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Seabees can do, extremely quickly

Story by MC1 Robert Lamb, Public Affairs Office

Just days after arriving at Guantanamo Bay, a detachment of Seabees from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 133, homeported out of Gulfport, Miss., were hard at work repairing a bridge located up the Guantanamo Bay River. Personnel from NMCB 133 knew before they arrived here on Feb. 14, that repairing the bridge would be their main focus during their six-month deployment. At least that's what they thought!

Just as the Seabee crew began to be fully engaged with the bridge repair, the decision was made to close the Leeward Ferry Landing while it was given a much needed face-lift. This meant that ferry operations would be curtailed significantly until repairs on the landing were completed sometime in May or June, unless a temporary ferry landing could be constructed.

"Public Works asked us if we would build a temporary landing," said LT Kenneth Daplas, NMCB 133 Officer in Charge. "My guys went over and scoped out the project, and soon after that starting making plans to build a temporary landing. We had to overcome some issues and there is some stuff that we can't control, but we'll do fine."

The ferry can carry 14 - 15 vehicles per trip depending on the type of vehicles. On an average day the ferry carries 445 passengers and 112 vehicles back and



Photo by MC1 Robert Lamb

A detachment of Seabees from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 133, Gulfport, Miss., construct a temporary ferry landing on the Leeward side of the station. EA3 Janelle Duncan, SW3 Ronnie Williams and SW3 Robert Elwyn simultaneously weld, scrape, and drill in order to meet the project deadline.

forth. The Landing Craft Utility (LCU) can only carry 6 - 7 vehicles, depending on size, and can carry a maximum of 40 people per run.

"With the current construction work on the Leeward side, it is beneficial for NAVSTA to provide a temporary ferry landing," said Dan Sammons, with

the Public Works Department. "Additionally, a temporary landing would allow for 'business as usual' traffic flow between Windward and Leeward and would help to ensure quality of life is not diminished."

"We're used to change, and we adjust," said Daplas. "The toughest thing about this job is

gathering the materials. One Seabee goes and picks up timber, another goes and gets gravel, so we are running around quit a bit. Design-wise it's pretty straight forward and we'll do everything we can to get it done."

"By allowing the Seabees to do this work, we save money and provide good training for the deployed Seabees," said Sammons.

The meeting, design phase and gathering materials all took place late February. The Leeward Ferry Landing was officially closed March 5, so the 10-person crew of NMCB 133 had approximately two weeks to complete a fully functional temporary ferry landing, in minimal time and help keep GTMO's traffic rolling along.

EO2(SCW) Dennis Miller, crew leader for the Leeward Ferry Landing project, explains that whatever job they are tasked to do is fine with him.

"We came in and took over the GTMO bridge project from NMCB 5, and a week or so later we were here," said Miller. "That's fine. It's the first time we've ever done this type of structure before, but all the work is pretty much the normal work we do. This is what we are trained to do."

With the help of BREMCOR, the base services contractor and Burns, Roe and Dick Corp., Port

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Administrative tribunals to begin for high-value detainees

By Sgt. Sara Wood, USA, American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON - The Defense Department announced March 6 that administrative tribunals will begin March 9 for 14 high-value detainees transferred in September to the U.S. detention center in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

The Combatant Status Review Tribunals, which determine whether or not a detainee can be qualified as an enemy combatant, will be held at Guantanamo Bay without media coverage, Bryan Whitman, a DoD spokesman, told reporters. There is no time limit for the completion of the tribunals, but all 14 high-value detainees will go through the process, as all other detainees at Guantanamo Bay have, he said.

In an effort to be transparent in dealings with detainees, DoD will provide transcripts of the tribunals as they are completed, Whitman said. He noted that these transcripts will have to be edited to remove information that could be dangerous to national security.

"The goal of the department and the United States government here is to be as transparent as possible," Whitman said, addressing the same issue. "But I think everybody recognizes

that these individuals are unique for the role that they have played in terrorist operations and in combat operations against U.S. forces. So obviously, we're going to have to look at information that's presented by them in their combatant status review tribunals to ensure that we're protecting information that's important to national security."

The 14 high-value detainees, including Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, Abu Zubaydah, and Ramzi bin al-Shibh, were transferred Sept. 6, 2006, from CIA custody to Guantanamo Bay. At the time, President Bush said that Mohammed is believed to be the mastermind behind the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, Abu Zubaydah smuggled al Qaeda leaders out of Afghanistan at the start of the U.S. military action there in late 2001, and bin al-Shibh helped Mohammed plan the Sept. 11 attacks.

Also, DoD announced the completion of the second round of annual administrative review boards at Guantanamo Bay. The boards, which ran from Jan. 30, 2006, to Dec. 6, 2006, resulted in 55 recommendations for transfer and 273 recommendations for continued detention.



Photo by MC1 Igo Wordu

Special achievement — *NAVSTA personnel stand in ranks awaiting award presentations during command quarters, Feb 28. The following is a list of all awardees:*

MA3(SW) Kenneth Aungst: Blujacket of the Quarter

IS2 Naomi Fruge: Junior Sailor of the Quarter

MA1(SW) Thomas Kryzkwa: Navy/Marine Corps
Achievement Medal

AG3 Stephen Padgett: Good Conduct Medal

ET1(SW) Jerry Ramm: Sailor of the Quarter

BM2 Andres Rolonviera: Letter of Commendation

MA1(AW) Mitchell Young: Navy/Marine Corps
Commendation Medal

Cut-off dates set for purchase and contract requests

Commander, Fleet and Industrial Supply Centers (COM-FISC) has established cut-off dates for acceptance of purchase or contract requests for all COM-FISCS contracting departments.

Strict adherence to the dates is critical to ensure requirements with expiring funds are obligated prior to the end of fiscal year 2007, and to successfully meet customer needs, given current limited COM-FISCS resources and Federal and Department of Defense acquisition regulatory requirements:

Cut-off dates and estimated

amount type of action are:

— April 27: More than \$1 million Contract/Delivery Order

— May 25: \$100,001 to \$1 million Contract/Delivery Order

— May 25: any dollar amount Exercise of Option Annual Rental and Maintenance (ARMS)

— Aug. 10: \$25,001 to \$100,000 Purchase/Delivery Orders

— Aug. 24: \$3,001 to \$25,000 Purchase/Delivery Orders.

— Aug. 24: \$3,000 or less Micropurchase per NAVSUP-INST 4200.99

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'Taddy Bear' project helps GTMO students

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

What can a little, gray teddy bear teach a group of third graders? Mrs. Boswell's class at W.T. Sampson Elementary can tell you.

"Taddy," the bear, found his way to their classroom through the inspiration of a third grade class in a DoDDS classroom across the globe in Germany.

"Mary McKensie, a DoDDS teacher in Germany, sent an e-mail out, requesting that a third grade class become pen pals with her class there," said Pat Boswell, local third-grade teacher. "I had worked in Germany for 14 years, so we immediately got involved and we have been writing to the class in Germany all year."

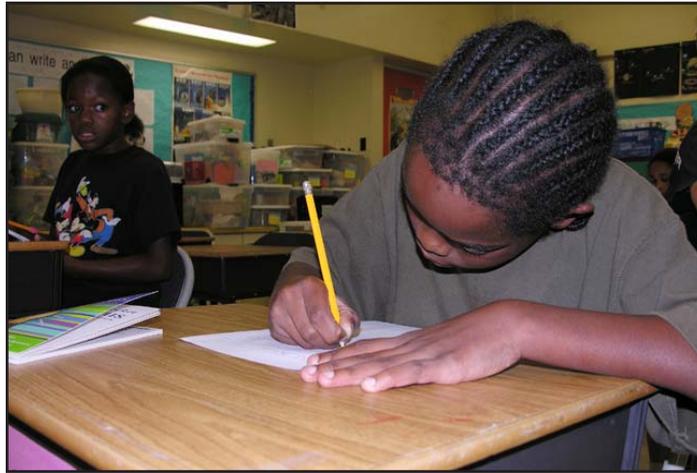
The pen-pal project offered both classes instruction in letter formatting, capitalization, and punctuation. The project took on a new life when the teachers decided that, in addition to exchanging letters, Taddy, along with his journal, would travel all the way from Germany to learn about GTMO and its unique culture.

Taddy's task was to learn about Cuba's environment and take that information back to the class back in Germany, through journal entries written by each GTMO student, when they each took him home for the night.

"We learned about a different cultures and what they do there, and we taught them about Cuba," said Tyler Deangelis, who took Taddy home for three nights. "Taddy also played basketball at the gym."

Perhaps one of the most important lessons was the art of responsibility.

"Taddy almost got left at the Youth Center one day," laughed Boswell. "But one of the kids spotted him, so he made it home safely."



Marcel Bonilla writes a pen-pal letter to another third-grade student in Germany. Students wrote each other during the entire school year to learn exchange information about each other's cultures.

The local community was also challenged to participate in the project by offering a GTMO fact to any student seen carrying Taddy with them, so they could add it to Taddy's journal.

"We also e-mailed the class in Germany almost every day

to keep them informed about their beloved Taddy, and to give them fun facts about Taddy's adventures," added Boswell.

Taddy was treated to the full GTMO experience when he took a tour of the Northeast gate and learned about Fidel Castro.

"Social Studies was also integrated into the experience and we taught them about the seven continents and the equator," said Boswell.

"I learned that when it's night-time for us that it's day-time for them," said Alyssa Doula, one of the students in Boswell's class.

"It's been great for them, and they have really enjoyed this project," said Boswell.

This exchange of learning between the classes will not end with Taddy. 'Iggy,' a stuffed iguana, will also become a conduit of learning when he travels to Germany to teach Ms. Boswell's class the about German culture.

"They are very excited about us sending Iggy, and we are very pleased with how this project has continued to grow," says Boswell. "They have learned so much, and it will only continue."

Community Library celebrates Dr. Seuss' birthday and Million-Dollar Read-a-thon

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

The MWR Community Library celebrated the birthday of famous children's author Dr. Seuss, during a Backyard Birthday Bash, held March 2, behind the library.

The celebration drew hundreds of children and their parents who enjoyed Seuss readings, skits performed by local high schoolers, as well as original puppet shows every half hour in the library's new puppet theater.

Children also enjoyed face-painting, bouncers, and a Dr. Seuss birthday cake in honor of what would have been the celebrated author's 103rd birthday.

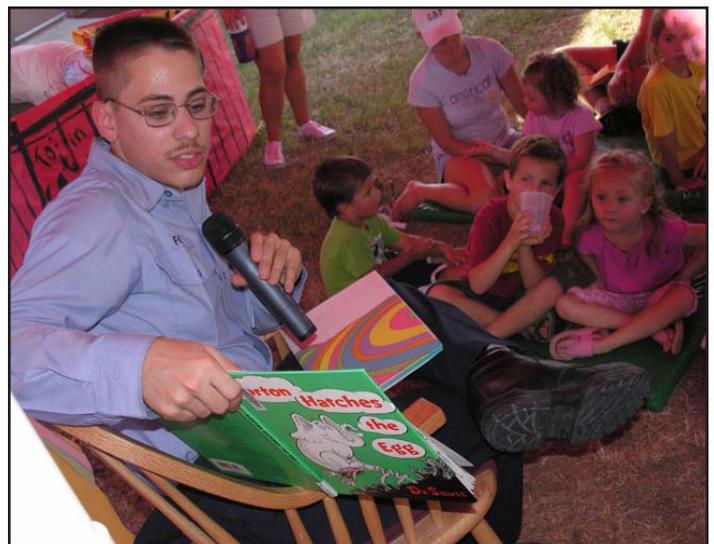


Photo by MC2(AW) Honey Nixon

YNSR Matthew Fox reads to a group of transfixed listeners during the Dr. Seuss's Birthday Backyard Bash, March 2, behind MWR's Community Library.

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Photo provided by Terill Hill

Youth Cotillion—*Participants pose for a quick photo during Guantanamo Bay's first Youth Cotillion at the Bayview Restaurant, Feb. 27. After attending classes in etiquette, ballroom dancing, formal dining room etiquette, and public speaking, the newly 'groomed' ladies and gentlemen showed-off their new skills during the formal event.*

WANTED

Missing Boot



If anyone has seen this 'Boot' please contact ENS Jeremy Gerrard at 4503.

Seabees help with temporary landing project ...

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Operations Services contractor, the Seabees got right to work. Within days, a road had been cleared, truckloads of gravel had been laid and huge 5/8-inch thick pieces of steel were placed down for a ramp, and pylons were being set to form a barrier to guide the ferry once it arrived.

"Most of our battalion is serving over in the Gulf," said SW2 Ronnie Williams. "We came down here with 26 people, but only 10 are needed for this particular project. Ten is enough. Work is work, and we can handle this."

Though the Seabee project is nearing completion, it will require inspection and testing prior to any ferry operations. Next week's Gazette will update the community on the status of the project.



Photo by MC1 Robert Lamb

EO3 Joseph Wagner, with a little help from a fellow Seabee, lifts a 5/8-inch thick piece of steel deck-plate, used in the temporary ferry landing project. The deck-plates will be welded together in order to form a level landing.



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JV League standings

Teams	Win	Loss
Hawks	5	2
Cavaliers	4	3
Knicks	2	6

League results and standing reflect games played through March 7. Regular schedule for the Captain's Cup will continue for all leagues until March 12 for the JV league 8; March 12 for the Men's league; and March 13 for the Women's league.

Captain's Cup basketball league

Men's League standings

Teams	Win	Loss
Fusion Devastators	14	0
Hospital Rams	13	3
Winter's Henchmen	10	3
525 Vigilant Warriors	10	5
Devils	8	6
Gangsta	8	6
Coast Guard	8	6
BCO Bandits	7	6
Int'l Players	6	8
CBQ Warriors	5	5
Maryland Boys	5	8
Burnes & Roe	5	9
Prime Projects Int'l PPT	5	9
W.T Sampson's Guys	4	9
Leeward Heat	2	12
Pentad	2	13

Women's League standings

Teams	Win	Loss
NAVSTA	3	2
Hospital	3	2
W.T. Sampson	2	3

Dr. Suess' birthday

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"It's important for them to make the connection with the books they read and the person who authors them," said Maxine Becker, Community Librarian. "To celebrate their existence as well as their legacies through the books they write. I am so pleased the event was well attended."

Elementary and high school students, school faculty and staff, personnel from the child development and youth center, and MWR maintenance, all worked together to make the day a success for all attendees. The celebration also concluded W.T. Sampson's 'Read Across America' Campaign and the Million Dollar Read-a-thon which resulted in 1,063,669 minutes being read by local students.

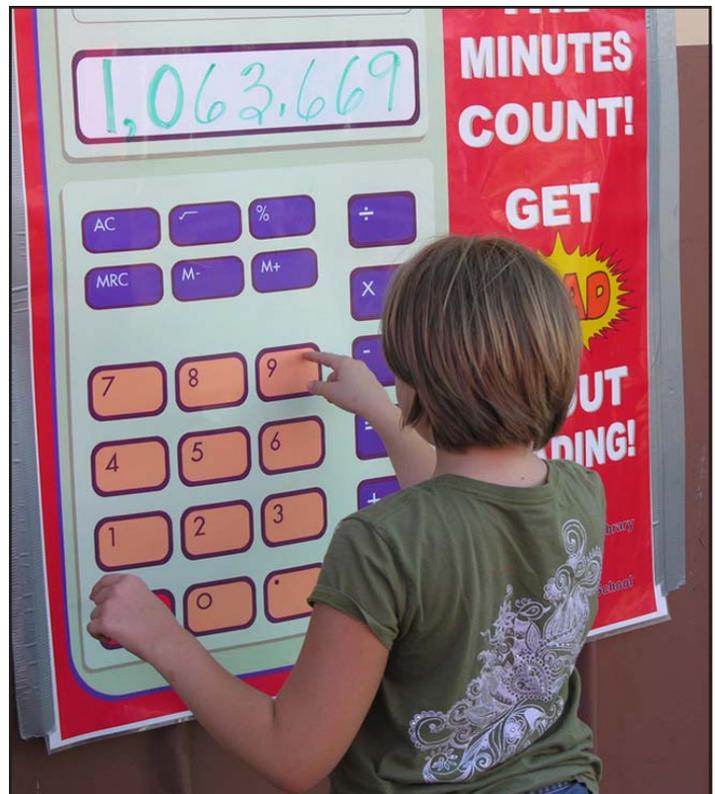


Photo by MC2(AW) Honey Nixon

Rachael Otto calculates the number of minutes read during the Read-Across-America campaign and Million-Dollar Read-a-thon.

Downtown Lyceum

Friday, March 9

Freedom Writers

7 p.m., PG-13, 123 min.

Dreamgirls

9 p.m., PG-13, 131 min.



Dreamgirls

Genre: Drama

Beyonce Knowles, Jamie Foxx, Eddie Murphy, Danny Glover, Jennifer Hudson

Storyline: Three friends from Chicago are a promising singing trio called The 'Dreamettes.' Their talent attracts an ambitious manager by the name of Curtis Taylor, Jr. Taylor reshapes the group to 'crossover' from R&B to the lucrative pop music scene. They successfully attract a "whiter" audience and The Dreams rise to international stardom. Money, fame, and adulation, however, doesn't bring them happiness.

Saturday, March 10

Arthur and the Invisibles

7 p.m., PG, 94 min.

The Hitcher

9 p.m., R, 84 min.

Sunday, March 11

Stomp the Yard

8 p.m., PG-13, 114 min.

Monday, March 12

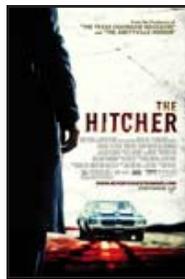
Alpha Dog

8 p.m., R, 118 min.

Tuesday, March 13

The Hitcher

8 p.m., R, 84 min.



The Hitcher

Genre: Suspense, Horror, Remake

Sean Bean, Sophia Bush, Zachary Knighton, Kyle Davis

Storyline: Grace Andrews and Jim Halsey are a collegiate couple who are tormented by a mysterious hitchhiker John Ryder, a.k.a. The Hitcher. The young couple hit the road in a 1970 Oldsmobile 442, en route to spring break. But their pleasure trip soon turns into a waking nightmare.

Wednesday, March 14

Stomp the Yard

8 p.m., PG-13, 114 min.

Thursday, March 15

Dreamgirls

8 p.m., PG-13, 131 min.

MWR Happenings

Windjammer Dinner Theater

Monday, March 12, 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, "Barnyard," begins at 5:30 p.m., and the second movie, "Click," begins at 8 p.m.

Margot B Concert

March 9, 8 p.m., at Club Survivor.

St. Patty's Fishing Tournament

March 16-18, 8 a.m. showtime. Entry fee is \$10 in bounds, and \$20 out of bounds. Free T-shirts, trophies, and food. Register at Marina up until showtime. FMI call 2345.

St. Patty's 5K Run

March, 17, 6:30 a.m., starts from the base gym. Prizes for best costumes. FMI call 78344 or 77262.

Racquetball Tourney

March 23, 24, 9 a.m., at the Base Gym. Doubles the first day, singles the second day. Register by COB March 22. FMI call 78344 or 77262.

Armed Forces Kid's Run

March 31, 8 - 11:30 a.m., at the high school track. A pool party will follow at the Windjammer Pool. Come dressed as favorite TV/movie character. Fun games and food for everyone. FMI call Denise at 78344 or Nadine at 77262.

Dusk 'Til' Dawn Volleyball

March 31, 6 p.m. - 6 a.m., at the Base gym. Co-ed teams with at least one female player. Trophies for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams. FMI call Denise at 78344 or 77262.

GTMO Shopper

For Sale

- (2) Patio set w/glass top, 2 swivel chairs, 4 standard chairs, \$300. FMI call 77105.
- (2) Dell laptop, Windows XP Media Center, 1G memory, 80G hard drive, wireless, \$900. FMI call Byfield at 90320 or 2631.
- (2) Queen-size bedroom set, \$200 OBO; antique dresser, \$50; large-sized dog crate, \$40 OBO; Coach black leather briefcase, \$50; metal 2-drawer filing cabinet, \$10; nordic track, \$50 OBO. FMI call 75744.
- (2) Little Tikes cube slides, \$30; small slide, \$15; basketball hoop, \$50; Little Tikes picnic table, \$30; solid pine dining room set w/leaf and 4 chairs, \$100, 2.8-ft. x 5-ft. black and tan rugs, \$30 each or \$50 for both; Total Body Gym w/mat, \$130; stationary bike, \$100; Henderson shorty wetsuit 2mm size XXL, \$60; Leapfrog/LeapPad w/4 cartridges, books, and carrying case, \$60. FMI call 75584.
- (2) Crib, natural color, \$100; new crib mattress, \$20; medium size toy box, \$5; crib bumper, Noah's Ark theme, matching lamp shade set, \$25; 2 boys bikes, one chopper style w/some rust, \$15; other is blue bike, \$15; small black TV-stand w/2 drawers, \$25. FMI call 75521.

- (1) Twin Jet fins, medium, snorkel, mask, \$90; Men's XL Nautica Jacket, red, \$30. FMI call 75641.
- (1) Dell computer w/new printer, \$250; office and computer desk, \$70; living room w/coffee table, \$150; dining room table w/4 chairs, \$90; king bed w/mattress, \$80; microwave and kitchen items; dishes, knives, spoons, grill, and more, \$120; TV and VCR, \$100. FMI call 75712.
- (1) Six-piece bedroom set, sofa, loveseat and chair, dining room set, coffee table and 2 side tables, dryer, new vacuum cleaner, all for \$1,000; Toshiba wireless laptop, Pentium 4 processor, CD/DVD burner, webcam, speakers, computer desk, software, \$1,000. FMI call Jamal Fadlalla at 75712 AWH or 8031 DWH.
- (1) 45 DVD movies, \$150; 32-in. Sony LCD, flatscreen w/remote control, \$1,100. FMI call JB at 78020.
- (1) Samsung 32-in. multi-system, multi voltage TV, works in Europe and US, \$100; APEX 3-disc DVD player multi-system will play all regions DVDs, \$75; Xbox game system w/wireless and one wired controller and 12 games. Will sell as package or separately; Dell computer, Windows XP, 1.8 265 RAM, 20G hard drive, Lexmark all-in-one printer, fax, copier, \$300. FMI

call Ryan 78284.

- (1) Cocktail side and sofa tables, glass top w/bronze finish trim on legs, \$150; kitchen table, black wood top w/gold trim on side and 4 matching chairs, \$65. FMI call 77098.
- (1) Sony 400 DVD player, \$300; ProForm 495PI treadmill, \$300 OBO; baby exersaucer, \$25; baby bathtub, \$5. FMI call 77954.
- (1) Yamaha speakers, two front speakers (250 watts each), a subwoofer (500 watts) and center speaker. FMI call 75507 or 4494.
- (1) 32-inch Magnavox TV w/remote, great condition, \$150; PS2 slim w/many accessories, like new, \$150; more than 15 PS2 games, \$5-\$40 each. FMI call Greg at 78665 AWH.
- (1) Emily convertible crib, crib-to-toddler-to-full bed, natural pine color, \$90. FMI call 77024.

Vehicles/Boats

- (2) 1994 Honda Civic EX, black, 2D, automatic, power windows, good AC, good condition, low mileage, interior excellent, reliable, all records, \$4,700 OBO. FMI call 75603.
- (2) 2003 Chevy Trailblazer, very good condition. FMI call 75639 or 84039.
- (2) 1995 Ford Bronco, AC, news transmission, excellent condition, \$8,500 OBO. FMI call 77663.
- (2) 1993 Toyota Camry, \$4,500, excellent condition, AC, sun-roof, fully powered, leather interior. FMI call 79453 or 75520.
- (1) 2005 Black Dodge SRT-4, low miles, stage 2 upgrades. FMI call 77295.
- (1) 2005 Raw Titanium Kawasaki ZX-6R Ninja, 2,200 miles, like new. FMI call 77295.
- (1) 2004 Toyota Corolla, black, 50K, auto doors and windows, AC, keyless entry, alarm, CD player, \$12,000. FMI call Jamal Fadlalla at 75712 AWH or 8031 AWH.
- (1) 1988 Chevy G-10 cargo van, storage box, seating in the rear, GTMO special, runs great, will pass safety inspection, \$800; 1988 Chevy S-10 pick-up, tool box bed, GTMO special, runs great, \$800 OBO. FMI call Ryan at 78284.
- (1) 1999 Silver Nissan Quest SE Minivan, 91K, multi-changer, CD, video system, 7-pass. seating, new tires, brakes, belts, battery, \$7,900. FMI call 4815, 77419 or 84043.

Employment

- (2) Human Resources Office announces the following vacancies: Purchasing Agent, GS-1105-06/07, closes March 23; Budget Technician, GS-0561-06/07, closes March 23; Budget Technician, GS-0561-06, closes Dec. 28.
- (1) The Navy Federal Credit Union is seeking a part-time member service representative. Approx. 30-35 hours per week. For more information contact Kim or Brandy at 74333.

Announcements

- (2) Conch Season is closed March, April, and May. Taking of starfish is prohibited at all times. Report violations to 4105 or VHS Channel 12.
- (2) There will be a VA representative on station March 14 -16, 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. FMI or to schedule an appointment, call 4141.
- (1) The Child Development Center has space available for 3-year-olds. Interested parents can call Nadine at 3664.
- (1) The Catholic Women of the Chapel (CWOC) is a newly formed group which meets every other Thursday, 7 p.m. at Iguana Crossing to study and grow in faith and fellowship. Anyone needing babysitting services should contact Marianne Airhart at 77799 or place prayer requests in the box at the back of the chapel. The next meeting will be March 22.
- (1) The Chapel Social Welfare Committee (CSWC) is collecting luxury soaps, lotions, shampoos, socks, t-shirts, food snacks and other treats, which will be distributed to troopers for Easter. A box for donations is located in the back of the Chapel. Anyone who would like to help decorate the bags or contribute, please contact Marianne Mabbitt at 74909 or Charlotte George at 75674.

Lost/Found

- (2) Red Nintendo DS lost at KFC, had dog game in it. Offering reward. FMI call 75687.

Yard Sales

- March 10 — Caribbean Circle, #35A, 6 - 10 a.m.
March 10 — Caribbean Circle, #3C, 7a.m. - noon



Photo by MC2 (AW) Honey Nixon

Kaitlin Haddock, 7-year-old daughter of RPI Rebecca Haddock, reads the oath as her mother reenlists for 2 more years in the Navy. The reenlistment ceremony was conducted at the top of John Paul Jones Hill, March 2.

GTMO Happenings



Yatera Seca Club Championship — *The 2007 Yatera Seca Golf Association Club Championship took place March 3. This year's winners were DC1(SW) Ray Halstead, Darnell Davis (not pictured), PSC(SW) Frank Ramirez, Tim Higgins, CSCS(SW/AW) Mitch Ward, and Trayce Miller. CMDCM (SW/SS) Larry Cairo was named the overall Club Champion for 2007.*

Photo provided by Trayce Miller



Photo provided by EMC Steven Dixon

Final Round — *Brig. Gen. Edward Leacock (center, white shirt), many senior Maryland National Guard members, and NAVSTA personnel, got together for one last round of golf just days before the Guard battalion departed GTMO.*



Photos by MC1 Robert Lamb

Serenading the crowd — *John Ondrasik, lead singer and songwriter for the band 'Five for Fighting,' performed three concerts at GTMO, in conjunction with the USO and Armed Forces Entertainment.*