



Guantanamo Bay Gazette

Naval Station Guantanamo Bay Scout Makes History



Mrs. Susan Welsh pins her son, Forrest N. Welsh during a Court of Honor Ceremony at the base chapel, Jan. 25. Forrest achieved the coveted rank of Eagle Scout, making him the first Boy Scout at NS Guantanamo Bay to achieve this status in over 20 years.

Kelly Wirfel

NS Guantanamo Bay Public Affairs Officer

Boy Scout Troop 435 of Naval Station (NS) Guantanamo Bay, Cuba proudly awarded the coveted rank of Eagle Scout to Forrest N. Welsh during a Court of Honor Ceremony at the base chapel, Jan. 25. Forrest is the first Boy Scout at NS Guantanamo Bay to achieve this prestigious rank in over two decades.

The few scouts that do make it this far are truly an extraordinary group and Forrest is no exception.

"It took an impressive amount of hard work and dedication for Forrest to reach his goal: seven years, 46 merit badges, and a most outstanding, long-lasting Eagle project to benefit the community," said Scoutmaster, Dave DeGroff.

There are seven major requirements a Boy Scout must complete in order to become an Eagle Scout. The requirements include; being active in your troop for a period of at least six months after they have achieved the rank of Life Scout, demonstrate they live by the principles of the Scout Oath and Law in their daily life, earn at least 21 merit badges, while a Life Scout, serve in a leadership position within their troop, while a Life Scout, plan, develop and give leadership to others in a service project helpful to any religious institution, any school, or your community, take part in a unit leader conference and lastly, successfully

complete an Eagle Scout board of review.

After conducting research and meeting with archeologists, Forrest determined that the Battle of Cuzco Wells monument had been erected in the wrong location and decided to rebuild and relocate the monument. The project involved over 523 hours of work and dedication.

"I want to thank all of the people who helped me with my project and have supported me on this venture," said Forrest. "It involved a great deal of work and would not have been possible without the support of my troop, base leadership, my parents and the Guantanamo Bay community."

The ceremony consisted of the Parading of Colors, Pledge of Allegiance/Scout Oath, the Significance of the Eagle Badge, Presentation of the Eagle Scout Medal and Kerchief, Presentation of Parents' Pins, the Eagle Scout Charge and the Eagle Scout Corner. The family hosting a dinner at the fellowship hall falling the ceremony.

Forrest is a senior at W.T. Sampson High School and the son of Captain Thomas and Susan Welsh. He entered the Boy Scouts in 2006 at Coronado, CA and has been a member of four different troops.

Since the incorporation of the Boy Scouts in 1910, only 2% of those entering the organization achieve the rank of Eagle Scout.

Boy Scout Troop 435 is sponsored by NS Guantanamo Bay's Chief Petty Officers Association.

Ensure Your Awards Are In Your Record

MC2 Andrea Perez

Navy Personnel Command Public Affairs

Changes to how the Navy processes awards makes it easier for Sailors to confirm their personal decorations and medals are reflected in their Official Military Personnel File (OMPF), officials said Jan. 29.

NAVADMIN 016/13 outlines the steps Sailors should take to verify their awards are accurately reflected in the Navy Department Awards Web Service (NDAWS) and their OMPF. All personal awards, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal and higher, should be showing in a service member's record.

"In the past, award citations or certificates received directly from the member for the OMPF were not accepted, since they were required to be mailed from the command authorized to enter the award into NDAWS," said Jim Giger, head of Records Management Policy Branch (PERS-313), Navy Personnel Command (NPC). "Sailors will now be able to send in copies of their own award citations or certificates for their OMPF if the award is accurately reflected in NDAWS."

Before a Sailor requests a missing award citation or certificate be added to their OMPF, they should verify the award is recorded in NDAWS by visiting the U.S. Navy Awards website at <https://awards.navy.mil> and launching the "Personal Awards Query."

If a Sailor's award is recorded in NDAWS, but missing in their OMPF, they should mail a legible, clean copy of the signed award citation, or certificate in the case of Navy and Marine Corps Commendation and Achievement Medals, with the service member's full social security number printed in the upper right hand corner, to PERS-313 at:

Navy Personnel Command
PERS-313
5720 Integrity Drive
Millington, TN 38055-3130

According to Giger, if a Sailor's award is not reflected in the NDAWS database, the citation will not be accepted by NPC for entry into the service member's OMPF. To resolve this conflict, a Sailor must contact their command's NDAWS coordinator, since only NDAWS coordinators can enter approved awards into the NDAWS database.

The NDAWS coordinator will need an original copy of the award citation/certificate and, if available, a copy of the orders from the service or joint approval authorities. Once an award is entered and reflected in the database, the NDAWS coordinator will then submit the award citation or certificate to NPC for entry into the service member's OMPF.

Awarding authorities must submit a completed OPNAV Form 1650/3 and award citations or certificates to their NDAWS coordinator for entry into NDAWS. A list of NDAWS coordinators is available on the U.S. Navy Awards website.

"It is important that only authorized personal awards are reflected in both NDAWS and in a service member's OMPF," said Giger. "And ensuring only those award citations or certificates that are accurately reflecting in NDAWS are included in the OMPF will increase the integrity of both NDAWS and the OMPF."

Per NAVADMIN 016/13, Sailors submitting a selection board package with an award citation or certificate not already in their OMPF, but recorded in NDAWS, will automatically have the award added to their OMPF. Those Sailors can expect to see the award citation added to their OMPF four to six weeks after the selection board has adjourned, said Giger.

Sailors can access their OMPF anytime online for the most up-to-date service record information by visiting BUPERS Online (BOL) at <https://www.bol.navy.mil>.



**CULINARY SPECIALIST
2ND CLASS**

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- **Job/Department:** Supply
- **Age:** 24
- **Hometown:** North Little Rock, Ark.
- **Favorite Hobby:** Writing/ Photography
- **Favorite GTMO Restaurant:** Base galley
- **Favorite Movie:** Passion of the Christ
- **Favorite Musician:** CeCe Winans
- **Hero:** My mother
- **Currently Working On:** Paying off my vehicle.
- **Greatest Accomplishment:** Getting to know God for myself
- **How Has The Navy Improved His Life:** I grew from a lady to a woman, learning everyday. I thank god I have made it as far as I have.
- **Sailor of the Week Because:** Was an instrumental part in making the alternate messing location, at the Windjammer during the Gold Hill Galley closure a successful evolution

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NAVAL STATION GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA

Celebrate Super Bowl Sunday, Avoid DUI Report Monday

Navy Personnel Command

Public Affairs Officer

Plan for a safe return, officials stressed as Sailors and families around the fleet make plans to enjoy the Super Bowl, Feb. 3.

“Super Bowl Sunday is like an unofficial holiday in America where people gather together to watch the game,” said Navy Personnel Command Force Master Chief (SW/AW/NAC) Jon Port.

And like other celebrations, food and alcohol are often key ingredients at many Super Bowl parties.

In the past three years, the Navy has seen a steady rise in reports of Sailors driving under the influence (DUI) over the Super Bowl Weekend, therefore, Navy leaders are stressing the importance to plan ahead to avoid DUI.

“If you’re planning to attend a Super Bowl party or watch the game at a sports bar or restaurant and you intend to drink alcohol, think about how you will get home when making your plans,” said Dorice Favorite, program director, Navy Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention (NADAP). “It’s good to think out the scenarios in your head beforehand so you are prepared.”

Sailors can start by programming the phone number of a local taxi company into their cell phone.

“Even if you don’t have to call a taxi for yourself, you’ll have the number handy in case you need to call one for a shipmate,” said Favorite.

Before heading out, decide who will be the sober designated

driver and what that entails. The designated driver should be limited to non-alcoholic beverages. According to the Insurance Information Institute, more drivers are involved in alcohol-related accidents on Super Bowl Sunday than any other day of the year except St. Patrick’s Day. Sailors should know their limits and if it’s exceeded, call a taxi, get a ride with a sober friend, or get permission from the party host to stay overnight, but don’t drink and drive.

If you are staying in and hosting friends at your home, Favorite suggests hosts ensure all guests designate their sober drivers in advance, or help arrange ride-sharing with sober drivers.

“You should serve plenty of food and nonalcoholic beverages at the party,” said Favorite. “Host your party just like they do at the stadium; stop serving alcohol at the end of the third quarter of the game.

Hosting a party comes with responsibilities.

“Depending on the laws of your state, if you host a party and serve alcohol, you could potentially be legally liable if an intoxicated party guest drives away and gets in an accident,” Favorite added.

NADAP is tasked to support Fleet readiness by fighting alcohol abuse and drug use. Alcohol related incidents can diminish mission readiness in the Navy and ruin careers. Even Sailors who only drink alcohol on rare occasions must have a plan if they are going to drink.

To learn more about the Navy’s drug and alcohol abuse prevention efforts, visit www.nadap.navy.mil



A ribbon cutting ceremony was held at the Navy Gateway Inns & Suites, Jan. 28. The ribbon cutting was held to officially announce the opening of their newly established front desk. The front desk will offer more efficient customer service for their transient guests.



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Members of the Chief Petty Officers Association and the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts troops pick up litter on a stretch of road at Naval Station (NS) Guantanamo Bay Jan. 26. The two organizations teamed up to help clean the base in an effort to bolster community relations and help do their part in cleaning the environment.

GTMO's CPOA and Boy Scouts Pair Up For Cleanup

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Members of the Guantanamo Bay Chief Petty Officers Association (CPOA) teamed up with the local Boys Scout and Cub Scout troops to help beautify the streets of Naval Station (NS) Guantanamo Bay, Jan. 26. The cleanup started at the Base Communications Office (BCO) and ended at the Downtown Lyceum.

"We like to focus on conservation and cleaning up the environment while at the same time teaching the kids why it is important to do community service," said Army Sgt. 1st Class Brad Alexander, Cub Scout Master. "It also gives the kids the opportunity to earn their World Conservation Badge."

Retired Chief Postal Clerk Rich Vargas, Community

Services Chair for the CPOA said he set up the event with the Scouts so the community can see that both of the organizations are fully engaged in supporting the community.

"We are helping out the environment and the base by picking up the trash" said Boy Scouts member Alex Staercke. "It helps make our environment safer and we have fun while we are helping out."

After the cleanup the Scouts discussed the items they collected and what harm they could cause the environment. The collection included everything from a tire, paper, a stop sign and what appeared to be thousands of cigarette butts stated the kids.

"I want to help make the world a more beautiful place," said Vincent Perez. "This is a good place to start".

GTMO's Galley Goes Through Renovations

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Naval Station (NS) Guantanamo Bay Gold Hill and Leeward Galley's underwent extensive renovations to become more energy efficient, Dec. 26 through Jan. 27. These changes will help the Navy save money while giving base residents better service.

According to Chief Warrant Officer (CWO) 4 Kevin Clarida, the modifications on Gold Hill Galley included new energy-efficient cold storage doors, replacement of tile floors with epoxy flooring system, resealing and gaskets on refrigerated panel system, replacement of clear plastic barriers, replacement of all exterior doors and windows and

replacement of all exterior mechanical air curtain package systems.

"I would like to thank Chief Culinary Specialist Robby Thompson, Culinary Specialist 1st Class Victor Rojas, Culinary Specialist 2nd Class Anicesha Rodgers and the Pentad Corporation," said Clarida. "They were instrumental in making the alternate messing location at the Windjammer, during the Gold Hill Galley closure, a successful evolution."

Work on the Leeward galley involved the replacement of the roof with a modified bitumen system, replacement of rooftop equipment, curbs, replacement of complete cold storage refrigeration system, replacement of all exterior doors and windows, replacement of building flooring, replacement of boiler and the renovation of restrooms.

Clarida would also like to thank Morale and Welfare Recreation for allowing them to utilize their spaces in order to provide rations to meal card holders and Port Operations for dedicated boat runs New Year's Day that allowed us to push food from the Leeward Galley.



PENTAD workers serve the first lunch meal in the renovated galley, Jan. 28. Gold Hill Galley included new energy-efficient cold storage doors, replacement of tile floors with epoxy flooring system, resealing and gaskets on refrigerated panel system, replacement of clear plastic barriers, replacement of all exterior doors and windows and replacement of all exterior mechanical air curtain package systems.

Chaplain's Corner

Marked Moments

Lt. Larry Jones

NS Guantanamo Bay Chaplain Services



There are various times in our lives when we may be called upon or inwardly stirred to take action for the good of all. These "marked moments" will leave an enduring impact upon the lives affected by our actions. These moments have an impact on our lives as well. For some a marked moment may mean making the ultimate sacrifice.

During the month of January people around the world have honored Dr. Martin Luther King who had many marked

moments in his life. As a young man, Dr. King's first marked moment came when he joined the Montgomery Bus Boycott leading towards his active historical leadership in the Civil Rights Movement. The marked moments in Dr. King's life now impact all of our lives both directly and indirectly.

I encourage each us to reflect upon our own lives in order to identify where our marked moments have happened and to anticipate those that will come. As we serve our great country; our lives and our experiences are being marked. Our sacrifices allow our families and generations to come to have the right to enjoy our unique American liberties and to effect positive changes in the world. What will your "marked moments" be?

GTMO SHOPPER

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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 MCC Keith Bryska at 4520 with your questions or concerns.

VEHICLES

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2000 Chevrolet Geo Metro, silver, 4 door. \$2000 OBO. Call Melissa 79481

'95 Ford F-150 4X4, automatic, Cold A/C, runs great. \$3000. Call 55366 or 79533

'02 Ford Explorer XLS, power windows, good condition, cold A/C, new tires. \$5000. Call 77180 or 72239

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'90 Toyota Corolla. Maroon with automatic transmission. Well-maintained and very reliable car. A/C needs Freon, but works well otherwise. \$1700 OBO. Email wasif.kh@gmail.com or call 75589

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'03 Jeep Liberty Limited, sunroof, leather seats, AC. \$5000 OBO. Call 77886

'10 Honda Fit Sport, 9k, auto or manual shift control, 4 dr. hatchback, 16 alloy wheels, CD/MP3 6 speaker system plus usb port. \$15k

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Magicjack plus, new, \$60. Call 8153 or 77689

Unlocked I-Phone 3G with charger \$60, Blackberry with charger \$50, T Mobil touch phone with charger \$40, Samsung Android tablet (Wi Fi) 4.0 10.1 \$370, DVD's \$2 per movie Blue Ray DVD's \$3 per movie. Call 84784

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OUTDOOR REC

Stationary bike, excellent condition, \$75 OBO. Call 78472

Women's Diamonback Serene Citi Classic Bike in good condition, comes with helmet and lock. \$100. Call Liz 79793

Elliptical/Bike combo, like new. \$50. Call 77749 after 1700

YARD SALE

Feb. 2-3, Center Bargo 1185, 0800-1400

Feb. 2, Marine Site 107, 0800-1200

MISC

Sigma 70-200mm f/2.8 EX DG APO OS HSM Lens for Nikon, brand new, unused, in original packaging with receipt, \$1,249.00 OBO. Nikon 70-200mm f/2.8 Edif Afs-g Vr Lens for Nikon, rare white color, Works flawlessly, Barrel shows signs of light wear and/or usage. Lens glass is very clean. \$1,600 OBO. Email Vsiaacor@brgtmo.com or Vsiaacor@roe.com

New Goodyear Tire 215/75/15 with rim for Ford Explorer, 225/75/15 used tire good threads with rim for Ford Explorer, 4 used 215/65/16 tire good thread \$50 for all 4. Call Sam 78742

Lost: Key ring w/4 keys, last seen in MWR Marina Sailing Center area. Reward for return. Call Val 77754

The SCOOP



SAFE RIDE

Out drinking? Put the keys down and call Safe Ride at 84913 or 84781. Don't drink and drive.

MIAMI CHEERLEADERS

Come watch the Superbowl and Miami Dolphin cheerleaders at 6:00 pm, Feb. 3 at O'Kelly's. Cheerleaders will be on hand to sign autographs and perform a halftime show.

READ ACROSS AMERICA

MWR is hosting Dr. Seuss' Read Across America at the Community Library. If the community reads more than 1200 books during Feb. the library staff will camp out on the lawn. Grab your hat and read with the cat.

FISHING TOURNAMENT

MWR is hosting the Big Ole Mackerel Tournament Feb. 2 at the Marina. 1st Place male and female competitors for longest fork length Mackerel win a Penn Slammer Rod & Reel. For more info, call 2345.

DR. SUESS FUN RUN

W.T. Sampson Elementary school will be hosting a planning meeting at 6:30 pm, Feb. 4 in the PTO room at the elementary school for the Dr. Suess fun run. Please join them if you are interested in helping with the event. FMI email wtsampsonpto@gmail.com

TAX SEASON

The Legal Assistance Office will kick off tax season Feb. 4. For more info, or if you would like to become a VITA volunteer, please call 4834.

POWER OUTAGE

There will be a scheduled power outage Feb. 8 from 9 am - 4 pm. There will be a number of areas affected including the Paola Point housing, BEQ Cabana, Jerk House and a whole lot more. Check out the base roller for a full list of affected areas.

GTMO JOB HUNT

Administrative/Finance Assistant
Finance and SAP experience a plus
English speaking position
Full time position available
Local hires only-G4 position, one year fixed term contract. For more information call74788.

MOVIES

DOWNTOWN LYCEUM

FRIDAY	Feb. 1
7 p.m.:	Parental Guidance (new) PG 105 min.
9:30 p.m.:	Django Unchained (new) R 166 min.
SATURDAY	Feb. 2
7 p.m.:	Silver Linings Playbook R 122 min.
9 p.m.:	Bullet to the Head (new) R 91 min.
SUNDAY	Feb. 3
7 p.m.:	Guilt Trip PG-13 96 min.
MONDAY	Feb. 4
7 p.m.:	This is 40 R 134 min.
TUESDAY	Feb.5
7 p.m.:	Gangster Squad R 113 min.
WEDNESDAY	Feb. 6
7 p.m.:	Playing for Keeps (last) PG13 106 min.
THURSDAY	Feb. 7
7 p.m.:	Jack Reacher PG13 103 min.

CALL THE MOVIE HOTLINE @ 4880

W.T. Sampson Elementary Host Starry Night Event

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Parents and students attended Starry Night at W.T. Elementary School Jan. 24. Starry Night kicked off W.T. Sampson's initiative to teach kids about the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) education program. STEM education is the intentional interdisciplinary approach to learning where the core curriculum is coupled with real world project base learning by using the engineering design process to develop STEM literacy.

According to Dr. Lemuel Patterson, Instructional Support Specialist for Math and Science, STEM is an acronym for the embedding of the four studies in the school curriculum in the effort to get kids to focus on science and technology.

"There is a large number of scientists and technical experts in the job force that have retired or will be retiring soon," said Patterson. "We need these young students to help fill that void."

Not only did the parents learn about STEM, they had the opportunity to participate in an exercise geared toward teaching them how to think outside the box. The exercise involved a team of four participants grabbing a string that was attached to a rubber band while trying to pick up cups and stacking them on top of each other using only one hand.

"The exercise is a great way to get the parents involved," said Patterson. "It gives the parents an opportunity to see what the STEM program is so they can share the importance of technology with their children."

"Our expectations are for the students to become aware of the opportunities available in the job market for STEM participants," said Sonja Rodriguez, W.T. Sampson Principal. "We want the parents to see that this is a chance for their kids to consider these options for the future so one day they have the opportunity to become an engineer or a scientist."



Teams of four participate in a team building exercise at Starry Night held at W.T. Elementary School Jan. 24. Starry Nights was held to educate parents and students on the importance of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM).

