed on until the last mile, when the trail was marked with illuminated plastic milk jugs. It was magical and uplifting to someone who had been running for nearly 24 hours. I felt elated as I ran that last section with Shirl and Mike. I couldn't believe it when I saw the finish line and I ran in with plenty of energy.

My brother was on the other side of the finish line. Shirl and I ran right up to him and had a giant group hug! I couldn't believe I did it! We did it! My finish time was 23 hours and 41 minutes. Subtracting the 20 minutes spent changing shoes and clothes at the 60-mile aid station, my time was the exact double of my mile 55-time, as predicted in the pre-race brief.

I was the 9th-place female, and 57th runner overall out of 262 starters (152 finishers).

"What's next?!" Of course, the next goal is the same as the next goal after my first marathon and my first 50-miler, "Do it faster!"



Photo by MC2(AW) Honey Nixon

Housekeeping contest — *Pathronia Bryan competes for the honors of 'best bed' in the bed-making contest during the Navy Lodge's celebration of National Housekeeping Week, Sept. 16. Participants were judged on neatness, quickness, and overall technique. GTMO housekeepers were honored with a luncheon, prizes, and a special cake. The contest winners, Pathronia Bryan (1st place), Kevin McFarlane (2nd place), and Richard Myers (3rd place), each received a NEX gift card.*

Sailors add anchors ...

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SS) Larry Cairo, NAVSTA Command Master Chief, master of ceremonies for the event.

"The sailors behind me are part of that 7 percent. They have demonstrated the leadership traits, picked the right duty assignments, and are in the right place at the right time. Every sailor, no matter how long they have been in the

Navy, need to realize this, understand they have the ability to achieve this, and work toward it."

The bottom line, according to Cairo, is that "The sailors behind me are ready to join the hallowed halls of the Chief Petty Officers mess. Chief Selects of 2007, I welcome you into the mess."