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In Memory



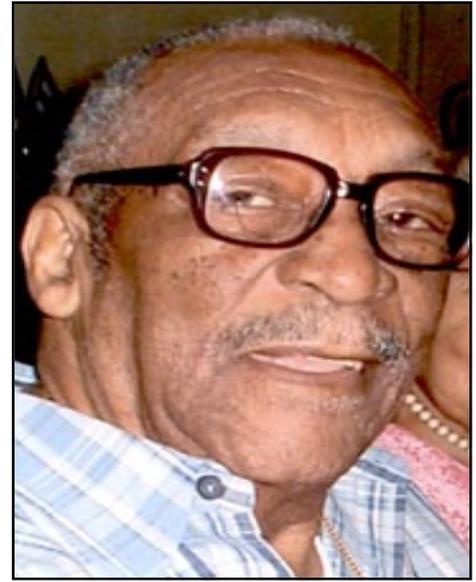
Inez "Chichi" Robinson

Naval Station Guantanamo Bay paid its last respects to two of its long-time residents in 2005. Inez "Chichi" Robinson passed away in January, and Claude B. McPherson, passed away in October.

Robinson, who asked for asylum on the station in the mid 1960's, worked at the Navy Exchange. Funeral services were held at the base Chapel, and she was buried in the base cemetery.

McPherson requested asylum on the station in 1968. He first started working here in 1943, and worked for more than 50 years in the Public Works Dept., retiring in 1993. He was considered a local authority on Cuban and base history.

He died Oct. 15, and his remains were returned to his family in mainland Cuba.



Claude B. McPherson



Photo by PH1(SW) Terry Matlock

Wind turbines -- *The wind turbine project was officially dedicated on April 25. The project is expected to save taxpayers \$1.2 million in annual energy costs.*



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Ship visit -- *The USS Saipan, homeported in Norfolk, in support of Operation New Horizons 2005, stopped in Guantanamo Bay for several days in early February during a two-month deployment to the Caribbean. Operation New Horizons took place in Haiti, where U.S. military forces built schools, drilled wells, and provided medical assistance to people affected by the 2004 hurricane season. The ship, which has a crew of more than 1,000, is 820 feet long, and 106 feet wide. Speed is approximately 24 knots. The ship can also host a Marine detachment of almost 2,000.*

Winter sworn in as new SECNAV

By Navy News Service

WASHINGTON (NNS) — Dr. Donald C. Winter was sworn in as the 74th Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) during a ceremony at the Pentagon Tuesday, Jan. 3.

Deputy Secretary of Defense (acting), the Honorable Gordon England administered the oath.

In his first message as SECNAV, Winter outlined his five priorities:

- People
- The Global War on Terror
- Shipbuilding
- 2005 QDR Implementation
- BRAC Implementation

Winter also praised the Navy and Marine Corps team and expressed his pride in serving as secretary.

Following is the full text of the Secretary's message:

"Today, I was sworn in as your 74th Secretary of the Navy. At a time when we find ourselves at war, with Marines and Sailors in "harm's way" in Iraq and Afghanistan, it is a challenge that I accept with a keen awareness of the solemn responsibilities of this office.

"In the wake of Sept. 11, 2001, President Bush declared, "the best defense against terrorism is a strong offensive against terrorists.

"The Navy/Marine Corps team is engaged in an aggressive campaign to defeat terrorist enemies not only in Iraq and Afghanistan, but globally. Protecting America against threats will remain our primary mission, a task that will require the service of warfighters who will never lose focus on the drive to victory.

"The world has seen momentous changes in recent decades, and the Navy and Marine Corps must adapt to changing



Photo by JOC Craig Strawser

The Honorable, Dr. Donald C. Winter takes the oath of office as the 74th Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) in a ceremony held in the SECNAV's office at the Pentagon. Deputy Secretary of Defense (acting), the Honorable, Gordon England, left, administered the oath. Standing beside Winter, holding the Bible, is his wife Linda.

conditions. Throughout history, nations have been surprised by threats that emerged without adequate warning. Democracies, in particular, are reluctant to acknowledge the existence of threats. But all of human history shows that weakness invites aggression and that strength deters war. We must remain prepared, strong and ready to meet the challenges of the future.

"In my confirmation hearings before Congress this past October, I mentioned five priorities: People, The Global War on Terror, Shipbuilding, 2005 QDR Implementation and BRAC Implementation.

"I will have much to say about all of these items in the months ahead. Today, I

will only mention one: People are our most valuable asset. Since the early days of the republic, Americans have relied on a strong Navy and Marine Corps team to defend them against her enemies. Nothing can play so decisive a role as well-trained, highly motivated Sailors and Marines who believe in their mission. You should feel honor - honor in knowing that today, during this time of war, the American people turn to you to keep our country safe. You have chosen a noble profession, and you join a long honored tradition as guardians of our liberty, and defenders of a great nation.

"I am honored to serve you as your Secretary."

Naval Hospital change of command Wednesday

CAPT Ronald Sollock, MC, USN, will relieve CAPT John Edmondson, MC, USN, as Commanding Officer of U.S. Naval Hospital Guantanamo Bay in a traditional change of command ceremony on Wednesday, Jan. 11, at 9 a.m., in front of the hospital.

CAPT Edmondson has been at the Naval Hospital since July 2003, and CAPT Sollock reports from the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, Washington, D.C.

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Coffee drinkers unite! Starbucks has arrived!

In March people would have thought the Beatles were coming for a visit, when everyone couldn't wait to get in line for some coffee. It was not just regular coffee, but Starbucks brand.

The Navy community is often steeped in the culture of coffee, whether it is brew, java or a cup-a-joe and GTMO is no exception.

GTMO residents and coffee connoisseurs added another option to their coffee-drinking palette when MWR opened its Starbucks coffee stand at the Downtown Lyceum movie concessions booth March 4.

Starbucks coffee is also served at the Bayview Club and Club Survivor in Camp America.



CAPT Les McCoy, COMNAVBASE, and Craig Basel, MWR director, cut the ribbon to the Starbucks concession.



Seabees celebrate — *RADM James McGarrh, CEC, Deputy Chief of Civil Engineers and Commander, Navy Facilities Engineering Command, and guest speaker for the Seabee Ball cuts the cake with SWCN Kenneth Collier, the youngest Seabee, and CDDR Jeff Johnston, NAVSTA's Public Works Officer. The Seabees celebrated 63 years of 'Can Do' spirit at the Windjammer Club in March.*



MCPON visits — *Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (SS/AW) Terry Scott shows off the Navy's newest concept uniforms when he visited the base in March. He was accompanied to GTMO by his wife Doreen. The MCPON held an all-hands call at the Windjammer, and his wife met with base Ombudsman.*



Photo by Stacey Byington

Toby Keith — *Country music superstar Toby Keith kicked off his third United Service Organization (USO) world tour with a stop at Guantanamo Bay on Thursday, May 12. Although just on base for a few hours, he entertained the troops at Camp America, gave an impromptu concert aboard the USS Austin (LPD4), and performed for Sailors and their family members at the Downtown Lyceum.*



Photo by JO1(SW) Spencer Webster

Cuban-American Friendship Day — *Runners celebrated Cuban-American Friendship Day, Friday, Jan. 28, in part, with a run that began at the Windjammer Club, went out to the Northeast Gate, back to the ferry landing, and then returning to the Windjammer. Henri Fuentes, president of the local Cuban-American Association, said that the event is a day of remembrance. "There is a rich heritage that goes back many, many years," said Fuentes.*

Urban streetbike warriors wow spectators



Hundreds of spectators checked out extreme sports new thrill rides in June.

The lyceum parking lot became a drag strip as extreme riders like "Tony D'orsi, Jeff Howlett, and Joe Dryden amazed the crowd with their motorcycle skills for almost three hours.

The crowd roared every time the riders raced up and down the parking lot performing individual freestyle runs with their custom-built motorcycles.

The riders performed slow and high speed tricks at a safe distance away from the crowd.



Photo by PH1(SW) Terry Matlock

Memorial Day -- *The Naval Hospital Color Guard raises the National Ensign at Cuzco Well Cemetery during Memorial Day ceremonies, May 31. Standing at attention are CAPT Les McCoy, COMNAVBASE, BG Jay Hood, JTF Commander, and CAPT Barney Barendse, Naval Hospital Executive Officer.*



Photo by PH1(SW) Terry Matlock

NEX wins 2004 Bingham Award -- *Navy Exchange (NEX) Guantanamo Bay was recognized this past year for excellence in customer service. The NEX was awarded the 2004 Bingham Award which is named after the late CAPT W.H. Bingham, former chief executive of the R.H. Macy's Company, and was presented on Oct. 14.*

Worship Services

Catholic Mass (Main Chapel)
 Tuesday-Friday, noon
 Daily Mass (Cobre Chapel)
 Confession, Saturday, 4:30 p.m.
 Vigil Mass, 5:30 p.m.
 Sunday Mass, 9 a.m. (Cobre Chapel)
 Eucharistic Adoration, daily 24 hrs.

Protestant Services
 Sunday
 Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.
 Services at Main Chapel, 11 a.m.
 Children's Sunday School, 11:30 a.m.
 Gospel Worship Service, 1 p.m.
 Monday
 Prayer Group, 6 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
 Wednesday
 Men's Fellowship, 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
 Gospel Bible Study, 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary A)
 Thursday
 PWOC - 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
 Sunday, Protestant Liturgical Service, 10 a.m. (Sanctuary B)

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (Sanctuary A)
 Sunday Sacrament, 9 a.m.
 Monday, Family Home Evening, 7 p.m.

Filipino Christian Fellowship (Sanctuary A)
 Sunday Worship, 7 p.m.

Iglesia Ni Cristo (Sanctuary B)
 Sunday Worship, 8 p.m.

Pentecostal Gospel Temple (Sanctuary D)
 Sunday Worship, 8 a.m. & 5 p.m.

Seventh Day Adventist
 Sabbath School Saturday - 9:30 a.m. (Sanctuary B)
 Saturday Divine Service, 11 a.m.

Islamic Service (Sanctuary C)
 Friday Worship, 1 p.m.

United Jamaican Fellowship (Bldg. 1036, next to Phoenix Cable)
 Sunday Service, 11 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

Shabbat Service
 Second Friday of the month, Rm. 11, 7:30p.m.



Photo by Stacey Byington

Jamaica trip all about fun, relaxation —
Looking relaxed, sunburned, and happy, Guantanamo Bay spouses posed in June for a group photograph in front of a line of fan palm trees at the Breezes, Run-away Bay resort in Jamaica. The trip was coordinated by MWR and the Spouses' Seminar Committee.



Photo by PH1 Terry Matlock

New cardio room — MWR fitness director, Karrissa Sandstrom, shows off one of the new pieces of equipment in the new Cardio Fitness Room at the G.J. Denich Gym to CAPT Larry Cotton. A ribbon-cutting for the new facility was held July 26.

Visiting beauties

— *Shelley Hennig, Miss Teen USA, poses for a picture with two fans. Hennig, and Miss USA, Chelsea Cooley, visited GTMO for several days in July as part of a USO meet-and-greet tour. The beauties participated in autograph signings at the NEX, and visited with troops at Camp America and patients at the U.S. Naval Hospital.*



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Columbia College

Columbia College will begin its next session Jan. 9. Registration is now open, and students can register for classes through Jan. 13.

Columbia College offers eight-week online and on-campus classes that meet two nights a week. The campus offers associate and bachelor's degrees in business administration, criminal justice administration, interdisciplinary studies and psychology.

Naval Station spouses say a special thanks to Ronda Sterns for all she has done while serving as NAVSTA Ombudsman



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New hours at HRO

Monday through Wednesday, and Fridays — 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
 Thursdays — 8 a.m. - noon
 Closed daily noon - 1 p.m. for lunch.
 Closed on all national holidays.

Downtown Lyceum

Friday, Jan. 6

Chicken Little

7 p.m., G, 81 min.

Jarhead

9 p.m., R, 123 min.

Saturday, Jan. 7

Cheaper by the Dozen 2

7 p.m., PG, 100 min.

**Harry Potter and
the Goblet of Fire**

9 p.m., PG13, 140 min.

Sunday, Jan. 8

Dreamer

7 p.m., PG, 105 min.

Monday, Jan. 9

The Weatherman

7 p.m., R, 105 min.

Tuesday, Jan. 10

**Harry Potter and
the Goblet of Fire**

7 p.m., PG13, 140 min.

Wednesday, Jan. 11

Cheaper by the Dozen 2

7 p.m., PG, 100 min.

Thursday, Jan. 12

Jarhead

7 p.m., R, 123 min.



Cheaper by the Dozen 2

Comedy, Kids/Family, Sequel

Cast: Steve Martin, Bonnie Hunt, Piper Perabo, Eugene Levy, and Hillary Duff

Storyline: Tom Baker and wife Kate, hoping to bring their family together for a memorable summer vacation, take their 12 offspring to the rustic Lake Winnetka. But their re-treat soon becomes cutthroat when they enter into a competition with the over-achieving members of a large family headed by Tom's long-time rival, Jimmy Muraugh.



Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire

Action, Adventure, Kids/Family, Science Fiction/Fantasy

Cast: Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint, Emma Watson, Robbie Coltrane, Ralph Fiennes
Harry finds himself selected as an under-aged competitor in a dangerous multi-wizardry school competition.

MWR Happenings

Windjammer Dinner Theater

Monday, Jan 9, at 5:30 p.m. Bring the family to the Windjammer Club to enjoy dinner and then watch family oriented G- or PG-rated movies. This Monday, "Raise Your Voice," begins at 5:30 p.m., and the second movie, "Hitchhiker's guide to the Galaxy," begins at 8 p.m.

Glow Golf Tournament (Liberty)

Jan. 6, check-in at 7:45 p.m., shotgun starts at 8:15 p.m. Two-man teams, best ball format, carts and clubs are provided. Trophies for first and second place. Space is limited to the first nine teams. FMI call 2010.

3-on-3 Basketball (Liberty)

Jan. 7, starts at 9 a.m. at the Base Gym. Prizes will be awarded. FMI call 2010.

Captain's Cup Basketball

Begin Jan. 9, men's and women's leagues. Team rosters due by Jan. 7. 15 people allowed per roster. Must play within your command. FMI call 2193.

Martin Luther King Bowl-A-Thon

Jan. 16, 7 - 11 p.m. The person who bowls the most games within the four-hour time limit wins. Total score does not count. Max number of three person per lane. Earn a trophy and 100 percent of the prize fund. Cost is \$15 per person. Two categories: amateurs and leaguers. FMI call 2118 or 7147.

Martin Luther King Holiday Celebration

Jan. 16, beginning at 4 p.m. at Cooper Field. Fellowship, children's activities, food and drink. Speakers begin at 5 p.m. FMI call Rohn McLean at 84700.

Night Paintball (Liberty)

Jan. 20, 7-10 p.m., three-man teams, equipment provided. first 500 paintballs free. Trophies for first and second place. FMI call 2010.

Youth Basketball

Begins Jan. 28, coaches needed, games played on Saturday. FMI call 2193.



A rare phenomenon

— A waterfall at Glass Beach, Oct. 15. It is believed that the fall was created from ground runoff caused by rain. Rainfall broke all previous records. Maximum precipitation in 1948 was 47.18 inches. More than 54 inches were recorded in 2005.

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Stacey Byington



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9/11 remembrance — Marine 1st Sgt. Patrick Buhr reads remarks about the events of Sept. 11, 2001, by President George Bush delivered to Congress and the American people on Sept. 20, 2001. Buhr was one of several speakers at a 9/11 remembrance tribute held at the base Chapel on Sept. 9.

GTMO Shopper

For Sale

(2) Indigo colored Game Cube with 2 controllers and 1 game, \$80. FMI call 9461.

(2) Bowflex with leg attachment, \$800; Pilates tapes, \$60; underwater GTMO photos, 4-in.x6-in. to 16-in.x20 in., some matted, some framed, \$1 to \$40; computer w/17-in. monitor, color printer, \$200; computer desk, \$50; VCR \$40; Xmas tree, \$25; 2 sleeping bags, \$25; tabletop gas grill, \$30; espresso machine, \$10; electric pizza baker, \$15. FMI call 7974.

(2) Black metal frame bunk bed, Twin top, full bottom, mattresses included, great shape, \$275. FMI call 3404 or 5892.

(2) Metal loft bed, with lower desk and chair, purchased at the NEX 1.5 years ago, includes mattress, \$100 OBO. Baby crib with mattress and changing table, solid hardwood, heavy duty, oak color, much better quality than locally available, like new, was \$500 new, now \$150 OBO. FMI call 5815.

(2) Sears Kenmore washer and dryer, good working order and appearance, available immediately, \$100 for both. Oak dresser with vanity mirror, FMI call 5863.

(2) Light green sectional sofa, 1 year old, \$300. FMI call 7112.

(2) Sony 57-in. rear projection HD ready TV, like new, \$1,200. FMI call 7465.

(1) RCA 25-in. flat screen TV/DVD/VCR combo, \$300. FMI call 2907.

(1) Black Metal bunk bed, twin on top, full on the bottom, only have twin mattress, \$75. FMI call 7358.

(1) 58 in. wide-screen multi-system color TV, great for anyone who will be stationed overseas and US, converts to PAL, NTSC etc., \$1,000. FMI call 7358.

(1) Various household items including 3-section tan sofa, Persian rug, small bistro table, washer and dryer. FMI call 7331, ask for Anna.

(1) Sears Kenmore washer and dryer, good working order and appearance, \$100 for both. FMI call 5863, ask for Nicole.

(1) Convertible crib with mattress turns into toddler bed with full-size frame, excellent condition, \$125; 3-drawer dresser with cabinet, \$80; double jogging stroller with swivel wheel that locks in place, \$125; Eddie Bauer booster seat, \$20; spear gun, \$50; refurbished antique desk, \$80. FMI call 5884.

Vehicles/Boats

(2) 2001 Suzuki GSX-R1000. 15K miles, custom painted green, black and silver; chrome swing arm and

rims. FMI call 7871 or 9556.

(2) 1998 Chrysler Sebring LXi 2-door coupe, white, 117K miles, automatic transmission, good condition, clean interior, leather, power everything, sunroof, CD player. Available Jan. 17. \$6,000 OBO. FMI call 7113.

(2) 1988 Dodge Ram-350 pick up, lots of new parts. Great running condition, \$2,800. FMI call 8032.

(2) 1997 Nissan Pathfinder, fully loaded, leather seats, wood dash, power windows, Bose stereo cassette CD player, alloy wheels, new timing belt and water pump, 106K miles, excellent condition, \$7,900 OBO. FMI call 8117.

(2) 1977 Dodge standard cab longbed pick-up, 3/4-ton, 4 wheel drive, V-8, in good running condition, dependable, great dive truck, \$1,500. FMI call 3569 or 7/4517.

(1) 2001 Chevrolet Tracker Shift-on-the-fly 4-wheel drive, fully loaded. PW, PL, A/C, dual front airbags, CD player, grille guard. Not a GITMO Special. Vehicle is mechanically sound guaranteed, original owner, \$9,000 OBO. Available June/July. FMI call 7358.

(1) 2002 Black Nissan Xterra, 44K miles, AC, CD, cruise control. Well taken care of and looks great, \$13,000. FMI call 7623.

(1) 1997 Ford F-150 pick-up, 2-door, standard bed, good tires, runs great, \$5,500. FMI call 5835 or 4007.

Employment

(2) Human Resources Office: Housing Manager, GS-7/9, closes Jan. 12.

(2) The Navy Exchange has the following vacancies: Receptionist, flexible position, Day Shift, Open until filled; Receptionist, flexible position, Evening Hours, Open until filled. FMI call Collin Kesley 5041.

(1) Reef Raiders Dive Club shack operator. Needed for weekdays, evenings and weekends. Open to all. Please contact Ken Arlinghaus at 4803 anytime before 9 p.m.

Announcements

(2) DRMO will be onboard GTMO room the Jan. 9 - 20. Receive and issue only. No sales.

(1) If you attended a New Year's Eve party at the Jackson's in Marina Point and found a gold ring, or know where I might find it, please call 7135. No questions asked, reward offered. Ring has extreme sentimental value.

(2) 2 year old long haired cat needs a good home. PCSing in January. Great with children. FMI call 9477 or 7/2944.

GTMO welcomed new commanding officers

CAPT Mark Leary, USN, became the new Commander, U.S. Naval Base, and Commanding Officer, U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, in a traditional Navy change of command ceremony, held Thursday, Sept. 22, at Phillips Park.

Leary assumed command from CAPT Larry Cotton, who has been the base commander since July 9, and is returning to his former job as Chief of Staff, Navy Region Southeast.

“Guantanamo Bay is a great place, but it is more than the hills, valleys, arroyos, coves and water,” said Cotton. “It’s the environment in which all of these things exist and the people and institutions that populate it. It wouldn’t be GTMO without the beaches, or iguanas, or todys, or banana rats, or even the ‘no see’ums.”

Cotton also talked about how busy GTMO is these days -- something is going on every day and most weekends, and that he was glad to have been a part of that, if only briefly.

To Leary he said, “I envy you the beginning of your major command tour. I know you will do great because you have a strong supporting staff and a cohesive and capable community in which to work.”

To the community Cotton concluded, “Thank you for making this a great command.”

Leary comes to Guantanamo Bay from the Naval Command College in Newport, R.I., where he served as Operations Officer planning and executing more than 150 executive level visits to business, government, education, and social welfare organizations in 18 U.S. cities for more than 80 senior international officers of the Naval War College.

“I am proud to be part of this incredibly diverse and unique community where so many, so different, can work for the common good,” said Leary. “We are on the leading edge of America’s strategy to promote a more peaceful and stable world. Few shore stations are as critical to our national military strategy as Naval Station Guantanamo Bay.

“I am happy to be part of this great team as we work to make GTMO a great place to work and live.”



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CAPT Mark Leary salutes RDML Wendi Carpenter, assuming command of U.S. Naval Base and U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay.

CAPT Cotton — *CAPT Lawrence S. Cotton, USN, relieved CAPT Leslie J. McCoy, USN, as Commander, U.S. Naval Base Guantanamo Bay, and Commanding Officer, U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, on July 9. “All base policies and instructions will remain in effect,” said CAPT Cotton. “My top priorities are ensuring that we continue to support the mission of the base; ensuring that everyone works together as a team.”*



MAJ. Nunez — *Maj. George Nunez assumed command of the Marine Corps Security Force Company (MCSFC) Guantanamo Bay on July 1. Maj. Nunez assumed command of MCSFC GTMO on Friday, July 1, relieving Maj. John Rochford II, who had commanded the unit since July 2003. Nunez’s most recent assignment prior to reporting to GTMO was as Commanding Officer of Headquarters Company and officer-in-charge of Headquarters Battalion, 2nd Marine Division (Rear).*