

Joint Chiefs of Staff chairman to visit GTMO



photo by MC1 Chad J. McNeeley

Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Adm. Mike Mullen, speaks with students assigned to the U.S. Army War College. Mullen will conduct two all hands call with GTMO servicemembers and their families during his visit set for Jan. 13.

Story by MC2 Kimberly Williams

Naval Station Guantanamo Bay Public Affairs

Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Navy Adm. Mike Mullen, is scheduled to visit Naval Station (NAVSTA) Guantanamo Bay (GTMO), Cuba Jan. 13.

Mullen will conduct an all hands

call at the Windjammer Ballroom on NAVSTA GTMO as part of his tour of the base. The all-hands call is mandatory for all NAVSTA personnel.

Deborah Mullen, will host a

spouses call at the home of NAVSTA Commanding Officer Capt. Mark Leary at 12:25 p.m., before to the all hands event.

His visit is to observe the operations in the GTMO joint service

environment and to thank the troops and their families for their service.

Mullen became Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in October 2007 following the retirement of Marine Corps Gen. Peter Pace.

The Windjammer all-hands call begins at 1:40 p.m.

News From the Fleet

DoD Recognizes Women's History Month

The Office of Diversity Management & Equal Opportunity is currently planning an outreach observance program for Women's History Month.

A part of the program will include the recognition of military trailblazers – in this case, women (officer or enlisted) who were 'first' to achieve a significant accomplishment in their Military Service.

We are requesting your support to identify candidates for this special recognition.

Members from each service will be recognized.

Application Requirements

One page (single-spaced) description of trailblazing ac-

complishment.

Times New Roman, 12-pitch font.

Nomination Submission:

Electronic submissions only. Documents should be submitted in Microsoft Word format.

Email submissions or questions to Lt. Matt Hooker, matt.hooker@navy.mil, 703-695-6203.

Deadline:

Feb. 13, 2008

Award Presentation/Conference Information:

TBD March 2008

Additional Information:

www.npc.navy.mil/CommandSupport/Diversity/



If you were given \$10 million dollars to have one job forever, what would it be and why?

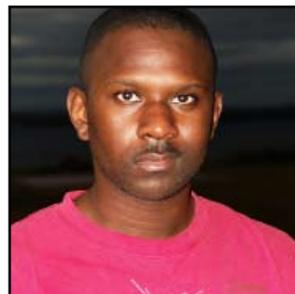


"Teaching children because I was born to teach"

Kanisha Stewart
Library Assistant

"A youth program volunteer. It may sound very cliched, but I believe the children are our future."

YN3 Dominic Cottrell
NAVSTA Admin



"A counselor. I do not need to get paid to help others-I'd do it for free."

CE1 (SCW) Jean Guerrier
NAVFAC SE GTMO PWD

"I would work at an orphanage with street children because children are the future of this country."

CSC (SW) Albino Palomo
Seaside Galley



The GTMO community is invited to participate in A MLK Day Celebration sponsored by GAAA Jan. 21, 6 p.m. starting at the Windjammer There will be a march from the Windjammer to the Base Chapel FMI call 4855

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Local News

Base library offers language enhancement support

Story, photo by MC2 Kimberly Williams

Naval Station Guantanamo Bay Public Affairs

Each new year brings change and growth. People make resolutions annually to kick an old habit, unload a few extra pounds or in some cases, to learn something new.

If you are one of the many GTMO residents that participate in this yearly ritual, and your resolution includes learning a new language, the Guantanamo Bay library has everything you'll need to get started.

The Community Library boasts a diverse collection of language development text and audio books.

With more than six shelves of material, even those who are unfamiliar with the language they want to learn can find what they need.

"[Having diverse]language skills [can]support the career goals of servicemembers," said Maxine Becker, Community Library director. "I want everyone to be aware that they can work on language skills-even here in GTMO," said Becker.

The library has several learning audio lessons including the Pimsleur collection, which is used by The State Department and the FBI to train their employees.

Additions to the audio book collection include the Georgian, Urdu and Pashto languages. Of the entire collection in



Community Library director Maxine Becker and her staff are ready to assist with your language development needs. The Community Library has six shelves stocked with books in every language including Georgian, Arabic and Kanji to name a few.

GTMO, Becker states that Spanish is the most popular language and reference material requested.

"If someone comes to the library and does not see what he is looking for, please ask and if it is checked out, we can put a hold on it when it's returned," said Becker.

Becker notes several different ways the language material can be beneficial to the novice 'linguist.'

"If you want to research your next assignment, we have a book for you. We can help you research the culture and community of your next home,"

said Becker. "If your ear is atuned to the [native] language on the street, it's going to help you immeasurably," said Becker.

The library has a user-friendly card catalog system in which residents can locate a number of books about a specified topic.

The library is open Monday through Saturday from 8-9 p.m. and Sunday from noon until 9 p.m.

In order to check out material from the library you must present a valid form of identification to the staff member at the front desk.

Religious Services/ Base Chapel

Catholic

Daily Catholic Mass Mon. - Fri. 5:30 p.m. (Main Chapel)
Vigil Mass, Sat. 5 p.m. (Main Chapel)
Sun. Mass, 7:30 a.m. (JTF-Troopers Chapel)
Sun. 9 a.m. Mass (Main Chapel)

Protestant (GTMO Chapel)

Sat. 11 a.m. Seventh Day Adventist Service (Room B)
Sun. 7 p.m. Filipino Christian Fellowship (Room A)
8 a.m. Pentecostal Gospel Temple (Room D)
9 a.m. LDS Service (Room A)
10 a.m. Liturgical Service (Room B)
11 a.m. General Prot. Service
11 a.m. United Jamaican Fellowship (Bldg 1036)
1 p.m. Gospel Service
7 p.m. Iglesia Ni Cristo (Fellowship Hall)

Friday Religious Services

1:15 p.m. Islamic Service (Room C)
7 p.m. Jewish Service (FMI call 2628)

Religious Services/ JTF Troopers Chapel

Catholic Services

Wed. 11 a.m. Spanish Mass (New)
Sat. 6:30 p.m. Vigil Mass (PPI Chapel)
Sun. 7:30 a.m. Sunday Mass (New)

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Feature

'Operation Blue'

Story by: MA2 Matt Vollmer



Photo by: MA3 Curtis Berryman

Members of the NAVSTA security department conducted a beach cleanup called 'Operation Blue' Dec. 20 at Blue Beach.

If you walk the streets of Sherman Ave., you might encounter tales of mystery and deception.

Unbelievable tales that whisper about underground tunnels that lead to hidden laboratories or hidden trails that travel to secret beaches.

Beaches that can only be found in movies with soft sand, crystal water and a view of a picture perfect sunset.

The truth is that there are hidden beaches in GTMO that are designated as the Conservation / No take zone.

To a few, they are called the CO and XO beaches while others know them as Blue and Cuzco beach.

They are the two beaches that divers and snorkelers only dream about but never experience.

A select few were tired of dreams and rumors and wanted to experience the real truth. After more research, the Security Department requested permission to use the beach from the Commanding Officer to enjoy a day of water activities.

Upon approval, all personnel were invited to the trails leading to Blue beach which are guarded by gates and security personnel.

The first sight of Blue Beach is nothing different than what you would see if you traveled to Pebble Beach.

There is no white sand with a picture perfect palm tree providing enormous amount of shade.

What the beach does provide is a cabana that supported all those that took the challenge and attended the adventure and perfect blue water that was calm

as can be.

Divers and snorkelers entered and exited the water with ease without the hassle of jagged rocks and coral.

Most of the personnel that participated were divers that wanted to experience water that most people never see.

The first view underwater gave everyone a hint of the excitement of what was to come.

Hidden underwater at Blue Beach is an array of aquatic life ranging from sea sponges and conch to many grouper and barracuda.

The tall tales of massive grouper and hog fish were all true.

To help maintain the Conservation / No Take Zone, all members of the party participated in a beach cleanup.

The beaches have been littered by the numerous tropical

storms and heavy winds that GTMO has received over the last several months.

With the day coming to an end, Operation Blue was deemed a success; the Security Department removed more than 200 pounds of trash and debris that ranged from plastic bags to medical waste.

The beach cleanup helps beautify the facility and maintain a safe environment for all those that may have the privilege of gracing this remote beach with their presence.

To all those that attended, this outing was well worth the couple of hours needed to cleanup and all would gladly attend again.

Thank you Capt. Leary for allowing us the chance to walk the sand or rocks of Blue Beach.

Feature

USS *Monongahela* at Guantanamo Bay

Story by Patrick McSherry

As the USS MONONGAHELA sailed into Guantanamo Bay in May of 1904, there were few doubts that this was where she would spend her final days. Once known for her wartime exploits, the vessel was now just a relic of an earlier time, before wooden hulls and sails had given way to harveyized steel armor and triple-expansion steam engines. While she would end her days in the bay, no one knew it would be in a rapid, fiery cremation.

MONONGAHELA, a wooden screw steamer, was launched during the Civil War, being commissioned on January 15, 1863. Built at the Philadelphia Navy Yard, she was rated at 1,378 tons, being 227 feet long, with a 38 foot beam and a 15 foot draft. In addition to her sails, she was powered by two horizontal back-action engines.

MONONGAHELA punched a wallop with her nine guns, including a 200-pound Parrott Rifle, and two 11-inch guns. She took this firepower to Rear Admiral David Farragut's West Gulf Blockading Squadron. Only three months after being commissioned, MONONGAHELA found herself in the thick of the fight,

seeing action at Port Hudson on several occasions, as well as at Donaldsville, and most notably at Mobile Bay. The vessel's service was also notable in that she served as Farragut's flagship on occasion, and also found herself

MONONGAHELA on the wildest cruise of her career. It swept her clear over rows of sheds and one of the major warehouses in the town, eventually depositing her on a coral ledge, in one piece, 250 feet from deep water. The U.S.



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being commanded briefly by future Spanish American War heroes George Dewey and Winfield Scott Schley.

The end of the Civil War did not bring an end to MONONGAHELA's adventures. In November of 1867, she arrived in Frederiksted, St. Croix, to provide relief following a hurricane. On the morning of November 18, in the ocean between St. Thomas and St. Croix, a magnitude 7.5 earthquake shook the sea floor. The resulting tsunami sent

Navy decided it was worth the cost and effort to refloat her, an effort that took six months to accomplish.

After a lengthy period of repair and refitting, MONONGAHELA served as a training vessel and later as a storeship, with her machinery being removed to allow for more storage space. In 1891 she went back to being a training vessel, eventually serving as a practice ship at the Naval Academy at Annapolis.

Prior to her arrival

at Guantanamo in May of 1904, she had most recently served as an apprentice training vessel at Newport, Rhode Island. Her arrival at Guantanamo Bay's fledgling naval station found her returning to her former critical, if unglamorous, role as a storeship, though still mounting six guns. She joined the monitor AMPHITRITE - the Guantanamo Bay station ship - and the converted yacht VIXEN, moored in the area between South Toro Cay, where the base was then centered, and Granadillo Point. The base was still new with the treaty granting the land for the base being inked the previous year. The arrival of MONONGAHELA raised the concerns of the naval station's commandant, Commander Charles Rogers. He noted that the ship was "a greater source of anxiety to the Commandant... than any other Government property on the Station, with the exception of perhaps the wireless telegraph station where there... [were] several portable houses of inflammable materials." Rogers realized that MONONGAHELA consisted of a large amount of well-seasoned wood, covered with years of oil-based

paint. It was not a good combination in the hot, dry Guantanamo Bay environment. Rogers requested "a tug with powerful pumps" be sent to the naval station. Presumably the tug USS SEBAGO was sent as a result.

As a storeship, MONONGAHELA had a reduced crew living aboard her. She held supplies such as beef, pork, pickles and vinegar, in addition to medical supplies, cordage, coal, and ammunition for the base, a distillation plant and an electrical plant as well as her own sails. She was commanded by Lt. William Adger Moffett, who lived aboard her. Moffett, however, was officially listed only as the ship's executive officer with Rogers, the base commandant, being officially listed as her commander.

On the evening of May 21, 1905, Lt. Moffett had left MONONGAHELA to visit AMPHITRITE, where the base commandant was quartered, several hundred yards away. At 11:00 PM, Quartermaster 3rd Class V. S. Coleman was making his rounds, and

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smelled smoke on the berth deck, tracing it to the hatch of the main hold. His cry of “fire” brought several men to the scene, including Acting Boatswain A. Madsen. Within two minutes, four hoses, powered by the ship’s pumps, were placed on the fire. Madsen descended into the smoke-choked hold, and aimed a hose at the fire. The din of the ship’s alarms carried through the night air. Aboard AMPHITRITE, VIXEN and SEBAGO, the crews were brought to quarters. Moffett and Rogers joined other officers and 72 crewmen from the AMPHITRITE who sped to MONONGAHELA with three hundred feet of fire hose. The SEBAGO was soon alongside the burning vessel also. They were shortly followed by men from VIXEN and a detail from OLYMPIA, which happened to be in the harbor.

The fire was in a confined area directly below the deck, in a mass of cordage, running gear and studding sails. The fire proved difficult to fight, spreading under the deck toward the main hold

bulkhead. Beyond this bulkhead were medical supply and sail rooms, both packed with flammable material. If the fire spread to these spaces, there was a distinct possibility that the aft magazines would soon be engulfed which would be the ship’s demise.

Soon, ten hoses were being played on the fire, and the medical supplies and sails were being removed to the main deck. Three holes were broken into the deck to bring the fire hoses to bear, and the main hold was ordered flooded, a difficult task since it was not watertight. The nighttime fight wore on, and it was not until 3 a.m. – four hours after the fire was found – that it was clear that the flames could be arrested and the ship saved. Forty-five minutes later, the flames were out and the fire hoses were put to use pumping out the water.

The result was not as tragic as it initially appeared. Only six men – including Moffett and Madsen – suffered from smoke inhalation. The ship was “not weakened to a dangerous extent” and could continue to oper-



Ship's officers, with crew in the background, circa 1903

ate as a storeship even without repairs. The origin of the fire was never definitively found. For a lack of a better explanation, it was concluded that rats or even roaches must have created a nest that spontaneously combusted. The newspapers simply reported that the fire was caused by roaches.

Following her escape from destruction in the “roach fire,” a steam line for fighting future fires was installed. Rogers turned over command of the navy base – and the tinderbox MONONGAHELA – to Lieutenant Commander Albert

Ackerman on September 8, 1906.

After his arrival at his new command, Ackerman lived aboard the AMPHITRITE as had his predecessor. Monitors were known for their poor living conditions, a problem accentuated in the ceaseless blazing heat of the Cuban sun. However well the new commandant accepted his living conditions, the commandant’s wife was scheduled to join her husband on the base, and the quarters on the aging monitor simply would not have been acceptable for the couple. Therefore, the

main cabin on the MONONGAHELA was renovated to serve as the home for the Ackermans. When the day came for him to move into his new abode, the lieutenant commander noted that “the change from the cramped, hot, underwater cabin of the AMPHITRITE was as good as a promotion,” a possible comment on his rank not being equal to that of the man he replaced.

It was possibly during Ackerman’s tenure that the MONONGAHELA was relocated, being moved from the waters off Granadillo Point to the inlet just south of Deer

Point, reflecting the general relocation of the base that was occurring. The MONONGAHELA was placed in a permanent mooring in about sixteen feet of water. A dock and gangway connected her with the shore, and she was also connected to the Deer Point telephone and water systems.

In July, 1907, Ackerman was succeeded by the man who had been serving as his range officer, Lieutenant Commander Clark Stearns. Stearns, however, had been living at the Range Officer’s Quarters

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Navy Policy Helps Sailors Plan for Financial Freedom

Story By MC2 Trevor Anderson

Navy Personnel Command Public Affairs

MILLINGTON, Tenn. (NNS) -- Help is available for Sailors and their families who have resolved to get debt free in the New Year. The Secretary of the Navy Donald C. Winter recently released a new instruction that further promotes personal financial management training for our Sailors.

SECNAVINST 1740.4, Department of the Navy Personal Financial Management (PFM) Education, Training, and Counseling Program outlines new PFM outreach efforts required of commanders, leaders and Sailors.

This policy was released just in time for the holidays when Sailors and their families can be inclined to overspend and also in time for Sailors to invest their new pay raises ap-

proved by congress.

The 23-page instruction covers four major topics:

- Commanding officers are now required to designate a lead command financial specialist.

- Sailors will receive PFM training from the beginning of their career to the end and during transition to civilian life.

- Spouses and Navy youth program participants will be included in PFM training.

- Certified financial educators and counselors are now required at each Fleet and Family Support Center.

“Commanding officers’ and first-line supervisors’ knowledge of PFM programs and services is an important first step in protecting our Sailors

and their families from unscrupulous predatory lending practices and mismanagement of personal finances,” said Vice Adm. John C. Harvey, Chief of Naval Personnel.

According to professional financial advisors, if Sailors manage their finances and benefits properly, the sky’s the limit.

“Between the money that you accumulate in your Thrift Savings Plan and the equity from your condominium or home, when you leave the military, again, let’s say that’s 15 or 20 years from now, you can become a millionaire,” said financial planner Kelvin Boston. Boston, host of Public Broadcasting Service’s “Moneywise” and author of the best-selling book “Who’s Afraid

to be a Millionaire,” visited Fleet Activities Yokosuka in October.

Also, the Military Lending Act provides Sailors and their families new legal protection against predatory lenders including limiting payday loans, vehicle title loans and tax refund anticipation loans to a maximum annual interest rate of 36 percent.

For more information on PFM, visit www.npc.navy.mil and read SECNAVINST 1740.04. Or visit Fleet and Family support center Web site at <https://www.nffsp.org/> and go to the financial section.

For more news from Navy Personnel Command, visit www.news.navy.mil/local/npc/.

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on Evans Point, and chose to continue living there rather than moving to the MONONGAHELA’s cabin.

On March 17, 1908 Stearns was seated on the porch of his quarters, about 350 yards from the MONONGAHELA, with several other officers. At about 8:45 PM, the group was startled by an explosion emanating from

the MONONGAHELA, followed by the appearance of smoke.

Moments earlier Yeoman 2nd Class F. E. McGowan was at work in his office, the equipment room on the MONONGEHELA’s gun deck. Just aft of his office, on the starboard side of the gun deck was the ships’ writers’ office, the commandant’s file room, the pay yeoman’s office and the commandant’s private office. Farther

aft was the cabin that had been occupied by the Ackermans. On the port side was the cabin pantry and the commandant’s main office. In the center of these spaces, just aft of the equipment room, was a wardroom. Against the wardroom’s tinder-dry overhead were stored the ship’s Very Rockets – red and green paper-covered nighttime signaling flares, which were very dry and un-

moved in at least eight

years. Smelling smoke, McGowan leapt into the corridor leading aft. What he saw must have been terrifying. The wardroom was filled with Very Rockets flying helter skelter, ricocheting off bulkheads, the deck and the overhead, spreading smoke and flame. Apparently the flame from a light had set fire to the signal rockets.

Pay Clerk A. R. Hunter was sitting one deck

below, reading. He suddenly “heard sputtering of rockets and sparks began to fly down the hatch...” from the deck above and onto the table in front of him. Peering up, Hunter saw the gun deck engulfed in a sheet of flame.

Gunners Mate 3rd Class J. J. Gaskin, the acting quartermaster on duty, spotted smoke rising from the hatch leading ...

***To be continued in Jan. 18 issue.**

News

Officers reminded to update records before board

From Navy Personnel Command Communications

MILLINGTON, Tenn. (NNS) -- With the Active Duty O-6 Line, Reserve O-6 Line, and Full Time Support O-6 Line selection boards scheduled to begin Jan. 15, Navy Personnel Command (NPC) is reminding officers to review their records before selection boards, using NPC's early warning system that can rescue a promotion opportunity.

The early warning system can be used one week before the selection board's convening date. However, candidates should be reviewing their records at least six months prior to this date.

Board recorders arrive to review the records of promotion-eligible officers one week before the selection board convenes. It's not the responsibility of the recorders to interpret

records; they only verify continuity and completeness of records.

BUPERS Online (BOL), <https://www.bol.navy.mil>, is the main tool for board preparation and helps members to be proactive in making the most of a promotion opportunity.

"It has always been good career management to maintain one's record," said Cmdr. Steve Lepp, director of officer career progression at NPC. "The web-based tools make it significantly easier to verify and correct your record. No one has a more vested interest in your career than you do."

An additional requirement for this year announced in NAVADMIN 103/07 reinstated the requirement for a photograph in grade for each officer.

"Boards this year will be

looking for a photograph, having a current color photo in your record indicates to members that you are serious about maintaining your record properly," Lepp said.

Six months out, officers should visit the BOL website and order their official military personnel file. Next, the performance summary record (PSR) and officer data card (ODC) should be checked and verified. Updates and corrections to these can be made by following the directions on BOL. When checking records six months out officers should submit corrections to PERS-312. For the mailing address visit www.npc.navy.mil/CareerInfo/RecordsManagement/.

If a selection board is about to convene, officers must send missing information via letter to

the board president. Letters should be sent by mail or fax to the NPC Customer Service Center (CSC). This information must be received at least one day prior to the starting date of the board.

Only those being considered may submit information directly to a board. Information sent to the board will only be used during the board and will not be changed in the officer's permanent record.

Officers who served as individual augmentees (IA) should also ensure their official records reflect this service. NAVADMIN 298/07 outlines information.

"Boards are giving additional consideration for personnel who serve on arduous IA missions in support of the global war on terrorism, so it is very

important that eligible members make sure the board knows about their accomplishments," said Lepp.

Officers are strongly encouraged to call the NPC CSC at 1-866-UASKNPC (1-866-827-5672) or DSN 882-5672 to confirm receipt of their package for statutory promotion selection boards. They may also check the Customer Service Web site online using the CSC link on the NPC homepage:

https://ahdsedstws16.ahf.nmci.navy.mil/OA_HTML/jtfflogin.jsp.

For a additional information regarding promotion boards visit www.npc.navy.mil.

For more news from Navy Personnel Command, visit www.navy.mil/local/npc/.

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News

NECC Focuses on Language and Cultural Training

By MC1 Jen Smith, NECC Public Affairs

NORFOLK (NNS) -- For Navy Expeditionary Combat Command Sailors who deploy on missions throughout the world, cultural awareness and language training is essential to the success of those duties.

When the Chief of Naval Operations presented his Cooperative Strategy for 21st Century Sea Power, he called on naval forces to develop and sustain cooperative relationships with more international partners in order to improve regional security and stability.

"NECC forces will certainly play a critical role in this effort," said Capt. Robert McKenna, NECC's training officer. "A key to fostering such relationships is development of sufficient cultural, historical and linguistic expertise among our Sailors."

Lessons learned from

missions conducted in Somalia, Afghanistan and Iraq have shown a consistent lack of cultural awareness that is a chief barrier to mission success. The need for this sort of training is mentioned in several documents, including the CNO's Guidance and the Navy's Strategic Plan. Both call for "developing practical cross-cultural skills to further promote relations with emerging partners."

Last year, Sailors attached to Expeditionary Training Command (ETC) participated in an intensive four-day regional orientation course taught by Old Dominion University's Military Distance Learning Program, in conjunction with security and stability defense contractor I.T.A., in preparation for their deployment aboard USS McHenry (LSD-43) to western Africa. Prior to that,

ETC Sailors attached to High Speed Vessel Swift (HSV-2) participated in similar training that prepared them for a deployment to countries in the Caribbean and Central America.

NECC's training department recently worked with the U.S. Army to make training available to Navy personnel at the Peace Operations Training Center (POTC) in Jordan. The center provides training to familiarize deploying U.S. forces with the cultural aspects of Iraqi society.

"The training our Sailors receive there is considered the best in theater, and will certainly provide invaluable benefits to each service member that participates," said McKenna. "We have also worked with contractors and Old Dominion University here in Virginia to develop

immersion language and targeted regional orientation courses for deploying NECC personnel."

Several other organizations helped develop other courses intended to improve international relationships between deploying Sailors and the host nations. Some of the things NECC is focusing on are French, Spanish and Portuguese language courses and regional orientation courses covering Southern Command, Africa and southeast Asia.

McKenna says NECC is also working on several initiatives that should improve access to quality language training in the future.

"The first one is the ability for Navy personnel to access commercially produced language training," he said. "This effort is going through the final steps in

the contracting process and should be available on Navy Knowledge Online in a few weeks."

He continued by explaining the second initiative, which is called Integrated System for Language Education and Training (ISLET). It's based on several new language learning technologies and, according to McKenna, will enable students to achieve a foreign language proficiency equal to that of four to six semesters of college-level class work, and it will also provide a way to sustain the training.

As the NECC moves forward into its third year, its Sailors will have more opportunities to better themselves as ambassadors to foreign countries and have a higher chance of success in their missions throughout the world.

GTMO unclaimed vehicle listing

Per NAVSTAGTMO 11200.1, the security department can only hold vehicles for 120 days. The cars listed below are approaching or past this deadline. Unclaimed vehicles will be turned over to Bremcor per NAVBASEGTMO 4500.3F. Only the registered owner or his agent may claim a vehicle. These are not for sale. For more information, contact Chief Craig Thomas at 4325, Monday — Friday, 7:30 a.m. — 4 p.m. or email thomascs@usnbgtmpo.navy.mil.

Reg. Number	Year	Make	Model	Color	VIN
C-8669		Plymouth	Horizon	Grey	1P3BL28BD227846
C-3814	1986	Buick	Regal	Black	1G4GJ47YXGP445762
UNK	1984	Buick	LeSabre	White	1G4AP3777EH93032
C-1951	1997	Oldsmobile	Aurora	Maroon	1G3GR62C3V4108918
C-8694	2001	Chevy	Tracker	White	2CNBJ78C416925852
C-4984	1978	Datsun	Pickup	Green	KHL620351621
C-0094	1979	Cadillac	Seville	White	6S69B99488328
C-4998	1982	Ford	Fairmont	Blue	9FABP21BK166428
UNK	1988	Dodge	Caravan	White	2B4FK21G6HR12315
C-3147	1985	Dodge	Ram	White/Red	1B7KD36WOF5608530
UNK	1992	Lincoln	Towncar	Blue	1LNLMB81WXNY738783

Downtown Lyceum

Friday, Jan. 4

Fred Claus

7 p.m., PG, 116 min.

American Gangster

9 p.m., R, 157 min.

Saturday, Jan. 5

National Treasure

7 p.m., PG, 135 min.

Beowulf

9 p.m., PG-13, 114 min.

Sunday, Jan. 6

Charlie Wilson's War

7 p.m., R, 97 min.

Monday, Jan. 7

Lions for Lambs

7 p.m., R, 92 min.

Tuesday, Jan. 8

Mr. Magorium's Wonder

Emporium

7 p.m., G, 95 min.

Wednesday, Jan. 9

Enchanted

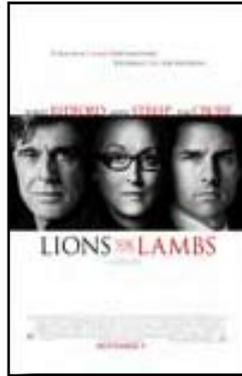
7 p.m., PG, 107 min.

Thursday, Jan. 10

Bee Movie

7 p.m., PG, 91 min.

Lions for Lambs



Plot: Two determined students at a West Coast University, Arian and Ernest, follow the inspiration of their idealistic professor, Dr. Malley, and attempt to do something important with their lives.

National Treasure



Plot: Treasure hunter Benjamin Franklin Gates looks to discover the truth behind the assassination of Abraham Lincoln, by uncovering the mystery within the 18 pages missing from assassin John Wilkes Booth's diary

MWR Happenings

LIBERTY JANUARY EVENTS

Jan 13 Wakeboarding/Skiing 1 p.m. at the Marina

FMI Call 2010

MWR COMEDY TOUR

Shawn Pelofsky, Ruben Paul, Butch Bradley, Patrick DeGuire

Jan 10 at 9 p.m. - Bayview

Jan 11 9 p.m. - Club Survivor

NEW YEAR OVERNIGHT SOFTBALL TOURNEY

Jan. 12 - 13

6 p.m. until Sunrise at Zaiser Field

Rosters Due: Jan 11

FMI Contact Karissa Sandstrom at sandstromka@usnbgtnavy.mil or

karissa241974@yahoo.com

wk:77262, cel:84008 or

Lori Wills at lori.wills@usnbgtnavy.mil

This is a double-elimination non-captain's cup toumey

Men and Womens Team Entries

A NIGHT IN PARIS FASHION SHOW

Jan. 12

7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Youth Center

Adults \$10 - Children \$5

FMI Call 74658

YOUTH BASKETBALL COACHES WANTED

Coaches and Assistant Coaches are needed for Ages 4-14

Coaches Meeting Jan. 15 at 6:30 p.m.

at the Base Gym

FMI Contact Lori at 2113 or lori.wills@usnbgtnavy.mil

or Karissa at 77262

GTMO Shopper

For Sale

(2) Rattan console and two end tables \$100, 2 touchiere floor lamps, \$30/ea, dining room table wooden butcher block w/5 chairs \$100, New fat tire bike \$20, shredder \$20, bissell vacuum cleaner \$40. FMI 77398.

(2) 55 Gallon Saltwater Tank with filtration system and Stand \$300.00; Minnkota Endura 30 electric trolling motor \$60.00; Gazelle exercise machine \$50.00 Baby Jumparoo \$25. Baby Bouncer \$15. All items are negotiable. FMI 3661 DWH OR 77788 AWH.

(2) Complete bed room set, 5 pieces queen size, mattress and box excellent condition, \$500. oo OB. FMI call 79555

(2) Bicycle- Trek 1500 w/ new puncture resistant Hard Case tires, cat eye, stand-up pump, helmet and size 12 cycling shoes. Comfortable, Lightweight, Handles Well, Great Components. \$500 OBO. FMI 79170.

(1) Penn 4/0 reel used once. \$65.00
FMI: 4380 or 77716.

(1) Beautiful evening dress chocolate brown, never worn, with tags, lace strapless bodice, long skirt, can be tailored to fit perfectly. Size 22 paid \$360, will take \$175 OBO.

(1) Dog bed extra large, Mammoth, black canvas fabric removes easily for washing, awesome padding, side bolsters, nearly new \$75. Call working hours 72900 evenings 77796.

(1) Computer desk never been used still in box, \$35. FMI: 77845 or 2286.

(1) Whirlpool Washer and Dryer set - good condition \$150 OBO, FMI 77026.

(1) Bow Flex Select Tex weights and bench \$200, Abs tower \$50. FMI 77326.

(1) Washer & dryer both for \$200, FMI: 4519 or 78690.

(1) GE washer & dryer, good condition both for only \$150. Call 77134.

(1) VOX 50w Combo Guitar

Amp with built in effects, \$250;

Guitar Effects Pedal Board, diamond plating with Velcro attachments with enough room for all your guitar effects, \$60; Gator Effects Pedal Board, Compressor pedal included purchase, \$40; 20" Computer Monitor, \$40; Microwave, it's also a convection oven, \$30. FMI: 78096 or 4217.

(1) One 1.2 meter dual LNB satellite dish, receives DirecTV signal well, \$300 OBO. FMI 77082.

(1) Will TRADE new Washer/Dryer set for a refrigerator of like condition. FMI 78204.

(1) SCUBA gear: XXL Sherwood Avid jacket-style, integrated, weight-pocket system BCD; Six stainless steel D-rings. Like new: \$250, FMI:78420.

Vehicles/boats

(2) 1993 Toyota 4Runner , Fully loaded SR5 V6, A/C. CD player, 5 Speed Manual Transmission, Runs great, good on fuel, \$5100 OBO. FMI 77024 or 84040.

(2) 14ft Fiberglass boat w/2005 Mercury outboard engine. Great bay boat for inshore fishing and diving. Well maintained. \$3200.00 OBO. FMI 3661 DWH OR 77788 AWH..

(2) Fiberglass center console boat custom built for fishing. Fully loaded turn-key w/2006 Yamaha 40 hp OB. \$6,500.00 OBO. Call 84040.

(2) Yamaha Wave Runner III Jet Ski with Shorelandr Trailer. Runs great and in very good condition. \$3000.00. Call 3661 DWH OR 77788 AWH.

(2) 1997 Toyota Tacoma king cab 4x4, V6 Auto 136K miles, A/C, CD player, new tires, excellent condition. \$8500 OB. FMI cal 79555.

(2) 1993 Ford Ranger, Drive Great, Newly Painted and Body worked. \$1,800 OBO FMI CALL 4514.

(2) EZGO Golf cart, New large all terrain tires and lift kit, new batteries, battery charger,

\$950. FMI 77979/ 90366 .

(2) EZGO Golf Cart runs good, complete w/charger \$450. FMI 77979/ 74225 office.

(1) 2006 Motofino 125cc Scooter Green, very low mileage, spacious storage, street legal, great on gas. FMI 77129.

(1) 2002 Ford Ranger 4X4 4-Door

AC, 6-Disc CD, Tow Package, Great Condition!

\$10,000 OBO, 1991 Ford Taurus New AC, CD, Runs Great

(3,000 OBO H-75592.

(1) 1991 TOYOTA CAMRY W/ NEW A/C, VERY GOOD CLEAN INTERIOR, NEW WATER PUMP, NEW RADIATOR, NEW STARTER, RUNS GREAT WITH MANUAL TRANSMISSION, \$2900 OBO FMI 2404 or 79195.

(1) 11' Achilles inflatable boat w/ 7.5 Evinrude motor. All accessories included. Great for exploring the bay, \$1000; 1998 Ford Windstar van, low mileage, Not a GTMO special. \$5000. FMI call 79561.

(1) Very Powerful 2006 Jet Skis X 2, \$10,500 each, FMI 77153.

(1) 2001 Ford Taurus SES. V6, automatic, cold AC, runs very well, 5 disc CD changer, very good condition, low miles. \$6,000 OBO FMI 77082.

(1) 1997 Ford Explorer Eddie Bauer edition. 5.0L V-8, full-time AWD, automatic, 5-disc CD changer, Runs great, cold AC. Low Miles. \$6,000 OBO.

(1) 1997 HONDA ACCORD EX, white 4-Door automatic with beige cloth interior all scheduled maintenance up-to-date, new Tires, Low Mileage, Air Conditioning, Kenwood CD player with FM/AM stereo, Cruise Control, Rear Window Defroster, Power Windows, Power Driver's Side Seat Control, Tilt Steering, and Power Steering, \$5,000 OBO. FMI: 77000.

Announcements

(1) The NEX will have a Pre Inventory sidewalk sale

on 1/19-1/20 in the atrium. Discounts up to 75% off regular price.

(1) Captains Cup Golf League Organizational Meeting Jan. 22, 3:30 p.m. at the Golf Course. Commands that have personnel desiring to participate in the league are requested to provide a representative to this meeting. FMI: John Tully at 74123

Wanted

(1) A Spanish speaking female willing to provide young child lessons two times per week. FMI: 77201.

(1) Experienced satellite Internet installer. Starband preferred. FMI 77129.

Employment

(2) "Burns & Roe Services Corporation; Port Operation Services" is seeking a temporary Senior Maintenance Engineer. This position will be approximately a 9 month term of employment. The successful applicant will be required to coordinate all watercraft and equipment maintenance/repair of Government supplied watercraft. He/she must be a U.S. citizen and eligible for a Confidential Security Clearance. Interested and qualified applicants please call HR Manager, Carolyn Martinez at 75790 or visit the Burns and Roe Services HR Department located across from the elementary school on Sherman Ave.

Yard Sales

Jan. 12, Caribbean Circle 36 D at 9 a.m. Pleaseno Early Birds!

**All Gazette
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due NLT noon
every Tuesday.**

GTMO HAPPENINGS



BIG CATCH-HMC (SW/AW) Rich Perez, along with Glenn and Ruby Meade admire the 29lb. Cubera Snapper they reeled in recently while fishing last weekend in the Guantanamo Bay. This may be a far cry from the world record catch of more than 80lbs, but it is still a great size for this area.



SAILING INTO THE NEW YEAR-

Al and Daphne Walton, along with (left) Ramon Romero, hold up a Sail Fish they recently caught. Sail Fish are rarely captured in Guantanamo Bay so this big fish was indeed the catch of the day!

