

Guantanamo Bay Gazette

Guantanamo Bay Holds Change Of Command Ceremony



Capt. John Nettleton (left) receives command of Naval Station Guantanamo Bay from the installation's Commanding Officer Capt. Kirk Hibbert (right) as Rear Adm. John Scorby looks on (center) during a Change of Command ceremony at the base Chapel, June 29. Military personnel from all services across the base attended the event to say farewell to Hibbert, who took command in Sept. 2012.

Terence Peck

NS Guantanamo Bay Public Affairs Officer

Naval Station Guantanamo Bay Cuba's commanding officer, Capt. Kirk R. Hibbert was relieved by Capt. John R. Nettleton during a Change of Command ceremony at the base Chapel, June 29.

Military personnel from all services across the base attended the event to say farewell to Hibbert, who took command September. 2010.

Distinguished visitors included Rear Adm. Sinclair Harris, the Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command and U.S. 4th Fleet and Rear Adm. John W. Smith, Jr., Commander, Joint Task Force Guantanamo (JTF-GTMO).

Rear Adm. John C. Scorby Jr., commander, Navy Region

Southeast presided over the ceremony and was the guest speaker.

Scorby talked about Hibbert's accomplishments as the Naval Station's commanding officer.

During his service as the Naval Station's commanding officer, construction began on a \$64.5 million project to replace 146 family housing units for pay grades E1-E9, W1-WO3 and 04-05 along with consolidation and renovation of the base fitness center. Numerous initiatives were started in an effort to reduce energy consumption on base. An Advanced Metering Infrastructure system was installed in FY11 to meter the Station's large power and water consumers. A project was developed to install 175 solar power lights in place of the existing 1,000-watt lights providing an expected reduction on base load of one percent. New diesel generators were installed

Chief Of Naval Operations Announces New Master Chief Petty Officer Of The Navy

MC2(SW) Kyle P. Malloy

Chief of Naval Operations Public Affairs

The Chief of Naval Operations (CNO), Jonathan Greenert, announced his selection of FLTCM (AW/NAC) Michael D. Stevens as the 13th Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) at a Pentagon press conference June 27.

“I was extremely proud to have such a highly and fully qualified group of candidates,” said Greenert. “After a thorough and deliberate process I selected FLTCM Stevens to be our Navy’s senior enlisted leader and my advisor for dealing in matters with enlisted personnel and their families.”

Stevens has served as the fleet master chief at U.S. Fleet Forces Command in Norfolk, Va. since August 2010. His prior command master chief tours include U.S. 2nd Fleet, Helicopter Sea Combat Wing Atlantic, Helicopter Mine Countermeasures Squadron 14, and Naval Air Station Pensacola. A native of Montana, Stevens joined the Navy in 1983. He will relieve

MCPON (SS/SW) Rick D. West during a ceremony Sept. 28 at the Washington Navy Yard.

“Throughout my career, and every Sailor’s career, we’ve had chief petty officers take care of and shape us,” said Greenert. “Master Chief Stevens has the leadership and experience to keep us on course and on speed. I look forward to working closely with him.”

Greenert also praised West who took the helm in December 2008, citing his outstanding leadership and lifetime of dedicated service.

“I’m proud of MCPON West and what he has accomplished during his watch. His extraordinary leadership and terrific connection to the fleet has contributed greatly to our warfighting readiness and the readiness of our families,” said Greenert. “His example has been a daily reminder to Sailors to live our ethos and to remember the important role families play in our successes.”

The Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy serves as an advisor to the Chief of Naval Operations and to the Chief of Naval Personnel in matters of importance to enlisted personnel and their families. The MCPON is also an advisor to the many boards focused on enlisted personnel issues; is the enlisted representative of the Department of the Navy at special events; may be called upon to testify on enlisted personnel issues before Congress; and, maintains a liaison with enlisted spouse organizations.



In this undated photo, U.S. Fleet Forces Fleet Master Chief Michael Stevens speaks to Sailors aboard the aircraft carrier USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69). Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Adm. Jonathan Greenert announced his selection of Stevens as the 13th Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) at a Pentagon press conference, June 27. - U.S. Navy photo

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Navy Exchange Service Command Gives \$42.8 Million To MWR

Kristine M. Sturkie

NEXCOM Public Affairs

The Navy Exchange Service Command (NEXCOM) released its FY11 audited financials report which showed a \$42.8 million contribution to Navy Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR).

“This contribution is in keeping with NEXCOM’S mission to provide customers with quality goods and services at a savings and to provide quality of life support to Navy MWR,” said Rear Adm. Robert J. Bianchi, USN, (ret), Chief Executive Officer, NEXCOM. “NEXCOM gives 70 percent of its profits to MWR each year to support Navy quality of life programs. So, customers can save money and support MWR when they shop at a Navy Exchange (NEX). It’s a win-win for everyone.”

Navy MWR uses the dividends from the NEX in a variety of ways. Installations receive part of the funds for specific installation level MWR efforts. The remaining funds are used for MWR capital projects to improve facilities.

“The NEX dividend returns some of the local NEX profits to MWR to improve local recreation programs,” said Larry Warnken, Deputy Program Director of Fleet Readiness, Commander, Naval Installations Command. “Additionally, the dividend provides the MWR central fund with a source

of funding that can be applied to non-appropriated fund projects for youth centers, clubs, golf courses and bowling lanes which cannot receive military construction (MILCON) support. By investing in capitalization of our MWR business-based operations and community support facilities, we provide a tangible demonstration of Navy’s commitment to improving quality of life for our Sailors and their family members.”

NEXCOM operates on the retail fiscal year calendar, which in 2011 was January 29, 2011 – January 28, 2012.

NEXCOM oversees 100 NEX facilities and nearly 300 stores worldwide, 40 Navy Lodges, Ship’s Stores, the Uniform Program Management Office, the Navy Clothing Textile and Research Facility and the Telecommunications Program Office. NEXCOM’s parent command is the Naval Supply Systems Command. NEXCOM’s mission is to provide authorized customers quality goods and services at a savings and to support quality of life programs for active duty military, retirees, reservists and their families. NEXs and Navy Lodges operate primarily as a non-appropriated fund (NAF) business instrumentality. NEX revenues generated are used to support Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (MWR) programs. In FY11, \$2.7 billion in sales were generated with \$42.8 million in dividends provided to Navy MWR programs.

Navy’s High Year Tenure Policy Reiterated, Program Updated

MC2 Andrea Perez

Navy Personnel Command Public Affairs

As a reminder of the implementation date of July 1, a summary of policy changes to the Navy’s High Year Tenure (HYT) program were reiterated in NAVADMIN 198/12, released June 28.

The new HYT policy is outlined in MILPERSMAN 1160-120 and takes effect July 1, 2012. It applies to all active-duty, Full-Time Support (FTS) and Selected Reserve (SELRES) Sailors.

HYT sets the maximum number of years an enlisted Sailor may serve based on rank before he or she must advance, separate or if eligible, retire.

NAVADMIN 198/12 highlights other important changes under the new policy, including a reduction in HYT limits for active-duty and FTS Sailors in paygrades E-1 to E-3; elimination of passed not advanced (PNA) for E-3 Sailors to stay on active duty for eight years; a clause allowing approved HYT waivers to be cancelled when not fulfilled as approved; and clarification of reduction-in-rate procedures.

The new HYT limit for E-1 and E-2 active-duty and FTS Sailors is four years, and the new HYT limit for E-3 active-duty and FTS Sailors is five years.

E-1, E-2 and E-3 active-duty and FTS Sailors who are already past the modified HYT limit as of July 1 will be separated by March 31, 2013 unless they receive a HYT waiver or are advanced to a paygrade with a higher HYT limit.

Starting with this March’s Advancement Exam, E-3 Sailors who passed, but did not advance, may not continue service beyond the revised HYT limit for their paygrade.



Chaplain’s Corner

A Lot Like Heaven

Chaplain Tung Tran

NS Guantanamo Bay Chaplain Services

In Christian scriptures, heaven is likened to a pearl that a person would sell all that he has to acquire. Heaven is also likened to a mustard seed. A small seed that will grow into a shrub, give life, support life, and offer protection to the birds of the sky. In other words, heaven is precious and mysterious. Heaven is the fulfillment of all of man’s wants and needs. That means there will be no toil and labor, no tribulations, no worries, fear or anxiety. With some imagination, one

can say that heaven is like GTMO, but better...many times better. In other words you can say that GTMO is almost heaven. It is safe here. One may not get all that he or she wants, but almost anything anyone needs is here or can be obtained.

Part of being happy is to think positively. To think of GTMO as the Pearl of the Antilles, the beautiful fauna and flora at Guantanamo Bay as paradise, and all the people who live and work here as the blessed ones in heaven, is to be positive.

If you want the experience of GTMO to feel more like heaven, come and worship together. If you want to hear more about heaven or if there is anything we Chaplains can do to help you, do come in and let us know. God Bless.

114th Anniversary
**CORPSMAN'S
& BALL '12**



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USNH At Guantanamo Bay Host Annual Corpsman Ball

MC2(SW/AW) Oliver Cole

Defense Media Activity, Guantanamo Bay

The U.S. Naval Hospital (USNH) at Naval Station (NS) Guantanamo Bay, Cuba celebrated the 114th anniversary of the U.S. Navy Hospital Corps at the installation's Windjammer ballroom, June 23.

Service members and civilians gathered to honor the history of the Corps which was established June 17, 1898.

"We honor your bravery in battle and compassion during our global humanitarian assistance and disaster response efforts," said Capt. Barth Merrill, USNH Executive Officer. "Your willingness to help those in need leaves an indelible impression on the United States and across the globe. Your superb performance through our medical treatment facilities has insured our nation as a medically ready fit fighting force."

The ceremony included a cake cutting ceremony with the youngest and oldest corpsmen present, an original poem reading from Hospitalman Kahlid Moore, and remarks

from various keynote speakers.

The Corpsman Ball is a Navy-wide event, but the Corpsmen at Guantanamo Bay received personal gratitude from their chain of command.

"You have led by example and demonstrated what serving on active duty truly means," said Capt. Richard Stoltz, USNH Commanding Officer. "You are indeed an amazing team and we greatly appreciate your honor, your courage and your commitment."

Capt. Kirk Hibbert, NS Guantanamo Bay Commanding Officer spoke about the accomplishments of the Hospital Corps during his address to the event attendees.

"During the 114 years, the Navy Corpsmen have earned the highest awards of bravery and valor on the field of battle earning no less than 72 Medals of Honor, 177 Navy Crosses, more than 900 Silver Stars, more than 1,500 Bronze Stars, all while having 20 ships named after them," said Hibbert.

The ceremony ended with the Corpsman Pledge led by Senior Chief Hospital Corpsman Jose Esguilin.



The USNH Color Guard retire the Colors during the Corpsman Ball at NS Guantanamo Bay's Windjammer ballroom, June 23. Service members and civilians gathered to honor the 114th anniversary of the U.S. Navy Hospital Corps, which was established June 17, 1898. - U.S. Navy photo by MC2(SW/AW) Oliver Cole

Navy Attempts Culture Change On Sexual Assaults

Brock Vergakis

Navy News Service Public Affairs

The commanding officer of the USS Bataan walked into the wardroom of his amphibious-assault ship where about 200 mostly young Sailors were crammed into chairs, along walls and behind the salad bar and wasted no time getting to the point: Sailors don't let other Sailors commit sexual assault.

"It's a crime and everyone needs to understand that it's a crime," Capt. Erik Ross said after a third of those in the room raised their hand to say they knew a victim of sexual assault. "You and I need to look ourselves in the mirror. We need to understand that you're on duty 24/7. Even though you're out on the town on liberty ... it's your duty to interfere. It's your duty to intervene. That's it."

Frustrated by a lack of progress in reducing sexual assaults among Sailors, the Navy has put unprecedented attention on the issue this year. High-ranking Navy leaders are likening it to their crusade years ago to stop rampant drug abuse and say it is not only dehumanizing to the victims but also threatens their operational readiness.

Regardless of location, most sexual assaults in the Navy occur after a night of drinking and officials say many of them could be prevented if someone had spoken up sooner to stop that chain of events. The focus is nothing short of an attempt at a significant cultural shift in the Navy, where men and women work in close quarters and often go out drinking together in foreign ports after months at sea.

Navy leaders acknowledge sexual assault is an uncomfortable topic for people to talk about, and that's part of the problem they're trying to fix.

"The challenge I believe our fleet leadership is faced with is breaking the many taboos that are often associated with sexual assaults," Adm. John Harvey, commander of U.S. Fleet Forces Command said. "But just as we have taken on other significant problems that impact our readiness such as drunk driving, drug use, dealing properly with PTSD and taking on motorcycle safety, we must also take on sexual assault by pulling back the curtain of secrecy and by facing head on the reality of sexual assault in our Navy."

The reality is that the Navy receives two to three reports of sexual assault a day and has for several years. While the Navy has long taught the importance of preventing sexual assaults, Navy officials say it hasn't worked its way deep enough into the command climate to result in significant changes.

In 2011, there were 610 reports of sexual assault. That's one less than the previous year.

Critics say while it's a good thing the military is focusing on preventing sexual assaults, they say real change won't occur until there are more successful prosecutions. The Defense Department has estimated that 86 percent of sexual assaults go unreported, an indication that some are worried about the effect reporting an assault may have on their career as well as their mistrust of the military prosecution system.

"They do say they want to change, but I feel a lot of it is lip service until we see a higher prosecution rate, until we see

more rapists sent to prison for rape," said Panayiota Bertzikis, executive director of the Military Rape Crisis Center. "The bottom line is a felony has been committed and they have to start treating it as a felony."

To that end, the Department of Defense recently announced plans for each service to have "special victim unit" capabilities to ensure that specially trained investigators, prosecutors and victim-witness assistance personnel are available to handle sexual assault cases. That is intended to help with evidence collection, interviewing and court martial proceedings. As part of the initiative, a higher level of command would address the most serious sexual assault offenses. In the Navy, that means someone at the captain level.

That change goes into effect Thursday. The idea is for leaders to take over responsibility and be accountable for sexual assault problems.

The fact that Harvey is openly drawing attention to the Navy's problem addressing the issue is a non-too-subtle sign to Sailors that Navy leadership won't tolerate it any longer.

It's a problem that has drawn the attention of the Navy's top officer, Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Jonathan Greenert.

"I've been at this in earnest for almost three years saying we have got to do something about this. And the numbers aren't changing. We have about 600 of these a year," Greenert told Sailors aboard the aircraft carrier USS George H.W. Bush in April, according to a Navy transcript. "So today about two Sailors are going to sexually assault two other Sailors. That's the statistics. I don't know if that bothers you, but it bothers the hell out of me."

The Navy required every Sailor to undergo two hours of sexual assault awareness training in April. Although the training could be tailored to each ship or command's unique circumstance, it generally covered what sexual assault is, the options to report it and how to prevent it. Among other things, a video was shown aboard the Bataan of a Sailor who chose not to intervene when he saw another man being overly aggressive toward a woman at a bar. After he left, the man struck the woman.

"This is a sensitive subject. A lot of folks don't like to talk about it," said Senior Chief Rhonda Przybylski, the Bataan's sexual assault prevention and response trainer. "It's not usually a general topic of conversation at dinner or the mess decks. It's not like talking about the weather or buying a new car."

During her training session, Przybylski frequently tried to connect sexual assaults on a personal level to those in the room, telling them that enlisted Sailors in their early 20s were the most likely to become a victim.

Navy leaders acknowledge that education alone won't eradicate sexual assault, but if they can get Sailors like Havens talking about it below deck in the mess halls and in the ranks it could lead to positive peer pressure.

"We can all make a difference. It may not be a huge effect on a huge scale. If you stop one sexual assault, and maybe it's your mother, or your daughter or your best friend or your neighbor, you're making a difference in society. We have to take this out of the context of just being in the military and think about being a good person all around," Przybylski said.

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As one of the last official acts as Naval Station commanding officer, Hibbert promoted Aviation Electronics Technician Senior Chief Matthew J. Murcin to his present rank.

“Our Sailors and Marines are the heart and soul of this naval station,” said Hibbert during his speech. “They have done it all with purpose, energy, style, and above all pride and professionalism. It is you that drove my desire to come to this remote duty station and it is you all that I will miss the most.

From the bottom of my heart, I thank you all, god bless you all, you will forever be a part of me and my family.”

The incoming commanding officer, Nettleton, recently completed a tour as the Assistant Chief of Staff – Force Safety, for Commanding, Naval Air Forces in San Diego, Calif.

Nettle has accumulated over 4,500 flight hours and has a Bachelor of Science in Aeronautics from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, and a Masters Degree from the National Defense University, Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

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