

NEW LOOK!



Seabees improve Cable Beach, help preserve environment

MC3 Leona Mynes
NS Guantanamo Bay, Cuba Public Affairs

Seabees attached to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 28's Gold Detachment placed bollards at between the beach and the roadway at Cable Beach, Jan. 12-14.

Seven Seabees removed coral, cut pipe and put posts in the ground to prevent traffic from driving on the beach.

"Environmental requested this work to keep people from driving on the beach during turtle nesting season," said Equipment Operator 2nd Class Eric Battease, the officer-in-charge at Public Works Department's Self Help Workshop. "We try to complete projects that make an impact on the community."

The project is one of many the Seabees have completed in an effort to preserve the environment at Guantanamo's beaches, said Mike McCord, NS Guantanamo Bay, Cuba's Environmental Director.

"Windward beaches are where sea turtles have the potential to nest year-round," said McCord. "What we're trying to do is keep vehicle traffic from disturbing the nests."

The placement of bollards is intended to restrict traffic-flow onto Guantanamo's beaches, increasing the probability of a nesting event, said McCord.

"Guantanamo is like a nature preserve," said McCord. "We have to be protective of the environment and nature that is provided to us."

NMCB 28 is on-island supporting NS Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and tenant command community-oriented construction projects.

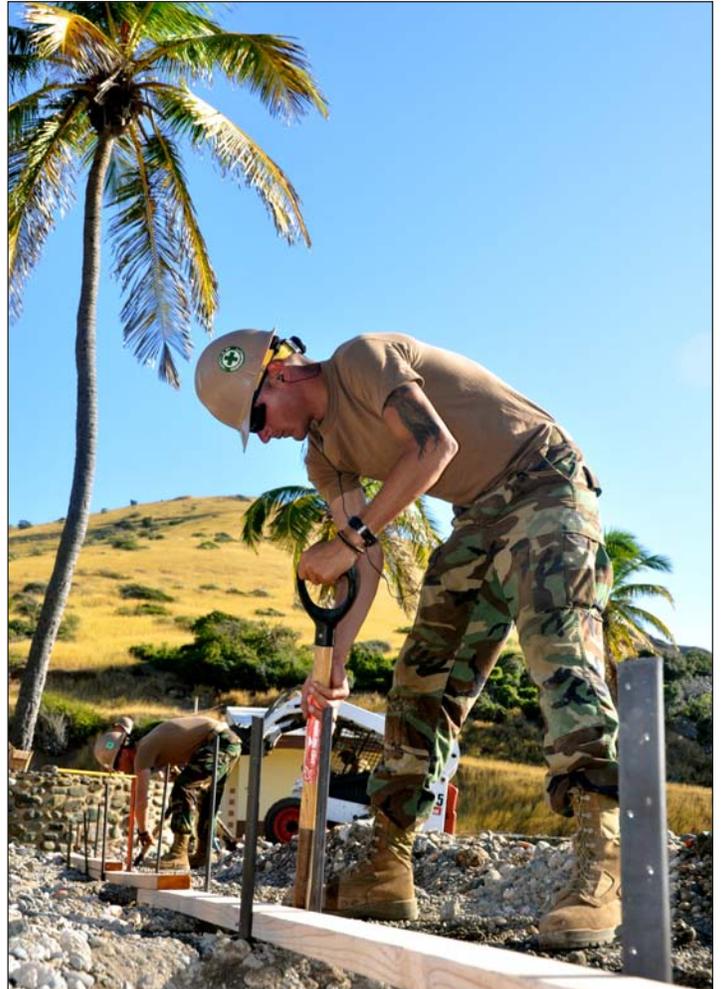


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Steelworker 3rd Class Blake Johns digs coral from Cable Beach in preparation for concrete bollards that will prevent traffic from driving onto sea turtle nests.

GTMO receives equipment for housing project

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The Norwegian cargo ship M/V Sunergon visited Naval Station (NS) Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to offload construction equipment for an upcoming housing project, Jan. 5-7.

The 68 pieces of equipment, including haulers and bulldozers, were transferred to Guantanamo from Florida by Sunergon.

The equipment will be used by Burns and Roe Dick Corp. to build more than 100 new and replacement housing units in Radio Point, Villamar, and Granadillo Point.

The project will begin immediately and will take between 30 and 36 months to complete, according to Bill Elliot, Burns and Roe director on NS Guantanamo Bay.



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The Norwegian cargo ship M/V Sunergon delivered 68 pieces of equipment to Burns and Roe/Dick Corp. Jan. 5-7 at Wharf Bravo. BRDC will use the equipment to build more than 100 new housing units in three ase neighborhoods.

Don't be a Facebook fool

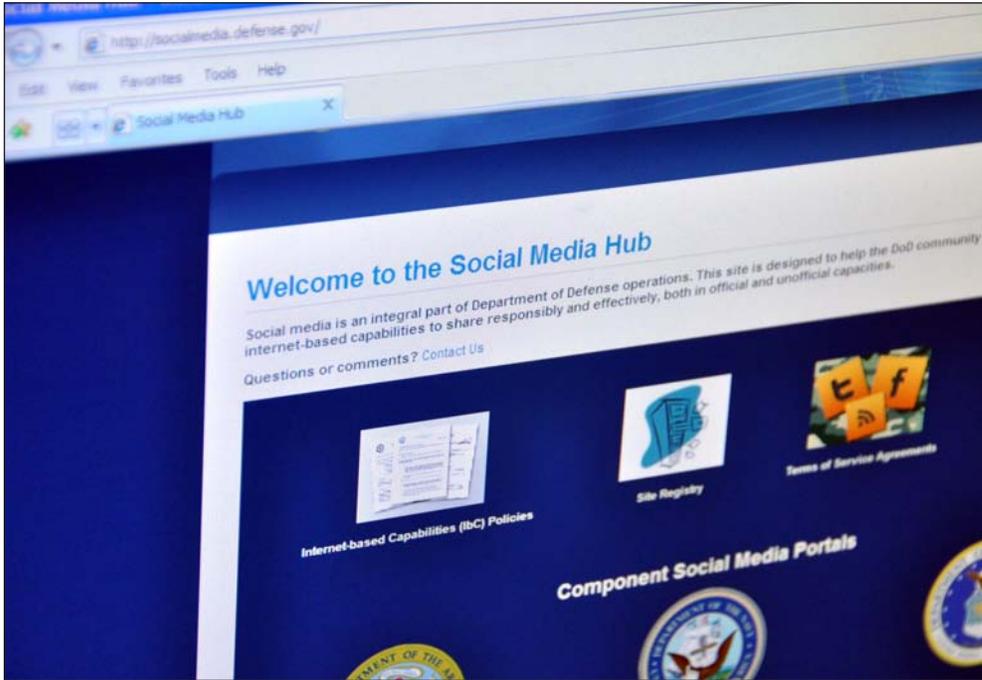


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The Department of Defense offers social media guidance for service members at socialmedia.defense.gov.



MCC Bill Mesta
NS Guantanamo Bay, Cuba Public Affairs

My wife loves Facebook. She is constantly in touch with friends and family back in the U.S. She is able to see photos and video of people like my sister who is in Japan in practically real time.

While my wife is a totally dedicated Facebooker, she is also very cautious with the images and messages that are placed on her page.

Social networking on the internet is not new technology. The Navy, however, is just getting a grasp on how powerful this communication tool is. At the same time, we are learning how dangerous social networking can be if one is not extremely cautious.

The things that Sailors post on their pages could be portray the Navy in a poor fashion.

Sometimes we really need to blow off some steam. Perhaps the Chief put a kink in your whole day by slamming your work.

Some Sailors believe that a great way to deal with stress these days is air our grievances on our Facebook page.

This is a REALLY bad idea. Once you put "what's on your mind" on Facebook, it can be read by anyone. By not being cautious about the content of your postings, you are running the risk of becoming a spokesperson for your command.

The last thing that anyone wants to see is your opinion of the chain of command used in quotes on the front page of the New York Times.

Another potential hazard of posting messages thoughtlessly is that we can be

held accountable under the Uniformed Code of Military Justice.

If I slam a superior, such as a commissioned officer, on my Facebook, that act can be perceived as if I made disrespectful remarks directly to him or her. I could find myself in deep trouble.

I love posting photographs and videos on my Facebook. I particularly enjoy rubbing GTMO's beautiful weather in my friend's faces when they are snowed in.

When we post personal photos on our pages, we must always use extreme caution. You should mentally screen each photo or video prior to posting it on-line.

Ask yourself: Are there any violations of operational security? Is there anything in this image that a terrorist could use to harm my command? What's in the background?

If you can see military infrastructure, such as fuel tanks, antennas or satellite dishes, do not post it.

Remember that we are Sailors 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and we will be held accountable for our actions on and off the internet.

A good rule of thumb for deciding if your video is appropriate is that if the content is questionable, don't post it.

The world deserves to see that Sailors can have fun, but it is vital that we keep it clean.

As members of the U.S. Armed Forces, we are held to higher standards.

Social networking options like Facebook, YouTube, Twitter and blogs are excellent tools for us to stay in touch with friends and family. From a Public Affairs perspective, the Navy wants the world to see what you are doing. But make sure that when you tell our story on the internet, you put some thought into the message you are sending, and share what we are all about with pride.

For guidance on unofficial internet posts, see ALNAV 057/10.

Remember that we are Sailors 24/7, on and off the internet.

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Fleet, Family Readiness programs to hold customer feedback surveys

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Twelve employees from five Fleet and Family Readiness (FFR) programs attended Service Quality Data Collector training Jan. 11-12 at Denich Gym.

The training taught the employees from Fleet and Family Support Center, Navy Gateway Inns and Suites, Morale, Welfare and Recreation, family housing, and the galley how to interview customers in an effort to improve experiences with FFR programs.

"Now that everyone has been trained, we're going to spend the next four weeks interviewing customers at the MWR Marina," said Amiee MacDonnell, MWR's Media and Marketing Director. "Our goal is to interview 150 customers."

When the interviewing is complete, a Customer-Oriented Service Improvement Team (COSIT) will be formed to make improvements based on customer feedback, said MacDonnell.

"The COSIT is comprised of employ-

ees and customers," said MacDonnell. "We will meet for six to eight weeks to make quick fixes and set long term improvement goals."

Another goal from this training is for COSITs to form two to three times per year to help improve various base facilities, said MacDonnell.

"One of the reasons we're doing this

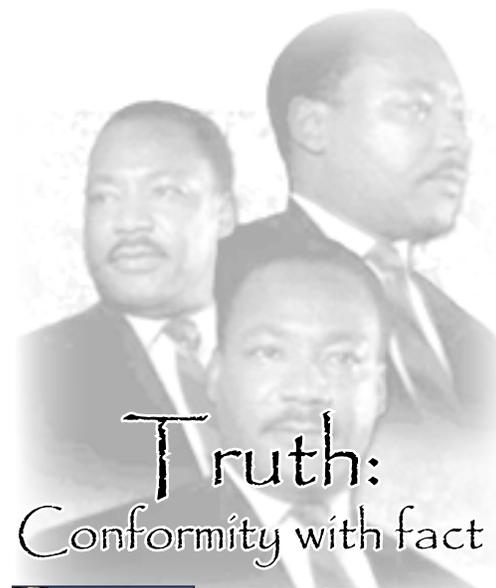
One of the reasons we're doing this is to continuously improve our programs and services...

AMIEE MACDONNELL, MWR MEDIA AND MARKETING DIRECTOR

is to continually improve our programs and services," said MacDonnell.

SERVICE QUALITY SURVEYS MWR MARINA

Friday, Jan. 14, 6 to 8 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 15, 10 a.m. to noon
Tuesday, Jan. 18, 4 to 6 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 20, 4 to 6 p.m.



Truth:
Conformity with fact



Lt. Thomas O'Flanagan
Command Chaplain
NS Guantanamo Bay, Cuba

Individually, we know people who exhibit lives committed to developing their God-given talents and place them at the service of

others, thereby making the world a better place. These people live lives of truth and fully understand that there are objective standards by which we must live that exit independent of any particular time in history, race, and geographic location.

Collectively, we recognize individuals who cause us all to reflect on objective truth and what areas of our life might require change in order to conform to objective truth.

It is in this context that we should consider the words of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., who so positively impacted our society, and caused us to recalibrate.

I ask the following based on two areas of his now famous, "I Have a Dream" speech;

Do you judge people by the content of their character or by the color of their skin?

Do you recognize that we are all God's children and we need to treat others as we would want to be treated?

Please take time this week to consider our individual responsibility to develop our God-given talents, recognize the dignity of all people, and those who most directly influence you with a life of truth.

May you be a source of truth for all who you know.

God Bless,
Fr. Tom O'Flanagan

LCM-4 lifted from water for maintenance



PHOTO BY MC3 LEONA MYNES

Landing Craft Mobile (LCM) 4 is transported on the marine travelift to the dry dock on Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, Jan. 11. LCM 4 will undergo regularly scheduled maintenance and repairs on its hull for approximately 10 days. LCM 4 is used to transport ambulances and other essential personnel and vehicles across Guantanamo Bay.

2010



OPERATION UNIFIED RESPONSE

Naturalized
on GTMO



Navy divers help maintain security at waterline between Cuban territory and the base



Logistical support for U.S. and allied vessels

Firefighters promote Fire Prevention Week



Marines passed away during the weekend of July 4



Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy visited GTMO



Maintaining readiness



Christmas 2010

Local photographer shares passion with community

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A local photographer began to share her passion for captured memories with community members in a Morale, Welfare and Recreation-sponsored eight-week photography class held each Sunday.

Lori Parker, a teacher-turned-stay-at-home mom, familiarized students with the basic functions and technical aspects of cameras during her first class, held Jan. 9 at the Youth Center.

"Anyone can be a photographer," said Parker. "To some, it comes naturally. To others, it takes a lot more practice. It is art."

Parker took photography courses electively when she was in college while earning a teaching degree, but it did not manifest into a passion until after her first child was born. The period following her child's birth was the first time she had not worked since she was a teenager, and she needed a creative outlet.

Photography is a source of inspiration and creativity for Parker.

After Parker's husband received orders to Guantanamo Bay, Parker began shooting portraits and local events to keep herself occupied.

"I've had many people ask me if I could teach or mentor them, but I have such a tight schedule that I had to keep saying no," said Parker. "This class allows me to help anyone who is truly interested in working it into their schedule."

During the course, Parker will teach her students technical and creative aspects of photography at scenic base locations like Cable Beach and the Lighthouse.

"This is really a once-in-a-lifetime place to live," said Parker. "I can't imagine living in the Caribbean and not trying to preserve as much as I can with photographs."

To see photos by Parker's students, visit Facebook.com and search for "GTMO Photographers".



Three Sailors begin higher education at Columbia College



PHOTO BY MC3 LEONA MYNES

Master-at-Arms 3rd Class Daniel Concolino and Master-at-Arms 2nd Class Cory Vickers navigate the Columbia College website during their first week of online courses, Jan. 11.

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Three Sailors attached to Charlie section, Naval Security Force Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, began online courses with a college on Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, Jan. 10.

Master-at-Arms 2nd Class Cory Vickers, Master-at-Arms 3rd Class Daniel Concolino and Master-at-Arms 3rd Class Robert Grant, patrolmen with NSF, said working together gave them the motivation to enroll in the courses.

The process began long before the first class, according to Grant.

In order to attend Columbia College using tuition assistance (TA), the scholars had to complete degree plans and submit them to the Navy College office.

"If you don't know about the process, the WebTA brief [offered by Navy College] will help a lot," said Grant.

After undergoing the mandatory WebTA brief, Grant, Vickers and Concolino submitted a WebTA application.

The trio planned to do several assignments before they are due.

"That way, if something comes up with work, we won't fall behind," said Concolino.

Higher education has become necessary for growth and development as Sailors, said Grant.

"Everything revolves around college from advancement in the Navy to evaluations to a career outside of the Navy," said Grant.

To get a college career started on Guantanamo, contact the Navy College office at 2227 or Columbia College at 75555.

THREE PHOTOGRAPHY TIPS

- ◆ **PLAN.** Think about how you want your picture to look before you take it.
- ◆ **COMPOSE.** Spend time getting the right picture in your viewfinder before you take it. Get what you don't want out and keep what you do want in. Most importantly: don't amputate people's limbs with your photo! Keep as much of a person's body in the shot as possible.
- ◆ **BE CREATIVE.** Try shooting from different angles.

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ELECTRONICS

HP Laptop, AMD Athlon Dual Core, 2.2 ghz, 250 gb hard drive, webcam. New in box. \$499. Call Sammy at 77929.

Satellite Dish/42" TV combo. Needs receiver. \$500. Call 84846.

'05 Sony 30" TV w/ remote. \$50. Call Dave or Heather at 78483.

36" Sony TV with stand, surround sound system. \$125. Call Adam at 3776 or e-mail parsaaadam@yahoo.com.

Three TVs, not flat screens: 19" Goldstar (w/ remote) \$45, 13" Orion (no remote) \$35, 19" RCA (no remote) \$25. Call 79534.

54" Akai projection TV, \$400. SCSI modem, \$60. E-mail lori.cochran@usnbgmto.navy.mil.

SCSI modem. \$45. Call 74314.

FURNITURE

Girls white bedroom set w/ 3 drawers underneath, built-in headboard. Matching desk and 5-drawer dresser. \$225. Call 77556.

Soft green couch, \$250. Dinner table with 4 chairs, \$200. Long computer desk, black and gray, \$70. White furniture set, \$150. Brown locker with drawers, \$60. Call Diana at 2710.

6' kitchen table with 4 chairs, medium brown, \$400. Call 79529.

Desk with 5 drawers, solid oak and office chair. \$100. Call Adam at 3776 or e-mail parsaaadam@yahoo.com.

DIVE GEAR

Eight aluminum 80 dive tanks. Need hydro. \$25 each. Call Rick at 84129 or 77369.

BOATS

'94 Starcraft 22' Cuddy Cabin. Trailer, fishing gear. Call 75739.

VEHICLES

'92 Plymouth Acclaim. A/C, great condition. \$2,000. Call Anetta at 77300/72058.

'06 Harley Davidson motorcycle. Call 84283.

'04 Yamaha V-Star. Call 75739.

'97 Ford F250, 7.3 Turbo diesel engine. Call 84283.

'94 Ford Ranger XLT. AC, new brakes, CD player. \$2,200 OBO. Call Mie at 4172/77982.

'05 Jeep CJ7. 22K miles, 4.0L engine, auto, 4WD, AC. White/black. CD. \$15,000. Call Dale at 77375/84532.

'98 Saturn. 4D, leather, sun roof, AC, CD with USB/SD card reader. \$3,200 OBO. Call 78828.

'91 Ford Ranger. \$1,000. Call Chief K at 78215/3121.

'04 Ram 1500. 4.7L V8, 48,600 mi. \$15,000 OBO. Call Nico at 77220.

'08 Toyota Tacoma Prerunner. 14,000 mi. 4D, V6 SR5, auto. \$19,000 OBO. Call 79529.

'04 Dodge Stratus. AC. Low miles. \$5,500 OBO. Call 58417.

'93 Isuzu Pickup. Standard transmission. Available Jan. 13. \$800. Call AE1 Gagnon at 73894 or e-mail daniel.p.gagnon@jtfgtmo.southcom.mil.

'92 Nissan 240SX automatic. 152K mi. AC, new tires, convertible. \$1,500 OBO. Call Adam at 3776 or e-mail parsaaadam@yahoo.com.

WANTED

Isuzu Samuri or similar, or a pick up truck. Prefer AT and AC. Call Tony at 78461 or e-mail tonysh11@yahoo.com.

MISCELLANEOUS

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Boys car seat/stoller combo, \$100. Johnny Jumper, \$10. Boys blue harness, \$10. Winnie the Pooh stroller, \$10. Double stroller bug net, \$5. Call 79529.

Gas grill, \$40. Violin w/ case, bow, rosin - 3/4 size, brand new, never used, \$250. Basketball goal, \$150. Two-person green bicycle, \$100. Call 79529.

25 hp salt water motor. JBL Spear Gun. Call 2205, 84968.

Fishing pole, tackle box. \$20. Call Adam at 3776 or e-mail parsaaadam@yahoo.com.

YARD/GARAGE SALES

Jan. 15, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nob Hill 2A.

JOBS

HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICE

#LH10-069	Supervisory IT Specialist
GS-2210-13	Info. Systems Department
#LH10-070	IT Specialist
GS-2210-11	Info. Systems Department
#LH10-071	IT Specialist
GS-2210-12	Info. Systems Department
#LH10-073	Transportation Tech (OA)
GS-2102-03	FISC-Jax detachment
#LH11-001	Purchase Card/Gov't Trav. Card Program Administrator
GS-1101-09	CNIC

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RETIREMENT

 Carol Martin, an academic advisor with Columbia College, retired in December. Carol was a consistent presence and provided exemplary customer service to hundreds of military, civilian, and veteran students. Her high level of professionalism and respect offered to every individual embodied the values that drive the institution.



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MWR HAPPENINGS

MOVIES

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FRIDAY • JAN. 14

8PM: MEGAMIND (PG) 96 MIN

10PM: TRUE GRIT (PG13) 110 MIN

SATURDAY • JAN. 15

8PM: YOGI BEAR (PG) 83 MIN

10PM: FOR COLORED GIRLS (R) 134 MIN

SUNDAY • JAN. 16

8PM: MORNING GLORY (PG13) 102 MIN

MONDAY • JAN. 17

8PM: HEREAFTER* (PG13) 120 MIN

TUESDAY • JAN. 18

8PM: CONVICTION* (R) 97 MIN

WEDNESDAY • JAN. 19

8PM: SKYLINE (PG13) 94 MIN

THURSDAY • JAN. 20

8PM: LITTLE FOCKERS (PG13) 98 MIN

*LAST SHOWING

Biggest Loser Competition

Starts Feb. 5. Four members per team, with weekly weigh-ins and awards for highest body weight percentage lost and highest amount of weight loss. Ages 18 and up can participate. This is a 12 week competition. For more information call the Denich Gym (77262), Marine Hill Gym (2285), or Camp Bulkeley Gym (75866).

Martial Arts Classes

The first eight-week class begins Feb. 1. Sign up no later than Jan. 25 at the Denich Gym. Ages 7-15 pay \$60 and ages 16 and up pay \$80. Ages 7-15 will attend at 7 p.m. and ages 16 and up will attend at 8 p.m. There will be two classes per week: Tuesday and Friday. For more information call 2157.

MWR 2011 Soccer Season

Starts Jan. 31. Sign up by Jan. 24 at the Denich Gym. The coaches meeting is Jan. 27. Open to ages 16 and up. For more information call Jen at 2157.

2011 Co-ed Softball Season

Starts Jan. 24. Sign up by Jan. 18 at the Denich Gym. Coaches meeting is Jan. 20. Ages 16 and up. Call Jen at 2157 for more information.

Youth Center Fashion Show

Jan. 29 at the W.T. Sampson Elementary School auditorium. Sign up at the youth center by Friday, Jan. 21. The show is open to ages 5-18 and adults. Call Rachel or Nadine for more information at 74658.

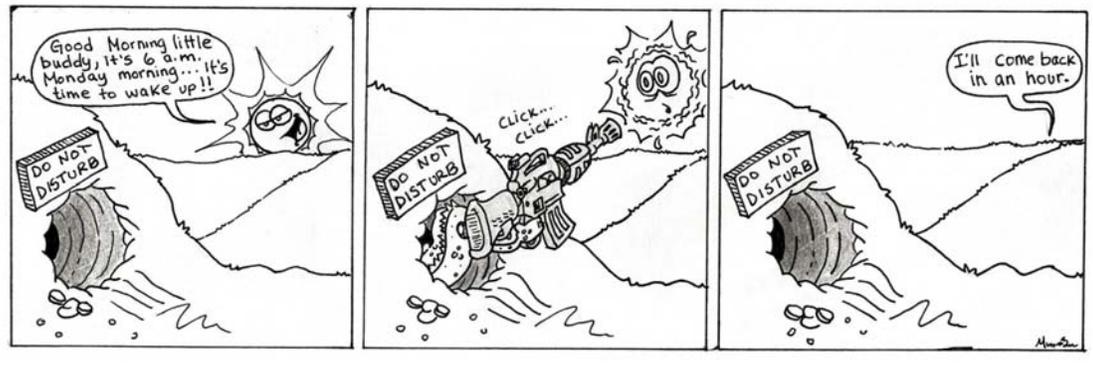
Liberty Events*

Jan. 14 at 5 p.m.: Paintball and pizza at the paintball range.
Jan. 15 at 8 a.m.: Exploration Kayaking at the Marina.
Jan. 15 at 2 p.m.: Dominos Day at Marine Hill.
Jan. 20 at 6 p.m.: Glow Golf at the Putt Putt Golf Course.

*For unaccompanied, active duty service members only.

IGUANA JOE

Illustration by Gunners Mate 1st Class Michael Braun



Any day in GTMO

The U.S. Coast Guard medium endurance class cutter USCGC Campbell (WMEC-909) departs Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, Jan. 11. Campbell visited the base for fuel, supplies, liberty and training. Campbell is deployed to conduct counter narco-terrorism and migrant operations in the Caribbean region. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, is a logistical hub for all U.S. and Allied vessels operating in the U.S. 4th Fleet Area of Responsibility.



PHOTO BY MCC(SW) BILL MESTA

YOU BE THE JUDGE

East Coast or West Coast?

EAST. "Though I'm an L.A. Lakers fan, I was born on the east coast of Brazil and raised on the east coast of the United States."



Army Staff Sgt. Ardicio Galvao

From Sao Paolo, Brazil
ANIMAL CARE NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER
GUANTANAMO BAY VETERINARY CLINIC

NEITHER. "The south is where it's at! There is hospitality, good food, good hunting, bonfires, and Mardi Gras."



Marine Cpl. Brandon Pace

From Fulton, Miss.
TRAINING CHIEF
MARINE CORPS SECURITY FORCE COMPANY
GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA

EAST. "East Coast hands down! I love that New York is so busy and it's one of the most diverse places in the U.S. It is truly the 'melting pot.'"



Religious Programs Specialist 2nd Class Haslyn Halls

From Brooklyn, N.Y.
SUPPLY PETTY OFFICER
BASE CHAPEL

WEST. "The West Coast gets much better weather and has a better music scene. It's where I met my beautiful wife and where my family lives."



Landon Rosenthal

From Los Angeles, Calif.
ASSISTANT MEDIA & MARKETING DIRECTOR
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