

# Guantanamo Bay Gazette

## Summer Safety Stand-Down Held At Guantanamo Bay



Capt. Kirk Hibbert, Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba Commanding Officer receives summer safety tips during the Safety office's annual "101 Critical Days of Summer" safety stand-down at the NEX atrium, May 24. The Safety office conducts two safety stand-downs per year in an effort to promote safety awareness and proper operational risk management.

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*Gazette Editor*

The Safety department at Naval Station (NS) Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, hosted the annual Navy and Marine Corps' "101 Critical Days of Summer" with a safety stand-down at the installation's Navy Exchange atrium, May 24.

The Safety office conducts two safety stand-downs per year in an effort to promote safety awareness; one at the beginning of summer and another before the winter holiday season. This event marked the first time the summer stand-

down was held in the atrium.

"When you come into the summer months, people are getting ready for vacation and outdoor activities," said James Dillon, NS Guantanamo Bay Safety Specialist. "We are trying to get people in a prepared state-of-mind by providing useful safety tips."

The installation's U.S. Naval Hospital, American Red Cross, Environmental department, Public Works department, Fire department, and representatives from numerous NS Guantanamo Bay and tenant commands provided informative safety hand-outs and demonstrations for the community.

"It's always important to think about safety," said Dillon. "Everything you do, you need to be safe about, and we're here to help people look out for one another. Sometimes we get complacent, and this event will help remind people to stay aware and stay safe."

According to Dillon, during the summer months, residents should remain hydrated, follow regulations and guidelines and take part in the "buddy system" when doing recreational activities.

The stand-down was required for all NS Guantanamo Bay personnel, including military and civilian employees. The event was also open to all base residents.

# GTMO To Conduct Force Protection Drill

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In coordination with W.T. Sampson High school officials, the Installation Training Team (ITT) at Naval Station (NS) Guantanamo Bay, Cuba will conduct a force protection exercise at the high school campus, May 31.

The training scenario will test and evaluate personnel and current response plans. The lessons learned from the exercise will be used to improve current standard operating procedures (SOPs) when dealing with a force protection event.

“Base residents in general, will not be affected,” said Kevin Robarge, NS Guantanamo Bay Installation Training Officer. “Parent notifications will be sent out by W. T. Sampson. The exercise has

been planned to cause minimal disruption to regularly scheduled classes.”

Force protection describes preventive measures taken to mitigate hostile actions in specific areas or against a specific population, Department of Defense (DOD) personnel, resources, facilities, and critical information.

“This training evolution will allow the ITT to develop and execute the exercise in accordance with the installation’s Shore Response Training Plan, but it is more for the school’s needs,” said Robarge. “I believe it is especially important to parents and staff to be able to run through the procedures allowing the ITT to be better prepared to respond and react to threats, while safeguarding our students and faculty in the event of such an emergency.”



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■ **Job/Department:** Base Communications/ Install Asst. Shop Lead  
 ■ **Age:** 37  
 ■ **Home State:** Texas  
 ■ **Quote:** “Don’t wait for someone to do what you can do yourself.”  
 ■ **Favorite Sports Team:** Texans  
 ■ **Hobby:** Swimming/Golf  
 ■ **Favorite Book:** My Kitchen  
 ■ **Favorite Movie:** Life  
 ■ **Favorite Musician:** Brad Johnson  
 ■ **How the Navy has improved his life:** The Navy provided me the foundation to change so much about myself. It gave me the opportunity to see that there was more than the streets of Houston.  
 ■ **Sailor Of The Week Because:** Served as Lead Technician on USNH’s phone relocation project. This endeavor moved 45 telephones during the renovations taking place at the hospital.

## + Any Day at USNH



*The Emergency Room (ER) of U.S. Naval Hospital Guantanamo Bay is open for business at its temporary new location, in a trailer on the opposite side of the helo pad. The old ER is being renovated as part of Phase 4 of a long-term hospital renovation which began in October 2009. Parking is available for ER patients in a small lot directly across from the new ER entrance. - U.S. Navy Photo by Stacey Byington*



# GTMO's MOC Recognizes Asian Pacific American Heritage Month

**Terence Peck**

*NS Guantanamo Bay Public Affairs Officer*

In celebration of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba's Multicultural Observance Committee hosted a "Lunch and Learn" at the community center, May 17.

The MOC's Lunch and Learn is held monthly to provide the community an opportunity to share stories and talk about the designated month's ethnic recognition.

"As the Multicultural Observance Committee in GTMO our mission is to ensure that every DoD observance which are held annually in support of Joint Congressional Resolution, Presidential Proclamation and the achievements of all groups that comprise the society of the United States are recognized," said NAVSTA GTMO's deputy Chaplain Larry Jones and MOC Chairman. "In keeping with the purpose of the observance, the MOC hosted the Asian Pacific Islander Lunch and Learn to enhance cross-cultural awareness and to encourage continued harmony among all military members, their families, and the civilian work force. We desired to see interaction and not just recognition, so this event provided an opportunity to bring awareness through the sharing of the significant contributions Asian Pacific Islanders have made to America and our military forces."

Attendees to the Lunch and Learn watched popular Asian dishes being prepared, such as Vietnamese spring rolls, Korean Kimbap and Filipino noodles, called pancit. Afterwards, they were able to taste them.

"This Lunch and Learn was a great success," said Jones. "The attendance from the GTMO community and tenant commands on the

base was greatly appreciated."

Lt. Tung Tran, NS GTMO's Catholic chaplain, who was the guest speaker for the event, talked about how he came from Vietnam to the United States.

"The MOC would like to thank Father Tran for sharing his fascinating story as a refugee from Vietnam and culinary skills with the GTMO community," said Jones.

In addition to the guest speaker, a special display was set up that showed various Asian dress and artifacts.

"We would like to thank Mrs. Wanda Robinson and those that provided the items for the beautiful display of cultural art work, artifacts, furniture and clothing items that made for a wonderful learning visual at the Lunch and Learn," Jones said. "People left the event with knowledge that will allow them to effect change by promoting cultural awareness and respect."



**NDC Robert Pagtakhan prepares authentic Asian Pacific delicacies during GTMO's Multicultural Observance Lunch and Learn at the community center, May 17.**



## Chaplain's Corner

### Hidden Treasure

**Chaplain Van Dickens**

*Guantanamo Bay Command Chaplain*

It had been hidden beneath the floor for decades, unused, largely forgotten. Those who worship at the Naval Station Guantanamo Bay Chapel (also known as Reid Chapel) had not seen it. Even those who had been worshipping for over forty years knew little-to-nothing about it. But it was there. It was always there. It had been there since the chapel was built in 1941. Like a treasure



**Cdr. Van Dickens, NS Guantanamo Bay Command Chaplain stands in the newly discovered baptistery at the installation's chapel.**

hidden in a field, it was waiting to be discovered, or rediscovered, and now it has. It is the chapel's baptistery.

"It started with a phone call I received from Rudy Sammons, Housing Office Director, who had spoken with Tom Anderson who was formerly with Public Works. Apparently, about twenty years ago, Public Works repaired a water break leading to the baptistery. Other than that, and the original blueprints, it has been mostly out of sight, out of mind." Little has been written about the chapel, or the baptistery. Those seeking baptism by immersion have gone either to one of the pools on base or to one of the beaches. Even our Cuban residents who have attended here for decades have not seen it. On May 21, Doug Higgs, Facilities Manager for the chapel, and several workers carefully opened and inspected the baptistery, which appears to be fully functional, complete with aqua tiling. The floor covering retracts on rollers, sliding directly beneath the chancel area, revealing the roughly six-foot-long, six-foot-wide pool.

The vast majority of Christians take very seriously the importance of baptism. The fact that the Navy understood this when they built the chapel tells me that great care was taken to ensure people could practice their faith with the freedoms afforded us by our nation's Constitution. Our restriction to the Naval Station makes this rediscovery all the more important. If I'm asked if I can plan to conduct any baptisms in the baptistery, my answer will be, "As many as I possibly can."



## GTMO MWR Host Armed Forces Day Fitness Event

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*Gazette Editor*

Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) at Naval Station (NS) Guantanamo Bay, Cuba hosted the Armed Forces Day community 5k run, May 19.

Beginning at the installation's Cooper Field, the 3.1 mile event showcased community support for active-duty, reserve, and retired service members, while providing more than 100 community members with a challenging fitness experience.

"The race was a celebration of Armed Forces Day," said Dennis Anthony, MWR Fitness Coordinator. "The base and all its residents are here either because they serve in the Armed Forces or support the military."

Race participant and running enthusiast Katie Sutton finished first with a time of 18 minutes and 50 seconds.

"I love to compete and I also feel it is important to support the running community in GTMO," said Sutton. "Events like

this give us an opportunity to test our fitness as well as cheer each other on and socialize. I have made great friends in my short time at GTMO, mainly from participating in races like the 5k this weekend."

Following the 5k, NS Guantanamo Bay's Child and Youth Programs (CYP) provided family entertainment by hosting the Armed Forces Day Kids Fun Run.

"Every year on Armed Forces Day the military host kids fun runs to celebrate and honor the children of service members," said Anthony. "It is important that families find productive activities that they can participate in together."

The day's events were supported by more than 30 community volunteers who registered runners, manned water stations and ensured safe practices were observed.

"MWR could not put on these events without the support of our volunteers," said Anthony. "Their support is greatly appreciated and we couldn't do it without them."

Base residents participate in MWR's 2012 Armed Forces Day 5k at Cooper Field, May 19. The 3.1 mile event showcased community support for active-duty, reserve, and retired service members.



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# Information Assurance Officials Stress OPSEC Importance

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*Gazette Editor*

Information Assurance officials at Naval Station (NS) Guantanamo Bay, Cuba recently began reminding personnel about the magnitude of observing proper operations security (OPSEC).

According to the installation's Information Systems Division (ISD), since January 2005, both inside and outside the U.S. government, more than 100 million records containing sensitive personal information such as Social Security numbers, names, addresses, and medical records have been potentially lost, stolen, or compromised.

"OPSEC is keeping potential adversaries from discovering our critical information," said Tamara Porter, NS Guantanamo Bay Information Assurance Officer. "As a resident or family member of the military community, you are a vital player in our success, and we couldn't do our job without your support. You may not know it, but you also play a crucial role in ensuring your loved one's safety. You can protect your family and friends by protecting what you know of the military's day-to-day operations."

ISD advises when dealing with information, personnel should ensure documents are not accessible to casual visitors, passersby, or other individuals within their workspace, office, or open viewing area.

"When using social networking sites, do not give details about personnel transactions that occur in large numbers such as pay information, powers of attorney, wills, and deployment information,"

said Porter. "Do not reveal details concerning security procedures, details on locations and times of unit deployments or detailed information about the mission of assigned units."

Information Security (INFOSEC) is defined as protecting information and information systems from unauthorized access, use, disclosure, disruption, modification, perusal, inspection, recording or destruction of the information. Information security is protection of the availability, privacy, and integrity of data.

Personally identifiable information (PII) is defined as any data about individuals that could potentially identify them. Some of the identifiable information can be names, fingerprints or other biometric data, email addresses, street addresses, telephone numbers or social security numbers.

"The cost of losing PII to carelessness or theft goes beyond dollars," said Porter. "For organizations that misuse or allow PII data to leak out of their systems, the negative publicity, loss of customer trust, lost business, and legal costs can be severe."

Porter said the U.S. Veterans Administration provided an example of what can happen if PII is not properly protected.

"The Veterans Administration lost more than 26 million records when an employee's unencrypted laptop-carrying PII was stolen," she said. "In 2009, Heartland Payment Systems suffered the largest data breach to date, which compromised nearly 130 million credit and debit cards. Be alert and be careful. By being a member of the military or a military family, you will often know bits of critical information. Do not discuss them outside of your immediate family and especially not over the telephone."

## PCS'ing With Furry Family Members

**Kari Wilkin**

*Transportation Assistant*

You've set up your pack out date, given notice to housing about vacating, set up the ship out date for the car and your thinking what else needs to be taken care to make this a smooth PCS...

The answer is one most people tend to over look until the last minute and that would be the travel arrangements for pets. With so many different people, pets and experiences on island there tend to be a lot of different ideas with what does and doesn't work when shipping your pets out through AMC flights. Below are a few helpful hints to make pet travel easier on you and your furry companion.

- Animals may only be shipped in PCS status and cannot travel alone.
- Only two (2) pets are allowed per family.
- AMC only allows three (3) pets or 150 lbs combined pet and kennel weight on each flight. If you have two (2) pets whose weight is 170 lbs total you will need to ship the animals out separately so plan on different travel dates.
- Fees are charged on a per kennel basis. The pet and kennel with a combined weight up to 70 lbs is charged as one (1) piece, pets 71-140 lbs combined will be charged as two (2) pieces and pets 141-150 lbs combined will be charged as three (3) pieces.

•When planning for the pet to travel in-cabin soft sided kennels are recommend but they must meet the requirements:

- 1.) Constructed of leak-proof/ water repellent padded nylon with mesh ventilation on two (2) or more sides.
- 2.) Size must not exceed 20" Long x 16 " Wide x 8" Height to ensure it will fit under the seat in front of you.
- 3.) Pet must be able to stand up, turn-around and lie down with normal posture and body movements.

•Be sure to remember to obtain the required documentation such as immunizations, all vet records, and border clearance requirements (DD Form 2208, rabies Vaccination Certificate or civilian equivalent or DD Form 2209 Veterinary Health Certificate) for proof of ownership.

• Finally the cost to ship each pet one way is:

o Jacksonville	\$92
o Norfolk	\$112
o Baltimore	\$112

**For more information on PCS'ing with pets, contact AMC Transportation at x4850 or the terminal at x6408.**

**- Kari Wilkin**



# 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

'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

'04 Chevrolet Avalanche, Black on Black with custom leather, 22" Chrome wheels, Custom Aerodynamic kit Multimedia system, Dual Borla exhaust, Custom grill, HID lights, covered bed plus many extras included. \$12,000 OBO. Call 78485

'95 Cadillac Deville, runs great, excellent condition. \$3500 OBO. Call 78477

'07 Dodge Caliber SXT, great condition, 63k miles, drop down boom box in tailgate. Cooler in glove box. \$10,000 OBO. Available July 1. Call 77385 or email clarkfamily5@hotmail.com

'99 Mazda 626 LE, \$3500, firm transmission completely rebuilt, AC replaced and recharged, belts replaced, front brakes replaced, catalytic convertor and 2 oxygen sensors replaced, motor mounts replaced, battery replaced, available June 1. Call 77333 after 1800

## HOUSEHOLD GOODS

NordicTrack E4400, \$180 OBO. Edge stationary exercise bike, \$40 OBO. Sharp 16" Standard Color TV, \$30 OBO. FMI Call 75798

55" projection screen TV with surround sound system, speakers, Blu-Ray DVD player and VHS player sold all together as a set for \$500 OBO. Call 77757

Misc furnishings and household items, including treadmill, couch & love seat, end tables, DR table & chairs, beds, desk, TV, Bose speakers, pots/pans/dishes, etc. Call 78343 or 90545

6ft Satellite dish, \$600. Panasonic Cordless Phone set with 3 handsets, \$40. Microfiber Couch, \$100. Call Mike 77121

2 dining room sets, infant car seat, large area rug, bass guitar and amp, coffee tables. Call 78009

## TEXT BOOKS

"Discovering the Universe" 9th Ed by Comins, Neil F. ISBN-13: 9781429255202. This book is for Columbia College. \$100. Call 773690

## YARD SALE

May 25th, Marine Site M- 118, 0630 -0900

June 2, Windward Loop 13A, 0800-1000

June 2nd, VL 7A, 0800-1000

## OUTDOOR REC

2012 Diamondback Response Sport mountainbike, \$200. email boybaho10@gmail.com

## LOST AND FOUND

Lost: Black and silver titanium ring with an engraving of 1 Corinthians verse on the inside. If found please contact MatMan at the Hospital at 72315

## 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 READING

May 25, 1900, Base Chapel. This published author will read "Growing Up Cuban in Decatur Georgia." Open to all hands. Kick off the Memorial Day weekend with a live reading.

### CARDBOARD BOAT REGATTA

May 26, Ferry Landing Beach, 0900-1200. Soggy Bottom Cardboard Boat Regatta. FMI, call 2345. Darrrrrr.

### SATURDAY SPALSH

May 26, Windjammer Pool, 1000-1700. Open to all hands. FMI, call 2205.

### UFC FIGHT

May 26, O'Kelly's Irish Pub, 2100. Santos vs. Overreem for the World Title. FMI, call 75503.

### MEMORIAL DAY 5K

May 26, Christmas Tree Hill, 0645. Open to all hands. FMI, call 2113.

### LIVE SHOWS

May 26, Tiki Bar, 2130, Volcano Joe and The Hot Lava Band. What? May 27, Downtown Lyceum, 1730. Food, drinks, and games. Volcano Joe performs at 1900. Vertical Horizon rocks out 90's style at 2000. FMI, call 4882.

### ZOMBIES ARISE! WE WALK!

May 30, walk starts at 1930. Walk from Denich Gym to the Downtown Lyceum with your fellow zombies and help scare the locals. Get zombieified in your best attire. Zombieland will play at the Downtown Lyceum at 2000. FMI, call 2113. Braaaains!

### COMMUNITY GYM SALE

June 2, W.T. Sampson Elementary School Gym, 0800-1300. Join in the community sale of things people have piled up and don't know what to do with.

### HOCKEY AT 100 DEGREES

June 1-June 2, Open rec. 5 on 5 floor hockey tourney. Why play on the ice when you can sweat in the heat? Located at the Denich Gym "hockey" rink, games start at 1845. Nothing says hockey like heat.

# 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

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# MOVIES DOWNTOWN LYCEUM

FRIDAY MAY 25

8 p.m.: **Battleship (new)**  
PG13 131 min.

10 p.m.: **American Reunion (new)**  
R 113 min.

SATURDAY MAY 26

8 p.m.: **NO MOVIE**

10 p.m.: **NO MOVIE**

SUNDAY MAY 27

8 p.m.: **NO MOVIE**

MONDAY MAY 28

8 p.m.: **Battleship**  
PG13 131 min.

TUESDAY MAY 29

8 p.m.: **A Thousand Words (last)**  
PG13 91 min.

WEDNESDAY MAY 30

8 p.m.: **Zombieland**  
R 88 min.

THURSDAY MAY 31

8 p.m.: **The Avengers**  
PG13 142 min.

CALL THE MOVIE HOTLINE @ 4880

# Parent Teacher Organization Raises Funds During Talent Show

**Terence Peck**

*NS Guantanamo Bay Public Affairs Officer*

Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba's Parent Teacher Organization sponsored a talent show at the W.T. Sampson elementary school, May 18.

The talent show, which was opened to students and teachers, raised more than \$880 and featured an art exhibit, dramatic arts and dance, vocalists and instrumentalists.

"The money will be used for future PTO events for all W. T. Sampson students and families," said Personnel Specialist 1st Class Christina O'Hara, Personnel Service Detachment GTMO.

O'Hara said that the talent show provided the participants an

opportunity to share their talents and increase their confidence.

In order to hold the show, the PTO received help from many volunteers.

"The committee of nine parents, teachers, and board members, started meeting and planning in March," she said. "We had about 20 volunteers to help direct traffic, keep the kids occupied in their dressing rooms. Some acted as "bouncers" to make sure people all entered in the right entrance, to monitor the art display and to run our concession stand."

The PTO will host a volunteer luncheon June 1 from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. at the W. T. Sampson elementary school teacher's lounge.

"We want to show all those who volunteered a special big thank you for raising their hand to help us when we needed help."



*Paola Merrill plays violin with her brother Rohan Merrill, as he plays classical guitar during a performance at the Parent Teacher Organization's Talent Show, May. 18. The event was held at W.T. Sampson elementary school's outdoor auditorium and featured vocalists, instrumentalists, dramatic arts and dance.*

