



Students retrace Columbus' footsteps

Story by MC2(AW) Honey Nixon, Public Affairs Office

Fourth-, fifth-, and sixth-grade students from W.T. Sampson Elementary School learned about what it might have been like in 1494, during a "Columbus Caribbean Field Trip," Oct. 6.

"It was a way to make history come alive for them," said Beverley Zwiebel, W.T. Sampson fifth-grade teacher. "Columbus landed at Guantanamo on his second voyage, so we thought it would be a good field trip to take the children on."

"Just about everything we taught this week had to do with Columbus," said William Moreland, another W.T. Sampson teacher that participated. "Everything from Reading, Social Studies to Science. Prior to our trip, we took dry foods such as raisins, olives, honey, and salted cod and had a food tasting for the children. That way, they could taste some of the food that were on these voyages."

The student's field trip began at the MWR Sailing Center, where they discussed the different parts of a sailboat they had been studying in the days leading up to the field trip.

"We made arrangements to show them the different parts of the boats," said Moreland. "They also watched the sails being raised and the tiller and rudder moving."

The students were also



Photo by MC2(AW) Honey Nixon

Beverley Zwiebel, W.T. Sampson elementary teacher, instructs her students before the releasing of their 'homemade' vessels, Oct. 6, at Ferry Landing.

treated to a presentation from a local Sailor, OS1(SW) Robert Hickok, who discussed the navigational equipment used during Columbus's time.

"I think Mr. Hickok was surprised that they knew as much as they did during the question and answer period," laughed Zwiebel. "We really quizzed them this past week."

"I learned that the keel of the boat keeps it staying upright," said fifth-grade student Brandon Charnecki. "I was surprised that a boat goes anywhere you want it to, and I also noticed that the mast is always in the middle of the boat."

The last stop on the trip was Fisherman's Point at Ferry Landing to read and discuss

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Photo by MC1(SW) Terry Matlock

Awardees — NAVSTA Guantanamo Bay sailors are recognized at command quarters on Thursday, Oct. 5. MA1(SS) Jason Close received a Navy Commendation Medal; MA1 Gerardo Amezcua and MA2 (SW) Nicholas Ackerman, received Navy Achievement Medals; YN3 Angel Datil received a Letter of Commendation and YNSN(AW) Dominic Cottrel received a Good Conduct Medal.

New initiatives for personnel serving as IAs

Story by Chief of Naval Personnel Public Affairs

The Navy recently announced approval of several initiatives aimed at rewarding Sailors who serve in designated combat zones.

Sailors who serve in Individual Augmentee (IA) billets are now eligible for several new benefits, such as points towards advancement and preferred duty location following release of NAVADMIN 273/06.

There are approximately 11,000 Sailors serving on the ground in the Central Command area of responsibility (CENTCOMAOR). More than 4,000 of those are serving on the ground in Iraq.

Specific initiatives vary depending on location and length of tour but can include awarding points towards advancement for enlisted personnel, advancement exam flexibility for Sailors in designated combat areas, duty preference for next shore assignment, and continuation or suspension of assigned sea or shore duty clock during IA assignment.

In addition, IA tour lengths will continue to be addressed. For instance, some assignments to Djibouti as part of Joint Task Force Horn of Africa (JTF-HOA) will be shortened to six months from a year for augmentee personnel.



Photo by MC1 Jackey Bratt

Sailors man their M-16A1s and sit a vigilant watch, as they conduct convoy exercises during the Navy's Individual Augmentee Combat Training course at Fort Jackson, S.C.

Notification timelines for IAs are continuing to increase. All IAs in the last two months were given greater than 30 days notice, with 68 percent being given greater than 45 days notice. The new target goal for notification is 60 days to fill recurring requirements. The new initiatives will award two points towards advancement for an IA serving in a desig-

nated combat zone (Iraq, Afghanistan, HOA) for a period greater than 179 days. Advancement exam flexibility is also available for IAs. Personnel deploying to one of these billets may take their exam up to two months early or one month late to fit around their tour. However, no Sailor will be required to take an exam while they are serving in a designated combat zone. Specifics on these and the rest of the IA initiatives can be found in NAVADMIN 273/06.

"We need to do everything we can to take care of our Sailors and their families while they are doing this very important mission," said Vice Adm. John C. Harvey Jr., Chief of Naval Personnel.

For more information on how to volunteer for an IA billet, please contact your community manager or visit www.npc.navy.mil/CareerInfo/Augmentation/.



Donald Winter, Secretary of the Navy

SECNAV's Navy birthday message

America is an amazing success story. From our humble origins we have grown, prospered, and offered freedom to generations of Americans.

We cherish our independence, our liberties, and our way of life, and like generations before, we unwaveringly defend these bedrocks from those who would do us harm. Since 1775, when the Continental Congress of the United States recognized the need for naval forces, the United States Navy has been vital in protecting our national security.

The heroism and courage of the sailors that have fought our nation's wars since the earliest days of the republic is alive today in each and every one of you; as we once again confront an enemy that openly targets our freedom and our way of life.

Your willingness to serve, your steadfastness in the face of pressure, and your inspiring example of courage in confronting danger are what protect us from those who plot our destruction. The fact that we live in an increasingly dangerous world is a sobering thought.

We have faced great peril
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Navy Divers critical to GTMO and Navy mission

Story by MC1 Igo Wordu, Public Affairs Office

The United States Navy's sustainability is achieved by the combined efforts of different components of the Navy on land, air, and at sea. Ships operating majestically at sea most often serve as symbols of the Navy. Beneath the surface of the sea, however, Navy divers actively perform essential missions ranging from salvage, hull maintenance to Special Warfare support.

From their simple beginnings as swimmers disarming mines during the Civil War, they have evolved to become a very essential component of the Navy.

Here in Guantanamo Bay, the mission of the Navy dive locker is critical, not just to the GTMO community, but also to the entire Navy and the U.S. Coast Guard. GTMO's Navy divers conduct operations including pier security sweeps, industrial inspections, hull inspections, light salvage, diver/swimmer rescue and small craft rescue.

"We provide different kinds of underwater-related support for various commands here including the Naval Station, Joint Task Force and the Coast Guard," said NDC(DSW) Jose Castilla, NAVSTA diving officer. Castilla is one of only a handful of diving officers in the fleet who are not commissioned officers or master divers. Recent taskings included salvaging 1,500-foot towing bridle for "the Barge" in 85 feet of water, successfully treating a severely injured recreational diver, assisting the Seabee battalion with the Leeward fuel pier construction project, and recovering stranded small craft.

Although these tasks may seem routine, being a Navy diver is more than just turning wrenches underwater or performing maintenance on diving

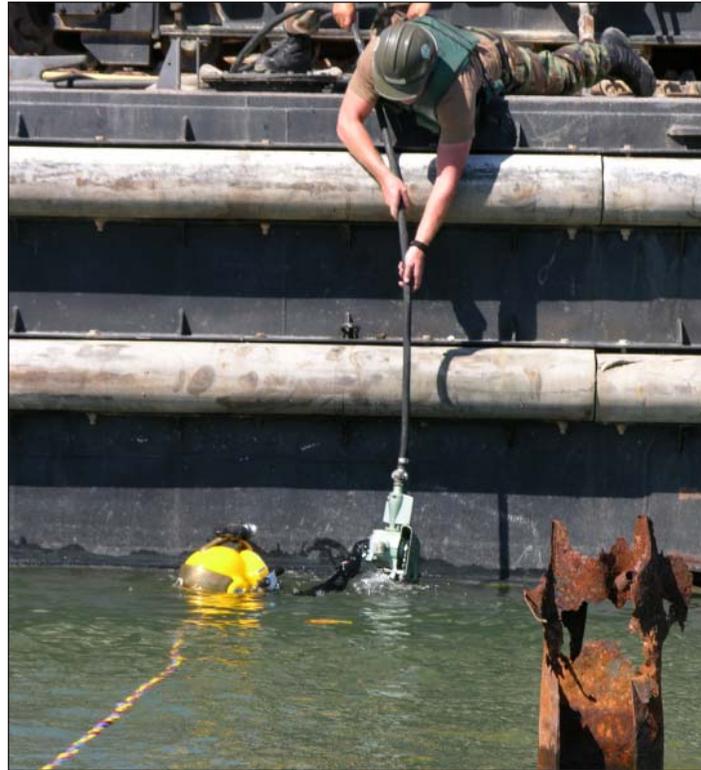


Photo provided by NDC(DSW) Joe Castillo

A GTMO Navy diver prepares to use a pneumatic chain saw underwater in support of the Leeward Pier Quebec project.

equipment. It involves overcoming hard and sometimes extreme mental and physical challenges. The job is often demanding, and sometimes extremely dangerous.

"I've performed jobs in 38-degree-water without a heated suit," says Castilla. "It's even been a source of humor for one of my going-away plaques. It reads, '*Although normally cloaked in a well-made coat of common sense, today I chose to be an exhibitionist.*'"

Castilla says the Navy diver's job demands optimum mental and physical sharpness.

"A diver candidate must possess above-average physical strength," said Castilla. "He or she must be a strong swimmer and prove capable of performing involved mechanical tasks in close spaces, many times at deep depths with little or no vis-

ibility."

A Navy Diver's classification determines the level of job that person is able to perform. The GTMO dive locker is comprised of three First Class Divers and a Diving Medical Technician/ IDC. A First Class Diver can perform operational planning for surface-supplied diving and act as a diving supervisor. Second class divers are trained to perform underwater maintenance, including propeller changes and hull repair, on ships and submarines. Second Class Divers also participate in search and salvage of sunken vessels. Diving Medical Technicians are Hospital Corpsmen who can perform operational surface-supplied air diving as a team member/diver. GTMO's Navy divers are fully qualified to diagnose and treat decompres-

sion sickness including diving related arterial gas embolism, otherwise referred to as 'the bends.' A standard recompression chamber team consists of a supervisor, "comms and logs" man, a "driver," and inside tender. The patient and inside tender are "driven" to the equivalent of 60 feet seawater for a treatment ranging from five to seven hours. While "on the bottom" a patient will breathe oxygen in a series of 20-minute periods.

"Our recompression chamber is used to support, government diving operations around the Caribbean, recreational diving on GTMO, and screening tests for diver candidates in the DIVER, SEAL or EOD pipeline," said Castilla.

Castilla says a Navy Diver's mission is that of accomplishing his/her task for the Navy. It's not for personal gratification; this differentiates their job from recreational diving.

"Recreational diving is, by definition, not a sport. It's recreation," said Castilla.

"In sports, achievement is most often measured in numbers and records. In recreational diving, however, there is no such achievement in numbers or records - in how many dives I made today or how deep I went. Folks who hold to this misguided paradigm truly believe there's some achievement in it all. There is none. In fact, the numbers and records only support this false sense of achievement as putting oneself and others at risk. Bottom line, it's just what the name implies, 'recreational'."

Castilla encourages GTMO Sailors interested in a career as a Navy Diver to visit <http://www.navy.com/about/navy/life/onduty/navydiver/> or contact the dive locker at 4444.

GTMO Environmental Department recognizes Del-Jen personnel

Story by Tracye Miller, Purchasing Manager, Del-Jen, Inc.

This week Guantanamo Base Maintenance Contractor, Del-Jen International received praise and awards from the GTMO Environmental Department for aggressively helping to lighten the Naval Base's load when it comes to scrap metal.

Nearly 3,000 tons of scrap metal was removed from the base by Del-Jen on September 14, 2006 during a mammoth undertaking that required a team of 64 men and women working around the clock for four straight days to load the metal aboard a ship.

Christopher Creighton, Environmental Compliance Program Manager, says Del-Jen performed a critical task for the Base and he created certificates for every single worker involved in the project to show his appreciation.

D.J.I. Project Manager Dave Barry says the loading of the ship was extremely dangerous, "this was an undertaking that came with a very high level of risk—but ensuring the safety of our workforce is paramount.

We worked very hard to plan and train our people on safe loading procedures, and



Photo by Tracye Miller

Team Del-Jen receives certificates of appreciation for successfully removing nearly 3,000 Tons of scrap metal from the Base in mid-Sept.

even though cranes were swinging a thousand pounds of scrap metal overhead our people were always safe.

We also made sure proper personal protective equipment was used, and the men guiding the loads of metal into the ship had frequent breaks and were watched carefully."

The scrap metal collected at the base metal yard comes from materials turned

into DRMO, junked vehicles, construction demolition sites and items collected by Del-Jen's recycling crew.

Del-Jen has been aggressively compacting, crushing, cutting and baling the metal in an effort to get it ready for off-island shipment.

The metal was sold to a steel company in South America.



Holiday Rotator Schedule

Holiday leave periods and 'Rotator' flight schedule for the upcoming holiday period.



Leave Periods:
Nov. 18 - Dec. 2
Dec. 2 - 16
Dec. 16 - 30
Dec. 30 - Jan. 13



Rotator Schedule:
Nov. 4, 7, 11, 18, 21, 25
Dec. 2, 5, 9, 16, 19, 23, 26, 30
Jan. 2, 6, 9, 13, 20, 23, 27

Join in the Million-Minute Reading Madness

W.T. Sampson School invites the Guantanamo Bay Community to discover how time flies when you're having fun reading!

The goal is to have base residents read a million minutes by Jan. 15, 2007. Everyone is welcome to join in the madness!

The collective "clock" will begin on Monday, Oct. 16. Participation forms will be available at the elementary and high school information centers, the base library and the NEX service counter. Time will be tallied weekly with updates posted throughout the community, in the Gazette, on radio, and the 'Roller'!

The madness will end with a base-wide celebration scheduled for mid-January. Get mad about reading and see how time flies!

Sponsored by the School-Community-Home Partnership Committee of W. T. Sampson School.



Worship Services

Catholic

Catholic Mass Mon. thru Fri. 6 p.m. (Main Chapel)
 Confession, Mon. thru Fri. 5:15 p.m. (Main Chapel) Sat. 4:15 p.m., Sun. 8:15 a.m.
 Vigil Mass, 5 p.m. (Main Chapel)
 Sunday Mass, 9 a.m. (Main 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.

Students retrace history ...

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the historical marker placed there commemorating Columbus's landing at Guantanamo Bay on April 30, 1494.

Children were then tasked with drawing Columbus's three ships — Nina, Pinta, and the Santa Maria — on the Ferry Landing parking lot. The ships were drawn to scale with chalk, and students then walked up a stairwell to look below and compare the size of Columbus's vessels to the school buses they rode on that day.

"Once we outlined the ship, we also made the children sit inside them," said Moreland. "We asked them what it would be like to live on a boat like this, since back then they had no real berthing."

This exercise was followed with the launching of students' hand-made paper vessels into the bay to observe currents ships face during navigation.

"I was surprised my boat survived even when (the current) wasn't that strong," said fifth-grader Ana Hernandez. "On our field trip I learned that Columbus's ship had to sail by the wind, and I noticed that Columbus had a lot of responsibility for his crew and the direction they were going."



Columbus

"Since we can't get students involved in the local culture, we get them involved in the history of Guantanamo," said Moreland. "If something seems effective, we keep it, and this is the second year we have done this. In our evaluation, it's been very effective."

"I hope we will go on another field trip like this one," added Hernandez. "The only thing that would make it better is if Columbus was talking to us himself."

"They ended the trip with a writing assignment about what they liked best about the trip and what they learned," said Zwiebel. "They are right next to history here, and if you can connect it to their lives, they make a real connection with the past."

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before, and we have prevailed. From those in Iraq and Afghanistan, to those deployed at sea and ashore around the world, to those at home who are responsible for recruiting; training, supplying, and providing intelligence to warfighter, you are all engaged in a noble and worthy endeavor to preserve our way of life and keep America safe.

On this 231st birthday of the United States Navy, take unique

pride in knowing that your service and your sacrifice continue to do honor to a great nation. Your nation, fellow Americans, and our friends and allies around the world respect and appreciate your commitment. It is my honor and privilege to be your secretary as we celebrate this birthday.

May God bless you, your families, and the United States of America.



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**The new
 'Deli &
 Bakery' at
 the GTMO
 Commissary
 is now open.**

Downtown Lyceum

Friday, Oct. 13

**Concert with
Master P & Romeo**

8 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 14

Zoom

8 p.m., PG, 88 min.

Accepted

10 p.m., PG-13, 93 min.

Sunday, Oct. 15

Material Girls

8 p.m., PG, 99 min.

Monday, Oct. 16

Snakes on a Plane

8 p.m., R, 106 min.

Tuesday, Oct. 17

Accepted

8 p.m., PG, 93 min.

Wednesday, Oct. 18

Material Girls

8 p.m., PG, 99 min.

Thursday, Oct. 19

Pulse

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



Material Girls

Comedy, Drama, Teen

Cast: Hilary Duff, Anjelica Huston, Brent Spiner, Lukas Haas

Storyline: Ava and Tanzie Marchetta have it all. The heiresses to a multi-million dollar cosmetics company, the girls approach life as one big party. But when a scandal involving one of their products emerges, the girls are left penniless, homeless, and seemingly helpless.



Accepted

Comedy

Cast: Justin Long, Jonah Hill, Adam Herschman, Columbus Short, Maria Thayer

Storyline: High school senior Bartleby "B" Gaines is on his way to scoring eight out of eight rejection letters from colleges, which isn't going to go over big with Mom and Dad. At least he's not alone in the exclusion. Several of his crew of outcast friends are in the same, college-less boat. So how does a guy facing a bleak career please his parents and get noticed by dream girl Monica? Simple. Open his own university.

MWR Happenings

Windjammer Dinner Theater

Monday, Oct. 16, 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, "Sponge Bob Square Pants," begins at 5:30 p.m., and the second movie, "Sleepover" begins at 8 p.m.

Youth Flag Football

Oct. 13, Cooper Field. Draft held for all children as follows: 4-6-year-olds at 6 p.m., 7-9 year-olds at 7 p.m., and 10-12-year-olds at 8 p.m. Register at the base gym. FMI call Jessica at 2113.

Paintball Tourney

Oct. 15, 5 p.m., Cooper Field. Sponsored by Sketchers, 5-man teams. No entry fees, equipment provided. 1st-, 2nd-, and 3rd-place prizes will be awarded. Registration required. FMI call Glen at 2345.

Stephenie's Manhattan

Oct. 15-20, beginning at 9 a.m., at the Windjammer. Beauty treatments include micro-dermabrasion, photo-facials, pumpkin peel, brow and lash tints, waxing. FMI call Eric at 75604.

Captain's Cup Soccer

Oct. 16, rosters due. No late rosters will be accepted. Mandatory coach's meeting Oct. 19. Men's meeting at 6 p.m., and women's meeting at 6:30 p.m.. Soccer begins Oct. 23. FMI call Jessica at 2113.

Liberty Activities

Fri., Oct. 13, 7 p.m., Night Paintball
Sat., Oct. 14, 9 a.m., Water Ski and wakeboarding, Marina.
Sun., Oct. 15, 10 a.m., 4-on-4 Volleyball, Windmill Beach. FMI call 2010 or 77421.

Sunday Night Football

Sundays, 1 p.m. - midnight, Acey Duecey Club, DJ Bernard. FMI call 75868.

GTMO Shopper

For Sale

- (2) Car speaker set, 2, 12's w/amp, \$700. FMI call 2368 DWH or 79563 AWH.
- (2) Crib w/mattress, excellent condition, \$75 OBO; In-Step double jogging stroller, excellent condition, \$75 OBO. FMI call 75584.
- (2) Infant seat, vibrates and bounces, good condition, \$25; See' n Lights play seat, good condition, \$20; infant bath tub, \$5. FMI call 77954.
- (2) Sony Trinitron TV w/Sony stand, \$450; 52-gal. saltwater aquarium w/stand and accessories, \$400 OBO. FMI call 3661 DWH or 77788 AWD.
- (2) 15 x 18 royal blue carpet, \$80; 12 x 15 royal blue carpet, \$40; Oak finish dining room table w/chairs, 7-piece w/leaf, \$200 OBO; Bush computer workstation, desk and hutch combination, \$85 OBO; Broyhill master bedroom set, 7 piece, oak finish, excellent condition, \$500 OBO. FMI call 77981.
- (1) JVC 24-in., 5-CD changer, furniture, queen size mattress w/box spring. FMI call 77023 or 84716.
- (1) 2 in-1 sofa/queen bed, good condition, \$100. FMI call Amil at 78116.
- (1) Washer and dryer set, \$400. FMI call 79499 AWH.
- (1) Apple Ipod, video capability, 60 GB, black, head phones, USB cable, software, excellent condition, \$350. FMI call Saul at 79490.
- (1) Toddler bed w/mattress, light-colored pine, \$70; "Crib for Life" w/mattress, \$70; daybed without mattress, \$80; marble/slate pool table, \$300. FMI call 77580.
- (1) Sirius satellite radio, like new, \$150; HP Ipaq PDA, \$150. FMI call

90196 or 75778.

Vehicles/Boats

- (2) 1994 Kawasaki Vulcan 1500, saddlebags, Cobra pipes, new tires, \$2,900. FMI call 78010 AWH or 3377 DWH.
- (2) 1989 Chevrolet Suburban, \$1,500. FMI call 74389 or 5849.
- (1) 2003 Yukon Denali, 26K miles, Kelly Blue Book market value, \$29,900. FMI call 77828.
- (1) 2003 Jeep Grand Cherokee Limited, 4WD Quadra Drive, fully loaded w/10-CD changer, \$18,500. FMI call 84153 or 4210.

Employment

- (1) Human Resources Office announces the following vacancies: Health Technician GS-1101-09, closes Oct. 17; Secretary GS-0318-03/04/05, closes Oct. 24; Medical Records Technician, closes Oct. 24; 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 Applications can be picked up and submitted to the W.T. Sampson High School Main Office. FMI call Ramonia at 3500.
- (1) Navy Federal Credit Union is seeking a Part-Time Member Service Representative, approximately 30-35 hours per week. Applicants should be flexible, outgoing, and possess a professional appearance. FMI contact Kim or Brandy at 74333.
- (1) The gym is looking for soccer officials. These will be paid position. Season begins Oct. 23. FMI Karissa

Sandstrom 77262 or sandstromka@usnbgmtmo.navy.mil.

Announcements

- (2) The Navy Beach Ball is Oct. 21, 6p.m. at Ferry Landing Beach. Ticket prices are as follows: E-4 and below, \$3; E-5 - E-6, \$5; E-7 and above, \$7. Ticket sales stop Oct. 18. FMI call 2351.
- (2) MWR School of Dance schedule changes are as follows; 2-year-olds, Tuesday, 4 - 4:30 p.m., Creative Movement; 3-year-olds, Tuesdays, 4:45 - 5:30 p.m., Ballet/Tap; 4-year-olds, Saturdays, 1 - 1:30 p.m., Ballet/Tap; 5-year-olds, Fridays, 1:45 - 2:30 p.m., Ballet/Tap/Jazz; 6-year-olds, Fridays, 4-5 p.m., Ballet/Tap/Jazz; 7-8 year olds, Fridays, 5-6 p.m, Jazz; 9-13 year-olds, Saturdays, Noon- 1 p.m., Jazz.
- (2) The Fleet and Family Support Center presents "Developing Your Spending Plan," Nov. 17, 9 - 10:30 a.m. FMI call 4141.
- (1) The Fleet and Family Support Center presents "Basic Word Processing for the Workplace," Nov. 17, 9 - 10:30 a.m. FMI call 4141.
- (2) The Officer's and Civilian's Spouses Club invites all officer, enlisted, and civilian spouses to a "Welcome to the Island" gathering at Captain and Mrs. Leary's dock Oct. 14, 6p.m. RSVP at 77799 by Oct. 12.
- (1) The Youth Center will hold open house, Oct. 18, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. FMI call 4658.
- (1) Protestant Woman of the Chapel's monthly program 'Living Letters to Let the World Know,' will be held Oct. 19, 6:30 p.m., at Chapel Hill Fellowship Hall. Members

please bring soup, salad, or bread. FMI call Sheila Edwards at 4135 or Isabel Rameriz at 77734.

(1) We just wanted to say 'thanks.' We're finally, after 14 years, leaving our home in GTMO. We are very sad to be leaving, but we must go after our dreams. My husband, Clayton, has dreamed of going home and he has accepted a job with the Veterans Hospital in Beckley, W.V. This is only two hours from his boyhood home in the Blue Ridge Mountains. I, Earlene, have only four more years before retiring and here we go, off into the unknown. Hopefully, I can get a government job, but, as Dad says, "If the turtle doesn't stick his neck out, he won't get anywhere." Clayton wants to go into business for himself and work on his family farm. This is the opportunity he's been waiting for. This is very difficult for our two daughters, April and Alice, 'the twins' as GTMO is the only home they've ever known. We will go in good faith, that all will be well, and that God has a plan for us all, but it is with a sad heart that we pull up 14 years of roots and leave home here in GTMO and all the wonderful people that have passed through our life, including each one of you. Thanks to you all. We'll be leaving Oct. 10. It is our hope to see any of you that may be traveling in our direction. You are all most welcome. We will look forward to seeing old friends, and remembering old times, as we fly away for new adventures, The Helms Family.

Wanted

- (2) Will pay cash for fishing/pontoon boat. FMI call Mike at 77977 or 2129.
- (2) Caregiver needed in my home for 2-year-old son. Mondays through Fridays, 2 - 6 p.m. FMI call 75521.
- (1) Used refrigerator or freezer. Potted palm or coconut trees. FMI call 77828.

Lost or Found

- (1) 'Remembrance' bracelet found at Windmill Beach. Call to identify. FMI call 75666.

Yard Sales

- Oct. 13 — Granadillo Point, #4C, noon - 4p.m.
- Oct. 14 — Granadillo Point, #4C, 8 a.m. - noon.
- Oct. 14 — Villamar, #730B, 8 a.m.
- Oct. 15 — Granadillo Point, #4C, 8 a.m. - noon.

Public notice of JCAHO Survey

The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) and the Navy Medical Inspector General (MEDINSGEN) will conduct a joint accreditation survey of U.S. Naval Hospital Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, from Oct. 24 -26, 2006.

The purpose of this survey will be to evaluate the organization's compliance with nationally established Joint Commission and United States Navy standards. The survey results will be used to determine whether, and the conditions under which, accreditation should be awarded to the organization.

Patients and staff members may contact a JCAHO surveyor during this survey and request a public information interview. They will be located on the second deck of the hospital in the PI Conference Room (Room H297C) and can be contacted by dialing 72267. You may contact JCAHO prior to the survey by dialing 1-800-994-6610. Concerns may also be brought to the attention of the MEDINSGEN by calling the MEDINSGEN Hotline at 1-800-637-6175, DSN 295-9010 or via e-mail at medig-hotline@us.med.navy.mil.

GTMO happenings



Photo by Stacey Byington

GTMO says 'farewell' — Jeff and Gwynnie Hayhurst open a farewell gift presented by Fred and Deenie Burns during a "Hail and Farewell" held at the Bayview Club on Saturday, Oct. 7. The gift was a karaoke machine. CDR Hayhurst, the NAVSTA executive officer, is well known for his regular Saturday night karaoke performances. The Hayhursts depart GTMO at the end of the month, after two years on station.



Photo by MC1(SW) Terry Matlock

The 'Guardians' — The U.S. Coast Guard shows off three of their rescue vehicles right at the Down-town Lyceum in honor of the opening of the new movie "The Guardian," on Thursday, Oct. 5. On display were the HH-65C "Dolphin" Short Range Recovery Helicopter, HH-60 "Jayhawk" Medium Range Recovery Helicopter and a patrol boat. The movie, which got great reviews, is about a famed Coast Guard Rescue swimmer who is re-assigned to teach at the legendary Coast Guard "A" School and who then inspires one cocky rookie to learn the true meaning of heroism and sacrifice.



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Pop rocks — The "Los Ganadores" team, made up of J. Mark Nesvig, Jason Miller, and Michael Quigley, respectively, beat out 13 other teams to become the "Precocious Purveyors of Pop," in MWR's Knowledge Bowl 6, held Friday, Oct. 6, at the Windjammer Club. "IT PC Connection" team placed second and "Linguisticusff" came in third.



Photo by Harriot Johnston

Going home — Friends bid a heart-felt farewell to the Helms family — Clayton, Earlene, April and Alice, at a get-together on Saturday, Oct. 7, at the 'Dock of the Bay'. After 14 years in GTMO the Helms have seen residents of GTMO come and go and now it's time for them to move on. The Helm's family are heading to the Blue Ridge Mountain region of West Virginia.