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Sailors get better perspective through reading

Story by MC1 Robert Lamb, Public Affairs Office

The Navy recently announced the commencement of the Navy Professional Reading Program (NPRP) that currently includes 60 titles ranging from naval history to novels written by modern-day authors.

The NPRP is an important component of Chief of Naval Operations' priority to "Develop 21st Century Leaders." Its slogan, "Accelerate Your Mind," challenges Sailors to take an active role in their own professional development.

"Meeting the Navy's current challenges demands of us all a broad understanding of our profession and an informed awareness of the world around us," said Adm. Mike Mullen, Chief of Naval Operations (CNO). "Reading is key to this expanded awareness and understanding."

The books in the NPRP have been divided into six topic categories - leadership, naval and military heritage, joint and combined warfare, regional and cultural awareness, critical thinking, and management and strategic planning.

Several of recommended books include: 'D-Day, June 6, 1944: The Climactic Battle of World War II,' by Stephen E. Ambrose; 'Flags of Our Fathers,' by James Bradley; and 'Life in Mr. Lincoln's Navy,' by Dennis J. Ringle.

'Life in Mr. Lincoln's Navy'



Picture provided by the Marine Corps Security Force Co., Guantanamo Bay

The USS Constitution, 'Old Ironsides', anchors in Guantanamo Bay in 1933.

gives an accounting of every aspect of the common Sailor's life in the Union navy, from recruiting, clothing, training, shipboard routine, entertainment, and wages, to diet, health, and combat experience. Author Dennis Ringle calls attention to the enlisted Sailor's enormous contributions to the development of the U.S. Navy as it moved from wood and sail to iron and steam.

Other recommended reading includes 'The Caine Mutiny,' by Herman Wouk; 'The Sand Pebbles,' by Richard McKenna; and 'The Art of

Winning an Unfair Game,' by Michael Lewis.

Abraham Lincoln once said that reading "is the key to already-solved problems...and a facility for successfully pursuing the unsolved ones."

"Put simply," noted Adm. Mullen, "reading fosters critical thinking, and critical thinking makes us better leaders and better warfighters."

"Reading makes us all better people and Sailors," said CMDM (SW/SS) Larry Cairo. "We exercise our brain and learn from what we read. Reading allows us to come in touch with situations we may

normally not get to experience, but at the same time allows us to learn from them. Then if we find ourselves in a similar situation, we have an idea how to work through it. Reading is just another way to broaden our horizons through diversity, to get out of our box and learn from others."

The books on this list have been carefully chosen by a panel of Navy leaders and scholars. They include award-winning histories, biographies, novels, business bestsellers and more.

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How well do you know GTMO history?

Story by LT Lauren Coia, USN, JTF-Joint Intelligence Group

Mr. Pete Becola, Guantanamo Bay's Historical Center volunteer curator and researcher, wants to spread the word that GTMO is a place abounding with culture and heritage. For example, some GTMO residents may be unaware that Christopher Columbus landed in Guantanamo Bay in 1494; that GTMO was home to the world's largest rifle range from 1907-1941; or that the USS MONONGAHELA, once Admiral Farragut's distinguished flagship, and the only ship ever homeported in Guantanamo Bay, caught fire here and sank between Officers and Flag Landings.

A 33-year Army veteran who retired as a Chief Warrant Officer, and whose awards include the Legion of Merit, Pete Becola served 12 years in the Special Forces as a Green Beret, and completed tours in Vietnam, Panama, and Germany. Following his Army career, he served as an interrogation instructor at Ft. Huachuca, Ariz., before coming GTMO to work in the Detainee Assessment Branch of the Joint Task Force (JTF) Joint Intelligence Group.

His lifelong fascination with history was sparked during his childhood, when he grew up listening to the stories of World War I and II veterans. When Becola arrived in GTMO in August 2005, the base historical center was closed. When it was reopened, he wanted to help other base residents learn about the rich history in which the base had been involved.

The historical center is what used to be the lighthouse keeper's quarters next to

the lighthouse, located off Sherman Avenue, between Phillips Park and Cable Beach. It is an MWR facility, operated by two volunteers, Becola and history major-turned-lab technician, Joval Gapuz.

During his time working at the Historical Center, Becola has spearheaded many projects. He has encouraged the donation of historical artifacts, and has reinvigorated the center's displays. He has also begun gathering support for renovations to the monument to the first two Marines killed in the Spanish-American war, Privates William Dumphy and James McColgan, located at the actual site of their death (a mere 500 meters off Sherman Ave.).

One of the future projects planned for the historical center includes a Joint Task Force-GTMO display, an idea devised by RDML Harry Harris Jr., JTF commander. The display will include a detainee bed, "comfort items," various detainee uniforms, and a pictorial history of the JTF, beginning with Camp X-Ray.

Becola wants the people stationed and assigned here to understand that there is more to GTMO than meets the eye at first glance. He wants to revive interest in the base's history, and leave a legacy of Guantanamo Bay cultural pride and awareness, in part through the development of an impressive and memorable historical



Photo provided by the National Archives

U.S. Marines raise the American flag on June 14, 1898, at the site of the Cuzco Well, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

center.

He also wants to elicit more volunteers to aid in the renovation of the base's numerous historical sites, and wishes to simply share his much-loved hobby with others.

Pete insists, "I want to give people a better appreciation for what GTMO stands for, because it's more than just a detention center."

The Historical Center is open on Saturday, 1 - 4 p.m. The next time someone visits, ask Becola to tell the tale of two Marines and three sailors who were awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for selfless acts at Guantanamo Bay, or about how the 1st Marine Battalion's success at the Battle of Cuzco Well preserved the future of the United States Marine Corps.

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From the SJA

911: Emergency only

By LCDR Matthew Beran, OIC. RLSO Det

Everyone knows that 911 is for reporting emergencies, but most don't know that every 911 call – including "mis-dials" and "hang-ups" – generates immediate emergency response by command personnel. Mis-dials and hang-ups divert critical resources from real emergencies – putting lives and property at risk.

Should you mis-dial 911, **STAY ON THE LINE!**

The operator will ask for your name and explanation for the call.

Please explain the error so that response time can be kept to a minimum and preserve emergency response resources for true emergencies!

Children get to explore fairy-tale land

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

Guantanamo Bay parents found another outlet to celebrate the fall season with their children during ‘Octoberfest,’ sponsored by the Child and Youth Program (CYP), held Oct. 28, at the Youth Center.

Thirteen fairytale-inspired houses were displayed outside the center for area children to wander through and explore, as they grabbed a few sweet treats along the way.

The CYP encompasses Child Development Home Providers, the Teen Center, the Child Development Center, and the Youth Center, whose staff members created the hand-crafted houses for the community to explore, said Terrill Hill, CYP administrator.

The event was another avenue for parents to get mileage out of their children’s costumes, and at the same time gave the children a chance to use their imagination and exploration skills.

“It’s good for them because they get more chances to dress-

up, and it makes Halloween a little longer for them,” said BM2(SW/AW) Raquel Saspe, who took her daughter Sarina. “She really loves dressing up, and could not make up her mind on what she wanted to be. We actually ended up with four different costumes. I think she also expected people to hand her candy, but she was able to actually get her own candy in each little house. She thought it was a lot of fun. It also was an opportunity for her to show her playful side as well.”

The night wasn’t just about children, it also offered a reprieve for parents who might have needed some personal time.

“If you wanted, you could let them stay until midnight,” said Maria Saddler, “so parents could have a night out. It’s great, because you know the kids are in good hands and will be well taken care with lots of activities to keep them occupied while you’re gone.”

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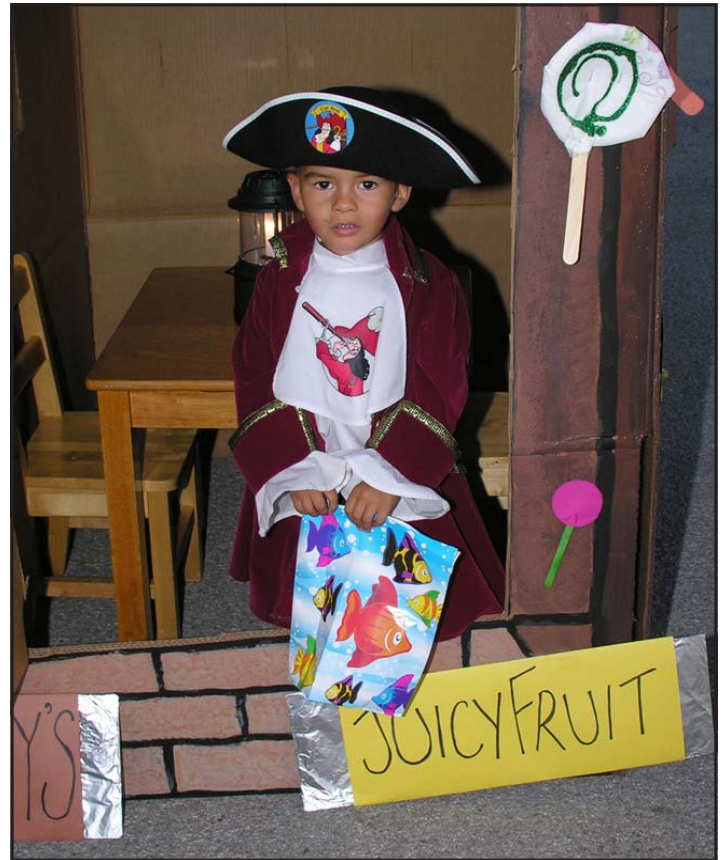


Photo by MC2(AW) Honey Nixon

Nicholas Restrepo explores the “Hansel and Gretel” house at the Teen Center during the Children and Youth Program’s Octoberfest, Oct. 28. The CYP staff crafted 13 different fairy tale themed houses.



Photo by MC1(SW) Terry Matlock

Command quarters — MA1 Lyndon Payne, MA2(SW) Ben Bowen, MA3 Tyler Boydston, each received a Navy Achievement Medal; MA1 Regina Tyson, and MA2 Cole Schultz received Flag Letters of Commendation; and MA1(SW) Lawrence Paramore was advanced to Navy Petty Officer First Class during command quarters on Oct. 26.

Tastes of Fall

For a limited time only:
 Harvest Spice White
 Chocolate Mocha
 Tazo Harvest Spice
 Tea Latte
 Toffee Nut Latte

Available at the 'CCC'
 6 a.m. - 10 p.m.

ISD restricts internet use

By Daphne J. Walton, ISD Director

ISD recently installed a software package called "Super Scout" that automatically blocks sites in the categories of entertainment, streaming video, gaming, chat rooms, blogging and shopping.

Many web sites previously accessible prior to this software installation are now blocked. ISD is receiving numerous requests to unblock sites because they are "harmless" or "innocent," and are accessed primarily for personal vice job related use.

The NAVSTA instruction for acceptable use of Internet and email was last reviewed and modified in May 2004. At that time there were limited resources available for personnel to access the Internet or e-mail for personal use; therefore, the policy was fairly unrestrictive. GTMO now has two commercial Internet service providers, liberty centers, the library and an Internet cafe with wireless connectivity available for personal use.

NAVSTA has become increasingly dependent on the availability of bandwidth for day-to-day business activities. We have advanced to the point that we are, in a practical sense, totally dependent on having Internet/NIPR available to accomplish our mission.

Due to the bandwidth requirements for web-based applications and increased e-mail requirements, it is necessary to restrict Internet traffic to primarily Official Government Business on the NAVSTA network.

If sites are blocked that are required in the performance of your duties, submit a request through your chain-of-command to ISD@usnbgtmpo.navy.mil for review.



Photo by Stacey Byington

Halloween in GTMO — Bob and Gerrie Dike show off their Halloween finery as they hand out treats to neighborhood children and adults. This is the third year that the Dikes have transformed their garage into a mini haunted house.



Photo by Stacey Byington

Ambassador visit — The Honorable Brenda LaGrange Johnson, U.S. Ambassador to Jamaica, shakes hands and presents U.S./Jamaican flag pins to Jamaican firemen at Firehouse No. 1 on Oct. 25.



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the books in the NPRP are readily accessible through the base library. The Navy Exchange will also have some of them for sale. For those who might not be strong readers, audio versions of most of them can be downloaded for free from the Navy Knowledge Online (NKO) Web site.

“The base library has had many copies of these books before the suggested reading list came out, said Maxine Becker, base librarian. “Many of them are on the best sellers’ lists. I think it was a very good choice of books. It’s a wide range of both fiction and non-fiction. I was very impressed with the books that they’ve chosen.”

“The vision of the required reading program is learning from our past,” said CMDCM Cairo. “Books, whether they are fact or fiction, are based off proven methods. This is what makes the story work. Why not use these tools to develop our methods and use them to accomplish the mission.”

Children explore ...

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After a tour of the cardboard homes, with themes from famous tales such as Alice in Wonderland, Peter Pan, and Hansel and Gretel, children were given a prize from a ‘treasure’ box before their final exit down an impromptu ‘red carpet.’ Many used the opportunity to show off their costumes in style before heading home.

“It was great they also had the red carpet down, so the children could show off their costumes and feel like ‘superstars,’” laughed Saddler.

“I thought it was very successful,” added Hill. “We really wanted try and offer something for families who don’t celebrate Halloween, so I thought it gave them another outlet to celebrate and let the children dress-up. We were very proud of staff that made the houses, and we were glad to see the parents bring their children out. We had such a good response that we plan on adding to it next year and making it even better.”



Erec Hendl



Chris Frye



Andrew Perry



Jamie Bodlovic

Photos by MC1 Bob Lamb

The night the music died — *The local band, HITH, performs its farewell concert at the Acey Deucey Club on Oct. 27. The group is losing its lead singer and guitarist, Erec Hendl.*



Ready for a close-up? — *Eve Hunter enjoys looking at the results of her face painting by art teacher, Heather Schwartz, during the Fall Festival, Oct. 28, at the W.T. Sampson Elementary School Gym. All proceeds from the festival went toward the W. T. Sampson (PTO) Parent Teacher Organization.*

Photo by MC2(AW) Honey Nixon

Downtown Lyceum

Friday, Nov. 3

Crossover

7 p.m., PG-13, 95 min.

Crank

9 p.m., R, 83 min.

Saturday, Nov. 4

How to Eat Fried Worms

7 p.m., PG, 104 min.

Wicker Man

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

Sunday, Nov. 5

Flags of Our Fathers

7 p.m., R, 132 min.

Monday, Nov. 6

Crossover

7 p.m., PG-13, 95 min.

Tuesday, Nov. 7

Crank

7 p.m., R, 83 min.

Wednesday, Nov. 8

Wicker Man

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

Thursday, Nov. 9

Flags of Our Fathers

7 p.m., R, 132 min.

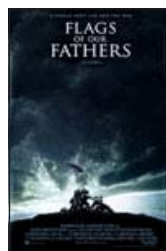


Crossover

Drama, Sports

Cast: Anthony Mackie, Shelli Boone, Wayne Brady, Alecia Jai Fears, Michael Kimbrew

Storyline: Noah Cruise, a talented basketball player, is determined to become a doctor using his basketball scholarship to UCLA pre-med. Noah's best friend, Tech, has less lofty ambitions—he wants to get his GED and win an underground street-ball game against an arrogant rival. Noah and Tech's lives drastically change when they both fall in love with two local girls, and take a fateful trip to L.A. together.



Flags Of Our Fathers

Drama, Adaptation, War

Cast: Ryan Phillippe, Adam Beach, Jesse Bradford, Jamie Bell, Ben Walker
Storyline: 'Flags of Our Fathers' is based on the bestselling book by James Bradley with Ron Powers, which chronicled the battle of Iwo Jima in 1945 and the fates of the flag raisers and some of their brothers in Easy Company. The inspiring photo capturing that moment became a symbol of victory to a nation and made instant heroes of the men involved in the flag-raising.

MWR Happenings

Windjammer Dinner Theater

Monday, Nov. 6, at 5:30 p.m. Bring the family to the Windjammer Club to enjoy dinner and then watch family oriented G- or PG-rated movies. This Monday, "Cars," begins at 5:30 p.m., and the second movie, "You, Me, and Dupree," begins at 8 p.m.

Liberty Activities.

Fri. Nov. 3, 5 p.m., Night Fishing, meet at Deer Point Liberty Center.

Sat. Nov. 4, noon, College games and tailgate food.

Sun. Nov. 5, 3 p.m., Movie Marathon, Deer Point.

Mon. Nov. 6, 7 p.m., Dart Tournament, Deer Point. FMI call 2010 or 77421.

Fall Craft Fair

Nov. 4, 8 a.m.- 1 p.m., Register for tables at the Ceramic Shop. \$10 per table. FMI call 74795.

Irish Pub Band

Nov. 11, 8 p.m. Tiki Bar. FMI call 76504.

Family Aquatics Day

Nov. 18, 10 a.m.. Windjammer Pool. Activities include basketball, volleyball, floats and more. Food and beverages provided. FMI call 77262 or 77084.

Marblehead Lanes Turkey Shoot

Nov. 18, 6 p.m. Entry fee \$7. Trade-up special \$3 per ticket. One turkey per winner. FMI call 75868.

Chickahominy Tribal Dancers

Nov. 19, 7 p.m. Downtown Lyceum; Nov. 20, 7 p.m., Club Survivor. FMI call 4490.

'Across the Bay' Swim

Nov. 23, 6:30 a.m., depart from Phillips Park Dive Pier. Register at base gym. T-shirt and certificate given to each participant.

GTMO Shopper

For Sale

(2) Nordic track CX 825 Elliptical, &50; Total Gym 1500, \$140; Ab Lounge, \$75; Iron and glass round dining table, \$100. FMI call 77345 AWH.

(2) Multi-game table, foosball, pool, \$150; 2 antique German chairs, stripped, carved, \$200 OBO; twin bed w/shelf headboard, includes mattresses, \$100; Performance Series double baby jogger, lightweight, folds down, \$150. FMI call 75815.

(2) IPAQ Pocket PC 2115 w/case, original software, needs new side grips, \$200 OBO; DBT-120 USB Bluetooth Adapter, original software, \$20; HYM7V651601 128 MEG PC, 100MHZ RAM memory card, \$20. FMI call 3428 DWH or 77116 AWH.

(2) Stackable washer and dryer, \$50; wall locker, \$20; office rolling chair, \$25, wing back chairs, \$25; small refrigerator, \$35. FMI call 4063 DWH.

(2) Men's long, leather Drover's coat, zip-out insulate lining, great for motorcycle/horseback riding, XL, \$200. FMI call 75666 AWH.

(2) 20-in. JVC flatscreen TV, \$150; Panasonic CD stereo, \$100; RH golf clubs, \$65. FMI call 77895.

(1) Haverty 5-piece twin bedroom set, girl's, like new, includes mattresses, \$500. FMI call 84553 or 75512.

(1) Century punching and speed bag w/stand, \$400; X-box games, "Doom 3," \$25; "Ghost Recon 2 Summit Strike," \$20; "Dead to Right", \$10; "Star Wars Episode 3: Revenge of the Sith," \$20; "Star Wars: Knights of the Old Republic," \$20; "Ghost Recon," \$5; "Max Payne: The Fall of Max Payne," \$10; "Delta Force: Black Hawk Down," \$25. FMI call Rene or Raquel at 75847.

(1) Gas grill w/side burner, full tank, BBQ tools, grill cover; 2 patio chairs w/armrests with drink holders, green, like new. FMI call Fazil at 78105.

(1) Bowflex Power Pro, \$600 OBO. FMI call 90856.

(1) Brand-new townhouse for rent in CENTCOM/Tampa area. West Park Village, 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, den, attached garage, for immediate occupancy, 1,246 sq. ft., \$229,000. FMI call ????????

(1) 3-story colonial home in Potomac, MD, for rent. 5 bedroom, 3.5 bath, 2 car garage, basement, very large deck, fenced in lot, fully remodeled, available immediately, view on Weichert

website, search under 20854 zipcode. FMI call 77642.

Vehicles/Boats

(2) 2000 Buick Century, AC, power locks, windows, CD, \$9,000. FMI call 4063 DWH.

(2) 1995 Jeep Wrangler, 5-speed manual transmission, 4-wheel drive, white, bikini top and dust cover, Audiobahn stereo, 4 Sony Xplode 6 x 9 speakers. FMI call Todd 77871 or 79556.

(2) 1995 Chrysler Concorde V6, AC, CD, power locks, steering, and windows, \$3,700. FMI call 78092.

(2) 2000 Chevy Silverado, 79K, \$9,500 OBO. FMI call 3632 or 77836.

(1) 2000 Saturn, 32K, excellent condition, \$11,500 OBO. FMI call 84553 or 75512.

(1) 1982 Ford Mustang. FMI call Eddie at 77794.

(1) 1980 Toyota Corolla, \$900 OBO. FMI call 4994 DWH or 77457 AWH.

(1) 2001 Town and Country LXI minivan, loaded, 77K, will accept payments, \$16,000 OBO. FMI call 77390 AWH or 72990 DWH.

Video, the DVD it has been edited and will be available within the next two weeks, a two (2) DVD box set, price to be set. FMI call Benny at 75040, or Avery at 77885.

(1) The Fleet and Family Support Center is offering an "Anger Management" class, Nov. 15, 9 a.m. FMI call 4141.

(1) The Guantanamo Bay Bar Association's will hold an Inaugural Presidential Gala, Nov. 17, 6 p.m., at the Windjammer Ballroom. FMI call Capt. Eskelsen (JTF) at 9933, LNI Mclean (NAVSTA) at 4833, or LNI Myers at 4692.

(1) The U.S. Naval Hospital is offering influenza vaccinations Nov. 7 and 10, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., at the NEX Atrium. FMI call the Preventative Medicine Dept. at 72990.

(1) The Teen Center will hold a "Fear Factor" contest, Nov. 4, 3:30 p.m., at Hospital Cay. Boat will leave marina at 3 p.m. No entry fee required. FMI call Terrill at 74658 or 2005.

(1) The last day to register to win a \$1,000 NEX shopping spree is Nov. 10. Registration is limited to one per household. No purchase necessary. Entry forms can be filled out at the NEX or online at www.navy-nex.com.

(1) W.T. Sampson Elementary School yearbooks are available for pick-up by Nov. 6. FMI call Ms. Edwards at 2207.

(1) There will be a Quilting and Craft Night, Nov. 7, 21, and 28, 6 - 9 a.m., at the Community Center. FMI call 77365.

(1) The Base Chapel will host the Chapel Harvest Fest, Nov. 11, 3 - 7 p.m., at Cooper's Field. There will be live Christian music, free food and drink, a chili cook-off, game booths, hayrides, a photographer on-site for family portraits and more. All of GTMO is welcome. FMI call 77201.

Employment

(1) Human Resources Office announces the following vacancies: Secretary, LGS-0318-05/06, closes Nov. 14; Social Services Aide, closes Dec. 29; FMI call 4441.

(1) W.T. Sampson has the following positions available: Educational Aide, GS-03/04, closes Dec. 31; Substitute Teacher, continuous; part-time Office Applications can be picked up and submitted to the W.T. Sampson High School Main Office. FMI call Ramonia at 3500.

(1) Base Services Support Contractor (BREMCO) has immediate openings for a Work Center Manager and a Construction Project Manager. FMI call 75790.

Wanted

(2) Will pay cash for fishing/pontoon boat. FMI call 77977 or 2129.

(2) Looking for a Century Fold-n-Go playpen w/bassinnet. FMI call Rhea at 77169.

(1) Washer and dryer, bedroom and dining room furniture. FMI call 75587 AWH or 76230 DWH.

Announcements

(2) The Jamaican Independence Day Committee is seeking volunteers from the GTMO community for fund-raising activities for the Jamaican Independence Day 2007. Also, for those who signed up for a copy of this year's JID

Holiday Rotator Schedule

Nov. 4, 7, 11, 18, 21, 25
Dec. 2, 5, 9, 16, 19, 23, 26, 30
Jan. 2, 6, 9, 13, 20, 23, 27



Photo by Stacey Byington

Sailing on the bay — MWR hosted a Sailing Regatta on Oct. 28, starting from the Sailing Center. Four sail boats circled the Guantanamo Bay for hours, on a beautiful early fall afternoon.

ROCKY HORROR GTMO STYLE

The staff of the Bayview Club, assisted by other MWR personnel, set up a 'Time Warp' on Oct. 28 with a showing of the classic movie, "The Rocky Horror Picture Show." They, and other show attendees, dressed up as characters in the film, and responded ritualistically to events in the movie. The film premiered in 1975, and has had a significant fan following ever since.



Photos and graphics by MC1 Robert Lamb and MC1(SW) Terry Matlock



Haunted Trail — W.T.
Sampson students, with help from MWR and their friends, put on scary show for whomever dared to go through the Haunted Trail in the Wine Cellar, Oct. 27 and 28. Anyone who was brave enough to approach the trail paid a small token to proceed. The ghosts, goblins, and other scary monsters raised more than \$1,000 for the senior class trip, which will take place later this spring.



Photos by MC1 Robert Lamb