

Guantanamo Bay Gazette

HURRICANE 2012 *PREPAREDNESS*

*Securing Your Home
Disaster Supply Kit Checklist
Base Shelters
...and more inside*



Editors Note: What Is A Hurricane?

MC2(SW/AW) Justin Ailes

Gazette Editor

In this annual hurricane preparedness edition, we at the Gazette will attempt to provide you with valuable information in preparation for inclement weather. Please use this issue as a guide during the hurricane season, which begins June 1 and ends November 30. The term “hurricane” originates from the indigenous religions of old civilizations. The Mayan storm god was named Hunraken. The taino people called an evil god Hunraken. Hurricanes may not be considered evil, but they are one of nature’s most powerful storms. Hurricanes potential to cause loss of life and destruction of property is tremendous. Residents need to be prepared for hurricanes and tropical storms. Even inland areas, well away from the coastline, can experience destructive winds, tornadoes and floods from tropical storms and hurricanes.

Tropical depressions and tropical storms, while generally less dangerous than hurricanes, still can be deadly. The winds of tropical depressions and tropical storms are usually not the greatest threat. Heavy rains, flooding and severe weather, such as tornadoes, create the greatest threats from tropical storms and depressions. On average each year, 10 tropical storms, six of which become hurricanes, develop in the Atlantic Ocean, Caribbean Sea or Gulf of Mexico. In a typical 3-year span, the U.S. coastline is struck on average five times by hurricanes, two of which will be designated as major hurricanes. Tropical cyclones are sometimes steered by weak and erratic winds, making forecasting a challenge. Warnings issued from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s (NOAA) National Hurricane Center and Central Pacific Hurricane Center continue to improve and have greatly diminished hurricane fatalities.

Conditions of Readiness (COR) Levels

V Readiness Condition V
Set throughout Hurricane season (June 1-Nov. 30).

IV Readiness Condition IV
Set when hurricane force winds are greater than 50 knots and are within 72 hours.

III Readiness Condition III
Set when hurricane force winds are greater than 50 knots and are within 48 hours. Double-check your disaster supply kit and compiling important paperwork.

II Readiness Condition II
Set when hurricane force winds are greater than 50 knots and are within 24 hours. All emergency personnel report for duty and all base leave and liberty is cancelled. All residents should stay tuned to the Naval Station’s three radio frequencies for further instructions. Outdoor furniture, trash cans and other moveable objects should be moved inside or securely tied.

I Readiness Condition I
Set when hurricane force winds are greater than 50 knots and are within 12 hours. All personnel should proceed to hurricane shelters or hurricane-resistant housing. After the hurricane has cleared the area, fire fighting, public works damage assessment and security teams will deploy to assess damage. All personnel should remain in their shelters until an “all clear” is passed.

All Clear

When the ‘all clear’ is passed, all military and civilian employees should leave their shelters and report for muster and further instructions. All residents will be allowed to return to their quarters.



**HOSPITAL CORPSMAN
3RD CLASS
MIGUEL
MEJIACONTRERAS**

- **Job/Department:** USN Ward/Leading Petty Officer
- **Age:** 27
- **Home State:** San Pedro Sula, Honduras
- **Quote:** “Life Is Good.”
- **Favorite Team:** Real Madrid
- **Favorite Hobby:** Soccer
- **Favorite GTMO Restaurant:** Astrid Turner’s kitchen
- **Favorite Movie:** The Fast and the Furious
- **Favorite Musician:** Luis Miguel
- **Currently Working On:** Advancing to 2nd Class Petty Officer
- **How The Navy Has Improved His Life:** It gave me the opportunity to help people around the world and experience different countries and cultures
- **Sailor Of The Week Because:** Served with pride and professionalism in the duties of acting LPO of Home Health when needed, LPO of the ward, ACFL to assist with FEP and the PFA, and conducting swim classes for his fellow shipmates.

GUANTANAMO BAY GAZETTE

COMMANDING OFFICER
EXECUTIVE OFFICER
COMMAND MASTER CHIEF

CAPT. KIRK HIBBERT
CMDR. WILLIAM RABCHENIA
CMDMCM (SW/AW/EXW) J.D. MCKINNEY, III



PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER
GAZETTE EDITOR
PHOTOJOURNALIST

TERENCE R. PECK
MC2(SW/AW) JUSTIN AILES
MC2(SW/AW) JUSTIN AILES



HURRICANE 2012 PREPAREDNESS

Base Hurricane Shelters

JTF.....	W.T. Sampson High School
JTF.....	W.T. Sampson Elementary School
JTF.....	Base Gym (Denich Gym)
Marine Site.....	Youth Center
Marine Point.....	Youth Center
Radio Point.....	Youth Center
Paola Point.....	Youth Center
Contractor Manned Camps.....	Bowling Alley
Deer Point.....	BOQ

Keeping Your Animals Safe

What do you do with your pet if you don't live in a hurricane proof shelter and you don't have a friend in a hurricane proof shelter that is able to take your pet? GTMO now has a pet shelter for your use. The pet shelter is located at Cuban Bunker #30. If you need a pet shelter please do the following:

- Notify the Vet Clinic, 2212 so they can plan on approximately how many animals will be coming to the shelter.
- Prepare your "pet survival" kit; pet food, bottled water, medications, veterinary records, cat litter/pan, garbage bags, litter scoop, food dishes, and can opener.
- Make sure you bring a secure pet carrier plus leash or harness so the pet can't escape. Attach information on top of the carrier about your pets' feeding schedule, medical condition, behavior problems, and name of owner.
- Your pet should be wearing up-to-date identification at all time.
- Pet toys or blanket, if easily transportable.



Chaplain's Corner

Back Home

Chaplain John V. Dickens

USNH Guantanamo Bay Command Chaplain

Last week I was temporarily assigned to duty (TAD) in Norfolk. It is the first time I have left the island since arriving in January. As you would expect, I enjoyed eating at different restaurants, driving 65 miles per hour, and feeling the 64 degree weather. But returning to the island this time was a very different experience than the first time. This time, I was coming "back

home," back to a familiar place, back to friends and family, back to where I have been called to serve. Some of us are here for a very short time; others have been here for decades. However long or short your time is here, my hope is that you will claim a sense of home. What is it they say, bloom where you are planted? One of my friends who will soon leave the island gave me some young tomato plants he started from seeds. They look promising. Hmm. Bloom where you're planted. Reminds me of the mustard seed "that someone took and sowed in the garden; it grew and became a tree, and the birds of the air made nests in its branches."

SUPPLY KIT C

- 
- The background of the page is a faded photograph of a residential street during a storm. In the foreground, a metal guardrail runs across the frame. Behind it, a single-story house with a dark roof is visible. To the right of the house, two palm trees are leaning significantly to the left, indicating strong wind. The sky is overcast and grey.
- One-week supply of non-perishable foods per person*
 - One-week supply of drinking water per person*
 - Fill plastic jugs with drinking water upon receiving warning of imminent danger*
 - Maintain a supply of disposable eating and drinking utensils*
 - Bottle and can openers*
 - Special diet and baby foods*
 - Supply of plastic bags*
 - Prescription and non-prescription medication*
 - Copy of all prescriptions*
 - Prosthetic devices (eyeglasses, hearing aids, etc.)*
 - First aid kit*
 - Pocket knife*
 - Hand saw, pliers, tape, compass*
 - Battery-operated radio and extra batteries*
 - Flashlight and batteries*
 - Battery operated lantern*
 - Candles and matches*
 - Whistle*

HECKLIST

Take Charge, Stay Informed, Be Prepared

- Social Security cards*
- Passports*
- Driver's Licenses*
- Deeds*
- Insurance policies*
- Stocks and Bonds*
- Will*
- Savings and checking account books or account numbers*
- Credit cards*
- Money*
- List of valuable household goods with serial numbers*
- List of important phone numbers (insurance agents, banks, family, etc.)*
- Birth certificates*
- Immunization record*
- Emergency medical alert tags/cards*
- Shot records*
- Place paperwork in a waterproof box or safe deposit box*

**HURRICANE
PREPARATION
2012**

HURRICANE 2012 PREPAREDNESS



Securing Your Home

Hurricanes form very quickly in the Caribbean Sea and Atlantic Ocean just east of Guantanamo Bay. Before you take leave this summer, secure outdoor household goods in the event of inclement weather.

Take trash cans inside or place in an outdoor closet.

All pools, trampolines and toys or any other possible projectiles need to be secured.

Tables, chairs, grills, plants in pots and any other outdoor items need to be stowed.

Clean up your garage because winds will enter the space through the opening at the bottom of the garage door and any unsecured items can damage the structure or vehicles inside.

Contact the housing office if you will be off-island for more than 72 hours.

If you live in a housing area which is designated to a base shelter or you plan on staying with a friend during a hurricane, you need to secure the items listed above before leaving your home.

For more information, contact the housing office at 2400.

On-Line Hurricane Readiness Resources

Ready.Gov

www.ready.gov - Emergency planning information and tools for all personnel.

NFAAS

<https://navyfamily.navy.mil> - Web-based accountability, assessment and recovery tool for disaster-affected Navy personnel and their families.

FEMA

www.fema.gov - Offers information on the range of natural and man-made disasters and guidance for protecting families and their property.

National Hurricane Center

www.nhc.noaa.gov - Coordinating with the National Weather Service, The National Hurricane Center provides tropical weather analysis' and forecasts, in efforts to save lives, mitigate property loss, and improve economic efficiency by issuing watches and warnings.

Phase 4 Of U.S. Naval Hospital Renovations Begins

Stacey Byington

USNH Public Affairs Officer

U.S. Naval Hospital Guantanamo Bay is putting the final touches on upgrades scheduled as Phase 3 ends, and Phase 4 begins of a \$15 million hospital renovation which began in October 2009. Renovations to A-Wing (Command Suite, Pharmacy, Patient Admin, Tricare, Multi-Service Ward and Dental Clinic) took place December 2011 – April 2012. Renovations to C-Wing (Primary Care, OB/GYN, Optical Clinic and staff training spaces) took place August – November 2011.

“It is important that everyone on the base know that no hospital services have been, or will be interrupted, during these renovations,” said LCDR Willie Carter, MSC, USNH GTMO Director of Administration. “CAPT Richard Stoltz, MSC, USNH GTMO Commanding Officer, has directed it is ‘business as usual,’ and it is imperative to make this long-term renovation as seamless as possible for people who need hospital services.”

Beginning May 23, the Emergency Room will be temporarily relocated to the other side of the hospital, in a specially equipped trailer (where the Laboratory was temporarily located during its renovation). Emergency Room parking will be designated in a

small lot near the trailer entrance.

The front entrance of the hospital, which has been closed since late November, will reopen on May 29.

“The current hospital was constructed in the mid-1950s, and opened its doors in 1956,” said Carter. “The current on-going renovation is the first major upgrade to the hospital since that time. Although many of the upgrades will not be noticeable to the casual observer, the hospital’s entire fire-suppression system has been replaced, and most of the hospital’s life-safety measures have been upgraded to meet current codes.”

Renovations have been completed to the hospital Quarterdeck, located just inside the front entrance, the Command Suite, Admin/Human Resources, Patient Administration, Patient Records, and the Pharmacy, which are all located on A-wing of the first floor of the hospital. Those offices will also reopen in their original spaces on May 29.

Other spaces of the hospital which will be returning to their original spaces include the Multi-Service Ward, second deck of A-wing, on May 21; Behavioral Health, second deck of B-Wing (where the temporary command suite was located), on June 4.

The hospital galley will be closed for renovation beginning June 11 for approximately four months.

GTMO SHOPPER

E-mail classified ad submissions to **PAO-CLASSIFIEDADS@USNBGTMO.NAVY.MIL**
If sent to any other e-mail, it may not be published. Submit your ad NLT noon Wednesdays for that week's Gazette. Ads are removed after two weeks. Re-submit the ad to re-publish. The Gazette staff and NS Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, page. The Public Affairs Office has final editorial discretion on all content. Call MC2 Justin Ailes at 4520 with your questions or concerns.

VEHICLES

'99 Isuzu Trooper, white, air, 6 cylinders. Call (H) 77226. email: habanacoffee@gmail or samya.cruz@med.navy.mil

'00 Ford F-150 Lariat \$6000 OBO. Call ND1 Brad Davis H:77045 C:55106

'96 Chevrolet Corsica, white, 4 doors, \$1600. Call 79499

24' Pontoon Boat with 60HP ETech motor \$7,000. Call 75660

'92 Chevy Suburban 1500, AT, AC, AM/FM Radio, runs great, no mechanical problems, great for camping/fishing/diving activities. \$3000. Call 55347 or 4535

'09 Ducati 848, 7300 Miles, Termignoni Exhaust, Carbon Fiber highlights, have all OEM Parts. \$9,000. Call TJ at 55105 or 4052

'04 BAJAJ Chetak Motorscooter, 145cc, low-mileage, excellent condition, with helmet and extras, \$500 OBO. Call 75798 (h) 74790 (w)

'96 Isuzu Rodeo. \$2600 OBO. New tires & battery. Avail. June 8. Call 77711 or 4228

'96 Jeep Cherokee, \$3,500 OBO. Call 79526

YARD SALE

May 18, 1700-1900, Caravella Point 17B, May 19, 0700-0900

May 19, 0700-0830, C.Circle 27D

June 2, 0800-1000, Windward Loop 13A

June 2, 0700, C.Circle 3C

ELECTRONICS

KEF 5.1 Home theater system. Uni-Q driver array, fills the room with 3D sound. KEF matching HTB2SE powered Subwoofer. If you just want to buy separate sub cost around \$ 800. All, \$550. Bonus Floor stand free. Serious buyers only. Call 75565. No calls after 1500 except weekends

SCSI modem, new style/model incl. pwr supp., ethernet cable, \$60. Call 58545

Black Apple Macbook. Comes preloaded with OSX 10.5.8 (Leopard), 100GB HDD, 2GHz Intel Core Duo Processor, 2GB 667 MHz DDR2 SDRAM. Additional software includes: Microsoft Office, iWork, Skype, and Parallels virtual server. \$500, Call 3242

SCSI modem, includes all wiring and line filter. \$40. Call 73903

SCSI modem, \$48. Call AJ at H: 77519 C:55353

OUTDOOR REC

Men's Full Wet Suit, Bare (tropical series) : \$40. Call 78450

2 BCDs, 2 regs, 2 wet suits \$500. Call 77155

Diamondback mountain bike Response Sport 2012, Disc Brakes, email boybaho10@gmail.com

HOUSEHOLD GOODS

Treadmill \$45, crib mat.\$40, 21"TV \$20, dresser+2 stands \$80. Call 77711 or 4228

New window curtains. Blue, "Black-Out" type to block the sunlight, w/new rod and hardware incl., \$30. Call 58545

Keurig Special Edition. Features 3 cup brew choice, \$90. In great condition and need to sell before leaving the island. Call Cutler or Wade 79703

LOST AND FOUND

Lost: Nook Simple Touch in black book case. Lost on May 12th at Leeward Air Terminal, on bus, or on ferry. If found please call 75590 or 55335

The Scoop

JTF's SAFE RIDE HOME

To prevent drinking and driving, those out drinking can take a safe ride home. Those not drinking can walk. Call 84913 or 84781.

CARMEN DEEDY

Enjoy an evening with Carmen Deedy as she tells her story "Growing up Cuban in Decatur Georgia." Open to all hands May 25, Base Chapel, 1900.

ARMED FORCES DAY 5K RUN

May 19, 0645, start and finish at Cooper Field. Kids Day Run to follow at 0900 at Cooper Field Track. Food, games, and fun after the run.

JIDC SOUVENIR SALE

May 19, 1000-1400, NEX Atrium. Earrings, T-Shirts, Hats and more.

NAVY BIRTHDAY BALL CARWASH

Help support the 237th annual Navy Birthday Ball by getting your car washed. Downtown Lyceum carwash, May 19, 1100-1500. All donations are welcome.

NEX MAIN STORE CLOSURE

The main NEX will close at 2000, May 19 and re-open at noon May 20. Please plan your shopping agenda accordingly.

SUMMER SAFETY STANDDOWN

101 Days of Summer 2012, May 24, Navy Exchange Atrium. Learn safety tips from numerous representatives on base.

DINNER AND A MOVIE

Bring the whole family to the Bayview patio for dinner and a show featuring the cinematic masterpiece 'Nim's Island,' May 25, 1800-2100. And there will be sloppy joes!

INTERVIEW TRAINING

May 22, 0930-1130, FFSC Bldg. 2135. Learn information and techniques for a successful job interview. FMI, call 4153.

SUICIDE PREVENTION

May 23, 0900-1100, FFSC Bldg. 2135. Taking action saves lives. To register, call 4153 or 4141.

SUDS RETURNS

Soldiers Undertaking Disabled Scuba returns May 24-29. Reef Raiders Dive Club is looking for motivated volunteers to assist. Contact ReefRaidersGTMO@gmail.com or stop by Ocean Enterprises to sign up.

GTMO JOB HUNT

Liberty Center Recreation Aide - (Full time), US hire \$8.71 per hour, FN hire \$7.35 + .58 BA per hour

Liberty Center Recreation Aide - (Flex) US hire \$7.25 per hour, FN hire \$5.86

Library Aide - (Flex) US hire \$7.25 per hour, FN hire \$5.86

Electrician - US hire \$14.47 per hour, FN hire \$8.08 + .40 BA

Cahier Windjammer - (Full Time) US hire \$7.25 per hour, FN hire \$5.86 + .52 BA

Warehouse Worker - (Flex) US hire \$10.22 per hour, FN hire \$5.90 + .52 BA

FMI, call 74121. NAF HR is located in Bldg. 760

Substitute Teacher - 12-CUB-071, TP-1701-00, Closes August 31st. Call the school at 3500 or 2207 for any inquires regarding this position.

Administrative Services Assistant (OA) - LH12-014, GS-0303-05-06-07, USNH

Admin Services Assistant (OA) - LH12-015, GS-0503-05-06-07, USNH

Materials Handler - LH12-016, WG-6907-05, FLCJ

MOVIES DOWNTOWN LYCEUM

FRIDAY MAY 18

8 p.m.: **Mirror Mirror (new)**
PG 106 min.

10 p.m.: **The Avengers**
PG 13 142 min.

SATURDAY MAY 19

8 p.m.: **Dark Shadows (new)**
PG13 120 min.

10 p.m.: **Wrath of the Titans**
PG 13 99 min.

SUNDAY MAY 20

8 p.m.: **The Lorax (last)**
PG 96 min.

MONDAY MAY 21

8 p.m.: **The Vow (last)**
PG13 104 min.

TUESDAY MAY 22

8 p.m.: **21 Jump Street**
R 110 min.

WEDNESDAY MAY 23

8 p.m.: **John Carter**
PG13 132 min.

THURSDAY MAY 24

8 p.m.: **Silent House**
R 86 min.

CALL THE MOVIE HOTLINE @ 4880

Stay Connected When A Hurricane Approaches

Purchase a battery-operated AM/FM radio and several packs of replacement batteries for your disaster supply kit.

If the power goes out in your home, you can stay connected by listening to FM 102.1, 103.1 and AM 1340 where emergency warnings, hurricane location, conditions of readiness and any other important information will be broadcast.

The Defense Media Activity detachment, commonly known as RadioGTMO, has emergency auxiliary power that will allow uninterrupted broadcast capability in the event of storm-related power outages.



Find us on Facebook
www.facebook.com/NSGuantanamoBay

