

# Guantanamo Bay Gazette

## USS Carr Makes Final Port Visit Of Career At Guantanamo Bay



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### Kelly Wirfel

NS Guantanamo Bay Public Affairs Officer

USS Carr (FFG 52) made the last port visit of her deployment and the last stop of her nearly 30 years of service when she visited Naval Station (NS) Guantanamo Bay, Nov 23-25.

The Oliver Hazard Perry-class frigate was in port to receive logistic support from the installation to including water, fuel and other needed supplies.

“This base is a great stop for us,” said USS Carr Commanding Officer, Cmdr. Patrick Kulakowski. “I always try to encourage the other ships to pull in here; the support you provide is outstanding.”

During their short stay the ship conducted tours Saturday

afternoon for nearly 200 base residents.

“I really appreciate the USS Carr allowing us to tour the ship while they were in port,” said Human Resource Specialist, Steve Sirmons. “It was very interesting to see how they live and work on the ship. I even heard some of the kids on the tour say they wanted to join the Navy because of what they experienced.”

In addition to conducting tours, the crew participated in various activities to include bowling, boating, golfing, shopping and MWR’s sponsored Southern Style Games.

During her deployment in support of Operation Martillo, Carr recovered approximately 324 kilograms of cocaine, with an estimated street value of \$26 million. Carr is on her way back to her homeport of Norfolk, VA and is scheduled to be decommissioned March, 2013.

# Truman Hosts X47B Unmanned Aircraft For Carrier-Based Testing

**MCSN Taylor DiMartino**

*USS Harry S. Truman Public Affairs*

The Navy hoisted an X-47B Unmanned Combat Air System (UCAS) demonstrator on board aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75) Nov. 26, in preparation for an unmanned aircraft's first, carrier-based testing.

A team from the Navy Unmanned Combat Air System program office (PMA-268) embarked Truman to conduct tests and demonstrations.

The X-47B, which boasts a wingspan of more than 62 feet (wider than that of an F/A-18 Super Hornet), will demonstrate seamless integration into carrier flight deck operations through various tests. During each demonstration, the X-47B will be controlled remotely via a hand-held control display unit (CDU).

Truman will be the first modern aircraft carrier to host test operations for an unmanned aircraft.

Capt. Jaime Engdahl, N-UCAS program manager, said the X-47B's delivery aboard Truman was among the most historic moments in the program's history.

"This is a very important moment for the X-47B," said Engdahl.

"The moment the aircraft set down on Truman's deck was the moment it officially met the fleet."

Cmdr. Kevin Watkins, N-UCAS's flight test director, agreed with Engdahl's sentiment.

"Bringing the X-47B aboard Truman is a big milestone for the program," said Watkins. "We've been testing the aircraft for the last several years and to finally put it on a ship is so exciting. If these tests are successful, they will prove that the future for unmanned aircraft is wide open."

Lt. Cmdr. Larry Tarver, Truman's aircraft handling officer, who helped coordinate the X-47B's on-load, said his Sailors are eager to participate in the aircraft's testing.

"It means a lot to our crew to be part of naval history," said Tarver. "We have Sailors who received additional training to safely move the X-47B and they are excited to play a part in its testing."

While technical challenges are to be expected when introducing the new system to a carrier's flight deck, Engdahl said he expects the tests to be successful citing strong teamwork between his team and Truman's crew.

"The support from Truman has been phenomenal and it's going to continue to take close cooperation between the carrier's Sailors and the UCAS-D team to make these demonstrations successful," said Engdahl. "To operate large, unmanned aircraft off of a carrier, from anywhere in the world, will be a key capability for the Navy after these tests are successful."

The X-47B test will be conducted over a three week period which will include in-port and underway demonstrations aboard Truman.



**Sailors assist with the onload of the X-47B Unmanned Combat Air System demonstrator on the flight deck aboard USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75). Truman is the first modern aircraft carrier to host test operations for an unmanned aircraft. - U.S. Navy photo courtesy of Northrop Grumman by Alan Radecki**

## GUANTANAMO BAY GAZETTE

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# Holiday Safety Stand-Down Held At Guantanamo Bay

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Key leaders at Naval Station (NS) Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, hosted the annual winter holiday safety stand-down at the installation's Bulkeley Hall auditorium, Nov. 27-28.

Officials at the naval station conduct two safety stand-downs per year in an effort to promote safety awareness; one at the beginning of summer and one before the winter holiday season.

"We're here to discuss mishap precautions and prevent off-duty accidents," said NS Guantanamo Bay Executive Officer Cmdr. Colin Caswell. "Realistically, Sailors need to care about themselves and what they're doing, because any mishap will affect mission readiness."

Among the myriad of topics discussed, the stand-down focused mainly on suicide prevention, motor vehicle safety and residential risks associated with the holiday season.

"It is a very stressful time during the holidays," said NS Guantanamo Bay Substance Abuse Rehabilitation Program (SARP) Counselor Senior Chief Aviation Electronics Technician Matthew Murcin. "Statistically, the military sees a 'spike' in the number of suicides during the holiday season. As of Nov. 1, there have been 54 reported suicides in the Navy.

Whether or not it's stress, depression or other factors, we as leaders need to be aware of the warning signs associated with suicide and take the necessary actions to prevent it."

As part of suicide prevention awareness, service members in attendance were presented with handouts outlining the Navy's Ask, Care, Treat (ACT) policy and the warning signs associated with suicidal behavior.

"It's important for us to watch out for everyone and know that we can lower the suicide rate around us," said NS Guantanamo Bay Fleet and Family Support Center Educational Services Facilitator Lara Tur. "The unique position we are in at GTMO is that we have a very 'close-knit' community and we can all look out for each other."

During the stand-down, attendees were also informed about the risk factors associated with fatigued holiday travel, and the dangers of drinking and driving and overall alcohol abuse.

Service members were also advised to take the necessary precautions when using holiday items such as decorative lights and "turkey fryers."

"Overall, we are concerned with holiday accidents and how it affects readiness," reiterated Caswell. "This stand-down is targeted to keep you safe and provide you with useful tools you may need during the holidays."



NS Guantanamo Bay Fleet and Family Support Center Educational Services Facilitator Lara Tur and SARP Counselor ATCS Matthew Murcin discuss holiday safety during the winter safety stand-down at the Bulkeley Hall auditorium, Nov. 27. The stand-down was held to promote safety awareness as service members prepare for holiday celebrations and travel.

## Chaplain's Corner

### A Little History

Chaplain Tung Tran

NS Guantanamo Bay Chaplain Services



A couple of weeks ago, Chaplain Dickens mentioned the second article of the Navy regulations of 1775, which read: "The Commanders of the ships of the 13 United Colonies, are to take care that divine services be performed twice a day on board, and a sermon preached on Sundays, unless bad weather or other extraordinary accidents prevent." The regulations were adopted by the then "Marine Committee," which administered the Continental Navy, predecessor of the United States Navy, on November 28, 1775. Thus, this date is considered the

official establishment of the Chaplain Corps of the U.S. Navy.

Since then, many Navy chaplains have served heroically with service members of the Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard. A number of them gave their life to save those who they ministered to or died of exhaustion while shepherding them. Some of the notable chaplains were Chaplains Vincent Capodanno, Robert Brett, Thomas Conway, Frederic Gehring, Joseph O'Callahan, John Lenhart and George Rentz. In this group, five were priests, two of whom died gallantly in Vietnam.

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, I am grateful for and to all the chaplains, particularly, the U.S. Navy chaplains for their courageous service and admirable dedication to God and country and their charity toward their fellow man.

- Happy Birthday, Navy Chaplain Corps!

# Thanksgiving Day 2012 At Guantanamo Bay



Naval Station (NS) Guantanamo Bay Chefs and other leadership volunteers served Thanksgiving dinner, Nov. 22. Pictured above is PSC Rafael Azconasanchez serving dinner to Commander, Atlantic Area/Commander, Defense Force East United States Coast Guard, Vice Admiral Robert Parker.



## GTMO's Galleys Host Thanksgiving For The Troops

**Kelly Wirfel**

*NS Guantanamo Bay Public Affairs Officer*

For many service members and civilians living overseas, the holidays can be very lonely and a homemade meal can be a great boost for morale.

Naval Station (NS) Guantanamo Bay's four base galleys showed their appreciation and support by providing a Thanksgiving meal for the NS Guantanamo Bay community, Nov. 22.

The massive meal fed more than 1,300 people including service members, civilians, contractors and their families. The meal featured 28 turkeys, 20 hams, 25 prime ribs, 16 pans of stuffing, 9 pans of potatoes and nearly every food item one could desire on Thanksgiving Day.

"The total cost of the meal was \$39,149.01," said Chief

Culinary Specialist Robby Thompson.

Starting at 8 a.m., ten Pentac employees prepared the entire meal, which involved everything from arranging the facilities seating to cooking the food.

"These folks (Pentac employees) worked extremely hard to prepare this meal for the GTMO community," said NS Guantanamo Bay Command Master Chief Ross Cramer. "I was in shock when I walked in and saw all this, I don't think I have ever seen so much food in my life."

Naval Station Chiefs and other members of leadership volunteers served the meal.

"Coming out and serving the meal is the least we can do for these dedicated men and women," said Cramer. "A lot of people are away from their families, and this can be a tough time of year for people that are away from home."

# Base Resident Committed To Community Well Being

**Kelly Wirfel**

*NS Guantanamo Bay Public Affairs Officer*

As she approached the dock after leading a paddle board yoga class and even before sitting down to do the interview, two things were evident about Myah Mason; she always puts others first, and she sees the true beauty of Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

“This is one of my favorite places to sit,” she said, referring to the deck of the Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Marina. “I want to make sure your chair is positioned so you can see just how beautiful the view is.”

Myah’s commitment to the Naval Station Guantanamo Bay’s community, particularly to improving the overall well-being of the base is unmistakable by the many things she is involved with.

Throughout her two years at NS Guantanamo Bay, Myah coordinated a wide array of physical well-being programs. Some of the most notable projects included leading weekly nursing home physical training, leading weekly yoga and Total Body Conditioning for WT Sampson teachers, leading health fairs, fitness days and field days at the two base schools, helped the 525th 2011 Army Ten Miler Team prepare for the race, conduct workshops with JSMART on breathing for anxiety and postures for relieving tension and led hospitality for 525th Marriage and Single Seminars at Troopers’ Chapel.

“During my time here, I wanted to contribute to the community and individuals on a physical, emotional, mental and spiritual level,” said Myah. “When you impact one person, it is eventually going to impact the community as a whole.”

Myah is a YogaFit certified instructor. YogaFit is designed to improve the health, performance, and mental acuity of

athletes or individuals interested in improving their level of fitness.

“It’s funny because I have all this training and I think that people will remember me for three things; telling them to shop on the perimeter of the commissary, to use Greek yogurt instead of cream cheese and my crazy playlist.”

Myah has been at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba since Dec. 2010 with her husband who serves as the Chaplain for 525th MP Battalion and two children.

“When I found out we were coming here, I knew that it was going to be what I made of it,” said Myah. “My role as a wife, mother and woman is in not going to change, no matter where I am at. Our next duty station is Fort Carlson, Colorado, so we are going from island life to mountain life.”

When asked if she wanted to add anything else to the interview she said she usually ends her classes with a proverb. Today she wanted to end the interview with Proverbs 15:30; “A cheerful look brings joy to the heart.”



*Base resident Myah Mason displays her flexibility as a certified YogaFit instructor.*

## 911 Dispatch Center Online At Guantanamo Bay

**Mark Kennedy**

*NS Guantanamo Bay Installation Emergency Manager*

Throughout the Department of the Navy installations, and in the United States, locally operated 911 systems have become the backbone of emergency reporting and response, and the term “nine-one-one” has become synonymous with public safety in general. However, in the past, the 911 system at Naval Station (NS) Guantanamo Bay failed at times and a backup number of 4911 was created to report emergencies. There has been an ongoing project for the past 16 months to develop a new 911 dispatch center manned by trained dispatchers. The new emergency call system for 911 has been installed and is now operational in the dispatch center in Buckeley Hall. Since NS Guantanamo Bay’s residents have been using 4911 to report emergencies this number will remain operational and will be answered by the 911 dispatcher. As a community we need to educate our children and remind ourselves that 911 is the number to dial for all emergencies. Most 911 calls are answered within a few seconds after you call. In some cases, there may be a slight delay before you hear someone answer—DO NOT HANG UP. The 911 dispatcher is required to ask a number of questions to

understand the location of emergency and what type of emergency. Some of the questions may seem unnecessary, but they are important to make sure that the emergency is clearly understood. This will help make sure the needed help (firefighters, police, ambulance or others) gets to the right place as quickly as possible. Stay on the telephone for as long as you can to guide the dispatcher in getting help to you. Common reasons to call 911 are:

- To report something which requires security to respond.
  - To get an ambulance for emergency medical help
  - To report a fire.
  - To report a crime in progress.
  - To report unusual or criminal activity (e.g. alarms, gun shots fired, shouts for help, sounds of glass breaking, unfamiliar persons carrying items from a house).
- Do not call 911:
- To ask for directions.
  - To ask about animal control issues such as whether you can own a pet.
  - To find out if someone is in jail.
  - To report situations that is not of a police, fire, or medical nature.
  - To report a non-emergency medical situation.
  - To contact someone for community information.

When we are faced with emergency situations, it is very important that we get back into the mind set and educate our children that dialing 9-1-1 will get us help.

# 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

'01 Toyota Tacoma, V6 3.4L Dbl Cab 4X4, TRD Package, K&N Intake, Kenwood DVD/CD/MP3/iPod connector/Navigation System, Edge Insight Vehicle Monitor, A/C, PWR Windows/locks, Custom CR-Grade Neoprene Seat Covers. Excellent condition, \$10,000 OBO. Call 79494 or 4531

'94 22' Starcraft with trailer, inboard/outboard, tackle box approved, fishfinder, cabin, deepwell and more. \$7000 OBO. Call 4849 or 77118 and ask for Walt

'98 21' Aquasport 215 Explorer Fishing Boat with a Johnson 200 V6 outboard engine, Cabin, Live Well, Authorized for Tackle Box, trailer included. Excellent condition. \$12,000 OBO. Call 77025 or 58438

'94 Suzuki Sidekick, standard 5 speed with new top, in good condition, \$2000 OBO. Call 4301 or 77301

'93 Mercury Grand Marquis white, keyless entry, power windows, runs good, \$2,500 OBO. Call 78888 after 1600

'08 Dodge Caliber SXT, Silver, 5-speed manual. Only 14,700K miles, great A/C, excellent condition, title in hand. Asking \$11,000. Call 78851

'94 Chevy S10 Pick-up, 5-speed, 4 cylinder in good running condition. \$2000 OBO. Call Joe at 75566 (pm) or 8732 (am)

'91 Nissan Sentra. Standard 5-speed. Well maintained (with records) since ownership. Several new parts. Reliable and fuel efficient. \$1800 OBO. Call Maria at 79691

'08 Dodge Caliber SXT, Silver, 5 speed manual, only 14,700K miles, great A/C, excellent condition, car title in hand, asking \$11,000. Call 78851

'96 Dodge Neon, red, 4cyl, good running condition with A/C. \$2500. Call 58706

## WANTED

Looking for a Dodge Durango tire; tire or spare will do. Size 245 R70 17. Call 77176 or email rachel.rae2011@yahoo.com

## YARD SALE

Dec. 1, Nob Hill 31B, 0700-1500

Dec. 1, Caribbean Circle 6, 0800-1100, No early birds

## ELECTRONICS

One 19in Sylvania TV Tube style \$40, one 13in Sylvania TV Tube style \$20. Call 77255 after 1500

32" Sony Trinitron TV, \$50. Altec Lansing BS2621 Speaker System in box, \$30. Call Jo or Mark 77872

6' fiberglass satellite dish, DIRECTV dual LNB, & multiswitch, \$300. Call 79632 or email rakkapogue@gmail.com

iPad 2 Wifi White 32Gig mint condition. Lots of Apps and games w/case, \$400. iPhone 4 Black 32Gig mint condition, \$400. Call 58706

## HOUSEHOLD GOODS

Glass/Alum coffee table, \$40. TV low stand, black 2 Shelves, \$25. Office chair, black, \$25. Call Sam at 77929

50% off : Men's Clothing Large 34-36 waist, Dress casual and T-shirts Large, Uniforms, appliances, linen. Call 73927

Child's single bed with night stand and armoire \$175 OBO. Call 75569

Dining room table, \$40 OBO. Call 77314

Green sectional sofa \$175, LT Brown Recliner \$175, Round Coffee and End Tables \$150, Entertainment Center \$35, Dinning Table W/6 Chairs \$275, Office Chair \$30, NuWave Oven \$15, Bayou Cooker W/Gas Tank & Pot \$35, Book Shelf \$5, 2 TV's (not flat screen) & 2 DVD Players \$50, Green Carpet 9X12 \$25, Desk Lamp W/ Green Shade \$5, 2 Floor Lamps \$5 EA, Small Panasonic Stereo w/5 Disc Changer \$30, 2 Drawer Filing Cabinet \$10, Small Pet Carrier \$10, Plus many more small household items. Call Tom 75558 after 6 p.m.

Juicier \$40 OBO, Majic Bullet \$15 OBO, works great complete set included, Bread Maker \$50 OBO. FMI call 2710

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Seaquest M/L BCD \$200, 1st and 2nd stage regulator, octo and gages \$250. Mask and snorkel \$15. Call 73927

Small, portable air compressor, Craftsman, brand new, \$35. Craftsman 10" premium electronic polisher/sander kit, \$45. Ton hydraulic floor jack with wheels, \$25. 12V 7 liter portable car cooler fridge & travel warmer, \$35. Call 78474

Mares pneumatic air spear gun, never used, \$160. Dive N' Surf 2.2mm wet suit L/XL, \$50. Call Sam at 77929

52" Sony Bravia Side Lit LED TV \$700, Scubapro Glide Plus BC like new \$250, Sea and Sea DX-1G underwater camera with wide angle lens and soft case, shoots in RAW, \$350. Universal underwater water slave strobe flash with soft case, spare parts, arms, and cables, \$100



## HOLIDAY PARADE

Join MWR this Saturday during the annual Christmas Tree lighting and holiday parade. The parade begins at 6 p.m. at the SCSi parking lot and ends at the downtown Lyceum. Following the parade, entertainment will be provided from W.T. Sampson and CYP as well as a performance from Country music group Scarletta.

## SCHEDULED POWER OUTAGE

This Saturday, Public Works will conduct a scheduled power outage beginning at 6 a.m. Power is scheduled to be restored by 4 p.m. The outage is being conducted to perform preventative maintenance on the Villamar substation and is an annual requirement. See the base roller for a list of affected areas.

## 2012 NAVSTA HOLIDAY PARTY

Friday, Dec. 7, Windjammer ballroom. Buffet style social beginning at 6 p.m. Fun games and prizes for best holiday attire, worst holiday attire, musical chairs, and many more.

## 2012 FLAG FOOTBALL GAME

GTMO's annual Army vs. Navy flag football game will take place Dec. 6th at Cooper Field. Pre-ceremony begins at 6 p.m. Kick-off for the women's game is 7 p.m. and 8:20 p.m. for the men's game. Half time entertainment will be provided by CYP Dance and Cheer squads. Drawings will be held for V.I.P seating and lots of giveaways and prizes will be provided as the community comes together to watch our Navy team win.

## FFSC COURSES OFFERED

The Fleet and Family Support Center is hosting a Job Search course Dec. 3 at 1:30 p.m at bldg. 2135. Learn effective methods for job searching in today's competitive environment. SAPR Victim Advocate training will also be held Dec. 3-7 beginning at 8 a.m. Join the SAPR team and become a victim advocate. Open to all military personnel. Call 4141 or 4227 to register.

# GTMO JOB HUNT

- Electrician - Full Time
- Recreation Asst. Lifeguard - Flex
- Recreation Asst. Lifeguard - Full Time
- Movie Manager - Full Time
- Bartender - Flex
- Bartender Lead - Flex
- CYP Asst. - Flex
- CYP Ops Clerk - Flex
- Library Aide - Full Time
- Computer Tech. - Full Time
- Bartender - Flex
- Waitstaff - Full Time
- Golf Course Rec. Aid - Full Time
- Bartender - Full Time
- Food Service Worker - Flex

Job Descriptions can be found on MWR's Job Wall next to the NAF HR office, Bldg. 760. FMI, call 74121

## Navy Federal

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Take advantage of career opportunities with Navy Federal. Apply at [navyfederal.org](http://navyfederal.org) and click on 'careers.'

FMI, call 74333 or email [sara\\_presley@navyfederal.org](mailto:sara_presley@navyfederal.org)

# MOVIES DOWNTOWN LYCEUM

FRIDAY Nov. 30

### No Movies:

Stage set-up for the Holiday Parade and Concert

SATURDAY Dec. 1

### No Movies:

6 p.m.: Parade leaves SCSi  
7:30 p.m.: CYP & W.T. Sampson performance  
9 p.m.: Concert feat. Country group 'Scarletta'

SUNDAY Dec. 2

7 p.m.: **Sinister (new)**  
R 98 min.

MONDAY Dec. 3

7 p.m.: **Alex Cross (new)**  
R 131 min.

TUESDAY Dec. 4

7 p.m.: **Paranormal Activity 4 (new)**  
R 115 min.

WEDNESDAY Dec. 5

7 p.m.: **Lawless (last)**  
PG13 116 min.

THURSDAY Dec. 6

7 p.m.: **Taken 2**  
R 109 min.

CALL THE MOVIE HOTLINE @ 4880

# GTMO Kicks Off Holidays With Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony

**MC2(SW/AW) Justin Alles**

*Gazette Editor*

The Navy Exchange (NEX) at Naval Station (NS) Guantanamo Bay hosted the annual tree lighting ceremony, Nov. 24.

The holiday celebration was held to showcase more than 12 Christmas trees, which were decorated from numerous tenant commands and organizations at the naval station.

“This event is a great way to get in the holiday spirit,” said NS Guantanamo Bay Commanding Officer Capt. J.R. Nettleton, guest speaker.

Among a variety of attractions, the event featured

performances from NS Guantanamo Bay’s W.T. Sampson School cheerleading squads, dance teams, holiday music from the band and chorus, children’s chapel chorus, and a visit from “Santa Claus.”

“Our student’s and everyone involved provided an amazing performance this year,” said Nettleton. “This was a great way to kick off the season and hopefully get everybody in the holiday spirit.”

At the conclusion of the ceremony, awards were presented in three categories for “most traditional,” “most GTMO,” and “most creative” Christmas trees followed by the tree lighting with the official party.



**Base residents enjoy the festivities during the annual tree lighting ceremony at the NEX atrium, Nov. 24. The event featured more than 12 Christmas trees, which were decorated from numerous tenant commands and organizations at the naval station.**

