



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
MLK
 2012

More than 50 community members marched from NS Guantanamo Bay's Windjammer to the base Chapel during GTMO's Black Heritage Organization commemoration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday, June 16.

Guantanamo Bay Commemorates Martin Luther King Day

Terence Peck
 Public Affairs Officer

More than fifty members of the GTMO community marched from the Windjammer to the Naval Station chapel in commemoration of Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday June 16.

The commemoration, hosted by the Black Heritage Organization (BHO), and supported by the Multicultural Observance Committee (MOC) began with remarks by BHO president, Darrell Laborn and Capt. Kirk Hibbert, Naval Station GTMO's commanding officer at the Windjammer ballroom.

"I find myself from time to time thinking about what this world would be, what this community would be like if ev-

eryone took the same kind of approach as Dr. King," said Hibbert. "I ask myself, I imagine what the world would be like if people approached life with a sense of selflessness. Just imagine if you put others first, like cashing that check...just imagine the harmony, imagine the compassion, imagine the understanding of differences, what a world it would be."

After the remarks, the attendees gathered outside to begin the march to the chapel. The march recreated King's Aug. 28, 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, where more than 200,000 demonstrators marched to the nation's capital. King delivered his memorable "I have a dream" speech during that event.

Participants in the march to the chapel included Rear

GTMO MWR Host MLK Day Bowling Tournament

MC2 Justin Ailes

Gazette Editor

Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) at Naval Station (NS) Guantanamo Bay, Cuba hosted the Martin Luther King Day Bowling Tournament, Jan. 16.

Held at MWR's Marblehead Lanes Bowling Center, the tournament provided holiday entertainment for unaccompanied active-duty service members.

"Events like these are important because it allows service members the opportunity to get together in a fun environment," said Jill Lynch, NS Guantanamo Bay MWR Liberty

Program Manager. "Everyone has different interests, and one of the more popular activities on base is bowling."

The elimination-style tournament showcased more than 15 service members, as they put their bowling skills to the test.

"This is a great way to enjoy some down time," said tournament participant Seaman Master-at-Arms Christopher Marlink. "I didn't come here to win; I just came to have a good time."

Top honors went to the team of Staff Sgt. Joseph Hansen and Staff Sgt. Recardo Davidson, with Personnel Specialist 2nd Class Dexter Torio and Spc. Howell Mark placing second.



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- **Job/department:** Gold Hill Galley/Supply Dept.
- **Age:** 23
- **Hometown:** N. Little Rock, Ak.
- **Quote:** Psalms 91
- **Favorite sports team:** N/A
- **Favorite hobby:** Cooking
- **Favorite book:** The Bible
- **Favorite movie:** Finding Nemo
- **Favorite GTMO restaurant:** Taco Bell
- **Favorite musician:** Yolanda Adams
- **Favorite TV show:** Grey's Anatomy
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- **Ambition:** Restaurant Owner
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Seaman Master-at-Arms Christopher Marlink participates in MWR's Martin Luther King Day Bowling Tournament at Marblehead Lanes, Jan. 16.

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Mariella Rose Wilson, the first baby born in 2012 at U.S. Naval Hospital Guantanamo Bay, is held by her older sister Lydia Elaine Wilson, age 8. The baby, born Jan 11, weighed in at 7 lb., 10 oz., and is the fourth child of HM1(FMF) Andrew Wilson and his wife Briana. Also pictured in the family portrait are Lincoln James Wilson (6) and Emmanuel Jacob Wilson (19 mos). HM1 Wilson works in the hospital's Pharmacy. - *U.S. Navy Photo by Stacey Byington.*

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Seabee Ball Committee To Hold Lionfish Derby Challenge

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The Seabee Ball Committee at Naval Station (NS) Guantanamo Bay, Cuba will host the 2012 Lionfish Derby Challenge, Jan. 21.

The event is being held to raise funds in support of the annual Seabee Ball scheduled for March 10. In addition to raising funds, the event addresses an ongoing environmental issue affecting southern Florida and the Caribbean caused by the invasive Lionfish species.

"We have support from GTMO's Seabee Ball Committee, Reef Raiders, and Public Works Department (PWD) Environmental," said Lt. j.g. Andrew Maughn, NS Guantanamo Bay PWD Assistant Public Works Officer. "Registration will be held at the Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Marina on the morning of the event. Participants will be able to check in, pay their donation, and fill out the necessary forms beginning at 6:30 a.m., as will allow same day registration."

Participants may take Lionfish by spear, hand net, or hook and line. Divers and snorkelers are required to follow the base regulations and must acknowledge the inherent risks of diving and spear fishing by signing a waiver upon registration.

"Community members are highly encouraged to complete the spear fishing exam found on the NS Guantanamo Bay intranet to reduce the risk of a mishap," said Maughn. "Participants will also need to wear protective gloves when handling the Lionfish spines. Lionfish may be collected from any location where diving is permitted."

The Lionfish natural habitat is located in the tropi-

cal and sub-tropical Indo-Pacific and reaches to the islands of the South Pacific from Japan to Australia. Scientists believe the Lionfish were first introduced in the Atlantic in 1992 after Hurricane Andrew slammed south Florida destroying aquariums that held the species. It is also thought that the ballast from ships released Lionfish into the Atlantic.

These fish have no natural predators and their dense populations consume many of the reef-fish species that maintain Guantanamo's reef ecosystem, according to Maughn.

"On heavily invaded sites, these Lionfish have reduced the native reef-fish populations by up to 90 percent," said Maughn. "The derby challenge helps the community by preserving the local reef system so that future generations of divers and snorkelers can enjoy the pristine beauty of GTMO's underwater environment for years to come."

Prizes will be awarded for largest, smallest, and most Lionfish caught during the event.



Tropical Lionfish will be the catch of the day during NS Guantanamo Bay's Seabee Ball Committee sponsored Lionfish Derby Challenge, Jan. 21



Chaplain's Corner

The Express

Chaplain Douglas Holmes

NS Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, Chapel Services

Thirty-one months ago, I came to GTMO and life's speedometer has been going 120 miles-an-hour ever since. It has been quite a blessed journey to serve each and every one of you. The truth is, time has gone very fast, though for some of you it feels like a standstill in time. Recently I had someone remark to me, "It seems I have gone back to the early 1990's." Yet, for me, my footsteps are on all the halls around here, drumming away as I try to make it from place to place in the nick of time. I have felt that every second was precious and that there was not a moment to waste. The truth is you never know when it will all be over. This is something my earthly father and my heavenly one have taught me: You have to cherish the moments you have. There was a great football athlete named Ernie Davis; he is perhaps one of the greatest pure athletes ever. He was the first black athlete to win the Heisman Trophy. He played football at Syracuse

University in a time when race and equal opportunity were a big issue. He changed the face of college football, but died of Leukemia before he even played one game with the Cleveland Browns. He was gifted for the game, but then it was all over. I find that God has given each of you a gift, a talent, or a drive. The question is: how are you going to use it? Many people are players in this world and they have little direction on the field, some of you need help and you do not even know it. I see that coming to know the Living God and being on his team has made me a better person. Ernie Davis once said, "What matters is what you play for." I would add, "What matters is who you play for." Why are you here Soldier, Sailor, Airman, Marine, and all you other folks out there? Scripture says in Proverbs 16:3, "Commit your work to the LORD, and your plans will be established." I thank God that he has given me this great opportunity to be with all of you these last days, months, and years. I hope you have been blessed by me in some small way. Certainly, it has been a true privilege to serve each of you. God Bless you and fair winds.

2012 Martin Luther King Day 5K, 1 Mile Event

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Public Affairs Officer

More than 100 runners and walkers took part in Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) and 525th Military Police Bn.'s Martin Luther King Jr. one mile walk and 5k run which began from the Denich Gym, Jan. 14.

The winner of the 5k was Lt. Cmdr. Roland Kent, an Orthopedic Surgeon at the Naval Hospital with a time of 19 minutes and 15 seconds.

The event began inside the gym with opening remarks by Army Capt. Garland Mason, 525th MP Bn.'s chaplain.

During his speech, he spoke about King's fight to bring equal justice for all people.

"It's easy to recognize this day and move on and forget it, isn't it," he said. "It's easy to think about Dr. King today, and tomorrow it's a memory. Do not allow time to rob you of what is true and precious in his life."



More than 100 runners and walkers participate in the MWR and 525th MP hosted Martin Luther King Jr. 5k run/1 mile walk at Denich Gym, Jan. 14.



Adm. David B. Woods, Commander, Joint Task Force Guantanamo and Army Brig. Gen. James C. Lettko, Deputy Commander, JTF-GTMO.

During the march, the participants sang 'We are Marching to Zion', 'Down by the Riverside', "We shall overcome", and "Lift Every Voice and Sing".

After the march to the chapel, Laborn introduced the commemoration guest speaker, Carol Leaphart. Leaphart is the Family Advocacy Program educator and Domestic Abuse Victim Advocate at GTMO's Fleet and Family Support Center.

An ordained minister, Leaphart spent 14 years in the Philippines, Vietnam, South Korea and Cambodia directing a bible school, starting a church, organizing a feeding program and building a children's home for street children and third degree malnourished babies.

Leaphart joined the FFSC at GTMO in 2007.

The theme of Leaphart's speech was called "Marked Moments".

"We are here tonight to celebrate a man who understood time and chance...a man who understood the marked moments of his life and a man, who never backed up, lay down or quit when those marked moments came to him." said Leaphart. "Dr. King was determined that freedom would rang all over America, for black Americans, for white Americans, for Asian Americans, for Hispanic Americans, for Indian Americans... all Americans. His life work was to make sure that they were free."

During her speech, Leaphart talked about what she considered to be the marked moments of King's and other civil rights movement figures lives. One of the moments included the day on Dec. 1, 1955, when a black woman refused to give up her seat to a white bus passenger.

"A woman named Rosa Parks got off work, got on a bus, sat down and she was immediately told to get up," Leaphart said. "Rosa refused to get up. She refused to move. Why? Rosa knew that deep down in her heart that a marked moment came to her. An opportunity in time, a chance and she refused to get up."

Parks subsequent arrest and conviction for violating the laws of segregation lead to the 381 day black boycott of the Montgomery, Ala. bus transit system led by King. The boycott ended in December 1956 after the Supreme Court ruled that the segregation law was unconstitutional. Another person she talked about having a marked moment was Mamie Till Mobley, whose son Emmett Till was badly beaten and murdered by two white men for whistling at a white woman in Mississippi.

"At the time of Emmett Till, his mother did a bold, bold thing," she said. "She publicized what was done."

At his funeral, Mobley had an open casket viewing to show what was done to her son. More than 50,000 people visited along with media from all over the world. She also gave speeches throughout the country

Leaphart ended the commemoration reciting a passage from King's 'The Drum Major Instinct' speech he



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. birthday commemoration guest speaker and Domestic Abuse Victim Advocate Carol Leaphart address attendees with her speech "Marked Moments" at the base Chapel, Jan. 16.

gave on Feb. 4, 1968.

"If any of you are around when I go to meet my day, I don't want a long funeral. And if you get somebody to deliver the eulogy, tell them not to talk too long. And every now and then I wonder what I want them to say. Tell them not to mention that I have a Nobel Peace Prize—that's important. Tell them not to mention that I have three or four hundred awards—that's not important. Tell them not to mention where I went to school.

I'd like somebody to mention that day that Martin Luther King, Jr., tried to give his life serving others.

I'd like for somebody to say that day that Martin Luther King, Jr., tried to love somebody.

I want you to say that day that I tried to be right on the war question.

I want you to be able to say that day that I did try to feed the hungry.

And I want you to be able to say that day that I did try in my life to clothe those who were naked.

I want you to say on that day that I did try in my life to visit those who were in prison.

I want you to say that I tried to love and serve humanity.

Yes, if you want to say that I was a drum major, say that I was a drum major for justice. Say that I was a drum major for peace. I was a drum major for righteousness. And all of the other shallow things will not matter. I won't have any money to leave behind. I won't have the fine and luxurious things of life to leave behind. But I just want to leave a committed life behind. And that's all I want to say."

*If I can help somebody as I pass along,
If I can cheer somebody with a word or song,
If I can show somebody he's traveling wrong,
Then my life will not be in vain.
Thank you Dr. Martin Luther King.*

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Jan. 21, Center Bargo 1205B, 0700-1100

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The SCOOP

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SEABEE LIONFISH DERBY CHALLENGE
Jan. 21, 0630-1600. Collection of lionfish may occur through scuba, snorkel, free-diving, hook and line, or compressor supplied air. All NAVSTA boating and fishing regulations will be strictly enforced. Prizes will be awarded for most lionfish caught by active duty/deployed military members, most lionfish caught (open to all), biggest lionfish, and smallest lionfish caught. \$20 per participant. This is a fundraiser to support the 2012 Seabee Ball. FMI, call 4805.

GTMO SPOUSE ORIENTATION
Jan. 24, 0800-1030, FFSC. New to GTMO? Want to meet newly arrived spouses and learn about key resources at the naval station? Visit the Fleet and Family Support Center for spouse orientation to learn more. FMI, call 4141.

SEABEE BALL AUCTION
Jan. 26, 1900, Bayview patio. Join in the excitement with the Seabee Ball Committee and place your bid during a live-auction featuring unique GTMO items, prizes and more. All proceeds support the 2012 Seabee Ball. FMI, call 75847.

"SOMETHING DISTANT" CONCERT
Jan. 27, 1900, O'Kelly's Irish Pub (patio). Get ready for a rock n' roll weekend with the Jacksonville, FL. based band. FMI, call 75503.

CRAFT FAIR REGISTRATION
Jan. 28, 0900-1300, Downtown Lyceum during the MWR Expo. Register by Jan. 15 at the Ceramics Shop. \$15 per table. FMI, call 74795 or 75351.

ROCK AND ROLL HALF MARATHON
Jan. 28, 0700. Register at Denich Gym. Cost is \$25 per entrant, includes pre-race dinner and event t-shirt. FMI, call 77262.

POST MARATHON EXPO
Jan. 28, 0900-1300. Join MWR for an Expo and Craft Fair after the Half Marathon at the Downtown Lyceum. Live music provided from 'Cartel,' beginning at 0930. FMI, call 2157.

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Jan. 28, 2100, O'Kelly's Irish Pub. Rock out with Cartel on the patio. FMI, call 75503.

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9 p.m.:	Red Tails (new) PG13 125 min.
SATURDAY	JAN. 21
7 p.m.:	Joyful Noise (new) PG13 118 min.
9 p.m.:	The Rum Diary (last) R 122 min.
SUNDAY	JAN. 22
7 p.m.:	We Bought A Zoo PG 126 min.
MONDAY	JAN. 23
	The Muppets PG 120 min.
TUESDAY	JAN. 24
7 p.m.:	Tower Heist (last) PG13 105 min.
WEDNESDAY	JAN. 25
7 p.m.:	J. Edgar R 137 min.
THURSDAY	JAN. 26
7 p.m.:	Arthur Christmas PG 98 min.

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Elementary School Students Celebrate Dr. King's Birthday

Terence Peck

Public Affairs Officer

W.T. Sampson Elementary school students preformed before parents, teachers and friends during a commemoration in honor of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday at the school cafeteria Jan. 13

The program called, "MLK Jr: The Child, the Minister, the Civil Rights Leader", included songs and remarks by the students.

"We are a nation that recognizes the difference in all cultures and as part of our history we need to recognize every race to show where they have contributed to our country," said Wanda Robinson-Caton, the program coordinator and W.T. Sampson Elementary school Sure Start teacher. "Dr. King was a great

contributor to help show people that we can work together in these times."

During the program, the children talked about King as a young child and how Jim Crow Laws affected him. Jim Crow Laws required that blacks and whites have separate facilities and forbade interracial marriages. These laws were enforced from the 1880s until the 1960s.

"We need to continue to let our young generation know about 'King', the struggles that the black race went through and how much he gave of himself, his family and his life for us to be able to be in classrooms together...black or white, Chinese or Japanese."

Robinson- Canton said that children participating in programs like

these helps them to learn their history.

"It gets them to think about how far we have come and the changes that have been made where we couldn't once go to school together, we couldn't eat together in restaurants and we couldn't use the same restrooms," said Robinson- Canton.

For some of the children who participated, it was an opportunity to learn history and welcome newcomers to the community.

"I think that it is a great way for people to learn about Martin Luther King and how he tried to help our community," said 10-year-old fifth grader, Reina Pagtakhan "For people who are new here, 'these programs' help the new kids get involved in all the things that happen here in GTMO, like acting and stuff."



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W.T. Sampson Elementary school students perform during a commemoration honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday at the school cafeteria, Jan. 13.

