



POW/MIA: You are not forgotten

From the National League of POW/MIA Families

The third Friday in September is National POW/MIA Recognition Day.

Until July 18, 1979, no commemoration was held in honor of America's POW/MIAs. This group is defined as those who were returned to the U.S. and those still missing from our nation's wars.

Congress passed resolutions during the first year of recognition and a national ceremony was held at the National Cathedral, Washington, D.C.

The missing man formation was flown by the 1st Tactical Squadron, Langley AFB, Va. The Veterans Administration published a poster including only the letters 'POW/MIA' and that format was continued until 1982 when a black and white drawing of a POW in harsh captivity was used to convey the urgency of the situation and the priority that President Reagan assigned to achieving the fullest possible accounting for Americans still missing from the Vietnam War.

National POW/MIA

Recognition Day legislation was introduced yearly, until 1995 when it was deemed by Congress that legislation for special days would no longer be proclaimed by Congress.

However, the President continues to sign a proclamation each year. In the early years, the date was routinely set in close proximity to the National League of POW/MIA Families annual meeting.

In the mid-1980s, the American Ex-POWs decided that they wished to see the date established as April 9, the date during World War II when the largest number of Americans were captured.

As a result, legislation was passed in 1984 which included a July date, but established April 9 as the commemoration date for 1985.

The 1984 National POW/MIA Recognition Day ceremony was held at the White House. At that most impressive ceremony, the Reagan Administration balanced the focus to honor all returned POWs and renew



A cake cutting ceremony in honor of POW/MIA Recognition Day will take place at the Gold Hill Galley Sept. 21 at noon.

national commitment to accounting as fully as possible for those still missing.

Perhaps the most impressive Missing Man formation ever flown was that year, up the Ellipse and over the White House.

Unfortunately, the 1985 ceremony was canceled due to inclement weather, a concern which the league had expressed when the April 9 date was first proposed.

Subsequently, in an effort to accommodate all

returned POWs and all Americans still missing and unaccounted for from all wars, the proposed a date in September, usually the third Friday, not associated with any particular war and not in conjunction with any organization's national convention.

Nearly all National POW/MIA Recognition Day ceremonies have been held at the Pentagon; however, Sept. 19, 1986, the national ceremony was held on the steps of the U.S. Capitol facing the

mall, again concluding with a flight in Missing Man formation. National POW/MIA Recognition Day ceremonies are now held throughout the nation and around the world on military installations, ships at sea, schools, churches and fire stations.

The focus is to ensure that America remembers its responsibility to stand behind those who serve our nation and do everything possible to account for those who do not return.

CNO reminds commands about importance of IA family support

From Chief of Naval Operations Public Affairs

The Chief of Naval Operations, Adm. Mike Mullen, used his weekly podcast to remind Navy commands about the importance of properly supporting individual augmentee (IA) Sailors and their families.

“Too often, IA families are completely forgotten about by parent commands,” Mullen said in his Sept. 10 podcast, available at www.navy.mil. “IA spouses have used the term “orphans” to describe themselves.”

“We’ve got about 10,000 individual augmentees throughout the Navy, individuals who have volunteered and/or are serving overseas, in some cases away from their spouses and their families for a year,” Mullen continued. “I haven’t been happy with how we’ve supported either the members or the spouses.”

Mullen spoke of how the Navy took care of Sailors and their families after Hurricane Katrina struck Louisiana and Mississippi, saying that the task force established then to assist Sailors and their families can have an impact on how the service takes care of IAs today.

“We had almost 88,000 of our Sailors and their families very sig-

nificantly affected [after the hurricane],” Mullen explained. “We set up a task force called Navy Family. That task force ran for about six months to assist our families, and had a tremendously positive impact.”

There were a number of very valuable lessons learned from that experience, Mullen said, chief among them was that commands must stay connected to family members on a routine basis.

“I equate family readiness to readiness to do our mission,” he said. “And we’ve got to keep focus on that. The second thing is that because we are so big, you need to set up a task force to go do something like this.”

Mullen pointed out the many institutional programs in place to help commands and families cope with IA deployments, including those at Fleet and Family Support Centers and the Expeditionary Combat Readiness Command (ECRC). He pointed out the ECRC hotline at 877-364-4302 and the fact that Navy Services Family Line has also produced an IA Family Handbook, which is available online at the ECRC Web site www.ecrc.navy.mil

”This is about readiness; it’s



Official U.S. Navy Photo

Chief of Naval Operations, Adm. Mike Mullen stated that too often, IA families are completely forgotten about by parent commands.

about retention; it’s about the kind of focus that we need to make sure we have for our families,” he said.

For more news from Chief of Naval Operations, visit www.news.navy.mil/local/cno/.

GUANTANAMO BAY

Gazette

Vol. 64 No. 36

Commanding Officer.....Capt. Mark M. Leary
 Executive Officer.....Cmdr. Sylvester Moore
 Command Master Chief.....CMDM(SW/AW) Keith Carlson
 Acting PAO/LPO.....MCI Robert Lamb
 Mass Communication Specialist/Editor.....MC2 Kimberly Williams

The Guantanamo Bay Gazette is an authorized publication for members of the military services and their families stationed at U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay. The contents do not necessarily reflect the official views of the U.S. Government, the Department of Defense, or the U.S. Navy, and do not imply endorsement thereof. The editorial content is prepared, edited and provided by the Public Affairs Office of U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay. Questions or comments can be directed to the PAO. The Gazette staff can be reached by phone at ext. 4502; fax 4819; by email at pao@usnbgtno.navy.mil. Get the Gazette online at www.cnic.navy.mil/guantanamo

W.T. Sampson Elementary School PTO Meeting

Sept. 25, 6 p.m. Elementary School, (PTO room) #A-10. All parents are welcome to join the PTO. We still need committee members and a President. Could it be you?

NEX hosts annual 'Rock, Paper, Scissors' contest for local students

Story, photos by MC1 Robert Lamb

NAVSTA Public Affairs

If anyone wondered through the Navy Exchange (NEX) Atrium on Saturday, Sept. 15, they would think that the NEX was giving away a free laptop or something. Well in fact they were, but you needed to get in line and play one of the worlds oldest games and be a student of course. Rock, Paper, Scissors!

Students of all ages tried there hand at a game that has been around since the Han Dynasty ruled China. To be exact, there were 115 students practicing, and pacing back and forth as Don Mohlman, NEX General Manager, discussed the rules. The students were divided among 4 categories. Those categories were College, High School, Elementary School and Home Schooled students.

70 W.T. Sampson Elementary Students, 30 High School,

eight home schooled and seven college students participated. Within minutes the children, and some adults, began banging their fists together and knocking one another out of the game. One, two, three your out! One, two, three your out!

"This event, in only its second year, has quickly become one of the most anticipated events held on the base. This can be attributed to the competitive nature of all the students involved and the fantastic prizes awarded by the NEX, said Mohlman.

Children lined up behind one another and waited patiently as others competed. Maybe because Rock, Paper, Scissors' is a game that's over in just a few seconds the children didn't have time to second guess their three choices. During each showdown the children



Six-year-old Gwen Hickok's 'scissors' wins over her opponents 'paper' during the Navy Exchange Rock, Paper Scissors competition Sept. 15.



Lina Savell smiles after winning a Hewlett Packard. Savell was the grand prize winner for the overall competition.



seemed to have the utmost respect for the winners and the losers during the hour long competition. Humility after winning and good sportsmanship after a loss was evident during the competition. Many adults that were asked, said they were extremely impressed that the children took their losses and wins in stride and

cheered on the others as they advanced.

Before long there were only seven students left. Each of the seven won gift certificates from the NEX.

Now it was time to shoot it out for an all around winner of 'Rock, Paper Scissors.' When it was all said and done, Lina Savell (Home schooled) took

Continued, page 5

GTMO goes 'green'

Story by Fred Burns

Environmental Director

Naval Station Guantanamo Bay (GTMO) Environmental Department recently purchased a biodiesel processor that converts cooling oil and grease into biodiesel.

Biodiesel is an alternative to diesel fuel that can be used without any engine modifications. It is made by chemically altering an organic oil, typically vegetable oil, through a process called transesterification.

Essentially, the process thins down the oil to allow it to run in an unmodified diesel engine. Biodiesel is different from ethanol, which is used in regular gasoline engines.

It is not new technology, but with the rising cost of diesel fuel, several manufactures have begun building small units to convert cooking oil into a fuel that can be used in any diesel engine. These small, at-home units or 'reactors' are sized from a 10-gallon to 100-gallon batches per day. Commercial reactors can process several thousand gallons per day. Homeowners are currently producing biodiesel in their garage for about 80 cents per gallon.

Currently, NAVSTA disposes all of its cooking oil and grease in the landfill, similar to most stateside landfills. About 1,500 gallons per month are collected from restaurants, galleys, barracks and trailer parks.

NAVSTA environmental department is always looking at various ways to improve landfill operations by reducing the material sent there. About Jan. 1, the environmental depart-



ment will request residents in housing areas to begin collecting their used oil and turning it in with their recyclables in the blue bins.

Cooking oil that is collected throughout GTMO will be delivered to HAZWASTE operations where it will be mixed with sodium hydroxide and methanol. These chemicals are expensive; however, we currently have enough sodium hydroxide on hand for several years because several drums were recently discarded as HAZWASTE. By finding another use for this HAZWASTE, this turned out to be another cost avoidance by the Navy.

The recently purchased unit will be installed at the NAVSTA GTMO environmental HAZWASTE operations, Building 850. The reactor will be assembled and operated there for about a year. Once it is shown to provide reliable biodiesel, we plan to transfer the unit to ei-

ther utilities or base maintenance contractors and set up additional reactors to process all the cooking oil and grease. Diesel generators and vehicle's exhaust may soon have that distinctive french fry smell.

Environmental's main goal has always been to remove waste from going to the landfill; producing biodiesel just happens to be a great by-product. Within two years, the equipment and all that it takes to maintain this operation should be paid for, with the help of everyone in GTMO!

Another new process that NAVSTA environmental has purchased is the Used Engine Oil Filtering System. This unit filters used oils blends it with diesel fuel. This fuel mixture can be used in any diesel engine or boiler. Most of the impurities in diesel fuel that cause particulate emissions are filtered out, resulting in blended fuel that actually burns cleaner

than regular diesel fuel from the pump. GTMO will blend 5 percent used oil with 95 percent diesel, which means one gallon of used oil is mixed with 19 gallons of diesel.

Each year GTMO produces about 76,000 gallons of used oil. The annual cost to dispose this oil is about \$58,687. The shipping charges to Blount Island totals \$59,495 annually and the current cost of diesel at GTMO is \$2.29 per gallon. By substituting 76,000 gallons of used oil, we will save \$174,040 in annual diesel fuel purchases.

Another benefit of alternative fuels is that they reduce exhaust emissions compared to diesel. The DoD has recently approved the use of alternative fuels such as biodiesel and filtered motor oil in tactical vehicles. With GTMO residents' help, a reduction in material sent to the landfill and cost reduction in HAZWASTE disposal is a real possibility.

The Paperclips/
SERVMART
has reopened.
Hours of
operation are
Monday -
Friday
8 a.m. - 4 p.m.



CNO stresses medical readiness

Story by MC2 Kim Williams

NAVSTA Public Affairs

The Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) released the Individual Medical Readiness guidance to the fleet Sept. 6, which details his vision for maintaining optimum medical and dental standards for Sailors worldwide.

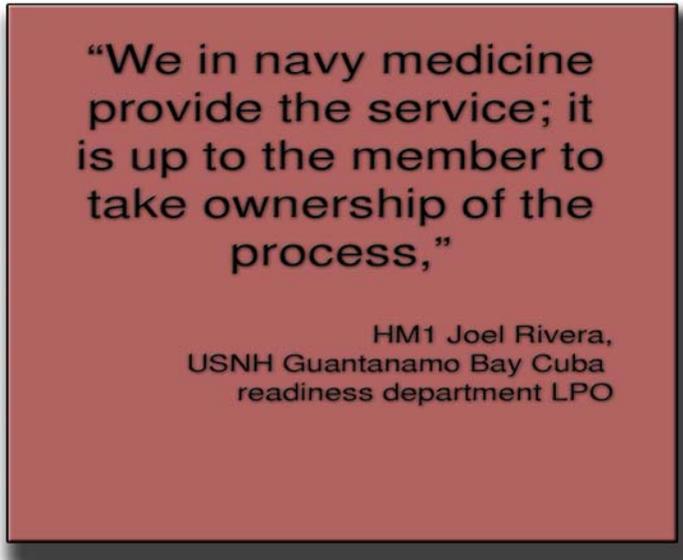
NAVADMIN 233/07 provides an overview of current individual medical readiness requirements and introduces a means for commanders to access their unit's status.

Commands are tasked with ensuring that they are accurately managing medical issues and concerns by conducting periodic health assessments, dental examinations and immunizations.

While these are not new guidelines for which Sailors are responsible, the push and need due to a more frequently deployed fleet, has placed a greater need for Sailors to be medically fit.

The staff of the U.S. Naval Hospital Guantanamo Bay (USNH) readiness department has directly aligned its department with the vision of the CNO and the guidance he detailed in NAVADMIN 233/07.

"This new NAVADMIN is an amplification of what has already been the focus of navy-wide medicine for sometime," said Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Joel Rivera, USNH Guantanamo Bay Readiness Department leading



petty officer. "Medical readiness is and will continue to be the number one priority of both naval medicine and the Surgeon General," said Rivera. USNH GTMO has migrated to a new global Internet based system called the Medical Readiness Reporting System (MRRS). The robust reporting capability of MRRS allows individuals responsible for generating periodic IMR reports to quickly obtain accurate information. This applies regardless of whether the reports are for local, regional, navy wide or DoD level use," said Rivera.

The staff of the hospital, while very proactive in making strides to ensure Sailors are medically ready, is not solely responsible for the health of those stationed in GTMO.

Servicemembers are account-

able for their own health as well. The CNO is requiring all men and women in uniform to become aware and proficient with all medical instructions, guidelines and due dates.

"My best advice to Sailors and Marines would be to take an active role in his or her own individual medical readiness. Ensure they check in with the readiness department and ask questions. We in navy medicine provide the service; it is up to the member to take ownership of the process," said Rivera.

Those who fail to maintain medical readiness can be denied certain types of duty including overseas tours, Individual Augmentee billets and Special Duty assignments.

For a detailed look into NAVADMIN 233/07.

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. 5:30 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)
Protestant (GTMO Chapel)
Sat. 11 a.m. Seventh Day Adventist Service (Room B)
Sun. 5:30 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 B0)
11 a.m. General Prot. Service
11 a.m. United Jamaican Fellowship (Bldg 1036)
1 p.m. Gospel service
8 p.m. Iglesia Ni Cristo (Room B)

CONTEST

From page 3

out Darian Kegler of (W.T. Sampson High School).

"I was praying the whole time", said Savell.

Kegler walked away with another gift certificate worth \$50, while Savell, smiling from ear to ear, lifted up her new Hewlett Packard laptop.

**Caribbean
Naval
Masonic
Lodge Pot Luck**



Oct. 7, 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.,
at the Windjammer Pool.
All brethren, families are
invited to attend. Please
bring your favorite dish
and refreshments. For
more information call Toto
at 74160 or Randy at 6115.

MCPON thanks Navy Ombudsmen

From MCPON (SW/FMF) Joe R. Campa, Jr.

On Sept. 14, the Navy paused a moment to recognize the selfless and dedicated service of our ombudsmen. They are the lifeblood of our family support network and make it possible for us to truly call ourselves a "Navy family."

Our ombudsmen are a Navy treasure. I've stood and watched as they comforted families, offering care and emotional support at a time when little else could make a difference.

I've attended ombudsmen meetings and seen, firsthand, the kind of dedication required to perform their jobs. It's not just an opportunity to volunteer, they consider it a calling and an honor to do anything they can to help our Sailors and their families.

I've been pier side as a ship gets underway and watched ombudsmen seek out those experiencing a deployment for the first time, lending them guidance or simply a shoulder to lean on. You'd never know

that they had just bid farewell to their own loved one.

We are asking more of our Sailors than ever before, and more of their families. Surge deployments, individual augmentation and duty in places our Navy's never been have resulted in a need for even more family support. We could not meet the challenges of today without a strong and well-supported Navy family.

You can't know the true value of what these priceless volunteers provide each of us until you speak with those they've helped. I've had the privilege to do that. I've heard countless stories that all feature the same theme: selfless service from a group of Navy spouses who ask for nothing in return. And every one of those family members will tell you that when the unexpected happens, they know they can turn to an ombudsman for help.

We should be thanking our ombudsmen every day for what they do. Most of it is behind the scenes and all of it is out of a sense of deep caring and compassion for our Navy and our families.

We build a stronger Navy one Sailor and one family at a time. That wouldn't be possible without the continuing support and selfless efforts of one of our most precious resources, the Navy ombudsman.

Naval Station Guantanamo Bay would like to thank the three Ombudsman that support GTMO. Not pictured here is Machele Friend, Navy Expeditionary Guard Battalion Ombudsman.

Sailor of the Week

PSSN Byron Havard, CSD ESO Clerk



Photo by MC2 Kim Williams

"It's a surprise and privilege that my chiefs recognized my effort and nominated me for Sailor of the Week."

Sunni Malone

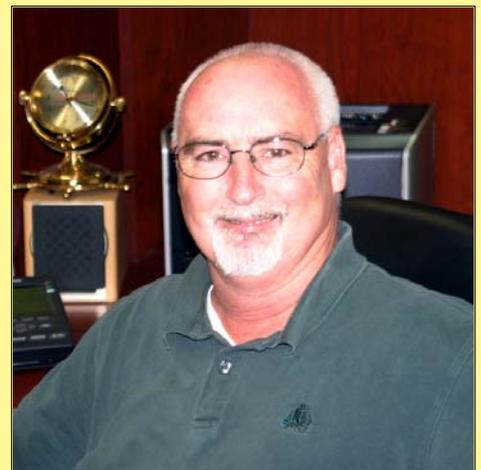


NAVSTA
Ombudsman
Phone - 77957
84792 on
base, and 011-
5399-84792
comm.

ur_ombudsman@yahoo.com

Steve Doherty (Retired Steve)

NAVSTA
Ombudsman
Phone -
77239
84882 on
base, and
011-5399-
84882 comm.



gtmoombudsman@aol.com

Creature Feature: Bull Sharks, *Carcharhinus Leucas*

Story provided by Jose Montalvo, GTMO Natural Resources Manager

The bull shark (*Carcharhinus leucas*) is found worldwide in tropical and subtropical waters. It is a migratory species and can be found in colder climates during the warm season but returns to tropical and subtropical habitats as the water temperature drops. The bull shark is also the only shark known to inhabit freshwater and has been reported in the Mississippi River as far north as Illinois. It has inhabited other freshwater systems in its range including lakes accessed by rivers.

Bull sharks are named for their stocky appearance. They are gray on the upper side and white below with a very blunt

nose. The eyes are very small compared to other sharks and the first dorsal fin is very large. These sharks average between 7 and 8 feet long and 200 – 300 pounds. Females are generally larger than males. The International Game Fish Association record is 697 pounds, 12 ounces caught in Kenya. The Florida record is 517 pounds.

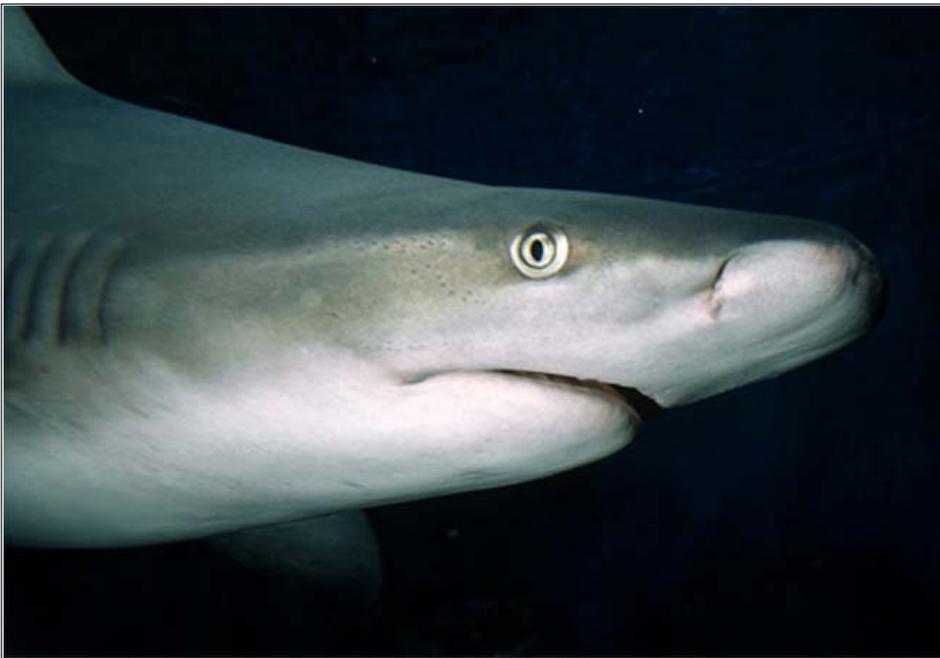
Bull sharks are sexually mature when approximately 5 – 6 years old. Females give birth to as many as 13 pups after a gestation period of nearly 1 year. Mating occurs year round in warmer waters and females often give birth in lagoons or es-

tuaries which act as nursery habitat for the young.

Bull sharks, like most sharks, are predators at the upper end of the food chain. They feed primarily on fish. They also feed on rays, dolphin, sea birds, sea turtles, and perhaps others. Like most predators, they are opportunistic and will probably take anything they can catch. A manatee found dead in the Guantanamo River in 2001 was killed by sharks, most likely bull sharks.

Bull sharks have been implicated in attacks on humans. According to the International Shark Attack File with the Florida Museum of Natural History, bull sharks are historically responsible for at least 69 attacks on humans around the world, 17 of which were deadly. Some experts believe this is not aggressiveness towards humans, but just a consequence of bull shark behavior. They often hunt in shallow murky water and respond to prey by smell and detecting motion. In these cases, the bull sharks do not actually see what they are attacking and these incidents may be cases of mistaken identity. In waters with good visibility, divers regularly interact with bull sharks and experts claim the bull sharks can clearly see people and recognize they are not a food source.

Bull sharks are a popular game fish in some areas and Clayton Helms and Vern McCarver recently landed the 6 foot + bull shark (pictured above) offshore. COMNAVBASEGTMOINST 1710.10J sets the limits on sharks at the lesser of 1 per person or 2 per vessel with a minimum size of 36 inches.



Bull sharks are aggressive, common, and usually live near high-population areas like tropical shorelines. They are not bothered by brackish and freshwater, and even venture far inland via rivers and tributaries.



Bull sharks are large and stout. Males can reach 2.1 meters (6.9 ft) and weigh 90 kilograms (198.4 lb). Females can be much larger: 3.3 meters (10.8 ft) and 318 kg (700 lb). Bull sharks are wider than other sharks of comparable length, and are grey on top and white below.

What you wish you had known then

Story by Kelli Kirwan, Lifelines

Graduation day arrives. You are no longer called “recruit” after earning your title of Sailor or Marine. But little time is available for strutting your uniformed stuff because you have more training to get under your belt. Immediately, you are off to school to soak up more military knowledge and specialized skills before hitting the fleet and the real world.

All of your training gives you the ability and the knowledge to serve with confidence. You are at the top of your game.

When you report to your first duty station, you will find that your schooling has prepared you for your job, but not for the inside scoop needed to prepare you for life as a Sailor or Marine. At *LIFELines.navy.mil*, you’ve found a great place to learn about what it’s really like to live life in the military. It helps fill in the blanks and provides you and your family with the information you wish you had known when your journey to the fleet began.

Finances You see many of your peers who find themselves in hot water with their bank and command. Typically it is because they didn’t grasp the idea that having checks in their checkbook doesn’t mean money in their checking account. Many Sailors and Marines join the service not ever having had income of their own, much less having to budget and manage it. Now there are services available that can educate and help prevent the complex and tangled webs that financial problems bring into a service member’s life.

Budget counseling through the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS) is a wonderful tool if you don’t understand finance and budgeting. Imagine



Photo by MC1 Robert Lamb

This stained glass artwork displayed in the base chapel 'Our Lord of the Sea'.

the stellar credit ratings so many more Sailors and Marines would enjoy if they had known then what they know now.

Spouses of active-duty service members often have a difficult time in the career department. They are often not in one place long enough to finish schooling, to build up seniority for promotion, or to use their network that takes time to build. To help spouses there are the Spouse Employment Assistance Program (SEAP) at the Navy’s Fleet and Family Service Centers (FFSC) and Family Mem-

bers Employment Assistance Program (FMEAP) at the Career Centers on Marine Corps installations. Developing marketable skills, teaching interview tips, and more are available through these programs. Just think of the time that could have been saved in the job search if military families had known then what they know now.

Emotional and Mental Support Life in the Navy and Marine Corps carries on just like life in the hometowns that all Sailors and Marines come from. Marriage and children happen

just like everywhere else. Anywhere a Sailor or Marine is sent, a chaplain will be there to help with spiritual, emotional, and social needs. Two programs to help with individual and marital growth are the Prevention Relationship Enhancement Program and the Chaplain’s Religious Enrichment Development Operation (**PREP and CREDO**). These programs help support and teach you how to nourish your relationships. Life in the service of our country has its unique hardships on family relationships. Don’t wait until those relationships are in jeopardy to nurture them. You may not have known before about CREDO and PREP, but you do now.

Sometimes families run into problems that are beyond regular spiritual and emotional upkeep. Depression, drug and alcohol dependency, and other emotional turmoil can result in poor job performance, self-destructive behavior, and family violence. The Navy and Marine Corps recognize that individuals and families need to be able to get the counseling and education they need. Support services are available in the military community. The FFSC’s throughout the Navy have counselors who can help address a variety of issues. The Navy also has a Family Advocacy Program (FAP) and Parent Support Programs to educate our military families.

LIFELines is a wonderful tool for friends, family members, and leaders in the Navy and Marine Corps to educate themselves and others about the support programs that are available to sea service families. With today’s technology there should not be one Sailor or Marine who ever says, “If I had known then what I know now...”

'Summary of Mishaps'

(a.k.a. *The Friday Funnies*)

Welcome to the latest edition of the Friday funnies, another whirlwind survey of flukes, flubs, foul-ups and floundering from around the globe.

— It would be nice if there were no mishaps, but assuming that people are going to cause them sooner or later, some locations are better than others.

Fr'instance, a civilian firefighter in Japan was inspecting an ambulance. When he finished, he reached up for a strap that is used for closing the rear hatch. He yanked it and presto! He smacked himself on the head with the corner of the hatch. Just a first-aid injury this time, but if it had been really bad, he could have at least ridden in the ambulance.

Coincidentally, a civilian firefighter in another part of the world was stepping off a rescue truck when he missed the bottom step, twisting and fracturing his knee. Again, had he needed a quick ride to an emergency room, his transportation couldn't have been more conveniently located.

Not many 9-1-1 situations where you don't need to dial a telephone, you just holler for the driver.

— We cleared the tumbleweeds off Main Street. We fixed that broken hitching post in front of the general store. It isn't exactly cause for celebration, but the not-O.K. corral is back in business.

The latest gun fight was staged by an ET3 in Connecticut who plunked himself in the right hand while at a shooting range. You might think this was somewhat hard to do, but it isn't if you try to fix a loose barrel with your other hand on the trigger.

My favorite part of this mishap report was its statement that the firearm "malfunctioned." oh yeah, that's what it was. See, he had bought himself a used pistol, which I reckon had been on too many cattle drives or too many quick-draw contests or something.

He spent a day in the hospital. Missed nine days of work, and then logged six weeks of light duty.

For corrective actions, his command held training "on the dangers of buying old/used firearms," the report said. How

about some training on unloading your weapon before you start to mess around with it? Sheesh.

— Insane statements in mishap reports, episode 83. A CS3 in Florida was opening a can when he simultaneously, painfully, and bloodily opened his thumb. "Member was a victim of circumstance," the report says.



Gotta remember that one next time my wife sees me holding a paper towel over one of my fingers and heading for the Bandaid box. She usually asks, "What'd you do this time?"

"Victim of circumstance," I'll yell as I run by.

— If you've done any fishing, you know that the fish tend to be in the water. This hasn't stopped most anglers from casting lures into adjacent bushes or over low hanging limbs.

So we can sympathize with the e-3 who was fishing with a buddy and got hung up on a branch.

"What are you after up there, shipmate, airfish?" his buddy observed. "Or are you thinking maybe you can catch a bird with that worm, since you can't catch anything else?"

Actually, I don't know what his buddy said. I'm just filling in the kind of things your basic fishing partners tend to say.

Ignoring this persiflage, the ET3 decided to free his lure by cutting the branch. Apparently he didn't have one of those combo knives with the little saw blade. Apparently he was using a regular knife. Apparently his finger got in the way.

At this point the details are sketchy, so we aren't sure if they kept fishing and he got treated later, or if they weighed anchor immediately. Whatever, he ended up on light duty for a week, which is a heckuva thing to tell your boss and the people you work with when they all know that you were out fishing the day before. It's like calling in sick the day you're due back after vacation.

"Be extra cautious when handling sharp knives, or even dull ones," this report advised. We concur.

— That's all for this week, pardners. Until we meet again, do your best to avoid being a victim of circumstances. Especially the ones created by the person who greets you in the mirror every morning.

Reef Raiders Dive Club

in conjunction with Project Aware

announce the annual **GTMO Beaches Clean up**
Saturday – Sept. 29, at 8:30 a.m., at the Lyceum
Parking Lot for site selection. Come do your part to
help the environment and keep your favorite beaches
and dive sites clean. Divers and non-divers welcome.
All participants are invited to the Club sponsored BBQ,
12:30 p.m., at Windmill Beach.



Downtown Lyceum

Hot Rod

Friday, Sept. 21

Underdog

8 p.m., PG, 84 min.

Hot Rod

10 p.m., PG-13, 88 min.

Saturday, Sept. 22

Simpsons Movie

8 p.m., PG-13, 85 min.

Rescue Dawn

10 p.m., PG-13, 120 min.

Sunday, Sept. 23

No Reservation

8 p.m., PG, 104 min.

Monday, Sept. 24

Sunshine

8 p.m., R, 107 min.

Tuesday, Sept. 25

I Know Who Killed Me

8 p.m., R, 106 min.

Wednesday, Sept. 26

Rescue Dawn

8 p.m., PG-13, 120 min.

Thursday, Sept. 27

Hot Rod

8 p.m., PG-13, 88 min.

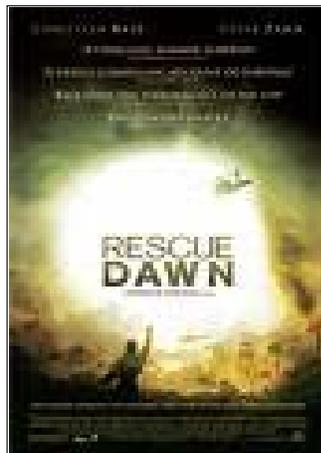


Genre: Comedy

Cast: Andy Samberg, Jorma Taccone, Ian McShane,

Rod Kimble, a self-proclaimed stuntman, is convinced he has bravery in his blood. He's grown up believing he's the son of Evel Knievel's test-rider, a courageous stuntman who died in his prime. Rod is committed to fulfilling his father's legacy. Only problem is—he sucks!

Rescue Dawn



Genre: Action/Adventure, Drama and War

Cast: Christian Bale, Steve Zahn, Jeremy Davies

Based on the true story of German-born Dieter Dengler, who dreamed of being a test pilot and thus made his way to America, where he joined the military in pursuit of his obsession to fly. On his first mission in Vietnam, he is shot down and captured by Vietcong guerrillas.

MWR Happenings

YOUTH FALL BOWLING LEAGUE

Begins Sept 22

Starts at 3 p.m.

League runs for 8 weeks

Ages 10 to 18

FMI Call 77147

STROLLER STRUT

Tues & Thursday

0830 at Cooper Field Track

Class includes cardio and

resistance training

FMI Call Audrey at 75576 or

Charla at 74224

Email at

chapmanaj@usnbgtmpo.navy.mil

POWER YOGA

Tue and Thu 0600-0645

Sat 9 - 10 a.m.

Classes begin September 18

at Marine Hill Fitness Center

FMI call Audrey at 75576

BAYVIEW RESTAURANT

Our face lift is complete, our new menu is here.

A specially priced prefix menu is also available, guest must be seated by 6:30 p.m.

Catered meals are available on the GTMO Queen

Sleep in late Sunday Brunch now open until 2 p.m.

Bayview Hours of Operation

5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Wed - Sat

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday Brunch

LIBERTY SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Sept 22 Barracks Bash

Sept 25 Night at the Range

Sept 27 Night Fishing

GTMO Shopper

For Sale

(2) Jumbo size dog kennel, suitable for airline shipment of pets, good shape, paid \$125, make offer, FMI call 77747.

(2) Wireless router, mp3 player, computer parts, other items FMI call 77116.

(2) New SCSI DSL Modem and cables \$70. FMI call 78078.

(2) 3 wheel golf cart-\$75, Nintendo Game Cube controller and 7 games \$110, Play station 2+controllers and 8 games \$120. FMI call 77977.

(2) Selling a round trip ticket from GTMO to Ft. Lauderdale via Links Air for \$375. FMI call 2127.

(2) A new Full/double size mattress with a free new cover. Its original price was over two hundred. It is selling now for only one hundred dollars. 2-Two large potted plants. Very well taken care of. Price for both is \$50. FMI call 77910.

(1) New Balance 8.0e Elliptical, \$350, Aiwa Home Stereo, 3-disc changer, dual cassette AM/FM, \$50, Quasar 19-inch Color TV/VCR combo, \$50, Washer/Dryer set, \$75, Coffee Table, \$25, Entertainment Center, \$50, Natural Wood Kitchen Nook Dinette Set w/matching cabinet and microwave cart, \$250, Dark Wood Dresser, \$30, Black Futon w/mattress, \$125, Whirlpool 20 cu.ft. chest freezer, \$150. FMI call 75533.

(1) Corner tower desk. New condition, faux wood with document holder, CD storage, lots of cubbies. Great for student or professional. \$169 retail, asking \$40. FMI call 78341.

(1) Cream sofa (like new) \$100, Bowflex Motivator 2, \$300; Kitchen tbl w/ 2 chairs \$100. FMI call 9790 or 77988.

(1) Heavy Duty washer and dryer, very good condition, \$300, FMI call 9794 or 77806

Employment

(1) W.T. Sampson School has the following positions open continuous: Substitute Teacher 07-CUB-230; \$95 per one full day, \$48.00 less than one full day. Your official application can be picked up and submitted to the W.T. Sampson HS main office or you can log on to usajobs.opm.gov FMI call 3500.

(2) Community Bank is looking for a motivated, energetic person to join our winning team here in GTMO. Teller Position available. To apply visit www.DOD-communitybank.com/careers or contact the local office at 75116 or email to bamerica@nsgtmo.com.

(2) Fleet and Family Support Center is looking for a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Licensed Mental Health Counselor, or Licensed Marriage and Family counselor to work with couples, individuals, and families at the FFSC in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Please contact Patricia Williams at 4141 and /or Serco at www.serco-na.com to apply for position.

(1) Teller, GS-0530-04/05 Vacancy Announcement # 07-059 - U.S. Naval Hospital, Opening date: 09-18-07, Closing date: 10-02-07. FMI call 4441.

(1) Supervisor Environment Engineer GS-0819-12 Announcement Number: 07-058, Opening date: 09-12-07, Closing date: 09-19-07. FMI call 4441.

(1) Housing Management Assistant GS-1173-05/07 Vacancy Announcement: 07-060, Housing Department, Opening date: 09-19-07, closing date: 10-03-07. FMI call 4441.

(1) Materials Handler, LWG-6907-05 Vacancy Announcement FN07-010 - FISCJ (Supply Department) Opening date: 09-18-07, closing date: 09-28-07. FMI call 4441.

(1) (1) Materials Handler, LWG - 6907-05 Vacancy Announcement 07-061 - FISC (POST OFFICE)

Opening date: 09-19-07, closing date: 09-28-07. FMI call 4441.

Announcements

(2) The Teen Center is seeking coaches for cheerleading camp. Youth ages 5-6 years, 7-9 years & 10 years and older. FMI please contact Petrona Christie 74658.

(1) Home for rent. Relocating to Jacksonville? Don't deal with the traffic, consider MacClenny. Quiet country living a short drive from NASJAX. 3/2 ranch. Over 2,000 sq. ft. including a 2-car garage. Home built in 2006, 2 miles off of I-10. \$1500 a month. FMI call 542-0352 or 259-1577 or e-mail Joann.king1.ctr@navy.mil. Discount rent and incentives for GTMO residents.

Vehicles/Boats

(2) 18.5 foot Center Console Boat for sale. Has like new VHF "Ray Marine" band radio, new never used Hummingbird 300 w/GPS chart plotter depth finder, 9hp kicker motor, trailer, 115hp Evinrude outboard engine recently serviced, pole holders, safety equipment, cup holders, cushioned seats, two anchors, trim tabs. Great dive and fishing boat, also can be out-of-bounds certified. Asking \$7000 FMI call 75270 or 72118.

(2) 1987 green Suzuki Samurai, 2 inch lift, new tires, Bestop bikini top, pole holders, newer carpet, new interior panels, new US Wheel rims, new radio, new speakers, solid, little to no rust, repainted trim, new door handles, new window cranks, runs well. Military discount. Asking \$4,000. Available Oct 1. FMI call 77096 or 6354.

(2) 14ft Fiberglass boat w/2005 Mercury outboard engine. Great bay boat for inshore fishing and diving. Well maintained. \$4500 FMI call 3661 or 77788.

(2) Yamaha Wave Runner III Jet Ski with Shorelander Trailer. Runs great and in very good condition. \$4200. FMI call 3661 or 77788.

(2) 2004 GSXR 750, 16K miles, one owner, garage kept, custom black paint, new brakes and tires, many extras on and for bike at a \$5,000.00 value. Asking \$9,000 OBO. FMI call 77892 or 72185.

(2) 2001 Volvo S60 T5, automatic, 103 K miles, excellent condition, fully loaded, A/C, power windows and seats, leather seats, CD player, moon roof. \$11,500. FMI call 79555.

(1) Leaving soon and need to sale my 8' x 24' Sun Tracker Pontoon boat!! It comes with the original trailer. Both boat and trailer were refurbished within last 16 months. It has a brand new 60hp Evinrude E-TEC OB motor, as well as new throttling and steering systems (combined costs were \$6,745, doesn't include S&H charges). Electronics include console mounted VHF marine band radio and a Piranha II fish finder, as well as a dual Marine Optimum battery system. It has a non-skid deck covering and Medium Density Polyethylene (MDPE) pontoons

(rated for 20 years of use and are perfect for salt water because they won't rust or corrode.) (Pontoon costs were \$3,288 again, doesn't include S&H charges). You also get all new safety equipment, two extra anchors, ropes and chains, as well as various cleaning materials and equipment, all for \$11,000 OBO. FMI call 4874 or 77823.

(1) Golf cart, new paint, new seat covers, 4 new batteries. \$1200 OBO. FMI call 79599.

(1) 1996 Acura Integra. Stick-shift. Red with black interior. Will take best offer. FMI call 77694.

(1) 1991 Harley Davidson, 1340 FXSTC Softail custom. FMI call 77350.

Lost

(2) Piper styrofoam remote control airplane. If you know the where about, please call Mike at 77475.

(2) Did anyone lose a plastic bag on the Leeward side on Wednesday evening? Please call 4514 and name items in the bag.

Wanted

(2) I am looking for someone to teach me electric guitar. FMI call 79506 or 2156.

(2) Willing to pay Cash for reliable vehicle with A/C. No 2DR, No GTMO Special. FMI call 78204.

(1) I would like to learn how to ride a motorcycle before I redeploy home and take a driving course. I'll pay for the lessons / familiarization and your fuel expenses for a Motorcycle familiarization and driving lessons. I'm available in the evenings and on Saturdays. FMI call 9825 or 78173.

(1) Looking for experienced hairdresser. Please call 77621.

NEW MARINE HILL POOL HOURS

M - F
5 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Sat - 5 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Sun. & Holidays
10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Gazette submissions are due every Tuesday by noon.

GTMO Happenings



Photo by MC2 Kim Williams

Las Señas bailan — *Members of the Hispanic American Heritage Association (HAHA) dance to music as they serve traditional Puerto Rican cuisine to patrons during the organization's Food Fiesta Sept. 15 at Capt. Mark Leary's home. HAHA members served dishes from several Hispanic countries at the event.*



Photo by LCDR Eileen D'Andrea

So you want to be a pirate — *Wednesday, Sept. 19 was International Pirate Day. Morale, Welfare and Recreation along with the staff at the Bayview put on their own Piratefest. Costumes of all different types of pirates were on hand.*



Photo by Doug Lamb

(Right) Pirate Volleyball — *Jackson LeVault, captain of the W.T. Sampson varsity volleyball team, serves an ace over the net Sept. 18 at Denich Gym.*