

# Guantanamo Bay Gazette

## GTMO Holds September 11th Remembrance Ceremony



(L-R) Army Pvt. Israel Yurich, Army Sgt. Elias Rivera, Army Spc. Alison Amaro, Marine Cpl. Brett Jones, Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Alexandro Alcalá, Airforce Staff Sgt. Casey Nowicki, Coast Guard Petty Officer 3rd Class Brandon Felty, and Marine Sgt. Donald Hancock form Naval Station Guantanamo Bay's first-ever joint Color Guard during the September 11th Remembrance Service held at the base chapel, Sept. 11. The ceremony served as a time of reflection and dedication as base residents honored the memory of the lives lost on the eleventh anniversary of the September 11th terrorist attacks.

### Rusty Baker

NS Guantanamo Bay Public Affairs Officer

Base residents and community leaders paused to reflect and remember during the eleventh anniversary dedication service of September 11, 2001, at the Guantanamo Bay Chapel on Tuesday. Many active-duty members in attendance have given in upwards of a quarter century of service to their nation, and can not only remember where they were on the day of the attacks, but also have just as much of a vivid account of precursors to other wars from years past. As attendees observed the joint color guard team smartly dip each service branch's colors to render honors to the American flag, it is significant to note that not a one on that team was in service to their nation 11 years ago.

A paradigm shift has gradually taken place, where current service members' personal accounts of that fateful day no

long detail the beginning of rapid work ups on aircraft carrier battle groups and amphibious task forces. Stories now start with the morning's grade school classes being interrupted by horrible rumors only to be proven true by going home to their families and watching the day's tragic events unfold from their televisions. That day was a turning point in U.S. history and indisputably a sobering time for all Americans. But few would realize then, of the continuous effort of the nation's youth to step forward; to volunteer and serve their country as a sense of duty.

"Most of us have vivid memories of where we were on that day," said Rear Adm. John W. Smith Jr., Commander Joint Task Force Guantanamo Bay, during his moment of reflection at the dedication. "The average age of my guard force is 24 years old. That means they were about 13 on 9/11. What does that mean to them 11 years later?"

# Guantanamo Bay's Navy Birthday Ball Committee To Host Annual Fundraiser

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Gazette Editor

The Navy Birthday Ball Committee at Naval Station (NS) Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, will host their annual auction fundraiser, Sept. 20.

Held at the Bayview restaurant patio, the event will focus on raising funds supporting the upcoming 237th Navy Birthday Ball.

"People can expect a lot of great items and hopefully a lot of great 'bidding wars,'" said Auction Coordinator Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class Christopher Pullon. "As a community on a naval base,

I think it's good to come together to recognize and celebrate the Navy's birthday."

According to Pullon, numerous departments and tenant commands have donated items for bid to this year's event.

"Some items that are up for auction are a 1961 National Geographic with a 15-page article on Guantanamo Bay, and a flag flown at the U.S. President's country retreat," said Pullon. "In my opinion, some of the high-in-demand items auctioned off will be the 'knot board' donated from the installation's Port Operations department, the U.S. Ensign flown at Camp David, and a donated sunset cruise with an Italian dinner for two."

Throughout the year, NS Guantanamo Bay's Navy Birthday Ball Committee hosts numerous fundraisers and community outreach events in preparation for the ball.

"Last year we did pretty well," said Pullon. "With the help of the community, I'm hoping to raise as much money possible. To all that have donated, thank you for your support and thank you to all those who still want to support the Navy Ball."

## Security Tightens At U.S. Embassies And Diplomatic Facilities

Associated Press

Public Affairs

U.S. officials say some 50 Marines are being sent to Libya to reinforce security at U.S. diplomatic facilities in the aftermath of an attack in the eastern city of Benghazi that killed the U.S. ambassador and three American members of his staff.

The Marines are members of the Fleet Antiterrorism Security Team, whose role is to respond on short notice to terrorism threats and to reinforce security at U.S. embassies.

President Obama vowed Wednesday the United States would "work with the Libyan government to bring to justice" those who killed U.S. ambassador Chris Stevens and three other Americans in an attack on the consulate in Benghazi.

"Make no mistake. Justice will be done," he said in a Rose Garden appearance at the White House.

Obama, who ordered an increase in security at U.S. facilities overseas, said he "condemns in the strongest possible terms the outrageous and shocking" attack.

Stevens, 52, and three other Americans were killed when he and a group of embassy employees went to the consulate to try to evacuate staff as the building came under attack by a mob armed with guns and rocket propelled grenades.

In his remarks, Obama said: "We reject all efforts to denigrate the religious beliefs of others, but there is absolutely no justification for this type of senseless violence, none."

The U.S. Embassy in Cairo issued a warning to all Americans in Cairo early Tuesday morning that it expected there would be demonstrations in the general neighborhood

of the embassy. That statement said that the embassy "condemns the continuing efforts by misguided individuals to hurt the religious feelings of Muslims — as we condemn efforts to offend believers of all religions." The statement was issued before protesters breached the embassy.

Vice President Joe Biden, campaigning in Dayton, Ohio, said there is "no place in the civilized world" for the attacks and reinforced Obama's vow to bring the killers to justice.

Stevens is the first U.S. ambassador to be killed in an attack since 1979, when Ambassador Adolph Dubs was killed in Afghanistan. The State Department identified one of the other Americans killed Tuesday as Sean Smith, a foreign service information management officer. The identities of the others were being withheld pending notification of next of kin.

Following his Rose Garden remarks, Obama went to the State Department to visit employees and offer support. The White House said Obama wanted to express solidarity with U.S. diplomats and thank them for their service.

The U.N. Security Council has a long-scheduled meeting to discuss Libya and diplomats and the United States is seeking a council statement on the attack. U.N. Undersecretary-General Jeffrey Feltman, a former American diplomat and close friend of Stevens', is scheduled to brief the council on Libya.

Stevens was a career diplomat who spoke Arabic and French and had already served two tours in Libya, including running the office in Benghazi during the revolt against Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi. He was confirmed as ambassador to Libya by the Senate earlier this year.

# Guantanamo Bay's Training Officials Conduct ShotEx 2012

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Installation training officials at Naval Station (NS) Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, conducted a "table-top" exercise focused on base medical readiness, Sept. 10.

ShotEx 2012 focused on the planning and coordination for the execution of a base-wide vaccination in the event of an influenza pandemic.

"I think the big news is the ability for Guantanamo Bay to prepare for influenza season," said NS Guantanamo Bay Installation Training Officer Kevin Robarge. "Key and essential leaders met to review and re-validate our plans for dealing with a pandemic influenza outbreak."

According to Robarge, in the event of an outbreak, a base-wide vaccination would take place within a 48-hour period.

"There are many assumptions to be able to execute such a plan," said Robarge. "The planning phase includes the actual outbreak,

threat to the installation, and the ability and availability of the vaccine."

NS Guantanamo Bay Commanding Officer Capt. J.R. Nettleton joined installation representatives including the installation training officer, emergency manager, U.S. Navy Hospital emergency manager, Security department, Fire department, Public Affairs and other key personnel during the exercise.

"As with any threat to our personnel, having a plan, knowing the plan, and exercising it enhances our ability to mitigate loss and ensure our ability to carry out the mission," said Robarge. "This exercise brings the owners of each of the processes we have in place together to validate that ability to carry out the plan. Change is the one constant, whether it be in our funding, personnel, or knowledge of how to best handle such an emergency and without reviewing and re-validating our plans, they will not be the most effective and efficient means to ensure our residents are as safe as possible."



Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Glenn Farris administers the seasonal flu vaccine to NS Guantanamo Bay Executive Officer Cdr. William Rabchenia during a command-wide flu vaccination at Bulkeley Hall, Sept. 10.



## Chaplain's Corner

### Shangri-GTMO

Chaplain Van Dickens

NS Guantanamo Bay Command Chaplain

Believe it or not, there is a distinct advantage living on an isolated, remote piece of island where you are blocked from going anywhere but within the wire. It insulates you from many of the greater worldly problems, except those that are here. The price of petrol may have soared, but who cares if you only fill your tank once a month? Political campaigns with boisterous promises and vicious mudslinging lose their hype when compared to the pressing matters of having enough water, keeping billets filled, what the next movie at the Lyceum is, or when the barge is due.

Well, a presidential campaign is pretty important. My point is, after a while, much of the world's noise grows quieter. That doesn't mean that the issues of the world are unimportant. They are terribly important. It is simply that not having a cell phone constantly ringing can be rather nice. We who have families here can actually see each other during the day. We can develop strong, professional relationships because everything and everyone are right here. And we have good friends.

Short of calling it Shangri-La, GTMO can be a place where there is less clutter, and it invites us to consider what is truly important. We may schedule our priorities and balance our time. We may decide what needs doing right now, and worry less about those things over which we have less control.

When you think about it, you can do these things wherever you live. But we can learn it here. The truth is, when we do it well here, it makes a world of difference out there. God knows.

## GUANTANAMO BAY GAZETTE

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## GTMO's Firefighter's Association Host Firefighter's Ball

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The Firefighter's Association at Naval Station (NS) Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, held its annual Firefighter's Ball, Sept. 8.

Held at the installation's Windjammer ballroom, the event invited community members to show their appreciation for Guantanamo Bay's firefighters while providing an opportunity to connect with Fire and Emergency personnel.

"The Firefighter's Ball is one of the avenues used to highlight what we do for the community and give the base a chance to interact with us on a personal level," said NS Guantanamo Bay Firefighter's Association President Maurice Hinds. "This event also impacts GTMO's firefighters in a very positive way. They leave the event feeling confident, highly motivated and greatly appreciated."

This year's ball was originally planned to take place in late August, but due to the impending tropical storm Isaac, association members were forced to reschedule.

"The timing of the ball, which was so close to the September

11th anniversary, brought back painful memories and clarity of purpose as to why we answer the 'call,'" said Hinds.

During the event, Lifesaver awards were presented to Fire Inspector Clifford Foley, Fire Captain Richard Cranstan, Firefighter Andre Hemans, Firefighter Warren Douglas and Firefighter Claudine Miller. Musical entertainment was provided by the Positive Vibration Band and the Ravan Rhoden Steel Band.

Following opening remarks from NS Guantanamo Bay Commanding Officer Capt. J.R. Nettleton, guest speaker Jamaica Fire Brigade Superintendent Emeleo Ebanks spoke about the challenges and tribulations firefighters may face in the course of their duties.

"We do not necessarily consider ourselves brave or as superheroes that run into burning buildings," said Hinds. "The job of saving lives and property can be stressful and often dangerous, but it can also be rewarding as we enjoy helping others. We always feel honored to provide a life of service and if it means paying the ultimate price, then that is just what we will do."

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# Firefighter's Ball



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NS Guantanamo Bay Commanding Officer Capt. J.R. Nettleton addresses attendees with opening remarks at the 2012 Firefighter's Ball at the Windjammer ballroom, Sept. 8. The event invited the community to show their appreciation and support for the services and sacrifices firefighters endure.



NS Guantanamo Bay firefighters stand in observance during the 2012 September 11th Remembrance service at the base chapel, Sept. 11. - Photo by W.T. Sampson Senior Jennifer Simon

Master-of-Arms 2nd Class Alexandro Alcala, the Sailor in Tuesday's color guard, was 13 on the day of the attacks. Stirred by the images of that day, he was influenced by the overwhelming sacrifice and support from everyday strangers.

"Just seeing how ordinary citizens, not even in the military, were helping out victims from that catastrophe. It inspired me; it gave me more motivation to want to be a part of the military," said Alcala.

Alcala joined the Navy in December of 2006 and has since deployed to Djibouti, Africa, conducting harbor security in the Gulf of Aden. He said he was honored to be chosen by his chief at the security department to participate in the joint color guard ceremony.

"The resolve of the United States is shown in the fact that the majority of our Sailors weren't even in the service on 9/11," said NS Guantanamo Bay Commanding Officer Capt. J. R. Nettleton. "It speaks to all Americans in the fact that we can still get these great kids in to go and help us continue the fight."

Capt. Nettleton's account from September 11, 2001, is similar to most Americans, in the fact that he was at home with his wife watching the events unfold on television. One week later he was underway for the Arabian Sea, and a month after that he found himself in Pakistan, carrying out missions that would serve as the vanguard of U.S. diplomacy in what would be coined later as the Global War on Terrorism.

Of all the 9/11 observances and ceremonies that were conducted on U.S. military bases throughout the world on Tuesday, Guantanamo Bay continues to bear a unique circumstance. As mentioned by Smith in his moment of reflection, the service members comprising JTF are responsible for the safe, humane, legal and transparent care and custody of detainees, including five who have been charged by the Office of Military Commission with plotting, organizing, funding and training the 9/11 attacks.

"Eleven years later, I think it's interesting that I find myself in Guantanamo Bay where I watch the continuation of the process I started 11 years ago," said Nettleton. "We went after al-Qaida, and now I'm sitting in Guantanamo with five of the detainees that have been charged."



W.T. Sampson High School senior Jennifer Simon adjusts her camera lens for the perfect shot during the 9/11 Dedication Service held at the base chapel on Tuesday. Simon is enrolled in the school's Career Practicum Program, allowing her an internship with the Naval Station Public Affairs Office. She plans on pursuing a degree in photography next year. For the time being, her images of the community at large on base may be featured in future Gazette publications and installation social media outlets.

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# The Scoop

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## CAP'S LICENSE STUDY TIME

Darr! 'Tis a Cap'n's License study session. Sept. 19, Marina, 1700-1800. This is a free study session matey! Open to all hands. Picking up on the pirate talk? The study guide will be covered in full detail. FMI, call 2345. Darr!

## GTMO'S OKTOBERFEST

YES! Sept. 22, Windjammer ballroom, 1800-2200. Free to attend, open to all hands. Traditional German music, food and games. AND free steins to the first 400 patrons that purchase a German 'adult soda.' FMI, call 4882.

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The real-life funny sort-of-improve show about a guy, a girl, dating, and other stuff. Windjammer ballroom, Sept. 17, 0800, 1300, 1830.

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Support the NAVSTA GTMO First Class Petty Officer's Association at their base carwash, Sept. 15. 0900-1500.

## GBSC MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

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10 p.m.: **Seeking A Friend For The End Of The World** R 101 min.

## SATURDAY Sept. 15

8 p.m.: **Madea's Witness Protection** PG13 114 min.

10 p.m.: **Expendables 2** R 102 min.

## SUNDAY Sept. 16

8 p.m.: **Ice Age: Continental Drift** PG 94 min.

## MONDAY Sept. 17

8 p.m.: **Magic Mike** R 110 min.

## TUESDAY Sept. 18

8 p.m.: **People Like Us** PG13 115 min.

## WEDNESDAY Sept. 19

8 p.m.: **Abraham Lincoln Vampire Hunter** R 105 min.

## THURSDAY Sept. 20

8 p.m.: **Amazing Spider Man** PG13 91 min.

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# Cultural Food Fest Held In GTMO Provides International Flavor

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Gazette Editor

The Multi Cultural Observance Committee (MOC) at Naval Station (NS) Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, hosted a cultural food festival at the installation's Navy Exchange atrium, Sept. 8.

Approximately 28 representatives from five cultural organizations manned their tables to provide the community with authentic regional flavors while promoting diversity throughout the installation.

"The positive impact from this event was the exposure of the cultural groups to the community with the hopes that the cultural groups that were not represented will create an organization and join in the effort to inform and educate," said MOC Chairperson Lt. Larry Jones. "The vision behind the food fest was to present the cultural organizations and their unique culinary flavors to the GTMO community at one time. It was indeed an effort to promote the diversity of cultures here in GTMO while coming together to support each other."

Base residents were invited to enjoy Filipino, Hispanic, Jamaican,

and American delicacies, while visiting with NS Guantanamo Bay's diverse population.

"Our organization creates an opportunity to learn and grow in our awareness of how many people, groups and cultures have and continue to impact our American culture and history," said Jones. "It also provides an opportunity to bring unity in the community by being open to learn about other cultures and how we all need each other to enjoy our experiences in GTMO."

The MOC's mission is to ensure all Department of Defense (DoD) observances, which are held annually in support of the Joint Congressional Resolution, Presidential Proclamation, and achievements of all groups that comprise the society of the United States are recognized.

"We will continue our monthly educational 'Lunch and Learns,' held every third Thursday of the month," said Jones. "We are planning to do this event quarterly at the same location. We would like to invite military personnel as well as DoD civilians to become members."



NS Guantanamo Bay's Multi Cultural Observance Committee hosts a cultural food festival at the installation's Navy Exchange atrium, Sept. 8. The event featured authentic Filipino, Hispanic, Jamaican, and American dishes which provided traditional and exotic flavors for the community.