



Memorial Day Remembrance Service Held At GTMO



NS Guantanamo Bay, Cuba Commanding Officer Capt. Kirk Hibbert and Executive Officer Cdr. William Rabchenia salute the National Ensign during the Memorial Day remembrance service May 28. Held at Cuzco Wells cemetery, the service honored American service members and their sacrifices while serving their country. - U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Marvin Thompson

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Residents at Naval Station (NS) Guantanamo Bay, Cuba attended a Memorial Day remembrance service at Cuzco Wells Cemetery, May 28.

The service was held to honor American service members and their sacrifices while serving their country.

GTMO's Memorial Day service began with the observance of morning colors and the placing of a wreath at the base of the national ensign. The service also included remarks from Capt. Kirk Hibbert,

NS Guantanamo Bay, Cuba commanding officer, and a three-gun volley salute from Marine Corps Security Force Company (MCSFCO) Marines.

"Memorial Day is a day of recognition where we honor the sacrifice of all those who died in service to our nation and whom we continue to remember in our hearts," said Capt. Hibbert. "We also pray for their families, friends and fellow service men and women, and we mark this day with a solemn note as we grieve the loss of our beloved comrades in arms, while also celebrating their legacy."

Cuzco Wells Cemetery is located on the site of the Battle of Cuzco Wells where the Spanish Army was driven from what is now the naval station during the Spanish-American War of 1898. This event marked the one time out of the year where the cemetery is open to the general public.

"We often hear that freedom has a price and that each generation pays its dues," said Hibbert. "Today we acknowledge a bill paid and say thank you to those who for generations, have in the words of one Soldier poet wrote... 'taste death in youth, that liberty might grow old.'"

Congratulations GTMO Petty Officer Selectees

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Petty Officers See Advancement Improvement

Chief of Naval Personnel
Public Affairs

More than 29,000 Sailors are on their way to advancement to E4, E5 and E6 with the release of the Petty Officer list May 25.

Navy leaders opened advancement opportunity to higher levels this cycle to fill Fleet vacancies with Sailors possessing the skills and experience

required to fill those vacancies.

“As part of the 21st Century Sailor and Marine initiative focus on readiness, our goal is to provide the Fleet with the right Sailor with the right skills and the right experience level to maximize Navy’s readiness,” said Rear Adm. Tony Kurta, director of Military Personnel Plans and Policy.

Sailors taking the E4 test saw their advancement opportunity increase from 30.97 percent to 45.83 percent while E5 advancement opportunity increased from 20.68 percent to 30.94 percent. Those taking the E6 test saw opportunity increase from 10.75 percent to 16.18 percent.

No ratings had zero back to back

opportunity and only one rating (at only the E6 level) saw zero opportunity this cycle. However, officials point out, future advancement opportunity may not be as high as this cycle; but will move closer to historic advancement levels.

Navy’s continued efforts to provide a balanced force are proving successful, officials said. As the force becomes more balanced, future advancement opportunity will become more stable offering more consistent promotion opportunity to Sailors over the long term.

Advancement results are posted on the Navy Personnel Command’s Bupers On-Line Web page at www.npc.navy.mil.



Base residents compete in MWR’s Memorial Day 10k run at NS Guantanamo Bay’s “Christmas Tree Hill,” May 26. The event was held to offer the community an opportunity to honor service members while participating in a fitness challenge. Prizes were awarded to the first and second place finishers in each age category.

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Disabled Veterans Dive Guantanamo Bay's Waters

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Reef Raiders Dive Club at Naval Station (NS) Guantanamo Bay, Cuba hosted seven Soldiers Undertaking Disabled Scuba (SUDS) veterans, May 24-28.

Located at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center (WRNMMC) in Bethesda, MD, the SUDS program is designed to help improve the lives of injured service members by training them in a challenging activity while facilitating the rehabilitation process and promoting mobility.

"The SUDS program is the best program I've been involved in during my time at Walter Reed," said disabled veteran Army Sgt. Preston Kaplan. "Everyone in the community has been overwhelmingly supportive, and being in Guantanamo Bay has provided a very welcoming feeling and a sense of pride and accomplishment."

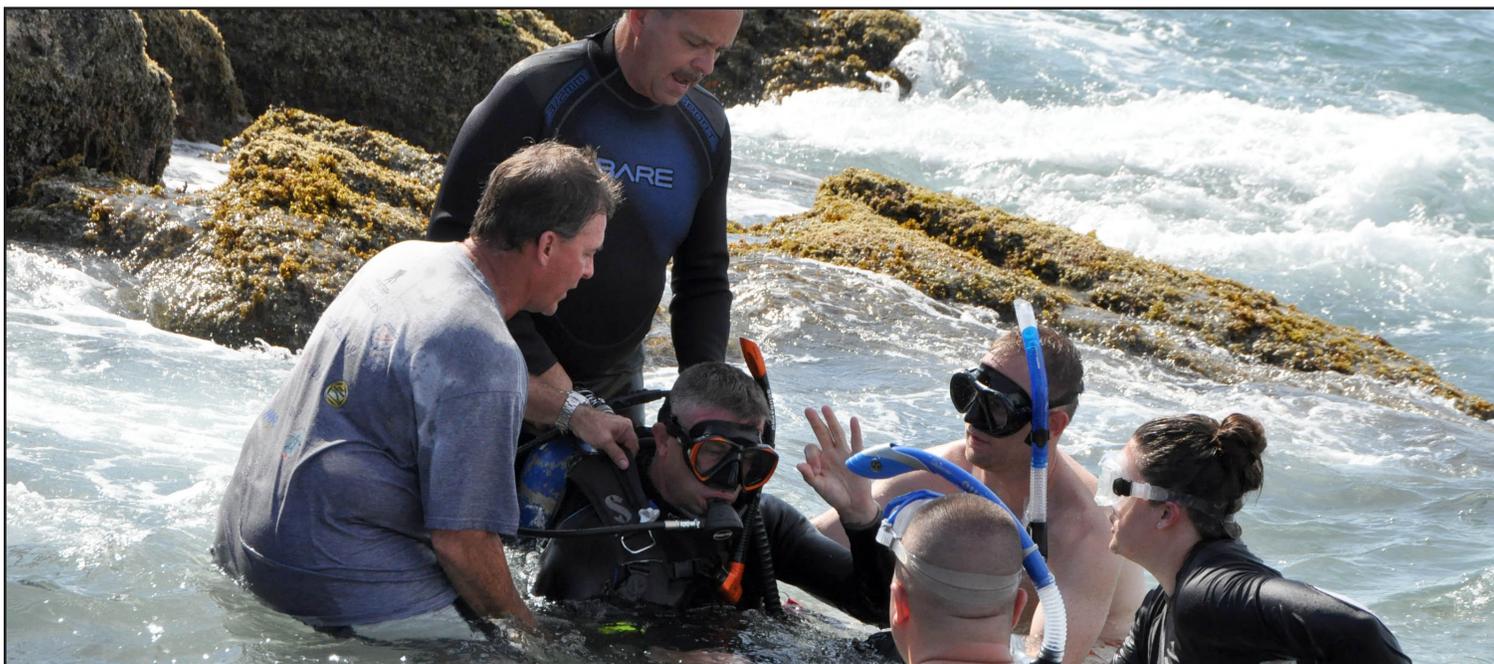
Numerous sponsors and volunteers including NS Guantanamo Bay's Joint Task Force (JTF), Port Operations department, Dive Locker, and American Red Cross assisted the

wounded warriors in obtaining their dive qualifications.

"This is the eighth trip SUDS have made to Guantanamo Bay," said Eric Reese, Reef Raiders Dive Club President. "There is a large diving community on base that is willing to assist with this rewarding program. If you talk to SUDS veterans who have been here before, they'll agree GTMO is really the crown jewel of the SUDS diving experience. From the time these warriors show up to the time they leave, they are completely taken care of."

The SUDS members attended two days of open water training to receive dive certifications, before participating in un-assisted dives in Guantanamo Bay's numerous "dive spot" locations.

"After being here, SUDS veterans get a sense and understanding that they don't have to drastically change their lives because of their injuries," said Reese. "It's great for them to get out and be a part of communities like ours that are so strong and interested in helping other military members. Qualifying these guys as divers and being a part of this rewarding experience is worth every bit of our time and efforts."



Volunteers assist a disabled veteran during an open water dive at NS Guantanamo Bay's Cable beach, May 28. In coordination with Joint Task Force (JTF) Guantanamo Bay, the installation's Reef Raiders Dive Club hosted seven Soldiers Undertaking Disabled Scuba (SUDS) veterans to train and achieve diving certifications. This visit marked the eighth time SUDS has toured Guantanamo Bay.

Chaplain's Corner

Consider the Ant

Chaplain Larry Jones

Guantanamo Bay Deputy Chaplain



If we took a survey to see how many people have had encounters with ants, I'm sure the numbers would be high. Growing up in South Georgia, to see ants or to be bitten by an ant is very common. On a nice summer day, they can surely be a nuisance to a wonderfully planned picnic.

Known as one of the smallest creatures in creation, they teach us much. King Solomon used the ant to provide encouragement to

stay busy and to prepare always for the future. The ant is continually busy gathering and storing up food. The ant doesn't wait for the order to work, but takes the initiative in case there is unforeseeable circumstances preventing the work from being done.

We all have novel ideas and plans for our lives. Maybe we are waiting for someone to tell us to begin the process. Let us consider the ways of the ant; however, and become wise by taking the initiative to plan and implement our futures. For some that could possibly mean completing a degree, working on qualifications or staying in shape by maintaining a balanced workout regimen. I encourage all of us to stay busy like the ant and keep working towards a successful future.

vertical



Alternative rock band Vertical Horizon perform for base residents at the downtown Lyceum, May 27. Navy Entertainment and NS Guantanamo Bay's MWR hosted the group as well as Orlando, Fla. musicians Volcano Joe and the Hot Lava Band. The performances were provided as part of MWR's holiday weekend entertainment.

Recording Artists Vertical Horizon Rock Guantanamo

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In coordination with Navy Entertainment, Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) at Naval Station (NS) Guantanamo Bay, Cuba hosted recording artists Vertical Horizon, May 26-29.

Performing at the installation's downtown Lyceum, the alternative rock band played their hits for base residents before Memorial Day as part of MWR's holiday weekend entertainment.

"MWR wanted to provide entertainment for the troopers and families on base and allow GTMO residents to relax and enjoy entertainment provided specifically for them," said Brittany Hanna, NS Guantanamo Bay MWR Marketing Coordinator. "Navy Entertainment brought Vertical Horizon to GTMO because the band members wanted to perform for the troops and honor service members."

MWR also hosted Orlando, Fla. music group Volcano Joe and the Hot Lava Band, who performed two shows for the community over the weekend.

"Bringing in musical groups boosts morale and gives residents a better quality of living," said Hanna. "These performances enhanced the weekend by providing live entertainment not typical in GTMO. Volcano Joe and the Hot Lava Band used audience participation in their performances and have an energetic, fun feel while singing cover songs that the most people would know. There was definitely excitement in the air."

Vertical Horizon formed in Washington, D.C. in 1991. The band is best known for a string of hits in 1999 and early 2000s, including "You're a God," "Everything You Want," and "Best I Ever Had (Grey Sky Morning)."

"For us to come with sort of 'eyes wide-open' and good intentions in our hearts and to be able to come and say 'thank you' to the troops, really means more to us than I could have ever imagined," said Matt Scannell, Vertical Horizon lead vocalist.



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Congressman Visits GTMO, Special Category Residents

Terence Peck

NS Guantanamo Bay Public Affairs Officer

Florida Sen. Marco Rubio visited Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba to conduct oversight of the facility, tour the base and meet the commander of Joint Task Force GTMO, May 29.

During his visit, he stopped by the Naval Station's H-4 facility to talk with Cuban special category residents.

The special-category residents are current or former Cuban employees of the base who remained on-station after the U.S. and Cuba broke diplomatic relations in the early 1960s.

Approximately 350 Cubans who worked for the Naval Station were granted asylum.

The H-4 facility provides age-appropriate staffing, structured activities of daily living and supportive care to the residents.

Rubio said that he stopped to talk with the residents because they provided invaluable service to the United States, with some for over 50 years.

"Many of them separated from their families even though they live just a short distance away, separated physically from the families for such a long period of time because of their service to the United States," he said. "They have a very unique immigration need and these are folks that are now in their 80's and late 70's who desperately want to become American citizens; some of them do before they pass and so we want to hopefully go back to Washington and be able to figure out a solution for them."



Florida Sen. Marco Rubio (center) visits with NS Guantanamo Bay's special category residents at the installation's H-4 facility, May 29. Rubio was at NS Guantanamo Bay to conduct oversight of the facility, tour the base and meet with the commander of Joint Task Force (JTF) Guantanamo. Today, there are 32 special-category residents remaining.

Any Day *in* GTMO

Left: The 'living dead' roam the streets of GTMO during MWR's Zombie Walk, May 30. Base residents were invited to receive free face-painting at Denich Gym, before shuffling to the downtown Lyceum to watch the film "Zombieland."

Right: Community members participate in MWR's annual Soggy Bottom Cardboard Boat Regatta at Windward Ferry Landing beach, May 26. Participants raced hand-crafted vessels made entirely of cardboard and duct tape around a 100-yard course.



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

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'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

'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

'05 Dodge Dakota, White, 4DR, 2WD, V8, Tow Pkg, Spray-in Bedliner, 78,000 mi, Excellent Cond, Cold A/C, Available June 23, \$12,000 OBO, Call 4886/78138 or email micah_sven@yahoo.com

For Sale: 2001 GMC Sonoma \$3500 A/C blows cold, CD, tool box, automatic, great condition ph 78009

96 Lumina Chevy \$2400 OBO, runs great and well maintained, please call 75665 mornings and weekend or call 77606 weekdays after 4:00 pm.

For sale Chrysler Lebanon 1992 convertible v6. Must leave the Island Phone Number: 77641 (After 1500)

'97 Honda Civic Price: \$1000 Tinted Windows, Power windows Sun/Moon roof, CD player, A/C GREAT running condition. *Needs a muffler Call Petty Officer Ruben. Work: 3900 or Home: 73830

Ford Ranger XL Year 1994, New fuel pump, new front brake pads Engine running very smooth, very good condition Price :\$2000 (obo) Call Martin 78475

2003 Pontiac Grand Prix, black, fully loaded, \$3100.00 call (78475) Noel

1999 Mazda, Protege, 5 speed, 4 doors, 119000 miles, A/C works. CD player & radio, power doors and windows, price \$3500, please call Faris 7845

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Moving sale this weekend June 2-3, 4B Caribbean Circle, Please call Roy at 75589: VW Cabrio 2002, 66k, all power in excellent condition \$5,250.

'04 Ford Mustang Convertible, \$6000. Red with leather seating, new alternator, runs great, good condition, 115,000 miles. Call AJ at 77519(h) or 4805(w).

1993 Saturn 4doors very clean \$1400, 94 Nissan Quest nice clean with A/C 7 passengers \$1700, call 78470 or Email: Babil217@yahoo.com

YARD SALE

June 2, Windward Loop 13A, 0800-1000

June 2nd, VL 7A, 0800-1000

June 2, Villamar 12C, 0800-1200. "Plus size clothing" will also be on sale

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PCS moving/yard sale. 6/8/12. Friday sale....from 0700-? No early birds please. Paola Point # 8

June 2nd Moving Sale 9-1pm 2206 A Villamar, everything must go.

ELECTRONICS

Sharp 16" Standard Color TV (not flat screen) - \$30 OBO. FMI Call 75798 after 16:30

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

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

SCSI Modem with extra wiring \$50. Call 84150

SCSI Modem, NEW Style/Model Incl. Pwr Supp., Ethernet Cable. Asking \$60. Please Call 58545

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Sylvania 40" LCD TV \$200 32" LCD TV Six months old \$250 2 Vacuums \$40 each Entertainment Center \$100 Entertainment Center \$50 Sofa, love seat, marble coffee table

set \$350 for all Free To Air Satellite Dish + 2 Receivers \$300 Grass Mower \$50 call 78470.

JVC DVD player \$ 30.00. Philips DVD player \$ 25.00 Call 77123 leave a message if not home.

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SCSI Modem \$48. Call AJ at 77519(h) or 4805(w).

Cookware, incl 3 pots, 2 pans, and 1 electric skillet. \$20. Call AJ at 77519(h) or 4805(w).

HOUSEHOLD GOODS

Round dining room table, seating for 4. Solid Oak construction. Includes leaf to accommodate 2 more seats. \$150 OBO. Contact 74322

NordicTrack E4400 - \$180 OBO; EDGE stationary exercise bike. FMI Call 75798 after 16:30

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

Microfiber Couch, \$100. Call Mike 77121

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

Regalo Hide Away Bed Rail for Toddlers, white. \$15 ph 78009

For Sale: Gas weedeater, trimmer, blower all in one. Toro. Best offer gets it. ph 78009

40" LCD TV \$200, 30" LED with HD-MIA new \$250, Free to Air receiver & 6feet Dish \$250, 2 Vacuum cleaners bag less \$40 each, 2 entertainment center \$200 for both, Can separate. Sofa and Love seat with marble top coffee table \$250. Also Garage sale on Saturday & Sunday June 1st and 2nd from 9am till 4pm call 78470 or Email: Babil217@yahoo.com

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For sale, Kent Men mountain bike, with Helmet, lock and light Asking \$75 Please call 77123, before 2:00 PM.

Two Diamondback adult bikes, 26" frames. One Gold and One Red. \$75 each. Two Adult Beach Cruiser bikes. \$50 each. Call 74322

LOST AND FOUND

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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

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MOVIES DOWNTOWN LYCEUM

FRIDAY June 1

8 p.m.: **Men in Black 3 (new)** PG13 103 min.

10 p.m.: **Cabin in the Woods (new)** R 95 min.

SATURDAY June 2

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

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

SUNDAY June 3

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

MONDAY June 4

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

TUESDAY June 5

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

WEDNESDAY June 6

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

THURSDAY June 7

8 p.m.: **Lockout (new)** PG13 95 min.

CALL THE MOVIE HOTLINE @ 4880

Archbishop Of The Military Services Visits Guantanamo Bay

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The Chapel department at Naval Station (NS) Guantanamo Bay, Cuba hosted the Archbishop of the Military Services, May 26-29.

Archbishop Timothy Broglio made his pastoral visit to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on the Catholic community. While he was at NS Guantanamo Bay, he also delivered the invocation during the Memorial Day observance ceremony at the installation's Cuzco Wells cemetery.

"The Archbishop is the leader of all Catholic men and women in the military and all personnel at American military installations," said Lt. Tung Tran, NS Guantanamo Bay Staff

Chaplain. "He came here to teach, encourage, and see the welfare of people under his care."

Prior to the Memorial Day observance ceremony, Broglio held Confirmation Mass on Pentecost Sunday at the base chapel, and with troops at Guantanamo Bay's Joint Task Force (JTF).

"The Archbishop cares about peace, justice, and religious freedom," said Tran. "He teaches the people in his care to pursue and live these ideals. His visit is a sign that the church cares, all service members are appreciated, and all workers and residents at NS Guantanamo Bay are remembered and held dear."

Pope Benedict XVI named Broglio head of the Archdiocese for the Military Services November 2007, and he was formally installed as the fourth Archbishop of the Military Services January 2008.



Archbishop of the Military Service Timothy Broglio leads a congregation before conferring the Sacrament of Confirmation on the Catholic community at the base chapel, May 27. The Archbishop also delivered the invocation during the Memorial Day observance service at Cuzco Wells cemetery.

