

DoD updates directive regarding political activities of servicemembers

Story, photo by
MC2 Kim Williams
NAVSTA PAO

The Department of Defense signed a new policy governing the political activity of servicemembers.

The directive applies to the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Military Departments (including the Coast Guard at all times, including when it is a Service in the Department of Homeland Security by agreement with that Department), the Office of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Combatant Commands, the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Defense, the Defense Agencies, the DoD Field Activities, and all other organizational entities in the Department of Defense. Portions of the directive apply to members of the National Guard.

The document states that servicemembers are permitted to register, vote and express a personal opinion on political candidates and issues, but not as a representative of the Armed Forces.

Military members are also permitted to partake in other activities including promoting and encouraging others to exercise their voting fran-



NAVSTA Voting Assistance Officer PRI(AW) Travis Mostoller assists Puerto Rico resident YN3 Yamil Candelario with obtaining documentation to register as an absentee. Mostoller can assist all U.S. and U.S. territory residents to obtain information about voting in their state or territory's upcoming primaries and general elections.

chise. Enter the NAVSTA Voting Assistance Office.

The NAVSTA voting assistance office can help servicemembers, as well as their families, and DoD employees with registering to vote absentee in state and general elections as well as provide information pertaining to political activity.

"There is still time to register for the November elections,

"Be it on U.S. or foreign soil, your vote still counts! America needs you!"

*Linda Davis,
Belleville, Mich. Voting Advocate*

but it's too late for most state primaries. Just contact me at 4901 to obtain help," said Air-

crew Survival Equipmentman

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Navy News

Navy College testing program shut down

Story by: Mark D. Faram, Navy Times

Academic testing at Navy College offices worldwide has been halted because of what is being called an "inventory discrepancy."

"The discrepancy was discovered during a standard monthly inventory process in February," said Sharon Anderson, a spokeswoman for the Navy's chief of personnel in Arlington, Va. "As a result, all paper testing across the Navy has been suspended ... until the discrepancy has been resolved."

The suspension, called for by officials from the Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Services, known in the military as DANTES, affects all college-level entrance and equivalency tests given at Navy College offices. Any tests scheduled to be given onboard ships are also suspended until further notice. It does not impact any computer-based testing programs, which still will be available at Navy College offices.

How long the suspension will last has not been determined,

Anderson said. She said she could not comment further on the nature of the discrepancy due to an ongoing investigation.

Suspended paper-based tests include:

- * General Educational Development (GED).
- * American College Test (ACT) placement exam.
- * SAT Reasoning Test.
- * DANTES Subject Standardized Test (DSST).
- * College-Level Examination Program (CLEP).
- * Excelsior College Examination (ECE).
- * Law School Admission Test (LSAT).
- * PRAXIS Pre-Professional Skills Tests.
- * Graduate Record Subject Exam (GRE).

This suspension applies only to the Navy. Sailors with access to other services' education centers can still schedule and take paper tests at those locations.

For information on which tests are offered via computer at Navy locations, call (877) 253-7122.

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Do you forgive and forget or hold lasting grudges?



"I will forgive in certain situations, but I definitely can't forget. If someone wants to hold a grudge against me, that's their heart that will be burning, not mine."

Shauna Cole
MWR Windjammer staff

"I hold grudges because I wear my compassion on my sleeve."



Keith Caudle
ISD



"My husband tells me I hold grudges because when he does certain things to me, I do the same thing back to him to teach him a lesson. He knows I love him though."

HM1 Cynthia Williams
USNH

"You probably will forgive, but honestly you can't forget! I wouldn't say I hold grudges though."



Martin Buchanan
MWR Windjammer staff

Local Information



This first place photograph in the 'people' category, taken by 9-year-old John Jones, will be one of four representing GTMO in the Overseas Image Maker photo contest.

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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Child photographers compete in national contest

Story, photo by MC2 Kimberly Williams

NAVSTA PAO

It is said that photography is a way to escape the confines of reality and offers the artist the chance to show the world as he sees it. With the stresses of everyday life, sometimes we do not take the time to appreciate the small, seemingly insignificant things that surround us. Young photographers here in GTMO recently captured some of these images and entered them in the Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Youth Center's digital photography contest Feb. 15.

Children ages 5 to 17 years, who are part of the center's digital arts club, shot images of the buildings, people and the landscape of Guantanamo Bay.

The photos were judged by three local photographers at the NEX Atrium.

"All of the kids who participated did a fantastic job, given that they have had no formal training in photography. I could tell that the judging would be tough as each photo drew you in for a closer look," said Devon Christie, event judge and local photographer.

The winning shots will be sent to the states to represent GTMO in a national photography contest.

A photo was selected from each category based on several elements including photo composition, exposure and subject content.

"This photo contest has been hosted by the digital arts

club for three years. The Youth Center Digital Arts Club is a Boys and Girls Club program that helps to create community awareness," said Maurice Malcom, MWR Youth Center Digital Arts Club advisor.

"The purpose of the club is to stimulate children's imaginations and creativity. There are children in this club that are very artistic and they use pictures to make their thoughts become a reality," Malcom added. "The first hand use of technological gadgets such as computers and digital cameras helps the children to be on par with our technological age."

The digital arts club is open to all youth center participants.

"Programs like this contest help increase awareness about the potential of youth and with guidance and support [and teaches them that] anything is possible. "These programs help to generate interest, while teaching confidence and responsibility," said Christie.

The GTMO contest winners are: John Jones for the people category, Jaden Hill for the Junior B category, Benjamin Frisbree for the Junior A category, Ashley Harrison for the Landscape category and Tacallie Robinson for the buildings category.

The ImageMaker national photography contest will take place May 9-23 and the contest winners will be announced in July.

Safety News

How to pick a proper motorcycle helmet

Provided by Safety Dept.

It's clear—helmets save lives. To help protect the lives of motorcycle riders, the US Department of Transportation (DOT) requires that all motorcycle helmets sold in the United States meet Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) 218, the DOT Standard. Because helmets add such a critical margin of safety for motorcycle riders, many states now have laws requiring the use of helmets that meet FMVSS 218 requirements. Increasingly though, motorcycle riders are violating these state laws by wearing cheap and unsafe helmets that do not meet FMVSS 218. Most of these helmets are sold as novelty items by unscrupulous merchants to circumvent the FMVSS 218 requirements. In some cases, people purchase these helmets in the mistaken belief that they offer protection. However, many people who wear these novelty helmets know that they are unsafe—but wear them anyway. The following information will tell you how to spot these unsafe novelty helmets and how to distinguish them from helmets that meet the federal safety standard.

“Based on a comparison of fatal crashes involving motorcycles with two riders, at least one of whom was killed, the National Center for Statistics and Analysis (NCSA) of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has estimated helmets to be about 37 percent effective in preventing fatalities. In 2003, there were 3,661 rider deaths in fatal motorcycle crashes. An effectiveness of 37 percent for motorcycle helmets suggests that an estimated 1,158 additional motorcyclists would have died were it not for the fact that they were wearing helmets. Had all motorcyclists consistently worn proper helmets, an additional 640 motor-



This helmet is commonly called a novelty helmet and is not approved for riding on motorcycles. Another helmet not approved for riding is the Small German helmet.

cyclists could have survived otherwise fatal crashes in 2003. Unfortunately, the potential lifesaving benefits of helmets are not being realized, as fatalities continue to rise in response to declining helmet usage rates. According to the 2002 National Occupant Protection Use Survey, only 58 percent of motorcyclists nationally were observed to be wearing helmets. This represents a dramatic decline since 2000, when the usage rate was 71 percent”. (Source Traffic Safety Facts NHTSA August 2005)

Here's What to Check For:

DOT Sticker: Helmets that meet FMVSS 218 must have a sticker on the outside back of the helmet with the letters DOT, placed there certifying that the helmet meets or exceeds FMVSS 218. It is important to note that some sellers of novelty helmets provide DOT stickers separately for motorcyclists to place on non-complying helmets. In this case, the DOT sticker is invalid and does not certify compliance.

The symbol “DOT” constitutes the manufacturer's certification that the helmet conforms to the appli-

cable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards. This symbol shall appear on the outer surface, in a color that contrasts with the background, in letters at least 3/8 inch high, centered laterally approximately 1 1/4 inches from the bottom edge of the posterior portion of the helmet.

An Interpretation Letter from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration states the requirement that helmets be permanently labeled prohibits the use of labels that can be removed by hand, without tools or chemicals. Therefore, a sticker that falls off the helmet would not appear to be in compliance within the meaning of Standard No. 218.

Snell Sticker: In addition to the DOT sticker, a label located inside the helmet showing that a helmet meets the standards of the Snell Memorial Foundation (smf.org) is a good indicator that the helmet meets the federal safety standard. To date, we have never seen a novelty helmet that has a phony DOT sticker plus a phony Snell. A 1/2 shell helmet meeting FMVSS 218 will not meet standards set forth by Snell.

Manufacturer's Labeling: Manufacturers are required by FMVSS 218 to place a label on or inside the helmet stating the manufacturer's name, model, size, month and year of manufacture, construction materials, and owner information. A cheap helmet that does not meet the federal safety standard usually does not have such a label.

Thick Inner Liner: Helmets meeting the minimum federal safety standard have an inner liner—usually about one inch thick—of firm polystyrene foam. Sometimes the inner liner will not be visible, but you should still be able to feel its thickness. Unsafe helmets normally contain only soft foam padding or a bare

plastic shell with no foam at all.

Sturdy Chin Strap and Rivets: Helmets meeting the DOT safety standard have sturdy chin straps with solid rivets.

Weight of Helmet: Depending on design, unsafe helmets weigh only one pound or less—helmets meeting FMVSS 218 weigh about three pounds. Become familiar with the weight of helmets that comply with the federal safety standard. They feel more substantial.

Design/Style of Helmet: Designs such as the German Army style or skullcap style may be a clue of an unsafe helmet. Unsafe helmets are noticeably smaller in diameter and thinner than one meeting the DOT standard. However, some German Army style helmets may meet federal requirements. You'll need to check for weight, thickness, sturdy chin straps, as well as the “DOT” and manufacturer's labels to make sure the helmet meets the federal safety standard.

Summary: Department of Defense Instruction (DoDI 6055.4), Operational Navy Instruction (OPNVINST) 5100.12G and all associated service instructions required the use of a helmet that meets the standards set by the DOT. In addition, the DOT sticker on the back of the helmet and proper inside labeling do not necessarily prove that a helmet meets all DOT requirements. Many helmets have phony DOT stickers and a limited few also have manufacturer's labeling. But the design and weight of a helmet, thickness of the inner liner, and quality of the chin strap and rivets are extra clues to help distinguish safe helmets from non-complying ones. If you have questions, or concerns about the helmet you are wearing, the NAVSTA Safety Office can assist.

News Feature

Navy Lodge admits pets during PCS

Story by Kristine M. Sturkie

NEXCOM PAO

Moving to a new location this year just got a lot easier when traveling with your pet. Most Navy Lodge's worldwide now allow dogs and cats up to 50 pounds in weight to stay when traveling with its owners.

"Over 60 percent of all Americans have pets and the military is no different," said Michael Bockelman, Vice President NEXCOM, Director Navy Lodge Program. "Navy Lodge guests often stay with us during a permanent change of station move. Before, guests had to board their pet until they could move into their new home. Now, the pet can stay with the rest of the family at the Navy Lodge. This will make a military move much easier for the entire family."

Military families need

to come to the Navy Lodge prepared in order to stay with their pet. First, keep in mind how long you will be gone and bring appropriate food and other supplies and always travel with a pet carrier. Before you leave town, schedule a visit with your veterinarian to update all medications or treatments required and bring a copy of each pet's vaccination record. It is also a good idea to carry a health certificate for each animal traveling with you if traveling state to state or crossing international borders.

Finally, when you are at the Navy Lodge, treat the area where you walk as if it were your own yard and always clean up after your pet, using the bags provided.

While traveling keep in mind how long you

will be on the road and make sure to bring at least one bowl of fresh water for your pet to drink. If traveling long distances or an extended period of time, add one or two more, just in case. Never leave an animal alone in a closed car. Keep the air-conditioner going while traveling. Don't roll down a car window enough for a dog to stick its head out; just enough to get a good whiff of fresh air is plenty.

Always remember to bring the following on trips:

A sturdy leash and extra collar;

An old blanket or sheet for wherever the pet's carrier will be secured;

Old sheets to cover bedding and furniture once you reach your accommodations;

Some of your pet's own bedding;

Food and water bowl set; treats; toys or chew items;

All required medications, supplements and preventatives;

Brush or comb and lint remover;

For cats, a full litter pan with extra litter, liners and newspaper for underneath;

Waste removal bags;

Old towels, carpet cleaner, disinfectant spray and trash bags for accidents; and

Flashlight for nighttime walks.

Navy Lodges are on average 43 percent less expensive than comparable civilian accommodations, and still have the same and more amenities. Every guest room is oversized with cable TV with HBO, a DVD/CD player, direct-dial telephone service, high-

speed Internet access, and a kitchenette complete with microwave, refrigerator and utensils. Navy Lodges also have housekeeping service, vending machines, DVD rental service and guest laundry facilities as well as handicapped accessible and non-smoking rooms. Free local calls, free in-room coffee and newspapers as well as convenient on-base parking are also available during your stay.

To make a reservation toll free at 1-800-NAVY-INN or log onto www.navy-lodge.com. Once you make a reservation, you cannot be bumped from your room. Reservation and room assignments are accepted on an as-received basis without regard to rank, rate or time of reservation.

ATTENTION: Base insurance customers

Due to recent changes in the insurance industry, we will change the way policies are issued, beginning April 1, 2008. On this date, we will start taking applications for liability insurance, which will take two to three days to approve. This means, you have to make two trips to my office: the first to place the application and the second to pick it up. Please allow yourself enough time to get the new policy, so that you will not be without insurance. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause for you, my customers. FMI please Ruth Unruh at 75579.



American Red Cross Needs You!

Looking for a few good people to VOLUNTEER for office support, mail delivery, conduct morale visits, read to patients at the hospital, casework and the Plant Nursery. We are also looking for great dogs and their owners to be part of our wonderful Dog Therapy Program. Learn new skills or share your talents, build your resume and work on career development.

Volunteers will have many opportunities at various levels of interest. Duty hours are flexible.

Your community needs YOU!

Contact Denise Clark 5060
Clarkda@usnbgmto.navy.mil.

News

VOTE, from page 1

1st Class (AW) Travis Mostoller, NAVSTA voting assistance officer. "Voting is part of the freedom we protect. It's the one time you get to select who your boss is going to be," said Mostoller.

Impermissible political activities include using an official authority/position to influence or interfere with an election, solicit votes for a particular candidate/party/issue or solicit contributions. Also on the prohibited list of activity is the use of government resources

in support of political activities, including time and email/internet access, running for, exercising or holding the functions of public office, participating in partisan political campaigns, management, media discussion and organized letter writing campaigns.

Additional guidance including lists of banned and permitted activities can be found by referencing DoD Directive 1344.10 online or by calling the GTMO Region Legal Service Office at 4454.

The DoDDS High School will administer the upcoming ACT & SAT examinations to military members during the months of April - June 2008.

FMI about the registration process, contact Ms. Katherine.steele@am.dodea.edu or 3500.

Sailor of the Week



Photo by MCSA Cristina Gabaldon

**MGSN Jessie Sharpe
Naval Media Center
Broadcast Detachment - GTMO**

"I'm pretty proud to be Sailor of the Week now. My next goal is to become Blue Jacket of the Year."

Join the Team



DEFY is seeking active duty personnel and/or DoD civilians to serve as team leaders, camp corpsman, and administrative assistants for the 2008 DEFY Phase I Program. The camp will focus on substance abuse prevention, gang resistance, physical fitness, citizenship, conflict resolution, and self esteem development for Youth ages 9-12.

To get an application please contact Karin Davis x79466, MA2 Rodriguez x75841 or MAC McGill x77270 or email us GTMODEFY@YAHOO.COM.

Completed applications are due to DEFY Coordinator no later than April 15.

THE CUBAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

is in search of new members. The association promotes hospitality and cultural awareness through the annual celebration of the Cuban American Friendship Day. Meetings are held once month. We encourage civilians and military service members to come and be a part of our international community. FMI call Beverly Pavon 75490 or 74199.

WT Sampson Student Council is collecting 'Beanies for Baghdad'

New or clean gently used stuffed animals to be sent to children in Baghdad.

Turn in locations: March 21- Downtown Lyceum, 8 p.m. movie and to the front office of ES or HS before April 4.

Stuffed animals should be under 12 inches. FMI contact Mrs. Schwartz, (2207) or Mrs. Kemp (3500).





Women's History Month



The practice of carrying women to sea on board U.S. ships-of-war was forbidden by navy regulations of 1802, 1818, 1841, 1857, 1876, 1881, 1896, 1900, 1905, 1909, and 1920. The wording changed but the meaning was the same.

The regulation of 1802 read: "He (Captain or commander) is not to carry any women to sea without orders from the navy office, or the commander of the squadron."

Regulations of 1818 are practically the same as those of 1802 but in 1841 and 1857 the wording was changed to read: "Women are not to be taken to sea from the United States in any vessel of the Navy without permission from the Secretary of the Navy: nor when on foreign service, without the express permission of the Commander-in-Chief of the fleet or squadron, or of

the senior officer present and then only to make a passage from one port to another."

By regulations of 1881 it was not permissible to carry them to sea in a naval vessel but "Officers commanding fleets, squadrons, divisions, or ships, shall not permit women to reside on board of, or take passage in, any ship of the Navy in commission, except by special permission of the Secretary of the Navy."

As we all know things have changed and women are now and have been a big part of Navy life at sea and on shore duty.

On October 24, 1978 the Department of the Navy announced that it would begin assigning women to duty aboard ships. The action was in accord with Navy-sponsored changes to legislation governing the assignment of women

contained in the recently enacted Fiscal Year 1979 Defense Authorization Bill. The action was also in accordance with the applicable judicial decision. Navy women will be assigned permanently to selected non-combatant ships, and may be assigned to temporary duty [180 days or less] aboard any ship that is not expected to become involved in a combat role while women are aboard. During Fiscal Year 1979, 55 officers and 375 enlisted women were assigned to 21 ships in both the Atlantic and Pacific fleets, with the first officers reporting aboard their respective ships on November 1, 1978.

The Gazette continues its tribute to women in the U.S. Navy and especially women stationed at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay.

Sailor takes pride in serving at sea

Story by **MC1 Robert Lamb**

NAVSTA PAO

Approximately 71 percent of the Earth's surface is covered by ocean, and for thousands of years humans have enjoyed the conquest, adventure and the time spent beyond the reach of land.

Today's U.S. Navy Sailor might not be that adventurous, but every once in a while you meet someone who still enjoys time spent swapping a few sea stories.

Navy Master at Arms 2nd Class Desiree Rivers may be a frequently landlocked Master-At-Arms, checking vehicle registrations on the second deck of Bulkeley Hall these days, but her fondest memories of her 11 years in the Navy are aboard ship.

"I love being out to sea," said Rivers. "Nothing but the ocean in all directions is exhilarating to me."

It is not surprising that Rivers enjoys the sea so much. She hails from a region of the United States, Everett, Washington, that is home to the second-largest marina on the west coast of the United States.

Rivers was fortunate enough to be stationed on the USS Whidbey Island (LSD-41), where her love of the sea was in full



Photo by MC2 Kim Williams

MA2 Desiree Rivers has been an active duty Sailor for the past 11 years.

affect.

"It's an experience that very few people get the opportunity to have. When I left the USS Whidbey Island [LSD-41], I couldn't get down the brow fast enough. Now as I look back on it, being on the ship gave me a

chance to be friends with people I may never have met, go places I will probably never go again and meet people and experience other cultures all over the world. I am a different person for all I had to endure with my crew onboard our ship," she added.

For some, just to have ability to experience what a crew can accomplish underway and what the Navy can offer is worth all the hard work in the end.

"The very first time I watched an amphibious assault from the O5 level [the fifth deck up from the main deck] at the aft part of my ship, the coordination [that I witnessed] between all of the ships involved was truly amazing," said Rivers. "I just loved being on the Whidbey Island and everything was perfect," said Rivers.

Rivers may have sea salt in her veins, but being close to her family while stationed in Italy is a top goal for the future. Her immediate advancement goals in the Navy may not have been fulfilled yet, but after a few more years of hard work Rivers may see her horizon closer than it appears now.

"I'm praying and studying to be a Navy Chief when I retire. I may move to New Zealand for fun in the sun the Kiwi way. Who knows, it really depends on what my son and daughter want," said Rivers.

Feature

NCTAMS: Providing the backbone of GTMO



Story by ICC(SW/AW/SS) Eric Jorgeson

NICTAMS LCPO

As one of the smallest commands on Naval Station (NAVSTA) Guantanamo Bay Cuba (GTMO) Naval Computers and Telecommunications Area Master Station Detachment GTMO provides the services that allow this small naval base to remain self-sufficient and meet a variety of global obligations, including supporting the Joint Task Force (JTF), the Joint Detainee Operations Group, the United States Coast Guard and a host of other tenant commands. This team of 22 technicians, almost equally split between a civilian and military work force, perform together to install, maintain and manage the communications infrastructure of the entire base and meet COMSEC requirements, no small task considering there are more than 30 tenant commands and civilian contractors, including the dependents in housing, relying on them.

The Electronic Key Management Systems Manager (EKMS) coordinates and manages the issue, receipt and inspections of COMSEC material and equipment to NAVSTA GTMO to include every tenant command, keeping on hand spare hardware in the event that a ship arrives in extremis.

This billet, which typically employs a manager and a division of six to eight people, only comprises a manager and two military alternates in GTMO.

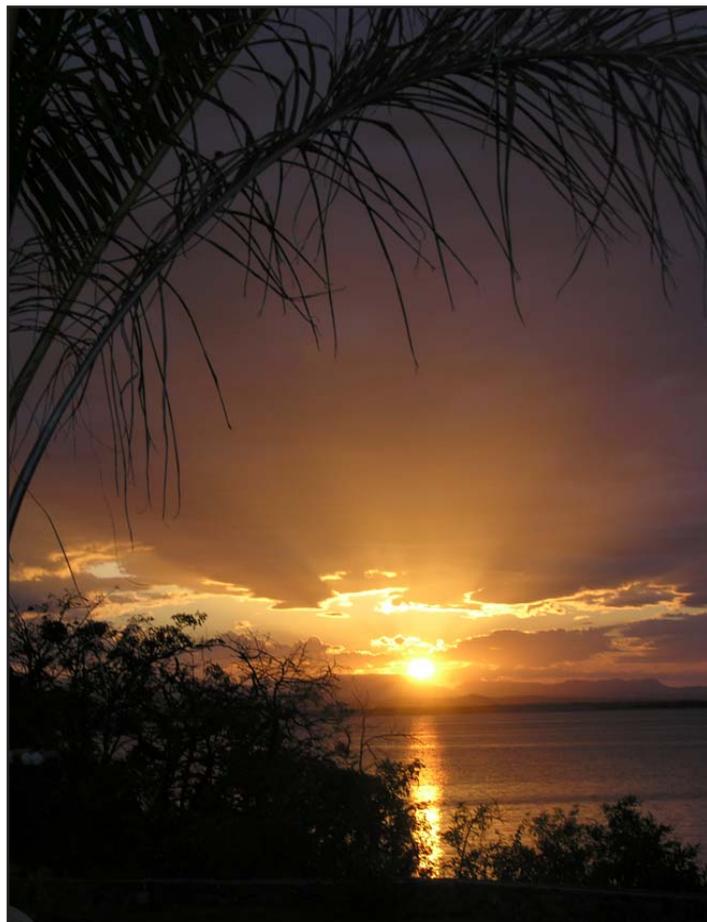
The base communication

office consists of the front office, the cable shop, the install shop and the central office. The front office receives all trouble calls, work requests, and dig permits, maintains a multi-million dollar budget, consumables and repair parts, and is the primary point of contact between the long distance provider satellite communications and NCTAMS LANT DET GTMO.

The central office, or main telephone exchange, consisting of three civilian technicians and one military, own and operate an additional four sub-exchanges throughout the base, including one across the bay and one in the detainee camps, making updates and repairs a daunting task. In addition to their routine duties, they recently stood up a 9-1-1 emergency database, providing base security with a new, 100 percent reliable means of responding to any casualty.

The Sailors, contractors and NSPS civilians are the picture of how joint civilian and military ventures should work. These teams work seamlessly together as they install, maintain and repair all copper and fiber optic circuits from the switch to the end user, creating a cradle-to-grave ownership process and resulting in outstanding customer service for a variety of clients.

Some of the largest accomplishments to date are: the completion of Camp Justice's expeditionary legal



Public Affairs file photo

Naval Computers and Telecommunications Area Master Station Detachment GTMO's team of 22 technicians, almost equally split between a civilian and military work force, perform together flawlessly to install, maintain and manage the communications infrastructure of the entire base and COMSEC requirements

complex and media center, home of the first of its kind facility for military commissions involving more than one suspect at a time with video conferencing capability; moving the Cuban communications link – a one of its kind voice line with

communist Cuba – to the new emergency operations center; and providing voice communication capability to all the marine observation posts responsible for the security of our 22 mile fence line with Cuba.

GTMO environmental employee asks, receives

Story by MC1 Robert Lamb

NAVSTA Public Affairs

Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Adm. Gary Roughead met with Guantanamo Bay (GTMO) Sailors and GTMO residents on Dec. 22, at the Windjammer Ballroom. At the time, the CNO was talking about the Navy's Maritime Strategy and eventually talked to the crowd about the mission here.

After the discussion the CNO had asked Sailors and civilians alike for questions. Christopher Creighton, environmental compliance program manager, decided he had a few questions of his own.

The question referred to environmental issues and went something like this. 'We have a large number of tires at the landfill and no good way to dispose of them,' said Creighton.

"We currently use burn boxes

as opposed to incinerators to burn waste. If we could get 'Waste to Energy' (WTE) incinerators installed we could shred our own tires, incinerate them as well as our landfill solid waste and convert the trash into electricity."

It was a very thought-out and intelligent question and one that the CNO didn't necessarily have on his mind at that point, but as customary the CNO decided to have an aide come over to Creighton and take down his phone number and e-mail address and that he would get back to him at a later time.

"I explained to the CNO our dilemma and asked for support and it looks like I got it," Creighton said.

Not only did the CNO write back to Creighton, but the answer

that he received was just what he was after. The letter reads:

"Thank you for your suggestion regarding the disposal of stockpiled tires during my recent visit to Guantanamo Bay. Navy encourages the implementation of energy conservation and alternative, clean technologies to improve the environment, and save money. The tire shredder has been funded and is on order. We are currently developing a solid waste management plan for Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba."

The rest of the letter goes on to say that the plan would include recommendations on how to most beneficially manage all of the installations' solid waste, including tires.

The letter and the response

from the CNO to Creighton were received as positive and very good news for GTMO and the environment. A point of contact from the CNO was given to Creighton so he could follow up more about the recommendation that he requested on behalf of NAVSTAGTMO.

It's always encouraged to ask questions during an open forum such as the one that took place late last year. Creighton asked a very important question at the appropriate time and was given a prompt response. Creighton, and for that matter all of GTMO, is once again on the same track as the Navy when it comes to being concerned about our environment, but if you never ask, you'll never know.

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@usnbgtno.navy.mil.

Reg. Number	Year	Make	Model	Color	VIN
C-1554	1987	Lincoln	Towncar	Black	1LNBM81FXJ717776
C-4497	1985	Pontiac	Fiero	Maroon	1G2PM37RS5R360830
C-4523	1986	Nissan	Pickup	White	1N6ND0158GC308713
C-1593	1986	Ford	Escort	Blue	1FABP3499GT152159
C-8687	1978	Chevy	Chevette	Gray	1B68E8Y269314
C-2631	1985	Ford	F150	White	1FTDF15Y2GNA30585
UNK	2000	Saturn	SCZ	Gold	1G8ZY127XYZ201681
C-2119	1986	Dodge	Ram/Van	W/Blu/Bik	2B5WB31WXGK6I4452
C-5042	1984	Jeep	Cherokee	Red	1JCUL7737ET068270
C-8471	1984	Buick	LeSabre	White	164AP3777EH93032
UNK	1992	Ford	Ranger	White	1FTCROU3NUDS1456
UNK	1985	Dodge	Ram	White	1B7GD14Q3FS671133
C-8682	1988	Mazda	B2200	Grey	JM2UF1133JU342621
UNK	UNK	Dodge	Caravan	White	1B4GH44R3RX317796
C-6992	1987	Izuzu	P/U	Wht/Grn	JAACL14AXH0741848
C-6928	1977	Ford	Van	Grey	E11BHBB0693

Downtown Lyceum

Rambo



Friday, March. 21

Pirates Who Don't Do Anything

8 p.m., G, 85 min.

Meet the Spartans

10 p.m., PG-13, 84 min.

Saturday, Mar. 22

27 Dresses

8 p.m., PG-13, 111 min.

There will be Blood

10 p.m., R, 138 min.

Sunday, Mar. 23

Rambo

8 p.m., R, 93 min.

Monday, Mar. 24

Mad Money

8 p.m., PG-13, 101 min.

Tuesday, Mar. 25

10,000 BC

8 p.m., PG-13, 109 min.

Wednesday, Mar. 26

The Bucket List

8 p.m., PG-13, 98 min.

Thursday, Mar. 27

First Sunday

8 p.m., PG-13, 98 min.

Action/Adventure, Thriller and Sequel: R, 93 min

Cast: Sylvester Stallone, Julie Benz, Paul Schulze, Matthew Marsden, Tim Kang

John Rambo has retreated to northern Thailand, living a solitary and peaceful life in the mountains and jungles. A group of human rights missionaries search him out and ask him to guide them into Burma to deliver medical supplies. When the aid workers are captured by the Burmese army, Rambo decides to venture alone into the war zone to rescue them.

There will be Blood



Drama and Adaptation: R, 138 min

Cast: Daniel Day-Lewis, Mary Elizabeth Barrett, Paul Dano, Dillon Freasier, Christine Olejniczak

An epic tale of family, faith, power and oil set on the incendiary frontier of California's turn-of-the-century petroleum boom. The story chronicles the life and times of one Daniel Plainview, who transforms himself from a down-and-out silver miner raising a son on his own into a self-made oil tycoon. When Plainview gets a mysterious tip-off that there's a little town out West where an ocean of oil...

MWR Happenings

LIBERTY MARCH EVENTS

Mar 22nd Free Paintball 7 p.m. at the Paintball Range

Mar 22nd Snorkeling at Hicacel Beach 8 a.m. at the Marina

Mar 26th Liberty at the Lanes Xtreme 6 p.m. at the Bowling Center

Mar 28th Night Fishing 7 p.m. at the Marina

Mar 29th Geocaching Scavenger Hunt 10 a.m. Marina. FMI Call 2010

MWR GREAT EASTER EGG HUNT

March 22nd 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Golf Course Driving Range Age Groups: 0-2, 3-5, 6-9, 10-12, 13+, Adult FMI Call 75225

MWR BEGINNERS POTTERY CLASS

This is a two part class. All participants are encouraged to attend both sessions. March 25th - Part 1 April 8th - Part 2 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Cost of the class \$50 Sign up at the Ceramic Shop

FMI Call Lisa at 75225

CIGAR CRUISE

March 27th 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Cruise around the bay as you enjoy cigars, food, music and good company

Tickets are \$15 FMI Call Todd at 79556

MWR MOUNTAIN BIKE RACE

March 29th 7 a.m. at the Sailing Center 12 Mile Course, Individual Race Sign up at the Marina or call 2345 40 bikes available at Marina/call and reserve FMI Jaron at 2345

SAILING REGATTA

April 5th 9 a.m. at the Sailing Center 2 Man Teams Hunter 170 Class and Open Division Trophies and Prizes

Sign up at the Marina FMI Call 2345

GTMO Shopper

For Sale

(2) Urban, pop, cw, rock, etc DJ music collection '70s-now. Jones TM/TM-Century, other music service CDs and 1+-year country music vid dvds. Hanging up headphones. Will sell separate collections. Not for home collectors. FMI call 79518. Catalog listing available at www.rwpservice.com/RWPS/songtitle.html.

(2) Kenwood stereo system in rack with 2 infinity speakers \$400, 2 Twin comforters \$20 ea. Blender \$15, Electric Can Opener \$5, Food Processor, \$20, Electric Knife (Carver) \$25. FMI call 75811.

(1) Xbox 360 Games - Gears of War \$25, Saints Row with Guide \$25, Large Red/White/Black Arai Helmet has few knicks \$25 (paid over \$400 3 years ago) FMI call 77344.

(1) 5 Playstation Portable (PSP) games, \$50. 6X-BOX 360 games, \$100. All are like new and in perfect condition complete with their case and manuals. FMI call 77828.

(1) One twin bed with mattress never used. \$100. FMI call 77845.

(1) boy nascar bed (wood) with mattress \$50 OBO. FMI call 77120.

(1) Microwave, \$10; Washer and Dryer, \$90. FMI call 77120.

(1) Toshiba laptop, washer/dryer set (best offer), digital pen camera, hard drive, dvd burner, and memory FMI call 77116.

(1) Minnkota Endura 30 electric trolling motor \$30.00 OBO. Wakeboard \$40. Kneeboard w/retractable fins \$30. Various Plants of all types and sizes. Armoire & dresser set \$75. Ice-O-Matic Ice Machine with bin. Used Tires size 245/70TR-16 \$20.00 each. FMI call 8188/84233.

Vehicles/Boats

(2) 1993 Isuzu Amigo Great Condition inside and out, new air conditioner, clutch, tires and brakes. \$4,000. FMI 79781.

(2) 1988 Ford f-250 XL T Lariat, 7.5 ltr, auto 4x4, cold AC, low miles, toolbox and winch. \$7000. or OBO; 1999 Chevy S10, 4 cly, 5 speed, rebuilt engine, Cold AC, \$4,500 OBO; 1999S-10 Blazer ZR2, 4.3 ltr engine, low miles, excellent condition, cold AC, To many extras to list, \$10,000 OBO; 1998 Chevy Cavalier, Sound system, cold AC, \$4500 OBO. FMI 75820 or 84186.

(2) Mercedes 300SEL, fully loaded, 167K, runs great, asking \$4,300 OBO. FMI 77134.

(2) "94" Ford Explorer 95k 5 speed, runs

great, clean, AC, new stereo and speakers 3000 OBO. FMI call 78348.

(2) 2005, Piaggio Typhoon. Red/black. 2512mls. w/Small helmet, glasses, gloves \$1850. FMI call 77988/9798.

(2) 1995 Chrysler Concorde, turns over but does not start, A/C, CD \$500 OBO. FMI call 77940/4341.

(2) 1987 Dodge Ram 50 pickup truck. 4 Cyl. automatic transmission. Excellent fuel mileage. In perfect working order! \$2,500 OBO. FMI call 84040.

(2) 1992 Monte Carlo - new tires/battery/radio - bad engine - \$100. FMI call 8186.

(2) '96 Jeep Grand Cherokee limited, new engine, full load, \$5500, OBO. FMI call 77172.

(2) 1993 Honda Civic LX. CD player, AC, 4DR, fully automatic, new paint. \$3600 OBO. FMI call 2393/75844.

(2) 2006 Motofino 125cc scooter. Green, very low miles, spacious storage, street legal. Great on gas. FMI call 77129.

(2) 2003 Silver Saturn Vue SUV. 68K miles. Good condition, tires less than a year old. 6 cyl. Features: A/C, Cruise Control, Sunroof, Power Locks, Power Steering, Remote Keyless Entry, Bucket Seats, Front Airbags, CD Player, Power Windows, Rear Window Defroster, Rear Window Wiper, Front seat covers, Trailer hitch mounted bike rack. \$10,400 OBO. FMI call 75641.

(2) 2001 Jeep Wrangler Sport, 65k miles, manual 5sp., \$10,500 OBO. FMI call 77918.

(2) 1990 Dodge Dynasty 4-Dr Sedan. Runs good, needs some cosmetic work. \$2000. FMI call 4395/84908.

(2) 2003 Bayliner 2152 Cuddy. 5.0 mercruiser. Great for skiing or out of bounds fishing. Low hrs. Not a GTMO Special. Have title and trailer. 15,000 OBO FMI call 79528

(1) 2003 Harley Sportster 100th Anniversary model 1200cc \$4500. FMI call 78096.

(1) 14ft Boston Whaler Fiberglass boat w/2005 Mercury outboard engine. Great bay boat for inshore fishing and diving. Well maintained. \$3000.00 OBO. FMI call 8188/84233.

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

(1) Yamaha Wave Runner III Jet Ski with Shorelandr Trailer. Runs great and in very good condition. \$3200.00. FMI call 8188/84233.

(1) 2003 Bayliner 2152 Cuddy. 5.0 Mercruiser. Great for skiing or out of bounds fishing. Low Hrs.

NOT A GTMO Special. Have Title and Trailer. \$15,000 OBO. FMI call 79528.

Employment

(2) The Army Contracting Agency-TA-GTMO has an opening for an Administrative Technician (salary \$17,046 - \$38,060 depending on experience and knowledge). This is a full time position. Duties include performing a variety of clerical, administrative and technical duties. Knowledge of office automation systems is required. Applicant must be a U.S. Citizen and must be able to obtain a Secret Security Clearance. To apply please go to [Http://cpol.army.mil](http://cpol.army.mil). Announcement #NCFR08413151DR. FMI call 2408.

(2) Budget Technician (O/A), YB-0561-2 announcement number: 08-014. FMI call CNRSE forward Deployed Detachment Office at 4441 to 4822.

(2) Community Bank is looking for a motivated, energetic person to join our team in GTMO. Teller position available. FMI www.DODcommunitybank.com/careers or contact 75116 or bamerica@nsgtmo.com.

(1) The International Organization for Migration (IOM) is seeking to fill the following two positions: Operations Assistant (full-time) — thorough knowledge of English and Spanish, both written and spoken, ability to function and lead in cross cultural environments, over 50 percent of duties are on Leeward. Maritime Operations Specialist (half-time) — Fast Boat Driver, thorough knowledge of Navy maritime rules and regulations for vessels underway. Please Contact: Kathi Diaz or Ruth Unruh 74788.

(1) Agency Program Coordinator (Installations), announcement NO: 08-015, YB-1108-2; Secretary (O/A), YB-0318-1, announcement NO: 08-016. FMI call HRO at 4441 to 4822

(1) Navy Federal Credit Union is looking for a part-time Member Service Representative to work approximately 34-36 hours per week. Must present a professional appearance and attitude, be highly motivated and enjoy working with people. We offer a pleasant work environment, competitive salary, tax-exempt status and 401K. Please apply on-line @ www.nfcu.org and click on careers.

Misc. Ads

(2) Missing: two black labs, they answer to Czar & Trouble. They are missing their collars. Last spotted near golf course. If found please take to the

vet clinic or call Jessica at 2113, 77364, 84205. \$100 reward for their safe return.

(2) Wanted: Experienced satellite internet installer. Starband preferable. FMI call 77129.

(1) Wanted: Avon Skin So Soft product. FMI call 3005.

Announcements

(1) W.T. Sampson will host a S.M.A.R.T fair March 24-28 highlighted by an Art Exhibit and Reception March 27 from 4-6 p.m. in the High School Art room. FMI - Sonja-lee.Pollino@am.dodea.edu or call 3500.

(1) "The Youth Center FitFactor Program would like to congratulate Raynard Moriss Wicks as the first bonus prize winner for 2008. He logged over 500 points. We are encouraging our FitFactor members to keep logging and earning their points, in doing this they can also win cool prizes.

(1) The MWR Youth Center/Bayview would like to cordially invite you to the 2nd Annual Youth Cotillion March 28 7-9 p.m. Bayview Patio. FMI call 3664.

(1) Burns and Roe Leaders League would like to invite the GTMO community to its "Kabayan Night", an Open Mic Talent Showcase to be held at Sunken Garden (behind GHT) March 29 at 8 pm. FMI call 3871 or 2958.

(1) JTF "United Through Reading Grand Opening, March 21 from 4-8 p.m. at Chapel A (A208 Camp America, behind the basketball court). FMI call email MA1 Jackson at Yvette.Y.Jackson@jftgmo.southcom.mil. Volunteers are needed.

Yard Sales

March 22: Nob Hill 8B, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

March 22: Caribbean Circle 22D, 7-10 a.m.

Happy 12th birthday Derek, may God bless you now and always.
Love Mom, Dad, and Cameron

GTMO Happenings



Photo by Beverly Zwiebel

QUIZ BOWL— *W.T. Sampson Elementary conducted its annual Quiz Bowl for grades 4-6 at the elementary gym, March 13. The event is a celebration of knowledge used to help prepare the students for their TerraNova test. Students in grades 4-6 answered questions from their grade level curriculum in a competition with the other grades.*



Photo by MC1 Robert Lamb

TRADITIONAL MUSIC — *CECS (SCW) John Inglis made his rounds with his bagpipes around GTMO last week in celebration of St Patrick's Day.*



Mariah Crouse



Chaz Crouse

IT'S A FAMILY AFFAIR — *Chaz Crouse, 2007 W.T. Sampson High School senior, graduated from U.S. Marine Corps bootcamp in Paris Island, S.C. Feb. 22, 2008. Mariah Crouse, longtime resident of GTMO, attended W.T. Sampson High School from the years of 2002 to 2005, also recently graduated from U.S. Navy bootcamp in Great Lakes, Ill.*



Photo by MC2 Kimberly Williams

GTMO WOMEN UNITE — *AD2 (AW) Tinashe Chigumira introduces herself as she shares her response to an icebreaker exercise during the opening moments of the GTMO 2008 Women's History Committee 'Talk with the women of GTMO.' The committee will host a women's history program March 27 at the Windjammer.*