



Photos by MC1 Igo Wordu

Maj. George Nunez, MCSFCo. Commanding Officer, leads Marines and other runners as they kick off the first leg of the annual Cuban-American Friendship Day Run on Friday, Jan. 26. Inset: Other runners carried the flags of both nations to the finish point at Phillips Park.

GTMO honors Cuban community

Story by MC2 (AW) Honey Nixon, Public Affairs Office

The Cuban-American Friendship Day Celebration's theme, "Two Hearts, One Spirit in Friendship," was initiated once again for the local Cuban community and GTMO residents to enjoy on Jan. 26, in the Windjammer Ballroom.

The day's activities began with the Northeast Gate Run at 7 a.m., and ended with a celebratory luncheon honoring the unique relationship between NAVSTA GTMO, the Cuban commuters, special category residents, and the entire Cuban

community.

The "friendship celebration" that began 38 years ago has continued to flourish. Friday's participants enjoyed authentic Cuban cuisine, several speeches, and cultural dances performed by local elementary school children.

CAPT Leary welcomed guests and spoke of how area Cubans "brought their workers, their language and their friendship" to the base. "The celebration gives us the opportunity to reflect on our com-

mon heritage and to express our appreciation of our Cuban friends, and this diverse cultural charm that exists nowhere else in the world."

The celebration was also an opportunity for local W.T. Sampson students, like Celina Frye, to participate in performances that support and educate children on cultural diversity.

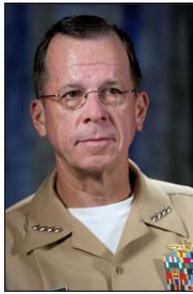
"It's really great to be a part of this, and it is a once in a lifetime chance," said

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CNO: IAs critical to War on Terror

Story provided by Chief of Naval Operations Public Affairs

In a visit Jan. 19 to observe individual augmentee (IA) training at Camp McCrady, S.C., Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Mike Mullen made it clear that IA deployments will continue, and that they are critical to the Navy's efforts in the war on terror.



The Navy currently has more than 10,000 Sailors in IA duty assignments all over the world. Personnel officials estimate that nearly half the 4,300 Sailors serving in Iraq are IA's. Mullen said he

does not expect those figures to change dramatically in the next year or so.

"Obviously, we can't predict the future with any certainty, but I don't see the need for Navy talent in the IA world going down any time soon," he said.

The CNO has pushed to expand the Navy's contribution on the ground in the Central Command Area Responsibility, stressing that the war on ter-

ror is a national fight, not just one for the Army and Marine Corps. Sailors, he said, bring unique perspectives and skills to the effort. But he was also quick to point out that IA duty can have a similar effect on Sailors themselves, broadening their viewpoints and exposing them to new methods of warfighting.

"We have had thousands of Sailors go through this [IA Duty], and I think its going to cause the Navy to change how we look at the world", said Mullen. "I fundamentally believe that you can't stay 1,000 miles out at sea and watch the rest of the world go by."

The recently-established Task Force Individual Augmentation, for example, has increased notification time for

Sailors ordered to IA billets from under 30 days to a high of 80 days in December 2006. The notification window begins when a Sailor receives written orders of IA duty, and ends when that Sailor leaves the area of permanent duty station. The CNO thanked the Sailors for their service as IA's and also expressed his gratitude for the sacrifices being made by their families. He said support for those families remains a top priority.

"In direct guidance from me, I have asked commands to have a support mechanism to ensure that families are supported," he said. "We want to make sure that we are doing as much as we can to support you."

CNO says diversity is a 'strategic imperative'

Diversity is a strategic imperative for the United States Navy.

We defend the greatest nation in the world. It is a nation that welcomes, indeed encourages, the active participation of every citizen regardless of race, gender, creed or color – a democracy founded on the premise of opportunity for all. It is also a nation whose demographic makeup continually changes, reflecting the influx

of new immigrants and the growth of minority populations. The Navy must change with it. To the degree we truly represent our democracy, we are a stronger, more relevant armed force.

Diversity is critical to mission accomplishment.

Everyone in our Navy contributes to mission success, and everyone brings to that collective effort unique capabilities and individual talent. How we

harness those capabilities and foster that talent bears considerable effect on our ability to successfully accomplish the mission. Like any organization in the time change, we thrive on the infusion of new ideas and the diversity of thought. This is particularly true today, when understanding the mores, customs and ideals of diverse cultures, as well as the perspectives of other people, remains critical to winning the long war.

Diversity is a leadership issue, and everyone is a leader.

We will promote and engender a culture that embraces our

diversity. Through our communications, education, policies, programs and conduct, each of us will actively foster work environments where people are valued, respected, and provided the opportunity to reach their full personal and professional potential. We will recruit, develop, educate and retain leaders from and for all parts of our Navy and nation.

We defend the greatest nation in the world. The strength of our diversity directly and irrefutably helps us do so. The Navy will stay committed to improving that strength.

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'All Hands' call

RADM Edward Masso, Assistant Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Manpower, Personnel, Training and Education) will address all hands and take questions on Feb. 5, 4:15 p.m., at the Windjammer Ballroom. All those attending need to be in place no later than 4 p.m.

New destroyer has ties to Cuba

Story by MC1 Robert Lamb, Public Affairs

USS Gridley (DDG 101), the 51st Arleigh Burke class destroyer, and the fourth ship to bear the name 'Gridley,' will be commissioned at the Port of Miami on Feb. 10.

The act of placing a ship in commission marks her entry into active Navy service. At the moment when the commissioning pennant is broken and raised up the masthead, a ship becomes a Navy command in her own right, and takes her place alongside other active ships of the Fleet.

How does Guantanamo Bay link to the *USS Gridley*? As preparations for the commissioning were in full force, CDR Stephen Shinego, Commanding Officer of the *Gridley*, requested two U.S. flags be raised over Bulkeley Hall in honor of two gentlemen that have made an enormous impact on the commissioning ceremony of the *Gridley* - Raul Mas Canosa, and Mario Murgado.

Canosa, chairman of the *Gridley* Commissioning Committee, and Murgado, are Cuban immigrants who coordinated events, meetings and fundraisers with the city of Miami, Super Bowl committees and various other supporters of the *Gridley* commissioning.

"The flag that flies over Cuba and *Gridley* will have significant sentimental value as the link between their forbearers' homeland and their adopted homeland," said Shinego. "For *Gridley*, it's the extension of our appreciation for all they do to support all those that deploy around the globe to keep us safe. They are plankowners on *Gridley*, but before *Gridley*, and long after *Gridley* sails away, they



Photo by MC1 Robert Lamb

NCC(SW) Jon Monteleone prepares to raise a flag which will wave over Bulkeley Hall, and then be sent to the commissioning crew of the USS Gridley. The flag will then be flown on the Gridley, Feb. 10, as it is commissioned into active naval service.

will continue to care deeply for our servicemembers."

As soon as the Navy announces the location for such an event, local politicians, commerce and community individuals started raising money for this special occasion with Canosa and Murgado taking the lead.

"The command thought that giving them a United States flag that was flown in their honor and in their country would make it clear how much we appreciate all they have done," said NCI Candice Abel, *USS Gridley* Command Career Counselor.

Canosa was born in Santiago, Cuba, not far from

Guantanamo Bay. His family fled the island in 1961 and he was raised from age 4 in the United States.

"I am now a proud American citizen of Cuban ancestry," he said.

Several years ago Canosa became very active in supporting military families and veterans. Along with a local county commissioner, he founded the "Salute to Our Heroes Fund" which has raised thousands of dollars to support established groups that support the military, such as the 'Armed Forces Relief Trust' and United States Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation'.

"In addition, we have supported our local veterans by funding job fairs, providing financial support, and providing other tangible assistance," Canosa said. "I also chair the Miami Committee of Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), making sure that private businessmen understand the importance of our Guard and Reserve members.

Murgado's family also fled Cuba's oppressive regime many years ago. He is a very successful businessman, who owns a car dealership in Miami's "Little Havana" district.

"Mario is also proud of his adopted country and has been a strong supporter of the military for years. He has done an outstanding job as our fundraising chair," said Canosa.

This commissioning of the *USS Gridley* continues a tradition more than three centuries old, observed by navies around the world, and by the U.S. Navy since December 1775, when *Alfred*, the first ship of the Continental Navy, was commissioned at Philadelphia.

Once in commission, the commanding officer and crew are entrusted with the privilege, and the responsibility, of maintaining their ship's readiness in peace, and of conducting successful operations at sea in time of war.

"The flag flown over GTMO, and subsequently on *GRIDLEY*, will of course have very special meaning for me," said Canosa. "I hope to one day to return it to a free Cuba and my hometown of Santiago," said Canosa.

Worship Services

Catholic

Catholic Mass Mon. thru Fri. 6 p.m.
(Main Chapel)
Confession, Mon. thru Fri. 5:15 p.m.
(Main Chapel) Sat. 4:15 p.m., Sun.
8:15 a.m.
Vigil Mass, 5 p.m. (Main Chapel)
Sunday Mass, 9 a.m. (Main Chapel)
Eucharistic Adoration, daily 24 hrs.

Protestant

Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Services, 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)
Monday, Family Home Evening, 7
p.m. (rm. 8)
Sunday Sacrament, 9 a.m.

Filipino Christian Fellowship

(Sanctuary A)
Sunday Worship, 7 p.m.

Iglesia Ni Cristo (Sanctuary B)
Bible Study, Thursday, 7 p.m.
Sunday Worship, 5:30 a.m.

Pentecostal Gospel Temple

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

Seventh Day Adventist (Sanctuary B)

Prayer Meeting, Tuesday, 7 p.m.
Vesper Meeting, Friday, 7 p.m.
Sabbath School, Saturday, 9:30 a.m.
Divine Service, Saturday, 11 a.m.
Bible Study, Saturday, 4:30 p.m.

Islamic Service (Sanctuary C)

Friday Worship, 1:15 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.

Mingle with Singles

Wednesday, Feb. 14,
6 - 10 p.m., at Rick's
Lounge and the Bayview
patio. Enlisted, officers
and DoD civilian personnel
can meet other singles
stationed in GTMO.

Fee is \$15 per person,
giveaways and appetizers
included. FMI call 4360.



Photo by Harriot Johnston

Get to know GTMO — *Second-grade students, Henry Johnston and Alex Rivera, make a 'rubbing' of the sundial at the lookout on Skyline Drive during one leg of W.T. Sampson Elementary School's 'Amazing Race' on Jan. 25. The students, with the help of parents, were organized into small teams in a race-against-time contest to complete as many challenges as possible in the time allotted.*

New Sherman Ave. Bus Schedule

South-bound Bus	#1	#2	North-bound Bus	#1	#2
Villamar 1st St.	:55	:25	Pink Palace	:27	:57
Villamar 6th St.	:56	:26	Harrisonville	:28	:58
E. Caravella	:58	:28	Ordnance	:29	:59
Carvella Point 2	:59	:29	Fire Station 1	:30	:00
Hospital	:02	:32	Bulkeley Landing	:31	:01
Brig	:03	:33	Lyceum/Library	:33	:03
Sgt. Kenny Field	:06	:36	NEX	:35	:05
Marine Hill	:07	:37	Gold Hill Galley	:36	:06
LCN	:09	:39	Windjammer	:38	:08
BOQ/ Marina	:11	:41	Post Office	:39	:09
Post Office	:12	:42	BOQ/Marina	:40	:10
Windjammer	:13	:43	LCN	:41	:11
Gold Hill Galley	:15	:45	Marina Hill	:42	:12
NEX	:16	:46	Sgt. Kenny Field	:43	:13
Lyceum/Library	:17	:47	Caravella Point 2	:45	:15
Bulkeley Landing	:19	:49	Hospital	:48	:18
Fire Station #1	:20	:50	Brig	:50	:20
Ferry Landing	:25	:55	WL 1(Sherman Ave.)	:52	:22
			Center Bargo	:53	:23
			Villamar 6th St.	:54	:24
			Villamar 1st St.	:55	:25

Red Cross Silent Auction

Feb. 15, 6 p.m., at the Bayview. More than 25 different items including elegant meals, art, and gift baskets, to name just a few. All donations support local Red Cross efforts.



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Sailor of the Week



YNSA Clifford James Nobles Jr., NAVSTA Admin department

"I was surprised," said Nobles after his selection. "This is my first award, since I have only been in the Navy 6 months. I enjoy my job because I enjoy giving people their mail. My command wants me to be the best Sailor I can be, and they encourage me."

Notice when the siren sounds!

Story by MC1 Robert Lamb, Public Affairs

Checking the central alarm system at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba happens every Wednesday at noon. A 'Steady Siren', which means "All Clear, Resume normal activities" can be heard from the entire 45 square miles of GTMO and sometimes beyond.

There are five distinct alarms that could be sounded out at any time to warn of treacherous weather, hazardous conditions or immediate danger and their aftermaths.

Base sirens at Naval Station and their definitions are as followed:

1. General Alert — Turn on TV/Radio for additional information. This tone is intended as a non-emergency alert. As an example it will be sounded when hurricane readiness conditions are upgraded or when severe thunderstorms are expected shortly.

2. Alternate Wail — **Take cover** — Return to quarters and stay put until further notice

(non-immediate threat). This tone will be used when base requires all non-essential personnel to return to quarters and stay there until all clear is sounded.

3. Pulse Wail — **Take Cover** — Immediate threat inbound — Return to nearest secure location and take cover. This alert will be used when immediate danger threatens, such as a tornado or in-bound aircraft of unknown origin. Find nearest cover and stay there until all clear is sounded. Dangerous conditions are possible in 15 min. or less.

4. Pulse Steady — **Re-**

covery Disaster Teams report to duty. All non-essential personnel remain in quarters. This alert is used to alert various emergency personnel such as PWD recovery teams and fire department personnel that it is safe to investigate for any injury or damage to base facilities.

5. Steady — **All clear.** Resume normal activities.

Alarm Testing — The base alarm system is tested each Wednesday at noon. The Navy Base Watch Officer (NBWO) will sound the alarm in accordance with this instruction.



Sails are fluttering again at the GTMO Yacht Club

Story by MCSN Ted Cartwright, Naval Media Center Detachment, GTMO

Outside of the sailing center, the original GTMO Yacht Clubs etched their marks into the sidewalk more than 50 years ago for future generations to see. The original GTMO yacht club was established in the 1950's. The current club members are doing their part to leave their mark on history as well.

The current club was rejuvenated and chartered in July. It now has 15 members, and several people who pay as they go.

GTMO Yacht Club's Commodore, Navy LT Susan Rodriguez said, "a main objective of the club is to get people interested in sailing by offering an opportunity for anyone who wants to sail, or a ride-along to get out on the water."

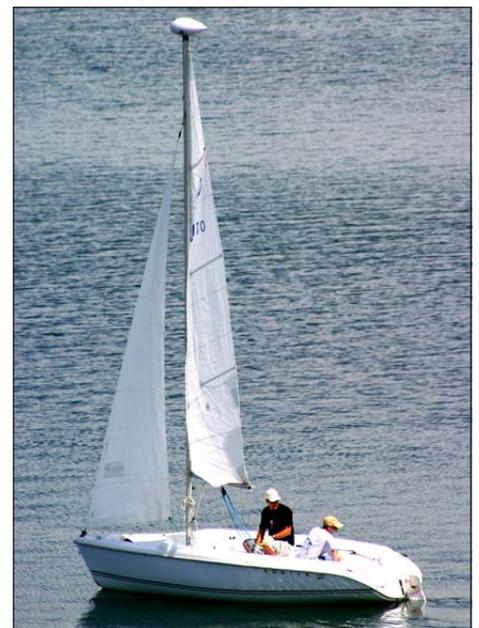
Rodriguez also said, "people should know that lessons at the sailing center are free. He (the instructor) instructs on ev-

erything from the parts of the boat to taking a written test."

Locked inside a glass display case at the sailing center, there are trophies from past sailing events and regattas that the original yacht club hosted. They are relics from the past, but current yacht club members would like to see the sailing regattas come back because they are an important part of life in GTMO.

Along with bringing back the regattas and encouraging more people to sail, the yacht club would also like to leave their mark for future residents of GTMO by making sailing as common an activity here as scuba diving, said Rodriguez.

To learn more about the Yacht Club, contact Susan Rodriguez at 77691, or attend one of their monthly meetings on the third Saturday of each month at the sailing center at 2 p.m.



GTMO Yacht Club is looking for new members.

Downtown Lyceum

Friday, Feb. 2

Eragon

7 p.m., PG-13, 103 min.

Apocalypto

9 p.m., R, 138 min.

Saturday, Feb. 3

Unaccompanied Minors

7 p.m., PG, 108 min.

We are Marshall

7 p.m., PG, 127 min.

Sunday, Feb. 4

The Holiday

7 p.m., PG-13, 132 min.

Monday, Feb. 5

The Pursuit of Happiness

7 p.m., PG-13, 116 min.

Tuesday, Feb. 6

Apocalypto

7 p.m., R, 138 min.

Wednesday, Feb. 7

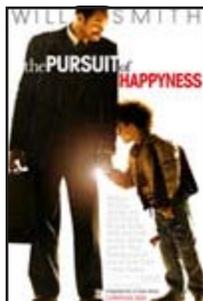
Blood Diamond

7 p.m., R, 143 min.

Thursday, Feb. 8

The Pursuit of Happiness

7 p.m., PG-13, 116 min.



The Pursuit of Happiness

Genre: Drama/Biopic

Cast: Will Smith, Thandie Newton, Jaden Smith, Dan Castellaneta

Storyline: Chris Gardner is a bright and talented, but marginally employed salesman. Struggling to make ends meet, Gardner finds himself and his five-year-old son evicted from their San Francisco apartment with nowhere to go. When Gardner lands an internship at a prestigious stock brokerage firm, he and his son endure many hardships, including living in shelters, in pursuit of his dream of a better life.



Eragon

Genre: Drama, Kids/Family, Science

Cast: Edward Speleers, Jeremy Irons, John Malkovich, Djimon Hounsou

Storyline: A boy named Eragon finds a polished blue stone in the forest. At first, he thinks it's a lucky discovery, something that will bring meat to his poor family for the winter. Instead, it brings a dragon hatchling, and Eragon is soon thrust into a world of magic and power through which he and the dragon must navigate.

MWR Happenings

Windjammer Dinner Theater

Monday, Feb. 5, 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 Mondays' early movie is "8 Crazy Nights." "Drumline" begins at 8 p.m.

Liberty Events

— Feb. 6, 7 p.m., Night Fishing at the Marina.

— Feb. 7, 9 p.m., Duke vs. North Carolina at Deer Point.

— Feb. 8, 6 p.m., Madden 07 PS2 Tournament at Marine Hill.

Valentine's 5K Run

Feb. 10, at 6:30 a.m. Run begins and ends at the base gym. Register at the base gym before Feb. 9. Prizes for the best Valentine outfits. FMI call 78344 or 77262.

Flea Market and Craft Fair

Feb. 10, at 9 a.m. At the Downtown Lyceum. Cost is \$15 per table and \$25 for a 10-ft. x 10-ft. space. Register at the Ceramic Shop before Feb. 9. FMI call 74795.

Comic Relief

Feb. 14, 9 p.m., at the Windjammer.
Feb. 15, 9 p.m. at the Bayview Patio.
Feb. 16, 9 p.m. at the Goat Locker.
Three seasoned comedians. FMI call 75225.

Romance at the Bayview

Feb. 14, at 6 - 10 p.m. Four-course dinner. Tickets are \$35 per person, \$65 per couple. Reservation taken at the time of ticket purchase. FMI call 75604.

9-Pin No-Tap Bowling Tourney

Feb. 9. Open to all adult bowlers. Positions paid based on number of entries. Optional side pots. FMI call 2113.

GTMO Shopper

For Sale

(2) Red 3/4 size Applause Guitar w/stand, \$160; small dining room table w/4 chairs, \$120; kitchen utility table, \$50. FMI call 77912 AWH or 6354 DWH.

(2) Bose radio system/CD system, white, brand new in box. FMI call Dennis at 3418 DWH or 77806 AWH.

(2) Scuba gear, BCD, tank, regulators, octopus, gauges, lights, knives, weights, gloves, underwater camera, one owner, most items in original packaging, \$950. FMI call 2377.

(2) Brown, beaded cocktail dress, size 10, \$15; black and silver evening dress, size 12, \$30; 12-ft. x 15-ft. nylon blue rug, \$100; 6-ft. Christmas tree w/ light sets; \$30; gas grill with tank, new, \$70; various potted plants. FMI call 75607 or 4148.

(2) Full-size refrigerator, with freezer on top, portable basketball hoop, Kelty baby backpack (infant through toddler), Little Tykes sand and water table, double baby-jogger, Little Tykes Cozy Coop, ride-on toddler car w/push handle, various toddler toys and puzzles, booster seat w/ tray, highchair w/plastic seat cover and tray, matching crib dust ruffle and bumper for boy or girl, Eddie Bauer beach tent, GeoSafari electronic learning system, toddler bed w/mattress, blue, plastic wading pool. FMI call 2507.

(2) Nintendo 65 games, \$10-20 each. FMI call 3782.

(1) New Bose WAVE Radio, \$500; new Sony Bravia 26-in. LCD TV, \$925; new Cannondale Bad Boy bicycle, \$625; new Canon EOS XT camera, \$625; Sony Trinitron 14-in. TV, \$125. FMI call Dennis at 3418 DWH or 77806 AWH.

(1) Applause guitar, \$150; JVC

Home Theater System (speakers only), \$30. FMI call 77912.

(1) Beige suede couch and loveseat, \$700; convertible dining room table w/4 chairs, \$85. FMI call 9791 DWH or 77398 AWH.

(1) Full-size couch w/pull out queen bed, \$90; Emily convertible crib, natural pine color, \$100; futon full size w/new cover and throw pillows, \$100. FMI call 77024 or 84040.

(1) Casio digital piano, w/stand and cover, \$450; Sylvania 13-in. TV w/remote, \$30. FMI call 78053 AWH.

(1) Complete outdoor bar setup w/table, mini fridge, TV, blender, \$600; 32-in. TV, \$100; recliner w/ new tan cover, \$50; couch w/ microsuede cover, \$100; coffee table \$25; queen bed w/pillow top, \$40; wooden bedroom set, \$100; roll of tan carpet, \$25; tan rug, \$20; computer desk w/chair and rolling stand, \$100; entertainment center, \$50; Parrot Bay hammock w/stand, \$150; ladder style bookshelf, \$25; metal/wooden cutting table w/wine rack, \$100; Playstation 2 w/30 games, \$300. FMI call 77795 AWH or 3410 DWH.

Vehicles/Boats

(2) 1984 Nissan pick-up truck, \$600 OBO. FMI call 77479 DWH or 79126 AWH.

(2) 2003 Hyundai Tiburon GT, V6, red, 48K, automatic w/autostick, leather interior, power sunroof and windows, Infinity sound system, \$15,000. FMI call 77276.

(1) 1995 Ford Ranger extended cab, excellent mechanical condition, AC, automatic transmission, \$3,000 OBO. FMI call 2377.

(1) 1980 Toyota Corolla, fair condition, 5-speed manual, \$1,200

OBO; 1984 Ford F-150, GTMO special, runs great, \$1,000 OBO; 1988 Ford Ranger, 4-speed, runs great, \$2,000 OBO. FMI call Will at 75526.

(1) 2000 Chevy Silverado, great condition, 80K, \$9,500 OBO. FMI call Rachael at 9819 or 77836.

(1) 1991 Boston Whaler boat, 19-ft, center console, 175hp engine w/power trailer, \$15,500. FMI call 9791 DWH or 77398 AWH.

(1) 21-ft. Wellcraft, center console, Evinrude 150hp, trailer, depth finder, new hardware and canvas for top, \$6,000. FMI call 79576.

Employment

(1) Human Resources Office announces the following vacancies: Information Technology Specialist, GS-2210-11, closes Feb 2. Medical Records Technician, GS-0675-05, closes Feb. 2; Office Automation Assistant, GS-0326-05, closes Feb. 2; Transportation Assistant, GS-2102-03/04/05, closes Feb. 2; Teller, GS-0530-04/05, closes Feb 2; Budget Technician, GS-0561-06/Aide, GS-0186-03, closes Dec. 28.

(2) IT contractor has 2 Systems Administrator positions available. See website: <https://cp-its-rmprd.saic.com/main/careerportal/>. Click on AE (Armed Forces Europe) to get detailed information. FMI call 4862 DWH.

(2) W.T. Sampson has the following position available: Educational Aid, GS-1702-04, closes Feb. 8. Applications can be picked up and submitted to the W.T. Sampson Main Office. FMI call Ramonia at 3500.

Announcements

(2) The African-American

Cultural Organization (AACO) will hold its AACO Black History Month dance, Feb. 24, at 5:30 p.m., in the Windjammer Ballroom. Tickets are \$20. FMI call 9769.

(2) Free country line dance classes at the Windjammer every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. FMI call Lupe at 4127.

(1) Tutoring for children of all ages available. FMI call Sarah at 77264.

(1) There will be a Mother-Daughter Afternoon Tea, Feb. 17, 1:30 p.m., at 1101 Deer Point Dr. All proceeds go to the Guantanamo Bay Spouses Club. FMI call 77799 or 79599.

(1) The Seabee Ball committee will be holding a silent auction at the Craft fair, Feb. 10. Items up for auction include: boat cruises, desserts, meals and much more. FMI call Rosa at 4814.

(1) The Seabee Ball Committee will be holding a carwash Feb. 10, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the NEX.

Wanted

(2) Mandolin instructor for beginner lessons. FMI call Elizabeth 79533 AWH or 72427 DWH.

(1) Piano lessons for young girl. FMI call 74181 or 77580.

(1) Housekeeping service. FMI call 77586.

Yard Sales

Feb. 2 — Nob Hill, #23A, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Feb. 3 — Caravella Point, #13A, 7 a.m. - 11 a.m. and 4 - 5:30 p.m.

Feb. 3 — Villamar, #729, 7:30 - 10 a.m.

Feb. 3 — Nob Hill, #21B, 7 - 9:30 a.m.

Feb. 3 — Caribbean Circle, #10, 7:30 a.m.

MWR/Pizza Hut

Super Bowl Sunday Special

Feb. 4, purchase any large pizza, and get one free order of hot or mild buffalo wings.

One free order of wings per household!



FMI call 77995.



W.T. Sampson PTO Meeting

Feb. 13, 6 p.m., at W.T. Sampson Elementary School, room A7. Nominations are being accepted for PTO Executive Committee for 2007-2008 school year. No experience needed. Come out and support the PTO.

Childcare is provided.

FMI call Susan Otto at 77067.



Local Cuban special-category residents and commuters pose for a group photo during the Cuban-American Friendship Day celebration, Jan 26, at the Wind-jammer Ballroom. The number of Cuban residents and commuters has dwindled over the years to 57 Cuban residents and only three commuters.

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Frye. "I think it's really good they have Cuban American Friendship Day for the Cubans because they are an important part of our society in GTMO."

"It's an honor and a privilege to serve the Cuban community here," said Zaida Brewer, president of the Cuban-American Friendship Day committee. "I do this because it's the only way for me to truly express my love for them."

"My favorite part of this celebration is that we get to show our love for the Cubans that have worked and lived on this base for so long," added Brewer, who's been involved with Cuban residents for nine years.

Brewer was also this year's recipient of the 'Cuban American Friendship Award' specifically selected by the Special Category Residents and Cuban commuters as the person they feel has given the most to the local Cuban community.

Migdalia Hettler, this year's guest speaker, began working in GTMO in 1981 as a Spanish translator and assistant Cuban Affairs Officer. She became heavily involved in GTMO's Cuban community and received many awards and ac-

colades for her work.

"Today we honor the Cubans for the long years of faithful service and their contributions to the GTMO community," said Hettler. "They have always been the continuity, and a very significant part of the GTMO history. Today we recognize the sacrifices they made when deciding to remain loyal to the Americans and avoid Communism."

There are currently 57 Special Category residents and 3 commuters that comprise the Cuban community, and Hettler challenged base residents to educate themselves about the unique status of the Cubans here, and to cherish their fragile legacy.

"Our numbers of Cubans are diminishing radically. I strongly encourage the rest of the community to take time and make the effort to get to know them. Each one has a very interesting story to tell of the days when GTMO was a busy base, and when the place to be on weekends was Guantanamo City, eating Cuban food and listening to Latin music. The stories of the lives they left behind still fill their dreams every night."



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Local elementary and high school students participated in a poster contest in honor of the event.



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Wesley Belleman, along with other W.T. Sampson Elementary School students, performs the "La Rosa."